

# HOPEWELL

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*'A Place to Find Hope and Be Well'*

*20220 Hopewell Road*

*Mount Vernon, OH 43050*

*Our mission is to make and mature disciples of Jesus Christ  
and minister to the needs of others in His name.*

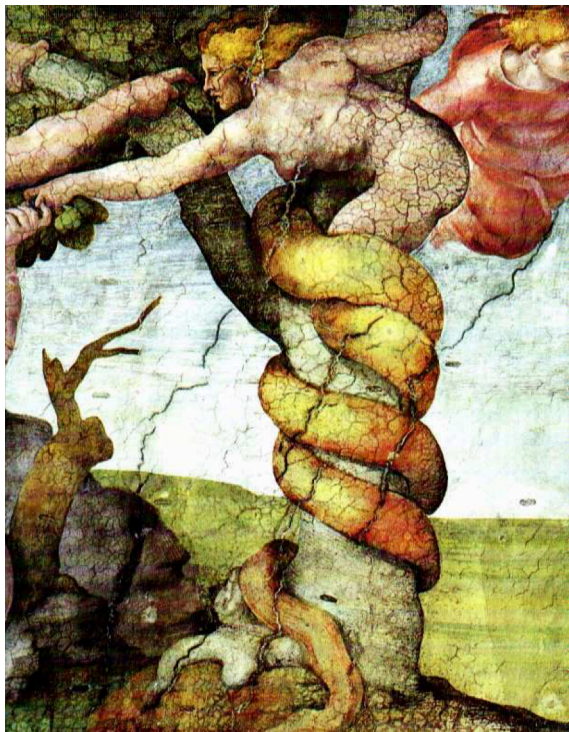
*October - November 2018*

### **Pastor's Ponderings -- Pastor Lee Cubie**

#### **Fall**

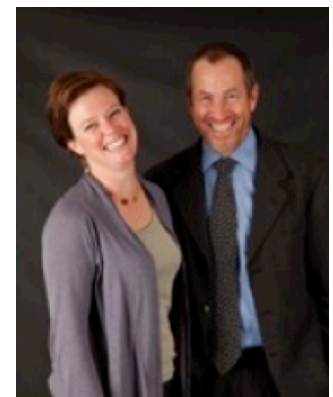
Fall has begun. Leaves have begun to drift from their lofty heights. Falling, falling they list back and forth in their lazy decent. Oops, I meant descent. I have trouble with homophones, words that sound the same but are spelled differently. Unlike homographs...words that are spelled the same but have different meanings. But I digress.

Fall is one of my favorite times of year. As a child I would lay on the ground in West Newbury, Massachusetts, and let the leaves fall all over me. One of my chores growing up would be to rake up those leaves. I would rake them into piles, and piles. Excuse me. Let me digress once more from this idyll. This raking into piles and piles stuff became a real chore. The parsonage in West Newbery (another homophone, ugh! It should be Newbury.) was set on a hillside. I mowed and raked about two acres of grass and leaves. And that property was full of sugar maples! Nice to look at when they changed color, but a pain to rake up as a boy who wants to run around and play.



Were, (again with a homophone!) I mean, where was I? O, that's right, the joy of fall, my favorite time of year. It is true that I enjoy the fall. It is true that I love the colors of the changing leaves. It is true that I love to watch the leaves idly fall from their lofty heights. Their lazy descent, winging from side to side. Their gentle scratch as they brush by your face. Of course, there was the raking into piles and piles, but there was the sweet satisfaction of revenge upon those leaves by setting them on fire. O, the sweet smell of revenge! Dang it! I can't talk about revenge in a church newsletter. Not unless I mean to condemn it. My wandering mind! It must be the result of the fall.

*...continued*



The fall, you ask? What has fall to do with your pastor's propensity to wander into negative emotions as he rambles on concerning the halcyon days of childhood and the changing of the seasons from late summer to the glory that is fall? According to the Oxford Shorter English Dictionary, Volume I. A—M, there are six distinct meanings to the word 'fall'. This makes it a homograph. I started this essay looking at a fall idyll, that is a sweet reflection upon a scene, i.e. changing of the color of the leaves. This idyll took place in the halcyon days of childhood, i.e. the golden and often idealized time. Then the fall, i.e., the descent of man from innocence in the garden to his banishment into the world as we know it, interrupted my fond ramblings.

So, let me begin once more. In the beginning God created a garden and all that is in it, including man. He declared it very good—not just good, but very good. Man lived the good life! He placed in the center of the garden the tree of choice—the choice between trusting a loving God or living trusting in our own love. This was the good life, abiding with and in God. Man lived in unity with God, with one another and with creation. We all know the story: we chose to trust not a loving God who wanted us to know endless love. We chose a much smaller love, what was good for me, a selfish love. And so, we find ourselves in this world where the good life is fleeting and not eternal. Such was Adam's choice; such is ours. But the story does not end there. (Did you see that, I avoided using the homophone their) But this is not the end of the story.

The season of fall contains the season of Advent. Advent is the beginning of the end of the fall that began in the garden. Advent is the promise of a loving God to restore man. To bring us back to the joy of living in harmony with a loving God, a restored mankind and a creation restored to its first promise.

Why did I write about this familiar story? Fall begins the holiday season. A hopefully joyous time. But for some not so joyous. For many, there are sorrowful memories. These and all our troubles are a result of the fall. Advent is a promise from God to restore mankind. This restoration begins with Christ, and it can be for you and me. In chapter seven of the book of Revelation we find a description of the church, which reads, "Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night within his temple; and he who sits upon the throne will shelter them with his presence. They shall hunger no more; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes." (Rev. 7:15-17) The beginning of joy is found in the fear of God presented by his Son, Jesus the Messiah. It is when we accept our part in the fall and ask to be forgiven that the restoration begins. It is in him that we overcome the stain of the world. As it is written, "For what ever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that overcomes the world, our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?" (1 John 5:4-5) This is a promise from God, an end to sorrow, a restoration of joy and life if we would but turn to him.

It begins in us but does not end thus. As the writer of First John writes in his opening paragraph, or joy is made complete by sharing the message of the gospel. So that the book of Revelation ends with this description of the church, "The Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come.' And let him who hears say, 'Come.' And let him who is thirsty come, let him who desires take the water of life without price." (Rev. 22:17)

So, come, enjoy the fall in your restoration from the fall.

*If Eve doomed the entire human race for one apple, what would she do for a Klondike Bar?  
Adam blamed Eve; Eve blamed the snake; and the snake didn't have a leg to stand on.*

## Hopewell's Foundation Families – *Chauncey Valentine (C.V.) Purdy*– by Marsha Clayborne

*[This article is another product of Marsha's research about families who are memorialized in the beautiful stained glass windows at Hopewell Church.]*

Phyllis (Purdy) Gourley's Great-Grandfather  
Mickey Gourley's Great-Great-Grandfather

Chauncey Purdy was born on February 14, 1870, to Richard and Rachel Purdy. Chauncey's parents moved to Knox County, Harrison Township in 1866 from Kansas. In 1876 Richard bought a farm in Clay Township. He had been a railroad construction engineer, worked in carpentry, served as Justice of the Peace, and was a member of the local board of education. Richard and Rachel had seven children: Julia, Clarenda, Jason, Emory, John, Chauncey, and Henry.



Chauncey had spent most of his life in Knox County and owned a large farm in Pleasant Township. Chauncey's wife, Mary Emma (Kerr) Purdy was born in Pleasant Township. They were married in 1891 and had two sons, Clyde and Ralph. Clyde was born in 1893 and married Mabel Cullison in 1915. They had one son, Robert.

Chauncey's wife, Mary Emma, died in 1915 at age 42. Chauncey married Edna Green and they had one son, Earl. Edna had been a schoolteacher, a past worthy matron of Glenwood Chapter, Ohio Eastern Star, and a 50-year member of the Pleasant Grange. She passed away in 1968.

Chauncey and his family were members of the Hopewell Methodist Evangelical Church, Ohio Eastern Star, Masons, and Pleasant Grange, among others. He was a Sunday school teacher for many years at Hopewell, so it's appropriate that his name is on the stained glass window in the Sunday school room. He was around 45 years old when the church was built in 1915. Chauncey passed away in 1953 and is buried at the Hopewell Cemetery along with other family members.



## United Methodist Women Report - Marsha Clayborne, Secretary

The UMW met at the church on Tuesday, September 18 at 1 PM. Six members were in attendance, and Virginia Skinner was the host. Barb Butler gave the blessing for the meal. Barb started the meeting, and dues and missions were collected along with the secretary report given. The group voted to donate \$50 for the CROP Walk for Sunday, October 14. Each year UMW sends \$100 to the Three Rivers District for missions and prayer and self-denial. Ellen Kaiser adjourned the meeting.

Virginia Skinner started the program with devotions called "Love is a Grandparent" and "Strength in Grace," read by Beverly Lahmon. Virginia had the group play a game, and Jean Riley won the prize.

Since the day of the meeting was Jean Riley's birthday, a surprise birthday cake and flowers were presented to her from the UMW. The next meeting will be in October, and Beverly Lahmon will be the host.



### Pastor-Parish Relations Committee

On Monday evening, September 17, Bill Lawhon and Elaine Farie met with our local District Superintendent, Rev. Call, to review our Local Church Profile-Annual (LCPA) and our every three-year Local Church Profile Long-Term (LCPL).

We shared a mutually informative and very positive time of communication.

God in His Infinite Wisdom continues to bless our Hopewell United Methodist Church.

Let us all continue to maintain a vibrant and love-filled church reaching out to others in Christian Love.

Respectfully submitted,

*Elaine Farie, PPR Chairperson*

### CROP Walk - Marsha Clayborne

The CROP Walk this year is scheduled for Sunday, October 14, meeting at the Riverside Park at 1:30 and beginning the walk at 2 PM. We need your support by volunteering to take the time for an hour to walk from Riverside Park to the Square and back—or by sponsoring the Hopewell UMC walkers.

The CROP Walk aids those families in poverty-stricken countries that need our help. Your donation will also benefit our local Interchurch Social Services.

I hope you will support Erika and John Wolfe and other volunteer walkers for this event. Any questions you may have contact Erika Wolfe or Marsha Clayborne. Thank you.

*(Editors' note: The Mt. Vernon CROP walk was one of 27 walks in Ohio and 900 world-wide in 2017. The ever-humble Marsha Clayborne has been a CROP walker for many years...and plans to walk again in 2018.)*



### Nursing Outreach Ministry

Only a few “encouraging” reminders:

--Flu season is coming before we know it. Take the flu shots as your own doctors advise.

Always know what and why you’re taking every medication ordered – by every doctor you have. (There are no “dumb” questions.)

--Blood Pressure checks are offered after Sunday service, and

--The bulletin board will be updated soon with relevant health information!?!)

Stay well,

*Elaine Farie, R.N.*

### Baby Blues

JERRY SCOTT & RICK KIRKMAN



# Hopewell Family Photo Album



(Above) Lee and Audra Cubie negotiate Nova Scotia waters.  
 (Left) Jean Riley celebrates her birthday with 'mugging' great-great-grandchildren.

Daniel slept in a lions den  
 Peter slept in a prison  
 Jesus slept in a storm  
 No matter your circumstance, you  
 can take a nap.

## Birthdays

### October

- 5 Shirley Hughes
- 8 Ellie Purcell
- 17 Pete Lawhon
- 18 Bev Lahmon
- 19 Erika Kanuckel-Wolfe
- 21 Aubrey Purcell
- 22 Elaine Farie

### November

- 2 Sara Lawhon
- 10 Wendy Cedoz
- 13 Vitold Uscilowski
- 22 Gary Hughes
- 29 Bob Joseph



"Please don't pray for healing. If it works, your insurance won't know who to reimburse and it messes up our accounting system."



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## Our Methodist Heritage: Francis Asbury

Francis Asbury (1745-1816), pioneer bishop of American Methodism, was born in Handsworth [England], near Birmingham, the son of a jobbing gardener. After limited schooling he was apprenticed to a chape [scabbards for swords] maker. He attended the Methodist society at Wednesbury, was converted at the age of 16 and became a local preacher. Entering the itinerancy in 1766, he served in the Bedfordshire, Colchester and Wiltshire Circuits, before offering for America at the Conference of 1771.

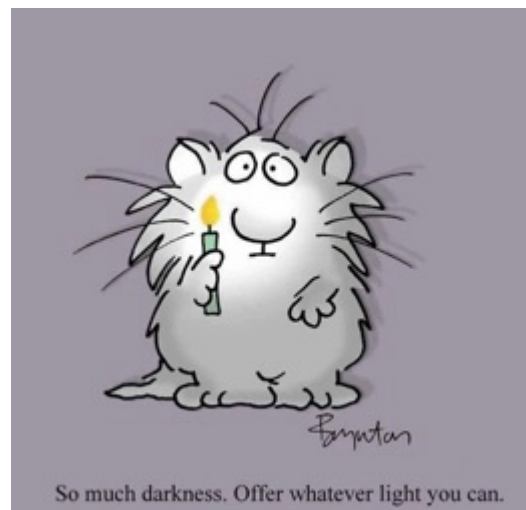
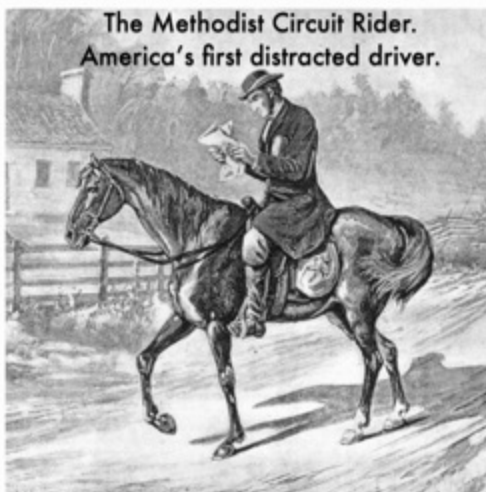
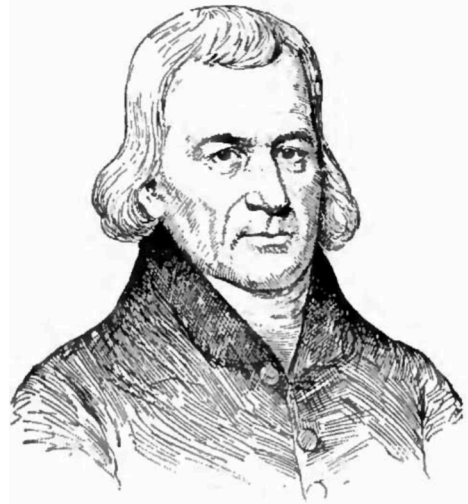
In Philadelphia and New York he found that R. Boardman and J. Pilmore had virtually abandoned an itinerant ministry and set about reversing this trend. He himself travelled further and further afield until the outbreak of war in 1775 curbed his activities and forced him into hiding for a time in Kent County, Delaware. By the end of the War of Independence, he was the only British-born itinerant still active in the former colonies.

His ministry led him across the Appalachians, where new settlements were beginning to spread westwards. John Wesley recognized him as the natural leader of the American Methodists (a position Asbury himself shrewdly insisted on confirming by the vote of his fellow itinerants), and in 1784 at the Christmas Conference in Baltimore, T. Coke successively ordained him deacon, elder and Superintendent - a title soon replaced by that of Bishop in spite of Wesley's strong disapproval.

During the next 30 years he led the rapid growth of American Methodism, maintaining a celibate and relentlessly itinerant lifestyle to match the rugged terrain and scattered population. Determined to keep the reins in his own hands, he defied the attempts of 'Daddy Wesley' to retain remote control of his American followers and denied Coke any effective share in the government of the Church during his visits to America.

Asbury never returned to his native land, but died in Spotsylvania County, VA and was buried in Baltimore. - from Wesley Center Online

*Addendum [adapted from Wikipedia]: In 1798 the First Methodist Church in Eastern Ohio was built at Hopewell...in Jefferson County. In the first ordination in Ohio, of record, **Bishop Francis Asbury** ordained Rev. John Wrinshall on September 10, 1803, in Hopewell Church.*



### What did John Wesley mean by ‘moving on to perfection?’

United Methodists talk about **three kinds of grace** that we experience in our life with God: prevenient grace, justifying grace and sanctifying grace.

Sanctifying grace is the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit that changes us so that our lives are increasingly conformed to the mind of Christ. John Wesley called this lifelong process sanctification or becoming “perfected in love.”

Sanctifying grace draws us toward **Christian perfection**, which Wesley described as a heart “habitually filled with the love of God and neighbor” and as “having the mind of Christ and walking as he walked.”

Retired United Methodist Bishop William H. Willimon explains,

“In the Bible, **the word sanctification** means to set something apart and make it holy, to commandeer something or someone for special use by God. This Wesleyan emphasis on sanctifying grace is perhaps our most distinctive contribution to the picture of Christian life. Wesley took seriously Jesus’s invitation to ‘be ye therefore perfect as your Father which is in heaven is perfect’ (Matt 5:48).

By ‘perfection,’ Wesley did not mean moral flawlessness or sinlessness. He meant perfection in the sense of maturity.” Wesley believed we could become perfect in love in this life. If Jesus invites us to seek perfection, perfect love is possible. He didn’t mean we would be free from mistakes, temptation or failure.

For Wesley, growing as a Christian is all about being filled with love, which happens by the grace of God. We may not be there yet; but by God's grace, as United Methodists say, "we're going on to perfection!"

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### The Good Son

Four brothers left home for college, and they became successful doctors and lawyers.

One evening, they chatted after having dinner together. They discussed the 95th birthday gifts they were able to give their elderly mother who moved to Florida.

The first said, “You know I had a big house built for Mama.”

The second said, “And I had a large theater built in the house.”

The third said, “And I had my Mercedes dealer deliver an SL600 to her.”

The fourth said, “You know how Mama loved reading the Bible and you know she can’t read anymore because she can’t see very well. I met this preacher who told me about a parrot who could recite the entire Bible. It took ten preachers almost eight years to teach him. I had to pledge to contribute \$50,000 a year for five years to the church, but it was worth it. Mama only has to name the chapter and verse, and the parrot will recite it.” The other brothers were impressed.

After the celebration Mama sent out her “Thank You” notes.

She wrote: “Milton, the house you built is so huge that I live in only one room, but I have to clean the whole house. Thanks anyway.”

“Marvin, I am too old to travel. I stay home; I have my groceries delivered, so I never use the Mercedes. The thought was good. Thanks.”

“Michael, you gave me an expensive theater with Dolby sound, and it can hold 50 people, but all of my friends are dead, I’ve lost my hearing, and I’m nearly blind. I’ll never use it. Thank you for the gesture just the same.”

“Dearest Melvin, you were the only son to have the good sense to give a little thought to your gift. The chicken was delicious. Thank you so much. Love, Mama”

# October 2018

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Breast Cancer Awareness Month</b> <b>Clergy Appreciation Month</b> <b>Adopt a Dog Shelter Month</b>	<b>1</b> World Vegetarian Day International Day for the Elderly	<b>2</b> Name Your Car Day	<b>3</b> Techies Day National Kate Day	<b>4</b> National Golf Day	<b>5</b> World Teachers Day Do Something Nice Day  B'day: Shirley Hughes	<b>6</b> Mad Hatter Day International Frugal Fun Day
<b>7</b> Bald and Free Day 8:30 Sunday School 9:30 Worship/Holy Communion	<b>8</b> Columbus Day Indigenous Peoples' Day  B'day: Ellie Purcell	<b>9</b> Fire Prevention Day Mollywood Cheese Day	<b>10</b> Emergency Nurses Day Take Your Teddy Bear to Work Day	<b>11</b> It's My Party Day	<b>12</b> Old Farmer's Day World Egg Day	<b>13</b> International Skeptics Day
<b>14</b> National Dessert Day 8:30 Sunday School 9:30 Worship/ Refreshments 2 PM CROP Walk	<b>15</b> White Cane Safety Day  B'day: Ellie Purcell	<b>16</b> Bosses Day Dictionary Day	<b>17</b> National Pasta Day Wear Something Gaudy Day  B'day: Pete Lawhon	<b>18</b> No Beard Day  B'day: Bev Lahmon	<b>19</b> Evaluate Your Life Day  B'day: Erika Kanuckel-Wolfe	<b>20</b> Sweetest Day  B'day: Aubrey Purcell
<b>21</b> 8:30 Sunday School 9:30 Worship	<b>22</b> National Nut Day  B'day: Elaine Farie	<b>23</b> TV Talk Show Host Day	<b>24</b> United Nations Day	<b>25</b> World Pasta Day	<b>26</b> Frankenstein Friday	<b>27</b> Navy Day
<b>28</b> Mother-in-Law Day 8:30 Sunday School 9:30 Worship	<b>29</b> Hermit Day	<b>30</b> Mischief Night National Candy Corn Day	<b>31</b> Halloween	<b>Notes:</b>		



# November 2018

October 2018

December 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
National Diabetes Awareness Month National Caregivers Appreciation Month				<b>1</b> All Saints Day Men Make Dinner Day	<b>2</b> Plan Your Epitaph Day Deviled Eggs Day  B'day: Sara Lawhon	<b>3</b> Book Lovers Day Sandwich Day
<b>4</b> Daylight Savings Ends 8:30 Sunday School 9:30 Worship/Holy Communion	<b>5</b> Guy Fawkes Day Gunpowder Day	<b>6</b> Election Day Saxophone Day	<b>7</b> Bittersweet Chocolate with Almonds Day  6 PM Church Council	<b>8</b> Dunces Day Cook Something Bold Day	<b>9</b> Chaos Never Dies Day  B'day: Wendy Cedoz	<b>10</b> USMC Day
<b>11</b> Veterans Day 8:30 Sunday School 9:30 Worship/Refreshments	<b>12</b> Chicken Soup for the Soul Day	<b>13</b> Sadie Hawkins Day World Kindness Day  B'day: Vitold Uscilowski	<b>14</b> World Diabetes Day Operating Room Nurse Day	<b>15</b> America Recycles Day Great American Smokeout	<b>16</b> National Fast Food Day International Tolerance Day	<b>17</b> World Peace Day Homemade Bread Day
<b>18</b> Occult Day 8:30 Sunday School 9:30 Worship	<b>19</b> Have a Bad Day Day	<b>20</b> Universal Children's Day	<b>21</b> World Hello Day	<b>22</b> Thanksgiving  B'day: Gary Hughes	<b>23</b> Black Friday Buy Nothing Day	<b>24</b> Evolution Day
<b>25</b> 8:30 Sunday School 9:30 Worship	<b>26</b> Cyber Monday	<b>27</b> Pins and Needles Day	<b>28</b> French Toast Day Red Planet Day	<b>29</b> Square Dance Day  B'day: Bob Joseph	<b>30</b> Stay at Home Because You Are Well Day	<b>Notes:</b>

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### Calendar of Selected Events/Activities

Sunday, Oct 7	Communion Sunday; Sunday school, 8:30 AM; Worship, 9:30 AM; Bring food for Interchurch pantry
Sunday, Oct 14	Sunday school, 8:30 AM; Worship, 9:30 AM; Refreshments CROP Walk, 2 PM
Sunday, Oct 21 & 28	Sunday school, 8:30 AM; Worship, 9:30 AM
Sunday, Nov 4	<i>Daylight Savings Ends</i> ; Communion Sunday; Sunday school, 8:30 AM; Worship, 9:30 AM; Bring food for Interchurch pantry
Wednesday, Nov 7	Church Conference, 6:30 PM
Sunday, Nov 11	Sunday school, 8:30 AM; Worship, 9:30 AM; Refreshments
Sunday, Nov 18 & 24	Sunday school, 8:30 AM; Worship, 9:30 AM



# FALL FESTIVAL ACTIVITIES

- Pony Rides
- Wagon Rides
- Kiddie Hay Maze
- Face Painting
- Pumpkin Painting
- Pumpkin Launching
- Cowboy Games
- Trick Roping
- Camp Fire
- Pretty Pony

Fun for the Whole Family



Free Event

Rain or Shine

2-5pm

September 29 & October 6, 2018

@ The Wanake Ranch

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