

# HOPEWELL

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

20220 Hopewell Road

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

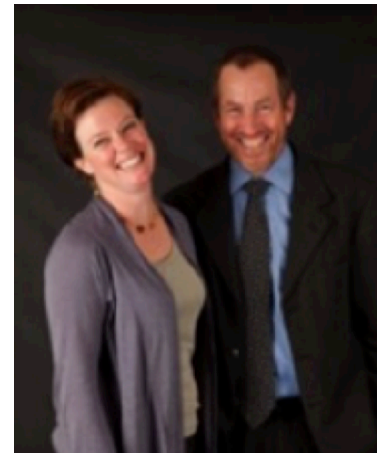
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### Pastor's Ponderings -- Pastor Lee Cubie

#### If You Love Me

*Jesus answered him, "If a man loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. He who does not love me does not keep my words; and the word which you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me. John 14:23-24*

With these words Jesus answers a question put forward by Judas, not Iscariot. This Judas may have been a brother of Jesus. It is a simple question responding to a complex teaching by Jesus. This teaching pulls together the fullness of Jesus' prior teaching and a new one concerning the Holy Spirit. The previous lessons are found



in this discourse. The first is, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another." (John 13:34) This commandment is a tall order for us. We are to love as Jesus loved. His love is in complete obedience to the Father. It puts our needs in front of his own. We, being disobedient by nature, can never be in complete obedience to the Father and, therefore, are deserving of punishment or estrangement from God. And we, being selfish by nature, find putting the needs of our spouses and children ahead of our own; yes, that is difficult enough, never mind putting the needs of other Christians ahead of our own...not to mention the needs of our enemies!

The second commandment is this, "Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me." (John 14:1) The human heart is a wary

thing. It has a difficult time trusting in anything except itself. To trust in God, whom we cannot see and about whom we have no direct knowledge, is difficult. And we are told in scripture that it is not possible without the direct intervention by God. Paul describes it as a gift of God. "For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God—not because of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God has prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them." (Eph. 2:8-10) The second aspect of this command, "believe also in me." is just as difficult. We are to believe, as the disciples were being directed to believe in a man who was about to be arrested and put to death on a cross. They must be asking, "Why should we trust you to help us when you can not take care of yourself?" Today, when asked to believe in Jesus, some might say, "Why, will he give me wealth or health? Will he give me a loving spouse and a wonderful marriage? Will he give me children that are obedient and will do better than me? Instead we are told, "We know that in everything God works for good with those who love him, who are called according to his purpose." (Rom. 8:28) This is similar to, God's interaction with Moses in Exodus 3:11-12, where we read, "But Moses said to God, 'Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the sons of Israel out of Egypt?' God said, 'But I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you; when you have brought forth the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God upon this mountain.'" Do you hear? God is asking Moses to trust in him before the proof that he is God. All of this is behind the question of Judas not Iscariot. Part of Jesus' answer is just like God's answer to Moses, "And I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place, you may believe." (John 14:29)

This leads us to the second aspect of Judas' question; the first part is conjecture on my part, but I believe fits the narrative that is being played out. But the heart of Judas' question is, "Lord, how is it you will manifest yourself to us, and not the world?" (John 14:22) This question sets up the answer from Jesus who now further develops what he began in verse fifteen thru seventeen. This teaching is about the Holy Spirit. The problem Judas and the other disciples had with the manifestation of Jesus to them and not to the world is that they were still thinking of a Messiah that would be physically present. They had yet to go through the Crucifixion, Resurrection, Ascension, and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Jesus is teaching his disciples about all these events in the upper room on the evening he was betrayed. The crucifixion would happen tomorrow. The resurrection in three days. The ascension some time between the resurrection and the giving of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. It is these events that make possible Jesus' command to believe in him and the Father and to love one another as he has loved us. Here we have a sacrifice of a lamb without blemish as a sin offering, the crucifixion. Here we have the acceptance of the sacrifice, the resurrection, which reveals our forgiveness. Here we have Jesus ascending from where he came to intercede on our behalf before the Father, the ascension. And finally, we have the coming of the Holy Spirit that reveals our sinfulness. That enables us to call upon God for forgiveness. That gives us faith. That enables us to love one another. That teaches us all we need to know about God and his mighty acts of salvation.

Therefore, as we move through our secular calendar of Mother's Day and Memorial Day, both of which came into being because our sinfulness expressed through the Civil War, we need to remember the mighty acts of God to end our enslavement to sinful behavior that expresses itself in discord and a lack of peace in our lives. Sin brings discord but the Spirit brings peace. As Jesus says in John 14:27, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you." This world hopes for peace and cannot give it, but God through Jesus the Christ has delivered, and we may have it if we believe in the Father and his Christ and love one another as Jesus loved us. Amen.

## Meet Three Rivers District's New Superintendent, Rev. Edward Fashbaugh

East Ohio Conference Bishop Tracy S. Malone has appointed the Rev. Edward M. Fashbaugh, II to the East Ohio Conference Cabinet. Effective July 1, he will serve as superintendent of the Three Rivers District, succeeding Rev. Dr. Bradley Call who is retiring.

"I am humbled and honored to serve the people of the Three Rivers District. The call to serve on the Cabinet came as a surprise, but God's call often comes in surprising ways," Fashbaugh said.

Since 2014, Fashbaugh has served as pastor of Crossroads UMC (Tuscarawas District) in Canton, a church birthed from the merger of two churches he served: the former Church of the Savior UMC, to which he was appointed in 2004, and the former St. Paul's UMC, which he was appointed to also serve in 2012.

Prior to his appointment to Church of the Savior, Fashbaugh served seven years on the East Ohio Conference staff as associate council director in the areas of youth, young adult, higher education, and evangelism.

Ordained an Elder in 1993, Fashbaugh's first appointment in the East Ohio Conference was as student associate pastor of North Canton Faith UMC (Tuscarawas District) while he was in seminary. He then served as associate pastor of Garfield Memorial UMC (North Coast District) from 1991-1992, and as pastor of Seville UMC (Canal District) from 1992-1997.

A clergy delegate to the 2000 and the 2004 General and Jurisdictional Conferences, Fashbaugh currently serves on the East Ohio Conference Crisis Response Team and as a member of the Conference Commission on Religion and Race.

"These are challenging days for the church that far exceed my own individual ability; however, I know that God has already formed a great team of clergy and laity in the Three Rivers District who are facing these challenges," Fashbaugh said. "I feel blessed to be called to join this team and I look forward to standing with the people of the Three Rivers District as we, together, press onward in service to the mission of Jesus Christ."

Fashbaugh earned a Bachelor of Arts in History Education from Grove City College (PA), and a Master of Divinity from Methodist Theological School in Ohio (MTSO).

He and his wife Amy are the proud parents of an adult son and an adult daughter.

*Adapted from East Ohio Conference News*



### **United Methodist Women Report** – *Marsha Clayborne, Secretary*

The UMW met at the Alcove on Tuesday, May 14, with seven members. Barb Butler gave the blessing for the meal. The group talked about how much the church has grown in a year. The group also discussed the annual cleaning of the church scheduled for May 18, who all was going to attend, and how the carpet would be cleaned. Jean Riley was host for the program and had the group play a game called "Through the Ages." Joan Coon won the prize. The next meeting will be in June at North Main Café.



# per·sist·ence

[per'sistsəns] 

NOUN

firm or obstinate continuance in a course of action in spite of difficulty or opposition.  
 "companies must have patience and persistence, but the rewards are there"

synonyms: **perseverance** · **tenacity** · **determination** · **resolve** · **resolution** · **resoluteness** · **staying power** · **purposefulness** · **firmness of purpose** · **patience** · **endurance** · [more]

- the continued or prolonged existence of something.

"the persistence of huge environmental problems"

synonyms: **stability** · **durability** · **persistence** · **permanency** · **fixity** · **fixedness** · **changelessness** · **immutability** · **endurance** · **dependability** · **constancy** · [more]



*Above:* A dandelion strives to survive in the midst of the gravel and rubble of the HUMC parking lot.



*Clockwise from left:* The old maple tree at the northeast corner of the church has stood as a silent witness to many worship services, work days, potluck meals, funerals, and celebrations in its lifetime.

Its grizzled trunk is stark evidence of many insults and perhaps disease, but it persists. Each spring the surviving branches send out new leaves to catch the sun's rays; new seeds form as it seeks to create more generations of itself. And its leaves die in the fall to return to the soil. That cycle will continue for an unknown number of years to come.

How old is this maple? A guess is 120 years. It's probably the tree growing to the left (northeast corner) of the old Hopewell meetinghouse, which was replaced by the current church building in 1916.



## Who compiled the Revised Common Lectionary?

The Revised Common Lectionary was produced by [The Consultation on Common Texts](#) (CCT). At the time the RCL was compiled, the CCT was composed of representatives from the following denominations (taken from Consultation on Common Texts. *The Revised Common Lectionary*. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1992):

- The Anglican Church of Canada
- Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
- Christian Reformed Church in North America
- The Episcopal Church
- Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
- Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada
- Free Methodist Church in Canada
- International Commission on English in the Liturgy (an Agency of 26 Roman Catholic National or International Conferences of Bishops)
- The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod
- Polish National Catholic Church
- Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
- The Presbyterian Church in Canada
- Reformed Church in America
- Roman Catholic Church in the United States
- Roman Catholic Church in Canada
- Unitarian Universalist Christian Fellowship
- The United Church of Canada
- United Church of Christ

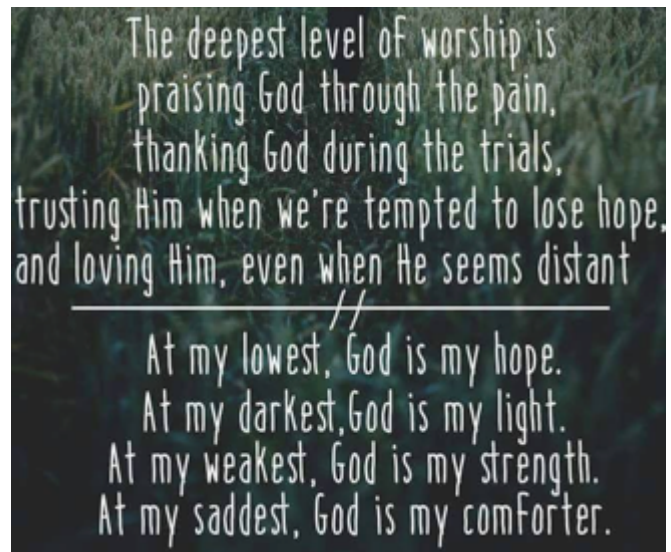
The Revised Common Lectionary, first published in 1992, derives from The Common Lectionary of 1983, both based on the Ordo Lectionem Missae of 1969, a post-Vatican II groundbreaking revision of the Roman Lectionary. "The post-Vatican II Roman Lectionary represented a profound break with the past. Not only were the readings organized according to a plan whereby a richer fare of scripture was read in liturgical celebrations, in contrast to the medieval lectionary where the choice of readings was simply helter-skelter, but for the first time in history the Sunday lectionary covered a period of three years, each year being dedicated to a particular synoptic author--Matthew, Mark, or Luke. A fourth year was not dedicated to the gospel of John because readings from this gospel permeate the sacred seasons, especially the latter part of Lent and most of Easter."

### Church Council Actions at the 4/7/2019 meeting

Safe Sanctuary Plan – Council approved a plan that contains requirements for qualifying volunteers, as well as operational guidelines and procedures for responding to allegations. The policy is adapted from an East Ohio Conference model, which also serves to protect the district and conference. The plan was signed by church leadership and sent to East Ohio Conference.

Church Evangelism Plan – Council adopted an evangelism plan—developed by Bill Lawhon—for bringing new members into HUMC. The Vision team will flesh out details.

Copies of these documents are available from Bill Lawhon upon request.



### **A Tribute to Veterans Buried in Hopewell Cemetery –by Marsha Clayborne [from May 2017.]**

Memorial Day is a time for remembrance of those who died in service to our country. We would like to also honor those who have served. During the American Revolutionary War, the United States Military District was a land tract in central Ohio that was established by Congress to compensate veterans of the American Revolutionary War for their service. The tract contains 2,539,110 acres in Noble, Guernsey, Tuscarawas, Muskingum, Coshocton, Holmes, Licking, Knox, Franklin, Delaware, Morrow, and Marion counties. The congress had little money to pay the soldiers who fought for independence. They made promises of land to induce army enlistment. By resolutions of September 16 and 18, 1776, and August 12, September 22, and October 3, 1780, they proposed to give land to each officer or enlisted soldier continuously to serve in the United States Army until the close of the war, or until discharged, or to the representatives of those slain by the enemy.

We honor those who served in war and thank you for serving our country.

#### War of 1812 (1812-1815)

George Lawrence

#### Civil War (1861-1865)

Joseph McMahon  
Andrew Jacobs  
Daniel Hopkins  
William Phillip Smith  
Jonathan Stewart  
Paul Cantrell  
Unknown (2)

#### Spanish-American War (1898)

Burr A. Wyant

#### World War I (1917-1918)

Walter Mossholder  
William Walker (?)

#### World War II (1941-1945)

Foster A. Antill  
Robert E. Steinmetz  
William K. Riley  
Floyd G. Steinmetz  
Jean Steinmetz  
Stanley Lahmon  
Robert Miles Purdy  
Alva Steinmetz  
Mary Steinmetz

#### Korean War (1950-1953)

Mark Smith

#### Vietnam War (1965-1975)

James A. Yusko  
Robert W. Erow  
Robert Bruce Purdy

### **Hopewell Birthdays**

#### **June**

10 Erin Lawhon  
11 Shane Smith  
20 Greg Yashnyk  
23 Bernadette Smith  
24 Lee Cubie  
29 Annika Kanuckel-Wolfe

#### **July**

2 Ellen Kaiser  
2 Mickey Gourley, Jr  
16 Elliott Bush  
20 Katie Beran  
21 Ryan Rupp  
29 Barb Butler



## Hopewell Family Photos



### Easter at Hopewell in photos

*Clockwise from top*

Sunrise service was cool and without sun—but the Son is risen, indeed!

Breakfast demonstrated once more that Methodists are good cooks.

And there were wonderful, creative Peeps dioramas; Pastor Lee had distributed boxes of the marshmallow chicks to the youth and challenged them (working with their parents) to create a scene in Jesus' life. Two examples are a) Jesus entering Jerusalem on Palm Sunday and b) Jesus and the 12 disciples at the Last Supper. The full collection of photographs may be found on the Web page (see link at right).

A quintet of musicians graced the Easter worship service with their talents.

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# June 2019

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
National Dairy Month Candy Month Adopt a Cat Month Accordion Awareness Month						<b>1</b> Dare Day
<b>2</b> National Bubba Day	<b>3</b> Repeat Day	<b>4</b> Hug Your Cat Day National Cheese Day	<b>5</b> Hot Air Balloon Day World Environment Day	<b>6</b> WW II D-Day (78 <sup>th</sup> Anniv)	<b>7</b> National Chocolate Ice Cream Day National Doughnut Day	<b>8</b> Best Friends Day World Ocean Day
<b>9</b> Donald Duck Day	<b>10</b> Ball Point Pen Day Herbs and Spices Day <b>B'day: Erin Lawhon</b>	<b>11</b> National Corn on the Cob Day <b>B'day: Shane Smith</b>	<b>12</b> Red Rose Day	<b>13</b> National Weed Your Garden Day	<b>14</b> Flag Day	<b>15</b> National Hollerin' Contest Day
<b>16</b> Father's Day	<b>17</b> Eat Your Vegetables Day <b>B'day: Lee Cubie</b>	<b>18</b> National Splurge Day	<b>19</b> National Kissing Day	<b>20</b> Ice Cream Soda Day <b>B'day: Greg Yashnyk</b>	<b>21</b> Summer Solstice International Yoga Day	<b>22</b> National Chocolate Eclair Day
<b>23</b> National Pink Day <b>B'day: Bernadette Smith</b>	<b>24</b> Swim a Lap Day <b>B'day: Lee Cubie</b>	<b>25</b> National Catfish Day	<b>26</b> Beautician's Day	<b>27</b> Sun Glasses Day	<b>28</b> Insurance Awareness Day	<b>29</b> Waffle Iron Day <b>B'day: Annika Kanuckel-Wolfe</b>
<b>30</b> Meteor Day						



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
National Ice Cream Month National Picnic Month National Cell Phone Courtesy Month	<b>1</b> Canada Day International Joke Day	<b>2</b> World UFO Day  <b>B'day: Ellen Kaiser</b> <b>B'day: Mickey Gourley, Jr.</b>	<b>3</b> Compliment Your Mirror Day	<b>4</b> Independence Day	<b>5</b> National Bikini Day Work-a-holics Day	<b>6</b> National Fried Chicken Day
<b>7</b> Chocolate Day	<b>8</b> National Blueberry Day	<b>9</b> National Sugar Cookie Day	<b>10</b> Teddy Bear Picnic Day	<b>11</b> Cheer Up the Lonely Day	<b>12</b> Pecan Pie Day	<b>13</b> Embrace Your Geekness Day
<b>14</b> Shark Awareness Day	<b>15</b> Cow Appreciation Day Global Hug Your Kids Day	<b>16</b> Fresh Spinach Day  <b>B'day: Rev. Elliott Bush</b>	<b>17</b> National Hot Dog Day	<b>18</b> National Caviar Day	<b>19</b> National Daiquiri Day	<b>20</b> National Lollipop Day Ugly Truck Day  <b>B'day: Katie Beran</b>
<b>21</b> National Ice Cream Day  <b>B'day: Ryan Rupp</b>	<b>22</b> Hammock Day	<b>23</b> Vanilla Ice Cream Day	<b>24</b> Cousins Day Tell an Old Joke Day	<b>25</b> Threading the Needle Day	<b>26</b> Aunt and Uncle Day	<b>27</b> National Day of the Cowboy
<b>28</b> Parent's Day	<b>29</b> National Chicken Wing Day  <b>B'day: Barb Butler</b>	<b>30</b> National Cheesecake Day	<b>31</b> Mutt's Day			

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#### **Calendar of Selected Events/Activities**

Sunday, June 2	Communion Sunday; Sunday school, 8:30 AM; Worship, 9:30 AM; Bring food for Interchurch pantry;
Sunday, June 9	Sunday school, 8:30 AM; Worship, 9:30 AM; Refreshments
Sunday, June 16, 23 & 30	Sunday school, 8:30 AM; Worship, 9:30 AM
Sunday, July 7	Communion Sunday; Sunday school, 8:30 AM; Worship, 9:30 AM; Bring food for Interchurch pantry
Sunday, July 14	Sunday school, 8:30 AM; Worship, 9:30 AM; Refreshments
Sunday, July 21 & 28	Sunday school, 8:30 AM; Worship, 9:30 AM







