

HOPEWELL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

'A Place to Find Hope and Be Well'

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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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Editor's note: Pastors Ponderings takes a well-deserved summer vacation in this issue and will return next time. Instead, please enjoy "Learning about Our Methodist Roots," the first in a series about forming and growing the Methodist church, beginning 281 years ago. From The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church - 2016. Copyright 2016 by The United Methodist Publishing House.

John and Charles Wesley and the Evangelical Revival in England

All Wesleyan and Methodist Christians are connected to the lives and ministries of John Wesley (1703-1791) and his brother, Charles (1707-1788). Both John and Charles were Church of England priests who volunteered as missionaries to the colony of Georgia, arriving in March 1736. Their mission was far from an unqualified success, and both returned to England disillusioned and discouraged, Charles in December 1736, and John in February 1738.

The Wesley brothers had transforming religious experiences in May 1738, under the influence of Moravian missionaries. John's experience on May 24 of that year at a Moravian meeting on Aldersgate Street, London, has a prominent place in the Church's memory. Shortly thereafter, both brothers began preaching a message of new birth and sanctification in Anglican religious societies and outdoors to whomever would listen. They also established missional and philanthropic enterprises to promote social change.

The goal of this movement was to "reform the nation, particularly the church; and to spread scriptural holiness over the land." Over time a pattern of organization and discipline emerged. It included a set of General Rules, societies made up of class meetings (small groups in which members of Methodist societies watched over one another), and band meetings (smaller confessional groups divided by gender), all connected by traveling lay preachers.

Beginnings in America, 1760-1816

Methodism in America began without authorization or support from England, as lay Methodists immigrated to America. Among its earliest leaders were Robert Strawbridge, an immigrant farmer who organized work in Maryland and Virginia around 1760; Philip Embury and his cousin Barbara Heck, who began work in New York in 1766; and Captain Thomas Webb, whose labors were instrumental in Methodist beginnings in Philadelphia in 1767. The first Methodist societies included active participation by people of European and African descent.

To strengthen the Methodist work in the colonies, John Wesley sent two lay preachers, Richard Boardman and Joseph Pilmore, to America in 1769. Two years later, Richard Wright and Francis Asbury were dispatched to undergird the growing American Methodist societies. Asbury became the most important figure in early American Methodism. His energetic devotion to the principles of Wesleyan theology, ministry, and organization shaped Methodism in America in ways unmatched by any other individual.

The first conference of Methodist preachers in the colonies was held in Philadelphia in 1773. The ten who attended pledged allegiance to Wesley's leadership and agreed that, as laypeople, they would not administer the sacraments. Methodists would receive the sacraments of baptism and the Lord's Supper at a local Anglican parish church. They emphasized strong discipline among the societies and preachers. A system of regular conferences was inaugurated, similar to those Wesley had instituted in England to conduct the business of the Methodist movement.

The American Revolution profoundly impacted Methodism. John Wesley's loyalty to the king and his writings against the revolutionary cause did not enhance the image of Methodism among many who supported independence. Furthermore, a number of Methodist preachers refused to bear arms to aid the patriots.

When independence from England was won, Wesley recognized that changes were necessary for American Methodism to thrive. He sent Thomas Coke to America to superintend the work with Asbury. Coke brought with him a prayer book entitled *The Sunday Service of the Methodists in North America*, prepared by Wesley and incorporating his revision of the Church of England's Thirty-Nine Articles of Religion. Richard Whatcoat and Thomas Vasey, whom Wesley had ordained, accompanied Coke. Wesley's ordinations set a precedent that ultimately permitted Methodists in America to become an independent church.

In December 1784, the famous Christmas Conference of preachers was held in Baltimore at Lovely Lane Chapel. Most of the American preachers attended, probably including African Americans, Harry Hosier and Richard Allen. At this gathering the movement became organized as The Methodist Episcopal Church in America. In the following years The Methodist Episcopal Church published its first *Discipline* (1785), adopted a quadrennial General Conference, the first of which was held in 1792, and drafted a Constitution (1808). It also established a publishing house and became a proponent of revivalism and the camp meeting.

Two other churches were forming in America, which, in their earliest years were composed almost entirely of German-speaking people. The first was founded by Philip William Otterbein (1726-1813) and Martin Boehm (1725-1812). Otterbein, a German Reformed pastor, and Boehm, a Mennonite, preached an evangelical message similar to the Methodists. In 1800, their followers formally organized the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, which included a similar organization of traveling preachers. Otterbein attended the Christmas Conference and participated in Asbury's ordination.

A second church, The Evangelical Association, was begun by Jacob Albright (1759-1808). Albright, a Lutheran farmer and tile-maker in eastern Pennsylvania, was converted by the United Brethren and nurtured in a Methodist class meeting. He later established his own connection of preachers, better to reach fellow German-speakers. The Evangelical Association was officially organized in 1803.

Early attempts at merging these churches failed. By the time of Asbury's death in March 1816, Otterbein, Boehm, and Albright had also died. The churches they nurtured had survived and were beginning to expand numerically and geographically. The German churches united in 1946 as The Evangelical United Brethren Church, which in turn joined with The Methodist Church in 1968 to form The United Methodist Church.

Next: "Revival and Growth – 1817-1843," during the time when Hopewell church was formed.

Frank & Ernest

TOM THAVES



A Farewell Message from Hopewell UMW President – Barb Butler

It was a sad day in July 2019 when the ladies of our UMW voted to dissolve our organization.

Over the years, the UMW was very devoted and a firm foundation for Hopewell Church. UMW supported our church with fund raising projects (ice cream socials were a big hit and became the community's summer social event), donated their time for church functions and helped maintain a delightful country church. They truly were "The Church's One Foundation."

In 2011, I became president and made an attempt to fill the shoes of our previous president, Rose Wolfe. That was quite a challenge, because nobody could do the job like Rose. She was a devoted leader.

Even though we were small in number, our UMW was still actively involved in mission work and projects to benefit and support the Church. I wish to thank all the ladies who continued the journey with me and especially to Marsha Clayborne for being our Secretary/Treasurer since 2011; taking over for Jean Riley who retired after serving for many years.

As they say, with Time comes Change, and that change has affected our UMW. The age of our ladies, and being unable to attract new members, has made it difficult for us to continue.

Looking forward, my hope is that the church continues these projects with new leadership.

Barb Butler, President

Editor's note: The Hopewell United Methodist Women have given our church a firm foundation. At their monthly meetings over many decades, this core alliance of faithful women prayed many prayers, partook of many lunches (with desserts), played many games (with prizes), and planned many church-wide activities. Barb is being modest about the group's initiatives, which promoted faith, fellowship, and funds. An incomplete list includes: CES Credit Union dinners (~\$1300 per year); summer church picnic and trim-a-tree (with silent auctions raising ~\$200 each); and collections of coats, hats and gloves, school supplies, and human and pet food—and more—for Knox community members in need. And in lean years, their fundraising efforts helped to pay the pastor's salary, utility bills, and apportionments. As Hopewell church members, we owe our deep, unending gratitude to the UMW members for their selfless service in the name of Christ.

With the sunset of this vital group, Hopewell church has a huge gap in project leadership. A Vision Team meeting will be scheduled in early autumn to plan the projects and programs for 2020.



UMW women at their final meeting, lunch at Bob Evans restaurant on July 9. First row: Jean Riley and Eleanor Doup. Second row: Beverly Lahmon, Marsha Clayborne, Barbara Butler, Ellen Kaiser, Joan Coon, and Virginia Skinner.

PPR – Elaine Farie, chairperson

PPR stands for: Pastor – Parish – Relations. We are all members of God’s Family here at Hopewell.

Your thoughts, concerns and ideas are important – to maintain open communication that we all deserve and want in a family. Please share them with the committee.

Our next meeting will be Thursday August 1 at 10:30 AM at Elaine Farie’s home.

Nursing Ministry – Elaine Farie, R.N.

“Hopefully” Helpful Reminders:

Always keep a list of medications you are taking in your wallet or purse (just in case of emergency). Know what you are taking and why.

Be sure family members know where your “Living Will” and other important papers are kept (in case of emergency).

Blood Pressure checks after services on Sunday.
Stay healthy.

United Methodist Women– Marsha Clayborne, Secretary

The United Methodist Women’s group met at the Bob Evans restaurant for lunch on July 9. Barb Butler started the meeting with eight members in attendance.

Jean Riley moved (Eleanor Doup seconded) to discontinue the Hopewell United Methodist Women. Everyone was in favor of the motion.

The UMW decided to discontinue because of low attendance and age. Barb Butler submitted a letter to the Three Rivers District that the UMW was withdrawing. The Hopewell UMW, Ladies’ Aid, or Women’s Society in Christian Service (WSCS) have a history of over 100 years. Eleanor Doup and Jean Riley are the oldest members of the group and remember going to the meetings with their mothers and grandmothers when they were very young. We have been very fortunate to have lasted this long. We will remain friends and active in the church.

UMW officers were President Barb Butler, Vice-president Ellen Kaiser, and Secretary/Treasurer Marsha Clayborne.

**Hopewell Birthdays****August**

- 1 Mick Gourley, Sr.
- 4 Danielle Kanuckel
- 11 Bob Cornwell
- 15 Gina Lawhon
- 16 Linda Joseph
- 18 Irma Newland
- 19 Bonnie Lawhon
- 24 Mick Kanuckel
- 27 Lucia Burt
- 27 Wayne Clayborne
- 30 John Johnson
- 30 Bill Lawhon
- 31 Seth Lawhon
- 31 Ben Burt

September

- 2 George Ander
- 4 Natalie Gourley
- 5 Virginia Skinner
- 7 Corby Coon
- 8 Julie Britton
- 14 Cheryl McCracken
- 14 Ron Skinner
- 15 Jessica Hartney
- 15 Rylanne Kanuckel-Wolfe
- 18 Jean Riley
- 18 Bob Kaiser
- 20 Dorothy Ander
- 22 Cary Purcell
- 23 Kathy Kanuckel
- 24 Eleanor Doup
- 24 Marsha Clayborne
- 24 Amelia Kanuckel

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Sacraments: God's Show and Tell – adapted from *United Methodist Communications*; full text available at <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/by-water-and-the-spirit-full-text>

The United Methodist Church celebrates **two sacraments**: Holy Baptism and the Lord's Supper. Our official statement on communion, *This Holy Mystery*, helps us understand what we mean by a sacrament.

"Sacraments are sign-acts, which include words, actions, and physical elements. They both express and convey the gracious love of God. They make God's love both visible and effective. We might even say that sacraments are God's 'show and tell,' communicating with us in a way that we, in all our brokenness and limitations, can receive and experience God's grace."



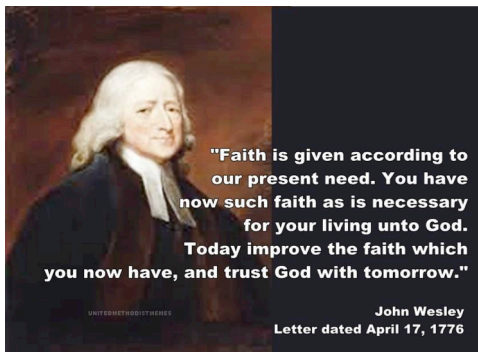
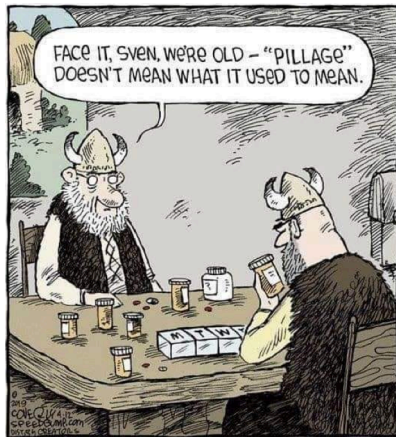
Baptism and the Lord's Supper are sacraments that were instituted or commanded by Christ in the Gospels.

The elements of water, bread, and wine are a very important part these rites. "Because God has created and is creating all that is," *By Water and the Spirit* teaches, "physical objects of creation can become the bearers of divine presence, power, and meaning, and thus become sacramental means of God's grace. Sacraments are effective means of God's presence mediated through the created world."

Through the Great Thanksgiving of the communion liturgy and the Thanksgiving Over the Water of the baptismal liturgy, we pray for the Holy Spirit to be poured out upon these objects and those that receive them.



"The ritual action of a sacrament does not merely point to God's presence in the world, but also participates in it and becomes a vehicle for conveying that reality," *By Water and the Spirit* states. "God's presence in the sacraments is real, but it must be accepted by human faith if it is to transform human lives. The sacraments do not convey grace either magically or irrevocably, but they are powerful channels through which God has chosen to make grace available to us."



Hopewell Family Photos



Left - Pastor Lee presented certificates to 'new' members on 6/9/2019.

Right - Bouncing balloons were used to demonstrate 'Worshipping Joyfully' on 6/30/2019...



Below - Women of Hopewell Methodist Evangelical Church gathered for this photo circa 1944.

Lower Right - ...followed by refreshments.



Hopewell Women c.1944 ^
 Row 1: Eleanor ~~Steinmetz~~, Ilene Steinmetz, Jean Butcher, Opal Fowler w/baby
 Row 2: Sylvia Brown, Edna Steinmetz
 Row 3: Dorotha ~~Apker~~, Jenny Brown, Rose Pipes, Helen Clutter
 Row 4: Edna Purdy; minister's wife (Mrs. Hager or Haas?); Ila Butcher, Leah Laymon, Leona Brown
 Row 5: Marie Wheaton, Bernice

"Others"

Lord, help me live from day to day
 In such a self-forgetful way
 That, even when I kneel to pray,
 My prayer shall be for—OTHERS.

Help me in all the work I do
 To ever be sincere and true
 And know that all I'd do for you
 Must needs be done for—OTHERS.

Let "Self" be crucified and slain
 And buried deep; and all in vain
 May efforts be to rise again
 Unless to live for—OTHERS.

And when my work on earth is done
 And my new work in Heaven's begun,
 May I forget the crown I've won
 While thinking still of—OTHERS.

Others, Lord, yes, others.
 Let this my motto be
 Help me to live for others
 That I many live like Thee.

--C.D. Meigs

Hopewell Family Photos – At the Fair



Congratulations to our 4H youth and their families!

Left – Rylanne presents her rabbits’ best traits for judging.

Right – Natalie shares a moment with her market goat, Milo, before entering the sale ring.



Clockwise from below – 1) Emma was chosen to be the 2019 Knox County Fair queen and will have a busy year traveling the state. 2) Sam’s market beef placed 2nd in class. 3) Jack’s market beef also placed 2nd in class. 4) Joe earned 2nd place in first year showmanship, 6th in class with his market beef and 3rd in the born-bred-raised class. 5) The entire Laymon family was fully involved in the fair. Thanks to Jade Laymon, Lee Cubie, and John Wolfe for photos.



August 2019

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Sep 2019 ▶

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Family Fun Month National Eye Exam Month National Golf Month Water Quality Month				1 National Girlfriends Day B'day: Mick Gourley, Sr.	2 National Ice Cream Sandwich Day	3 National Watermelon Day
4 Internat'l Forgiveness Day 8:30 Sunday School 9:30 Worship/Communion B'day: Danielle Kanuckel	5 Work Like a Dog Day	6 Wiggle Your Toes Day	7 National Lighthouse Day	8 Sneak Some Zucchini onto Your Neighbor's Porch Day	9 Book Lover's Day	10 National S'mores Day
11 Presidential Joke Day 8:30 Sunday School 9:30 Worship/Refreshments B'day: Bob Cornwell	12 Middle Child's Day	13 Left Hander's Day	14 WW II V-J Day (74 th Anniv)	15 Relaxation Day B'day: Gina Lawhon	16 National Tell a Joke Day B'day: Linda Joseph	17 National Trifleshop Day
18 Bad Poetry Day 8:30 Sunday School 9:30 Worship B'day: Irma Newland	19 Aviation Day B'day: Bonnie Lawhon	20 National Radio Day	21 Senior Citizen's Day	22 Be an Angel Day	23 Ride the Wind Day	24 Vesuvius Day B'day: Mick Kanuckel
25 Kiss and Make Up Day 8:30 Sunday School 9:30 Worship	26 Women's Equality Day	27 Just Because Day B'day: Wayne Clayborne	28 Race Your Mouse Day	29 More Herbs, Less Salt Day	30 Frankenstein Day B'day: Bill Lawhon B'day: John Johnson	31 National Eat Outside Day B'day: Seth Lawhon

September 2019

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Nat'l Cherry Popover Day 8:30 Sunday School 9:30 Worship/Communion	2 Labor Day B'day: George Ander	3 Skyscraper Day	4 Newspaper Carrier Day B'day: Natalie Gourley	5 Cheese Pizza Day B'day: Virginia Skinner	6 Fight Procrastination Day (Today or tomorrow)	7 National Salami Day B'day: Corby Coon
8 International Literacy Day 8:30 Sunday School 9:30 Worship/Refreshments B'day: Julie Britton	9 Teddy Bear Day	10 Swap Ideas Day	11 9-11 Remembrance	12 National Video Games Day	13 Blame Someone Else Day	14 National Cream-filled Doughnut Day B'day: Cheryl McCracken B'day: Ron Skinner
15 Make a Hat Day 8:30 Sunday School 9:30 Worship B'day: Jessica Hartney B'day: Rylanne Kanuckel-Wolfe	16 American Legion Day National Play Doh Day	17 Citizenship Day	18 National Cheeseburger Day B'day: Jean Riley B'day: Bob Kaiser	19 International Talk Like a Pirate Day	20 National Pepperoni Pizza Day B'day: Dorothy Ander	21 International Peace Day
22 Business Women's Day 8:30 Sunday School 9:30 Worship B'day: Cary Purcell	23 Fall begins B'day: Kathy Kanuckel	24 National Cherries Jubilee Day B'day: Eleanor Doup B'day: Marsha Clayborne B'day: Amellia Kanuckel	25 National Comic Book Day	26 Johnny Applesseed Day	27 Crush a Can Day	28 National Good Neighbor Day
29 Confucius Day 8:30 Sunday School 9:30 Worship	30 National Mud Pack Day	National Courtesy Month Baby Safety Month Classical Music Month Better Breakfast Month				

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Calendar of Selected Events/Activities

Sunday, Aug 4	Communion Sunday; Sunday school, 8:30 AM; Worship, 9:30 AM; Bring food for Interchurch pantry;
Sunday, Aug 11	Sunday school, 8:30 AM; Worship, 9:30 AM; Refreshments
Sunday, Aug 18 & 25	Sunday school, 8:30 AM; Worship, 9:30 AM
Sunday, Sep 1	Communion Sunday; Sunday school, 8:30 AM; Worship, 9:30 AM; Bring food for Interchurch pantry
Sunday, Sep 8	Sunday school, 8:30 AM; Worship, 9:30 AM; Refreshments
Sunday, Sep 15, 22, & 29	Sunday school, 8:30 AM; Worship, 9:30 AM