

# 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.*

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



*--picture courtesy of Jade Layman*

### **Christian Growth**

What a wonderful picture of our church! For me it captures the essence of our church. It is springtime. The fields are green. Trees are budding and beginning to leaf. The church is reflecting the light of the sun. All the while there are darkening clouds on the horizon.

We live in this picture. Our lives have been disrupted by a pandemic, something the world has not seen in over a hundred years. Our economic security has been disrupted as we seek to save lives. Even our local fellowship at Hopewell is disrupted. But this is not the entire story.

I am reminded of Paul's words in Romans 8:35-39,

*"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ...No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

I am reminded of this because crises have a way of exposing our strengths and weaknesses. Paul knew this and often wrote encouraging words to the different churches who were being persecuted. The church in Thessalonica was one such church. It was being persecuted by the local synagogue. To encourage them he wrote these words,

*"But, since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that, whether we wake or sleep, we might live with him. Therefore, encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing. (1 Thess. 5:8-11)*

Paul writes these words in the context of our future resurrection. Why is that?

Throughout human history life has been uncertain. Growing old was seen as a blessing. Life expectancy in first century Palestine was 35 years. To put this in perspective the life expectancy in the year 2017 in the U. S. A. was 78.54 years. The message of the gospel held real hope for people. Human mortality was a cruel reality, not only for the elderly, but for all ages. When Paul was in Athens (Acts 18:16-34), he was taken ahold of and brought to speak with the rulers and learned men of Athens because he *"preached Jesus and the resurrection."* (Acts 18:18c) It was not because he preached about the Hebrew God or God's forgiveness, but the resurrection. We know this because Luke records their response in v. 32, *"Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked..."*

The resurrection is the central tenet of the Christian message. In Paul's writing to the Corinthian church, we learn, *"For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas (Peter), then to the twelve."* (1 Cor. 15:3-4) Now this is not just a future event. The writers of the New Testament connected it to the daily life of Christians. In Romans 6 we read, *"Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life."* (Rom. 6:3-4) Because the death and resurrection are connected into our daily lives, how we live matters. *"If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory."* (Col.3:1-4)

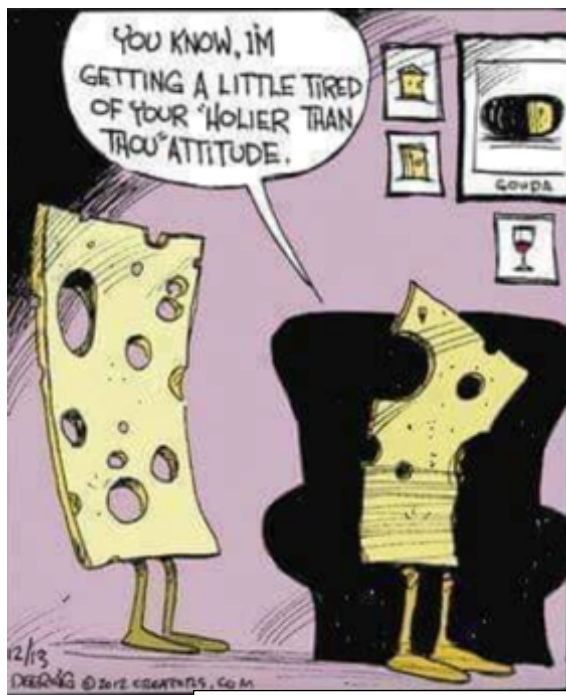
So, what are the things above? *"No man has ever seen God; if we love one another God abides in us and his love is perfected in us."* (1 Jn. 4:12) Love is what is above. Love is what needs to come into our midst. This love is to put the needs of others above our own within the context of a faithful community. *"In this is love, not that we loved God but he loved us, and sent his Son to be the expiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another."* (1 Jn. 4:10-11)

This sacrificial love is not easy. It goes against our desire to live. Within the context of Christ, it comes about through spiritual maturity. Spiritual maturity only takes place within the abiding presence of God in the life of the Holy Spirit. As the Spirit breathes within our lives so love becomes part of our breath. It is the natural out flowing of God's presence. It is not obedience to a

law but is the new creation that is being born in us through Christ. If it was a law people might have this response:

This newness of life comes through loving cooperation with the spirit as we strive to *“love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”* (Matt. 22:37-39)

To put all this in context with the picture above, these moments of crises are moments for us to shine or to falter. Will the storm overwhelm our faith and fellowship, or will it expose God’s shining love? It is our choice. I choose to overcome. I believe it is your choice, because of how you are taking care of one another. Therefore, *“Be of good cheer, I [Jesus] have overcome the world.”* (Jn 16:33b) Therefore, *“we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us.”* (Rom. 5:3-5)



-- shared by Linda Joseph

### When will worship services resume at Hopewell UMC?

Church Council Chair Bill Lawhon has polled many Hopewell members about their comfort level in gathering for worship. The overwhelming response was 1) wait and watch what develops with pandemic trends through June and 2) tentatively target the first Sunday in July (July 5) for the first worship service at HUMC...observing safe gathering practices. For those who are not comfortable in gathering, it may be possible to make and share a video recording of the worship service. Stay tuned for updates in “Staying Connected” from Pastor Lee. And please contact Bill (614-309-4350) or Lee (740-504-8601) with your questions or comments.



**With so many sporting events cancelled, they're going to televise the World Origami Championship. It's on Paperview.**





## What Is Pentecost?

On Pentecost Sunday, we remember the day the disciples received the Holy Spirit in a special way. The story in Acts 2 describes a powerful wind and tongues of fire as the Holy Spirit was poured out on people from all over the world who came to Jerusalem to celebrate a Jewish feast. At the first Pentecost over 3000 people were baptized, creating the first church. This is why Pentecost is known as the birthday of the Christian church.

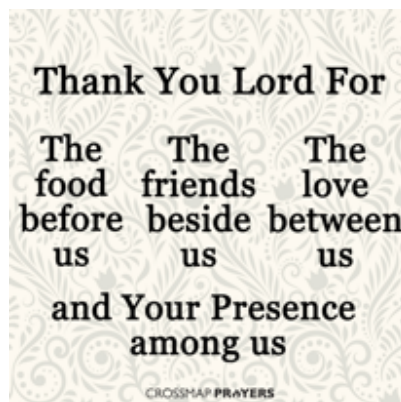


The word Pentecost comes from a Greek word meaning fiftieth. The Jewish Festival of Pentecost (called *Shavuot*, meaning "weeks" in Hebrew) falls on the fiftieth day after the original Passover. On that day, God gave the Torah to Moses on Mount Sinai. The Christian festival of Pentecost falls on the 50th day after the resurrection of Jesus.

Pentecost for Christians culminates the celebration and work of the church begun on Easter Day. In early Christianity, Easter Day was the primary day for baptisms. The newly baptized were then trained in basic Christian doctrine, including the meaning of the sacraments they had now experienced, as they prepared to take up their ministries in the life of the church. On Pentecost, Christians celebrate the commissioning of new members into ministry.

Two colors are historically associated with Pentecost. Red is a visual reminder of the "tongues of fire" that empowered the apostles and others to proclaim the good news of Christ's resurrection in many languages to the crowds of pilgrims from many lands (Acts 2:3). White is also used because Pentecost was the major day for baptisms in the early church. Those being baptized were given new white robes to wear as a sign they had taken off the world, died to sin, and were raised with the risen Christ to new life. This is why Pentecost may be referred to as "Whitsunday" or "White Sunday."

The Season after Pentecost is the time of the church year to support new disciples and the whole congregation in living out the gifts we have been given in the name of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit.



### Raccoon The official mascot of 2020

Washes his hands incessantly  
Always wears a mask  
Rearrange letters in RACCOON it spells CORONA!

[This takes some liberty with the spelling of 'raccoon.']

## Quest for Unity (1945–1968)

*[This is the sixth in a seven-part series, "Learning about Our Methodist Roots," the forming and growing of the Methodist church, beginning 282 years ago.]*

As World War II war ended, the churches actively worked to secure world peace and order. Many laity, pastors, bishops, and church agencies supported the establishment of a world organization to serve as a forum for the resolution of international social, economic, and political problems. In April 1945, their labors contributed to the founding of the United Nations.

During this era, there were at least three other important matters that occupied the attention of the churches that now compose United Methodism. First, they maintained their concern for ecumenism and church union. On November 16, 1946, in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, The Evangelical Church and The United Brethren Church were united into The Evangelical United Brethren Church following twenty years of negotiation. At the time of union, the new church included about 700,000 members.

The Methodist Church was also interested in closer ties with other Methodist and Wesleyan bodies. In 1951, it participated in the formation of the World Methodist Council, successor to the Ecumenical Methodist Conferences that began in 1881. Methodists and the Evangelical United Brethren became active members of the World Council of Churches, founded in 1948, and the National Council of Churches, founded in 1950. The two churches also cooperated with seven other Protestant denominations in forming the Consultation of Church Union in 1960.

Second, the churches demonstrated growing uneasiness with the problem of racism in both the nation and the church. Many Methodists were especially disturbed by the manner in which racial segregation was built into the fabric of their denominational structure. The Central Jurisdiction was a constant reminder of racial discrimination. Proposals to eliminate the Central Jurisdiction were introduced at General Conferences from 1956 to 1966. Finally, plans to abolish the Central Jurisdiction were agreed upon with the contemplated union with the Evangelical United Brethren in 1968, although a few African American annual conferences continued for a short time thereafter.

Third, the churches debated women's ordination. The issue was critical in the creation of The Evangelical United Brethren Church. The Evangelical Church had never ordained women. The United Brethren had ordained women since 1889. In order to facilitate the union of these two churches, the United Brethren accepted the Evangelical practice, and women's ordination was stopped. Methodists debated the issue for several years after their unification in 1939. The Methodist Church began ordaining women in 1956. In that same year, women were granted full clergy rights and could be elected as members in full connection to an annual conference.

### Hopewell Birthdays

#### June

- 10 Erin Lawhon
- 11 Shane Smith
- 20 Greg Yashnyk
- 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

**Anger** is an acid that can do more harm to the vessel in which it is stored than to anything on which it is poured.

--Mark Twain

**Hatred** is corrosive to the container that holds it.

--Senator Alan Simpson, (R) Wyoming,  
speaking at the funeral  
of George Herbert Walker Bush

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**The Female Code Breakers Who Helped Defeat the Nazis** – a history lesson for Memorial Day with a Hopewell cemetery connection...by Donna Spinks

In November of 1941, not long before the attack on Pearl Harbor, a handful of letters began materializing in student mailboxes at America's top women's colleges. For more than a year, the U.S. Navy and the U. S. Army had been quietly recruiting intelligence officers – specifically , code breakers, or “cryptanalysis” – from elite colleges and universities, and now it was embarking on the same experiment with women. Educated women were wanted for the war effort, and with all possible haste.

Disparate as their backgrounds were, the women who answered the Navy's code-breaking summonses had a handful of qualities in common. They were smart and resourceful, and they had strived to acquire as much education as circumstances would permit, at a time when women received little encouragement or reward for doing so. They were adept at math or science or foreign languages, often all three. They were dutiful and patriotic. They were adventurous and willing. And they did not expect any public credit for the clandestine intelligence work they were entering into.

Millions of women served the war effort by rolling up their sleeves and donning trousers and jumpsuits to work in factories – the celebrated Rosie the Riveter, who helped build bombers and tanks and aircraft carriers. These are well known. Far less known is that more than 10,000 women traveled to Washington, D.C., to lend their minds and their hard-won educations to the war effort - and were behind some of the most significant individual code-breaking triumphs of the war.

On the eve of Pearl Harbor, the Army had 181 people working in Washington D.C. By 1945, of the Army's 10,500-person strong code breaking force, nearly 70% were women. Similarly, at the war's outset the Navy had a few hundred code breakers. By 1945, there were 5,000 stationed in Washington D.C. At least 80% were women. Thus, out of about 20,000 total American code breakers during the war, some 11,000 were women.

After the war, it was noted that the code breakers provided “some of the finest intelligence available in our history” and that it “contributed enormously to the defeat of the enemy, greatly shortening the war, and saving many thousands of lives”.

**One of those Code Breakers was Jean Ediburn Fleming Steinmetz Purdy from Mount Vernon.** Jean was born 20 Sep 1918 in Knox County to Harry Vernon Fleming and Lenore McGinnis. She graduated from Mount Vernon High School and the Mount Vernon Business College. Jean joined the Navy, 12 May 1943 and was discharged, 1 Sep 1945. She served as a 1<sup>st</sup> class Petty Office with the U.S. Navy. After the death of her first husband, Floyd Steinmetz, Jean returned to Mount Vernon and later married William B. Purdy. She passed away in Dec of 2003 at the age of 85 and is buried in Hopewell cemetery beside her first husband.

### **Time and Change**

With mixed feelings, the editors, announce a change in their status, i.e., after nearly 15 years in Apple Valley we are migrating to Linda's family farmhouse, a 150-year-old, brick structure near Milan (Erie County). We plan to continue our relationship with the wonderful, loving Hopewell family by attending worship (with Scioto Ridge Boys and other diversions, we have never been THAT regular) and publishing the newsletter, etc. As you are in our prayers, please keep us--and our marriage--in your prayers during this time of 'move out' and 'move in'.



## Memorial Day 2020

Each year on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday in May, our nation pauses to honor those who gave their lives in service for their country. The tradition, which dates back to post-Civil War days, has been extended to placing American flags on the graves of all service members. (With credit to Marsha Clayborne for her earlier work) Donna Spinks researched and documented the known veterans buried in Hopewell cemetery (see the table she prepared below). Then Donna and other Lawhon family members placed flags at each veteran's grave site during the week before Memorial Day. For more facts about the observance of Memorial Day, please see <https://www.history.com/news/8-things-you-may-not-know-about-memorial-day>.



### Hopewell Veterans Documented by Military Records

#### War of 1812

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|--------------------|-----------|--|
| 1. James Bolton    | 1765-1840 | 12 <sup>th</sup> Regiment (Fenwick's) Pennsylvania Militia               |
| 2. John Kisor      | 1782-1862 | 1 <sup>st</sup> Regiment, 4 <sup>th</sup> Brigade, Division Ohio Militia |
| 3. George Lawrence | 1782-1864 | Captain John Spencer's Spies   |

#### Civil War

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|--------------------------|-----------|--|
| 1. Hamilton Clowe        | 1847-1865 | Company B, 55 <sup>th</sup> Regiment OVI                 |
| 2. John Hall             | 1836-1898 | Company F, 43 <sup>rd</sup> Regiment OVI                 |
| 3. Daniel Hopkins        | 1836-1886 | Company C, 142 <sup>nd</sup> Regiment OVI                |
| 4. Crawford Hurford      | 1821-1895 | Company C, 142 <sup>nd</sup> Regiment OVI                |
| 5. Thomas Hurford        | 1852-1894 | Company C, 142 <sup>nd</sup> Regiment OVI                |
| 6. Andrew Jacobs         | 1829-1870 | Company E, 192 <sup>nd</sup> Regiment OVI                |
| 7. Joseph McMahan        | 1844-1896 | Company C, 32 <sup>nd</sup> Regiment OVI                 |
| 8. Captain George Melick | 1835-1863 | Company G, 20 <sup>th</sup> Regiment OVI                 |
| 9. William P Smith       | 1834-1896 | Company F, 1 <sup>st</sup> Regiment OVI, Heavy Artillery |

#### Spanish American War

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| 1. Burr A. Wyant | 1838-1939 | Company L, 4 <sup>th</sup> Regt. OH Volunteers Sergeant |
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#### World War II

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|---------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|
| 1. Foster Antill          | 1923-2013 | Tech 4 Army             |
| 2. Robert Miles Purdy     | 1916-2013 | WW II Navy              |
| 3. William K Riley        | 1925-1999 | WW II Navy              |
| 4. Floyd G Steinmetz      | 1918-1958 | WW II Army              |
| 5. Jean Fleming Steinmetz | 1918-2003 | WW II Navy Code Breaker |
| 6. Robert E Steinmetz     | 1914-1981 | WW II Air Force         |

#### Korea

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| 1. Paul E Cantrell   | 1828-2003 | Army |
| 2. Stanley Lahmon    | 1931-1995 | Army |
| 3. Mark W Longfellow | 1927-1955 | Army |

#### Viet Nam

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|-----------------------|-----------|---------------------------------------|
| 1. Robert W Erow      | 1950-1994 | Army Specialist 4 <sup>th</sup> class |
| 2. Robert Bruce Purdy | 1950-2013 | Navy                                  |
| 3. James A Yusko      | 1948-1988 | Army Specialist 5 <sup>th</sup> class |



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June 2020						
◀ May 2020						Jul 2020 ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> Dare Day Flip a Coin Day	<b>2</b> National Rocky Road Day	<b>3</b> Repeat Day	<b>4</b> Hug Your Cat Day National Cheese Day	<b>5</b> National Doughnut Day	<b>6</b> D-Day WWII +76 years
<b>7</b> National Chocolate Ice Cream Day	<b>8</b> Best Friends Day	<b>9</b> National Strawberry Rhubarb Pie Day	<b>10</b> Herbs & Spices Day  B'day: Erin Lawhon	<b>11</b> National Corn on the Cob Day  B'day: Shane Smith	<b>12</b> Red Rose Day	<b>13</b> National Weed Your Garden Day
<b>14</b> Flag Day	<b>15</b> Smile Power Day	<b>16</b> Fresh Veggies Day	<b>17</b> Eat Your Vegetables Day	<b>18</b> Go Fishing Day	<b>19</b> National Kissing Day	<b>20</b> Summer Solstice Day Ice Cream Soda Day  B'day: Greg Yashnik
<b>21</b> Father's Day	<b>22</b> National Onion Ring Day	<b>23</b> National Pink Day	<b>24</b> Swim a Lap Day  B'day: Lee Cubie	<b>25</b> National Catfish Day	<b>26</b> Forgiveness Day Beautician's Day	<b>27</b> Sunglasses Day
<b>28</b> Paul Bunyan Day	<b>29</b> Camera Day International Mud Day  B'day: Annika Kanuckel-Wolfe	<b>30</b> Meteor Day	National Dairy Month Adopt a Cat Month Fresh Fruits & Vegetables Month Candy Month  June 21 – 27 Lightning Safety Month			



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July 2020						
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
National Blueberry Month National Picnic Month National Hot Dog Month Cell Phone Courtesy Month			<b>1</b> Canada Day International Joke Day	<b>2</b> World UFO Day  B'day: Ellen Kaiser B'day: Mickey Gourley, Jr.	<b>3</b> Compliment Your Mirror Day	<b>4</b> Independence Day National Country Music Day
<b>5</b> National Bikini Day 8:30 Sunday School 9:30 Worship/Communion (tentative)	<b>6</b> National Fried Chicken Day	<b>7</b> Chocolate Day	<b>8</b> Video Games 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 8:30 Sunday School 9:30 Worship/Refreshments (tentative)	<b>13</b> Embrace Your Geekness Day	<b>14</b> Shark Awareness Day	<b>15</b> Cow Appreciation Day	<b>16</b> Fresh Spinach Day  B'day: Rev. Elliott Bush	<b>17</b> World Emoji Day	<b>18</b> National Caviar Day
<b>19</b> National Ice Cream Day 8:30 Sunday School 9:30 Worship (tentative)	<b>20</b> Moon Day  B'day: Katie Beran	<b>21</b> National Junk Food Day  B'day: Ryan Rupp	<b>22</b> Hammock Day	<b>23</b> Vanilla Ice Cream Day	<b>24</b> Amelia Earhart Day Cousins Day	<b>25</b> National Day of the Cowboy  Knox County Fair begins
<b>26</b> Aunt & Uncle Day 8:30 Sunday School 9:30 Worship (tentative)	<b>27</b> Take Your Plant for a Walk Day	<b>28</b> National Chocolate Milk Day	<b>29</b> National Lasagna Day  B'day: Barb Butler	<b>30</b> International Day of Friendship	<b>31</b> Mutt's Day	

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