

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 Pondering – *Pastor Lee Cubie*

Speak, LORD, for thy servant hears.



Since I was a boy, I was caught up in the stories of the bible. What boy could resist the story of David and Goliath, the adventures of Sampson, Gideon and the fleece, to name just a few. One story captured me more than all the others: it was the story of the call of the judge Samuel...Samuel the last judge who was to anoint both Saul and David.

Samuel was born to Elihu (not the musical gnu who eschewed obfuscation) and his wife Hannah. Hannah was childless and in great distress and prayed before the Lord. Eli, the priest at the time, after hearing her story told her to go in peace, that her prayer would be answered.

Part of her prayer was a vow to the Lord. She prayed, "O Lord of hosts, if thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thy maidservant, and remember me, and not forget thy maidservant, but wilt give to thy maidservant a son, then I will give him to the Lord all the days of his life, and no razor shall touch his head." And this Hannah did as soon as the boy Samuel was weaned, she brought him to the tabernacle at Shiloh where the ark of the

covenant resided.

So, Eli took the boy and raised him in the tabernacle. One night, Samuel heard his name being called. Thinking it was Eli, he went to his room and said, "Here I am." Eli told him that he did not call and sent him back to bed. This happened three times. The third time this happened Eli understood it was the lord who was calling, and he told Samuel to, "Go lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for thy servant hears.'" The Lord called his name once more, and Samuel said, "Speak, Lord, for thy servant hears."

That is the basic story of the call of the mightiest judge of Israel.

One bright sunny morning--I think I was four--I was riding my tricycle up and down the road by our house when I heard my name called. It was probably my mother or my father, but I didn't recognize their voice. I heard my name several times. It was then, while riding my tricycle in my pajamas that I responded, as best as a four-year-old boy could and said, "Speak, Lord, for thy servant hears." I truly believed God had spoken to me. My life did not change. There were no bolts of lightning or peals of thunder, just a four-year-old boy in his pajamas on his tricycle in the middle of the street on a quiet sunny morning. I think I rode home after that.



After many years, when that boy of four had grown into a young man of twenty-five I answered that voice once more. I said yes once again after saying no for so many years. That is when the healing began. I was still a young man of twenty-five. There were no lightning bolts or peals of thunder, just a quiet confidence that I had done the right thing.

It has been forty-one years since I began that journey. I began as a very broken child of God in need of much healing. I remain broken and in need of much healing. So are all of us. Somehow, we heard the voice of God. Somehow, we responded. Now we are living in the healing grace of God.

I would like to leave you with a passage that is of growing importance in my life, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." (2 Corinthians 12:9a)

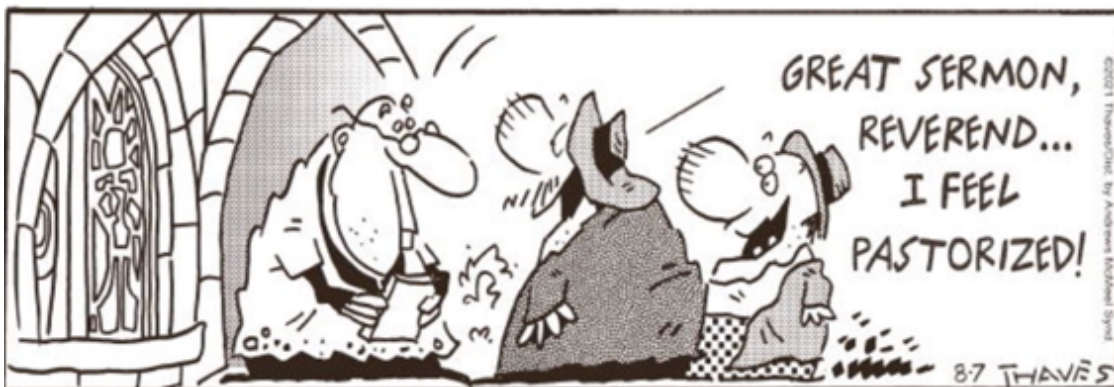
"Wreaths Across America" for Veterans in Hopewell Cemetery – by Donna Spinks

[In the last newsletter, Donna Spinks proposed honoring the 25 veterans (from six wars) who rest in Hopewell Cemetery by joining the Wreaths Across America program.]

I'm excited to report that Hopewell Cemetery has been approved to receive 25 wreaths this year from Wreaths Across America, to be delivered the second week of December. Also, they will be sending 8 ceremonial wreaths and flags at no cost to the church. Wreaths Across America Day is December 18, but we could lay our wreaths after the worship service on Sunday, December 19. Twenty-five (25) wreaths will cost us \$250...\$10 each. Please donate to the Wreaths Across America Program by writing a check to 'Hopewell UMC' and putting 'Wreaths' in the memo line. Deadline for donations is November 29.



Please feel free to contact me by e-mail or phone to provide input and/or a commitment to this program for our veterans: donna@whiteoakfarms.com or text messages via cell phone at 740-501-8616. And plan to participate in laying of the wreaths. *[For more about the nationwide program, see www.wreathscrossamerica.org.]*



Simple Prayer

Your will, Lord.
Nothing more,
Nothing less.
Nothing else.

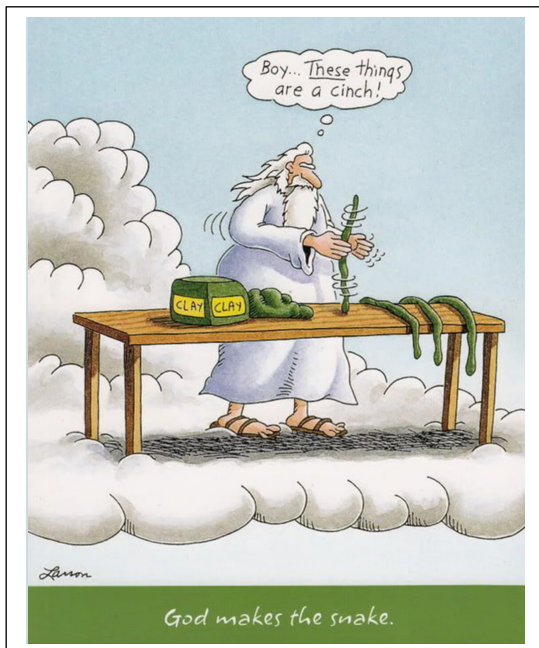
"Stunning! The 'Butterfly Nebula' as captured by Hubble



[Editor's note: When reading articles such as this, one can only exclaim, "How big is God!"]

The bright clusters and nebulae of planet Earth's night sky are often named for flowers or insects. Though its wingspan covers over 3 light-years, NGC 6302 is no exception. With an estimated surface temperature of about 250,000 degrees C, the dying central star of this planetary nebula has become exceptionally hot, shining brightly in ultraviolet light but hidden from direct view by a dense torus of dust.

This sharp and colorful close-up of the dying star's nebula was recorded in 2009 by the Hubble Space Telescope's Wide Field Camera 3, installed during the final shuttle servicing mission. Cutting across a bright cavity of ionized gas, the dust torus surrounding the central star is near the center of this view, almost edge-on to the line-of-sight. Molecular hydrogen has been detected in the hot star's dusty cosmic shroud. NGC 6302 lies about 4,000 light-years away in the arachnologically-correct constellation of the Scorpion (Scorpius). *Image Credit: NASA/ESA/Hubble*



Hopewell Birthdays

October

- 5 Shirley Hughes
- 7 Jade Laymon
- 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
- 18 Amelia Wells
- 22 Gary Hughes
- 23 David Holl
- 24 Todd Wells
- 29 Bob Joseph

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John Wesley's 'Directions for singing' – by Rod Benson, theologian, researcher, teacher, writer, foodie, husband, dad. Works at Moore College.

John Wesley (1703-1791) was an Anglican minister and founder of the Methodist denomination. On the last page of the hymn book, *Select Hymns: with Tunes Annexed*, published in 1761, he set forth seven principles to guide Christians as they sing. As well as offering practical advice, they indicate aspects of his theology of worship, and his ecclesiology. Here they are:

1. **Learn these tunes** before you learn any others, afterwards learn as many as you please.

2. **Sing them exactly as they are printed** here, without altering or mending them at all; and if you have learned to sing them otherwise, unlearn it as soon as you can.

3. **Sing All** – see that you join the congregation as frequently as you can. Let not a slight degree of weakness or weariness hinder you. If it is a cross to you, take it up and you will find a blessing.



4. **Sing Lustily** – and with good courage. Beware of singing as if you were half-dead or half-asleep; but lift up your voice with strength. Be no more afraid of your voice now, nor more ashamed of its being heard, than when you sang the songs of Satan.

5. **Sing Modestly** – do not bawl so as to be heard above or distinct from the rest of the congregation that you may not destroy the harmony, but strive to unite your voices together so as to make one melodious sound.

6. **Sing in time** – whatever time is sung, be sure to keep with it. Do not run before and do not stay behind it; but attend closely to the leading voices and move therewith as exactly as you can and take care not to sing too slow. This drawling way naturally steals on all who are lazy; and it is high time to drive it out from among us and sing all our tunes just as quick as we did at first.

7. **Sing spiritually** – have an eye to God in every word you sing. Aim at pleasing Him more than yourself, or any other creature. In order to attend strictly to the sense of what you sing, and see that your heart is not carried away with the sound, but offered to God continually; so shall your singing be such as the Lord will approve here, and reward when he cometh in the clouds of heaven.



Amelia and Penelope served as acolytes at the August 1 service.



“I Heard It Through the Grapevine...” –*News about the Hopewell family*

Pastor Lee, along with Audra and the medical community, is still trying to understand what’s affecting his balance and speech. Through it all, he plans to resume producing the virtual worship services soon.

Jean Riley had emergency surgery for a bowel blockage 3 weeks ago. She came through it successfully and is now recovering at Country Club nursing home, Room 74, 1350 Yauger Road, Mt. Vernon, OH 43050. Visitors are welcome anytime...no limit. For more information, please call Vicki Yusko at 713-540-0743.

Jesse Gourley enjoys performing in the Otterbein University marching band this year.

Leah Gourley and Rylanne Kanuckel-Wolfe have experienced success playing doubles tennis as members of the Mt. Vernon High School varsity team. *[Photo of Leah (left) and Rylanne..]*



Seth Lawhon plays trombone in the OSU marching band again this year. Seth’s grandpa Bill, parents, and siblings (and Bob Joseph) were able to witness the band’s performance at the OSU-Oregon game on September 11. The football team lost, but the band clearly won the day. *[Amateur selfie photo at left of Bill and Bob at the game]*



The Hopewell congregation deeply mourns the passing of David Holl on September 23. David, a retired math teacher, loved the Lord and his Hopewell family. In fair and foul weather, he traveled from his Centerburg home to worship, volunteer for workdays, and attend special events. Prayers for his wife and family.

<https://www.snyderfuneralhomes.com/obituary/david-g-holl/>

◀ Sep 2021	October 2021						Nov 2021 ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
					1 ~Int'l Coffee Day ~World Smile Day	2 ~Name Your Car Day ~World Farm Animals Day	
3 ~Oktoberfest ends ~Techies Day 8:30 Sunday School 9:30 Worship/Communion	4 ~Nat'l Golf Day ~Nat'l Frappe Day	5 ~Do Something Nice Day ~World Teachers Day B'day: Shirley Hughes	6 ~Nat'l Kale Day ~Come and Take It Day	7 ~Bald and Free Day B'day: Jade Laymon	8 ~World Egg Day ~American Touch Tag Day B'day: Ellie Purcell	9 ~Curious Events Day ~Fire Prevention Day	
10 ~Int'l Newspaper Carriers Day 8:30 Sunday School 9:30 Worship/refreshments	11 Columbus Day ~It's My Party Day	12 ~Old Farmer's Day	13 ~Emergency Nurses day ~Nat'l Fossil Day	14 ~Nat'l Dessert Day	15 ~Bosses Day	16 ~Sweetest Day ~Dictionary Day	
17 ~Nat'l Pasta Day ~Wear Something Gaudy Day 8:30 Sunday School 9:30 Worship B'day: Pete Lawhon	18 ~No Beard Day ~Nat'l Meatloaf Appreciation Day B'day: Bev Lahmon	19 ~Evaluate Your Life Day B'day: Erika Kanuckel-Wolfe	20 ~Int'l Chefs Day ~Brandied Fruit Day	21 ~Babbling Day ~Int'l Nacho Day B'day: Aubrey Purcell	22 ~Nat'l Nut Day B'day: Elaine Farie	23 ~Make a Difference Day ~Nat'l Mole Day	
24 ~United Nations Day ~Mother-in-Law Day 8:30 Sunday School 9:30 Worship	25 ~Int'l Artist Day ~Punk for a Day Day	26 ~Nat'l Mincemeat Day	27 ~Navy Day ~Black Cat Day	28	29	30	
31 Halloween 8:30 Sunday School 9:30 Worship	~Adopt a Shelter Dog Month ~Breast Cancer Awareness Month ~Clergy Appreciation Month ~National Diabetes Month ~Sarcastic Month						

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	1 ~All Saints Day	2 Election Day ~Deviled Egg Day ~Look for Circles Day B'day: Sara Lawhon	3 ~Cliché Day ~Sandwich Day	4 ~King Tut Day ~Men Make Dinner Day	5 ~Gunpowder Day	6 ~Book Lovers Day ~Saxophone Day	
7 Daylight Saving Time Ends 8:30 Sunday School 9:30 Worship/Communion	8 ~Dunce Day ~Cook Something Bold Day	9 ~Chaos Never Dies Day ~World Freedom Day	10 ~USMC Day ~Forget-Me-Not Day B'day: Wendy Cedoz	11 Veterans Day	12 ~Chicken Soup for the Soul Day ~World Pneumonia Day	13 ~Sadie Hawkins Day ~World Kindness Day B'day: Vitold Uscilowski	
14 ~OR Nurse Day ~World Diabetes Day 8:30 Sunday School 9:30 Worship/refreshments	15 ~Nat'l Philanthropy Day ~America Recycles Day	16 ~Button Day ~Nat'l Fast Food Day	17 ~Homemade Bread Day ~World Peace Day	18 ~Great American Smokeout ~Occult Day B'day: Amelia Wells	19 ~Have a Bad Day Day	20 ~Beautiful Day ~Absurdity Day	
21 ~World Hello Day ~False Confession Day 8:30 Sunday School 9:30 Worship	22 ~Go for a Ride Day B'day: Gary Hughes	23 ~Eat a Cranberry Day ~Nat'l Cashew Day B'day: David Holl	24 ~Evolution Day ~All Our Uncles Are Monkeys Day B'day: Todd Wells	25 Thanksgiving Day	26 ~Black Friday ~Buy Nothing Day	27 ~Pins and Needles Day	
28 ~1 st Sunday of Advent 8:30 Sunday School 9:30 Worship	29 ~Square Dance Day B'day: Bob Joseph	30 ~Stay at Home Because You Are Well Day	~Aviation History Month ~National Caregivers Appreciation Month ~National Adoption Awareness Month ~National Novel Writing Month ~Real Jewelry Month				

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In-person worship services and some activities at Hopewell UMC have resumed on Sundays at 9:30 AM, with prevailing safety precautions in place. Virtual worship services will resume soon via YouTube videos. Please contact Pastor Lee (lee@cubie.us or 740-504-8601 if you would like to be added to the e-mail notification list. Or check the HUMC Facebook page (www.facebook.com/HopewellUMCMtVernon) on Saturday or Sunday for a link to the worship service.