

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.*

June – July 2022

Pastor's Ponderings -- *Pastor Lee Cubie*

E Pluribus Unum, Out of the Many One



As we move into the months of June and July, we will be celebrating holidays that remind us of our core values. Memorial Day, I know it is technically in May, but it feels like June, and July Fourth.

July Fourth or Independence Day celebrates our independence from the British Empire. It is truly a celebration of E Pluribus Unum. Out of the thirteen colonies a nation was forged, and many became united to be free from a tyrannous relationship with Britain.

On Memorial Day we remember all those who have died serving our nation. It was initially instituted to remember those who died in the War Between the States, commonly known as the Civil War. It is a memorial to those brave men and women

who died to give freedom to all who would live peaceably together. It does, in its own way, celebrate that all mankind is created equal in the eyes of God.

The origin of the phrase, e pluribus unum, is found in antiquity. Because of this there is more than one story as to its origin. The story I prefer and speculate to be the origin for our founding fathers comes from "Cicero's paraphrase of Pythagoras in his *De Officiis*, as part of his discussion of basic and social bonds as the origin of societies and states: 'When each person loves the other as much as himself, it makes one out of many (*unum fiat ex pluribus*), as Pythagoras wishes things to be in friendship.'" (Wikipedia)

We encounter similar ideals in our faith. John 17 is especially constructed to emphasize unity. Only the unity he writes about is the unity that begins with the Father and the Son. It is in that unity that we as Christians live. Jesus prays for the unity that he and the Father share to be shared by all of us. That unity is not forced upon us, we are drawn into it by the love of the Father for the Son and the love of the Father and the Son for us.

This unity is part of the prayer of Jesus. John 17:20ff reads, "I do not pray for these only, but also for those who believe in me through their word, that they may all be one; even as thou, Father, art in me, and I in

thee, that they also may be in us...” We are to be united with the Father, with the Son, and with one another—out of the many one—the pluribus unum.

We become one through belief, “who believe in me...” True belief can never be forced nor can true unity. True unity comes out of the divine human comity. This comity, this friendly harmony, comes because we abide in the Father and the Son and they in us. All of this is through the Spirit.

This unity serves a purpose beyond the established unity it is also for the express purpose of bringing the world into a believing unity, “I in them and thou in me, that they may become perfectly one, *so that the world may know that thou hast sent me and hast loved them even as thou hast loved me.*” (Jn 17:23) When we express this unity, we live out Christ’s dictum, “By this all men will know you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” (Jn 13:35)

In this is true e pluribus unum, that “God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.” (Jn 3:16)

April Community Project Report: Knox Recovery

Knox Recovery, led by Hopewell member Todd Wells, provides case management, individual and group services, crisis management and treatment options for 45-50 clients struggling with substance abuse disorders. To support Knox Recovery’s mission, Hopewell Church collected materials and money in an “April shower;” items included cups, utensils, toiletries, shirts...and over \$500. Donna Spinks, who coordinated the effort, was impressed with how HUMC members stepped up to meet the need.

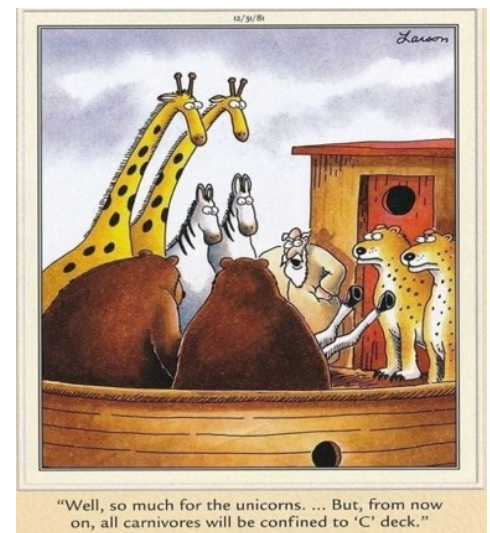
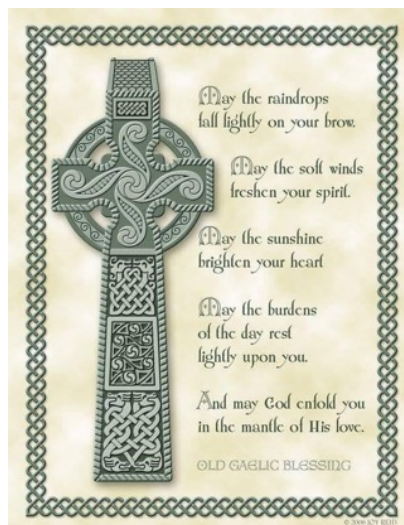


If you would like to support the important work of Knox Recovery—and there is a continuing and growing need—please contact Todd Wells at twells1124@gmail.com or call 419-544-2565. Monetary gifts may be donated through Hopewell church by marking “Knox Recovery” in the memo line. Knox Recovery’s address is 113 West Gambier St., Mount Vernon, Ohio 43050.

Favorite Hymns

The Tailor’s Hymn
Optometrist’s Hymn
Realtor’s Hymn
The Golfer’s Hymn
The Gossip’s Hymn

“Holy, Holy, Holy”
“Open My Eyes That I Might See”
“I’ve Got a Mansion, Just Over the Hilltop”
“There’s a Green Hill Far Away”
“Pass It On”



Around Hopewell Church



He is risen indeed!

The Easter sunrise service at Hopewell did, in fact, involve the sun—and a warming fire prepared by Bill Lawhon. To God be the glory....



God's creatures in our midst.

The resident kildeer has returned to lay its eggs in an austere nest on the parking lot gravel. An internet source says the eggs incubate for 24-28 days and are tended by both parents. The young birds fledge about 31 days after hatching. Can't find the nest? With a high-pitched call, the adult will usually let you know when you're getting too close. *Thanks to Lee Cubie for this photo.*

Photo (below) of adult kildeer from the Internet





Hopewell Birthdays

June

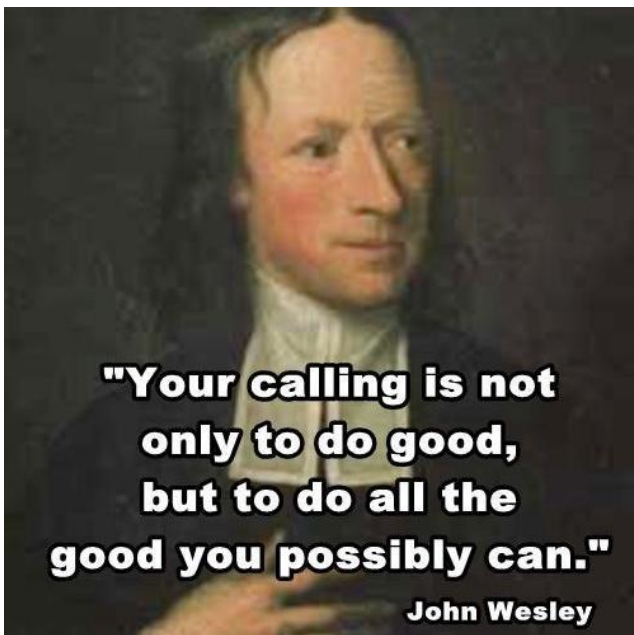
- 10 Erin Lawhon
- 20 Greg Yashnyk
- 24 Lee Cubie
- 29 Annika Kanuckel-Wolfe

July

- 2 Mickey Gourley
- 2 Ellen Kaiser
- 16 Rev. Elliott Bush
- 20 Katie Beran
- 21 Ryan Rupp

Prayer Chain – by Marsha Clayborne

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| Cary & Joanne Purcell | 614-570-7809 |
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A little boy opened the big family Bible... He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible. He picked up the object and looked at it. What he saw was an old leaf that had been pressed between the pages.

"Mama, look what I found," the boy called out.

"What do you have there, dear?"

With astonishment in his voice, the young boy answered,

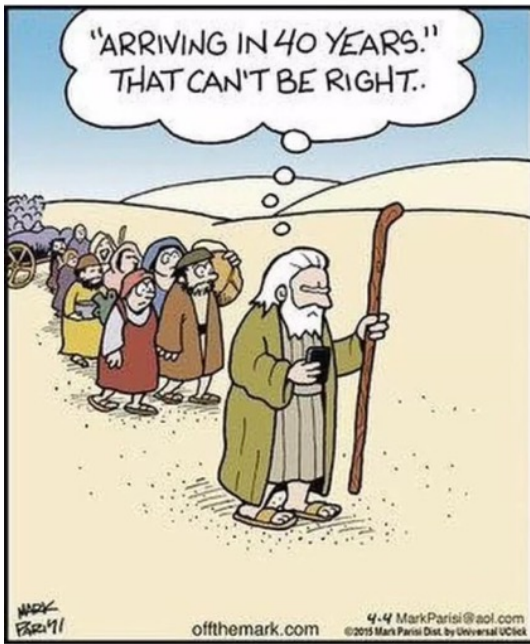
"I think it's Adam's underwear!"

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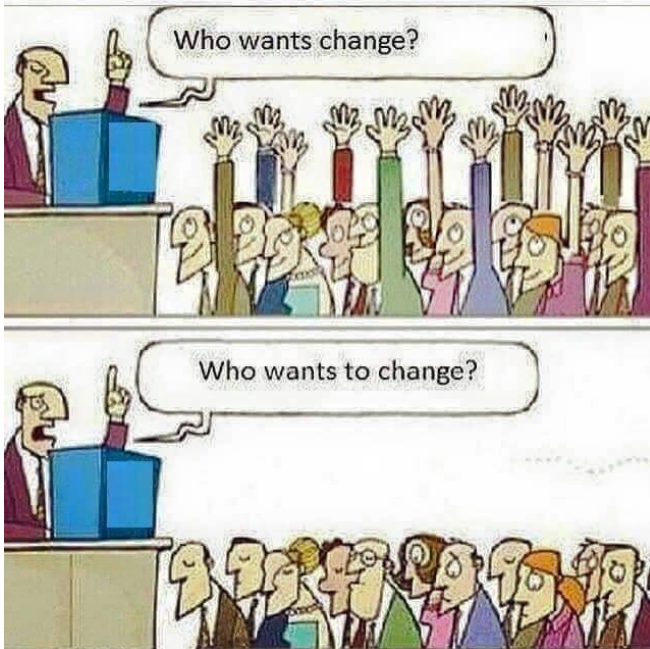
Happy
FATHER'S
day

Happy
4th
of July

There is no perfect life, no perfect job, no perfect childhood, no perfect marriage and no perfect set of people who will always do what we expect them to do.

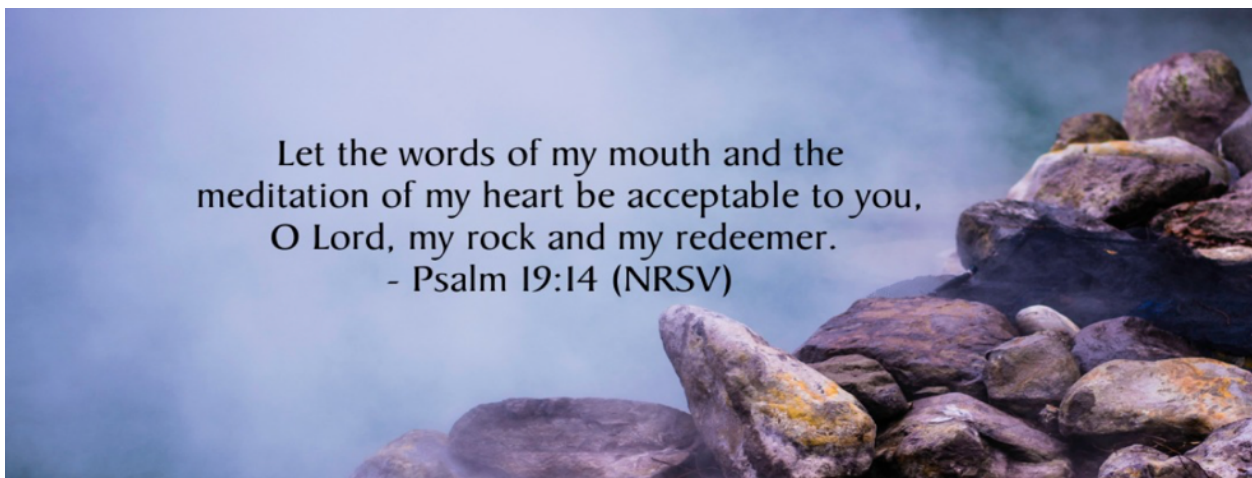
What we have is a perfect God who is able to lead us through this imperfect life with unfailing strength, incomparable wisdom and infinite love.

-unknown



God grant me the serenity to accept the people I cannot change, the courage to change the one I can, and the wisdom to know it's me.

Author unknown, variation of an excerpt from "The Serenity Prayer" by Reinhold Niebuhr



June 2022							Jul 2022 ▶
◀ May 2022	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 ~Baby Boomers Recognition Day	2 ~Nat'l Bubba Day	3 ~Wonder Woman Day	4 ~Nat'l Play Outside Day
5 ~Nat'l Cancer Survivors Day 8:30 Sunday School 9:30 Worship/Communion	6 ~D-Day (1944)	7 ~World Food Safety Day	8 ~Ghostbusters Day	9 ~Donald Duck Day	10 ~Ball Point Pen Day B'day- Erin Lawhon	11 ~Belmont Stakes ~Record Store Day	
12 ~Children's Sunday 8:30 Sunday School 9:30 Worship/refreshments	13 ~Nat'l Kitchen Klutzes Day	14 ~Flag Day	15 ~Magna Carta Day	16 ~Recess at Work Day	17 ~Wear Blue Day	18 ~World Juggling Day	
19 Father's Day 8:30 Sunday School 9:30 Worship	20 ~World Refugee Day B'day- Greg Yashnyk	21 ~Summer Solstice	22 ~Positive Media Day	23 ~Public Service Day	24 ~Nat'l Food Truck Day B'day- Lee Cubie	25 ~Global Beatles Day	
26 ~Decendants Day 8:30 Sunday School 9:30 Worship	27 ~Nat'l Sunglasses Day	28 ~Int'l Lightning Safety Day	29 ~World Camera Day B'day- Annika Kanuckel-Wolfe	30 ~Nat'l Meteor Watch Day	~Adopt-a-Shelter-Cat Month ~Cataract Awareness Month ~National Dairy Month ~National Camping Month ~Student Safety Month		

July 2022							Aug 2022 ▶
◀ Jun 2022	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 ~Canada Day ~Medicare's B'day	2 ~World UFO Day B'day- Ellen Kaiser B'day- Mickey Courley, Jr.
3 ~Stay Out of the Sun Day 8:30 Sunday School 9:30 Worship/Communion	4 Independence Day	5 ~Bikini Day	6 ~Fried Chicken Day	7 ~Tell the Truth Day	8 ~Nat'l Freezer Pop Day	9 ~Bald Is In Day	
10 ~Teddy Bears' Picnic Day 8:30 Sunday School 9:30 Worship/refreshments	11 ~Cheer Up the Lonely Day	12 ~Nat'l Pecan Pie Day	13 ~Embrace Your Geekness Day	14 ~Shark Awareness Day	15 ~World Youth Skills Day	16 ~World Snake Day B'day- Rev. Elliott Bush	
17 ~Nat'l Ice Cream Day 8:30 Sunday School 9:30 Worship	18 ~Nat'l Caviar Day	19 ~Words with Friends Day	20 ~Int'l Balloon Dog Day B'day- Katie Beran	21 ~Nat'l Be Someone Day B'day- Ryan Rupp	22 ~Nat'l Pajama Day	23 ~Nat'l Day of the Cowboy	
24 ~Tell an Old Joke Day 8:30 Sunday School 9:30 Worship	25 ~Hire a Veteran Day	26 ~Aunts & Uncles Day	27 ~Love Is Kind Day	28 ~Buffalo Soldiers Day	29 ~Rain Day ~Int'l Tiger Day	30 ~Friendship Day	

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From the archives...

A surprise awaited those who tore down the old Hopewell meeting house in 1915, as they prepared to build the current structure on the same site. This article in the Mt. Vernon Democratic Banner newspaper (April 13, 1915) pieced together some details...and left an unsolved mystery.



Hopewell Meetinghouse c.1915

ROBBERY

**Of A Decade Ago Is Revived
On Monday**

**When Stolen Goods Are Dis-
covered In A Church**

Gambier, April 13—Recollection of a robbery which occurred over a decade ago was revived yesterday with the discovery in Hopewell church of a portion of the stolen goods, securely hidden away directly under the very spot where many sermons have since been delivered denouncing such vices as thievery.

The discovery was made by Harry Smith of this village. The church is being excavated and while engaged in this work Mr. Smith had occasion to tear up the platform which is used as a pulpit. To his surprise, a number of nondescript articles were brought to light.

Chief among these were two packages of smoking tobacco, two pairs of suspenders and several tooth-brushes. The smoking tobacco attracted his attention and he opened a sack. Therein was one of the coupons frequently given by tobacco dealers to be redeemed in premiums. The coupon bore the date of 1898.

Recalling the robbery of many years previous Mr. Smith telephoned the store of C. G. Scott & Son in Gambier, narrating the circumstances of finding the tobacco and stating the date on the coupon. Mr. Scott instantly recalled that his store had been broken into in 1898 and that no trace of the robbers or the stolen merchandise had ever been discovered.

There is little doubt but that the articles uncovered by Mr. Smith are the same taken away from the Scott store in the robbery of 1898. The motives of the thief or thieves in hiding them in the church can only be accounted for by the fact that they were probably closely pursued and took this means of disposing for the time being of incriminatory evidence, intending to return later which was never done.