Weekend of March 19 & 20, 2016

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“Hopewell UMC, Downingtown, PA”
Circle of Concern

New:
Sue Lehman and Family   - grieving the death of her mother
Marley Putt and family   - grieving the sudden and tragic death of her 21 year old and long-time boyfriend, Dylan Engel
Mandi Benner   - awaits an April 8th surgery
Mandi Benner's father   - recovering from knee replacement surgery
Edie Thompson   - prayers for renewed strength following pacemaker surgery
Jill Pirhalla   - recovering from gall bladder surgery
Mandi Benner   - recovering from surgery

Ongoing:
George Haimbach   - on leave bringing chronic health issues under control
George Neatherly   - recovering from shoulder surgery
David Bixler   - recovering from shoulder surgery
Lillian (Ruth Zavitsanos’ mother)   - prayers for healing
Ralph (Dan Baldwin’s brother)   - prayers for his cancer treatments

This Week’s Prayer Calendar:

Sunday - Fixing our eyes on Christ’s journey to the Cross
Monday - The promise of Spring
Tuesday - Encouragement for those with cancer
Wednesday - High School Life Groups
Thursday - Fasting Group participants
Friday - Remembering the suffering of Jesus Christ, on our behalf
Saturday - Our Hopewell Youth who are being baptized or confirmed this night

The rosebud on the altar celebrates the birth of Brooke Allison. Brooke is the daughter of Susan Hagelin and Jonathan Davis. Grandparents are Darlene and Jim Alleger.
WORSHIP SCHEDULE

This Weekend
Saturday, March 19
5:25 Contemporary - Sanctuary

Sunday, March 20
8:00 Traditional - Chapel
9:30 Traditional - Chapel
9:30 Contemporary - Sanctuary
10:55 Contemporary - Sanctuary

All Services
“In The Zone”
Philippians 2:5-11
Pastor Vicki, Speaker

Tuesday Time Apart
March 22nd, 7:00 PM, Bower Chapel
Join us during this Lenten season as we study,
Ponderings of the Heart: A Mother’s Reflections
Standing Near the Cross

Next Weekend
Saturday, March 26
5:25 Worship - Sanctuary

Sunday, March 27
6:30 Sunrise - East Brandywine Park
8:00 Traditional - Chapel
*9:30 Traditional - Chapel
*9:30 Contemporary - Sanctuary
*10:55 Traditional - Chapel
*10:55 Contemporary - Sanctuary

*Childcare is available for each of these services except the Sunrise Service and 8:00 a.m. Traditional Service.

5:25 Service - Easter Vigil
Confirmands join the Church
Pastor Steve and Pastor Amy

Contemporary Services
“It’s Personal”
Revelation 1:4b-8
Pastor Steve, Speaker

Traditional Services
“Face Forward”
John 20:1-8
Pastor Amy, Speaker
Holy Communion
Hopewell Weekly Calendar for March 20 - 27, 2016

**Sunday, March 20**
- 8:00 AM  Traditional Worship
- 9:30 AM  Traditional Worship, Contemporary Worship, Sunday School, Lenten Study
- 10:55 AM Contemporary Worship, Junior Church/Nursery, Lenten Study
- 1:00 PM  Talent Show and “Joseph” Auditions
- 2:00 PM  Men’s Basketball
- 5:00 PM  Youth Handbells, Lenten Study, Mosaic Fundraiser Team
- 6:00 PM  Youth Fellowship, Children’s Choirs & Fellowship

**Monday, March 21**
- 9:00 AM & 12:30 PM Hopewell Christian Preschool
- 6:00 PM  Yoga
- 6:30 PM  Disciple II
- 7:00 PM  Lenten Study, Cub Scouts Pack 8, Beyond the Walls Team
- 7:15 PM  Children’s Council

**Tuesday, March 22**
- 9:00 AM & 12:30 PM Hopewell Christian Preschool
- 4:00 PM  Art Therapy
- 6:00 PM  Celebrate Recovery, Lenten Study
- 6:30 PM  HS Boys Life Group
- 7:00 PM  DACSL Basketball, Tuesday Time Apart, Cub Scouts Pack 8

**Wednesday, March 23**
- 10:00 AM  Lenten Study
- 6:00 PM  Lenten Study
- 6:30 PM  Hopewell Troop 8
- 7:00 PM  Praise Team, Pet Ministry Team
- 7:30 PM  Chancel Choir

**Thursday, March 24**
- 9:30 AM  Lenten Study, Disciple III
- 10:00 AM  Disciple I Fast Track
- 12:15 PM  Disciple I
- 2:00 PM  Youth Praise Band
- 5:15 PM  Lenten Fasting Experience
- 5:30 PM  CR Step Group
- 6:15 PM  Wesley Ringers
- 7:00 PM  Maundy Thursday Worship, DivorceCare Graduates
Holy Week Opportunities at Hopewell

**Friday, March 25**
6:00 AM  Labyrinth Walk  
6:30 AM  Lenten Study  
9:00 AM  Self-guided Stations of the Cross  
6:00 PM  Journey Through Holy Week (family Stations of the Cross), Labyrinth Walk  
7:00 PM  Good Friday Service  

**Saturday, March 26**
11:00 AM  Lenten Fasting Experience  
5:25 PM  Worship Service  

**Sunday, March 27 - Easter Sunday**
6:30 AM  Sunrise Service - East Brandywine Park  
8:00 AM  Traditional Worship  
9:30 AM  Traditional Worship, Contemporary Worship  
10:55 AM  Traditional Worship, Contemporary Worship  

**Tuesday March 22**  **Tuesday Time Apart Worship** in Bower Chapel at 7.  Pastor Vicki leading.  

**Thursday March 24**  **Fasting Group** gathers at 5:15 to begin the experience.  Patty Wiehler leading.  

**Thursday March 24**  **Maundy Thursday worship** in the sanctuary at 7.  Scott Kuhnle, speaker.  Communion will be served.  

**Good Friday, March 25**
6:00 AM sunrise **Labyrinth Walk** in the cemetery.  
9:00 AM -8:30 PM **Stations of the Cross** in the sanctuary (self-guided)  
6:00 PM evening **Labyrinth Walk** in the cemetery.  
6:00 PM ‘**Journey through Holy Week**’ (Children’s Stations of the Cross)  
7:00 PM **Good Friday worship ~ a service of Tenebrae** in Bower Chapel.  Pastor Dan leading.  

**Saturday March 26** - Easter Vigil at 5:25 p.m.  Hopewell Confirmands joining the church.
**Holy Week Fasting**  Once again this year, we look forward to a shared time of Fasting during Holy Week. Fasting is a spiritual discipline that draws the participants into a time of attentiveness and compassion. When fasting with fellow Christians, a particular connectedness binds and lifts up those involved. There are no ‘hard and fast’ rules to this practice and individuals can adapt the fast to meet individual needs, medical or otherwise. The experience will begin on **Thursday, March 24th** when the group meets that evening here at church for a meal, devotions and prayer. During that gathering, individuals will share a prayer focus for the hours of fasting. We will then attend the Maundy Thursday worship service together at 7:00 pm. The fast will be broken on **Saturday, March 26th** at midday as we come together, once again, to share in a meal and have follow-up conversation about our experiences. If you are moved to be a part of this opportunity, contact the church office or Pastor Vicki no later than Tuesday March 22nd to say you’ll participate. If you have questions, feel free to contact her at vicki@hopewellumc.org or at 610-269-1545. Printed information regarding Fasting is available in the Prayer Room, just outside the church office.

**Easter Day Worship**
Wont’ you join us as we watch the sunrise in East Brandywine Park for our first service of the day on Easter Sunday. The service will begin at 6:30 AM in the park. Pastor Steve will preach the message with Holy Communion. All are welcome to attend. Please feel free to invite your friends who may not have a church home but would appreciate this outdoor opportunity to worship.
And won’t you consider showing ‘Hopewell Hospitality’ on Easter Day by worshiping at either 8:00 or 10:55(or at sunrise in the Park!)? Many of our visitors choose the 9:30 hour on that day and it would be such a blessing if some of our ‘regulars’ shifted their schedules to make room for others who need to hear the Good News of Easter!

**Parking Reminder**  Please remember that we have 30 parking spaces available in the cemetery to use on Sunday mornings or anytime of the week. If you typically worship in one of our Chapel services, the walk is actually shorter from the cemetery parking to Bower Chapel than from the far end of the main parking lot.
Pastor Amy officiated the wedding ceremony of Peg Ankney and Glenn Ryne here at Hopewell on Saturday, March 19th. Please be in prayer for this newly married couple.

Got Ham? On Sunday, April 24th we will be hosting approximately 250-300 young people for the Eastern PA Youth Rally. This throng is going to need to be fed, and we are seeking donations of those "free" Easter hams (or coupons for same) that are ubiquitous throughout the community – you know, the hams that food stores offer customers for spending a lot of $$ and accumulating free ham points. Ham (or coupon) donations should be brought to the church office and given to staff.

Coffee with the Pastors

If you are thinking about membership at Hopewell UMC, a newcomer, or someone seeking a church home …

Join Pastor Steve for coffee and informal conversation, where you can learn more about Hopewell and what is involved regarding membership

Sunday, April 24th • 9:30am • Ladd Board Room

Please let Lynne know you are attending. lynne@hopewellumc.org
Ministry of the Month
HOPEWELL’S STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

With much appreciation for the time and energy with which they serve, faithfully focused on building strong relationships between Hopewell’s staff and congregation, as they carry out their leadership responsibilities to supervise, evaluate, and encourage, thank you SPRC!
Mame Linford, Barb Smyzer, Becky Brain (team leader), Brendan Murphy, Joe Mannion, Tom Long, Nancy Frame, (Not pictured): Nicole Mieritz, Randy Waltermyer, and Rosemary Malnofski

Auditions this Sunday for the 2016 Hopewell UMC Talent Show and “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor™ Dreamcoat”

Please join us on Sunday from 1:00 to 4:00 PM to participate in these two exciting ministries. Please contact Nancy DeZutter with questions, nancydz34@yahoo.com or 484-678-8126 about the talent show and contact Allen Puy (allen.s.puy@lmco.com or 610-505-3626) or Rebecca Gamble (mrsbeckyg@yahoo.com or 484-341-8433) about “Joseph.”
Hopewell United Methodist Church Strategic Map/Long Range Plan

Goal: Communicate serving opportunities aligned with our Beyond the Walls campaign.

Result: With BTW Year VIII soon concluding and BTW Year IX on the horizon, it’s a good time to communicate several serving opportunities right here in our community. Bridge of Hope – be a part of Hopewell’s next friendship team assisting a woman with children who is at risk of homelessness. Good Works – making houses warmer, safer, drier every 2nd Saturday of the month. Coatesville Kids to College – always looking for people to help in a myriad of needed ways. Safe Harbor - help prepare and/or serve dinner to the guests at this West Chester homeless shelter. Contact Deb Boyd (boyd@hopewellumc.org) for information.

2016 South Africa Mission Trip! We are starting to plan the 2016 mission trip to South Africa. We will be heading to the second Mosaic location in Paarl Valley which is where our mission trip team went last year to start building the Mosaic community center out of shipping containers. A ton of progress has been made since the Hopewell trip last August. The community center has been moved from the park to a permanent location and we just received more exciting news that Mosaic has acquired land big enough for up to 17 houses! So we will be building houses on this trip! The trip will take place over Thanksgiving week plus a few extra days. The estimated cost is $1,500 plus the cost of the airfare. Please contact Tony Brantzeg at tonybrantzeg@verizon.net for more information about the November trip.

Hopewell,
Thank you for your generous donation to the Honey Brook Food Pantry. We are sincerely grateful to receive the proceeds from the Potato Bowl Fund Raiser. This letter acknowledges receipt of $750.50.
Thank you for helping to support our mission of feeding our less fortunate neighbors. We are pleased that you have selected us to be recipients of your gift. Together, we are making a positive difference in the lives of others.

Sincerely,
Kenneth R. Ross, Board Chairman
The Honey Brook Food Pantry
INFORMATION SESSION - Come and learn what being a Bridge of Hope mentor is all about.

Sunday, April 3 at 10:30 AM in Adult Ministry B

We are excited to welcome Cheryl Miles, Program Director of Bridge of Hope, who will be here to provide information and answer questions about mentoring. Bridge of Hope, one of Hopewell’s Beyond The Walls partners, exists to assist single women with children who are experiencing homelessness or who are at-risk of becoming homeless. For information about this session, contact Boyd at boyd@hopewellumc.org.

Mark your calendars for UM Night at the Phillies! Join us for UM Night at the Phillies on Saturday, July 16th at 7:00 PM as the Phillies take on the NY Mets. Hopewell has secured a group of 100 tickets in section 138. Save the date and as summer approaches, see Dick Pry to make your ticket reservation.

LEAD

Living every day as disciples

HOPEWELL’S WILLOW CREEK GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

SESSION #1: The Intangibles of Leadership by Bill Hybels, Founder and Senior Pastor, Willow Creek Church

Sunday, April 24th - Noon to 2pm - Upper Youth Space - Led by Pastor Amy

All are welcome!

Lunch will be provided, so please let us know that you will be attending (and lunching!) by emailing Deb Boyd (boyd@hopewellumc.org).
Welcome!

Recent Visitors to Hopewell UMC
David & Grace Thompson

CELEBRATE! In addition to the 11 groups here at Hopewell participating in our Lenten Bible study Ponderings of the Heart: A Mother’s Reflections, we have received requests for 116 study DVDs, which means that there are 116 classes outside of Hopewell sharing in this study! Awesome! Praise God!!

Tuesday Time Apart
April 5 - 7:00pm
In the Sanctuary

A Special Time of Worship
Come, and receive rest in Him

A time of gentle worship in candlelight,
a time to find the quiet center and surrender
ourselves to listening for God,
a time to set aside distractions and
be peaceful and still in Him.

This special Tuesday Time Apart
worship service will include the epilogue and a closing liturgy in celebration of the Lenten Bible study series Ponderings of the Heart: A Mother’s Reflections. Everyone participating in the study series, as well as all those who are not, are invited to come and ponder with joy His glorious
Journey through Holy Week (formally called Stations of the Cross) A step-by-step journey taking children along the path that Jesus walked during His final days on earth. Join us on Friday, March 25th for this moving event. Please arrive between 6:00 & 6:30 PM for this hour long journey.

There will be NO Children’s Sunday school or Junior Church on Easter Sunday. We invite you to worship the Risen Christ together as a family!!

Creative Arts We will begin a 4 week ‘Art Block’ on Monday nights from 6 to 7 PM on April 4th. All 1st to 6th graders are invited to participate in this block that will create beautiful works of faith art. Registration forms can be found in the church lobby, or on-line.

Butterfly Tree All baskets are due this weekend!! Delivery to the CYWA in Coatesville will be on Monday.

Save the dates for these upcoming events. More details to come!

- Swim Party Sunday, April 24th, afternoon
- Cooking Camp June 14th to 16th, early evening
- Camp Innabah (age 4 to 7) – June 27th to July 1st & August 15th to 19th
  (Registration now available online at http://www.innabah.org/)
- VBS (age 4 to 5th grade) – July 18th to 22nd, morning & evening
  The theme is ‘Deep Sea Discovery’
  (Online Registration begins April 1st)
- Music & Drama Camp (4th to 6th grade) – July 31st to August 4th, evening

Children’s Ministries Weekly Email If you would like to have information regarding Hopewell Children’s Ministries sent to your email address weekly, please contact Cheri Miller in the church office, or email cheri@hopewellumc.org. Also, be sure to check out Hopewell’s website for further news.

Amphitheater work days coming . . .
April 2nd and April 23rd beginning at 8:30am are scheduled to be clean up and simple repair Saturdays to prepare the Amphitheater for our summer activities. Everyone is invited to come and give a hand, no skills required. Interested or want more information? Contact Paul Taylor - taylor.paul.a@att.net
Join Our New Text Notification System If you would like to receive instant text or email notifications about our youth programs go to the link below and add your cell number or email address.  

https://app.evernym.com/#!/group/Hopewell%20Youth

Summer 2016 Mission Trip Commitment Cards are Due Now For those who were unable to join us for the Annual Mission Trip Commitment Service, the Summer 2016 Commitment Card can be found at the Welcome Center in the church lobby. If you intend on participating in our Summer Missions’ program, please take the time to complete the card and leave it in mailbox #C3. Keep in mind that some of our Mission Trip experiences limit the number of students who can attend. Students are added to the roster on a “first come-first serve” basis.

Wednesday Evening Dinner & Lenten Bible Study for Youth All High School students, Grades 9th-12th are invited to participate in a 6-week Lenten Bible study and dinner. This week is our final study. All are welcome to join us in the Café from 6:00-7:30 PM.

30 Hour Famine @ The Philadelphia Project All student are invited to participate in the 30-Hour Famine on Friday and Saturday, April 1st & 2nd. This year we will join with other area Youth Groups at the Philadelphia Project for this experience. Details and Online Registration can be accessed at https://thorndaleumc.churchcenteronline.com/registrations/events/20702. In addition to the online registration, you MUST email Patty at patty@hopewellumc.org to confirm your registration, and to be included on travel details to Philadelphia.

Fundraiser –Mini Golf Masters All students are invited to participate in our next fundraiser for Youth Missions on Saturday, April 9th, 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM. We will be holding a Mini-Golf Tournament. More details to come next week…. SAVE THE DATE!!

S2—Check out these upcoming opportunities to Socialize & Serve Support/work the church-wide Mini Golf Masters Fundraiser on April 9, 2016 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at The Golf Zone in Honey Brook. The cost is $15/person for golf and lunch. On May 1st, we are co-sponsoring the Mother/Daughter Paint Party here at Hopewell. Ladies, stay tuned for more details. On May 1st, you may also join us for the Northbrook Canoe Challenge, a canoe race along a 10 mile course on the Brandywine River. Details to follow.
Administrative Assistant Opening at Marshallton UMC.

Marshallton UMC is seeking a part time administrative assistant who will assist the Pastor, staff and lay persons in the administrative functions. He/she will be responsible for all church correspondence, including bulletins, e-announcements and church-wide mailings, answering phone. He/she will maintain a high confidentiality. A working knowledge of computers and programs Microsoft Office and Publisher, office equipment and have excellent clerical/communication skills. Interested persons please send a resume and a cover letter to Marshallton United Methodist Church, 1282 W Strasburg Rd, West Chester, PA 19380, Attn: Staff Parish Relations Committee, by March 25, 2016.

BTW (Beyond The Walls) Launching Year IX the weekend of April 9th & 10th

Open Houses in three different members homes. Look for more details. Opportunities to meet with our ministry partners and leaders and to learn about their ministries: Nielen Bekker, Mosaic in Paarl Valley, SA, Ben Botti from Crisfield, MD and others.

It’s time for our annual fundraiser and you’re invited to become a part of our beautiful Mosaic! Meet Nielen Bekker, manager of our NEW community in Paarl Valley, and his wife Lulu. Learn about Mosaic’s work addressing South Africa’s under-served orphans and vulnerable children with a focus on our “Big Five” which include Housing, Education, Employment, Life Skills Training, and Childhood Development.

Join us for a dinner and silent auction on Tuesday, April 14, 2016
Downingtown Country Club
5:30 – 9:00 PM
Tickets are $40

If you’ve been to our annual fundraiser before, you know what a great time it’ll be!
Contact Cammy Brantzeg at cammy@mosaicsa.org or visit www.mosaicsa-us.org to register

“…when the sun had risen…” (Mark 16:2)

Let there be light! Our Easter Offering this year will be divided between two worthy needs:

- surgical lighting for the operating room in the new pediatric medical clinic in Mpassa, Congo (total cost of the project: $8,000.00)
- new efficient LED lighting soon to be installed in our own Family Life Center (total cost: $30,000.00)

Your gifts in 2016 will shed light on the risen Christ’s mission at home and abroad. Thank you!
FINANCE

Beyond the Walls - Year VIII

Local:
Bridge of Hope
C’ville Kids to College
Camp Innabah
Maranatha Christian Academy

Global:
South Africa & Haiti

Building:
Church Roof Replacement

Good Works
Safe Harbor
The Well

National:
Crisfield, MD

Annual Goal:
$275,000

Total Received:
$257,712

March Designated Giving – Replacing our Front Doors
You may have noticed that our main fronts door have been sporting a pair of snazzy binder clips to hold the closing mechanism open the past several months. A change in locking hardware design is not allowing our doors to remain free to easily open (thus the binder clips). After much research we have found our doors cannot be retro-fitted to allow for ADA compliant locking hardware leaving us with the need to replace the front doors. Your March Designated gifts will help to cover the $5410 expense of the new doors. Received to date: $620.00.

Connectional Ministries Fund (CMF)
Supporting United Methodist missionaries, schools, and hospitals all around the world!
Special CMF Challenge Goal for 2016: $12,000
(toward our total commitment in 2016 of $123,050)
Total received Year-To-Date: $1,550.00
DONATION STATION
Please place your donations downstairs by the Family Life Center at the Donation Station.
THANK YOU!

UMW Ingathering—At Hopewell on Saturday, April 16th
All women invited to attend, starting at 9:15am with continental breakfast

For the Ingathering, UMW is seeking donations of NEW clothing, with the SIZE of the item indicated, and other items as listed below. Pairs of clothing items (pajamas; shirt and pant sets) should be connected together, pinned or tied. Suggested items include:

- Men’s clothing in small or extra-large sizes (especially socks and underwear)
- Women’s clothing in all sizes (especially underwear and maternity clothes in extra-large size)
- Children, youth, and teen clothing in all sizes
- Infant and layette items, including powders, oils, and shampoos
- Afghans in twin size and lap robes (35” X 40”)
- Children’s books and toys
- Bedding and bed linens

Recipients from last year’s Ingathering donations included St. Daniel UMC’s food pantry and clothing bank; Spanish Health Ministry Children’s Program; Olivet UMC food bank; First Media UMC Delco Pregnancy Center; Birthright; Chester County Women’s Prison; and Wings for Success.

Contact Ellen Faller at 610.363.7318 for more information.

Bridge of Hope assists single mothers and their children living in Chester County who are near being or in a homeless situation. These single mothers will be able to stretch their meager incomes a bit further into the month when we help with donations of:

- Diapers—sizes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
- Pull-Ups—sizes 4T, 5T
- Wipes
- Coupons for Diapers and Wipes
- Diaper Rash Ointment or Cream

Chester County Food Bank Shopping List

- Small cans or pouches of tuna, chicken or beef
- Small jars of peanut butter
- Fruit cups packed in 100% juice/apple sauce cups
- 100% fruit juice boxes
- Healthy cereal (12-16 oz.)
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Pouches of Pasta Sides
- Pouches of Pasta Meals
- Ready Rice boxed grains
- Shelf-stable milk (Parmalat)

Clip box and take along when you food shop