FIRST NEWS
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Weekly Newsletter

January 10, 2021

Please remember in prayer those listed below:

Louise Conover	Bill Duncan	Christine Frink	Theresa Gee
Carolyn Hoagland	Harry Lilly	Sharwood Moneymaker	Shirley Slaughter
Chuck Steininger	The Donati family	Families of Patti Williams & Katherine Schultz	

Prayer requests are taken on an ongoing basis. A new list begins the second Sunday of each month. (Be sure to obtain the individuals' permission to submit the name(s) to be published on our list.)

Dear Friends,

I have missed seeing you at church the last couple of weeks. However, I am grateful to have seen so many of you participate by watching our livestream. We will continue to persevere, and we will do it together.

This week, our Healthy Church Team had a discussion regarding a date for our return to in-person worship. Many of the individuals on our team felt that it would be wise to wait and see what happens in the coming weeks before we make our return to regular, in-person worship. The team does not want to take any unnecessary risks with the health of our congregation. The team continues to monitor confirmed COVID-19 cases in our area, as well the developing situation with the vaccine and the new strain of coronavirus. **There will be no in-person worship this Sunday (January 10). The service will be virtual only.** We will re-evaluate the situation next week. Please continue to read our weekly newsletters for regular updates.

Also, our Administrative Assistant, Theresa Gee, had surgery on Tuesday morning and the procedure was a success. Theresa is doing well. I hope you will join me in continuing to pray for her as she recovers. It will likely be at least a few weeks before Theresa resumes her work in the church office. **For now, we will not have a full-time substitute in the office.** Messages left on the church office voicemail will be checked on a regular basis. You may also contact me directly. Please do not hesitate to do that.

We are living through a difficult time, but as I said before, we are not alone. God is with us, and we have each other. I am grateful for each one of you.

With love, Scott 804-712-4725 scotthonaker@vaumc.org

OUR HEALTHY-CHURCH TEAM HAS RECOMMENDED THAT IN-PERSON WORSHIP FOR JANUARY 10th BE CANCELLED DUE TO THE COVID-19 INCREASE IN THE HOPEWELL AREA.
Information about future services will be forthcoming as it becomes available.

There continues to be great needs for the homeless folks in our area. You can help by giving white tube socks and/or $5.00 gift cards for Hardees or McDonalds.
Collection containers are on the desk in the welcome area.
Thank you for your generous contributions!
"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:40)

JANUARY USHERS

Bill Henry	Bruce Clark
Jim Dye	Ben Rackley

JANUARY GREETERS: UMW Helping Hands Circle

Report for the Week of December 27th
Virtual-only Worship Service

Operating Budget Offering	**$5,750.00**
Major Needs	$25.00
Missions-Faith Promise	$25.00
Love & Needy	$25.00
Memorial Fund (Undesignated Remembrance)	$200.00
Memorial Fund – Patti Williams	$825.00
Initial Offering - Envelopes	$10.00
TOTAL OFFERING	**$6,860.00**

Please remember to send in your offerings and pledges.
(FUMC, P.O. Box 636, Hopewell 23860)

Report for the Week of January 3rd
Virtual-only Worship Service
Financial Report for January 3rd will be included in next week's Newsletter.

Please remember to send in your offerings and pledges.
(FUMC, P.O. Box 636, Hopewell 23860)

A special Thank-you to Carolyn Hoagland for scheduling fresh Sanctuary flowers for 2021 and to everyone who will be providing beautiful flowers for our worship services. Carolyn will be contacting those who are already scheduled for any services that may become virtual-only to re-schedule as desired.

Our Father, this week, we are praying for our dear friend and beloved Administrative Assistant, Theresa Gee, who usually writes a sweet prayer each week for our Newsletter. Thank you for bringing her through the surgery on Tuesday. We pray that any pain will be slight, that she will recover quickly, and that she will be able to return to us soon. Remind her that we love her and are praying for her and for Brian as he cares for her. It is in Jesus' name, we pray. Amen. (Judy Blevins)