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Weekly Newsletter

July 18, 2021

Please remember in prayer those listed below:

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.)

Coby Andrewski Bill Crafton Paul Day
Carl Mason Richard Marks

The Families of Ted Lowder, Denise McCormick and Judy Marks

Friends,

I hope you are having a good month of July. I plan to be enjoying some vacation with my family beginning July 17th, so I will not be with you on Sunday the 18th. Dennis Foxworth has graciously agreed to lead you in worship. He will be preaching from the book of Job. This tale as old as time invites us to consider the question, "Why does God allow suffering?" Job is a fascinating individual (not to mention his friends!), and his story gives us a lot of space to grow in our faith.

I look forward to being with you again on July 25th.

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

FUMC POST-COVID MITIGATION ASSISTANCE PLAN

As previously announced, our Healthy Church Team has been re-named the "Post-Covid Re-entry Group" and charged with developing our "Mitigation Assistance Plan." Our Plan was approved by the District Superintendent, and we look forward to returning to a full schedule of church activities soon! In the meantime, in person worship continues at 11:00 AM every Sunday, and if fully vaccinated, we are mask-free.

On behalf of the Hopewell Food Pantry Board and the many families we serve, I want to thank your organization for your financial support of a donation of $60. With your help, we shall continue to provide food to the clients coming to our pantry (12087 client visits last year). Your generous support, along with that of many others, has allowed us to provide all of our clients 12 visits per year (i.e. one visit every month). Again, a heartfelt "Thank you."

Dick Commander, Chairman, HFP Board of Directors

JULY USHERS

Randy Honaker Gordon Bowman Mike Bujakowski
Jeff Moosman Clarence Moseley

July18th Nursery Staff – Ann Henry and Cindy Altman

Report for the Week of July 11th

Operating Budget Offering	**$4,900.00**
Love and Needy	$50.00
Major Needs	$60.00
Missions	$75.00
TOTAL OFFERING	**$5,085.00**
IN-PERSON WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	**42**

Thank you for your faithfulness in sending in your pledges and offerings.
First UMC, P.O. Box 636, Hopewell, VA. 23860

The flowers on the altar this Sunday are given to the Glory of God by Judy Blevins in honor of the July 14th birthday of her son, Rusty, the July 22nd birthday of her daughter-in-law, Mihoko, and in celebration of their 22nd wedding anniversary on July 17th.

Dear Lord, we thank you for our trials, for in those we are made strong. We thank you for reminding us that, "In all things give thanks," for in those things we are made grateful. In the Name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

(Theresa Gee, First UMC Admin. Asst.)