



Hopewell United Methodist Church

September 27, 2020

We are glad to have the opportunity to worship with you today!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Welcome Announcements

The Music of Centering

Holy Ground

The Morning Prayer

The Song of Praise

His Eye is on the Sparrow

The Children's Time with Pastor Don

The Special Recognition

The Prayer of Illumination

***The Reading of Scripture**

Matthew 21:23-32

The Authority of Jesus Questioned

23 When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' 24 Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. 25 Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?" 26 But if we say, "Of human origin", we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' 27 So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.'

The Parable of the Two Sons

28 'What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." 29 He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. 30 The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. 31 Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. 32 For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.'

The Song of Celebration

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

The Message

"ARROWS"

Rev. Donald R. Brown, pastor

The Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

The Song of Celebration

My Life Flows On

***The Benediction**

***The Music of Sending Forth**

God Be with You till we Meet Again

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Did You Know???

Hopewell UMC loves it when people want to support her ministries by making donations of any kind! But did you know that donations of tangible items such as patio furniture, couches, and ceiling tiles are required to be “approved and accepted” by the Board of Trustees prior to bringing the items to the church? This is to ensure that the donated items are needed and useable and that proper use and storage of items can be arranged. In some cases, the donation may also require that the trustees adjust insurance coverages. If you would like to donate a tangible item to the church please contact the chairperson of the Board of Trustees, Chris Marcus, ahead of time to receive approval and make necessary arrangements.

Budget Requests Due Today

The finance committee will receive budget requests for the 2021 ministry year through TODAY, September 27. All chairpersons, as well as anyone wishing to request budgeted funds for ministry for 2021 is asked to be sure to have your requests submitted to the church office by the end of today. Members of the finance committee will receive an email with requested budget items prior to their meeting on October 4 to expedite the finalizing of the budget to be sent to charge conference.

Charge Conference Date Set

The charge conference for Hopewell has been set for Sunday, October 25th, at 6:00 p.m. Weather permitting, we will meet in the pavilion. Otherwise we will gather in the sanctuary while remaining socially distanced. Our District Superintendent has authorized pastor Don Brown to preside at this year’s conference.

Men’s Breakfast and Devotion

Men of the church are invited to a weekly breakfast and time of devotion at 6:15 a.m. every Wednesday morning. We gather at Eggs Up Grill on N. Main Street. Please note that the restaurant requires that you wear a mask until you are seated at the table. Note: Please contact the pastor ahead of time to reserve your space so that the restaurant can prepare our tables ahead of time.

Discussion Group

You are invited to participate in a discussion group on Sunday, October 4th, at 4:30 p.m. as we discuss the documentary, “I Am Not Your Negro”. As United Methodists we have a long and rich history of standing for human rights. As such it is important for us to be involved in related conversations that may challenge us to think and convict us in our comforts.

From www.pbs.org, “I Am Not Your Negro envisions the book James Baldwin never finished, a radical narration about race in America, using the writer’s original words, as read by actor Samuel L. Jackson. Alongside a flood of rich archival material, the film draws upon Baldwin’s notes on the lives and assassinations of Medgar Evers, Malcolm X, and Martin Luther King Jr. to explore and bring a fresh and radical perspective to the current racial narrative in America.

Raoul Peck’s Oscar-nominated documentary is a journey into black history that connects the past of the Civil Rights movement to the present of #BlackLivesMatter. It is a film that questions black representation in Hollywood and beyond. And, ultimately, by confronting the deeper connections between the lives and assassination of these three leaders, Baldwin and Peck have produced a work that challenges the very definition of what America stands for.”

Prayer Requests

While we are worshiping online only you may easily submit prayer requests on the church website using the “Prayer” tab. www.hopewellumcsimpsonville.com. You may also call or text your prayer requests to Pastor Don directly at (864)630-0164

This Weeks Calendar

Date	Time	Event Details
Sun., Sept. 27	9:30 a.m.	Worship on the front lawn
Mon., Sept. 21	10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
Wed., Sept. 23	6:15 a.m.	Men's Breakfast (Limited to 10 / Eggs Up Grill)
	10:10 a.m.	Churchwide Prayer Time
NEXT Sun., October 4		World Communion Sunday
	10:35 a.m.	Finance Committee Meeting
	4:30 p.m.	Discussion Group

