



The Voice

Hopkins & South Monterey United Methodist Churches

January/February 2018

Whose Ready for Some Goal Setting!!!

The New Year always brings the opportunity for resolutions and fresh starts. We get back on the diet, dust off the gym clothes, or think about tackling that big project we've been putting off. It is a natural time to think about what we might be able to accomplish in the coming year.

Likewise, the New Year is a time when we as a church can think about who we are and what we want to do this year. Of course, as a church we will continue to do the normal things churches do: we will worship, pray, give out food to the hungry, be with the sick, teach our children. But this year we are going to try to set some goals for some concrete things we might accomplish. The Hopkins Ad Board has already set some goals, and the South Monterey board will do some goal setting in the January. For Hopkins, the board has decided on 3 goals to help us live into our vision of "affecting lives through Jesus Christ." These goals are:

- **Increase average worship attendance by 5%.** Our current average is 39 people. So to have a 5% increase would mean gaining an average of 2 people in worship.
- **Increase participation by families with children.** This means thinking about things that might attract young folk and kids.
- **Develop a plan for our music to support the above goals.** This will mean looking at our mix of songs and styles to see what would help us attain our goals.

I think these are some good goals; they hit our vision and I believe, with some effort and thought, they are attainable.

We'll be talking more about these goals at Hopkins, and what South Monterey might want to set as their goals.

As a part of this process, I will be preaching on evangelism and reaching out in January. This series will tackle the topic of sharing our faith in a practical and not-scary way. We'll explore some concrete steps we can take to share our faith with others, and maybe be invitational to those in our community.

I am excited about 2018 and what it holds for our churches. I believe that God has been doing amazing things in our midst, and I truly believe that God will continue to do great things with us. Now it's our job to add our hands and voices to that work.

Peace,
Pastor Joel



Hopkins Administrative Board Meetings

Tuesday, January 23rd at 6:30pm
Tuesday, February 27th at 6:30pm.
Hopkins Ad Board will meet the 4th Tuesday of every month.

Look at what's happening....

Family Night Out

Thursday, January 11th at 6:00.

We will gather at Russo's for this meal.

RSVPs will be due by Sunday, January 7th. If you haven't signed up and won't be in church, please call the church and leave a message. 793-7323

This is a family event.

Love and Logic

Pastor Joel and his wife, Pastor Erin, are offering Love and Logic classes every Thursday beginning February 1st through March 15th. Classes are held from 5:30-7:30pm.

We will be providing dinner and child care. We will need your help to provide this valuable opportunity for local families.

There will be sign-up sheets at both churches letting you know exactly what we need.

Please help however you can.

2018 Souper Bowl Collection



It's time for our annual Souper Bowl Competition between our local United Methodist Churches: Burnips, Hopkins, Monterey Center and South Monterey! We're collecting canned soup, chili ingredients and boxes of crackers from now until Souper Bowl Sunday, February 4. All items will be donated to our local food pantries. The church that collects the most items will be named the 2018 Souper Bowl Champions! It's time for some friendly competition!

Grandma's House 2018

October 12 & 13, 2018

We have started planning for our next Bazaar. Please start using your talents to create products or share your ideas for products that we can sell at the Bazaar. If you have supplies that you think someone else could use, please bring them to church. We will let others know that they are there.

Watch for Workbee dates!

Kid's Food Basket

Wednesday, March 14, 2018

We are once again heading to Kids' Food Basket! We will be going on Wednesday, March 14th. We'll meet at HUM hall at 8:15 to make up trail mix baggies to take with us. After our shift at KFB, we'll plan on stopping for lunch on the way back to Hopkins.

Please sign up by March 8 so we can get the final number to KFB so they can plan for us. A tour of the facility can be arranged if we request one. Let Dawn know if you are interested in that.

We will be collecting items to make **trail mix bags** to donate. Below is a list of the items we need. Store brand is fine, but **no other substitutions**. They are very strict with what items can be put in the trail mix. We will not be able to use any other items that are donated (we will donate them to the food pantry.)

Trail Mix Items

(Only these items, please.)

Cheerios – plain or multi grain
Plain Goldfish or other small plain cheese type crackers
Pretzels – small twist or shapes
Raisins
Zip-loc type bags – sandwich or snack size

We will begin collecting items on Sunday, February 18th. Please have all donations to the church by Sunday, March 11. Thank you!



Sign up to volunteer on Wednesday, March 14th.



January

- 4th – Phyllis Thomas
- 5th – Lori Knuth
- 6th – Deanna Haas
Terry Brennan
- 9th – Bill Howard
- 20th – Marrion Lull
- 23rd – Alys Edgell
- 29th – Darcie Mack

February

- 12th – Debbie Lemmer
- 14th – Evan Crowe
- 22nd – Kelsey Houseman
- 24th – Earl Collier

Pastor Joel's Sermon Series

January

"One Fish, Two Fish, How do we do this?"
How do we reach out and share our faith with others?

Jan. 7th - Casting Your Nets
John 21:1-14

Responding to Jesus call to be fishers of people.

Jan. 14th - **WHY** share your faith?
Matthew 14:17-25

Looking at what our motivation to share the faith might be.

Jan. 21st - **HOW** do we share our faith?
1 Corinthians 13:4-13

Ways in which we can share our faith in practical ways.

Jan. 28th - **WHO** do we share our faith with?
Matthew 28:16-20

Deciding who to share our faith with, starting with our neighbors and those close to us. (The Art of Neighboring)

February

Continuing "One Fish, Two Fish, How do we do this?"

Feb. 4th - **WHAT** do we do when people object?
1 Peter 3:15

Sharing our faith even when doing so might mean going out on a limb.

Feb. 11th - **WHEN** do we share our faith?
Isaiah 43:15-21

Taking the first step in sharing our faith.

Lent begins on Wednesday, Feb. 14th.
Check weekly bulletins for details about
Pastor Joel's Lenten Series.



January

- 10th – Ken & Nancy Vogt

February

- 14th – Todd & Kathy Lull



Hopkins/South Monterey Leadership

The 2018 Leadership Team was elected at our Charge Conference in November. If you are wondering if you are part of the Leadership Team, you can check the bulletin board at your church or call the church office. If you are interested in being part of the team in the future, please tell Pastor Joel or the membership coordinator from your church.



Worship Volunteers

If you are unable to fulfill your "assignment", please trade dates.
Let Mitzi know and she will make the change in the bulletin.

January

January Ushers H - Alaina Lewis, Tadd Heft &
Tom Green
SM - Paul Collier & Jim Thomas

January Greeters H - Vern Kraft & Bert Tew

January 7th

Coffee Fellowship H-Dick & Judy Weick
SM- Paul Collier

Liturgist H-Mitzi Crowe
SM - Jim Thomas

Communion Helper H- Linda Burton-Collier

Children's Message Pastor Joel

Children's Church Mandi Edgell & Sandy Ringler

SM Greeters Carl Collier

January 14th

Coffee Fellowship H-Marge PUNCHES & The Hortons
SM- Todd & Karen Collie

Liturgist H-Amelia Green
SM - Mary Lou Brennan

Children's Message Alys Edgell

Children's Church Bert Tew & Joyce Horton

SM Greeters Earl & Linda Collier

January 21st

Coffee Fellowship H-Alaina Lewis & Darcie Mack
SM-Jim & Phyllis Thomas

Liturgist H-Marge PUNCHES
SM - Carl Collier

Children's Message Marge PUNCHES

Children's Church Judy Kraft

SM Greeters Paul Collier

January 28th

Coffee Fellowship H-D. Lemmer & Amanda DeVries
SM- ML Brennan & Nancy Vogt

Liturgist H-Judy Beck
SM - Jim Thomas

Children's Message Linda Burton-Collier

Children's Church Marge PUNCHES

SM Greeters Todd & Karen Collier

February

February Ushers H- Bert Tew, Vern Kraft &
Ken Herrema
SM - Carl Collier & Todd Collier

February Greeters H- Bill & Mary Howard

February 4th

Coffee Fellowship H-Dawn & Amelia Green
SM -Carl Collier

Liturgist H- Bert Tew
SM - Mary Lou Brennan

Communion Helper H - Jaron Horton

(Feb. 4th con't.)

Children's Message Pastor Joel

Children's Church
SM Greeters Denna Haas

February 11th

Coffee Fellowship H- Vern & Judy Kraft
SM- Earl & Linda Collier

Liturgist H-Jaron Horton
SM - Carl Collier

Children's Message Marge PUNCHES

Children's Church
SM Greeters Jim & Phyllis Thomas

February 18th

Coffee Fellowship H- Bob & Judy Beck
SM- Paul Collier

Liturgist H -Jason Horton
SM - Jim Thomas

Children's Message Mitzi Crowe & Dee Davies

Children's Church Mitzi Crowe

February 25th

Coffee Fellowship H- Mary Howard & Bert Tew
SM- Todd & Karen Collier

Liturgist H- Linda Burton-Collier
SM - Mary Lou Brennan

Children's Message Mary Howard

Children's Church
SM Greeters Carl Collier

March

March Ushers H- Tadd Heft, Ken Herrema, &
Vern Kraft

March Greeters SM - Carl Collier & Todd Collier
H- Ken & Mary Herrema

March 4th

Coffee Fellowship H- Lulls & Hortons
SM- Jim & Phyllis Thomas

Liturgist H- Mitzi Crowe
SM - Carl Collier

Communion Helper H- Jim Ringle

Children's Message Pastor Joel

Children's Church
SM Greeters Earl & Linda Collier

Hopkins Audio Visual

Jan. 7 & 14 - Merle Edgell & Joyce Horton

Jan. 21 & 28 - Mandi Edgell & Joyce Horton

February - Dawn Green & Amelia Green

March - Merle Edgell & Mandi Edgell

April 1st - Dawn Green & Joyce Horton

There are still opportunities for you to help
with Children's Church at Hopkins. Let Mitzi
know if you are able to take a Sunday.