



# The Voice

## Hopkins & South Monterey United Methodist Churches

### September/October 2017

#### New Beginnings

I've been thinking about change lately. Two months ago, you and I experienced a change when I began serving here as pastor. Changes are things that happen once. There is a definite juncture; one day I was not your pastor and the next day I was. We experience changes all the time. Some are small: the change of one TV show to another, the change of seasons. Other changes are big and less regular: the start of a school, the beginning or ending of a relationship.

We many times don't like change. We like the status quo: we as humans do a great job of getting used to the way things are. When things change, it upsets our systems, it increases our anxiety. Even when changes are good, there can still be anxiety. The change of entering into marriage is one of the most joyous times in a person's life. Yet a bride and groom in the moments before the wedding are often the most anxious people in the world.

That's because the effects of change continue well beyond the actual change. A wedding is a relatively short event; a marriage will hopefully last a long time. A change of job happens once, but the implications last a long time. Business gurus have a name for these knock-on effects: Transitions. Transitions start well before a change and last well after a change. Transitions involve all of the emotions that we experience around a change: the fear about the unknown, the excitement for something new, the anxiety about what might happen, the hope in a new future.

The problem is, we often focus on the change, and give short shrift to transitions. We don't always prepare for change or how we will feel after a change happens. This can make change all the

harder. If we don't attend to transitions, it can make the process of change all the more difficult. In September, we are going to begin a sermon series on transitions. This is a good time to think about the emotions we feel around change. We have been transitioning into new pastoral leadership. Many are transitioning into a new school year. And we have all of the other transitions that happen in life. Attending to transitions helps us as individuals and us as a church successfully live into a new reality. In October, we are going to transition (see what I did there?) into a commitment series. We'll be looking at the membership vows of the United Methodist Church, and how we might recommit to following them in our lives. We'll have the opportunity to make a pledge on how we will live into these vows for the coming year. I pray God's blessing on us as we continue to transition into a new reality.

Peace,  
Pastor Joel



\*(United Methodist Committee on Relief)

## United Methodist Women

WHEN WOMEN UNITE,  
BOLD AND COURAGEOUS ACTIONS HAPPEN

**Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup> - UMW meeting at 6:30.**

Come and hear more about the events listed below.

**\*Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> - 45<sup>th</sup> Annual UMW District meeting from 9:30-2:30.** Meeting at Sodus Chapel Hill UMC which is close to St. Joseph.

Cost: \$12 in advance \$15 at the door

**\*Oct. 16-17<sup>th</sup> - 2017 Mission U of the North** being held in Gaylord. This is a chance to learn about Living as a Covenant Community as well as Climate Justice or Missionary Conferences in the UC in the US.

**\*Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> - UMW Conference Annual Meeting in Mt. Pleasant.**  
9:00-3:00

**November 10-11 - Grandma's House (a bazaar)**

**\*May 18-20, 2018 - UMW Assembly 2018**  
Greater Columbus Convention Center  
Columbus, Ohio



### Operation Oreo

We will be following the lead of the Alpharetta First United Methodist Church in Georgia.

They have been collecting Oreos since 2009. They send the collection to troops overseas.

We plan to do the same.

Please bring your donation of Oreos to either church from now until Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>.

We are currently in the process of researching where to send the cookies. If you have an idea, please share that information with Dawn Green.

(Dawn posted a video on the church facebook page. If you don't use facebook, you can see Operation Oreo information on their church website.)

"Operation Oreo is one small – and easy! – way to say thank you to the brave men and women who sacrifice so much to keep us free, and to let them know they are in our constant prayers."

-Alpharetta First United Methodist Church



### Little Caesars Pizza Kits

The UMW is holding a pizza kit sale until Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. Pizza kits will be delivered, and must be picked up, on the evening of Wednesday, Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>. There will be order forms available in the basement of South Monterey and in HUM Hall. If you are interested in selling kits to family and friends, ask for an order form. (Payment is due with the order.)

### Mentor Meeting at HUM Hall

*Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>*  
*11am – 12pm*

A new school year is about to begin.

That means another year to bless HES kids with community mentors.

If you have ever thought about becoming part of this wonderful program, please plan to attend this September 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. You will have a chance to ask questions and hear stories from past and current mentors. If you're interested but not able to attend the meeting, please talk to Alys Edgell.



### **HUMC Sunday School Begins**

Children's Sunday School begins Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>.

Adult Sunday School begins on Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:30.

The first session will run through Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>.

We will be studying "The Circle Maker" by Mark Batterson.

**If you need a copy of the book, let Bert know.**  
(2<sup>nd</sup> session runs from January 7-March 18.)

## UPCOMING DATES

Tuesday, Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> - Hopkins school begins

-SM Ad Board meeting - 6pm

Thursday, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> - Bazaar cooking day @ 9am

**Sunday, Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> - Children's Sunday School begins**

Monday, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> - UMW meeting at 6:30

Tuesday, Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> - Mentor Meeting 11am - 12pm

Thursday, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> - Bazaar cooking day @ 9am

Saturday, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> - Bazaar cooking day @ 9am

(This day may be cancelled. Watch for updates.)

**Sunday, Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> - Adult Sunday school begins 9:30**

Last day of UMCOR collection.

**Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> - JOINT SERVICE at HUMC**

UMW Sunday

Monday, Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> - UMW meeting @ 6:30pm

Tuesday, Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> - Hopkins Ad Board - 7:00pm

Friday, Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> - Begin Bazaar pasties - **5:00pm**

Saturday, Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> - Finish pasties - 9am

Thursday, Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> - Bazaar cooking day - 9am

Saturday, Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> - Bazaar cooking day - 9am

Thursday, Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> - Bazaar cooking day - 9am

Friday, Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> - Grandma's House (bazaar) 2-7pm

Saturday, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> - Grandma's House 8am - 3pm

Sunday, Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> - Annual charge conference

at South Monterey

2:00 - PPRC

2:30 - Charge conference

## Pastor Joel's Sermon Series

### SEPTEMBER

Transitions - Looking at the transitions that happen in life and how scripture might help us.

September 3<sup>rd</sup> - When change causes grief.

**Scripture: Matthew 26: 38-40**

Changes mean transitions which require a letting go of what was.

September 10<sup>th</sup> - When change causes anxiety.

**Scripture: Numbers 13: 24 - 14:4**

Transitions create anxiety which can cause us to lose focus and seek easy answers.

September 17<sup>th</sup> - When change causes excitement.

**Scripture: Luke 24: 5-12**

Transitions allow space for excitement about new things God can do.

September 24<sup>th</sup> - When change causes hope.

**Scripture: 1 John 1: 1-3**

Transitions can create hope for a new future.

### OCTOBER

Stewardship - Exploring the membership vows of the church and how we can recommit to them.

October 1<sup>st</sup> - UMW Sunday

Focusing on the work of the UMW.

October 8<sup>th</sup> - Loving God with our PRAYERS.

**Scripture: Luke 11: 1-14**

Looking at the Lord's Prayer as a model for our prayer life.

October 15<sup>th</sup> - Loving God with our PRESENCE.

**Scripture: Acts 2: 43-47**

The importance of gathering together as a community of faith.

October 22<sup>nd</sup> - Loving God with our GIFTS.

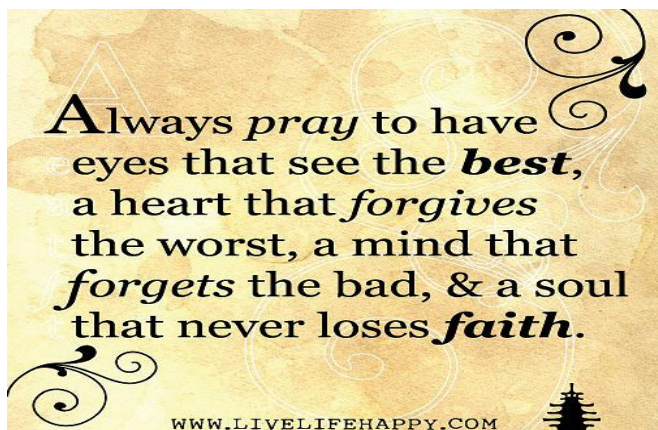
**Scripture: Luke 21: 1-4**

How we love God through our financial gifts and support.

October 29<sup>th</sup> - Loving God with our SERVICE and WITNESS.

**Scripture: Matthew 28: 16-20**

Serving God through our service and witness to others.



## 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.

### SEPTEMBER

**September Ushers** H - Judy Beck, Juanita Curtis,  
& Merle Edgell  
SM - Mandy Collier, Paul Collier,  
& Jim Thomas

**September Greeters** H - Marge Panches & Jim Ringler

**September 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Coffee Fellowship** H-Jim & Sandy Ringler  
SM- Carl Collier

**Liturgist** H-Tyler McDaniel  
SM - Mary Lou Brennan

**Communion Helper** H- Sandy Ringler

**Children's Message** Pastor Joel

**Grace Space/Nursery** Marge Panches & Megan Heft

**SM Greeters** Mary Lou Brennan

### September 10<sup>th</sup>

**Coffee Fellowship** H-Tadd & Kirstin Heft  
SM- Don & Judy Collier

**Liturgist** H-Sandy Ringler  
SM - Don Collier

**Children's Message** Pastor Linda Burton-Collier

**Grace Space/Nursery** Mitzi Crowe & Isaiah Brooks

**SM Greeters** Carl Collier

### September 17<sup>th</sup>

**Coffee Fellowship** H-The Edgell Family  
SM-Earl & Linda Collier

**Liturgist** H-Bert Tew  
SM - Carl Collier

**Children's Message** Mitzi Crowe

**Grace Space/Nursery** Mandi Edgell & Jordan Jilek

**SM Greeters** Don & Judy Collier

### September 24<sup>th</sup>

**Coffee Fellowship** H-Carole Prather & The Hortons  
SM- Paul Collier

**Liturgist** H-Judy Beck  
SM - Jim Thomas

**Children's Message** Alys Edgell

**Grace Space/Nursery** Amelia Green & Faith Phillips

**SM Greeters** Earl & Linda Collier

### OCTOBER

**October Ushers** H- Dustin Jilek, Vern Kraft  
& Marge Panches  
SM - Chelsey Collier, Don Collier,  
& Gordon Terry

**October Greeters** H- Bob & Judy Beck

**October 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Coffee Fellowship** H-Marge Panches & BertTew  
SM - Todd & Karen Collier

**Liturgist** H- Mitzi Crowe

### (Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> con't.)

**Liturgist** SM - Mary Lou Brennan  
Mary Howard

**Children's Message** Jaron Horton & Tim McDaniel

**Grace Space/Nursery** Paul Collier

**SM Greeters**

### October 8<sup>th</sup>

**Coffee Fellowship** H-Mitzi Crowe & Mary Howard  
SM- Gordon Terry

**Liturgist** H-Mandi Edgell  
SM - Don Collier

**Communion Helper** H- Bert Tew

**Children's Message** Lisa Jilek

**Grace Space/Nursery** Joyce Horton & Jordan Jilek

**SM Greeters** Todd & Karen Collier

### October 15<sup>th</sup>

**Coffee Fellowship** H-Darcie Mack & Alaina Lewis  
SM- Terry & Anna Brennan

**Liturgist** H -Joyce Horton  
SM - Carl Collier

**Children's Message** Marge Panches

**Grace Space/Nursery** Judy Kraft & Isaiah Brooks

**SM Greeters** Gordon Terry

### October 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Coffee Fellowship** H-D. Lemmer & A. DeVries  
SM- Jim & Phyllis Thomas

**Liturgist** H-Dustin Jilek  
SM - Jim Thomas

**Children's Message** Pastor Linda Burton-Collier

**Grace Space/Nursery** Marge Panches & Tyler McDaniel

**SM Greeters** Jim & Phyllis Thomas

### October 29<sup>th</sup>

**Coffee Fellowship** H-Jim & Sandy Ringler  
SM-M L Brennan & Nancy Vogt

**Liturgist** H-Vern Kraft  
SM - Mary Lou Brennan

**Children's Message** Mitzi Crowe

**Grace Space/Nursery** Dawn Green & Jordan Jilek

**SM Greeters**

### NOVEMBER

**November Ushers** H - Ringlers & Bob Beck  
SM - Earl Collier, Katie Collier,  
& Terry Brennan

**November Greeters** H-Juanita Curtis & Merle Edgell

**November 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Coffee Fellowship** H-Dawn Green  
SM- Carl Collier

**Liturgist** H-Tyler McDaniel  
SM - Don Collier

**Communion Helper** H- Judy Beck

**Children's Message** Pastor Joel

**Grace Space/Nursery** Mitzi Crowe & Tim McDaniel

**SM Greeters** Mary Lou Brennan

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## September

6<sup>th</sup> Dezaray Kraft      21<sup>st</sup> Renee Velderman  
11<sup>th</sup> Jim Thomas      24<sup>th</sup> Ed Ballard  
14<sup>th</sup> Mary Lou Ewing      28<sup>th</sup> Evan Willey

## October

6<sup>th</sup> Dawn Green      17<sup>th</sup> Sara Velderman  
8<sup>th</sup> Camryn Lewis      28<sup>th</sup> Merle Edgell  
14<sup>th</sup> Allison Crowe      31<sup>st</sup> Bob Beck  
15<sup>th</sup> Michael Fitzgerald



Thank you to the men of our church who oversaw the completion of the hall.

**Mike - Thank you for moving everything from the basement of the church back to HUM Hall.**  
- Mitzi

I would like to thank Juanita for her commitment to the Senior Meal program and her countless hours of work in the food pantry.

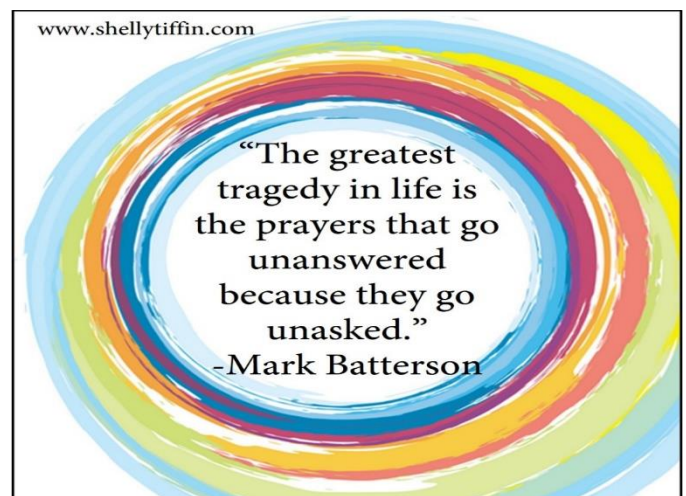
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The consistency in attending church and the example of our older people set in how to live our lives is awesome! Thank you Margaret Myers, Lori Knuth, Doris Reynolds, Rose Haas, Mary Lou Brennan, Mary Lou Ewing, Jim and Phyllis Thomas, Marrison (& Trayton) Lull, Linda Van Order, and Gordon Terry.

Thank you to all of our worship volunteers. We appreciate your willingness to serve the church.

**Thank you to everyone who has helped at the Bazaar cooking days. With your help, we been able to accomplish a lot.**

Thank you to Pastor Joel for teaching us the Breath Prayer.  
Breathe in saying: "Lord Jesus"  
Breath out saying: "Have mercy on me. Be with \_\_\_\_\_."



# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

## September

3<sup>rd</sup> - Jim & Phyllis Thomas  
25<sup>th</sup> - Jim & Sandy Ringler

## October

5<sup>th</sup> Jaron & Joyce Horton  
20<sup>th</sup> Rick & Carol Ferguson  
23<sup>rd</sup> Ken & Mary Herrema

## ONLINE CHURCH DIRECTORY

On August 17<sup>th</sup>, an email was sent out to the church group about joining an online church directory. If you haven't gotten around to doing that yet, please take time to do it soon.

We would like everyone in the directory.

If you don't use a computer or can't figure out how to use the site, please ask for help. We can set up the church laptop after church and get your information into the system.

**I will make copies for those who need/want one.**

The deadline for the "first printing" will be **Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>.**

Paper copies will be available in early December.