



The Voice

Hopkins & South Monterey United Methodist Churches

March/April 2018

Dear Church Family:

It is with a heavy heart that I need to announce that the Bishop and Cabinet have reappointed me to Sterling Heights United Methodist Church beginning July 1, 2018. My wife Erin will be appointed to Rochester St. Paul's UMC and their Open Door new church service. This move came as a surprise to both Erin and I. We had not requested a move, and did not expect one. The Bishop and cabinet initiated the move discerning this was the best place for Erin, the whole church, and me. This is a sudden change for me, our family, and for our churches. As with any big change, there will be grief. And where there is grief, there are the associated emotions of anger, depression, and acceptance. I would be lying if I said I have not experienced all those emotions in the last week. As we move through this time of transition together, I expect our churches will experience these emotions as well. It's important for us to recognize these emotions and express them in a healthy way. A word about our system of moving pastors. Unlike many Protestant churches, Methodists do not hire our own pastors. Instead, the Bishop, in conversation with the churches, pastors, and District Superintendents, discern where each pastor will match up with each church. Like any human system, it has its downsides. As happened here, there is always the possibility that a move will happen unexpectedly. Yet the system also has its strengths. For pastors, it guarantees we will have a church to serve no matter what. In this world of economic anxiety and dislocation, this is no small benefit. For churches, it means they do not have to spend the time and resources searching, vetting, and negotiating for pastoral supply. For many small churches, this is a huge benefit.

Let me close by saying that I have loved my time amongst you. You are committed Christians, and loving, caring people. You have accepted me as your pastor willingly, and allowed me to lead you. You work hard to support the work of the church, you have jumped into helping me with some new initiatives, and earnestly yearn to be who God wants you to be. Personally, you have welcomed my family and I with open arms, and I will fondly remember my time with you.

You all are awesome people. But here's the thing. You will continue to be awesome people when I leave. You will be awesome people who welcome your new pastor in July, who open yourselves to him or her just as you have to me. You will be awesome people who let them lead you and continue to do the work of Jesus Christ.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve among you and I am honestly excited about what God will do with you in the years to come.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Joel



Hal Lull's Memorial Service

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

at Hopkins United Methodist Church

9:30 - Coffee and Cookie visitation in HUM Hall

11:00 - Memorial Service in the sanctuary

12:00 - Luncheon in HUM Hall

2018 Souper Bowl Collection

What an amazing job you did!
Along with Monterey Center and Burnips UMCs,
we collected nearly 4000 items.
The Pantry will be able to provide soup and chili
ingredients for a long time.
Thank you!



ACCENTUATE THE POSITIVE

Every day you have the power to
bring out the best in people
simply by sincerely highlighting
those things you appreciate
about them the most.

Kindness is contagious.

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Thank you Vern Kraft for replacing all the dead
light tubes in HUM Hall. We really appreciate it.
Signed - Trustee Committee

The last of the oreos have been sent! We were able to
send 16 cases to soldiers serving overseas. The total
weight for all the packages was over
192 pounds! Thank you to the youth group for packing
them up and thank you to the UMW for covering the
shipping costs. Good job everyone!

Thank you to everyone who has already helped or
will help with Children's Church. The kids and
parents seem to be enjoying the new program.

I have already used the new online church
directory. Thanks Dawn. Mitzi

Love & Logic has been a big success!
Thank you to everyone who has helped provide
the meal for the adults or childcare for the kids.
Thank you to Pastor Joel and Pastor Erin
for bringing this valuable program to
our community.

Ladies' Event Saturday, April 21st

We are still working on the details
But we want you to mark your calendars
for this event.

We will be celebrating the women who
have influenced our faith.

Please start looking for pictures of the
women who have influenced you.

We will be creating a bulletin board
with the pictures.

Watch church bulletins for more details.

Church Directory

Below is the link to access our new online church direc-
tory. Copy and paste or type the address into the search
bar. You will need to enter the email address that you
gave me in order to create your account. Follow the link
to create a login. If you have any problems or questions,
please let me know. If you did not give me an email ad-
dress, it will not let you create an online account. You
can give Dawn Green your email address so she can
add it,

You can also get the church directory from your smart
phone. Go to your phone's app store and search for
"Instant Church Directory." Download the app and login
to your account.

Please note that we continue to add information to the
directory. It is by no means complete. If you haven't
submitted your contact information and/or picture, you
can still do that. Contact Dawn if you need help inputting
your information. Also, let her know if you see any
errors so she can correct them.

This directory can be updated whenever we want. We
can add new people, new pictures, and update
information. Please keep that in mind if any of your
information should change.

Hopkins/South Monterey UMC Directory
<https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com>



March Birthdays

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| 3 rd – Chase Washburn | 22 nd – Mike Ballard |
| 9 th – Ruby Lewis | Kathy Kraft |
| 14 th – Russel DeVries | Allie Teed |
| 15 th – Reese Hazen | 27 th – Seth Mack |
| Shiloh Mack | Nora Willey |
| Jim Tew | 30 th – Alec Weick |
| | 31 st – Kirstin Heft |

April Birthdays

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| 2 nd – Megan Heft | 16 th – Chelsey Collier |
| 4 th – Carole Prather | 18 th – Lydia Willey |
| 9 th – Margaret Myers | 20 th – Katie Collier |
| 11 th – Marge Panches | Mandie Thomas |
| Juanita Curtis | Tadd Heft |
| 15 th – Bert Tew | 28 th – Mitzi Crowe |



March

- 5th - Vern & Judy Kraft

April

- 16th - Bob & Judy Beck
 16th - Merle & Alys Edgell
 21st - Earl & Linda Collier

Pastor Joel's Sermon Lenten Series

What it might look like to join the Jesus movement.

- March 11th – **Consequences** (The decisions we make have consequences for our life and for other's lives.) John 3:14-21
 March 18th – **Preparation** (The Jesus movement requires preparation for the road ahead.) John 12: 20-33
 March 25th – **Momentum** (Things are looking up for the movement, but then something bad seems to happen.) Mark 11:1-11
 April 1st – **EASTER SUNDAY New Life** (Even in the midst of the darkest night God's promise still remains.) John 20:1-8

Kid's Food Basket

Wednesday, March 14, 2018

It's almost time!!

We'll meet at HUM hall at 8:15 to make up trail mix baggies to take with us. On our way home we will be stopping for lunch, at Arnie's on 54th St.

Please sign up by March 8 so we can get the final number to KFB so they can plan for us

We will be collecting items to make **trail mix bags** to donate. Below is a list of the items we need

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
- Store brand is fine, but **no other substitutions**. They are very strict about what items can be put in the trail mix. (Donated items that we can't go in the trail mix will be used for another project or be donate to the food pantry.)

Please have all donations to the church by Sunday, March 11. Thank you!



Kids' Food Basket



Thursday, April 12th

At South Monterey UMC

Watch weekly bulletins and email for details.



Grandma's House 2018

October 12 & 13, 2018

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.

March

March Ushers H - Ringlers & Tadd Heft
SM - Carl Collier & Todd Collier
March Greeters H - Ken & Mary Herrema

March 4th

Coffee Fellowship H-Lulls & Hortons
SM- Jim & Phyllis Thomas
Liturgist H- Linda Burton-Collier
SM - Carl Collier
Communion Helper H- Jim Ringler
Children's Message Pastor Joel
Children's Church Dawn Green & Sandy Ringler
SM Greeters Earl & Linda Collier

March 11th

Coffee Fellowship H- Mitzi Crowe
SM- Mary Lou Brennan & N. Vogt
Liturgist H- Joyce Horton
SM - Jim Thomas
Children's Message Linda Burton-Collier
Children's Church Dee Davies
SM Greeters Paul Collier

March 18th

Coffee Fellowship H- Tadd & Kirstin Heft
SM- Carl Collier
Liturgist H- Sandy Ringler
SM - Linda Burton-Collier
Children's Message Alys Edgell
Children's Church Joyce Horton
SM Greeters Todd & Karen Collier

March 25th

Coffee Fellowship H- Jim & Sandy Ringler
SM- Earl & Linda Collier
Liturgist H- Amelia Green
SM - Carl Collier
Children's Message Marge Punches
Children's Church Alys Edgell & Sandy Ringler
SM Greeters Denna Haas

April

April Ushers H- Tom Green, Alaina Lewis, &
Marge Punches
SM - Paul Collier & Jim Thomas
April Greeters H- Jim & Sandy Ringler

April 1st - EASTER SUNDAY

Coffee Fellowship H- Merle & Alys Edgell
SM - Paul Collier
Liturgist H- Mandi Edgell
SM - Jim Thomas
Communion Helper H - Amelia Green
Children's Message Pastor Joel
SM Greeters Jim & Phyllis Thomas

April 8th - Joint Service at Hopkins @ 11:00

Coffee Fellowship H- D. Lemmer & A. DeVries
SM- Todd & Karen Collier
Liturgist H- Marge Punches
SM - Linda Burton-Collier
Children's Message Marge Punches
SM Greeters Mary Lou Brennan

April 15th -

Coffee Fellowship H- Marge Punches
SM- Jim & Phyllis Thomas
Liturgist H- Bert Tew
SM - Carl Collier
Children's Message Mitzi Crowe
Children's Church
SM Greeters Carl Collier

April 22nd

Coffee Fellowship H- Alaina Lewis & Darcie Mack
SM- M.L. Brennan & Nancy Vogt
Liturgist H- Mary Howard
SM - Jim Thomas
Mary Howard
Children's Message
Children's Church
SM Greeters Don & Judy Collier

April 29th

Coffee Fellowship H- Amelia Green & Dawn Green
SM- Carl Collier
Liturgist H- Jaron Horton
SM - Linda Burton-Collier
Alys Edgell
Children's Message
Children's Church
SM Greeters Earl & Linda Collier

May

May Ushers H- Merle Edgell, Vern Kraft &
Bert Tew
SM - Don Collier & Todd Collier
May Greeters H- Tadd & Kirstin Heft

May 6th

Coffee Fellowship H- Bob & Judy Beck
SM- Don & Judy Collier
Liturgist H- Linda Burton-Collier
SM - Don Collier
Communion Helper H- Marge Punches
Children's Message Pastor Joel
Children's Church
SM Greeters Paul Collier

Hopkins Audio Visual

March - Mandi and/or Merle Edgell
April - Dawn Green and/or Joyce Horton