



# The Voice

## Hopkins & South Monterey

### United Methodist Churches

#### January/February 2019

Your journey of faith has brought you here.

Whether you grew up in church, or came to faith later in life, or if you're trying to find a home for your life with God, God has brought you to this place at this season of your life. Thanks be to God for that!

And even if you can't quite hear it yet, God is calling you to take the next step in this journey of faith.

Right now, in this very moment, God is preparing you to step out in faith, and journey deeper into the love of God.

For some of us, that next step might be baptism, our initiation into the family of God. In the United Methodist Church, both children and adults take this step, and are reborn by water and the Spirit into the community of the church.

For others, that next step might be re-affirmation of faith. Maybe we grew up in church, and want to reconnect with the faith of our childhood. Maybe we have some unanswered questions or want to explore our faith in a new way.

For still others, that next step might be becoming a member of Hopkins or South Monterey. Maybe we've worshiped here for a while now, and want to publicly commit ourselves to living out our faith in this place with this community of Christians.

For all of us, that next step means going deeper, asking questions, raising doubts, celebrating joys, and opening ourselves more fully to the love of God.

Whatever that next step in the journey of faith is for you, I invite you to take that next step with the saints of Hopkins and South Monterey.

Starting in March, we'll be offering a series of gatherings for people preparing for baptism, re-affirmation of faith, becoming members of our congregations, and everyone who wants to go deeper and take the next step of faith.

As we begin 2019, I invite you to spend some time in prayer about what next step God is calling you to take. As you pray, I would love to know where God is leading you!

Are you interested in being baptized or having your child baptized? Would you like to re-affirm your faith? Would you like to become a member of Hopkins/South Monterey? Do you have particular questions about the Christian life and faith you would like to explore? Are you looking for new ways to deepen your life as a disciple?

As your pastor, it is my greatest joy to talk to you about these next steps of faith, and to walk beside you as you continued your journey of faith into the heart of the Triune God.

I cannot wait to see where God will lead us in the year to come.

On the journey with you,  
Andrew+

#### [Andrew's Office Hours & Contact Information](#)

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We continue to work on figuring out the best plan for our children. We will resume Children's Church on Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup>. The plan is to finish up the lessons on Gifts of the Spirit.

Mandi will continue to hold Children's Choir on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month. The first choir practice will be Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup>.

If you are interested in helping with Children's Church, please speak to Mandi Edgell. We'd love your ideas and your help.

### FOOD PANTRY THANKS

Blessings and thanks to all of you who donated items, money, and time to make our two holiday give outs a true success. The only items that had to come out of our treasury were the turkeys for Thanksgiving and the hams for Christmas and of course milk for all the families, everything else was covered by the donations of money and food. Thank you everyone. A special thanks to those who spent time packing the boxes and handing them out. Everyone who received a holiday box was very appreciative and gave us their thanks. We thank God that we were able to reach out to God's children in Christian love.

Over the last 10 years I have seen people break down in tears at having to come to the pantry for help. I have seen our volunteers reach out in love and grace comforting strangers. Over time they are no longer strangers and conversations are struck up, concerns are shared, prayers are given, and God's love is shown. We may never see them in our pews but they know where to come to feel God's love.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A BLESSED NEW YEAR

-- Pastor Linda

### HOPKINS KITCHEN TRAINING

Now that the Hopkins kitchen has a permanent food service license, there are many changes that need to happen. Everyone that will be working in the kitchen at any time will need to go through a brief training. This will include going through our Standard Operating Procedures (S.O.P's) and learning the new ways we need to do things in our kitchen to be compliant. **The first training we will have will be after church on Sunday, January 20.** We'll start right after everyone grabs a snack and we should be done by 1:00 pm. If you aren't able to attend this training, there will be additional opportunities in the future.



### RUN FOR THE ROSES

Save the date! Our annual Mother Daughter event is scheduled for Saturday, April 13. This year's theme is "Run for the Roses" and will be based on the Kentucky Derby. This event will be sponsored by the Hopkins UMW and will be free to attend. **Your only "ticket" into the event will be some type of derby hat or bonnet.** This can be something you already own, something you make, something you embellish or something you purchase. Be creative! We will have a fashion show and prizes will be awarded!

(There are LOTS of hat ideas on the internet.)



**The Kentucky Derby will be run on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>.**  
If you've never watched it, make this the year.  
You'll already have the hat!





To the "Secret Santas": Thank you so much for the wonderful, fun surprises and goodies! What a delight! Marge

Thanks you to Mike and Ladies Rejoice for participating in the Community Christmas Concert. You did a great job. Juanita

Thank you to Merle and Jim for hanging our new signs on Main and Maple St. They look great!

Earl Collier - Thank you for replacing the broken window in the entryway at South Monterey UMC.

So excited for Flock Note! Thank you Pastor Andrew for introducing it to us!

The carpet in HUM Hall looks great! Thank you to everyone that helped move tables and chairs, etc. to make it happen!

Thank you, Mitzi for heading up our ladies' Bible study. The book is really good reading and our discussions are lively and fun. JudyKraft

I want to thank Merle, Jim and Vern for all of the work they do around the church. Juanita

Thank you to those that helped make the cinnamon rolls for Christmas Eve. I truly appreciated all the help! Dawn

A HUGE thank you to everyone that helped with the benefit pork dinner for hurricane relief! It was a great success and couldn't have been done without everyone chipping in to help!

The Blue Christmas service was beautiful and comforting. Thank you to Pastor Andrew, Traci Rhoades and all those that helped make it possible.

Judy Kraft - Thank you for all the time and energy you gave being the UMW president.

The church looks beautiful decorated for Christmas! I love seeing all the nativity sets in HUM Hall! Thanks to all who helped.



Thank you Linda for organizing the children's Christmas program. It's always so much fun to see the little ones in church!

Mike Ballard - Thanks for your faithfulness to the music of our church and the financial books, and the cleaning of the buildings, and, and, and. What would we do without you!!

Thank you to the Hopkins UMW for sponsoring the Birthday Cakes for Jesus project. It's so much fun baking a birthday cake for Jesus and being reminded of the reason for the season.

Thank you, Mitzi, for all your hard work in the church office and for keeping us informed. You are appreciated!

Thank you, Alys, for providing supper for us on our Monday meeting. The sloppy joes were great. I love having all our meetings on one night! Dawn



**"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."  
Matthew 5:16**

Thank you to the United Methodist Women for providing the funeral luncheon for Florence Jones. The family appreciated all you did to help us celebrate her life.

The new printer/copier is awesome. Thanks for making my job easier. Mitzi

Thank you for all of the Christmas goodies. I enjoyed and appreciated them. Juanita

Dawn – Thanks for the cinnamon rolls. I know you had help but I also know it wouldn't have happened without you. They were delicious!! Mitzi

Jim, Merle and Vern – Thank you for using your time and talents to install the new ceiling tiles in HUM Hall. They look fabulous!!

Thank you to everyone who is part of our worship volunteers teams. Worship wouldn't be the same without you!

A special thank you to Earl Collier for putting up the new South Monterey UMC signs on 128<sup>th</sup> Ave. and 26<sup>th</sup> Street.

Thank you, Reva, for playing the piano for 18 months after Tim left. We discovered at South Monterey, right away, that we couldn't sing without an accompanist.

Have fun in the warm south this winter!



Thank you to Roxie for coming to play for us at South Monterey. We are enjoying getting to know you.



JANUARY

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

FEBRUARY

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| 12 <sup>th</sup> - Debbie Lemmer | 24 <sup>th</sup> - Earl Collier |
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STITCHED IN PRAYER, GIVEN IN LOVE

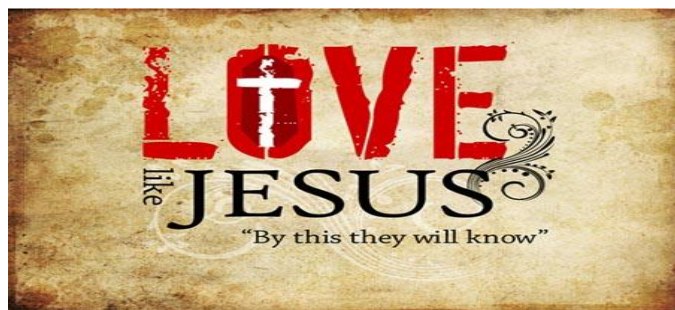
I would like to thank the Hopkins United Methodist Women for their continued support of my prayer pillowcase ministry, Stitched in Prayer, Given in Love. For those of you who have not heard about this, I have been making prayer pillowcases since June and since then have given out over 100 pillowcases. Prior to June, I had given out almost 200 pillowcases to Allegan County Medical Care Community, Hospice, Hopkins Elementary mentees, etc.

As I make them, I pray for the person that will receive the pillowcase and then I give it to them, either in person, through someone who knows the recipient personally, through organizations such as Hospice or send them through mail. These pillowcases are for those who are going through difficult times: serious illnesses or surgeries, accidents, deaths of loved ones, etc. Sometimes I don't know their names or circumstances, but God does. I continue to pray daily for those that have received my pillowcases and for those that will receive them in the future.

December has been a busy month for me. I stitched and gave out over 20 pillowcases. That's a lot of stitching and praying. Please help me pray for these souls. You may not know them or their situations, but through prayer you can help them and help support my ministry.

If you know of anyone in need of prayer, I would be happy to make a pillow case for them. Please just let me know.

Dawn Green



## CALENDAR OF MEETINGS & EVENTS

### WEEKLY

Monday – Meals on Wheels

Tuesday – Prayer Group – 9:30am

Pastor Andrew has office hours

Wednesday – Pastor Andrew has office hours

Ladies Rejoice practice 10-11am

Food Pantry – 10-1 & 5-7pm

Meals on Wheels

Friday - Meals on Wheels

Sunday - 9:30 Worship at South Monterey

11:00 Worship at Hopkins

### JANUARY

Sunday, Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> - Bert to pass out our next SS book: "one thousand gifts" by Ann VosKamp. \*

### SOUPER BOWL COLLECTION BEGINS

Tuesday, Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> - "I Am a Church Member" study Chapter 3 6-8pm.

Sunday, Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> - Children's Church resumes

Monday, Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> - HUMC meeting night

5:00 - HUMW

6:00 - Dinner & Trustees

6:30 - Full Ad Council

Sunday, Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> - Kitchen Training – 12:15ish  
(See information on previous page.)

Tuesday, Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> - "I Am a Church Member" study Chapter 4 6-8pm

Sunday, Jan. 27<sup>th</sup> - Children's Choir

### FEBRUARY

Saturday, Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> - Goulash Cook Off & Family Fun Night  
(Watch for details.)

Sunday, Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> - SOUPER BOWL COLLECTION ENDS

Tuesday, Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> - "I Am a Church Member" study Chapter 5 6-8pm

Monday, Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> - HUMC meeting night  
(See Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> schedule.)

Tuesday, Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> - "I Am a Church Member" study Chapter 6 6-8pm

### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

On Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, Bert will have books entitled "one thousand gifts" by Ann VosKamp. Please read the entire book during January and February. Starting Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30, we will meet, watch a video and discuss it. We will meet the five Sundays of March.

## **ARE YOU READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL?!**

Get excited! Souper Bowl is coming!!!

Our annual Souper Bowl Competition kicks off January 6 and goes through Super Bowl Sunday, February 3! New this year, we'll be collecting canned pasta (like ravioli, spaghettios), boxed macaroni and cheese, spaghetti noodles and canned spaghetti sauce (**no glass jars please**). That's in addition to canned soup, crackers and chili ingredients which we will also be collecting. Remember this is a competition between Hopkins UMC, South Monterey UMC, Burnips UMC and Monterey UMC. The church that collects the most items will be crowned the 2019 Souper Bowl Champions and will hoist the Souper Bowl trophy!

## **WHAT A BUSY, SUCCESSFUL YEAR IT WAS!**

2018 was a very busy year for the United Methodist Women. We started paying for the men to gather and have breakfast together. We continued feeding people (Musical cast dinner, funeral luncheons, retired school employees lunch, served family meals to Love & Logic participants, breakfast at the local women's expo, church parties and fundraising meals, etc.). We sponsored a bus trip to Chicago. Kayla got a camp scholarship. Several soldiers got a box of Oreos. **WE HELD MEALS & MISSIONS IN OCTOBER.**

That event supported the following missions/causes:

UMCOR - Check for hurricane relief  
Sylvia's Place - Mission Boxes and a check  
Hand 2 Hand - Financial support  
Kid's Food Basket - Financial support

Thank you to everyone who had any part in the success of our year. We look forward to another busy and successful year in 2019.



## 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- Bob & Judy Beck &  
Tadd Heft

SM- Trevor Collier & Jim Thomas

#### January Greeters

H- Marge Punches & Jim Ringler

#### Audio/Visual

H - Merle Edgell

### January 6<sup>th</sup> - SOUPER BOWL COLLECTION BEGINS

#### Coffee Fellowship

H - Hortons & Lulls  
SM- Jim & Phyllis Thomas

#### Liturgist

H - Mitzi Crowe  
SM - Linda Burton-Collier

#### Communion Helpers

Deb Lemmer & Marrison Lull

#### Children's Message

Pastor Andrew

#### Nursery

H - Alys Edgell

#### Greeters

SM - Carl Collier

### January 13<sup>th</sup>

#### Coffee Fellowship

H - Tadd & Kirstin Heft  
SM- Carl Collier

#### Liturgist

H - Linda Burton-Collier  
SM - Linda Burton-Collier

#### Children's Message

Linda Burton-Collier

#### Nursery

Mandi Edgell

#### Greeters

SM - Earl & Linda Collier

### January 20<sup>th</sup>

#### Coffee Fellowship

H - Juanita Curtis  
SM- Earl & Linda Collier

#### Liturgist

H - Jaron Horton  
SM - Carl Collier

#### Children's Message

Mitzi Crowe

#### Nursery

Jaron Horton

#### Greeters

SM - Paul Collier

### January 27<sup>th</sup>

#### Coffee Fellowship

H - Bob & Judy Beck  
SM- Paul Collier

#### Liturgist

H - Mary Howard  
SM - Jim Thomas

#### Children's Message

Joyce Horton

#### Nursery

Joyce Horton

#### Greeters

SM - Todd & Karen Collier

### FEBRUARY

#### February Ushers

H - Merle Edgell, Vern Kraft,  
& Marge Punches  
SM - Carl Collier & Todd Collier

#### February Greeters

H - Bob & Judy Beck

#### Audio/Visual

H - Joyce Horton

### February 3<sup>rd</sup> - SOUPER BOWL COLLECTION ENDS

#### Coffee Fellowship

H - Edgells & Bert Tew  
SM- Todd & Karen Collier

#### Liturgist

H - Mandi Edgell  
SM - Linda Burton-Collier

#### Communion Helpers

Marge Punches & Sandy Ringler

#### Children's Message

Pastor Andrew

#### Nursery

Marge Punches

#### Greeters

SM - Jim & Phyllis Thomas

### February 10<sup>th</sup>

#### Coffee Fellowship

H - Mitzi Crowe & Marge Punches  
SM- Jim & Phyllis Thomas

#### Liturgist

H - Alys Edgell  
SM - Linda Burton-Collier

#### Children's Message

Alys Edgell

#### Nursery

Alys Edgell

#### Greeters

SM - Earl & Linda Collier

### February 17<sup>th</sup>

#### Coffee Fellowship

H - Amelia & Dawn Green  
SM- Carl Collier

#### Liturgist

H - Vern Kraft  
SM - Carl Collier

#### Children's Message

Marge Punches

#### Nursery

Mandi Edgell

#### Greeters

SM - Carl Collier

### February 24<sup>th</sup>

#### Coffee Fellowship

H - Mary Howard & The Krafts  
SM- Earl & Linda Collier

#### Liturgist

H - Marge Punches  
SM - Jim Thomas

#### Children's Message

Linda Burton-Collier

#### Nursery

Jaron Horton

#### Greeters

SM - Earl & Linda Collier

### MARCH

#### March Ushers

H - Jim & Sandy Ringler &  
Ken Herrema,

SM - Earl Collier & Paul Collier

#### March Greeters

H - Juanita Curtis & Merle Edgell

#### Audio/Visual

H - Mandi Edgell

### March 3<sup>rd</sup>

#### Coffee Fellowship

H - Ken & Mary Herrema  
SM- Paul Collier

#### Liturgist

H - Sandy Ringler  
SM - Linda Burton-Collier

#### Communion Helpers

Judy Beck & Amelia Green

#### Children's Message

Pastor Andrew

#### Nursery

H - Joyce Horton

#### Greeters

SM - Paul Collier