



The Voice

Hopkins & South Monterey United Methodist Churches

July/August 2018

FROM PASTOR ANDREW

Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

My name is Andrew Phillips, and starting July 1, I have the privilege of serving as pastor of Hopkins and South Monterey UMCs.

I've been meditating on the first chapter of Romans as I have been preparing to come to you. Paul writes to the saints in Rome that "I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed throughout the world." Our world is a lot bigger than Paul's world, so while Hopkins and South Monterey might not be known in all the world, your faith is proclaimed throughout Allegan County and the Michigan Conference of the UMC. The way this church community takes a leading role in feeding the hungry through the Food Pantry and Meals on Wheels is a living witness to Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life. And the generosity of this community in contributing to the ministry of the whole UMC testifies to Jesus who took the five loaves and two fish of a small boy, and multiplied them to feed thousands. It is for this kind of faith that I give thanks to God whenever I think of you.

Paul also writes to the church in Rome that he longs to come to them, "so that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine." I look forward to being encouraged by your faith as I learn more about our church family, and as I prepare to come to you, I wanted to share with you some of my own journey of faith.

I was raised in North Carolina, and my family is a mix of Pentecostal and Roman Catholic. I found a home in the UMC as a place that embraced the breadth and depth of the Christian tradition. My call to ministry

first began in high school, when I attended a summer camp for students interested in theology. After college, I attended Duke Divinity School, and have served as a pastor in Massachusetts and North Carolina, a hospital chaplain, and a campus minister at Duke University. I met my wife, Sarah Barton, at Duke Divinity School, and she will be teaching at Western Theological Seminary in Holland for the next few years. We enjoy life with our dog Jed (who can't wait to meet you!), going to the Farmer's Market, and spending time outside and with friends.

I cannot wait to see how we will live into God's call together!

Grace and peace,
Andrew+



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WE HAVE A LICENSED KITCHEN

Good news! We are officially approved to operate with a permanent food license!

There is some cleaning and organizing that needs to happen in the storage areas. Mainly unused items need to be discarded and we need better organization.

Casseroles for the bazaar can be made in home kitchens and brought to the church thirty days prior to the bazaar and stored together in a designated freezer.

We can continue to use the dishwasher but it needs to be set to the longest wash cycle and heated dry.

We will have some meetings soon to go over all the changes that we all should be aware of.

Thanks to everyone that helped with this process! I'm happy it's over, Now we just need to continue to follow the guidelines in place.

If you or anyone has questions or concerns about some of the new guidelines, just ask Darcie, Alaina or me. We are all official certified food managers. We'd be happy to answer questions or go over the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) approved by the health department.

Thanks again,
Dawn



SUMMER SCHEDULE

10:00 Joint Services

Hopkins and South Monterey will worship together during the summer months. July will be spent worshipping at South Monterey. We will return to Hopkins UMC for the month of August.

June through August services will be held at 10:00.



Hymns & Beer

We are hosting a monthly event at Russo's on the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

Our next event is WEDNESDAY, JULY 18TH.

Please join us for dinner and 6:30 singing.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

August 20th & 21st

We'll be doing "Bible Cookie" lessons.

Families will be served dinner at 5:30 followed by different activities to teach the lesson.

We need your help. Please sign up at church.

Invite your family and friends!

JOINT SERVICE AT COMMON GROUND

Sunday, September 2, 2018

10:00am worship followed by coffee fellowship.

Bring a lawn chair and a friend.

If there's inclement weather we will worship at South Monterey.

LET'S GO TO CHICAGO

Save your pennies! Registration for the Chicago bus trip on November 17 opens for church folk on July 20. The cost is \$45 per person. Registration will be first come, first serve and the \$45 must be paid to save your spot. Registration opens August 1 for non-church folk. It's going to be a fun day in the windy city!

GRANDMA'S HOUSE

Saturday, October 13, 2018

This will be a shorter and, we anticipate, smaller bazaar than those we've held in the past. We will still serve breakfast and lunch.

We will also have craft and food items for sale. Our focus this year is on mission work.

We are creating items that, if they don't sell, can be donated to a mission project.

We will also have products from a couple mission programs available.

We hope that, like in the past, you will support this activity by working and/or providing items to sell. We would love to have homemade jam, homemade pies,

casseroles (ask about this) and, of course, craft items.

Specifics will be available in the next newsletter and in the weekly bulletins.

We'd love to have each and every one of our church family participate in Grandma's House.



Many Hands Make **LIGHT** Work

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 Pastor Joel for baptizing Tom and thanks to everyone that came to witness the baptism. Thanks also to Ladies Rejoice for the beautiful baptism song. It was a special day!
Tom and Dawn

Thank you to Dawn for all of her hard work getting the HUM Hall kitchen licensed.

Thanks to all the Trustees who have faithfully been overseeing our properties and taking care of all their needs.

Thanks, Linda, for encouraging our UMW to look outside our own area for ways to serve. Cass Community Tiny Homes would be a very worthwhile outreach for groups from our church.

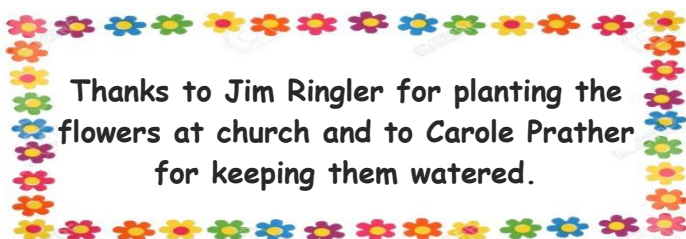


Thank you to Dawn, Alaina and Darcie for being willing to take the class required to be "Safe Serve" certified. (It is a licensing requirement.)

Thank you to the UMW for their generous donation of Joann Fabrics gift cards and to Mitzi for the donation of fabric to use towards my "Stitched in Prayer, Given in Love" mission. It's keeping me stitching and praying!
Dawn

Thanks to Pastors Reva and Linda for stepping in and delivering your thought provoking messages during our transition.

THANKS MITZI AND MIKE FOR LEADING OUR JUNE HYMNS AND BEER EVENT. IT WAS A FUN TIME.



Thanks to Jim Ringler for planting the flowers at church and to Carole Prather for keeping them watered.

A big thank you to Dawn for offering to prepare the bulletin and power point so that I could take some time off this summer.

I appreciate it more than you know. Mitzi



Thanks everyone that donated pop and/or water and loaned coolers, picnic table and tent for the sale in the park on July 4.

Please stop in the park and visit with us. We'll be selling Krispy Kreme donuts too!



Thank you Mitzi for all your hard work as the church secretary. You do an awesome job!

Thank you to everyone who have already offered to help with our 2 day VBS. It's exciting to think about how many lives will be touched by your willingness to serve.



July Birthdays

1st	Tom Green	12 th	Alaina Lewis
2 nd	Jim Ringler	22 nd	Paul Collier
7 th	Judy Collier	28 th	Doris Reynolds
10 th	Don Collier		

Augusts Birthdays

2 nd	Amanda DeVries	15 th	Todd Collier
4 th	Dick Weick	26 th	Steven Brooks
10 th	Andy Lewis	30 th	Anne Galligan



July 12 th	Anna & Terry Brennan
July 30 th	Mitzi & Geoff Crowe
August 3 rd	Alaina & Andy Lewis
August 17 th	Darcie & Rick Mack

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.

JULY

July Ushers Don Collier & Todd Collier

July 1st

Coffee Fellowship Jim & Phyllis Thomas
Liturgist Don Collier
Communion Helper Linda Burton-Collier
SM Greeters Mary Lou Brennan

July 8th

Coffee Fellowship Mary Lou Brennan & Nancy Vogt
Liturgist Carl Collier
SM Greeters Carl Collier

July 15th

Coffee Fellowship Don & Judy Collier
Liturgist Jim Thomas
SM Greeters Don & Judy Collier

July 22nd

Coffee Fellowship Earl & Linda Collier
Liturgist Linda Collier
SM Greeters Earl & Linda Collier

July 29th

Coffee Fellowship Paul Collier
Liturgist Don Collier
SM Greeters Paul Collier

AUGUST

August Ushers Bob Beck, Merle Edgell,
& Bert Tew
June Greeters Joyce & Jaron Horton

August 5th

Coffee Fellowship Vern & Judy Kraft
Liturgist Bert Tew
Communion Helper Bert Tew
Children's Message Pastor Andrew

August 12th

Coffee Fellowship Bob & Judy Beck
Liturgist Mitzi Crowe
Children's Message Linda Burton-Collier

August 19th

Coffee Fellowship Mary Howard & Bert Tew
Liturgist Joyce Horton
Children's Message Marge Punches

August 26th

Coffee Fellowship Lulls & Hortons
Liturgist Sandy Ringler
Children's Message Alys Edgell

SEPTEMBER

September Ushers

H - Tadd Heft, Ken Herrema,
& Vern Kraft
SM - Don Collier & Todd Collier

September 2nd - 10:00 Joint Service at Common Ground

Coffee Fellowship **H** - Mitzi Crowe
SM - Todd & Karen Collier
Liturgist Mandi Edgell
Communion Helper Jaron Horton
Children's Message Pastor Andrew
Greeters **H** - Bob & Judy Beck
SM - Earl & Linda Collier



Lunch is served every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at HUM Hall. Many diners start gathering at 11:00 to play games. Lunch is served at 12:00.

Meals on Wheels would like to extend a special invitation to everyone to join them for their **July 13th** meal. They will be grilling hamburgers in the parking lot. The rest of the menu is potato salad, broccoli cauliflower salad and sliced watermelon. Suggested donation is \$2.00.

RSVPs for this meal are due by Friday, July 6th.

****Contact Juanita Curtis at (269) 682-5064****

If you're interested in seeing a full menu, check the bulletin boards in both churches.



The pantry is, once again, distributing the Kid's Packs to families with children. If you are considering making a donation to the pantry during the summer months please consider "kid friendly" food (peanut butter, mac & cheese, canned pasta, & cereal). Paper products, especially toilet paper, are also a good donation.

Also, if you have a garden, please donate any excess. It's nice to offer the clients some fresh items.

The pantry is open on Wednesdays from 10-1 and from 5-7.

It will be closed for July 4th.