



The Voice

Hopkins & South Monterey

United Methodist Churches

March/April 2019

For this month's newsletter, I wanted to share a voice that has shaped my thinking about engaging children in our worship services. Jamie Bruesehoff is a mom, pastor's spouse, and writer at jamiebruesehoff.com

I offer excerpts of her letter "Dear Parents With Young Children in Church" as an invitation for our congregations to think more deeply about what it means to welcome children...and the parents who bring them!

You are doing something really, *really* important. I know it's not easy. I see you with your arms overflowing, and I know you came to church already tired. Parenting is tiring. Really tiring.

I watch you bounce and sway trying to keep the baby quiet, juggling the infant car seat and the diaper bag as you find a seat. I see you wince as your child cries. And I see you with your toddler and your preschooler. I hear the exasperation in your voice as you *beg* your child to just sit, to be quiet as you feel everyone's eyes on you. Not everyone is looking, but I know it feels that way.

When you are here, the church is filled with a joyful noise. When you are here, the Body of Christ is more fully present. When you are here, we are reminded that this worship thing we do isn't about bible study or personal, quiet contemplation but coming together to worship as a community where all are welcome, where we share in the Word and Sacrament together. When you are here, I have hope that these pews won't be empty in 10 years when your

kids are old enough to *sit quietly and behave in worship*. I know that they are learning how and why we worship now, before it's too late.

I know how hard it is to do what you're doing, but I want you to know *it matters*. It matters that children learn that worship is what we do as a community of faith, that everyone is welcome, that *their* worship matters. When we teach children that their worship matters, we teach them that they are *enough* right here and right now as members of the church community. They don't need to wait until they can believe, pray or worship a certain way to be welcome here, and I know adults who are still looking to be shown that.

I know it's hard, but thank you for what you do when you bring your children to church. Please know that your family — with all of its noise, struggle, commotion, and joy — are not simply tolerated, you are a vital part of the community gathered in worship.



Andrew's Office Hours & Contact Information

Office Hours: Tuesday 9-5 and Wednesday 9-5
Other days by appointment.

Phone Calls or Text: (919) 259-4681

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our next session begins on Sunday, March 3rd.

We will meet in HUM Hall from 9:30-10:45.

We will be studying the book "one thousand gifts" by Ann Voskamp. If you would like to participate, see Bert Tew for a book.

The reading schedule will be:

March 3rd – Ch. 1-3 March 24th – Ch. 8 & 9

March 10th – Ch. 4 & 5 March 31st – Ch. 10 & 11

March 17th – Ch. 6 & 7

There will be a video and discussion each week.



FREE Pancake Supper

Join us March 5 from 5:00 - 6:30 for a

FREE pancake supper!

Invite your family, friends and neighbors!

ASHES TO GO

Pastor Andrew will be offering Ashes in downtown Hopkins.

He's still working on the exact details.

Watch the Sunday bulletin for details.



South Monterey UMC will host this year's Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00pm.

Everyone is welcome.

WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY

A group of 16 women just finished studying the book "I Am a Church Member". We learned a lot about serving those around us.

We will be starting a new book on Tuesday, March 12th. We will meet every other week through May 21st. Our next book is "CONNECTED My life in the church" written by Thom S. Rainer.

If you would like to be part of the next study, please talk to Mary Howard. She can get you a book. The cost of the book is \$12.

Baptism, Membership, and Refresher Class Begins March 10

This class will gather for 6 weeks (March 10 to April 14) on Sundays at 12:30pm following worship at Hopkins UMC. Perfect attendance not required! Please contact Pastor Andrew for more details or to sign up.



The United Methodist Women will continue to treat the men of the church to breakfast. The gathering happens on the 5th Saturday in the month.

The 2019 breakfast dates are:

March 30th

August 31st

June 29th

November 30th



RUN FOR THE ROSES

This Mother Daughter event sponsored by the Hopkins UMW will take place on **Saturday, April 13** beginning at 11:00 am in HUM Hall. This will be a fun Kentucky Derby theme and therefore your ticket to the event is a derby hat or bonnet that you either make, purchase or refurbish. Be creative. We will have a fashion show. Prizes will be awarded!

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



ONLINE SERMONS

We have begun recording Pastor Andrew's messages. If you missed them or would like to hear them again, go to our website, www.hopkinsumchurch.org, and click on the sermon link.



And the 2019 Souper Bowl Champion is.... HOPKINS UMC!

The totals are:

Hopkins – 1090 Monterey Center -

946

Burnips – 1056 South Monterey - 0

That's a total of 3,092 food items collected for local food pantries!

Great job everyone!

Goulash Cook Off and Family Fun Night

Saturday, March 16th

5:00 – Goulash arrives at HUM Hall.

(If you want to enter goulash, please tell.)

5:30-6:00 – Goulash Judging.

(Please arrive by 5:30 if you want to help judge.)

6:00 – Goulash dinner served.

Board games played after dinner.

7:00 – Goulash winners announced.

“Cost” of entry to the dinner is one box of cereal per family. Donated cereal will be given to the Food Pantry.



We are heading back to Kids' Food Basket in Grand Rapids! We'll be volunteering on

Wednesday, April 24.

The plan is to meet at church at 8am to make trail mix to donate to KFB. We'll then head to GR.

After volunteering we will stop for lunch on our way back to Hopkins. We should be back at the church by 2:00. Please **RSVP by April 14** if you plan on joining us. We will be collecting the following items during April to make trail mix. We are only able to use the following items, anything else will be donated to the food pantry. All items should be full size (not individual) and store-brand is fine.

Cheerio type cereal - plain or multigrain only

Goldfish or other small cheese crackers

Pretzels - small shapes

Raisins

Snack size zip-loc type baggies



Thank you Judy for serving as our UMW president for so many years! You have done a great job!
Dawn

The new mailboxes are absolutely beautiful!
A HUGE thanks to Vern Kraft for using his gifts to create them. They will be used and enjoyed for years to come.

Tom Green – Thank you for bringing your tractor to town (twice) to work on the church parking lot and sidewalks.

Your church family appreciates you.

The new ceiling tiles look amazing!

Thanks to Jim, Merle and Vern for taking time to install them.

Dawn – Thank you for recording the sermons and posting them online.

It's great to know we can listen to the message anytime we want.

Thank you Mitzi for leading out women's Bible study. I have loved our Tuesday nights together!
Dawn

Thank you to those who have provided dinner for the Hopkins Meeting Nights. It's been something to look forward to on a long night of listening and making decisions.

Alys & Don – Thank you for doing such a great job with the Worship Volunteer lists. I sure appreciate not having to do that. Mitzi

Ken & Mary Herrema – You are good and faithful servants. Thank you for all you do to help keep HUM Hall, the sanctuary, and the church grounds looking nice.

Our church is alive!!! Praise God for that!



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

9 th	Ruby Lewis	27 th	Seth Mack
14 th	Russ DeVries	30 th	Laura Velderman
15 th	Jim Tew		Alec Weick
	Shiloh Mack	31 st	Kirstin Heft
	Reese Hazen		
22 nd	Mike Ballard		
	Kathy Kraft		

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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



MARCH ANNIVERSARY

5TH Vern & Judy Kraft

APRIL ANNIVERSARY

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

MOKA GAME DAYS

We are continuing our relationship with our new friends from MOKA. We had our first game day on Tuesday, January 22nd. We played games and shared lunch together.

Our next gathering is Tuesday, April 16th at 11:00.

After the April gathering, we will meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month.

We'd love to have you join us.



CALENDAR OF MEETINGS & EVENTS

WEEKLY

Monday – Meals on Wheels
Tuesday – Pastor Andrew has office hours
 Prayer Group – 9:30am
Wednesday – Pastor Andrew has office hours
 Ladies Rejoice practice 10-11am
 Food Pantry – 10-1 & 5-7pm
 Meals on Wheels
 Yoga – 7pm
Friday – Meals on Wheels
Sunday – 9:30 Worship at South Monterey
 11:00 Worship at Hopkins

MARCH

Sunday, March 3rd – Adult Sunday School resumes
 9:30 each Sunday through March
Tuesday, March 5th – Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner
Wednesday, March 6th – Ash Wednesday
 Ashes to Go
 7:00 – Service at South Monterey
Sunday, March 10th – 12:30 Classes begin.
Monday, March 11th – Hopkins Meeting Night
 5:00 – HUMW
 6:00 – Trustees & Dinner
 6:30 – Ad Council Meeting
Tuesday, March 12th – Women's Book Study Begins
Saturday, March 16th – Goulash Cook Off &
 Family Fun Night
Saturday, March 23rd – District UMW Spring Fling
 (See Linda Collier for details.)
Tuesday, March 26th – Women's Book Study
Saturday, March 30th – 9:00 Men's Breakfast
 Sign up by March 24th
WORKBEE 9am-1pm

APRIL

Monday, April 8th – HUMC meeting night
 (See March 11th schedule.)
Tuesday, April 9th – Women's Book Study
Saturday, April 13th – Run for the Roses Banquet
Sunday, April 14th – Palm Sunday
 10:15 Easter Egg Hunt at HUMC
Tuesday, April 16th – Game Day with MOKA
Sunday, April 21st – EASTER SUNDAY
 Sunrise Service
 9:30 – South Monterey Worship
 10:00 – Breakfast at HUMC
 11:00 – Hopkins Worship
Wednesday, April 24th – Kids Food Basket Trip
Tuesday, April 23rd – Women's Book Study
Sunday, April 28th – WORKBEE 12:30-4:30

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 & Ken Herrema SM - Earl Collier & Paul Collier
March Greeters	H - Juanita Curtis & Merle Edgell
Audio/Visual	H - Mandi Edgell
March 3rd	
Coffee Fellowship	H - Herremas & Marge Panches 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

March 10th - First Sunday of Lent

Coffee Fellowship	H - Tadd & Kirstin Heft SM- Todd & Karen Collier
Liturgist	H - Judy Beck SM - Linda Burton-Collier
Children's Message	Joyce Horton
Greeters	SM - Earl & Linda Collier

March 17th

Coffee Fellowship	H - Jim & Sandy Ringler SM- Jim & Phyllis Thomas
Liturgist	H - Mitzi Crowe SM - Carl Collier
Children's Message	Mitzi Crowe
Greeters	SM - Todd & Karen Collier

March 24th

Coffee Fellowship	H - Juanita Curtis SM- Carl Collier
Liturgist	H - Linda Burton-Collier SM - Jim Thomas
Children's Message	Linda Burton-Collier
Children's Choir	Alys & Mandi Edgell
Greeters	SM - Jim & Phyllis Thomas

March 31st

Coffee Fellowship	H - Bob & Judy Beck SM- Earl & Linda Collier
Liturgist	H - Mandi Edgell SM - Linda Burton-Collier
Children's Message	Mary Howard
Greeters	SM - Carl Collier

APRIL

April Ushers	H - Bob & Judy Beck & Merle Edgell SM - Jim Thomas & Trevor Collier
April Greeters	H - Tadd & Kirstin Heft
Audio/Visual	Merle Edgell

April 7th

Coffee Fellowship	H - Edgells SM- Paul Collier
Liturgist	H - Jaron Horton SM - Linda Burton-Collier
Communion Helpers	Dawn Green & Jaron Horton
Children's Message	Pastor Andrew
Greeters	SM - Earl & Linda Collier

April 14th

Coffee Fellowship	H - Mitzi Crowe & Mary Howard SM- Todd & Karen Collier
Liturgist	H - Marge Panches SM - Carl Collier
Children's Message	Marge Panches
Greeters	SM - Paul Collier

April 21st

Coffee Fellowship	EASTER SUNDAY Pancake Breakfast H - Amelia & Dawn Green SM- Jim & Phyllis Thomas
Liturgist	H - Mary Howard SM - Jim Thomas
Children's Message	Mitzi Crowe
Greeters	SM - Todd & Karen Collier

April 28th

Coffee Fellowship	WORKBEE 12:30-4:30 H - A. DeVries & D. Lemmer SM- Carl Collier
Liturgist	H - Vern Kraft SM - Don Collier
Children's Message	Alys Edgell
Children's Choir	Alys & Mandi Edgell
Greeters	SM - Jim & Phyllis Thomas

MAY

May Ushers	H -T. Heft, V, Kraft, M. Panches SM - Don Collier & Todd Collier
May Greeters	H - Ken & Mary Herrema
Audio/Visual	H - Amelia Green

May 5th

Coffee Fellowship	H - Hortons/Krafts/Lulls SM- Don & Judy Collier
Liturgist	H - Joyce Horton SM - Linda Burton-Collier
Communion Helpers	Joyce Horton & Judy Kraft
Children's Message	Pastor Andrew
Greeters	SM - Don & Judy Collier

