



The Voice

Hopkins & South Monterey United Methodist Churches

July/August 2018

FROM PASTOR ANDREW

To the Saints of Hopkins and South Monterey,

I'm excited to share with you the fruit of our ministry together since I wrote to you last!

Our Table Talks have been a wonderful way for me to get to know y'all and for you to get to know me. Thanks be to God for all who hosted, all who provided food, and all who shared their stories! Because of your hospitality and hard work, I've met with almost every member of our two churches, and will meet with a few more by the time you read this.

In addition to being times of good food and good fellowship, these gatherings have been a way for us to listen together to what God has done, is doing, and will continue to do in our lives as disciples of Jesus Christ and how God is calling us to join God's work here in this community. It has been one of the greatest joys of my ministry to talk at tables with you about your lives and our life together.

Now that the Table Talks are almost complete, I want to share with you my vision for next steps as we discern what God is calling us to do as a church family in the year ahead.

On September 9, I'll be distributing a packet of information for your prayers, thoughts, and reflections.

The packets will be available after worship at both churches, and will include the following information:

- A summary of all my Table Talk conversations.
- A profile of the people currently living in and around Hopkins. This information is provided free of charge thanks to our Missional Giving to the UMC, and includes census demographics, levels of income, household stage-of-life, and other statistics

that help paint a picture of the neighbors we hope to invite to church!

- A prayer and a few guiding questions to help you process this information.

During the month of September, your Administrative Councils will be carefully examining this information, and will be in conversation with you about what themes you see in the packet, where you feel God is calling our churches, and ideas you have about how to put our calling into action! For that reason, I encourage you to read, pray, and reflect on this information and talk with your church leaders.

On October 14, South Monterey and Hopkins will gather for our annual Charge Conference. In addition to the usual agenda, this year's Charge Conference will be an opportunity for the Administrative Councils to share with you a progress report on their prayerful deliberations on this packet of information and offer a rough draft of goals for our church family in the coming year.

If you have questions, concerns, or thoughts about this process of planning, please don't hesitate to contact me or one of the members of the Administrative Councils.

I'm excited to partner with you in this good work of discerning God's call for our congregations!

Grace and peace,
Andrew+

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ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

This session will run from
September 16th - October 28th.

We will meet from 9:30-10:45.

We will be studying Adam Hamilton's
"Enough".

Cost of the book is \$10.

Talk to Bert to get yours.

(Please don't let the cost be the reason you
don't participate. There is "scholarship"
money available.)



Hymns & Beer

On the 3rd Wednesday of the month, we
gather at Russo's for fellowship, food and
singing. Some people gather early for dinner.

Our next event is WED, SEPTEMBER 19TH.

Singing begins at 6:30.



A Blessing Prayer

We asked the Lord to bless you

As we prayed for you today

To guide you and protect you

As you go along your way...

God's love is always with you

His promises are true,

And when we give Him all our cares

You know He'll see us through.

So, when the road you're traveling on

Seems difficult at best

Just remember we're here praying

And God will do the rest.

The Hopkins UMC Prayer Group meets
at 9:30 on Tuesdays, please feel free to
join us or give us prayer requests.



CHICAGO HERE WE COME!!

Saturday, November 17, 2018

Registration will be open to everyone on
Monday, September 10th. If you plan to
attend, you should get your registration in
soon. The cost is \$45 per person. Your
registration form and payment are due in
order to guarantee your spot on the bus.
Registration forms are available at both
churches.

Remember, once we're in Chicago you are on
your own to choose what you want to do. It
would be a good idea to have a plan in mind
BEFORE we get there.

It's going to be a fun day in the windy city!

MEALS and MISSIONS

Saturday, October 13, 2018

8am - 2pm

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 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, home canned
produce, homemade pies, and, of course,
craft items.

We'd love to have each and every one of
our church family participate in
Meals & Missions.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN AT HOPKINS UMC

Children's Church begins on Sunday, Sept. 9th.
We will be studying the Fruits of the Spirit.
Kids 4 years old – 3rd grade will be encouraged
to participate in Children's Church.

3 year olds and younger, along with their
parent(s), are invited to be in **Grace Space** for
the whole service. There are many quiet toys
for children to play with.

Pew Packs are available at the top of the
church stairs. They are available for all
children. At the end of worship, please
remove any papers that your child(ren) work
on, tidy up the supplies in the bag then return
the bag to the rack.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Hopkins UMC would love to be able to offer a
nursery for our youngest worshippers. If you are
willing to help with nursery duty, please sign up on
the new worship volunteer sign-up sheets.



The UMW is taking orders for RADA
products.

There are catalogues and order forms at
both churches.

Orders and payment are due by Sunday,
Sept. 9th.

We will have some RADA products for sale
at our

Meals and Mission event on Saturday, Oct.
13th.



SHOEBOX CHRISTMAS

We will be participating in Operation Christmas
Child this year. The information and labels are
available at both churches. Filled boxes are due
to HUM Hall by Sunay, November 11th.



*Thank you to Dawn and Mitzi for planning
and organizing a fun VBS program.*

**What a treat to have Jan Lodenstein playing the
organ during worship. She and Mike make an
amazing team!!!**

Thanks for sharing your talents with us.

Thanks to everyone who has worked at weeding
the church flower gardens. A BIG thank you to
Kirstin Heft for all the work she has done in the
space between HUM Hall and the church.

It looks A LOT better.



Bob Beck – Thank you for taking time to pick and
arrange some of your flowers. They always
look lovely on the alter.

**A Big Thank You to Mike Ballard for
playing all summer giving Jerry and me a
chance to spend many weekends with our
families and a very few just chillin'. It's
been a great summer!!
Jerry and Reva Daniel**

Thank you Kraai Well Drilling, Inc. for the
generous price and expert installation of the
new water softener in the Hopkins Church.
We appreciate and are thankful for you. --
The Hopkins Trustee Committee

**Thank you to Jim, Merle and Vern for
moving furniture so that the office could
be painted.**

Thanks to everyone who helped with the Red Cross Blood Drive. Your cookies and time were much appreciated.

Thank you to the Lewis Family for putting books in our little library.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

It appeared that everyone who attended VBS had a great time. Thank you to those who helped, in anyway, with the 2 night program.

A special thanks to:

Dawn Green - She is the one who mentioned that we should hold our own VBS. She also organized the crafts for both nights.

Darcie Mack - She did a lot of shopping and organization of the meals for both nights.

Alys Edgell & Mandi Edgell - They put their talents to good use by choosing fun songs and teaching them to the kids. They also lead them in singing during worship on August 26th.

Pastor Andrew - He stepped outside of his "comfort zone" and presented the lessons.

Alaina Lewis - She planned and prepared the activities for both nights. Not an easy task when you are dealing with kids from ages 3yrs. old - 5th grade.

There were many people who acted as "chaperones" for the kids. Those people moved the groups from one activity to another and helped where they could.

As always, we had an awesome "Kitchen Crew".

Thank you to everyone who helped prepare, serve and clean up the meals.

At this point, the plan is to hold another 2 night VBS in 2019. Be thinking of ways that you can share your talents with the kids in our community.

IT'S TIME FOR SCHOOL!

That means it's time for our wonderful mentor program to begin.

If you have an hour a week to spend building a relationship with a student, please talk to Alys. She would love to pair you up with a student from Hopkins Elementary.

TABLE TALK WITH ANDREW

Pastor Andrew has really enjoyed getting to know the people from both churches.

Thank you to those of you who have opened your homes to your church family and friends. If you have not had a chance to sit around a table with Andrew, please contact him to talk about options.

He really does want to spend time with everyone who calls Hopkins or South Monterey UMC their home church.



Sunday, October 14th.

Watch the Sunday bulletin for details.



September Birthdays

6 th	Dezaray Kraft	24 th	Ed Ballard
11 th	Jim Thomas	28 th	Evan Willey
14 th	Mary Lou Ewing		

October Birthdays

6 th	Dawn Green	18 th	Sarah Phillips
8 th	Camryn Lewis	27 th	Andrew Phillips
14 th	Allison Crowe	28 th	Merle Edgell
15 th	Michael Fitzgerald	31 st	Bob Beck



September

3rd - Jim & Phyllis Thomas

25th - Jim & Sandy Ringler

October

5th Jaron & Joyce Horton

20th Rick & Carol Ferguson

23rd Ken & Mary Herrema

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 - Tadd Heft, Ken Herrema,
& Vern Kraft
SM - Paul Collier & Jim Thomas

September Greeters H - Vern Kraft & Bert Tew

Audio/Visual H - Dawn & Amelia Green

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 SM - Todd & Karen Collier

September 9th

Coffee Fellowship H -Dawn & Amelia Green
SM- Jim & Phyllis Thomas

Liturgist H -Amelia Green
SM - Jim Thomas

Children's Message Linda Burton-Collier

Greeters SM - Don & Judy Collier

September 16th

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

Liturgist H - Marge Punches
SM - Linda Burton-Collier

Children's Message Marge Punches

Greeters SM - Jim & Phyllis Thomas

September 23rd

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

Liturgist H - Judy Beck
SM - Don Collier

Children's Message Mitzi Crowe

Greeters SM - Earl & Linda Collier

September 30th - MENTOR RECOGNITION

Coffee Fellowship H - Merle & Alys Edgell
SM- Earl & Linda Collier

Liturgist H - Bert Tew
SM - Carl Collier

Children's Message Mary Howard

Greeters SM - Carl Collier

OCTOBER

October Ushers H - Bob Beck, Merle Edgell,
& Marge Punches
SM - Don Collier & Trevor Collier

October Greeters H - Bob & Judy Beck

Audio/Visual H - Joyce Horton & Merle Edgell

October 7th

Coffee Fellowship H - A. Devries & D. Lemmer
SM- Paul Collier

Liturgist H - Mary Howard
SM - Jim Thomas

Communion Helper Linda Burton-Collier

Children's Message Pastor Andrew

Greeters SM - Don & Judy Collier

October 14th - CHARGE CONFERENCE

Coffee Fellowship H - Lulls & Hortons
SM- Todd & Karen Collier

Liturgist H - Jaron Horton
SM - Linda Burton-Collier

Greeters SM - Earl & Linda Collier

October 21st

Coffee Fellowship H - Vern & Judy Kraft
SM- Jim & Phyllis Thomas

Liturgist H - Linda Burton Collier
SM - Don Collier

Children's Message Marge Punches

Greeters SM - Paul Collier

October 28th

Coffee Fellowship H - Bob & Judy Beck
SM- Carl Collier

Liturgist H - Joyce Horton
SM - Carl Collier

Greeters SM - Todd & Karen Collier

November 4th

Coffee Fellowship H - Mary Howard & Bert Tew
SM- Don & Judy Collier

Liturgist H - Mitzi Crowe
SM - Jim Thomas

Communion Helper Jim Ringler

Children's Message Pastor Andrew

Greeters SM - Jim & Phyllis Thomas



On Sunday, September 9th, Hopkins UMC will be putting out new Worship Volunteer sign-up sheets. The new sheets will be used to schedule worship volunteers beginning in November.