# **Hopkins & South Monterey United Methodist Church**

November 15, 2020

## **GATHER**

**Welcome and Announcements** 

Standing on the Promises



#### **Greeting and Opening Prayer**

**Opening Song** 

All: Gracious and generous God, you are always with us, offering guidance, healing and hope. We know that when things seem dark or are dazzlingly bright; when troubled times assail or peace reigns; there you are with us. Continue to guide and challenge our lives. Lead us in pathways of service and away from trails of fear and anxiety. Open our hearts to receive your healing transforming love that we might serve you more faithfully; for we ask these things in Jesus' name. AMEN.

# **WORD**

\*Gospel Lesson & Sermon

Matthew 25:14-30 Pastor Kelsey

**Prayers of the People** 

**Lord's Prayer** 

**RESPONSE** 

Passing of the Peace Offering



# SEND What Gift Can We Bring #UMH 87

\*Dismissal with Blessing Postlude

\*Closing Song



#### What Gift Can We Bring

What gift can we bring, what present, what token? What words can convey it the joy of this day? When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing, what song can we now offer in honor and praise?

Give thanks for the past, for those who had vision, who planted and watered so dreams could come true. Give thanks for the Now, for study, for worship, for mission that bids us turn prayer into deed.

Give thanks for Tomorrow, full of surprises, for knowing whatever Tomorrow may bring, the Word is our promise always, forever, we rest in God's keeping and live in God's love.

This gift we now bring, this present, this token, these words can convey it the joy of this day! When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing, this song we now offer in honor and praise.

## **Worshiping on Zoom**

**To join worship by phone:** Call **1-312-626-6799.** If busy, try **1-646-558-8656 or 1-301-715-8592** 

Enter meeting ID 768 555 3158 followed by #, then # again.

Enter the password 2697937323 if needed.

To join worship by smartphone, tablet, or computer:

Follow this link: www.hopkinsumchurch.org/zoom

For technical support:

Visit www.hopkinsumchurch.org/help or contact Pastor Kelsey.

**Quick Tips:** 

1. Join early! Pastor Kelsey will be on Zoom starting at 9:45am.

2. Sometimes you will be muted but still connected to the call.

3. Keep trying! Ask for help! We will figure it out together!

**Getting Connected** 

To receive church updates text HopkinsUMC to 84576 or

flocknote.com/HopkinsUMC

**To give electronically** hopkinsumchurch.org/give

**To contact the Prayer Team** Bertha Tew at (269) 793-7424

To contact the Church Office Mitzi Crowe at (269) 793-7323

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# **Hopkins Community Food Pantry**

# **Thanksgiving Basket**

Instant Stuffing (box)

**Instant Potatoes** 

**Turkey Gravy** 

Canned Green beans

Canned Corn

Red Jello

Canned fruit

#### **Perishable Items**

Frozen turkey (10-12 lbs)

Frozen Pie

Refrigerator rolls

**Butter** 

Milk

Monetary donation are also accepted to purchase item not donated.

All donations are due at HUM Hall by Sunday Nov. 15th at 5:00

Baskets will be handed out on Monday, Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> 4:00-6:00

#### **Announcements for November 15, 2020**

Nov 15 - Zoom Worship at 10am

Nov 18 - Church Charge Conference at 5:30pm on Zoom

Nov 22 - Zoom Worship at 10am

Nov 29 - Start of Advent, Worship at 10am, tentatively inside

Dec 1 - Blue Christmas Service

#### **Upcoming Church Leadership Meetings**

Charge Conference on Nov. 18, over Zoom with the DS. Since it is on Zoom, the conference attendance will be limited to Ad Board members. A zoom link will be sent out prior to the meeting.

## Food Pantry Donations -- Thanksgiving Basket Time!

In addition to the typical food pantry needs (cereal, soup, boxed meals, canned pasta, pasta sauce, canned fruits & vegetables, etc.) we are also collecting items for the Thanksgiving Baskets. The list is included in the bulletin. You can bring your Thanksgiving donations to church anytime between now and Sunday, November 15th.

#### Advent 2020

As we look ahead to Advent starting Nov 29, we know that things are going to be a little bit different this year. No matter where we will gather, worship is not cancelled! We are working on new and creative ways to celebrate Advent as a church family. As of now, we are tentatively planning to return to worship inside with the start of Advent. 2020 has been a tough year for all. We have all lost something or someone and we look ahead to the holidays being different too. This means that Christmas might not bring only joy and cheer. We will recognize these complicated feelings as a community with a Blue Christmas service on December 1.

#### Offering Mailing Information

South Monterey Carl Collier 2547 127th Ave. Allegan, MI 49010 Hopkins Mandi Edgell PO Box 356 Hopkins, MI 49328

#### **Prayers Requests and Thanksgivings**

We pray with thanksgiving for... the 4 babies in our church family; Heather & Trevor Collier expecting; the Hortons (baby); those who have gotten jobs; multiple successful surgeries and recoveries

**We pray God's blessing for...** Liam Tew-Salisbury; Gloria Tyslan; Dawn Guppy; Rose Haas; Judy Collier; Jerry Herrema; Dan Herrema; Mary & Bill Howard; Bob Brown; caretakers; those without jobs and looking for jobs.

We pray for the church and for the world... Ongoing Pandemic; overwhelmed hospitals; Amelia Green our seminarian; the future of the UMC; David our Bishop and Dwayne our DS; Pastor Kelsey and Brennen; immigrants and asylum seekers; all who tend and farm the land; for leadership for our nation; for first responders, health care and essential workers; for teachers, students, and families; for social and racial justice.

Share your requests! Call Pastor Kelsey (248-613-0366) or Bert Tew (269-793-7424)

Need a listening ear or help processing all that has gone on this year?

Pastor Kelsey is available for pastoral care meetings. Email or call her to schedule a visit

#### **Card Request**

Dawn Guppy is having a hard time adjusting to living in assisted living. She could use some prayers and cards. Her address is:

Railside Assisted Living Center Dawn Guppy Rm D9 7955 Byron Center Ave SW Byron Center, MI 49315

#### **November Birthdays**

1- Rick Mack Sr. 9 - Carl Collier

4 - Lilly DeVries 11 - Justin Goodenough

#### **Updated Worship Plan (Nov 9)**

The Ad Board discussed our plan at our meeting. We came to the decision that we will remain online for the next few weeks. Our hope is to be back in our sanctuaries for Advent. We recognize that things could change, and so will be keeping an eye on COVID numbers and risk levels in our county and church family. We want to share with you our tentative plans to return inside on Nov. 29, but also encourage us all to be prepared to be flexible and for things to change.