

GATHER

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Song O Come All Ye Faithful UMH 234

1 O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;

3 Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above:
"Glory to God, all glory in the highest!" [Refrain]

Refrain:
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

6 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be all glory given.
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing. [Refrain]

Greeting and Opening Prayer (Based on Psalm 126)
Oh God, You who restore us, we seek you as we dream. We seek your dreams. Dreams of a time and a place where laughter pours from our mouths. Where our tongues are filled with shouts of joy. Where our lives cause others to say: "God has done great things in their lives." When it seems all we can do is plant in tears, help us harvest with deep joy. When it seems that home is lost, guide us to the new home you have for us and we will rejoice. Thank you being the God who turns our dreams into your reality. Amen

Advent Candle Lighting 3rd Candle: Joy

Advent Song Prepare the Way of the Lord UMH 207

Prepare the way of the Lord,
Prepare the way of the Lord,
and all people will see the salvation of our God.

WORD

Gospel Lesson & Sermon John 1:6-8, 19-28 **Pastor Kelsey**
Prayers of the People **Lord's Prayer**

RESPONSE

Special Music Angels We Have Heard On High UMH 238

Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply
Echo back their joyous strains.

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heav'nly song.

Refrain:
Gloria in excelsis Deo!
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Passing of the Peace

Offering & Doxology

Closing Song Joy to the World UMH 246

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

3 No more let sin and sorrow grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.

2 Joy to the earth! the Savior reigns;
Let all their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

4 He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness,
And wonders of his love,
And wonders of his love,
And wonders, wonders of his love.

Dismissal with Blessing



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

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Hopkins United Methodist Church
Affecting Lives Through Jesus Christ



South Monterey
United Methodist Church

Hopkins Community Food Pantry

Christmas Basket List

Instant scalloped potatoes

Canned whole corn

Canned carrots

Macaroni and cheese

Applesauce

Pancake mix

Syrup

Cake mix and frosting

Perishable Items

Ham

Eggs

Frozen Orange Juice

Refrigerator rolls

Butter

Milk

*Monetary donation area also accepted
to purchase items not donated.*

**All donations are due to HUM
Hall by Sunday, Dec. 13th at 5:00**

**Baskets will be handed out on
Monday, Dec. 21st 4:00-6:00**

Announcements for December 13, 2020

Dec 13 - 3rd Sun of Advent, Worship on Zoom at 10am
Food Pantry Xmas Basket Donations Due

Dec 20 - 4th Sun of Advent, Worship on Zoom at 10am

Dec 24 - Christmas Eve Live Nativity Service 5-7pm
Advent 2020

As Advent starts, we know that things are going to be a little bit different this year. No matter where we gather, worship is not cancelled! We are working on new and creative ways to celebrate Advent as a church family. One of those ways is the Advent-at-Home Packets and the ongoing Advent Calendar on the church Facebook page. You can also make your own Advent Wreath to light yourself.

Christmas Eve: Live Nativity!

In a year of new traditions, we are trying something new for Christmas Eve! So we can be together somehow for the special day, we will be having a **live nativity in the downtown park, open 5-7pm**. We will have our own representation of the holy family and a set of animals to give them company. You can come and go as you please within those 2 hours. We will have periodic readings of the scriptures that tell the Christmas story and will end the night with lighting candles and quietly singing Silent Night.

Food Pantry Donations--Christmas Basket Time!

Though much has come to a stop this year, the Food Pantry has not! Holiday food baskets are even more needed by families this year. Donations due by Dec. 13th so the baskets can be packed in time. Drop off Wednesdays from 10am to 1pm and 5pm to 7pm. Bring them to church or contact Mitzi or Pastor Linda about a drop off time.

Offering Mailing Information

South Monterey

Carl Collier
2547 127th Ave.
Allegan, MI 49010

Hopkins

Mandi Edgell
PO Box 356
Hopkins, MI 49328

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.

Prayers Requests and Thanksgivings

We pray with thanksgiving for... the 5 babies in our church family, newest addition: baby Aurora Horton! Heather & Trevor Collier expecting; those who have gotten jobs; multiple surgeries and recoveries going well.

We pray God's blessing for... Guppy/Mack/Green Family with loss of Dawan Guppy; Loni; Lorraine (Margaret's daughter); Gloria Tyslan; Rose Haas; Judy Collier; Jerry Herrema; Dan Herrema; Mary & Bill Howard; all caretakers; the many grieving deaths and losses; 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; Bishop Bard and DS Bagley; 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)

Seasons Greetings!

As we head into a Holiday season like never before and cannot get together with those special to us, our church family that are homebound are likely to be a bit lonelier this season. Let's shower them with some cards to cheer them up! This week, we invite you to send Lori some Season's Greetings.

Lori Knuth
1867 126th Ave.
Hopkins, MI 49328

December Birthdays

3- MaryLou Brennan	20 - Mary Herrema
13 - Jen Tew-Salisbury	26 - Holly DeVries
19 - Kinian Mack	27 - Sandy Ringler

December Anniversaries

2 - Dick & Judy Weick	14 - Don & Judy Collier
5 - Jim & Bert Tew	30 - Bill & Mary Howard
12 - Todd & Karen Collier	