

# Hopkins & South Monterey United Methodist Church

First Sunday of Christmastide December 27, 2020

## GATHER

### Welcome and Announcements



### Opening Song

### Away in a Manger

UMH 217

1 Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
the little Lord Jesus laid down his  
sweet head.

The stars in the sky looked down  
where he lay,  
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the  
hay.

3 Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask  
thee to stay  
close by me forever, and love  
me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in thy  
tender care,  
and fit us for heaven to live with  
thee there.

### Greeting and Opening Prayer

**From the stillness of the blessed night of Jesus' birth, we come before You, O God, in praise and thanksgiving. From the astounding news sung to the shepherds, we thank You for the gift of Your Son. Let our hearts keep the joy and peace of Christmas always. Let our spirits rejoice in God's presence with us. Fill us with Your love, O God. Pour your peace upon us that we may be bearers of Your Good News. AMEN!**

### Song

### Joy to the World

UMH 246

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is  
come!  
Let earth receive its 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.

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.

## WORD

### Gospel Lesson & Sermon

Luke 2:22-40

Pastor Kelsey

## RESPONSE

### Special Music Good Christian Friends, Rejoice UMH 224

1 Good Christian friends, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice;  
give ye heed to what we say:  
Jesus Christ was born today.  
Ox and ass before him bow,  
and he is in the manger now.  
Christ is born today!  
Christ is born today!

2 Good Christian friends, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye hear of endless bliss:  
Jesus Christ was born for this!  
He has opened heaven's door,  
and we are blest forevermore.  
Christ was born for this!  
Christ was born for this!

### Prayers of the People

### Lord's Prayer

### Passing of the Peace

### Offering & Doxology

## SEND



### Closing Song

### What Child Is This?

UMH 219

1 What Child is this, who, laid to  
rest,  
On Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems  
sweet,  
While shepherds watch are  
keeping?

2 Why lies He in such mean  
estate,  
Where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear: for sinners  
here  
The silent Word is pleading.  
*Chorus*

*Chorus:*  
*This, this is Christ, the King,*  
*Whom shepherds guard and*  
*angels sing:*  
*Haste, haste to bring Him laud,*  
*The Babe, the Son of Mary!*

3 So bring Him incense, gold, and  
myrrh,  
Come, peasant, king to own Him.  
The King of kings salvation brings;  
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.  
*Chorus*

### 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](http://www.hopkinsumchurch.org/zoom)

**For technical support:**

Visit [www.hopkinsumchurch.org/help](http://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!**

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### Getting Connected

**To receive church updates** text **HopkinsUMC** to 84576 or  
[flocknote.com/HopkinsUMC](http://flocknote.com/HopkinsUMC)

**To give electronically** [hopkinsumchurch.org/give](http://hopkinsumchurch.org/give)

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

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**South Monterey**  
United Methodist Church

## Announcements for December 27, 2020

**Dec 27** - Post-Christmas Pajama Worship, Zoom, 10am

**Jan 3** - Epiphany Sunday, Worship Service, Location TBD by Ad Board, Decision forthcoming

**Jan 6** - Epiphany Day

### Epiphany

Epiphany is the day Christians remember the coming of the Magi to visit Jesus, bringing their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. It occurs on Jan. 6 every year, the 13th day of the Christmas season. The word "epiphany," from the Greek word epiphania, means appearance or manifestation. The arrival of these visitors was a sign that the incarnation of God in Christ had been made known and was recognized by the heavens to the whole world, so that even Gentile wise men from the East came to pay him homage. This is an observance of great majesty, solemnity and awe. An even more ancient Christian celebration than Christmas, Epiphany originally focused on the nativity, God's incarnation (God made flesh) in the birth of Jesus Christ, and Christ's baptism.

### "Souper" Bowl

It's almost time for the annual **SOUPer Bowl Challenge** between Hopkins UMC, South Monterey UMC, Burnips UMC and Monterey Center UMC! Our challenge runs from January 3 through Super Bowl Sunday, February 7. We're collecting: soup, crackers, chili ingredients (beans, tomato sauce, canned tomatoes, chili spice packets, etc). Bring your items to HUM Hall anytime between now and February 2nd! Get excited for our Souper Bowl!!!

### Food Pantry Donations Needs

At this time the major needs are: **Canned Pasta, Canned Fruit, Tuna, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Ketchup, and Mustard.**

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

## Prayers Requests and Thanksgivings

**Our deepest sympathies go to...** Rose Haas's family on her passing.

**We pray with thanksgiving for...** COVID vaccine, 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...** Marrion Lull; Guppy/Mack/Green Family with loss of Dawn Guppy; Loni; Lorraine (Margaret's daughter); Gloria Tyslan; 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...** Increasing Homeless populations across the US; 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)

**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.

### 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	