

GATHER

Welcome and Announcements



Opening Song

The First Noel (1-3)

UMH 245

1 The first Noel the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds
in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay
keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that
was so deep.

Refrain:
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
born is the King of Israel.

2 They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east, beyond them far;
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and
night. *Refrain*

3 And by the light of that same star
three Wise Men came from country
far;
to seek for a king was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it
went. *Refrain*

Greeting and Opening Prayer

God of Promise and mysterious Light, be with us this day as we journey in our faith; to meet your Gift. Give us courage and hope along our way, as your light will continue to glow brightly in our path, leading us to service and discipleship in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

Song

The First Noel (4-5)

UMH 245

4 This star drew nigh to the
northwest,
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest;
and there it did both stop and stay,
right over the place where Jesus
lay. *Refrain*

5 Then entered in those Wise
Men three,
full reverently upon the knee,
and offered there, in his presence,
their gold and myrrh and
frankincense. *Refrain*

WORD

What is Epiphany?

Gospel Lesson & Sermon

Matthew 2:1-12

Pastor Kelsey

RESPONSE

Special Music

We Three Kings

UMH 254

1 We three kings of Orient are;
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and
mountain,
following yonder star.

Refrain:
O star of wonder, star of light,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light.

2 Born a King on Bethlehem's
plain,
gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never,
over us all to reign. *Refrain*

3 Frankincense to offer have I;
incense owns a Deity nigh;
prayer and praising, voices
raising,
worshiping God on high. *Refrain*

4 Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding,
dying,
sealed in the stone-cold tomb.
Refrain

5 Glorious now behold him arise;
King and God and sacrifice:
Alleluia, Alleluia,
sounds through the earth and
skies. *Refrain*

Prayers of the People Passing of the Peace Offering & Doxology

Lord's Prayer

SEND

Closing Song

Go, Tell it on the Mountain

UMH 251

Refrain:
Go tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere;
go tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born!

1 While shepherds kept their
watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
behold throughout the heavens
there shone a holy light. *Refrain*

2 The shepherds feared and
trembled
when lo! above the earth
rang out the angel chorus
that hailed our Savior's birth.
Refrain

3 Down in a lowly manger
the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation
that blessed Christmas morn.
Refrain

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

Announcements for January 3, 2021

Jan 3 - Epiphany Sunday, Worship on Zoom at 10am

Jan 6 - Epiphany Day

Jan 10 - Worship on Zoom at 10am

Jan 11 - Ad Board meeting on Zoom at 6:30pm

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), macaroni and cheese, pasta sauce, pasta and canned pasta**. 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

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... Andy (Mike Lovely's friend); Marrion Lull; Nancy Vogt & family on loss of Rose; 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.

January Birthdays

4 - Phyllis Thomas	20 - Marrion Lull
5 - Lori Knuth	23 - Alys Edgell
6 - Deanna Haas	29 - Darcie Mack
9 - Bill Howard	

January Anniversaries

10 - Nancy Vogt