



**Hopkins &
South Monterey**
United Methodist Churches

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THE VOICE

  Happy Fall, Church Family!  

How nice it is to enjoy some cooler weather and get back to some of our normal activities. Around our churches, we are getting back to gathering in our sanctuaries, coffee fellowship time, book studies, and Sunday School.

The church calendar has been filling up, as I am sure all of your schedules have been too. It may be a bit more stressful, but how nice it is to be **DOING** things again, right? It has been wonderful to hear about the kids being excited to be back in school, and about your travels or visits with family.

As time flies by, we will continue having a lot going on as a church family in the next months. Keep an eye out for special events and activities! These next two months will take us from Halloween to Thanksgiving to Advent. So much is going to be happening! I hope we get to see more of each other as we do so many different things.

Our Wednesday evening services are a place that has already been happening. There isn't a big group, but it has been a good consistent space for a few to get spiritual nourishment and for others to pop in when they can't make it on Sunday. It is lovely to have another chance to gather in worship. We will be continuing this service into the Fall and would love to see more people! Keep this service in mind for when you miss a Sunday and if you know of anyone else who could make Wednesday evenings work better in their schedule. A reminder that we have childcare available at that service every week.

The Fall will probably zoom by quickly, but before we get pulled into Advent and the craze of Christmas time, we have just enough time to squeeze in one more Sermon Series. The

lectionary gives us a collection of Jesus' teachings from the middle of the Gospel of Mark about what it means to be part of God's Kingdom. All of these stories tell of someone(s) asking Jesus a question or making an assumption and Jesus correcting their mindset to how they should be thinking and acting. These stories give us a glimpse into the way that God's Kingdom values flip our dominant cultural values upside down.

We will spend 6 weeks from October 3 through November 7 walking through these teachings from Jesus and connecting each teaching to a Kingdom value versus dominant culture value.

- Week 1: Mark 10:2-16 Shalom/Violence
- Week 2: Mark 10:17-31 Sharing/Hoarding
- Week 3: Mark 10:35-45 Cooperation/Competition
- Week 4: Mark 10:46-52 Compassion/Conflict
- Week 5: Mark 12:28-34 Love/Fear
- Week 6: Mark 12:38-44 Abundance/Scarcity

If you have some free time before or during the series, I invite you to read Mark 10-12 to hear the teachings all together. If you have even more time, you could even read all of Mark, it is the shortest of the Gospels!

I look forward to continuing and growing our ministry with you all this Fall. May God guide us and bless in all that we do.

In Grace and Peace, *Pastor Kelsey*
Call/Text: (248) 613-0366

Fall Worship Schedule

Sundays

9:30am at South Monterey UMC

11am at Hopkins UMC

Nursery Care available.

Wednesdays

6:30pm at Hopkins UMC

Childcare available

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Sundays (Sept 26-Oct 31) - Adam Hamilton book study meeting after church

Oct 4 - Being Brave Meeting, 5:30-6:30pm

Oct 11 - Meeting Monday (UMW at 5, Trustees 5:30, Ad Board at 6)

Oct 12 - Mentoring Meeting at HUM Hall, 10am

Oct 31 - Halloween! Trick-or-treat at the church

Nov 7 - All Saints Sunday

Nov 8 - Charge Conference, 1:45pm, Zoom

Nov 8 - Meeting Monday (UMW at 5, Trustees 5:30, Ad Board at 6)

Nov 28 - First Sunday of Advent

Being Brave Ministries

We are restarting meeting and working on our projects. Our next meeting will be Monday, **October 4 at 5:30pm at HUM Hall**. We will meet as a whole group every first Monday of the month going forward.

Projects: inclusive teen space, school supplies for Foster kids/families, personal hygiene packs (with UMW), "How to Be an Antiracist" book club, etc.

Halloween

Halloween is on a Sunday this year. As we know, Hopkins will be celebrating the holiday on the day. We will be passing out candy this year, but will do so outside HUM hall (or perhaps from Bud's Barn). We are keeping an eye on COVID risk levels and will decide at the Oct 11 UMW meeting if we will pass out food as well.

Please start collecting Halloween candy for the church to pass out!

Advent 2021

Advent begins on Sunday, November 28 this year. We will have Advent-at-home packets that will take us through Epiphany. It will include a devotional booklet and advent calendar. The theme will follow through to weekly worship too!

Our theme this year will be: **Close to Home.**

Theme Description:

"When something hits close to home, it affects us deeply. During the Advent and Christmas season, we journey through scriptures and rituals that are tender, heavy with emotion, and vulnerable. We carry the memories and truths of this season close to our hearts. The Close to Home theme acknowledges the "already



but not yet" tension of our faith: Emmanuel is with us, and yet, God's promised day—our everlasting home—is not fully realized. It names our deep longing for God to come close to us.

The Advent and Christmas scriptures are rich with home metaphors and imagery. In these scriptures, home is both physical and metaphorical, something we seek and something we are called to build. In many ways, these scriptures are like blueprints—detailing the dreams of a God who makes a home with us. Ultimately, God is our home and resting place. God draws near and makes a home on earth; sacred ground is all around us.

This Advent, may we be comforted by the One who dwells intimately with us. May we expand safety and sanctuary for everyone wandering far from home. May we come home—wherever home is found—to live fully with joy, hope, and courage." Thanks to *A Sanctified Art* for creating such wonderful resources!

Have questions about Pastor's sermon? Has this season been extra hard on you? Are you struggling with doubts or questions about God, our faith or the church? Could you just use a listening ear or a friendly chat?

Pastor Kelsey would love to meet with you. Office Hours: Tues-Thurs 11am-6pm

By Appointment when possible or for other times.

Phone (Calls or Texts): 248-613-036

Worship Volunteers

October

October Greeters: Juanita Curtis & Merle Edgell

October 3

Children's Message - Pastor Kelsey
Liturgist - Mary Howard
Coffee Fellowship - Judy & Bob Beck
Communion - Mary Howard

October 10

Children's Message - Alys Edgell
Liturgist - Vern Kraft
Coffee Fellowship - Mary Howard

October 17

Children's Message - Mitzi Crowe
Liturgist - Judy Beck
Coffee Fellowship - Alys & Merle Edgell

October 24

Children's Message - Mary Howard
Liturgist - Alys Edgell
Coffee Fellowship - Mitzi Crowe

October 31

Children's Message - Linda Burton-Collier
Liturgist - Linda Burton-Collier
Coffee Fellowship - Deb Lemmer

NOVEMBER

November Greeters: Bob & Judy Beck

November 7

Children's Message - Pastor Kelsey
Liturgist - Mandi Edgell
Coffee Fellowship - Judy & Bob Beck
Communion - Merle Edgell

November 14

Children's Message - Alys Edgell
Liturgist - Judy Beck
Coffee Fellowship - Mary Howard

November 21

Children's Message - Mitzi Crowe
Liturgist - Mary Howard
Coffee Fellowship - Alys & Merle Edgell

November 28

Children's Message - Mary Howard
Liturgist - Vern Kraft
Coffee Fellowship - Mitzi Crowe

DECEMBER

Dec. Greeters: Juanita Curtis & Mary Howard

December 5

Children's Message - Pastor Kelsey
Liturgist - Alys Edgell
Coffee Fellowship - Deb Lemmer
Communion - Judy Beck

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

It is so wonderful to be able to enjoy fellowship together following worship. If you are responsible for coffee fellowship you will need to get coffee started before worship and bring and set out whatever food you would like to share. While there is often some sort of cold drink in the big refrigerator, it's best to come prepared with something for those who don't drink coffee. You can choose to use "real" plates, cups and glasses or we have LOTS of disposable. If you use real dishes, please load and start the dishwasher before you leave. There are trays, bowls and baskets available for serving. Please be sure the lights are off and that all the doors are closed and locked. If you haven't signed up to set up and provide coffee fellowship but you're willing to help, please tell Mitzi. She will add you to the schedule.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

October Birthdays

2 - Violet Brinkuis	20 - Mike Lovley
6 - Dawn Green	28 - Merle Edgell
8 - Camryn Lewis	31 - Bob Beck

November Birthdays

4 - Lilly DeVries	11 - Justin Goodenough
9 - Carl Collier	29 - Aurora Horton



October Anniversaries

5 - Jaron & Joyce Horton	23 - Ken & Mary Herrema
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Online Giving

Tithe.ly is a secure way to give online from your computer or phone that gives you the ability to give to the offering via credit/debit card from anywhere. You can give once or set up a giving schedule. It is easy to navigate and gives you one less thing to have to remember when trying to get out the door Sunday morning.

Go to: <http://hopkinsumchurch.org/give/> to learn about and give through tithe.ly!

ADDRESS CHANGES & ADDITIONS

If you have an address or phone number change or addition that you would like your church family to know about, please get them to Mitzi so that it/they can be included in the next newsletter.

Please add these address changes and additions to your directory/address book:

Dee Davies

3541 Windsor Woods Dr.
Wayland, MI 49348

Jane Kaule (Mitzi's mom)

1140 138th Ave,
Wayland, MI 49348
(231) 632-1184

LOOSE CHANGE

Loose change collected on Sundays for all of the month of October will go to the UMW's new project of making Basic Need kits for those leaving prison. After donations and buying in bulk, the kits each cost \$10 (or less!) and include a significant number of basic hygiene and personal products. They will be going to the Allegan County Jail for distribution as the people are released.

FOOD PANTRY NEWS

The Hopkins Community Food Pantry was honored as a Hometown Hero by the Modern Woodmen of America. In addition to the Hometown Hero recognition, Modern Woodmen of America presented a check to the Food Pantry for \$100. They said that each year local Modern Woodmen members recognize the work of individuals who are dedicated to serving others. Thank you to all the volunteers for the good that you do.



Thank you to Earl Collier for mowing the lawn at Common Ground each week and for hauling the big speaker back and forth.

Thank you to HUMC & SMUMC for allowing the Wilson-Greenwald wedding to take place at Common Ground, to Earl for mowing the lawn, and to Susie Preston for the lovely flowers.

A Big Thank You to Vern Kraft for helping with cleanup after the storm and Mandi Edgell and Mary Howard for their help getting the apartment ready. A HUGE THANK YOU to Mitzi Crowe and her family for the many hours of work to prepare the space where her mom will live. Thank you to the congregations for the support, encouragement and prayers. Blessings, Reva Daniel

HUGE thank you to the Hopkins Football team and the Hopkins firemen who volunteered their time to take down our ramp. They made a huge project go so quickly and did a great job! Big thanks also to Merle Edgell & Jim Ringler for their extra work to facilitate and to dispose of the railing and wood properly!

Thank you to everyone who helped make worship at Common Ground happen: To Earl for keeping the grass mowed; To Earl and Linda for bringing the speaker system every Sunday; To Justin Goodenough for allowing us to borrow the speaker; To Mike for being willing to haul and set up a keyboard so we could enjoy his playing; To Susie Preston for helping with the flower beds; To anyone who helped set up the needed tables.

I find Common Ground a lovely place to worship. I hope we will be out there again next summer. Mitzi