

THE CHURCH SPIRES 2021
FEBRUARY 1-15
WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday, February 7th

Worship 10:30

Doreen Cooper

CHICKEN BBQ 12-3*

Sunday, February 14th

Worship 10:30

Rev. Glenn Henriksen

ANNUAL MEETING TO FOLLOW*

*****INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY** We have arranged with WHUD, 100.7 FM to announce the church closing in the event of bad weather. Please remember if it is not safe for you to leave your home; please do not. We want you to know that your safety is of great importance to us and we look forward to seeing you after the inclement weather has passed.

General Office Information

Mailing address: PO Box 15,

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General Office hours (Suzanne):

***Tuesdays-1 pm-5:30pm**

***Thursdays-1pm-5:30pm**

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the congregation and corporation of Hopewell Presbyterian Church (USA) will be held in the Sanctuary immediately following worship, on Sunday, February 14, 2020 for the purpose of electing new officers, to receive the annual report, and to act on any business properly brought before the Meeting.



WORSHIP



Please join us for an Ash Wednesday Service on Feb 17 at 4:00pm. Todd Young will officiate the service. We welcome him and hope you will join us!

CHICKEN BARBECUE



REMINDER** We are happy to report that our famous "Chicken Barbecue" will take place on Sunday Feb 7th from 12-3. **TICKETS ARE ONLY \$15. FOR 3 HALF CHICKENS!** Dave Broadwell and Al Noteboom will be running the Event. They can always use some help with cooking, clean-up, etc. It will be a TO GO EVENT. Please call them (Dave-917-331-6225, Al-845-744-2129) with any questions. or offers of help. Also, the Deacons will be selling sides to go with the half chicken. There will be a variety of sides to be sold at \$3.00 each or 2 for \$5. Come out to help and to support this event!

NEW WIFI AT HOPEWELL

We have changed from frontier internet to Spectrum.

There is a new password and email address:

hopewellpres1775@gmail.com Please contact the office for the password.

SURVEY FOR PASTORAL SEARCH

THE LAST DAY TO COMPLETE THIS SURVEY IS MONDAY, FEB 8TH. PLEASE COMPLETE ONE SO YOUR VOICE IS HEARD!!!

In preparation of hiring a new Pastor we are conducting a new kind of survey from "Holy Cow" Consulting company. Its a very short survey and easy to complete. We have emailed a link in early January to our members and others that support the church. To those that don't get email, we have printed copies and left at the church for pick up or will mail directly to you. We would love to have 100% participation and hope you share our enthusiasm for this! Please complete the survey by **Feb 8 2021** so that we can have the results and get started on our journey to find a new Pastor. If you need help or have any questions, please call and email the office. THANKS!!!

SAD NEWS

THANKS ALL FOR THE CARDS AND MEMORIAL DONATIONS!

We have been advised that Irene Morrow passed away on Wed., Jan 13, 2021. The family will hold a private family only wake this Sunday and private burial will be next week. Due to Covid 19 all services are private at this time. Please say prayers for Irene and her family. She loved her church and was a long standing member at Hopewell. We will certainly miss her. You may send cards to her family:

Jackie Donnelly
93 Maple Street
Newburgh, NY. 12550

Irene Worek
126 Rosewood Drive
Bordentown, NJ. 08505

Karen Waugh
154 Hitching Post Lane
Yorktown Heights, NY. 10958

ZOOM AT HOPEWELL

THERE IS A SIGN UP SHEET IN NARTHEX TO GIVE A CONSENT FOR US TO SEND THE ZOOM LINK TO YOU IF YOU WANT TO GET THE LIVE SERVICE ONLINE. You can email the church office hopewellpres1775@gmail.com TO LET US KNOW IF YOU WANT TO BE INCLUDED.

THIS IS ALSO VERY USEFUL IF YOU DON'T FEEL WELL OR WOULD RATHER JUST GET THE SERVICE AT HOME FOR NOW. DON'T FORGET TO LET US KNOW TODAY!

ALSO, please NOTE WE ARE RECORDING THE SERVICE AND IT IS ON YOUTUBE AFTER THE SERVICE IS OVER. HERE IS THE LINK TO GET ON: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDMxH6LCagVoIGMBo223xWA>

YOGA AT HOPEWELL

Chair Yoga: Stretch your whole body from the chair in this 45-minute class that everyone can enjoy, Thursdays 10:30-11:15am, \$5.

Mat Yoga: Join us for an hour of stretchy and relaxing yoga, Thursdays 11:30am - 12:30pm, \$10. Beginners welcomed and supported.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED CONTACT JOAN SINCE CLASS SIZES ARE LIMITED. 845-393-4440

Namaste & Blessings,

Joan

p.s. Practiced outside whenever the weather allows!

WARMING STATION

WE RECEIVED A VERY NICE THANK YOU NOTE FROM THE GREATER MIDDLETOWN INTERFAITH COUNCIL REGARDING THE DONATIONS THAT WERE DROPPED OFF. IT IS HANGING IN NARTHEX. . We are still collecting so please continue to fill the basket in narthex.

We have heard from the warming station as to what is needed this year. Here is what it is:

Donations that are needed this season are warm winter gloves, men's undershirts (M,L,XL), men's boxers (M,L,XL), plastic cutlery packs (with salt, pepper & napkin), non-dairy powdered coffee creamer packets.

Donations are still being accepted at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 58 West Main St., Middletown

on M, W, & F from 8AM to 1 PM and T & Th from 11 AM to 4 PM.

PLEASE KEEP SENDING IN THOSE DONATIONS!

THANKS FOR ALL SO FAR! P.S. I'M

DROPPING OFF THE SECOND LOAD NEXT WEEK THANKS! SUZANNE

This year the station will be held at Temple Sinai, 75 Highland Ave., Middletown at 7:00 PM. In order to social distance this season because of the OVID-19 virus we will be housed temporarily at Temple Sinai. All virus precautions will be taken as recommended by the Department of Health.

Once again, thank you for thinking of the Warming Station!

Many blessings and stay safe!

Marilyn Pierce, Co-Chair

THANK YOU TO OUR LOYAL MEMBERS

Thank you to all our generous members and friends for helping and supporting the church during this pandemic with all that you do!

BIG THANK YOU!

To Mark Doty for the hours of plumbing he did to replace the three bathroom faucets at the church.

Thanks again to Lee Baranowski for donating the faucets.

Thank you to Mary Bickel for continuing to bring food for those in need. Also for the generous members that have helped fill our food pantry box in Narthex.

Thank you to Sue Pondi for disinfecting our building so we can be safe.

Thank you to Doreen Cooper for so generously covering our pulpit.

Thanks Don Bruyn for helping with Building & Grounds chores



**HOPEWELL PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

**”The Stone Church with the Warm
Heart”**

Welcome
FRIENDS & FAMILY

Moderator

Anne Wood

Ruling Elders/Council * *

Lee Baranowski, *Clerk*

David Broadwell, '21 *Buildings & Grounds*

Doreen Cooper, '21 *Worship*

Al Noteboom, '21, *Building & Grounds*,

Marie Waugh, '22, *Personnel, Membership
& Nominating*

Jonathan Broadwell, '2021, *Building &
Grounds*

Linda Doty, '22

Deacons * *

Kathleen Broadwell, '21

Jean Eustance, '22

Joan Kammarada, '21, *Secretary*

Dale McQuiston, '22, *Moderator*

Kathy Raponi, '22

Clara Noteboom, '21, *Treasurer*

Sue Pondi, '21

Bob Seifert, '23

***No matter who you are or
where you are on life's
journey, you are welcome
here. We hope you feel
the love that is present
and our joy in having you
with us.***



Thank you to Deacons and Session Members that agreed to stay on another year to help during the pandemic.



**IMPORTANT ESPECIALLY
NOW WITH COVID-19**

Updating Your Information

If you have an **email** and **cell phone number** it would be great to update our information with that since that is what most folks use these days.

It is always easier to reach people that way and bonus is you will receive our newsletter in COLOR! Forms will be out in Narthex so you can update our list. Thanks

If you feel more comfortable in your car or other area of the church rather than in the Sanctuary you can tune in to 87.5 FM to listen to our service live.

OR-if the weather is bad you can go on zoom or listen to the service on YouTube as noted in this bulletin. You can do this from a smart phone too! Please ask Mitch for any assistance.

**THANK YOU TO
THOSE THAT HAVE
BEEN SENDING THEIR
PLEDGES AND
DONATIONS.
EVERYONE, PLEASE
HELP AND CONTINUE
TO SEND THEM IN.**

BUILDING AND GROUNDS
PLEASE NOTE OUR NEW
SANITIZING STATIONS BY BOTH
ENTRANCES TO THE CHURCH. WE
ALSO HAVE SIGN IN SHEETS SO WE
CAN KEEP TRACK OF ALL THOSE
THAT ENTER PER NYS GUIDELINES.
IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT ALL WHO
ENTER, NOTE THE DATE AND PUT
THEIR NAME ON THE SHEET
PROVIDED BY THE DOOR.
PLEASE KEEP A SAFE SOCIAL
DISTANCE WHILE WE MEET AT
THE CHURCH.

Please read the protection notices at the door and the Guidelines for Religious and Funeral Services in New York.

Hidden Messages in songs and the Underground Railroad

“Swing Low, Sweet Chariot” is considered to be a song with hidden messages, referring to the Underground Railroad. The Underground Railroad was a connection of people in various locations helping those bound by slavery to escape. “Swing Low, Sweet Chariot” was said to be a favorite spiritual of Harriet Tubman (1820–1913), who escaped from slavery in 1849. In the 1850s, she made many rescue trips into Maryland to help about 300 slaves escape to freedom.

Most of the code words in the Negro Spirituals refer to escape from slavery; the code words were used to hide the underlying, secret meaning of the lyrics. Coded songs were a way for slaves to share the dream of freedom openly with one another, drawing inspiration and hope from the texts. Without understanding the code, the lyrics

appeared to have very different, nonthreatening meanings to the slaveholders.

The refrain and first verse of “Swing Low, Sweet Chariot,” for example, might have been understood in the following ways:

Lyrics	Literal Meaning	Code
low,	Come down from above,	Come into the
the “Underground Railroad,”	Comin’ for to carry me home ...	Coming to take me to heaven ...
Comin’ after me ...	helping me to reach the North ...	
... Verse One:	I looked over Jordan, and what did I see?	I looked over the River Jordan (in biblical Israel), and what did I see?
I looked over the Mississippi River (or the Ohio River), and what did I see?	(“Jordan” is the code word for the Mississippi or Ohio rivers.)	A band of angels
A group of angels	The workers of the Underground Railroad	comin’ after me ...
comin’ after me ...	helping me to reach the North ...	

Thanks to Mary Bickel for sharing this article from Presbyterians Today*