

**The Church Spires**  
**February 2013**

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**February 3rd, 2013-February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013**  
**Calendar of Events**

***February 3-9***

***Sunday, February 3***

***4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany***

Choir, 9:30 a.m.

Worship 10:30 a.m.

Fellowship 11:30

Chicken Barbeque pick up 12-3:00 p.m.

Youth Group Meeting – helping during

Chicken Barbeque and cleanup

***Tuesday, February 5,***

Deacon's Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

***Wednesday, February 6,***

Service for Wholeness & Healing, 7:00

***February 10-16***

***Sunday, February 10,***

***Transfiguration of the Lord***

Choir, 9:30 a.m.

Worship 10:30 a.m.

Fellowship 11:45

Pot Luck Luncheon

***Tuesday, February 12,***

Pancake Supper 6:00 p.m.

***Wednesday, February 13,***

***Ash Wednesday***

Service with Communion 7:00 p.m.

***Saturday, February 16***

Community Dinner 4:00-5:30 p.m.

***February 17-23***

***Sunday, February 17***

***1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent***

Choir, 9:30 a.m.

Worship 10:30 a.m.

Fellowship 11:30

Blood Drive 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Youth Group Meeting 4:00-6:30 p.m.

***Wednesday, February 20,***

Discussion Group 7:00 p.m.

***February 28-March 2***

***Sunday, February 24***

***2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent***

Choir, 9:30 a.m.

Worship 10:30 a.m.

Fellowship 11:30

***Wednesday, February 27***

Discussion Group, 7:00 p.m.

***Thursday, February 28***

Session 7:00 p.m.

**News for Hopewell in Brief**

**Youth Group News!!!**

Over the past few months, the Hopewell Presbyterian Church Youth Group has been busy!! A few members participated in the CROP walk to fight against hunger. They walked a total of three miles, donated food, and raised money for people in need. During one of the Community Dinners, they put on a creative skit about hunger and worldwide problems. They assisted with clean-up and distributing of food. For Christmas, the youth decorated and donated "shoeboxes" of presents to needy children. They made thank you banners for companies who have donated food to the Community Dinner. In addition, six of them participated in painting the Youth Group Meeting Room after services on Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>. Fun was had by all and they did a great job. Everyone worked well together and accomplished painting the walls and trim in just two and a half hours! It looks clean and tranquil with light purple walls and a darker purple trim. Special thanks to **Cooper Paint** for their very generous donation of three gallons of paint. Best of all, the Youth Group brings joy and happiness. They are thankful and forgiving. They are active and use their creative ideas to make their mark in positive ways.

**Pot Luck Luncheon**

Please join us on February 10 after service. If you can help, please contact Irene Morrow

### **Help Us Find Our Vase**

Hopewell Church has TWO silver vases for flowers in the Sanctuary. One of them seems to have been misplaced. Please help us locate it. Look through cupboards and all the “safe” places and check if it is at your home. Please contact Mary Bickel if you are able to find it. Thanks!!

### **Blood Drive**

Our Blood Drive will be held on Sunday, February 17 from 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. You must be between the ages of 16\* and 75 years of age. For those that are 76 and over, you may donate with a note from your physician and \*16 year old donors require parental permission on a New York Blood Center form which will be available at the drive. You must weigh at least 110 pounds. Please eat and be well hydrated before donating. If you have any medical eligibility questions, please call 1-800-688-0900. Please bring identification with photo or signature. Thanks!

### **Chicken Barbeque on Super bowl**

**Sunday** Save the date of February 3<sup>rd</sup> and don't forget to get your tickets for this fantastic meal! Pick up is from 12:00-3:00. They still need some extra hands, so if you can volunteer, please help them. The Youth Group is helping too!

### **Please say Prayers**

A long standing member of our congregation, Captain Thomas J. Akacki, is being deployed to Kabul, Afghanistan in early February. He will remain there for approximately one year. The Akacki family asks to please pray for his safety and for his speedy return.

### **Pancake Supper**

This year Shrove Tuesday or as some people call it Fat Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday, falls on February 12<sup>th</sup>. We'll have our usual pancake supper at 6:00 p.m. for our church family and community to enjoy fellowship. This is a free event sponsored by the Evangelism & Membership Committee. If you can bring a grill to flip pancakes, wish to donate real maple syrup, berries, sausage and/or sausage and apples; please contact Louise Baines @ 733-4395 or Erika Scheuermann @ 744-8459. We can also use set up and clean up help. Thank you. We expect many people to come. Hope you can make it!!

### **TIME TO GIVE THANKS\*\***

Hey, did you notice the new carpeting that was put in the Pastor's office and the Hallways? It looks great and no more danger from the rippling of the old carpet! Thanks to Jim Orcutt for organizing and making sure the job was done! Thanks also to Jim Orcutt and Don Bruyn for all the shoveling and putting down the ice melt so we are safe. Thanks to Rita Bahrenburg for cleaning out the Pastor's office and to Lee Baranowski for the updated decorating of the Pastor's office.

\*\* Please let us know of the people who do nice things for us so they can be thanked.

### **Inclement Weather Policy:**

In the case of dangerous driving conditions, the Clerk of Session will determine whether cancellation of Worship and/or Community Dinners is necessary. We have now arranged with WHUD, 100.7 FM to announce church closing in the case of bad weather.

### **February Worship**

We want to thank and welcome the following to lead our service during the month of February: Feb. 3- Doreen Cooper, Feb. 10 and 24-Anne Wood, and Feb. 17-Pam Lupfer. Thanks for helping during our time of need!

### **News for Hopewell in Brief** **Important Financial Information to Our Church Family**

Much to our dismay, on January 28, 2013, it was discovered that the church safe had been stolen and the contents therein which included the collection from January 27, 2013. If you made a contribution by check; you may want to stop payment and reissue your check. If you made a cash contribution; please advise Mitch Cooper, our Financial Secretary. The Town of Crawford Police Department is investigating this matter.

### **Community Dinner**

Don't forget to come out for our Community Dinner this **Sat., Feb. 16, from 4:00-5:30p.m.** We welcome everyone!

### **Youth Group News!!!**

The Youth Group will become more involved in helping at church events and this month they will be helping at the Community Diner. They will now meet on the third Saturday of each month to coordinate with the Community Diners. **March 3rd** will be Youth Group Sunday and they will lead the entire church service. The regular meeting will be held from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. The Hampe family will be hosting dinner for them! Thanks!!!

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We want to thank **Rita Bahrenburg** and **Elsie Johnson** for meeting faithfully each week to count the receipts and everything else that goes with it. They also take care of the candles and buy more when needed. Rita also cleans up and vacuums on a regular basis. In addition, she arrives early for worship each Sunday and lights the candles, supplies the pulpit water, and whatever else she thinks is needed. Elsie faithfully picks up the mail every day and delivers it to the church. They both are often behind the scene making sure all of Hopewell's "ducks are in a row". Thanks to these lovely ladies for all that they do!

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### **Girl Scout Cookie Sale**

After service on **March 10<sup>th</sup>**. Sale will be held after service until about 12:30p.m. All your same favorite flavors! Thin mints-yum! Help support our local Girl Scouts!



### **Deacon Soup Sale**

The Deacons will hold their Soup Sale on **March 24** after service in Fellowship Hall.

### **Book Sale**

Sales will be held **mostly every Sunday after service** with a weekend sale in the future. There is something for everyone! Come and look through them! Hardcover books are \$1.00 each; and paperbacks are \$.50 each. If you have any questions, please contact Kelli Greer at: 845-744-3055.

### **Save the Date**

Just a reminder for volunteers and participants for this summer's Vacation Bible School. It is scheduled for **July 22-26** and we will be exploring Discovery Cannon together. Any questions, you can contact Sue Bahrenburg or Terri Falletta. Thanks so much!

### **Our Condolences**

Our congregation was saddened over the passing of William ("Billy") King on February 1, 2013. Our condolences go out to Patsy Starr-King and the Starr and King families. He will be greatly missed by this congregation. Funeral Services were held on February 4, 2013 at Hopewell Church.

### **Please say Prayers**

A request has been made by a member of our congregation, Wendy Lupinski-Beck, and family to pray for her mother, Gail Koch (pronounced "Coke") as she is scheduled to get a biopsy on March 7<sup>th</sup> for a lesion found on her vocal cords. Also, her Mother-in-Law, Joan Beck is currently undergoing chemotherapy; the doctors are unable to pinpoint the source of her cancer cells. Please say your prayers to help these families through these difficult times.

And please remember.....

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#### **Church Office Hours:**

**Tues., Wed., From 10:00 -2:00 p.m.**

**Thurs., 12:00-4:00 p.m.**

**Friday as needed.**

