

**HOPE United Methodist Church of Pocahontas County
October 1, 2020**

HOPE HAPPENINGS

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Plover Center

An informational gathering regarding the future of the Plover building will be held

Saturday, October 3, at 6:00pm in Plover. A presentation by Tom Stamman, owner, of the missionary goals will be talking about what they will be doing going forward. This will be an hour with questions and answers so bring chairs.





UMW October Notes

*"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven."
Ecclesiastes 3:1 NRSV*

- October 1**—Charity Circle—9:00 am and
Truth Circle will meet in the Fellowship Hall—7:00pm
- October 3**—IA Conference UMW Annual Meeting, St. Paul UMC, Cherokee
- October 9**—UMW will bag nuts—9:00 am
- October 10**—Nut Sale pickup date—10:00am—1:00pm
Enter by north door, payment table and exit at west door.
- October 16-18**—Fall Mission u
- October 26**—District Spiritual Growth Study
- October 31**—List of local officers for 2021 due



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for October †

Fun & Fellowship

9:00 am Service - Havelock Center (note time change)

10:30 am Service - Pocahontas Center

Communion: October 4—Elements supplied by Pastor

Liturgists:

October 4, Karen Boyd

October 11, Carol McLain

October 18, Carol McCurdy

October 25, Carol Hallman

October Acolytes: Shana Ives and Rory Bunda

October Ushers: * Tim Cook

October Greeters: North: Bob & Joan Reinhart

East Handicap Door: Julie Waterman

Fellowship:

No Coffee Fellowship until further notice



CHURCH LIBRARY

"Love the Lord your God with all your mind."



October is National Church Library Month

This gives us the perfect opportunity to remind everyone of the books, cds, dvds and classroom resources available at the Pocahontas Center! Our library provides a way for parishioners to continue their Christian education beyond the Sunday sermon and Sunday school, and contains some great Christian entertainment. The library is located on the lower level of the Pocahontas Center, in the room off the chapel.

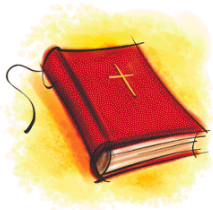
Monthly book selections from March through September are located on the "Book Nook" table in the Fellowship Hall.



October Blanket Month

In 2019 over 118,000 blankets were provided to families impacted by hurricanes, tornadoes, flooding, and other crises, not to mention the homeless and poverty stricken. Just recently Alabama, Florida, and Mississippi have all declared a state of emergency due to flooding

and other damage caused by Hurricanes Laura and Sally. I'm sure there will soon be a shipment of blankets headed in that direction, if not already. This blanket provides warmth if you have to sleep on cold hard surfaces. Maybe it becomes a pillow. If you are in a shelter it can provide you some privacy by acting as a room divider. \$10.00 buys one blanket. \$50.00 gives blankets to an entire family. I challenge the members of HOPE to purchase a blanket in honor of or in memory of those you love. Your parents or your children. How about one in honor of each of your grandkids, or if you are old enough, in honor of your great grand kiddos. These blankets are a signal to those who are hurting that **SOMEBODY CARES**. One of the best pieces of advice that my Dad instilled in me as a kid was the old saying "**But by the Grace of God, there go I**". It still stands. Thank you.



The **Ecumenical Bible Study** will begin Tuesday, October 13 at 1:30pm in the Fellowship Hall of Hope United Methodist Church. Entry will be at the north door.


Our first study will be “When God shakes a nation”, written by Billy Graham’s daughter Anne.

I wonder... Is God using this time of great unsettledness? When God shakes a nation, what should His people do? Come join us October 13th at 1:30pm.



Media/Newsletter Release



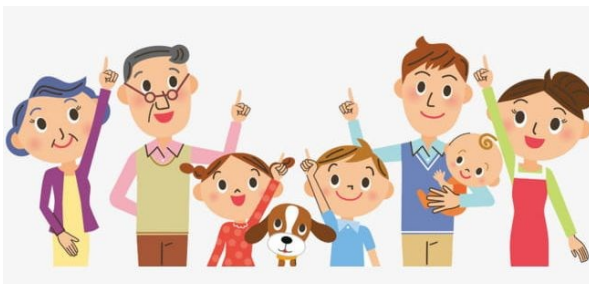
We need your help so Hope United Methodist Church can better serve our members and constituents members. In order to post pictures, videos, birthdays, etc. on any social media platforms or in our newsletter we need your **signed consent**. We are hoping to have these all compiled by November. You can access the permission form by holding the control key  (on the bottom L or R corner of the keyboard) and then double clicking the link below:

[Hope UMC Media/Newsletter Release Form](#)

Once you complete the form and hit “submit” your answers will be recorded.

If you need an alternate way to answer these questions, please call Margaret at the church office (Tuesday—Friday from 1:00—5:00 pm) @ 335-3663 .

Thank you for your help and input!



Sunday School Christmas Mission Project



For our Christmas Mission Project this year, the Sunday School kids would again like to ask the congregation to help them send

"Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes",

to children around the world, who may not otherwise received a Christmas gift. **Operation Christmas Child** is sponsored through Samaritan's Purse International Relief. Everything you

need to pack a shoebox will be set up on a table in the Fellowship Halls at the Pocahontas and Havelock Centers. All you need to do is take a box, a brochure (be sure to read **ALL the details... very helpful**), a prayer bookmark (so you can be praying for the child who will receive your box), and a sticker (because stickers are Fun!!) Have fun shopping for and packing your box!!

We are starting today and will collect boxes until Thursday, November 19th.

Bring your filled and prayed-over boxes to the church office along with \$9.00 for shipping. From there, the boxes will be brought to a drop off center, travel to a distribution center, and sent on their way to their recipients. When the boxes are received, the Gospel of Jesus is shared with the children and a discipleship program is offered to further along their relationship with Him. These children will be so grateful to you for your thoughtful gifts and for helping introduce them to Jesus, **their new BEST FRIEND!!**

Please prayerfully consider filling a box (or more than one if you like). Thank you so much for helping our kids at HOPE spread the hope we have in Jesus this Christmas season!

Please contact Moira at 712-358-1444 if you have any questions.

PS: if by chance we run out of printed shoeboxes, feel free to Christmas wrap a sturdy shoebox you may already have or purchase a plastic shoebox.



Hope Happenings for October 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Masks and social distancing observed for all activities and meetings				1 Charity Circle 9:00 am in Fellowship Hall Truth Circle 7:00pm in Fellowship Hall	2	3
4 9:00 Havelock/ Communion 10:30 Pocahontas/ Communion CWS-Blanket Month begins	5	6 HOPE host Ministerial meeting 1:30pm	7 Mid Month Newsletter articles due	8 Leadership Team— 7:00pm	9 UMW bag nuts-9:00am Mission Kits Due	10 Nut sale pickup 10am-1pm
11 9:00 Havelock 9:30 SS All ages 10:30 Pocahontas	12 Pocahontas Womens Club— 7:00pm	13 Ecumenical Bible Study 1:30pm in Fellowship Hall	14 Education Team— 5:15pm	15	16	17
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