

The Search for Happiness

We all want to be happy, don't we? We sing about the bliss of falling in love. We paint our homes and offices in the latest joy-inducing colors. Some say the key is making your bed every day. Others say it's hiking on the weekend or decluttering your basement. Some connect happiness to our jobs, our families, our volunteerism, or even our choice of car. A search for "happiness book" produces over 100,000 options!

Personally, I get a thrill when I see the first flowers bloom in spring. I smile when I hear someone singing to themselves as they wait in line at the grocery store. And I will always feel joy when someone says, "Let's go out for ice cream!"

But these moments are fleeting. They can be unreliable and unpredictable. Our search for happiness is endless because our world holds no singular answer.

In seasons of personal illness or struggle, we might miss these moments altogether! It's something we've all had to consider at one point or another: How can we feel happy when things are bad?

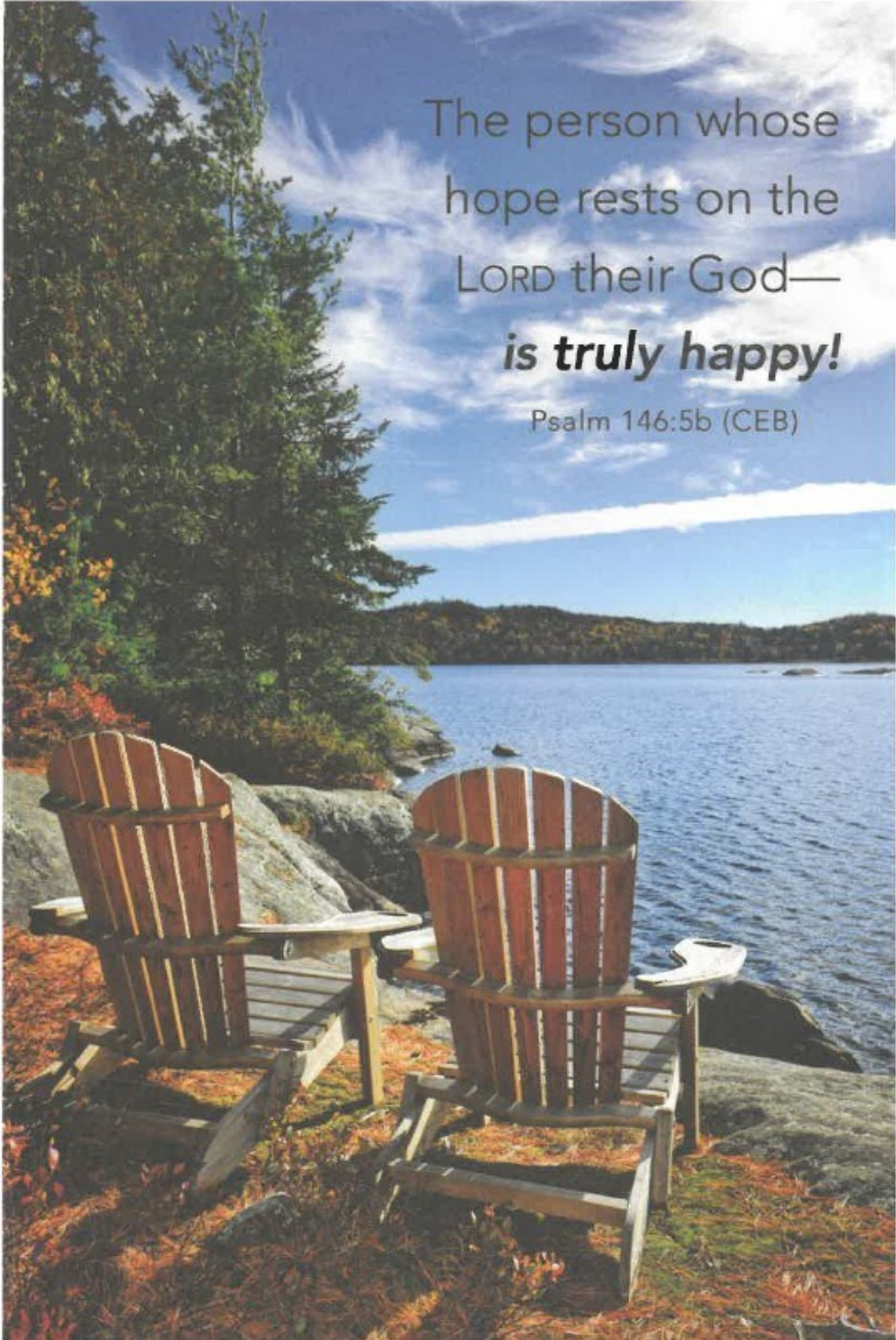
The psalmist gives an answer in Psalm 146:5b (CEB): *The person whose hope rests on the LORD their God—is truly happy!*

Unlike the circumstances of our lives, God is always steady, always reliable! Lamentations 3:22-23 (CEB) reminds us that God's love and compassion are *renewed every morning*. Deuteronomy 7:9 (CEB) tells us God will be faithful *even to the thousandth generation!* Psalm 136 (CEB) repeats this promise over and over: *God's faithful love lasts forever!*

Throughout the Bible, God's constancy is confirmed and celebrated. Jesus himself reiterated that faithfulness in these words from Matthew 28:20 (CEB): *Look, I myself will be with you every day until the end of this present age.*

God is trustworthy and good! We can depend on God for our hope, our healing, our lives, and yes, even for our happiness!

—Allison Lynn




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Psalm 146:5b (CEB)

Cover Text: Psalm 146:5b (CEB)

Readings for Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost, November 3, 2024: Ruth 1:1-18; Psalm 146:1-10;
Hebrews 9:1-14; Mark 12:28-34

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Word Alive!

**Hopewell Methodist Church
A Congregational Methodist Church
6200 Courthouse Road, Chesterfield, VA 23832**

**November 10, 2024
25th Sunday after Pentecost**

*Prelude Ellen Stephenson

Welcome Rev. Bob Moseley

Ministries and Mission Opportunities

Veterans Recognition

Singing of the National Anthem Tim Monday

***Song Invocation** Give Thanks Screens

***Call to Worship** Laura Hatfield

Leader: What do you bring before the Lord this day?

People: **We bring our hopes and our dreams to the Lord**

Leader: What do you seek?

People: **We seek peace for our weary souls.**

Leader: You will find it in this place, for this is the house of the Lord.

People: **Open our hearts and our spirits, O Lord, to hear your words of comfort and peace. AMEN.**

Opening Prayer Pastor Bob

***Opening Hymn:** America the Beautiful CLH 601

* Please stand if you are able. ** Nursery available as needed.

Prayer of Illumination Laura Hatfield

Scripture Reading Lamentations 3:19-24 Laura Hatfield

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God

Pastoral Prayer Pastor Bob

The Lord's Prayer See Bulletin

Offertory

***Doxology** CLH 622

***Song of Preparation** Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus CLH 441

***Passing of the Peace**

Scripture Reading Romans 8:12-17 Pastor Bob

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message What's In It For You? Pastor Bob

*Song of Response A Child of the King CLH 403

***Benediction** Pastor Bob

Postlude Ellen Stephenson

Word of Welcome

We are excited to have you with us today for worship at Hopewell Methodist Church. Whether this is your first time with us, or regularly worship with us, we want you to know how much we appreciate you being here today. If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to talk to the Pastor about joining our church family.

Rejoice
always

Pray
without ceasing

Give Thanks
in all circumstances

We will be loyal to Hopewell Methodist Church and support it with our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.

Our Prayers:

Please include in your prayers this week those on our Prayer List, those known to be hospitalized, those who are homebound, and those in special need.

Our Presence for October 20:

8:30 Service.....16
 11:00 Service.....75
 On-line.....267

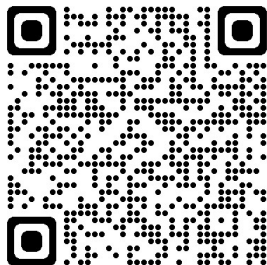
Our Service:

Please note the activities listed in the calendar of events and participate. If you wish to volunteer your time, please contact our missions team. Thank you for your continued involvement and support of Hopewell Methodist Church.

Giving:

In an effort to make giving a little more convenient, we've have two online options.
 Online: <https://hopewellcmc.org/give>
 Text "Give" to (866) 863-0718

*Scan with your
phone to give!*



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This Week's Gatherings

Grief Share - Monday @ 6:30 pm

Kingdom Seeker's Class - Tuesday @ 11am

SPRC Meeting - Tuesday @ 7 pm

Prayer Service - Wednesday @ 6:30pm

Choir Practice - Wednesday @ 7:30 pm

Deacons Meeting - Thursday @ 10 am

Praise Team Practice - Thursday @ 6:30pm

The Chosen Study - Thursday @ 6:30 pm

Joyfully Serving

November 10, 2024

Lay Reader

Laura Hatfield

Ushers

Mark Melancon
 Elizabeth Melancon

Greeters

Kevin Frick
 Kathleen Frick

Children's Church

Lee Livingston
 Marion Smith

November 17, 2024

Lay Reader

Steve Hague

Ushers

Owens McNinch
 Ann McNinch

Greeters

Dana Elliott
 Janet Rapalee

Children's Church

Laura Hatfield
 Gil Shand

THE *prayer* PAGE

Mike Armentrout	Rachel Heckendorn	Al Reid
Maury Beck	Belle Hollowell	Judy Reid
Patsy Doss Bowling	Karen Hollowell	Rickey Robertson
Donnie Clark	Carlton Hudson	Schmidt Family
Tim Davey	Blake Jacobs	Ron Seagrave
Sue Davey	Darcey Jones	Chris Smith
Mae DeAngelo	Tommy Kerns	Marion Smith
Kelly DeAngelo	Margot Krantz	Annie Snead
Tom Dunkum	Ashley Lawrence	Lois Thomas
Arlene Dunkum	Amanda Leon	Genesis Thomas
Anna Fitzgerald	Louise Madison	Ann Thompson
Brenda Fore	Jim McKinney	Juwan Wilson
Noah Gaduyon	Gary Moseley	Jim Zrelak
Cherie Gibson	Mike Oliver	Israel
Patsy Good	Ty Powell	Empty Pew
Lisa Hahn and Family	Marie Pulley	Ivey Memorial MC

Teachers	Our Children
Police/All 1st Responders	Our Country
All Government Leaders	Our President
All Military Service Men & Women	Our Governor
Our church, her leaders, and her ministries	

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Scott Campbell	Debbie Reynolds	"Care" person this week: Marie Clark c/o Lucy Corr 6800 Lucy Corr Boulevard, #209-B, Chesterfield, VA 23832
Marie Clark	John Reynolds	
Doris Dean	Jean Sharpe	
Roger Gross	Lois Thomas	
Jeanette Gross	Buz Walters Walter Williams	



November & December Birthday Celebration

November 16 @ 1pm

Cake and ice cream provided. Sign up in the Narthex or contact the office.



The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.



November 10, 2024

“What’s In It For You?”

Romans 8:12-17

Pastor Bob Moseley

Therefore, brethren, we are debtors—not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.” The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with *Him*, that we may also be glorified together.

Romans 8:12-17

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Hopewell Church News

Christmas Luncheon will take place on Sunday, December 15 after the worship service. Sign ups now through November 24. Cost is \$10 per person due at sign up. The menu is turkey, ham, dressing, gravy, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, green beans, cranberry sauce, rolls, sweet & unsweet tea, lemonade, coffee, water, and cake.

Stockings for Soldiers: Please have your stocking(s) in by Sunday, November 17.

Gospel Music Night: This Friday, November 15 is our last Gospel Music Night of 2024. If you have not experienced one of these events, you are encouraged to come out and enjoy some great Gospel Music. It’s a free event with a love offering received for the guest musician(s).

Christmas Mother Wreath: Please return your unwrapped gift(s) by Sunday, December 3.

Visioning Meeting: Our second Visioning Meeting will be held on Saturday, November 16 beginning at 10 am. We will continue the Spirit filled conversations as we discern our Mission and Vision. Everyone is welcome. Lunch will be provided.

Shabbat Dinner: The Aliyah Foundation will be hosting a Shabbat Dinner on Friday, November 22 at 6:30 pm. An invitation was emailed out to those on our email list. If you would like to attend but have not received the invitation, please contact the office. This is a potluck dinner; please no shellfish or pork. Shalom.

Communications Servant: We are looking for someone who is willing to serve as our Social Media Communications Servant to help with posting content to Facebook, YouTube, and our website. If interested, contact Pastor Bob for more information.

Blessing Box Needs: We are currently in need of donations of individual microwave meals, canned fruit, caned meat, dried pasta, pasta sauce, shelf-stable milk, peanut butter and jelly, and canned soup.

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