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Mt. Hope Messenger June 2021

From Your Pastor:

*“Whoever does the will of God
is my brother and sister and mother.”*

—Mark 3.35

In a culture where family is right up there
with God, maybe higher—
Jesus says, “Yeah, family is it.
But family isn't blood.
It's love.”

Without, by the way, a “father,”
an authority figure. Just God.

No more tiny family,
with my little fence around who I care for,
who I'm responsible to.
Instead you give me this infinite family.
All those who follow you differently than I do—
I belong to them. We are one.
I am to care as much about strangers as my own
sister,
respect opponents no less than my own brother,
honor people so unlike me as my own mother.

And this miracle: though it seems hard
to love them all as if they are mine,
when I do—
I come home.



Mt. Hope United Church of Christ
Consistory Meeting
5-13-21

Members Present: Gloria Apple, Dallas Belvin, Noral Belvin, David Blakesley, Simon Clark, Bill Craft, Janet Ellis, Cathy Gossett, Bob Hamlett, and Dora Moore.

Pastor Present: Pastor Kristin

Visitor: Bennie Gerner

The meeting was called to order at 7:06p.m. A quorum was established and Dallas welcomed all and opened with prayer.

Land on Old Julian Road: Bennie Gerner said the Woodard property was sold to Mr. Creech and he has asked about us swapping 2 acres of land with him and he would pay for the survey to be done. This will allow us to put the playground behind the Swings. Dora Moore made a motion to allow Bennie to pursue investigating swapping the land with Mr. Creech and Mr. Creech to pay for the survey. Noral Belvin seconded. Motion carried.

Steeple: Still work in progress

Lighting of the Christ Candle

We celebrate our past:

Approval of the Minutes: Dora Moore made a motion to accept the minutes as presented and Cathy Gossett seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Dora Moore presented a report on April. The beginning balance for April was \$162,793.53 and the monthly income was \$23,260.96. Expenses were \$16,336.48 which resulted in an ending balance of \$169,718.01. Simon Clark made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented for April and Dave Blakesley seconded. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Kristin reported we have had 80-120 people worshipping in person, 25-35 worshipping on Facebook and 200 plus views during the week. Joan Hedrick has resigned as music director and Susan Finley has graciously accepted to be our interim music director. Personnel Committee is working on filling this position. May 16th is Mental Health Sunday. We will bless the WISE team and the WISE team will be helping with worship that Sunday. We will begin worshipping inside on May 23rd but will continue to support the measures needed to do so safely.

Call to Confession

Confession of Faith

Words of Assurance

We present our offerings

Committee Reports:

BOCE – They are meeting this Sunday.

Maintenance – Third floor air handler has been repaired.

Stewardship - Bill Craft reported they are scheduled to meet June 3rd.

Music & Worship – They are meeting Thursday.

Evangelism – They are assisting with the Mobile Meals Ministry, Shepherding Program and WISE Team meeting monthly.

Mobile Meals Ministry – USDA to continue the meals through summer of 2022.

Meals4kids – No report at this time

Greensboro Urban Ministry – Bob Hamlett/Dave Blakesley reported 80lbs was delivered last week.

Blessing Bag Ministry – No report at this time

Social Concerns – No report at this time.

We offer our concerns for the future (New Business)

2021 Budget – Simon made a motion to present the 2021 Budget for \$282,080.00 to the congregation to vote on. Bob Hamlett seconded. Motion carried.

2021 Church Officers – Noral Belvin is going off this year and has asked Joe Hughes to run. Freddie Gossett is up for re-election as a trustee.

The following people can run for another term: Gloria Apple, Lorie Arrington, Bill Craft, Cathy Gossett and Dora Moore.

May 30th Dallas will announce a congregational meeting to be on June 13th to approve the 2021 budget and elect church officers.

Ellis/Phipps Scholarship-taking applications

Outdoor Ministry- We are expecting the clearing and the water issue to be fixed anytime.

WISE Church- Covered in pastor's report. We are blessing the WISE Team on Mental Health Sunday.

Stained glass windows- work in progress
Dallas has approved Pastor Kristin's vacation requests.

Pedestrian Crossing signs have been put up.

**Prayers of Intercession
Charge & Benediction**

Kristin closed in prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.
Next Consistory Meeting on June 10th at 7pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Gloria Apple, Secretary



Worship, Fellowship & Lunch At the Lake

Hope you were able to be with us Sunday for our Worship and Picnic at the lake. It was a great day of fellowship, fun, food, music and recreation—without masks. A special thanks to The Envelopes, the Rock Creek Ramblers, and our Thomas/Finley flute duo for their inspiring and uplifting music. Special thanks also to Clifton Greeson and his entire team who worked hard setting up, organizing and preparing our wonderful meal of hamburgers and hotdogs, as well as our many parking assistants. We couldn't have done it without you! We have heard your input about wanting us do this annually, and possibly at a slightly cooler time, so we are already working on plans for next year. Once we have a date, we will let you know so that you may put it on your calendars. Thank you to everyone who came, and helped to make the day special!



The Women's Fellowship met on Tuesday, June 8th. We played a Jeopardy game with Ten Commandants categories. Then we enjoyed a Skit Guys video about the Serenity Prayer.

Thank you to Margaret and Norman Sharpe (Linda Miller's sister and brother-in-law) for planting three rows of beets for us. To our surprise when we arrived to pull the beets, the Sharpe's had almost completed this task. After filling the truck bed completely with beets, we were on to Linda's to top and wash the beets. The beets were cooked very early the next day. We had a crew ready in each kitchen to peel, cut, prepare the pickling brew and can the beets. Thanks to all who worked so hard to

accomplish this. A special thank you to Clifton Greeson, Bill Craft, Don Sharpe and Jonathan Vaughn who joined our ladies for some much needed help. We now have 103 quarts and 49 pints to sell.



Those are great numbers and we have more great numbers to report! Our quilters, Mary Catherine Moser, Lin Gallagher, Cynthia Morris and Brenda Currie made 104 bears and 33 quilts that were delivered to Victory Junction on June 24th.



Pickled Beets for Sale

\$ 8.00 Quart

\$ 4.00 Pint

If you want to purchase, call

Dee 336-697-8396

Linda 336-697-1651



Youth Calendar for June

- July 4 - no youth
- July 10 - youth car wash 8am-12pm
- July 11 - youth meeting 6pm
- July 18 - youth meeting 6pm
- July 25 - youth meeting 6pm



Greensboro Urban Ministry:

The wonderful generosity of Mt Hope Church of Christ congregation continues. Your generous food donations to the Greensboro Urban Ministry really adds up through-out the year. This congregation provided 80 lbs. of food in May and 83 lbs. in June.

Your generosity, especially during the summer months, is greatly appreciated. Thank you for all you give. Containers are located in the entry ways and in the breezeway as usual. May God richly bless you for your continued generosity!!

The Adult Choir is officially on a rehearsal hiatus, from June 30 through August 4. But have no fear, the choir will still be leading us during our times of worship, along with other special guest musicians. Choir rehearsals will begin again on Wednesday, August 11. During the rehearsal hiatus, the choir will meet Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room. Ever wanted to check out the view from the choir loft, and maybe even make a joyful noise? Now is the time. Join us one Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m.

The Board of Christian Education will be back on regular schedule, meeting Sunday, July 18 at 2:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. Looking forward to seeing everyone in person again!



Youth will be having a car wash at the church Saturday, July 10th from 8am-12pm. Car wash will be setup at the church under the portico over the main driveway. Number of cars will be limited due to time constraints. Please contact Reed Kirkman at 336-451-1778 or dkirkman2@mac.com to reserve a spot. Car wash will be by donations. Donations received will go to fix up the youth room and 10% to Peacehaven Farms.

Summer Music Camp 2021 was a huge success! The success of this camp does not only speak by its numbers. The kids learned to make music together on five different instruments in five days and had a blast while doing so. We are extremely grateful for our volunteers Sharon Mims, Ray Mims, Linda Shue, Dee Greeson and Becky Stafford who helped with snacks, students, transitions, set up and overall having a smooth-running camp. Thank you to our camp counselors Lillie Honey, Jonathan Vaughn, Emma Vaughn and Kathryn Vaughn for their musical expertise and willingness to step in for instruction on multiple different instruments. Kathryn Vaughn also was in charge of the crafts that became the decoration at the end of the camp for our performance. Special thanks to Gloria Apple for providing the snacks, Mobile Meals volunteers for picking up extra lunches, Freddie Gossett for

making sure we had the perfect temperature for instruction and instruments and Bennie Gerner for making sure the sound and projection was running smoothly. Of course, this would not be a music camp without instruments. Andrew Beach provided the drum sets, keyboards, ukuleles, bass guitars, as well as guitar stands, amps, cables and many more we needed to make this happen. If you are curious about the numbers, make sure to make a stop by the New Fellowship Hall!

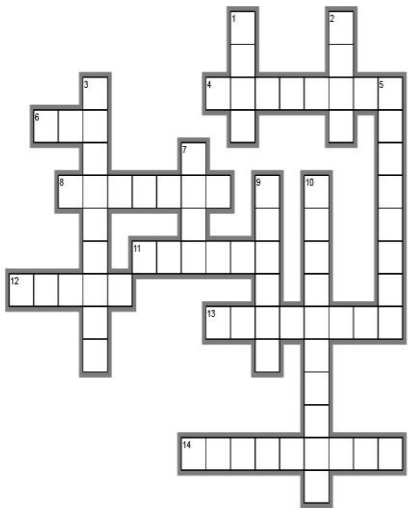
Finally, we would like to thank Pastor Kristin Gerner-Vaughn for opening the doors of Mt. Hope UCC, being there for every need and the congregation for attending the kids' concert. Not only being there but also accepting the differences, new faces and more with open arms and hearts. We could not have had this camp without your presence and kindness. Thank you.

Summer Barbecuing Word Search Puzzle

B E A H A M B U R G E R S R B
 C K E C U N I N G I E S A A M
 E O A N S O O G F M C O G O F
 K M O I N G R R M M E A L L T
 W S I K T I H U P R O P A N E
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| APRON | MEAT |
| BACKYARD | NATURAL GAS |
| BBQ SAUCE | OUTDOORS |
| BRAISE | PROPANE |
| CHARCOAL | SALMON |
| COOK | SAUSAGES |
| FLAME | SMOKE |
| GRILL | STEAK |
| HABURGERS | SUMMER |
| HOT DOGS | TONGS |

4th of July
Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS	DOWN
4. The symbol of the Republican Party.	1. The month when Americans celebrate Independence Day.
6. One if by land and two if by ____.	2. The 50 stars version of the American _____ was adopted on July 4th, 1960.
8. Right of choice.	3. The 4th of July is considered a very _____ holiday.
11. Tea Harbor.	5. The no. of stripes on the flags that stands for the no. of original colonies.
12. The colors of this holiday are red, _____, and blue.	7. These are grilled and put on a bun, hot _____.
13. Citizen of USA.	9. The Star-Spangled _____ is the national anthem of United States.
14. Bursts in the air.	10. The first president of United States.

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CALENDAR

ZOOM IS STILL AN OPTION

Sunday, July 4 – Happy Birthday USA

10:30 am, Worship

Tuesday, July 6

6:30 pm, Women's Fellowship

Wednesday, July 7

No Bible Study

No Choir Practice

Friday, July 10

8:00 am-12:00 pm, Youth Car Wash

Sunday, July 11 - Communion

10:30 am, Worship –

3:00 pm, Yoga with Sonia – Pavilion

6:00 pm, Youth Meeting - Pavilion

Wednesday, July 14

No Bible Study

No Choir Practice

Thursday, July 15

2:00 pm, Music & Worship Meeting

Sunday, July 18

10:30 am, Worship

2:00 pm, Board of Christian Education

3:00 pm, Yoga with Sonia – Pavilion

6:00 pm, Youth Meeting – Pavilion

Wednesday, July 21

No Bible Study

No Choir Practice

Sunday, July 25

10:30 am, Worship

3:00 pm, Yoga with Sonia – Pavilion

6:00 pm, Youth Meeting – Pavilion

Wednesday, July 28

No Bible Study

No Choir Practice

1st	Terri Staley
3rd	Cheryl Royal
4th	Helen Busick
7th	Nancy Wimbish
8th	Bill Welker Sr.
10th	Richard Freeman
11th	Harriett Phipps
14th	Cole Levens
18th	Betty Settlemyre, Stan Buff
24th	Gary Owens
25th	Kendall McDade
26th	Connie Blakesley
27th	Tracy Nelson, Emma Vaughn
29th	Shannon Levens, Sawyer Moore
30th	Betty Greeson



July Anniversaries

4th	John & Melinda Kozak Bill & Peggy Welker Sr.
20th	Jeff & Beth Harris



Prayer Requests

Health Care Center

Alamance Health Care Center	Teresa Oakley (#83)
Alamance House	R. Denny Ingold (#112)
Clapp's Nursing Center	Robert Ingold (#807)
Ralph Scott Homes	Betty Kim Settlemyre
Woodhaven (Albermarle)	Annie Lee Apple
Brookdale Burlington	Peggie Coble (#74)
Twin Lakes	Darlene Cherry
Clapp's Assisted Living	Jeanne Ingold (#315)
Guilford House	Blanche Greeson

Mt. Hope Military Connections

Scott Amick	Grant Harden
Kyle Gerner	Megan Moore Hughes
Michael Clapp	Josh Ellis
Michael Terraforte	
Abigail Thompson	

Members/Friends & Relatives

Betty & Richard Kime	Bill & Peggy Welker	Goldie Sawyer
Pat Levens	Cole Yedlowski	Jayne Brown
LuEller Ingold	Lloyd & Sylvia Gilliam	Nancy & Jim Wimbish
Marianne Reynolds	Robin Gerner	Nancy Phipps
J.R. Shoffner	Sharon Nance	Family of Steve Shue
Laurie Baker	Darrell Harris	Family of Janelle Brown- Southern Conference Staff
Bob & Dottie Deeter	Terry Staley	George Seifert- friend of Joe & Cindy Hughes
Jim Gallagher	Phil Lamb	Family of Grady Gerner
Adelita & Shane Swaim	Jacob Arrington	
	Steve & Peg Burns	
	Dean & Peggy Greeson	