

Hopeland

Hopeland Church
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Dear Members, Friends, and Community around Hopeland Church,

We are writing to formally inform you of an important development regarding our church's affiliation. As the members and regular attenders of Hopeland know, our church has been in a season of struggle against the United Methodist denomination. This is the result of years of mistrust and a rather obvious divide in our individual Christian callings. After much prayer, discussion, and careful consideration, Hopeland Church's members voted on November 13th, 2022 to actively pursue leaving the United Methodist Church (UMC) by an overwhelming majority.

We want to be clear that our church is currently in the process of leaving the UMC. However, due to constraints unjustly placed upon it by the trustees of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference, Hopeland Church has been unfortunately forced to carry out this process through the methodology of litigation.

This decision was not made lightly, but Hopeland's Church Council prayerfully believes it is in the best interest of our congregation and our mission to serve Christ and our community, and reflects the mandate set by our church membership to separate from the denomination. While we deeply appreciate our heritage within the UMC, we feel called to move in a new direction that aligns more closely with our church's values and vision for the future, as well as our respect for our Christian brothers and sisters across the world.

Hopeland remains a place where the Holy Scriptures are central to teaching, where our calling, mission, and ministry flows from our love of God, and the communal worship of Jesus Christ as king is paramount.

We will keep you informed as we progress through this transition. We ask for your prayers and support during this time of change. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to our church. We will be happy to answer any questions we can.

Sincerely,

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