



The Hope Herald

Hope Lutheran Church Newsletter

www.hopeonbluerock.org

October 2021

WELCOME HOME!



Inspiring Worship continues each Sunday at 10am, featuring a variety of music and liturgical styles from our talented staff and volunteers.

It has been a difficult past year, but we are moving forward! Our current Safe Worship Policy, based on CDC Guidance, is that **masks are strongly recommended, even if you have been vaccinated.** Worship Committee continues to monitor Ohio and Hamilton County advisories for attending public events, and we will continue to do everything we can to have safe and healthy worship services. We appreciate everyone's patience and flexibility. We continue modified practices for singing, communion, offering collection, and many other worship practices to make the environment as safe as possible.



We continue to offer quality livestream worship services each week. Please worship with us virtually at home if that feels most safe and comfortable for you, if you are feeling ill, if you currently are positive for COVID-19, or if you have been exposed to the virus within the past 14 days.



Visit hopeonbluerock.org for information on how to view livestream or recorded worship videos, Safe Worship Practices, and more. **If you have questions or feedback, contact Pastor Christie or Mike Schweinfest. Pastor Christie**

GRAB YOUR BLANKETS, SWEATERS AND LAWN CHAIRS!

Saturday, October 9th, 2021

In the woods at Hope 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Food, scavenger hunt, ghost stories, sing along, corn hole

Bring your own beverage, chair and blankets

Don't forget to sign up in the church lobby.

Fun for all ages! Karen Schweinfest, Fellowship Chair



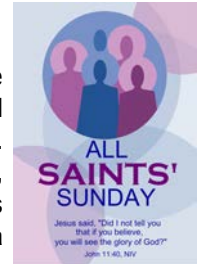
INSPIRING WORSHIP IN-PERSON & LIVESTREAM

FESTIVAL OF ALL SAINTS

November 7 At 10 am

All Saints Sunday is when we remember and give thanks for loved ones who have died in the past year. We remember them with open hearts, their lives and their love. All Saint's Sunday is Hope's custom to light a candle in memory of each loved one who has entered life since the last All Saints' Sunday of November 1, 2020 to current the Sunday of November 7, 2021. Please fill out an All Saints form found on the lobby counter which are due on Sunday, October 31st. If you would like to share a picture on the screen when we call each name, please send the name and your favorite picture electronically to audio@hopeonbluerock.org or jivins1@mac.com or loan us a picture by Sunday, October 3, 2021 for us to scan and return to you. See Ruth Oehler with any questions.

Ruth Oehler, Altar Guild



Generosity Month – A Future With Hope

October is Generosity Month! Previously known as Stewardship month, this is a time of giving thanks for the many blessings God has given us. This year's theme is A Future with Hope, to remind us that, now more than ever, our congregation stands as a beacon of HOPE, welcome, and radical hospitality in our community and the world. As we enter into this month of celebrating generosity and looking toward our future, we invite you to prayerfully consider the gifts you have to bring to Hope. Consider if you might be able to make an end-of-year donation, what you might be able to pledge for 2022, and what the areas of ministry to which God might be calling you to volunteer. May the peace of Christ be with you as you prayerfully consider these things. **-Your Generosity Team: Karen Schneider, Ron Long, Pastor Christie**



**This is Pastor
Appreciation Month!**

**She will be on
vacation 10/20-27**



PASTOR CHRISTIE'S CORNER

For my October article, I am taking a break from the Abundance Series that I have been sharing to share an article that was written by someone else! The article below is the one I referenced in my *God's Work Our Hands* sermon. It is a wonderful article that follows along with the great work that we continue to do with our Congregational Vitality Team. I commend it to your reading, and pray that each step in this process will bring us closer to Christ and our community, as individuals and as the people of HOPE! In eternal Peace, Love, and HOPE, **Pastor Christie**



Why we will no longer be a welcoming church **By Rob Moss – Living Lutheran June 22, 2016**

We've decided to quit being a welcoming church. No kidding. We're giving it up.

Like so many congregations, we've sunk an amazing amount of time and energy into becoming a welcoming church. We changed worship styles, trained greeters and ushers, wore name tags, brewed coffee, went to workshops on hospitality and put our friendliest people in the most prominent places on Sunday mornings.

My congregation realized that we had been misplacing our emphasis. Welcoming, from a missional perspective, is passive. It denotes waiting for visitors and guests to drop by.

Inviting is different. Inviting is active. Being an inviting church means that we leave the comfort of Sunday morning worship and seek out our neighbors. Being an inviting church starts with who God has called us to be as church and mandates joining God at work in the world.

Each congregation has a purpose within God's mission. Each has particular gifts. No congregation is everything to everyone. But every congregation is something to someone. Who can know God through your worship style? Who can experience forgiveness and grace through your congregational community? Who needs the gifts you have to offer? Who can offer gifts you need?

Only when we are centered in this purpose can we become an inviting church. What does this look like in action? Something like this

While in conversation over the backyard fence, you invite a neighbor who is in pain after losing a loved one to your congregation's grief support group.

When in the lunchroom chatting about the pressures of work, you invite a co-worker to your Bible study.

While waiting for your kids to get out of school, you talk with a friend about the struggles of parenting and invite their family to your congregation's upcoming family picnic.

Being an inviting congregation involves sharing God's specific gifts—made real in your congregation—with people outside the walls of the church building. Perhaps you already do this, or perhaps you need this push to step outside your comfort zone.

It can be terrifying to step outside comfort zones and establish a pattern of inviting friends to attend worship. What if he laughs at me or thinks less of me? What if she labels me as a narrow-minded, judgmental, hypocritical Bible-thumper? Or what if they actually come? Then what?

Being invitational seems too big, too audacious, too frightening, so we simply don't do it. How about breaking it down into bite-size chunks that people actually can do?

Here are a few exercises my congregation has tried. See if something like this works for you.

CHALLENGE 1

"Just go two blocks past my church and you'll see the grocery store."

Try using the phrase "my church" in a conversation with one person each week. It's as simple as talking with just one person one time each week during the month.

CHALLENGE 2

"School violence? My church is hosting a forum about that next month."

Consider one word or phrase that describes your congregation well, then use that word to finish the phrase: "My church is ____." Try doing this in conversation with one person per week during the month. When you start looking for opportunities to bring up your congregation in conversation, it's amazing how often they arise.

CHALLENGE 3

"My church is really good at music."

Think about one thing your congregation does very well. Perhaps it's children's ministry, education, music, social activism or making the parking lot available for ride-sharing. Use that to finish the phrase: "My church is really good at ____." Again, try this one time per week with one person in a conversation. By now you might be getting the hang of this.

CHALLENGE 4

"Check out my church's volunteer day at the food pantry."

Invite one person to check out something in which your congregation is involved. This should be done in appropriate conversations when an opening naturally presents itself—it should not feel forced or manipulated. By now, hopefully this feels more comfortable and you are more attuned to ways to bring church into your everyday conversations.

(continued on page 3)

Continued from page 2

CHALLENGE 5

"Would you like to join me at church this Sunday?"

Invite someone you know to come to worship with you.

This seems to be the most frightening invitation for many to make. Remember, the basis of our identity as people of God is our new life given to us in Jesus Christ. When we quit pushing that on others and simply be that through caring relationships, we reveal the love of God. And who knows? The neighbor you invited to church might just reveal something about God that you didn't know before.

Moss, Rob. "Why We Will No Longer Be a Welcoming Church." *Living Lutheran* 22 June 2016.

<https://www.livinglutheran.org/2016/06/will-no-longer-welcoming-church/>

HOPE WELCOMES GUEST SPEAKERS IN OCTOBER!

October is the month when we thank you for your generosity over the past year, begin looking



Welcome

OUR GUEST SPEAKER:

toward our commitments for next year, AND celebrate the ways in which your generosity has

enabled Hope Lutheran Church to be Christ in our Community. In line with this celebration, Hope welcomes two guest speakers who will be sharing with us during worship in October:

Oct. 3 - **Alice Connor**, Pastor at UC's Edge House and author of *Fierce: Women of the Bible and Their Stories of Violence, Mercy, Bravery, Wisdom, Sex, and Salvation; How to Human: An Incomplete Manual for Living in a Messed-Up World*; and the forthcoming (November 2021!) *Brave: Women of the Bible and their Stories of Grief, Mercy, Folly, Joy, Sex, and Redemption*. Pastor Alice will also be joined by UC students bearing Cappuccino! Coffee time to follow worship service in Fellowship Hall.

Oct. 17 - **Sandra Combs**, Mission Liaison with Graceworks and author of *Daily Worship: Seeing, Knowing, Praising God; God Moments: Stories and Songs of God's Steadfast Love*; and *Building Community: A Memoir and Conversation starter*.

Please join us in welcoming these special guests and hearing more about their ministries in the Cincinnati community.

Prayer Chain – What It's All About

Hope's "Prayer Chain" is the method that we use to communicate with one another when we have prayer requests.



As prayer requests come in, they are sent out daily via email and listed weekly in the bulletin. This is an important method of communication which helps our amazing team of pray-ers to know who is most in need of prayer each day and each week. The prayer chain also serves sometimes to notify Pastor of people who are in need of extra care and to alert our teams as to who might need a card, message, or call of encouragement.

To submit a prayer chain request: Complete this online form <https://www.hopeonbluerock.org/prayer-requests/>, send an email to prayer@hopeonbluerock.org, or call Pastor Christie 317-828-5949 (cell) 513-923-3370 (church office)

Interested in receiving prayer chain emails? Email prayer@hopeonbluerock.org with your contact information and we will get you added to the list.

FALL CONFIRMATION CLASS

Parent & Student Meeting November 7 @ 11 a.m.

Calling all youth ages 5th grade and above, and parents - A new confirmation class beings this fall! We will have FUN learning about Jesus and about Hope, and deepening our faith together. Pastor Christie will have a brief informational meeting November 7 after worship at 11 a.m. for interested students and parents. Even if you think you might be interested but aren't sure, please join us - we'll have food! Class schedule is TBA based on the needs of those who wish to participate. Contact Pastor Christie with questions. **Pastor Christie**



STOP, THIEF

A woman returning home from church one Sunday, came face-to-face with a burglar in her house. "ACTS 2:38!" She yelled. "Turn from your sin!" The burglar froze, and the woman called the police, who came to the home immediately. As the burglar was being handcuffed, the woman told the officer that she had stopped him by citing a Bible verse. "A Bible verse!" protested the burglar. "Heck no! She told me she had an axe and two 38's!"



AN UPDATE FROM YOUR CONGREGATIONAL VITALITY TEAM (CVT)

Happy Fall everyone! It's hard to believe we've wrapped up another summer already.

Your CVT continues to work with all of you to carry out our assignments from the last Collaborative meeting. If you remember, our current activities are focused on:

1. Doing an asset inventory. In other words, what are Hope's gifts? I know we have A LOT
2. Listening to each other; how have you been blessed by Hope?
3. Community listening. Learn the needs of our community
4. Community mapping. This is an exercise to help us determine, what is God up to in our community?

Please take a look at the board in the Narthex/lobby with all the Post-It Notes on it! These are the product of three very productive and insightful sessions we had with you to talk about your talents, likes, resources you could share and

**LOOK
at THIS!**

your Hope blessings. Also, we have Post-Its highlighting everything we have as a congregation, both tangible and intangible, that we could use and/or share with others in the community. If you haven't taken the

time to read these please do! **Please add your own personal Post-Its as well! Soon we will be taking our Post-Its virtual!** Check out our website at www.hopeonbluerock.org to read the responses and share yours. You will even be able to vote for your favorites!

Our next activities will focus outward. We will be talking to members of our community asking questions such as: What do you see as the biggest need in our area? What resources are available to help with this need? In order to find out this information we will conduct a series of interviews with specific people/organizations in the community who will have particular insight such as: Local police officers, YMCA leaders, school(s) administration/staff. **If you are interested in talking with a member of our community and/or if you have someone in particular you think we should talk to, please let us know!** We would love to have you involved in learning about and talking to those in the community and uncovering potential places where Hope could make a difference. Look for more information on our community focus in the coming weeks.

And a reminder, the CVT is here to question, guide and focus our congregation to discern our "why" and "what is God calling us to do" in the world. We are not decision-makers.

Please be an active part of the journey!
God's blessings to all. PC, Jen, Carmen and Lana

Congratulations to David, Lori, Cora and Leo Schneider on their recent move to Kigali, Rwanda!

Yes, they are in Africa. The reason for this exciting move is David's new post as the Economic Officer at the US Embassy in Kigali. Foreign Service Economic Officers work to promote U.S. business interests abroad and increase shared prosperity. The mission of a Foreign Service Officer is to promote peace and prosperity while advancing the interests of the U.S. abroad. David has eagerly started his new assignment and looks forward to making meaningful connections in Kigali. This is David and Lori's 4th assignment as a Foreign Service family and they are following their dreams.

This cross-continental move held a special bonus for Lori. She works for the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS)



and is the Regional Business Manager for Central Africa. As good fortune would have it, WCS has an office in Kigali and for the first time in five years Lori is able to travel to the office and work with her boss and several colleagues, vs working from home and afar! She is elated!

Cora (2 years and 9 months) and Leo (15 months), handled the move with panache! The 16 hours of flight time, 4-hour layover, and jet lag (Kigali is 6 hours ahead of us), held its challenges, but they were mini champions. Our Face Time sessions and the photos that we have received indicate that life is good and Kigali is a great place to live. Leo has even started walking since their arrival!

Mimi, Papa and Tia (Karen, Don and Aunt Val) join in the excitement for our family members and look forward to visiting them as much as possible. Perhaps we will be able to enjoy an authentic African Safari! Until we are with them in person, we will miss them and look forward to Face Time and photos, all the while knowing they are happy and loved.

Please keep them in your prayers for good health (fortunately though, vaccines and masks in Kigali are more widespread than in many places in the United States!) safety, new friends and fun times.

Their address is: 2210 Kigali Place, Apt. 8.
Dulles, VA 20189-2210 Blessings! **Karen Schneider**

Congregational 9/19 Meeting Notes

Those attending heard reports concerning the Congregational Vitality Team update, **Chris Arany's** treasurer budget report, future worship decisions, the sanctuary projectors' update, and a plea for volunteer 2022 council members.

God's Work. Our Hands.

Sunday, September 12

Such a wonderful outdoor service with 53 attending and enjoying the beautiful fall weather and singing praises to our Lord!



Pictures courtesy of Debbie Schrader.

God's Work, Our Hands Sunday Gratitude



We had sunshine. We had a gentle breeze. And we had a memorable day of worship and service at Colerain Park on God's Work, Our Hands Sunday, September, 12th, 2021.

We collected a massive bin of personal care & hygiene items for S.O.N. Ministries, just in time to celebrate its 40th anniversary. We distributed smiles, cold water, popsicles, and dog treats to our neighbors who were enjoying walks and jogs in the park. We put ourselves 'out there', displaying our vibrant worship service, our giving hearts, and our collective grace.

Heartfelt gratitude to everyone who put effort into making this special day happen - **Mike Schweinfest, Ruth Oehler, Karen Schweinfest, Carmen Hasdorff, technical talents Jerry Ivins and Chuck Hasdorff, Pastor Christie, Joy Ivins, Ray Davis, Phil Hollingsworth, Debbie Schrader, and more.** Thank you, thank you to everyone who attended worship everyone who gave something to S.O.N. I am so appreciative of our HOPE community.

-K.C. Kless, Outreach Chair

BIBLE STUDY – ESCAPE IN TO EXODUS

1pm Thursdays – Virtual and In-Person

Interested in studying the Bible and how it relates to YOUR life? Interested in making friends, praying, and laughing together? Come to Bible Study! The newest unit Escape Into Exodus will begin September 9 and will explore all the excitement, faith, and intrigue of the Exodus journey. All are welcome!

Email Pastor Christie pastor@hopeonbluerock.org for more information.

To join virtually Join via zoom on computer or smart phone: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3178285949?pwd=YSS1QzNScVIMZzlkMkZpMTImVINLUT09>

Call in via telephone: 1-301-715-8592

Pastor Christie



OCTOBER THANK YOUS AND NEWS

Hey everyone, I just wanted to thank you for all of your purchases of the value cards for the Colerain High School football program. It will really help a lot. I appreciate everyone that made a purchase to help the team. Thank you.

Aaron Byrne

Our grateful thanks to:

Butch Royse and Bill Pott for repairing our church sign.

Pr. Christie for her teachable moments during the Children' Message.

Karen Schneider who continues to prepare such thoughtful prayers for worship.

All of the faithful weed pullers who care for our church landscaping and grounds.

Isaac and Adam Williams who help with projection and audio on Sunday mornings and for (sister **Rachel** filling in when needed).

Carmen Hasdorff for packaging card kits for every occasion.

Ruth Oehler for keeping our sanctuary decorated for each season and service.

Beulah and John Kroger for providing transportation to **Pat Hester** so she can attend our worship services.

Carol and Bill Pott for providing transportation to **Mickee Hamlin** so she can attend worship services.

To all who donated items for SON Ministries on **GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS DAY**.

Thank you to EVERYONE who helped make God's Work Our Hands Sunday a success! Having worship in the park and combining it with our outreach team efforts was not an easy endeavor, and through your faithful efforts we had a beautiful, uplifting day serving our community. I continue to thank God for each of you who work so hard behind the scenes to make our worship and outreach efforts successful. – **Pastor Christie**

Thank you to our Prayer Chain for so faithfully praying for everyone, to our Spiritual Life Team for overseeing to the congregation's spiritual care, and especially to **Carmen Hasdorff** who chairs Spiritual Life and moderates Prayer Chain emails.

Pastor Christie

A smile is the curve that sets things straight.

HOPE'S NEWEST MEMBERS

On September 19 **Dennis and Melissa Collins** joined membership at Hope.



Dennis was confirmed at Hope as a youth. He is a self employed handyman and remodeler and owner of Dragon Tree which sells unusual gifts online at his email address. He loves to ride his motorcycle, garden as well as compose and play music.

Melissa works from home as an administrator for United Health Care and enjoys relaxing by their pool and caring for their dogs and being a homemaker. **Welcome to Hope's Church Family!**

Address: 12104 Wincanton Drive
Cincinnati, OH 45231

Email: dragontreelc@yahoo.com

Home: 513-429-4797

Cell: 513-535-1890 (Dennis)

513-535-1882 (Melissa)



Check out Steve Hamilton's new girlfriend!

Looks like he enjoyed the Red's game even though they lost.

Thank you to Kelly Cuffe for the photo and Carmen Hasdorff for sharing it!

How to join Zoom Events:

For the majority of our zoom meetings, the instructions for joining on zoom are the same. See below for instructions, and contact Pastor Christie with questions or difficulties. In the occasional case that the zoom link is different, instructions will be noted with the event publicity.

To join virtually **Join via zoom** on computer or smart phone: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3178285949?pwd=YSS1QzNScVIMZzlkMkZpMTlmVINLUT09>

Call in via telephone: 1-301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 317 828 5949

Passcode: 4695

Pastor Christie

"FIERCE" BOOK CLUB IS UNDERWAY!

Book Club has begun to explore the fierce women of the Bible, meeting on the 2nd & 4th Mondays of the month via Zoom.



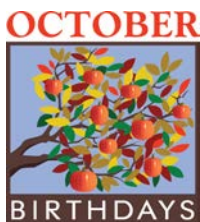
Welcome to our new members and returning readers alike. If you cannot participate in Book Club at

this time, stay tuned to this space in the Herald as well as Facebook and Youtube for highlights and insights from Alice Connor's writings.

K.C. Kless, Outreach Chair

OUTSTANDING OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1	Chris Arany	21	Nicole Darnell
	Michelle Hunt		Donna Dietz
	Karen Schweinfest		Becky Reid
2	Jacob Fetterman	23	Gary Freland
	Brayden Kuyper		Rachel Kless
	Lilliana Soult		Tom Toth
5	Bea Zimmer	24	Amelia Terbrueggen
6	Andy Albright	25	Ron Long
	Elliot McMasters	27	Jay Hunt
8	Evan Schweinfest	30	Sue Kelbley
	Heidi McKenna	31	Danny Darnell
9	Molly Abbott		Zac Gabbard
	Isaac Williams		Don Schneider
13	Jennifer Huth		
14	Bill Mack		
	Marlyn Ford		
15	Phil Klayer		
16	Brad Abbott		
20	Mike Schweinfest		
	Will Wendel		
	Rachel Williams		



WHOO (WOMEN HELPING OTHERS & OURSELVES)

The September meeting at Barnesburg Tavern was filled with much talk and laughter, and it was too difficult to have a meeting with all of the noise around them. No decisions were made regarding projects for using our time and finances.



Attention all women: The October 28th will be in Hope's Fellowship Hall at 6pm. Please bring your individual dinner. Dessert will be provided just prior to the business meeting to seek worship assistant volunteers for the Thankoffering Service on November 21st, their December meeting, and continue discussion on projects.

Thankoffering boxes are still available on the Narthex/lobby counter.

MORE HUMOR FOR YOU

A man dies and goes to heaven. St. Peter meets him at the Pearly Gates and says, 'Here's how it works. You need 100 points to make it into heaven. You tell me all the good things you've done, and I give you a certain number of points for each item, depending on how good it was. When you reach 100 points, you get in.'

'Okay,' the man says, 'I was married to the same woman for 50 years and never cheated on her, even in my heart.'

That's wonderful,' says St. Peter, 'that's worth two points!'

'Two points?!' he says. 'Well, I attended church all my life and supported its ministry with my tithe and service.' 'Terrific!' says St. Peter.. 'That's certainly worth a point.'

'One point?!?!' I started a soup kitchen in my city and worked in a shelter for homeless veterans.

'Fantastic, that's good for two more points,' he says.

'Two points?!?!' Exasperated, the man cries. 'At this rate the only way I'll get into heaven is by the grace of God.'

'Bingo! 100 points! Come on in!'

"Harvest Peace" Fall Yoga Series

Tailored to beginners and available via Zoom, free community yoga returns for the fall on the 1st & 3rd Mondays of each month. For questions or help getting started, contact K.C. Kless (yoga_with_kc@icloud.com) or Pastor Christie.



K.C. Kless, Teacher

CHURCH SMILES

A Sunday School teacher decideThee wa a very gracious lady who was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country. "Is there anything breakable in her?" "Only the 10 commandments," she replied.

When we lose someone we love, we must learn not to live without them, but to live with the LOVE they left behind.

SON MINISTRIES REPORT

The August report includes a total of **85 families (197 adults and 82 children)** for a grand total of **279** persons who were served their monthly food allotment.



Needed items for October

- *64 ounce or smaller laundry detergent
- *16 ounce dish liquid
- *Adult incontinence underwear L/XL
- *canned corn or green beans (15 ounce cans)

BROWN PAPER GROCERY BAGS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED!

HOPE DIRECTORY APP

FOR CELL PHONE go to your apps and down load FREE instant church directory.

FOR COMPUTER In the address bar (URL)- type in members.instantchurchdirectory.com

The screen will ask you to submit your email address as it appears in the church directory. You will be sent an email with a password or link embedded in it. When you create a new password, it must be 8 characters long and contain at least two of the following: capital letters or symbols.

**Changes are continuously made as the church is notified. If you have changed your email address, you will need to re-enroll. It will not recognize the new email address for confidentiality purposes.*

KROGER REWARDS PROGRAM



1. Visit KrogerCommunityRewards.com
2. Sign in to your online account, or create an account.
3. Find and select Hope Lutheran and click "Enroll."

Hope's 5 digit number is 80286. Please join today!

BOX TOPS MADE EASY

Box Tops to school. All you need is your phone. Download the ALL-NEW Box Tops app, shop as you normally would, then simply scan your store receipts to find participating products. The app will automatically credit your school's Box Tops earnings online.



Karen Schneider

DO YOU SHOP WITH AMAZONsmile?

It works just like Amazon (Amazon Prime) does...except you use AMAZONsmile at this site:



www.smile.amazon.com

It will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to Hope Lutheran Church.

DON'T FORGET OUR NARTHEX BINS!

- Used toothbrushes, empty toothpaste tubes and floss containers for UC Dental
- Food and personal care donations for SON Ministries
- Pop tabs for Ronald McDonald House
- Religious materials for Love Packages
- Boxtops for Education for schools
- Lids and caps for Buddy benches
- Eye glasses for the Lyon's Club
- Pill Bottles for Matthew 25



Hope is **NOT** accepting clothing for the First Lutheran Church clothing room since the church has been closed.

YELLOW BRICK ROAD CHILD CARE



You may enroll children ages 6 weeks to 5th grade. Share the info with others.

Just telephone 513-601-2596 or send an email to the address below:

yellowbrickroadchildcare@gmail.com

HOPE'S CONTRIBUTION INFORMATION

To donate to Hope: Checks may be mailed to **4695 Blue Rock Road, Cincinnati, OH 45247**

or brought to church.

Digital donations may be submitted at www.hopeonbluerock.org Click on "Giving" and then click on "Online Giving" and choose how you wish to donate - either ChurchTrac or PayPal.

For questions email Ron Long at finance@hopeonbluerock.org



HOPES BOTTOM LINE

August 2021



General Fund

Total	MONTH	YTD
Beginning Balance	\$ 42,886.35	\$ 51,754.37
Revenues	\$ 13,134.74	\$ 125,601.74
Expenses	\$ 22,205.78	\$ 146,303.22
Transfers In	\$ 7,750.00	\$ 10,560.22
Transfers Out	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Ending Balance	\$ 39,565.31	\$ 39,613.11

Memorial Fund

Beginning Balance	\$ 17,123.42	\$ 16,592.45
Deposit	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3,195.00
Interest	\$.13	\$ 1.10
Disbursements	\$ 7,750.00	\$ 7,750.00
Total	\$ 11,373.55	\$ 12,038.55

Wilma Hoffman Fund

Beginning Balance	\$ 19,357.34	\$ 19,328.70
Deposit	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Interest Income	\$ 1.63	\$ 30.27
Disbursements	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Ending Balance	\$ 19,358.97	\$ 19,358.97

Mission Building Fund

Beginning Balance	\$ 14,367.88	\$ 14,346.28
Revenue	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Interest	\$ 1.23	\$ 22.33
Disbursements	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Ending Balance	\$ 14,369.11	\$ 14,369.11

Capital One CD

Beginning Balance	\$ 52,545.41	\$ 52,437.10
Deposit	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Interest Income	\$ 8.92	\$ 161.05
Disbursements	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Ending Balance	\$ 52,554.33	\$ 52,598.15

Chris Arany Treasurer

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

August 12, 2021 by Zoom

Chris Arany, Treasurer:

Donations are down about \$9000.



Carmen Hasdorff, Spiritual Life: The committee is checking on people not attending. Communion has restarted for shut-ins unable to attend.

Mike/Karen Schweinfest, Worship and Music: The 2 new front projectors are in place. The projector in the back is still on order. There are still sound issues for some persons. Plans are in progress for the festival days coming up. Masks will be recommended for those attending services.

Erica Leppert, Christian Education: A survey results was given to Sunday School parents. The idea of a children's service is being explored where the children would leave

the sanctuary after the Children's Message and return after Pastor's sermon.

K.C. Kless, Outreach: Book Club will begin on September 13th. Hope labeled water bottles will be distributed to persons passing by our outdoor park service. He will seek volunteers to serve a meal at the Edge House of UC on a future Sunday night.

Generosity/Stewardship: The Chairs still open for this position. Members are also needed. **Ron Long** volunteered to be a member. Looking for members to share personal stories on October 24th.

Chuck Hasdorff/Property: He is working on clearing the wooded area for the bonfire. He and **Jerry Ivins** will change the sanctuary cam lights to LED's.

Karen Schweinfest, Fellowship: A reception was held for the two baptisms. The Hope Bonfire Harvest will be a good time for all.

Pastor Christie: Two new members will be joining on 9/19.

The council voted to use \$600 from the Family Assistance Fund to help a family pay their rent.

The Congregational Vitality Team presented 2 workshops. Another written survey may be distributed.

The Media Team is working on a new media release with the help of **Alita Simpson**.

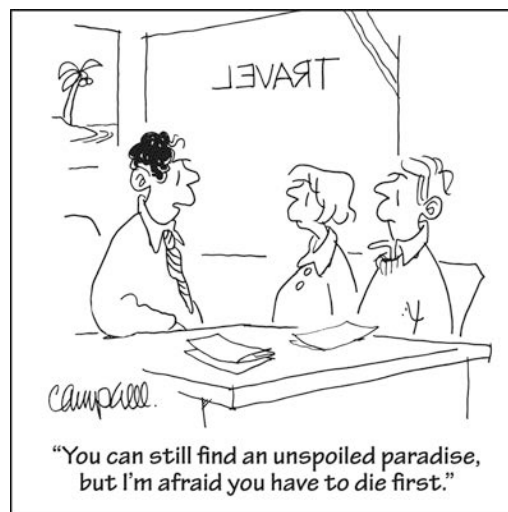
The council voted to retain one long throw projector, give the other long throw projector to **Denny Beisel** (installer) and the short throw projector to **Chris Arany**.

A 2022 Nominating Committee will be assembled.

The Zoom/In-person Congregational Meeting on September 19 will include the CVT update, Budget, worship times, an update on projectors, and a 2022 plea for volunteer council members.

From the minutes of Debbie Schrader, Council Secretary

FOR THE NOVEMBER ISSUE OF THE HOPE HERALD, ARTICLES ARE REQUESTED BY SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24TH. ARTICLES MAY BE EMAILED TO joyceivins@icloud.com anytime on or before that date.



FULL OF TALENT

In Matthew 25:14-30, the master rewards servants who use their gifts instead of hiding them. What talents has God given you?



What you need:

- Construction paper (2 sheets)
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Glue
- Gold crayon or pen
- Black pen

What you do:

1. Fold one sheet of paper in half lengthwise. Trace your hand and lower arm so your arm touches the folded edge. Cut out the arm and hand, keeping the folded edge uncut.
2. Glue the folded hand to the other sheet of paper.
3. In gold, draw five coins in the hand. In black, write the skills and gifts God has given you.
4. Open the fold and draw 10 gold coins in the two open hands. In black, write how you can use your skills and gifts to help others and honor God.



MASTER MULTIPLICATION

Jesus tells a parable about faithful servants who multiply their master's money. How does the master respond?

Directions: Solve the math problems. Find the letters that match the answers and write them in order to complete Matthew 25:21, NIV.

1. $(5) \times 3 =$	6. $(6) \times 6 =$
2. $(7) \times 4 =$	7. $(9) \times 3 =$
3. $(4) \times 6 =$	8. $(3) \times 8 =$
4. $(2) \times 10 =$	9. $(10) \times 4 =$
5. $(9) \times 5 =$	10. $(11) \times 8 =$

KEY

A = 28	J = 50	S = 88
B = 35	K = 21	T = 45
C = 14	L = 63	U = 64
D = 25	M = 15	V = 32
E = 33	N = 24	W = 80
F = 72	O = 77	X = 56
G = 40	P = 54	Y = 20
H = 36	Q = 9	Z = 48
I = 27	R = 16	

"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant!

You have been faithful with a few things;

I will put you in charge of _____.

Come and share your master's happiness!"

MATTHEW 25:21, NIV

Answer: 15, 28, 24, 20, 45, 36, 27, 24, 40, 88; many things



October 2021

September 2021							October 2021							November 2021						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4						1	2		1	2	3	4	5	6
5	6	7	8	9	10	11		3	4	5	6	7	8	9	7	8	9	10	11	12
12	13	14	15	16	17	18		10	11	12	13	14	15	16	14	15	16	17	18	19
19	20	21	22	23	24	25		17	18	19	20	21	22	23	21	22	23	24	25	26
26	27	28	29	30				24	25	26	27	28	29	30	28	29	30			
								31												

Hope Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 10:00 AM Worship: In-Person & Livestream 4:00 PM Rental – Tony Bell	27 10:00 AM SON @ GUMC 5:00 PM Congregational Vitality Meeting 5:00 PM Pastor's Office hours 6:00 PM Praise Band 7:15 PM Book Club	28 10:00 AM Pastor's Office Hours 5:00 PM Generosity Team Meeting (zoom)	29 10:00 AM SON @ GUMC 10:00 AM Pastor's Office Hours 4:30 PM SON @ GUMC 7:00 PM Digital Team Meeting	30 9:00 AM End CCLI reporting 10:00 AM Pastor's Office Hours 1:00 PM Bible Study (virtual & in-person)	1	2 12:00 PM Jen Byrne Fellowship Hall Rental
3 Edge House 10:00 AM Worship: In-Person & Livestream	4 10:00 AM SON @ GUMC 5:00 PM Pastor's Office hours 6:00 PM Praise Band 7:15 PM Yoga	5 10:00 AM Pastor's Office Hours	6 10:00 AM SON @ GUMC 10:00 AM Pastor's Office Hours 4:30 PM SON @ GUMC	7 10:00 AM Pastor's Office Hours 1:00 PM Bible Study (virtual & in-person)	8	9 5:00 PM Hope's Harvest Bonfire
10 10:00 AM Worship: In-Person & Livestream	11 10:00 AM SON @ GUMC 5:00 PM Pastor's Office hours 6:00 PM Praise Band 7:15 PM Book Club	12 10:00 AM Pastor's Office Hours	13 10:00 AM SON @ GUMC 10:00 AM Pastor's Office Hours 4:30 PM SON @ GUMC	14 10:00 AM Pastor's Office Hours 1:00 PM Bible Study (virtual & in-person) 7:00 PM Council Meeting Zoom	15	16 9:30 AM HOLD: Linda Carver Fellowship Hall Rental
17 Sandra Grace works 10:00 AM Worship: In-Person & Livestream	18 10:00 AM SON @ GUMC 5:00 PM Pastor's Office hours 6:00 PM Praise Band 7:15 PM Yoga	19 10:00 AM Pastor's Office Hours	20 Pastor on vacation 10:00 AM SON @ GUMC 10:00 AM Pastor's Office Hours 4:30 PM SON @ GUMC	21 10:00 AM Pastor's Office Hours 1:00 PM Bible Study (virtual & in-person)	22	23
24 Pastor on vacation 10:00 AM Worship: In-Person & Livestream	25 10:00 AM SON @ GUMC 5:00 PM Pastor's Office hours 6:00 PM Praise Band 7:15 PM Book Club	26 10:00 AM Pastor's Office Hours	27 10:00 AM SON @ GUMC 10:00 AM Pastor's Office Hours 4:30 PM SON @ GUMC	28 10:00 AM Pastor's Office Hours 1:00 PM Bible Study (virtual & in-person) 6:00 PM WHOO Women/Fellowship Hall	29	30 Reformation Rehearsal
31 Reformation Sunday 10:00 AM Worship: In-Person & Livestream	1 10:00 AM SON @ GUMC 5:00 PM Pastor's Office hours 6:00 PM Praise Band 7:15 PM Yoga	2 10:00 AM Pastor's Office Hours	3 10:00 AM SON @ GUMC 10:00 AM Pastor's Office Hours 4:30 PM SON @ GUMC	4 10:00 AM Pastor's Office Hours 1:00 PM Bible Study (virtual & in-person)	5	6

The Hope Herald

Hope Lutheran Church
Pastor Christie Beckmann
4695 Blue Rock Road
Cincinnati, Ohio 45247-3571
513-923-3370
office@hopeonbluerock.org
www.hopeonbluerock.org



OUR MISSION

We are anchored in faith and saved by God's grace. Led by the Holy Spirit, it is our purpose to invite all to know hope, love, and peace through Jesus Christ.



Pastor:	Christie Beckm
Choir Director:	Karen Schwein
Organist:	Dale Renner
Altar Care:	Ruth Oehler
Prayer Chain:	Carmen Hasdor
Web Site:	Pastor Christie
	Jerry Ivins
Facebook:	Mary Bryant
Kitchen Manager	Karen Schneide

HOPE HERALD STAFF:

Worship Assistants:	Nan Davis
	Jerry Ivins
	Ruth Oehler
Editor:	Joy Ivins
Clip Art:	Jerry Ivins



It is well,
it is well

with my soul