



The Hope Herald

Hope Lutheran Church Newsletter

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WELCOME HOME!

INSPIRING WORSHIP
IN-PERSON
& LIVESTREAM
CHILDREN'S CHURCH DURING
WORSHIP



Enjoy Inspiring Worship Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. in-person or on livestream. Visit the Worship tab at hopeonbluerock.org for information on how to view livestream or recorded worship videos, to view weekly bulletins, and more. Our worship committee continues to monitor the Covid numbers in our community and to make informed decisions on worship practices based on this information, and we thank them for their hard work during these challenging times! If you have questions or concerns regarding worship, contact **Mike Schweinfest**, Chair of Worship & Music Committee.

Pastor Christie

BIBLE STUDY

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! All are welcome! Lenten Bible Study Series coming soon! Contact Pastor Christie for more information.

Pastor Christie

NEED A COVID VACCINE OR BOOSTER?

Trinity Lutheran Church, 1553 Kinney Ave in Cincinnati, OH 45231 - 513 522-3022, has a vaccine clinic every Friday from 12-5, offered thru Hamilton Public Health. No appointment needed, be sure to bring your Covid vaccine



record card (if you have one). All Covid vaccines and boosters are available at no cost to you.

Karen Schneider

ARE YOU RECEIVING PASTOR'S EMAILS?

Pastor Christie sends a weekly "Hope Happenings" email to update us all on worship & the happenings for the upcoming week. Due to technical difficulties, some folks haven't been receiving these. If you have not been receiving these emails lately, and you would like to receive them – first check your SPAM or Junk folder – and if this is not the problem or you have questions, contact Pastor Christie pastor@hopeonbluerock.org 317-828-5949.



If you do not want to receive these messages, please contact Pastor or click the unsubscribe link at the bottom of the message. It is best if you do not send the messages to SPAM, as this can trigger future messages (in your inbox and in other people's) to be marked as SPAM. **Pastor Christie**

A MOTHER'S DAY HYMN

Sing praise to our Creator
God! Earth prospers from the
way God "mothers" each new child into this world
day after day.



God fabricates in motherhood a channel from above that longs to share with every child God's comfort, grace and love!

Sing praise to our Creator God, who "mothers" us from birth! Providing what we truly need throughout our lives on earth. **-Peggy Ferrell**

ATTENTION GRADUATES!



If your or a child is or has graduated this spring, please send the information and a picture to joyceivins@icloud.com so we can highlight you in our June issue!

**MAY 30TH - REMEMBER THOSE WHO FOUGHT
AND DIED TO KEEP OUR COUNTRY SAFE!**

PR. CHRISTIE'S CORNER

But as for that in the good soil, these are the ones who, when they hear the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patient endurance.
– Luke 8:15 (NRSV)



They say April showers bring May flowers. This year, we must wonder – what does April snow bring? I'm not sure! Very hearty flowers, perhaps. Regardless, we see the evidence of spring all around us now. Buds on the trees have opened to reveal flowers and tiny leaves. Each day we notice new growth where plants previously lay dormant.

Spring appears after a long winter to remind us that there is new life – there is resurrection – all around us. Just as the trees and plants begin to bear fruit after their long period of hibernation, we too are now surrounded with fruit-bearing possibilities. We are reminded that after long periods of dormancy in life, we can once again bear fruit “with patient endurance.”



I think we can all agree that these past couple of years have felt like a long winter, like a long period of dormancy. We have heard the Word, but we have held it fast in our honest and good hearts, waiting until the time felt right for fruit-bearing possibilities.

Over the past couple of years, you may recall hearing about the Congregational Vitality Team

(CVT) or The Collaborative. The CVT was formed in October of 2019 to begin a strategic planning training called The Collaborative, offered through the ELCA Southern Ohio Synod. COVID slowed our progress, but instead of stopping our fruit-bearing efforts, I believe that the lengthening of the process simply helped us to be more fertile soil – for us as Hope to hold God's plan for us fast in our honest and good hearts, just waiting with patient endurance for the opportunity of new growth.

We turn our hopeful eyes now toward God, wondering – is this the time? Has our patient endurance paid off, now giving us an opportunity for abundant new life? We certainly hope so. In any case, as we look toward the future, the CVT is once again seeking YOUR input as to where we as the people of Hope are best suited for new growth and new life in Christ and in the world around us.

Before we can truly bear good fruit, we will examine our roots. The better we know our root system, the better we will know exactly what type of plant we will become, as our stem slowly emerges above the fertile soil.

You will soon be asked to discern, as the people of Hope, what are our core beliefs and what are our core convictions? In other words – what makes us who we are?

In preparation for this, I invite you to think about some things: What makes Hope Lutheran Church the place where you want to worship? What are the most important things that we as Hope believe, teach, and live in our daily lives? How does being a member at Hope shape you to be part of the body of Christ in the world? Where do you see our congregation growing in the future?

I am so excited to move forward with this process and I know that our team is as well. Coming soon you will have many opportunities to share your thoughts, but we always invite you to talk with us at any time that the Spirit leads you with a new idea or a new thought. May God the Creator bless us in our creative discernment, may Christ lead us into these possibilities of new growth, and may the Holy Spirit infuse us with new life.

Blessings,

Pastor Christie (and the congregational vitality team: Jen Byrne, Lana Albright, & Carmen Hasdorff)

MAGNIFICENT MAY BIRTHDAYS

1	Ken Klayer	21	Austin Kelbley
	Leah Wendel Siedling		Christa Russo
2	Jason Fetterman	23	Ryan Gries
	Matthew Monroe		Bill Pott
4	Sadie Tolle	28	Greta Reynolds
5	Kathy Troescher		Cora Reynolds
6	Mike Long	29	Amy Byrne
9	Levi Albright	30	Charlotte Springmyer
10	Kensley Krieg		Johnny Swiecki
13	Chris Leppert		
	Alyson Schweinfest		
16	Avery Terbrueggen		
17	Terry Heybruch		
18	Vincent Lysaght		
20	Zach Arany		



WHOO (WOMEN HELPING OTHERS & OURSELVES)



Women: There is still time to attend their next meeting on April 28 at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your own light meal, and dessert will be furnished. Come and get to know the women you see in worship!

SON MINISTRIES REPORT

During March, SON's food pantry distributed food and personal care items to 111 families that included 105 children and 245 adults with a total of 350 persons. Each family was also offered an Easter egg coloring kit and Blessing bags for the children.



During May and June, SON would like to collect boxes of cereal, vegetable and tomato soup, toothbrushes, and deodorant.

Thank you to all who donate to this worthy community food pantry.

BROWN PAPER GROCERY BAGS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED

SOME HUMOR FOR YOU

In Sunday School they were teaching how God created everything, including human beings. Little Johnny seemed especially intent when they told him how Eve was created out of one of Adam's ribs. Later in the week, his mother noticed him lying down as though he were ill, and said, 'Johnny what is the matter?' Little Johnny responded, 'I have a pain in my side. I think I'm going to have a wife.'



HOPE'S NEWLY BAPTIZED

On Easter Sunday, April 17, during the 11 am worship service, Pastor Christie baptized young **Josephine Cameron Tedesco**, daughter of **Danica and Jacob Tedesco**.



Baptismal sponsors for Josie were **Natalie Payne and Cameron Mullis**.

Also baptized at the Easter service was Josie's cousin, **Miles Dennis Cheney**, son of Danica's brother, **Mark** and sister-in-law **Dawn Cheney**.

Miles's sponsors were the **Cheney family**.



We welcome to these children of God into Hope's family!

NURSERY IS OPEN

Don't forget that **Kayla Terbrueggen** is available during worship to entertain Hope's youngest children if parents wish to take advantage of her services.



MAY THANK YOUS AND NEWS

THANK YOU to everyone who assisted with Lenten, Holy Week, and Easter worship, to those who help behind the scenes every week, to those who wished me happy birthday, and most especially to all of you who are praying for my grandma and have supported me during the rollercoaster ride of our past few months together. I am eternally thankful that God brought me to you so that we could be HOPE with and for one another.

Love, Pastor Christie

Thank you to:

- **Lois Hollingsworth, Carmen Hasdorff, Nan Davis and Mary Bryant** for carrying the purple colored candle holders during the stripping of the altar at the Maundy Thursday service.
- **Judy and Butch Royse** for helping me strip the altar during the Maundy Thursday service. I also appreciate the lovely purple Lenten banner and the white Easter banner that adorned the front of the organ made by **Judy Royse**.
- **everyone** who ordered the 49 lovely Easter flowers that adore our sanctuary. I asked **Dave and Linda McBride** to help me pick up the Easter flowers from the greenhouse using their van. Also, thank you to **Dave and Linda** for carrying the boxes of flowers into the church. **Linda McBride and Karen Schweinfest** aided me with the decorating of the flowers in the sanctuary.
- **Lois Hollingsworth, Sue Kelbley and Beulah Kroger** who with the assisted with the communion trays at both of the Easter services.
- **Judy Royse** for the amazing job in designing the bulletin insert for flowers that were given by our members.

Ruth Oehler, Altar Chair

A big thank you to Ruth Oehler for ordering the Easter flowers and always preparing our communion elements with others and decorating the sanctuary for each worship season.

A hearty round of applause to the Fellowship Committee for organizing the wonderful Easter Carry-In Brunch between services. **And thank you to all who brought the delicious goodies we enjoyed.** Hope you did not miss out on this joyous Easter gathering!

Thank you to the Royses and Ivins for their donations that provided the doves from **Hartmut Parnitzke's, A Sign of Peace.**



It is a special and meaningful way to end our Easter worship in the Meditation Garden. Their release is exciting to both children and adults!

Dear SON Pantry Partner,

On behalf of our staff, we would like to let you know how much we appreciate your consistent generosity. It takes the support of many in our community to provide the various needs of our clients. Your contribution to this support is an insert to our prayers! **God bless, SON Food Pantry Staff**

SPECIAL THANKS! Between 2013 and March 2022, purchases made by Hope members and friends via SmileAmazon have totaled \$660.64 that was given to Hope from Amazon! **Thank you to everyone who has designated Hope as the recipient of the bonus from their purchases.** As you can see, it adds up to a generous sum for doing fun stuff - shopping!



IN LOVING MEMORY

On March 28 a Hope member, **Joyce Burkhart**, entered eternal rest after a valiant fight with multiple health problems. In past years she often worked in the office with a former Pastor, helped during Vacation Bible School and **Bonnie Long** with her ponies and enjoy playing cards. Our condolences to her husband **Tom**, son **Brian** and his wife **Angie** and grandchildren **Jimmy and Samantha**.

*IN LOVING
Memory*

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.

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 **Lana Albright** who chairs Spiritual Life and **Carmen Hasdorff** who moderates Prayer Chain emails.

Pr. Christie

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

HOPE'S BOTTOM LINE

March 2022



General Fund

Total	MONTH	YTD
Beginning Balance	\$ 43,347.84	\$ 30,861.87
Revenues	\$ 22,285.00	\$ 42,817.92
Expenses	\$ 23,438.36	\$ 55,355.89
Transfers In	\$ 42.00	\$ 52.00
Transfers Out	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Ending Balance	\$ 42,759.48	\$ 30,861.87

Memorial Fund

Beginning Balance	\$ 7,789.41	\$ 8032.18
Deposit	\$ 60.00	\$ 242.58
Interest	\$.06	\$.12
Total	\$ 7,849.47	\$ 8032.18

Wilma Hoffman Fund

Beginning Balance	\$ 19,365.40	\$ 19,370.16
Deposit	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Interest Income	\$ 1.64	\$ 4.76
Disbursements	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Ending Balance	\$ 19,367.04	\$ 19,370.16

Mission Building Fund

Beginning Balance	\$ 14,373.95	\$ 14,377.52
Revenue	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Interest	\$ 1.23	\$ 3.57
Disbursements	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Ending Balance	\$ 14,375.18	\$ 14,377.52

Capital One CD

Beginning Balance	\$ 52,642.22	\$ 52,668.15
Deposit	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Interest Income	\$ 8.93	\$ 25.93
Disbursements	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Ending Balance	\$ 52,651.15	\$ 52,668.15

Chris Arany, Treasurer

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

No council meeting in April.



FOR THE JUNE ISSUE OF THE HOPE HERALD, ARTICLES ARE REQUESTED BY MONDAY, MAY 22ND. ARTICLES MAY BE EMAILED TO joyceivins@icloud.com or anytime before that date.



HOPE DIRECTORY APP

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FREE App for iPhone, iPad & Android



Our church directory is a great resource tool that allows you to get to know our church family better!

Simply go to the App Store, search for **Instant Church Directory** and download the FREE app to begin.

You will use your email address listed in the directory to CREATE A LOGIN the first time you use the directory app.

If you're not listed in the directory, OR if you have trouble logging into the app, please contact Jerry Ivins.

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FOR YOUR COMPUTER Directions are on the church counter.

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

Please contact Jerry Ivins for any changes.

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.

It is an easy way to help the funds to support our church. **Hope received \$37.95 during March.**

Between 2013 and 3/2022, purchases made by Hope members and friends via SmileAmazon have totaled **\$660.64** that was given to Hope from Amazon!

Karen Schneider

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
- Clothing for Franciscan Sisters of the Poor



YELLOW BRICK ROAD CHILD CARE

Congratulations to Kayla Willey who has now achieved a 2 Star award rating for her child care facility!



Spots available at 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



Egg-cellent bouquet

Transform an egg carton into a Mother's Day keepsake.

What you need:

- Clean cardboard egg carton
- Scissors
- Acrylic paint and paintbrush
- Flat cardboard
- Photo, drawing or note
- Small pom-poms
- Hot glue
- Adult help

What you do:

1. Bend, stretch and cut the carton cups to make 3-D flower shapes. Also cut leaf shapes from the carton top. Let dry.
2. Paint the flowers and leaves. Let dry.
3. Cut the flat cardboard to a size and shape you desire. Leave a border at least 2 inches larger than your photo, drawing or note.
4. With hot glue, attach the photo, drawing or note to the cardboard.
5. Arrange and glue flowers and leaves around the border. Attach pom-poms for more color and texture.
6. Present the gift to your mom or a special woman in your life.

PUZZLE

A VALUABLE *command*

God instructs children how to relate to their parents.

Directions: Arrange the words in alphabetical order. Then insert the circled letters in order to complete Exodus 20:12, NIV.



son	mother	father
daughter	honor	home
respect	family	obey
	love	

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the L_RD _ou_ God i_ givi_g you.

EXODUS 20:12, NIV

Answer: 1. daughter, 2. family, 3. father, 4. home, 5. honor, 6. love, 7. mother, 8. obey, 9. respect, 10. son; Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

May 2022

April 2022							May 2022							June 2022							
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Hope Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10:00 AM Worship: In-Person & Livestream 11:00 AM Confirmation Class	2 10:00 AM SON @ GUMC 5:00 PM Pastor's Office hours 6:00 PM Praise band	3 10:00 AM Pastor's Office Hours	4 10:00 AM SON @ GUMC 10:00 AM Pastor's Office Hours 4:30 PM SON @ GUMC	5 10:00 AM Pastor's Office Hours 1:00 PM Bible Study (virtual & in-person)	6 Pastor's Day Off	7
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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.



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