



The Hope Herald

Hope Lutheran Church Newsletter

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July 2023

WELCOME HOME!

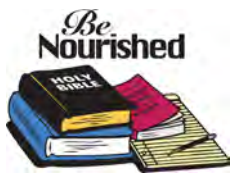
INSPIRING WORSHIP IN-PERSON & LIVESTREAM
CHILDREN'S CHURCH DURING
WORSHIP



You are invited to Hope every Sunday at 10 am to join us in a combined worship with Contemporary and Traditional songs and liturgy.

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY – The book of Romans Thursdays 1 p.m.

Join for fun, fellowship and sharing God's word together as Bible Study continues throughout the summer. Our Bible Study theme for the summer will be the book of Romans. Bible study meets Thursdays at 1p.m., and is available on zoom as well as in-person. Contact Pastor Christie if you have any questions or are interested in joining via zoom. This is a wonderful time of fun, fellowship, and studying God's word. All are welcome!



Please note: Bible Study will not meet on July 27.
Pastor Christie

DOES A FRIEND NEED A LIFT?

All occasion cards are available for many different holidays and situations to show the friend or family member you care. Check out the assortment on the counter in the Narthex/lobby. And the beautiful prayer shawls, so loving made, are ready to put a warm smile on someone's face.



CAN YOU HELP?

The SON Ministries Food Pantry, housed at Groesbeck Methodist Church, is looking for a few specific volunteers to help with deliveries two times per month; take carts to cars in open hours; and check in clients on a computer. **Please contact Jo Dossenbach, at 513-385-1793 if interested.**



PRAISE AND POTLUCK!

July 16



Grab your folding chairs and attend worship in Hope's Memorial Garden on Sunday, July 16th. We will gather outdoors at 10:00 AM for a service celebrating the beauty of God's creation.

Following the service, we will convene in the Fellowship Hall for a potluck lunch. There is a sign-up sheet in the lobby for you to bring a salad, dessert, side, or meat dish. Please join us!



Karen Schweinfest, Fellowship Committee

CRAYONS REQUESTED FOR CHILDREN

The WHOO (Women Helping Others and Ourselves) are collecting Crayola crayons (24 pack) for the Northwest Health and Safety Fair at Northgate Mall. (Watch for school supply sales on these items to purchase even more.) The WHOO has already purchased some packs to begin filling the basket which will appear soon in the Narthex/lobby.



HOPE NO LONGER COLLECTS LIDS

PLEASE MAKE NOTE that we are not collecting lids at this time. Our source is no longer accepting them. However, Rumpke continues to accept them attached to the bottles.



Home of the free because of the brave!

PR. CHRISTIE'S CORNER

Summer Journeys

As I write this, I am preparing to leave on a vacation, and it occurs to me that many of you may be planning special trips this summer. Others of you may be remaining home to care for loved ones or yourselves, but this is also a journey of a sort. We are all on some sort of life journey each and every day. Some of our journeys are fun and adventurous, while others are difficult, full of twists and turns and challenging terrain.



One of my favorite scripture passages about journeys is Psalm 121. It is often read at funerals, but I find it applicable to all of life's journeys every day. The Psalm reminds us that God is present with us always, no matter where life takes us. The Psalm begins:

***I lift up my eyes to the hills—
from where will my help come?
My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.***

At first glance, this passage seems as though the Psalmist is certain of God's presence from the very beginning. You may have seen a picture like the one I've included here, with this psalm written on it, of a beautiful, serene mountain and maybe a sunrise, giving the impression that when we lift our eyes to the hills, we look to the strength and assurance of God.

But in fact, it's possible that when the Psalmist asks, "from where will my help come," that he or she is truly asking. The Psalmist may be unsure here.

The psalmist is preparing for a journey into the mountains in the hot desert sun. The person lifts their eyes to the intimidating-looking mountain in front of them, and says, "I'm afraid, who is going to help me?" And the answer comes: "The Lord, who

made heaven and earth." Looking at it from this perspective, this Psalm is about assuring us that God is going to be with us throughout all of life's mountainous journeys.

The Psalmist continues with reassurances about God's presence throughout this dangerous journey. In verses 3-4, the Psalmist reminds us that however we stumble along our journey, God is holding us. God is always watching, always with us. In verses 5-6, the Psalmists' message is that God will be our keeper, no matter what dangers life's journey brings our way. Whether it feels like the sun is striking us, or we're afraid in the nighttime, God will protect us. The final verses of the Psalm are a beautiful benediction, the Psalmist's way of saying, "May God bless you on your way, and bring you back home again:



***God will keep your life.
The LORD will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time on and forevermore.***

We all have journeys in life to face, and some of them are quite frightening. This Psalmist does not promise that all of life's travels will be smooth. We acknowledge with the Psalmist that sometimes in life there are bumps, hills, mountains, and unexpected turns. But what the Psalmist does promise here is the same thing that God has always promised: the presence of God will be with us, no matter what. Knowing this, we can face any obstacle that life puts in our way: whether it's a flat tire on the way to our summer vacation, or an unexpected major loss or upset in life. God will keep our goings out and our comings in, from this time on and forevermore.

**May God bless you along all your journeys,
Pastor Christie**

FAITH IS THE YES OF THE HEART
From ST. PAU'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
WILLOWDELL, OHIO

JULY THANK YOU'S AND NEWS

I would like to thank **Butch Royse and Sue Kelbley** for taking care of my altar duties while I was on vacation.
Ruth Oehler

A huge thank you to all of our yard care workers.
 Chuck and I appreciate you helping to make our



church yard look so well kept. Here are the volunteers (and if I missed someone, please let me know).

They are: **Ray Davis, Bob and Karen Eichelbrenner, John Groth, Chuck and Carmen Hasdorff, Jerry and Joy Ivins, Pastor Christie, Ruth Oehler, Karen Schweinfest, Ron Thatcher, Bea Zimmer, Judy and Butch Royse**

Below are some pictures from one of the work days.



Can't forget Shadow!

From the Property Chair and his better half, Chuck and Carmen Hasdorff

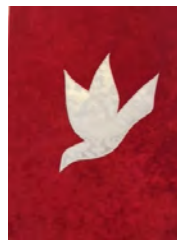
Women of Hope,

God has designed us to live in friendship and fellowship within our community. **The women of Hope** have so demonstrated this by the lovely cards and blessing gift basket that was presented to me after my surgery. **I cannot thank each of you enough for what this has meant to me.** Blessings and love to each one of you . . .

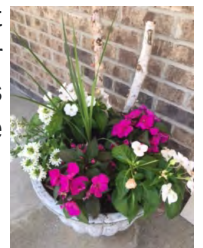
Lana Albright

Thank you to the women who slipped on their work gloves and worked diligently to reorganize and clean the church kitchen. It was badly in need of a thorough cleansing. It now shines!

Our appreciation to Judy Royse for the lovely new



red dove paramount for the organ and our beautiful arrangements in the pots beside the entrance to church!



HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS



On May 26 **Susan Cowan** walked her darling daughter **Kristina** down the aisle to present her hand in marriage to **Conner Zimmermann** in a lovely outdoor service at Hanover Reserve in Oxford OH.

May God bless them abundantly in love, joy, and happiness!

IN LOVING MEMORY

Hope mourns the loss of long time member **Helen Rehbaum**, who at age 92, after a difficult battle with cancer, entered life eternal on May 26. Her son **Doug** and grandson **David Sheppard**, wife **Miranda** and children **Emma and Dylan** also attend Hope. Our sympathy and comforting hugs to the family.



JOYOUS JULY BIRTHDAYS

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|------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Dale Renner | 25 Crystal Beneker |
| Nan Davis | Erin Krieg |
| Ron Thatcher | Boaz Williams |
| 5 Brian Byrne | 26 Mark Long |
| 7 Susan Cowan | 29 Julia Beagle |
| 8 Kathy Mushaben | Katie Gundrum |
| 9 Miles Chaney | |
| 15 Cathy Klayer | |
| 18 Kathi Boland | |
| 19 Joe Millard | |
| Dylan Vogelsang | |
| 21 Ben Millard | |
| 23 Trinny Toth | |



SON MINISTRIES REPORT



SON Miniseries is very busy with our increasing number of families who get food, meats, cleaning supplies, diapers, and feminine/incontinence products monthly. Personal care products are offered every other month.

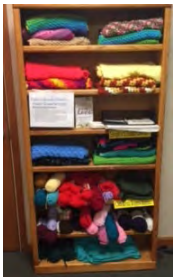
During May SON distributed food and personal care items to 181 families that included 202 children and 442 adults for a grand total of 625 persons.

For July SON is requesting 15 oz. canned fruit.

Thanks to all who donate to this much needed community effort!

BROWN PAPER GROCERY BAGS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OUR "BOOK NOOK"



EVERYONE! Look over the books available for loan in the "Book Nook" located in the Fellowship Hall. More books have recently joined the shelves. Be sure to check them out for a little relaxing escape time! There are also some books that men might find interesting.

BOOK DONATIONS FOR SIDE BY SIDE MINISTRIES

Don't forget the Magic Schoolbus at Hope that collects new and gently used books for children and middle schoolers which will be given to Side by Side Ministries. You can't miss their big brightly decorated garbage container located at the entrance door awaiting your donations.



WOMEN HELPING OTHERS AND THEMSELVES



At the June 22nd meeting, the women savored a delightful meal at Lake Nina and enjoyed interesting conversation.

Compassion International sent a thank you to WHOO for the \$250 spent to provide a filtration system that provides water wells and bathrooms for children in global countries.

The group will again participate at the Northwest School's Health and Safety Fair on **August 9** distributing Kleenex packs at their table.



Also they purchased Crayola crayons (24 pack) to begin collecting for the fair. Everyone in the congregation is invited to participate in this project.

A pool party is planned for **July** at Debbie Schrader's home. Watch for details of date and time.

On Saturday, **September 9th**, the women will be providing a lunch for the Little Brother's of the Elderly at Parky's Farm in Winton Woods. The men are invited to participate.

The women are sending flowers to the mother of Yellow Brick Road Child Care Director's mother, Connie Bertram.

HOPE'S NURSERY IS OPEN

Don't forget that **Kayla Terbrueggen** is available during worship to care for Hope's youngest children if parents wish to take advantage of her services. It is a safe place with toys and activity.

It will be closed on July 2nd and August 25.

JUST AS LITTLE HUMOR

Did you hear the rumor about butter?

It spreads.

Why can't you lie to a cardiologist?

They are trained to detect a fib.

What did the mother rope say to her little child?

Don't be so knotty!



REMEMBER TO CHECK OUT THE LIST OF RECYCLED ITEMS ON PAGE 5 THE ITEMS MAY BE PLACED IN THE MANY DRAWERS IN THE NARTHEX/ LOBBY TO HELP SAVE OUR ENVIRONMENT.

SON MINISTRIES HAS A BIN THERE ALSO FOR FOOD AND PERSONAL CARE DONATIONS.

HOPE DIRECTORY APP

FOR YOUR COMPUTER OR PHONE Directions are on the church counter or check for Instant Church Directory.



**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](https://www.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!
Hope received **\$75.39** this quarter.

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 by ChurchTrac or PayPal. For questions email Ron Long at finance@hopeonbluerock.org



YELLOW BRICK ROAD CHILD CARE



We are proud of Kayla Willey's 2 Star award rating for her child care facility!

Need childcare? Call 513-601-2596 or send an email to the address below:
yellowbrickroadchildcare@gmail.com

PRAYER CHAIN INSTRUCTIONS

To submit a prayer chain request: Complete this online form <https://www.hopeonbluerock.org/prayer-requests/>, or 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.

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

-Pill bottles that are Cleaned and without labels

-Eye glasses for the Lyon's Club

-Clothing for Franciscan Sisters of the Poor



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?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3178285949?pwd=YSS1QzNScVIMZzlkMkZpMTImVINLUT09)
[pwd=YSS1QzNScVIMZzlkMkZpMTImVINLUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3178285949?pwd=YSS1QzNScVIMZzlkMkZpMTImVINLUT09)

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

Meeting ID: 317 828 5949

Passcode: 4695

Why do we celebrate July 4th with fireworks?

The tradition of fireworks on the 4th of July came from the 1777 celebration in Philadelphia. A ship fired a 13-gun salute to honor the 13 colonies, and the Sons of Liberty set off fireworks over Boston Common.



HOPE'S BOTTOM LINE

MAY 2023



General Fund

Total	MONTH	YTD
Beginning Balance	\$ 37,474.26	\$ 22,843.59
Revenues	\$ 8,448.57	\$ 98,103.77
Expenses	\$ 24,717.19	\$ 99,863.72
Transfers In	\$ 10,700.00	\$ 10,822.00
Transfers Out	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Ending Balance	\$ 31,905.64	\$ 31,905.64

Memorial Fund

Beginning Balance	\$10,058.19	\$10,057.86
Transfers In	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Interest Income	\$.09	\$.42
Transfers Out	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Total	\$10,058.28	\$10,058.28

Wilma Hoffman Fund

Beginning Balance	\$ 17,702.63	\$17,696.79
Deposit	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Interest Income	\$ 1.34	\$ 7.18
Disbursements	\$ 10,700.00	\$ 10,700.00
Ending Balance	\$ 7,003.97	\$ 7,003.97

Mission Building Fund

Beginning Balance	\$ 14,393.28	\$ 14,388.56
Revenue	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Interest Income	\$ 1.09	\$ 5.81
Disbursements	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Ending Balance	\$ 14,394.37	\$ 14,394.37

Capital One CD

Beginning Balance	\$ 53,444.23	\$ 53,111.79
Deposit	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Interest Income	\$ 82.74	\$ 415.18
Disbursements	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Ending Balance	\$ 53,526.97	\$ 53,526.97

Chris Arany, Treasurer

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

June 8, 2023

◆**Ron Long, Financial Secretary:** Hope received the last rewards from AmazonSmile of \$52.55 and the Kroger quarterly of \$75.39.

◆**Chris Arany, Treasurer:** Giving is down about \$9600. We paid for the new Audio system.

◆**Carmen Hasdorff, Interim Spiritual Life:** Carmen thanked the committee for carrying on in her absence at the Prayer Chain Brunch. The committee ascending note and cards to members who have not been in attendance.

◆**Joy Ivins, Worship/Music:** The Outdoor Worship Service on July 16 needs attendees to sign-up and bring portable chairs. The dates Pastor will be on vacation are covered. The committee will meet on July 5.

◆**Becky Lister/Linda McBride, Outreach:** Visiting Liberty Nursing Home has been suspended.

◆**Bonnie Long, Generosity:** The committee is planning the fall campaign and Time and Talent forms. The next committee meeting is August 9.



◆**Chuck Hasdorff, Property:** The yard work is complete. He is working on repair of the broken sanctuary window.

◆**Karen Schweinfest, Fellowship:** The committee will be giving the church kitchen a thorough cleaning. They will organize the potluck following the outdoor service.

◆**Jerry Ivins, Digital Ministry:** He presented the 4 bids for a digital sign in front of the church. On the committee's recommendation, the council voted to accept the proposal of James Mercier for no more than \$20,000 to replace our existing outdoor sign. They proposed the money be taken from the Wilma Hoffman Fund and the Mission Building Fund.

◆A Special Congregational Meeting was scheduled for June 25 after the 10 am worship service to vote on the motion.

◆**Pastor Christie:** In addition to her regular duties at Hope to visits, classes and worship services, she is mentoring a new ELCA pastor by Zoom in the Columbus area. She helped plan and was the chaplain at the Southern Ohio Synod Assembly.

◆**Sue Millard, President:** Capital Fund requests for the future are due by the end of July.

◆**Brian Byrne** will chair the committee to update our security plan.

Council then reviewed the next portions of Hope's Constitution.

◆**There will be no July council meeting.** The next council meeting is set for August 10

From the minutes of Debbie Schrader, Council Secretary

ARTICLES FOR THE AUGUST ISSUE OF THE HOPE HERALD ARE REQUESTED BY SUNDAY, JULY 23RD. ARTICLES MAY BE EMAILED TO joyceivins@icloud.com or anytime before that date.



Sprinkle and split

A sprinkle of pepper and a dab of soap illustrate a big concept from God's Word.



What you need:

- Shallow dish
- Water
- Black ground pepper
- Toothpick
- Dish soap
- Bible

What you do:

1. With the dish on a table, fill it halfway with water. Don't jiggle the dish.
2. Sprinkle pepper on the water.
3. Dab the toothpick into a drop of soap. Then touch its tip to the center of the water and observe.
4. Read Psalm 103:8-12.
How does this experiment illustrate God's forgiveness?
5. Explain the science behind this experiment: The soap disturbs the water's surface tension. The soap molecules don't want to interact with the water. This repels the water molecules from the soap, causing the floating pepper to also move to the sides.

Puzzle!

Jesus instructs us to give and serve. What does Proverbs 3:27 (NIV) tell us *not* to do? To find out, cross out all the following letters. Then write the remaining letters in order on the spaces below.

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RPJZOWBEQRTOAXCZTXJ

DO NOT _____

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PROVERBS 3:27, NIV

when it is in your power to act. Proverbs 3:27, NIV



July 2023

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Hope Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 Pastor on Vacation 10:00 AM Worship: In-Person & Livestream 11:00 AM Congregational Meeting	26 10:00 AM SON @ GUMC 6:00 PM Praise Band 7:00 PM Outreach Meeting	27	28 10:00 AM SON @ GUMC 4:30 PM SON @ GUMC	29 10:00 AM Pastor's Office Hours 1:00 PM Bible Study (virtual & in-person)	30 Pastor's Day Off	1
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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.



Pastor:	Christie Beckmann
Choir Director:	Karen Schweinfest
Organist:	Dale Renner
Altar Care:	Ruth Oehler
Prayer Chain:	Carmen Hasdorff
Web Site:	Pastor Christie Jerry Ivins
Facebook:	Mary Bryant
Kitchen Manager	Karen Schneider

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"THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN *is like...*"
