Hope Lutheran Church Newsletter

www.hopeonbluerock.org

October 2025

PET BLESSING & OUTDOOR WORSHIP

Sunday October 5, 10 a.m.

All God's creatures, great, and small are invited to an outdoor worship service & Blessing of the Animals,

> Sunday, October 5 - right here at Hope at 10 a.m.

Water & snacks for furry friends and humans, alike.

Light a candle in memory of a pet.

♣Prayer station for endangered animals.

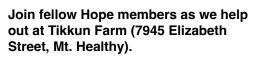
Join us for this FREE family-friendly & pet-friendly event!

Items to bring: lawn chairs (bring extra if you can), lawn blankets, pets (safely leashed or caged).

The Franciscan Blessing of the Animals is a beloved spiritual tradition rooted in the teachings of Saint Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals and ecology. Celebrated around his feast day on October 4th, the ritual reflects Francis's deep reverence for all creatures as fellow members of God's creation. In this practice, people bring their pets and animals to be blessed, acknowledging the joy, companionship, and spiritual connection they offer. It is a moment of gratitude and recognition of the sacred bond between humans, animals, and the natural Pastor Christie world.

VOLUNTEER AT TIKKUN FARM

Saturday, October18, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.





On Saturday, 10/18, Hope will be participating in one of Tikkun's Multi-faith Volunteer Days, when Tikkun welcomes people from all spiritual communities to serve together for the greater good. The day begins at 9am with a sacred experience in nature, followed by work on service projects.

Tasks are available for all ages and all ability levels.

Sign up in the lobby at Hope, or contact **Debbie Schrader** dkschrader11@gmail.com. For more information on Tikkun Farm and their volunteer opportunities, visit tikkunfarm.com/volunteer-days/ **Pastor Christie**

"CHEERS" Skip Lister

Skip Lister grew up in West Liberty, Virginia surrounded by kinship. Sundays were all about attending a Methodist church with his extended family. He was inspired by his grandmother's example of living a life of faith in Christ.



Skip moved to Dayton, Ohio to attend graduate school and met Becky, an undergraduate student at Wright State University. She came from a family that valued faith in Christ. Skip and Becky were married and moved to Reading, Ohio.

Over the years they have attended different churches primarily to support the involvement of children and grandchildren in youth programs. While growing in faith, that feeling of love and belonging in childhood was not complete. They decided to look for a different church and visited Hope. Jerry and Joy Ivins welcomed them to Hope and invited them to come back. Skip felt they may have found what he was missing, and they began their tenure at Hope. He is now a participant at Bible study, men's group and has served on the audit committee.

Skip stated Hope is like the TV program "Cheers, where everyone knows your name." He especially likes the sharing of peace during worship services, which rekindles the feeling of being part of a loving Christian family where people genuinely care about their brothers and sisters in 7Christ.

He invites others looking for an extended loving family to attend Hope for a few Sundays. He believes they too will find Hope is a loving and caring community of believers.

written by Ron Long

Annual Congregation Meeting

November 16, 11 a.m. after worship

Save the date! More details and agenda coming soon.

Hope Lutheran Church has Inspired Worship every Sunday morning at 10 am. - in person and online @ www.hopeonbluerock.org Click on Facebook or Youtube at the bottom of the home page. All persons are invited to attend

PR. CHRISTIE'S CORNER

Living Our Faith Generosity Campaign 2026

"Just as each one has received a gift, use it to serve others, as good stewards of the varied grace of God." - 1 Peter 4:10



God has abundantly blessed Hope with a loving spirit of generosity and a willingness to follow where the Spirit leads. Through your generous contributions in 2025, we have launched Hope's "Cultivating Community" Ministry, and we are looking toward a bright future of *Living Our Faith* together with our neighbors.

We began 2025 with a dream of Sharing Hope, and together we responded with overwhelming generosity. Following the Spirit's guidance, we increased our sharing of abundant blessings with those in need and created new opportunities to reach out to our township and to sustain ministry excellence here at Hope.

We now look toward our goal of *Living Our Faith* in 2026, aware of the continuing needs in our community and congregation. Our neighbors in Colerain township -



children, families, and senior citizens – continue to struggle with poverty, hunger, mental health difficulties, and limited access to resources. As a congregation, we continue to strive for ministry excellence and for new ways to support one another.

In 2026, we will continue to grow and improve Hope's ministries in the areas of worship, online outreach, and community engagement.

You will soon receive a letter from Hope's Generosity Team, followed by additional information shared in worship, mailings, and email. Mark your calendars for these important dates:

- October 19 Commitment Sunday Bring commitment cards to church
- October 26 Celebration Sunday Reception to follow worship

Please pray for Hope as we grow boldly into Living Our Faith through our vibrant ministries. We invite you to faithfully consider your offering for 2026, and to pray about your response to the letter from Hope's Generosity Team (coming soon), which will ask you to consider increasing your offering for the coming year.

In the Abundant Blessings of Christ, Hope's Generosity Team Ron Long, Jerry Ivins, Karen Schneider, and Pastor Christie

FESTIVAL OF ALL SAINTS

November, 2nd

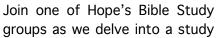
All Saints Sunday is when we remember and give thanks for loved ones who have died in the past year. We remember them with open hearts, their lives and their love. On "All Saint's Sunday" it is Hope's



custom to light a candle in memory of each loved one who has entered eternal life since the last All Saints' Sunday" of November 3, 2024 to the current Sunday of November 2, 2025. Please fill out an All Saints Form found on the lobby counter which is due on Sunday, October 26th. 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 26, 2025 for us to scan and return to you. See Ruth Oehler with any questions or call Ruth at 513-741-9610 or email me at ruth21468@gmail.com. Ruth Oehler, Altar Chair

BIBLE STUDY The Chosen

Beginning September 3 Wednesdays 6:30 pm Thursdays 1pm





on the popular tv series, The Chosen. The Chosen is a historical drama series that brings the life of Jesus Christ to the screen through the eyes of those who encountered him, offering a fresh, relatable perspective on familiar biblical characters and events. In our study groups, we will watch the video together, and then we will have discussion using the study guide book: What Does It Mean to Be Chosen? An Interactive Bible Study. The study groups will meet in person, and there will be an option to join via zoom. Contact Pastor Christie with questions, and we look forward to having YOU be a part of this special and engaging study.

Pr. Christie

Pastor Appreciation Sunday, October 12, 2025

May we let Pastor Christie know how much we appreciate her at Hope.

OCTOBER THANK YOU'S & NEWS

NEW BABIES TO HOPE'S FAMILY MEMBERS



Introducing Wilson Joseph Millard, new baby boy and first child born to parents Joe and Clara Millard on August 26 and also grandparents Sue and Gary Millard. Wilson weighed in at 5 lbs. 13 oz.

Next we have Rocky James Kramer, first child born on August 29 to parents Sydney and Colin Kramer and greatgrandson of Ron and Bonnie Long. His weight measured 8 lbs. 12 oz. - a big baby ready for sports!





And newly arrived Wynter Blakelee Fox, the daughter of Lexi Harris and Chris Fox, and great-granddaughter of Jerry and Joy Ivins was born on September 14 and weighed 6 lbs. 4 oz. at birth. (She is definitely a little sweetheart declare her Ivins great-grandparents!))

Congratulations to all of the parents and grandparents, and great-grandparents on the arrival of these precious gifts from God.

A special thank you to Carmen Hasdorff. who coordinates our Prayer Chain and sends out the bulletin and Pr. Christie's sermons to our shut-ins each week.

Thank you to the many gardeners who worked so diligently on September 6 to trim and dispose the weeds and unwanted trees that have grown up this summer: Ray Davis, Jeffery and Maureen Eller, Bob Faulhaber, Judy and Butch Royse, Heather, Ronan, an Amelia Minneman, Karen and Mike Schweinfest, and Jerry and Joy Ivins. It was sweaty comradery!

Thank you to Dave McBride, Judy Royse, and Karen Schweinfest for the candid pictures from Hope's Community Bash in this newsletter!

HOPE'S COMMUNITY BASH

Did you miss out on this exciting day at Hope? Here are some pictures for you.











MORE BASH PICS





LOTS
OF
FOOD,
SINGING
AND
FUN







Our outstanding set-up, serving, and cleanup crew!

OUTSTANDING OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Chris Arany Michelle Hunt Stotler Karen Schweinfest
- 2 Jacob Fetterman
- 5 Bea Zimmer
- 6 Andy Albright Elliot McMasters
- 8 Evan Schweinfest Heidi McKenna
- 9 Molly Abbott Isaac Williams Raphael Mehanzel
- 11 Josephine Tedesco
- 13 Jennifer Huth Emerie Leblanc
- 14 Bill Mack Marlyn Ford
- 16 Brad Abbott

- 20 Rachel Williams Mike Schweinfest
- 21 Nicole Darnell
- 23 Gary Freland Rachel Kless Tom Toth
- 24 Amelia Terbrueggen
- 25 Ron Long
- 27 Jay Hunt
- 30. Sue Kelbley
- 31 Danny Darnell Zac Gabbard Don Schneider



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

All men of Hope Lutheran are invited to the **HOPE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP LUNCH** at the Red Squirrel

restaurant on Monday, September 29, 2025 at 12:00 noon. We will once again enjoy the fellowship, conversation, good food and a relaxing break



from the summer heat. We're looking forward to seeing you there.

More details: Dave McBride;

DMcincy@outlook.com; 513-316-4004 (text, voice)

(The October meeting is scheduled for October 27th.)

SON MINISTRIES

. The food pantry housed at Groesbeck Church



continues to be busy distributing edible items and personal care to those in need in our area. The totals for August are 169 households with 386 adults and

196 children for a grand total of 580 persons.

For October SON is requesting donations of cake mixes and icing.

In the Narthex bins at Hope marked SON, we collect food and personal care items plus paper grocery and plastic bags for distribution.

HOPE'S OUTREACH TEAM

Members of the team helped at the Summer Bash by donating food plus helping set up, serving and cleanup. It was fun time. The committee will be meeting in near future to discuss possible future projects

Linda Mc Bride

WHOO

The group has plans to:

- collect Christmas cards to send the military
- donate our Thankoffering boxes on November 23 during the service
- celebrate Christmas with a ham dinner on December 11 including an ornament exchange

All women are invited to attend the next meeting on October 23rd. Each person brings a light meal and enjoys a dessert at each meeting with lots of conversation.

Please mark it on your calendar and come!



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 rayer Chain 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.

SOME HUMOR FOR YOU

Why do skeletons never fight with each other?



They don't have the guts!

What do baby ghost wear on their feet? They wear boooooties.

How do ghosts keep their hair in place? They use scare spray.

How do ghost tell their future? They read their horror scope.

Hi Special Partners,

SON Ministries has been fortunate this month to have met Girl Scout Troop 44442 who put together a cookbook of for their Silver Award to give to our O clients. In addition, we had 12 special needs students from CHS and NWHS who helped us package socks for our



holiday events. We are grateful for their young volunteer service!

For October, we could use cake mix and icing for our birthday bags. These have touched the hearts of our little

Thank you so much for your help! Jo Dossenback

View Hope's calendar in your own Digital Calendar

In Google Calendar:

- Open a web browser and go to Google Calendar.
- On the left side of the page, find the **Other** 2. calendars section and click the Add other calendars button (which looks like a plus sign).
- From the dropdown menu, select From URL. 3.
- 4. Paste this URL into the provided field: https:// calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0? cid=aml2aW5zNjFAZ21haWwuY29t
- Click the **Add calendar** button. The calendar will now appear in your "Other calendars" list.

In a non-Google Calendar app:

Copy URL above and paste it into the "subscribe" or "add calendar" feature of your other calendar application, such as Outlook or Apple Calendar.

GET CONNECTED TO HOPE!

Ever want more information about Connected what is happening at Hope? There are many ways to get connected to

Hope's activities. Check us out on Facebook https:// www.facebook.com/hopeonbluerock - and be sure to like us and check in! Also check Hope's website regularly https://www.hopeonbluerock.org for information on events, ways to make donations, a handy up-to-date Google calendar, photo albums, and much more!

Pastor Christie.

If you want to make God laugh?

Tell Him <u>your</u> plan!

BE SURE TO CHECK OUT PAGE 6 FOR THE LIST OF ITEMS HOPE RECYCLES TO HELP OTHERS AS WELL AS THE ENVIRONMENT.

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HOPE DIRECTORY APP

FOR YOUR COMPUTER OR PHONE

For directions go to the app store and download the Instant Church Directory and follow their directions.



*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 <u>KrogerCommunityRewards.com</u>



- 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 <u>80286</u>.

Please join today!

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 Prayer Chain

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 Wiley'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

DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OUR "BOOK NOOK" FOR ALL ADULTS

The Book Nook is constantly adding new books. There are numerous categories of books available for loan in the "Book Nook" located inside the left door of the Fellowship Hall. There are also books that men might find interesting. Be sure to check some out for a little quiet time. There is seating if you just want to relax and read a book there. So don't miss out!

DON'T FORGET OUR NARTHEX BINS!

- -Used toothbrushes, empty toothpaste tubes and floss containers for UC Blue Dental Program
- -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 for Matthew 25



- -Eye glasses for the Lyon's Club
- -New or gently used Books for Side-by-Side Ministry
- -Men's & Women's Clothing for Franciscan Sisters of the Poor

Also paper and cardboard (clean and not greasy or wet)in blue recycle bin

Drink cans and bottles (empty and rinsed) in the green bin in the Fellowship Hall

Adult and children's books in the Book Nook

ELCA DISASTER RELIEF

US Flooding Recovery

Lutheran Disaster Response is on the ground, beginning to serve communities that have been devastated by recent flooding.



100% of the donations designated as "Flood Relief" will go to these communities.

To donate, please <u>Click Here</u> or send donations to the Southern Ohio Synod (designated for Flood Relief) and we will forward on your behalf

God is still in control! No matter what storms you are facing, remember that God is with you, guiding you through every wave. Trust in His strength and know He has a plan, even in the storm. God's Spoken Word Ministries

Contributed by Jeanne Fuller

HOPE'S BOTTOM LINE

August 2025

General Fund



Total Beginning Balance Revenues Expenses Transfers In Transfers Out Ending Balance	MONTH \$ 52,803.16 \$ 36,239.20 \$ 18,236.20 \$ 00.00 \$ 2,440.00 \$ 68,366.16	\$ 52,356.91 \$ 177,185.90 \$ 158,736.65 \$ 0.00 \$ 2,440.00 \$. 68,366.16
Memorial Fund		
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COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

September 11, 2025

* Council exchanged reports but did not discuss them in detail.



There was a discussion regarding council positions and upcoming vacancies. proposed Fellowship Hall Rental documents and fees, and the updated constitution document with ELCA required changes as well as Hope's changes.

- ***VP/Community Relations**, Secretary and Financial Secretary positions will be open for the 2026 Council.
- *** Ron Long, Financial Secretary:** Ron suggested that Generosity needed a separate committee chair rather than combining it with the Financial Secretary position.

- ***Jerry Ivins, VP/Community Relations:** He plans to meet with the committee chairs under his VP title to ask how council can support them and to discuss reporting expectations and possibly attending a future council meeting.
- *Worship announcements will include open council positions and their duties.
- *The Financial Secretary position may include a separate person to count the donations.
- *Council likes the current structure but may tweak to whom the committee chairs report.
- *Pastor and Jen will form a Nomination Committee.
- *The council approved the new Fellowship Hall Rental Requirements and Contract.
- *The 2026 Budget was tabled until October.
- ****Mike Schweinfest, Property/Maintenance:** He is meeting with an electrician to replace sanctuary light bulbs.
- *The detention basins are in need of help.
- ***Bob Faulhaber** has been doing a lot of work in Hope's yard.
- *The Yellow Brick Road Child Care's monthly payment will be increased to \$1910 due to increasing utility costs.
- *Ron Long asked the council members and committee chairs to report their 2026 giving to announce at the Annual Congregational Meeting
- **∗From the Minutes of Alita Simpson, Council Secretary**



Toon contributed by Dave McBride
ARTICLES FOR THE NOVEMBER ISSUE OF THE HOPE
HERALD ARE REQUESTED BY
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19 TH.

ARTICLES MAY BE EMAILED TO joyceivins@icloud.com or anytime before that date.



Celebrate the season of gratitude by creating a colorful Thankful decoration.

What you need:

- Construction paper in a variety of fall colors
- Pencil, marker, or crayons
- · Yarn, ribbon, or raffia
- Scissors
- Hole punch
- Spray bottle filled with water
- Real leaves (Optional)
- Wooden or plastic beads, of cereal with holes (Cheerios, Froot Loops, etc.), or any dried pasta with a hole (Optional)

What you do:

- 1. Draw or trace leaf shapes onto construction paper.
- Lay the paper flat and spray with water until the paper is completely wet.
- 3. Crumple the wet paper into balls.
- 4. Open the paper and let the sheets dry flat.
- 5. When dry, cut out each leaf.
- 6. On each leaf, write the name of one person or thing you're thankful for.
- 7. Punch a hole in each leaf.
- Lace the leaves, beads, cereal, and pasta onto the yarn, ribbon, or raffia.
- 9. Tie the ends and hang your garland.







Puzzle!

Write the words below in alphabetical order inside the squares. Then read down the second column of letters to complete the hidden phrase below.

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ESSAY, LLAMA, ORBIT, CARRY,	
UDDER, BRUSH, ITEMS,	
APPLE, LEARN, CIDER	
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Answer: Praise the Lord!







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Hope Calendar

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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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