

2022



HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Hope Scope

***One generation shall laud your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.***

***On the glorious splendor of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.***

***The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed,
and I will declare your greatness. Psalm 145:4-6 (NRSV)***

Spring has finally sprung (in fact, this past week looked more like mid-summer thunderstorm season), and there is at least a lull in the pandemic. Our worship services show something of the joy we have at being able to sing and pray and praise God together. Much is good. And the longer I am here, the more I see that we at Hope Presbyterian Church have a story to tell. It is a good story.

And I usually think of that story as one that we need to get out to the larger community, which I think it is. But today's reading from Psalm 145 says that we not only want to tell the story to the outside community. We also want to tell it from one generation to the next.

This is a terribly important mission of ours—to make sure we raise yet another generation of people who know and understand the promises of God, the power of God's love, and the joy we have all found in the grace that has been bestowed upon us. This is why we have Christian education and youth programs in the church. And this is why they matter.

Experts tell us that while some people have just lost interest in the church, much of the decline in the church in the U.S. has to do with the fact that we are just not replacing Christians who die. Relatively few people are leaving the church altogether. But also, relatively few young people are joining in with us. For some reason, the church is having trouble lauding God's works and declaring God's mighty acts to another generation. The church in the U.S. is struggling to talk meaningfully about God and our relationship with God to younger people.

This is not a small problem. It is a major one. Our Christian education programs have slowed for the summer, but have not stopped. We will have three family fun festivals this summer and you are all invited. I have long thought that the relationships we form with young people in the church are among the most important, because when a young person knows, trusts, and loves another person in the church, it is easier for that one to see the love of God that is present here.

I encourage you all to do what you can to develop important relationships with the children, youth, and young adults in our congregation. It might be the most important mission work you ever do.

Blessings,

Brian Jones

At its May 2nd meeting, the Session:



- * Approved keeping the congregation informed of the church's financial situation by publishing year-to-date income and expenses in the bulletin and on the screen on the second Sunday of each month and monthly in the Hope Scope.
- * Discussed the importance of outreach to the community.
- * Was informed that Rev. Allen Jergenson was assigned as the liaison for Hope Church by the Presbytery's Congregational Nurture Committee to develop a relationship with the Presbytery, create a network of support for the church and its pastor and to address any special needs or concerns as they may arise.
- * Approved the Christian Education, Youth and Families Committee holding Family Festivals on June 22, July 20 and August 17 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. and that they be open to the public.
- * Approved paying the Tier 3 level (\$620) per baptized member who attends Clearwater Forest Camp in 2022 with the requirement that the families pay the first \$100 of the fee per child.
- * Was informed new outdoor speakers were installed in the Hopewood Chapel.
- * Discussed the Easter breakfast and decided that in the future, we will only serve muffins with juice and coffee rather than a full breakfast.
- * Approved Pastor Jones taking vacation May 31-June 6 and June 27-July 4.

FINANCE REPORT

	Year to Date	Year to Date
	4/30/2022	Monthly Average
Income	\$71,677.12	\$17,919.28
Expenses	\$95,012.25	\$23,753.06
Net (Loss)	(\$23,335.13)	
Income Needed to Cover Monthly Budgeted Expenses		\$25,277.35
Per Capita Assessment for 2022		\$8,256.00
Per Capita Paid by Members Through 4/30/2022		\$2,968.00

***If you have not paid your Per Capita, please do so using the blue giving envelopes available in the pews, by sending a check to church, or pay online on our website (hopechurchspicer.org) and click on "Give Now."**

Jerry Bents, Treasurer



Dear Hope Presbyterians:

When we came here and were searching for a home, we experienced a real estate market that was pretty challenging. Prices were high and climbing. As many of you know, we were able to buy a house in Spicer in March.

Many of you anonymously contributed to a fund that would help us to make a down payment. This was extremely helpful, given the prices that are currently being seen for houses in the area.

When we say it was helpful, what we mean is that it was wonderful. We don't know who you all are, but we are so thankful for your generosity. Since the donations were anonymous, we are taking this method of thanking you for your gift. It really made things easier for us, and it made us feel as if we were among friends who cared about us.

With appreciation,

Brian and Tyann

Christian Education Youth and Families

“Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. To Him be glory both now and forever.” 2 Peter 3:18

Thank you

Our Christian Education Leaders work tirelessly and faithfully to nurture the spiritual formation of everyone in our congregation. We appreciate their service and dedication to our ministry.

Christian Education Leaders 2021-2022

Preschool- First Grade

Wally Titus, Alisa Taatjes

Second Grade – Fifth Grade

Joni Lamphere, Jody Leason

Substitute: Jeff Lamphere

Sixth- Eighth Grade - Preconfirmation

Jonelle Foreman

T.A.G.

Ninth Grade – Twelfth Grade

Sherry and Larry Bratsch

Kristene Foreman

Adult Bible Study

Brian Jones

Opening Exercises

Tyann Jones

Music

Maggie Harp

Substitutes

Mary O'Malley

Tyann Jones

Christian Education Youth and Families Committee

Deb Ficek	Allie Johnson
Tyann Jones	Jonelle Foreman
Alisa Taatjes	Joni Lamphere
Pam Sigafoos	Maggie Harp
Melissa Mangen	Amanda Titus
Stephanie Bents	Robin Mulder

Wednesday Night Family Supper Committee

Robin Mulder
Pam Sigafoos
Dee Schurman
Carol Sampson

Ministry & Staff Assistant

Karen Bents

Thank you
for sharing your gifts with this church family.

**Goings on in Christian Ed Youth and Families:**

May 11 This was our last day of Wednesday night activities. We had a family supper and “Music with Maggie”. The project was making pinecone bird feeders for members of our congregation who can’t get out as much as they would like. Thank you to the Deacons for delivering these on their visits. We also honored our Christian Education Leaders with flowers, a small token of our appreciation.

May 15 We honored our high school graduates, Skyla Sampson, Trevin O’Malley, Anakin Haglund, and Dylan Gehrke, with a cake and reception during coffee and then also during morning worship. The graduates were presented with a Bible and devotional book from the Deacons.



Family Fun Nights Return

Mark your calendars for **June 22nd, July 20th, and August 17th**

The overall theme of these events is **“God’s Creation”**.

Who: EVERYONE of all ages in our church and wider community is welcome
What: Food, Bible lessons, and lots of FUN
When: **6:00-8:00PM**
Where: River of Hope Youth Center

**The first one is Wednesday, June 22nd
“Animals”**



Respectfully Submitted by Tyann Jones

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## ANNUAL MEATBALL SUPPER

**RESCHEDULED TO  
FRIDAY, JUNE 24TH  
4:00-7:00 PM**



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**  
**PLEASE SEE THE SIGN-UP SHEETS**  
**BY THE LIBRARY**

- \* To assist Maggie in preparing for the early service's musical needs, helping her at 7:30 am on Sunday mornings this summer for the outdoor worship services.
- \* To lay read early or late service, or both
- \* To usher early or late service (3-4 each service)
- \* To mow lawn

**ALSO:**

- \* To prepare the monthly Hope Scope for mailing
- \* To assist with CARE Pantry Distribution Days (monthly the first and third Tuesdays)

**JEWELRY DONATIONS NEEDED**

The Accessory Sisters would like jewelry donations for the Fall Harvest Festival on Saturday, October 1st. Please place in the purple tote by the library.

**MISSION TRIP TO KENTUCKY**

The Mission Engagement Committee is planning a mission trip to Kentucky in October. If you would be interested, please contact Jody Leason at (320) 905-4170.





Thank you to my church family for helping me celebrate my high school graduation with your cards, gifts and presence. It's great to know I have such a great church family praying for me as I enter the next chapter in my life. God bless.

Anakin Haglund

**A HUGE THANK YOU TO GREG SWENSON FOR CUTTING AND REMOVING OUR FALLEN TREES FROM THE RECENT STORM. MANY THANKS ALSO TO THE GREAT VOLUNTEERS THAT HELPED HIM !**



**ANOTHER HUGE THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HELPED WITH GETTING THE WATER OUT OF THE BASEMENT AND PLACING THINGS UP TO DRY- ESPECIALLY TO ELROY JONES WHO SPENT MANY HOURS IN THE BASEMENT!**

**Thanks to all those that came up to Clearwater Forest to help get the camp ready for this year's campers.**



**One more thank you to those who helped spruce up the grounds on Spring Clean-Up Day! Appreciated all of you so very much!**



**May 2022 Updates**

RIBFEST 2022 IS UPON US AND WE ARE LOOKING FOR HELP! If you or anyone you know would be interested in baking any fruit pies for the event or if you would be interested in any other type of volunteering opportunities, please let us know as soon as possible by calling Chasity at 320-354-5465!. Ribfest is scheduled for SATURDAY, JUNE 11 this year and will take place in the large city parking lot behind The Link. (Please note, we changed the day to a Saturday this year).

**Tuesday's Table:**

**EXCITING NEWS!!!! TUESDAY'S TABLE IS SCHEDULED TO START UP AGAIN SEPTEMBER OF 2022!!!!** If your church would like to take part in hosting Tuesday's Table, please call Ashley at 320-354-5555 or email [ashley@youarethelink.org](mailto:ashley@youarethelink.org) or call 320-354-5555.

In April, **The Food Pantry** welcomed 12 new families, served 39 children, 86 adults and 28 seniors. A total of 3,123 pounds of food was distributed and 393 pounds of food was donated from community members and churches. Food Rescue also brought in 1,685.5 pounds of food from Cashwise and ALDI's. **We are currently also in need of more Food Pantry volunteers for Thursday afternoons. If you, or anyone you know, would be interested in volunteering, please contact Ashley at 320-354-5555.**

**The Wildcat Backpack Program-** Each week, 2 kids from the High School come pack backpacks and deliver them to each school. So far, there are approximately 50 kids that are utilizing this program weekly. If you would like to donate any food for this program or if you know someone that would benefit from utilizing the program, please contact Ashley at 320-354-5555 for more information.

**Senior Food Delivery-** The Senior Food Delivery program is designed to deliver food to anyone that is homebound. If you, or someone you know, is interested in learning more about this program please have them call Ashley at 320-354-5555.

The Link's **Client Outreach and Household Exchange** programs served 5 families in the month of April. Throughout the month, The Link was able to help with rental expenses, medical bills and utility bills for those in need. The Household Exchange program also helped 5 families with furnishing their homes.

**The Community Revival Boutique and Thrift Store Volunteers Needed!!! We do have a specific need for regular Saturday volunteers (which could be anything from once a month to every Saturday).** The Store hours are Wednesday-Friday 10am-3pm and Saturdays 10am-2pm. If you or anyone you know would like to volunteer on a regular basis in a fun, fast paced environment, please contact Shawna at 320-347-1047 or stop in during store hours. We have a lot of different jobs available from sorting and pricing donations to opening the store and running the till.

**\*\*Donations of clothing and most household items are being taken Wednesdays-Fridays 10-3 and Saturdays from 10-2 (or by appointment). Please call if you have any questions about when/where to drop off items and if there is a need for any of your bigger household items.**

Volunteer Hours totaled 380 for the month of April! The work that is done at The Link and Community Revival would not be possible without the dedication of all of our faithful volunteers willing to give their time! Thank you is not enough....we are grateful to each and every one of you!!!

**Monthly Giving Opportunities:**

The Link makes monthly giving a convenient option for our donors. You can set up online giving through The Link's website at [www.youarethelink.org](http://www.youarethelink.org) or directly through your bank. If you would like to make a one-time donation, you can send a check to P.O. Box 823, New London, MN 56273 or via Venmo @The-Link-1. Please contact Ashley at 320-354-5555 or email her at [ashley@youarethelink.org](mailto:ashley@youarethelink.org) for more information.

## Lay Readers:

June 5:

8:30 am Open

10:00 am Open

June 12:

8:30 am Open

10:00 am Open

June 19:

8:30 am Open

10:00 am Sue Block

June 26:

8:30 am Open

10:00 am Open

**WE**   
**VOLUNTEERS**

## JUNE

### CARE PANTRY CHALLENGE!

Again, asking for  
laundry detergent!!

as summer  
approaches with kids  
at home, more laundry  
is washed!



## Coffee Servers:



June 5th: Kathy & Daryl Taatjes

June 12th: Sue & Tim Block

June 19th: Deb & Myron Ficek

June 26th: Celia Evenson & Darlene Bratberg

**Members with Health Concerns:**

Ed Johnston

**Family and Friends with Health Concerns:**

Melissa Freiberg

Jerry Harder

Mikki Williams

Shea (Pam Sigafoos' daughter)

Barb Roguske

Sandy Aalderks

**Grieving:**

Family of Roger Jones (Arlos' brother), Family of William Schwandt, Family of Ryan Erickson, Family of Jim Rieth

**Care Facilities:**

Gary Anfinson (Bethesda North Pointe), David Carlson (Bethesda North Pointe), Jeanette Gault (GlenOaks), Ed Johnston (GlenOaks), Bob Sietsema (Bethesda North Pointe), Barb Morris (Willmar), Mary Lou Swart (PCU's at GlenOaks), Maxine Quale (Willmar)

**Other Concerns:**

For those dealing with mental health issues and who struggle with addiction

For those deeply wounded by domestic violence

For those grieving the death and injury of a loved one due to violence and war

For those affected by natural disasters, COVID-19 pandemic

For those serving in the military in Ukraine and elsewhere

**June Deacons of the Month: Greg Swenson & Deb Steele**

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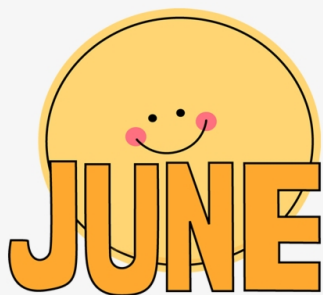
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## **Office Hours**

**8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

**Monday thru Friday**

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## **SUNDAYS**

**8:30 A.M. Outdoor Worship**  
**(in Chapel)**

**9:15 A.M. Coffee**

**10:00 A.M. Worship (in Sanctuary)**

**Also Facebook Live & on Radio**

**Also on TV - Channel 18 or Channel 181:**

**Sundays 2:30 pm**

**Tuesdays 11:30 am & 8:30 pm and**

**Thursdays 8:00 am & 5:00 pm**