



# For The JOURNEY MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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*With Christ as our center, we are called to reach out and share God's love with all.*

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In Jesus's final words to his disciples, it's fair to say that the key word is: "Go."

"Go to the people, go to their villages and cities, go to the squares and into their homes, go to where people are and live, where they work and spend their leisure time, where they live their relationships and recover... Go, spend time, and share a piece of life with them! Go and seek together with people ways in which we can live the faith together, here and now, credibly, contagiously, and relevantly."

In my experience, we are good at planning programs and at inviting people to come to church with us. But

we are usually not so good at going to people and at being church with them wherever they are going. Therefore, we need guidance, and Luke 10:1-11 can be one such guide for us.

I want to highlight three aspects of what it means for us to "go" we can see in Luke 10: "Go into the cities and houses! Go without baggage; go to your neighbors' tables; be sure you go with God's shalom."

"Go!...Carry no wallet, no bag, and no sandals." (Luke 10:3-4)

I find that difficult to imagine. I ride a bicycle and even have a little money stored in the pocket of my bicycle. Even when I am trying to travel as lightly as possible, I would still rather not risk having to beg.

"Go into the cities and houses" without baggage. What "baggage" do I carry with me already? Maybe my baggage looks more like my morals and values, my knowledge of the Bible and the church, my faith experiences, my experiences in general, my prejudices, all kinds of methods and concepts of how to reach people, my desire for bringing people into the church. How easily does this "baggage" make me blind and deaf to what my neighbors have to give to me! How easily do my fixed ideas weigh me down from discovering what God has in mind through my neighbors!

This story encourages us: "Leave all that at home! It is only a hindrance at the moment. Rather, without such baggage, go to the people wherever they are. And watch, listen carefully, pay attention to what God is doing with them. Be like strangers who are entering an unknown world excitedly."

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## ONLINE WORSHIP LINK - Sundays at 9:00am & Special Services

We have moved our online worship platform from Zoom to FACEBOOK.

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That is why it is important to leave all my "baggage" behind for the time being and just look and listen to get to know people better—getting to know their life story, their faith story, to discover what they really need, to develop a sense for where and how God is at work in their lives, what God has in mind, what shape the gospel takes in their situation. This does not happen overnight. It takes time, patience, restraint, open eyes and ears and the willingness to learn a new language of faith. Go without baggage indeed!

Looking and listening—it turns out you can do both well when you eat together!

*"Remain in this house, eating and drinking whatever they set before you, for workers deserve their pay." (Luke 10:7)*

"Eat and drink what they give you there."

Jesus sends the 70 into others' homes where their food and table habits would certainly be different: "Immerse yourself in the culture of the people who welcome you, live in their houses, become part of their household and their everyday life, work, eat, celebrate, share life with them." Of course, these were not households as we know them, with 3, 4, even occasionally 6 or 7 family members. At that time, entire clans lived together with their employees, 30, 40, sometimes 50 people.

Anyone who has lived abroad for a longer period of time knows how lost and foreign you feel at the beginning. Many things are different and unfamiliar. You must orientate yourself in a completely new way, which means getting to know the people, their stories, their experiences, their values, their habits. What better way to do this than by living together in a house community and sharing a table together? It's around the table where people tell stories, share joys and sorrows, and you are in the midst of it all.

When we immerse ourselves in a community in this way, we not only get to know the lives of our friends, neighbors, or work colleagues. When we pay attention like this, we can also hear the gospel of God's shalom as good news for this particular place with these people.

Hearing this story this way, focusing on Jesus's urging us to go in this way, shakes me up and makes me question my priorities. Shouldn't we live out our calling to be the church in the homes of the people in our neighborhood, rather than in the church buildings and conference rooms? Shouldn't our congregational life take place primarily around the tables of the people we meet in everyday life, rather than in our church classrooms? If God is with people where they live, in their homes and towns, if God has something in mind and is doing something there, shouldn't we be right there, too, with open eyes and ears, open minds and hearts, to discover what God has in store for us all? Where people actually live and spend their time is where the church must be, we learn from the very start!

We have spoken of going to our neighbors without baggage—and yet we do not go empty-handed.

*"Whenever you enter a house, first say, 'May peace be on this house'... and say to them, 'God's kingdom has come upon you.'" (Luke 10:5-9)*

We are shalom bearers! God's shalom is the tangible reality of God's kingdom. Where God's kingdom is, there we will find "peace on earth."

Zacchaeus's story illustrates this reality very clearly. Zacchaeus and those around him experienced God's transforming shalom power when Jesus came to his house. "Today, salvation has come to this household", Jesus says. What happened? Zacchaeus found peace with himself and went from being a wrongdoer to being a benefactor. God's shalom has an individual, personal side. Zacchaeus found peace with his neighbors. He made amends for the wrongs he committed, which also mean God's shalom has a social side. God's shalom has a spiritual side: Zacchaeus found peace with God. He began to live out his calling as a beloved son of the heavenly Father.

As in Zacchaeus's house, God's shalom wants to spread wherever Jesus sends us: "Go with God's peace. Rejoice, you are my peace bearers! I entrust you with my shalom. Proclaim it with all your actions and words. Live it out! Trust him to grasp, heal and transform you and the people you live with in their homes and cities. Peace on earth!"

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The story of the sending of the 70 awakens a dream in me, a future image of our church: Everywhere I look, there are Methodists and their neighbors meeting in one another's homes. They eat and drink together, they spend time together, they share a part of their lives, they share their faith. In doing so, they experience the transforming power of God. They experience the shalom that extends into their hearts, homes, and surroundings, finding peace with themselves, with their fellow human beings, with creation, and with God.

This is how I imagine church, a community that means something to the people in our cities and in our neighboring houses because they have experienced God and God's shalom.

*"Glory to God in the highest and peace on earth!"*

Amen.

*Pastor Jen*

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December 20<sup>th</sup> – 6:00pm

(Snow date December 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00pm)

# Blue Christmas

a service of healing and hope

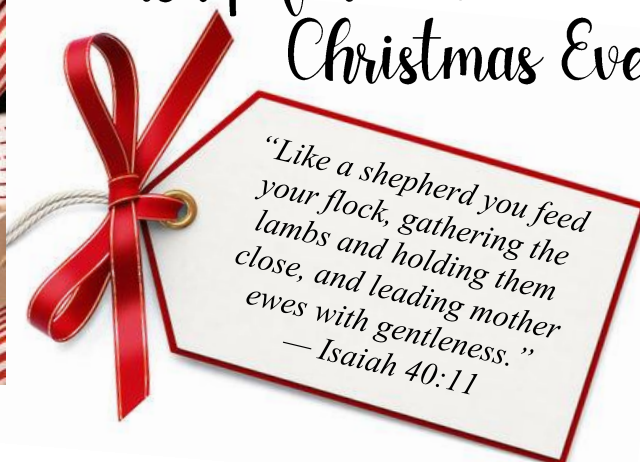
at Hope United Methodist Church  
2233 Golf Road, Eau Claire

Blue Christmas Service with area Methodist Clergy.

Not everyone is up and cheery for the Christmas holidays. Dealing with the death of a loved one, facing life after divorce or separation, coping with the loss of a job, living with disease that puts a question mark over the future, and a number of other human situations can make this time of year especially difficult. This service is reflective, honoring and accepting where we are, and holding out for healing and hope.



## Worship for Advent & Christmas Eve



### DECEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup> - ADVENT WEEK 2

#### **"Being Present with Peace" / Isaiah 40:1-11, 2 Peter: 3: 8-14a, Mark 1:1-8**

Preparing the way for new beginnings, fresh starts, a clear path, is a classic theme in the faith narrative and in our own lives. Life can contain many chapters. The Good News is that the Holy One is continually making a way for do-overs. In this we can find peace, even when life doesn't feel so peaceful. This week we focus on what it means to be a gift of non-anxious presence for those who need it most.

### DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup> - ALL CHURCH PAGEANT-ADVENT WEEK 3

#### **"Being Present with Joy" / Isaiah 61: 1-4; 10, Psalm 126: 1-3, Luke 1: 41-55**

We are called to claim the gift of being fully present with all people- those who mourn, those who grieve, those who have suffered indignity and oppression. Mary's Magnificat is prophetic as well. She claims the overturning of injustice even before it has come to pass. Joy is not the equivalent of happiness, but rather the deep conviction that we are called to be present in the work of bringing about "great things"-a better world for those who need it most.

There will be a special presentation of the meaning of JOY by kids!

### DECEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup> - ADVENT WEEK 4

#### **"Being Present with Love" / 2 Samuel 7: 1-11, Psalm 89: 1-4, Luke 1: 26-38**

The faith narrative is careful to show us a lineage from King David to Jesus. It is no ordinary lineage; it is one that began in the shepherding of sheep, of leading and delivering the people in search of a home. Mary's womb becomes part of that lineage of love, offering the world the gift of God's presence "in the flesh." As we enter the story of the birth of Love Among Us, we are invited to be present in love with those that need it most.

### DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup> - CHRISTMAS EVE DAY/EVENING

#### **"Being Present with Light"**

It is the night we celebrate the opening of the most precious gift of presence we know — the birth of the Christ Child, the Light of the World. As we light our candles, we open our hearts to becoming part of the gift of light in the world. Like the choice the shepherds faced, will we live in the shadows of fear, or will we dare to run to the manger to know and believe the Good News of new possibility for all who need it most?

### DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup> / "BEING PRESENT WITH ASSURANCE"

Isaiah 62: 1-3, Galatians 4: 4-7, Luke 2: 22-40

The overwhelming message of the Christmas story is the assurance that we, too, are children of the Holy One. In this, our very presence is a gift if we will only allow the Spirit to move in and through us. Every day of our ordinary lives, we can show up - be present -and proclaim the assurance of hope, peace, joy, and love to those who need it most.





## Advent Prayer/Meditation “The Gift of Being Present”

This Advent prayer/meditation time is based on a worship series called “The Gift of Being Present” that draws attention to the importance of practicing mindfulness and how staying in the “here and now” has profound impacts on our well-being and quality of life.

Each week we suggest a 4-step mindfulness practice from the book *Right Here, Right Now: The Practice of Christian Mindfulness* by Dr. Amy Oden. Studying this book during Advent may deepen your experience of the journal and the series themes.

You can use this journal just for your own reflection or make a point to get together with a friend or friends over coffee and bring up these topics for shared conversation.

Many blessings on your Advent journey!

**Each week we will begin with a practice to bring us the gift of the present moment:**

- ❖ First, take a moment to **become attentive to your breathing**. You don’t have to change your breathing, just become aware of it. This can bring your focus to the present moment instead of past ruminating or future worrying.
- ❖ Then become aware of **how your body is feeling**. Do you notice tight spots, tensions, aches? Do a body scan to see if you can identify anything. You can also just simply notice the feel of your feet on the floor or the feel of your body in the space where you are. We are extending our focus to the present moment by simply noticing “what is” in our bodies right here, right now.
- ❖ Shift your focus to **what you are thinking or feeling in your mind and spirit**. Don’t judge it or try to change it, simply notice it, like a boat floating by on a lazy river. We are practicing letting go of the cycle of reactivity by simply acknowledging, not doing anything about it. This is prayerful attention. Let God hold it with you, for you.
- ❖ As you hold these things lightly or see them pass by, **what do you discover?** What do you recognize or realize about this moment in time that you might have missed before because of all the distractions around us?

You can use this practice any time of day, anywhere. Especially when things seem a bit chaotic and you aren’t sure you can see the good in a place, time, or situation, try stopping and going briefly through these steps... breathe, feel your body in the space, notice what is coming up, discover through your senses the gifts around you that you might not have seen before.

## Advent Prayer/Meditation: "The Gift of Being Present"

The gift of hope is an essential survival tool because it reminds us that the hard times do not have the last word. Hope is not simply a wish. Hope calls us into action based on a belief that things can be different. We can work to bring about the better world that we hope for.

**The places/people that need hope where I can make myself more present this week are...** [think of at least one act of being present with others that you can do this week — if you cannot think of one, simply keep your senses open to recognize opportunities]

**I noticed the Gift of Hope this week in...** [jot down notes throughout the week here or make it a practice to post photos with #GiftOfHope or #BePresent on your social media or send them to Pastor Jen [jwjc4evr@gmail.com](mailto:jwjc4evr@gmail.com) to post on the church page (only if you give permission)]

"The good news of Jesus Christ is that God is with us, no matter what, no matter where, no matter when. There is no place you can go where God is not, no time of the day when God is off the clock. This is the teaching of the Incarnation, God with us, Emmanuel."

[adapted from Amy Oden, Right Here, Right Now]

## Week One

# HOPE



## Week Two

# PEACE



## Advent Prayer/Meditation: "The Gift of Being Present"

The gift of Christ's peace reminds us that we can have serenity even in the midst of non-peaceful situations. Peace is not simply the absence of conflict. Peace is an ever-present gift that we can open at any time when we stop, breathe, and trust that we are never alone. And the gift of peace we can give is to be present for those who feel alone.

This week we focus on the gift of **peace**. We will train our senses to notice where we see signs of **peace** and how we can be a gift of **peace** to others.

After beginning with the practice to bring us the gift of the present moment (from above) ask yourself these questions (see above):

**The places/people that need peace where I can make myself more present this week are...** [think of at least one act of being present with others that you can do this week — if you cannot think of one, simply keep your senses open to recognize opportunities]

**I noticed the Gift of Peace this week in...** [jot down notes throughout the week here or make it a practice to post photos with #GiftOfPeace or #BePresent on your social media or send them to Pastor Jen [jwjc4evr@gmail.com](mailto:jwjc4evr@gmail.com) to post on the church page (only if you give permission)]

"As we strip away the cluttered surface of our lives and become more present in the moment, we may be disturbed by what we can now see in the open vista, especially the suffering of 'the least of these.' We are no longer numb to the cries of those hurting. We ache for the violence humans do to one another and to the earth. We see all people and all creation held within God's love and life. Our comfortable lives are disrupted as we ask new, hard questions. But being more mindfully present will also bring greater awareness of God's presence, peace, and clarity in the midst of it all."

[adapted from Amy Oden, Right Here, Right Now]

## Advent Prayer/Meditation: "The Gift of Being Present"

The gift of joy is not the equivalent of happiness, but rather the deep conviction that we are called to be present in the work of bringing about "great things" - a better world for those who need it most.

This week we focus on the gift of **joy**. We will train our senses to notice where we see signs of **joy** and how we can be a gift of **joy** to others. After beginning with a practice to bring us the gift of the present moment ask yourself these questions:

**The places/people that need joy where I can make myself more present this week are...** [think of at least one act of being present with others that you can do this week — if you cannot think of one, simply keep your senses open to recognize opportunities]

**I noticed the Gift of Joy this week in...** [jot down notes throughout the week here or make it a practice to post photos with #GiftOfJoy or #BePresent on your social media or send them to Pastor Jen [jwjc4evr@gmail.com](mailto:jwjc4evr@gmail.com) to post on the church page (only if you give permission)]

"No matter how busy one's day is with chores or service, or even religious duties, we must stop and become aware, in the present moment, of God right here, right now. Throughout the week, pause just for a moment to 'practice the presence of God,' so as to be filled with joy."

[adapted from Amy Oden, Right Here, Right Now]

## Week Three

# JOY



## Week Four

# LOVE



## Advent Prayer/Meditation: "The Gift of Being Present"

The gift of love is the essence of the birth of Christ. The Holy One wanted to be so present to us that God's Spirit became flesh in order to inhabit the gifts of touching, healing, comforting, and challenging. Love is the clarion call to us as Jesus' disciples. The more love we put into the world, the better the world will be.

The more **love** we put into the world, the better the world will be. This week we focus on the gift of **love**. We will train our senses to notice where we see signs of love and how we can be a gift of **love** to others. After beginning with a practice to bring us the gift of the present moment (see above):


**The places/people that need love where I can make myself more present this week are...** [think of at least one act of being present with others that you can do this week — if you cannot think of one, simply keep your senses open to recognize opportunities]

**I noticed the Gift of Love this week in...** [jot down notes throughout the week here or make it a practice to post photos with #GiftOfLove or #BePresent on your social media]

"Every day we seek to discern how to live faithfully as we surf the Internet choosing which sites get our attention, as we choose news sources that will shape our worldview, as we buy groceries and steward our resources. We are always making choices about how we love the world that God so loves, how our attention, our presence, participates in the mission of God — abundant life for all."

[adapted from Amy Oden, Right Here, Right Now]





## *What's the Meaning of This?!?*

Colors play an important part of the worship of the Church. They change according to the seasons of the Church year. Colors are a primary source of symbolism, and as such tell us much about what we believe about the lessons we hear during the Liturgy of the Word (which are themed according to the seasons), and about what we do during worship.

The five basic liturgical colors are: Blue, white, green, purple, and red. The last, black, is used just for Good Friday.

This year, you'll be seeing the liturgical colors displayed in the sanctuary-from the ceiling!

They will change when the season of the church changes and will be a visual reminder that we are heading into a different season which will focus on different themes and scriptures.

And so we begin with the church New Year- Advent & Christmas!



### *Blue*



Following the tradition of the Sarum Rite (an old English rite), Blue is the color for Advent. During the Middle Ages, when blue was an expensive color to reproduce, purple was often used instead. This is why you still see some churches using purple in Advent. Theologically, however, blue is the proper color for this season, and here is how the reasoning goes: Advent is a season of preparation that anticipates both Bethlehem and the consummation of history in the second coming of Jesus Christ. Since this anticipation is characterized by hope -- in contrast to the repentance characteristic of Lent -- the color for the season should not be purple, with its mood of solemnity and somberness, but blue with its hopefulness.



### *White*



White is the color of both Easter and Christmas. It is the color of celebration, joy, and peace in the western world. With the color gold, white symbolizes the greatest work of God in the world, specifically His incarnation into this world at Christmas, and His triumph over death and evil at Easter.





**In-Person Worship**  
**9:00am**  
**Sunday Mornings**

## Online Worship Options



- ❖ Link to the Church Facebook Page for ONLINE WORSHIP (Sundays at 9:00am & Special Services)  
<https://www.facebook.com/Hope-United-Methodist-Church-116517175038771>
- ❖ Zoom Link Option for ONLINE WORSHIP  
<https://zoom.us/j/94890292077?pwd=ekxnanU5THc2eEdLK1ZpRIIKYUZ4QT09>  
Meeting ID: 948 9029 2077 /Passcode: 512603  
Dial by your location +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

### LAY PASTORAL CARE TEAM CONTACT INFORMATION

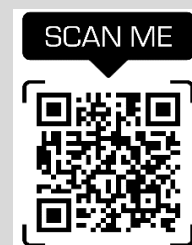


If you could use support, or if you know of someone who might, please contact a member of our Lay Pastoral Care Team

Judy Ganong	715-514-0258
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Jan Lorentz	608-886-0668



**Hope Virtual Church**  
A great place to make connections  
Look for us on Facebook



## Hope Virtual Church

## GIVING OPTIONS

We can continue our ministries whether we are meeting in-person, or online. The church is not about the building, but WE are the church.



**MAIL:** Please feel free to send your offerings in mail:  
**Hope United Methodist Church**  
2233 Golf Road  
Eau Claire, WI 54701



**ELECTRONIC GIVING:**  
Call or email the church office to request an Authorization Form for Automatic Withdrawal.  
Phone: **715-835-5310** (leave a message)  
Email: [hopeumcec@yahoo.com](mailto:hopeumcec@yahoo.com)



**ONLINE GIVING**  
Coming Soon

# UPCOMING EVENTS



## UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS



- Committees will resume meeting in January

Committee Meetings ZOOM Link:

<https://zoom.us/j/94890292077?pwd=ekxnanU5THc2eEdLK1ZpRIIKYUZ4QT09>

Meeting ID: 941 9785 3095 / Passcode: 078279



Mark Your calendars!  
**2023 Annual Charge Conference**  
5:00pm Tues, December 5<sup>th</sup>



### Rehearsals:

7:00pm Tues, Dec 12

7:00pm Tues, Dec 19

### Sing for Worship:

Blue Christmas - 6:00pm  
Wed, Dec 20<sup>th</sup>  
(snow date Thurs Dec 21)

Christmas Eve - 9:00am  
Sunday, Dec 24<sup>th</sup>  
Morning Service  
(evening service - No Choir)



## Advent & Christmas Worship

- ❖ Sun, Dec 10<sup>th</sup> 9:00am— All Church Christmas Pageant
- ❖ Wed, Dec 21<sup>st</sup> 6:00pm — Blue Christmas Service  
(Snow date: Thursday, Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> 6:00pm)
- ❖ Sun, Dec 24<sup>th</sup> 9:00am — Christmas Eve Morning
- ❖ Sun, Dec 24<sup>th</sup> 4:30pm — Christmas Eve Service



**Regular Office Hours: 9:00am-1:00pm Tues, Wed, Thurs**  
(Office hours may change occasionally, please call before you visit)



## BEACON VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Beacon House Volunteers Needed...We will be serving at Beacon House on Tuesday- Friday, December 5-8. We are in need of servers, food providers, and donations. If you are interested, please sign up on the clipboard at church or contact Joey Bohl at 715-563-0984 or [gibbonje@hotmail.com](mailto:gibbonje@hotmail.com). Supper is served each night at 5:30 p.m. If you would like to pair up with an experienced volunteer and join us in this fantastic opportunity, contact Joey. Monetary donations to cover overnight staff at \$80/night are appreciated and may be made to the church.

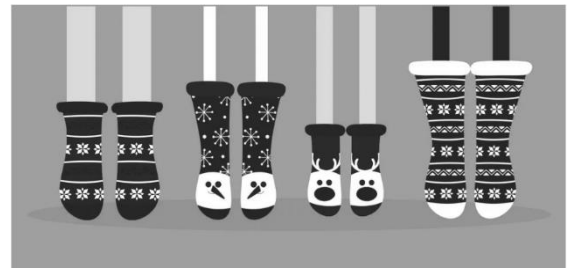
Additional donation items can be found at <https://www.familypromisecv.org/donate> and may be dropped off at church prior to December 3.

**There are  
many  
opportunities  
to share  
your gifts and talents:**

- Reading
- Greeting
- Sunday Fellowship
- Mowing
- Running PowerPoint
- Help to Prepare/Serve Communion
- and many more!

**Please let  
Pastor Jen  
know if you are  
interested, or  
if you have  
questions.**

**Volunteers  
needed**



## ADVENT SEASON SOCK COLLECTION & CHRISTMAS SOCKS

Each week during Advent, you are invited (and encouraged!) to wear your favorite Christmas socks and to bring a pair of NEW, WARM socks to be donated to a local organization that will distribute them. (The Community Table, Beacon House, Bolton House, Sojourners, Chippewa Valley Street Ministry)



**Welcome**

Last month the members of Hope UMC overwhelmingly voted to welcome the Hispanic Ministry to share our building. The next step is for Pastor Jen, Pastor Jose and DS Peace to write up a covenant between the two churches. Thank you to being open to this new opportunity to work alongside the Hispanic

Ministry in spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ.





## Apportionments=Denominational Missional Giving

As 2023 comes to a close we are once again blessed with being able to make a decision as to whether to pay all of our assigned amount for the year. We are asking those who attend Hope United Methodist Church for their prayers, support, and any donation they would like to make to help this be possible. At the end of December, we estimate to be within around \$2,500 of meeting this goal. Any excess above what is donated for 2023 will be moved ahead to assist with our 2024 apportionment assigned amount. Please indicate on your envelope or check that the donation is for apportionments. Thank you for your consideration!

## FINANCE NEWS

FINANCIAL REPORT - OCTOBER 2023		
	<u>MTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>
<b>Contributions</b>	\$12,077	\$109,947
<b>Expenses</b>	\$11,539	\$106,447
	\$538	\$3,500

CONNECTIONAL GIVING (APPORTIONMENTS)	
<i>Conference Assigned</i>	<i>We Have Paid</i>
<i>Amount for 2023:</i>	<i>As Of 10-31-23:</i>
\$16,493.00	\$11,265.00

## Women of HOPE

Women of Hope will not be meeting again until the new year. More information to come.



## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Our next gathering will be January 22nd at 1:00pm. Please contact Linda Larson with questions.



## Stewardship Campaign

Thank you and Gracias for your consistent and faithful stewardship of your time, talents, and treasures. 2023 has been a good year so far! Many have turned in their pledge cards for the coming year. Thank you so much! If you haven't completed it yet and still want to

turn one in, please do. It is never too late. Please give them to Kristen in the church office and she will take care of the confidential information and get it to the treasurer and I. We will be looking at them later in the month as we try to come as close as possible to a planned budget amount. Thank you!



**FOOD PANTRY  
SUNDAY  
Third Sunday  
of the Month  
DECEMBER 17TH**



## **MAGAZINE EXCHANGE**

Finished with a magazine, or want to read something new? Check out the magazine exchange rack in the library.

We would like to keep the available magazines fairly current, so please only bring in recent magazines dated within the last 3 months.

## **Don't Throw Your Batteries in the Trash!**



Place your old batteries in the box in the hallway at church, and we'll make sure they are disposed of appropriately and can keep them out of the landfill.



## **SAVE YOUR INK CARTRIDGES**

Please save your Empty (not-previously re-filled) cartridges for Hope!

Please do not throw your empty inkjet, laser, or printer cartridges in the trash! We have a way to turn those cartridges into cash. Simply place your empty cartridges in the basket near the main entrance.

# **J.O.N.A.H. News & Updates**

(Joining Our Neighbors Advancing Hope)

### *JONAH mission statement:*

*JONAH exists to deepen relationships within and among faith communities and partner organizations to empower people in addressing the root causes of social injustice in the greater community.*

**Visit the JONAH website  
for updates and  
more information**

**[www.jonahjustice.org](http://www.jonahjustice.org)**

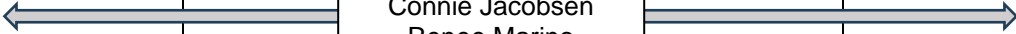

**JOIN A TASK FORCE** - Consider attending one of JONAH's task forces to see if you would like to get involved:

- Environmental Task Force
- Immigration Task Force
- Chippewa Valley Child Poverty Coalition
- Affordable Housing Task Force
- Transportation Task Force
- Chippewa Valley Justice Action Team
- Mental Health Group



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26-Nov	27-Nov	28-Nov	29-Nov	Nov 30	1	2
9:00am WORSHIP	4	5	6	7	8	9
ADVENT - Week 2		Beacon House				9:30am CONFIRMATION at Hope
		5:30pm Zumba (FH)		5:00-7:45pm (Sanc.) Mindfulness		8:00am-5:00pm Mindfulness (Sanctuary)
		5:00pm CHARGE CONFERENCE				
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
9:00am WORSHIP						11:00am-2:00pm (FH & K) Nelson Family
ADVENT - Week 3		5:30pm Zumba (FH)		5:00-7:45pm (Sanc.) Mindfulness		2-6:00pm (FH & K) Binczak/Swenby Gathering
ALL CHURCH PAGEANT		7:00pm CHOIR				
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
9:00am WORSHIP			NEWSLETTER DEADLINE			
CHOIR				Blue Christmas Snowdate		
ADVENT - Week 4			Blue Christmas 6:00pm			
Food Pantry Sunday	6:00pm Ad Board	5:30pm Zumba (FH)	CHOIR	CHOIR?		
		7:00pm CHOIR				
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
9:00am WORSHIP	CHRISTMAS DAY		5:00-7:45pm (Sanc.) Mindfulness			
CHOIR (am only)		5:30pm Zumba (FH)				
4:30pm Christmas Eve Service	Office Closed - K Vacation					
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9:00am WORSHIP						
NEW YEAR'S EVE						



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	Dec 3	Dec 10	Dec 17	Dec 24 (9am)	Dec 24 (4:30pm)
<b>Greeters</b>	Connie Jacobsen	Linda Larson	Judy Ganong	John & Merry Weiland	Dan & Judy Shuck
<b>Online Greeter</b>	<div style="text-align: center;">  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> Connie Jacobsen Renee Marino </div> </div>				
<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Ryan Stepp	All Church Pageant	Cindy Peterson	TBD	TBD
<b>Children's Message</b>		All Church Pageant			
<b>Prayers of the People</b>	Jan Lorentz	Pastor Jen	Jan Lorentz	Pastor Jen	N/A
<b>Audio Visual</b>	<div style="text-align: center;">  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> Renee Marino Cindy Peterson Alberto Larabee </div> </div>				

## **SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE**

### **9:00am Sunday Worship**

We will have both In-Person Worship and Online Streaming of the service on our Facebook Page.

### **HOPE UMC OFFICE HOURS**

Tues, Wed, Thurs 9:00am- 1:00pm  
Office hours may change occasionally, please call before you visit.

### **HOPE UMC STAFF**

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