

AUGUST EVENTS

August 13

Backpack Blessing at both services

August 19

Hope Summer Picnic

August 21

Prayers for Hope Students

August 27

Summer Breakfast in Larson Hall

LOOKING AHEAD

September 10

God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday

December 9-10

Night in Bethlehem

December 16

Siberian Solstice Concert



Hope is now a
**Stephen Ministry
Congregation.**

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—ECCLESIASTES 3:13

SUMMER SERMON SERIES

The grace of God truly changes everything. Martin Luther knew this to be true and sought to reform the church so others would be free to live in God's grace. This summer, in preparation for the 500th anniversary of the reformation this fall, we will be focusing on some the passages that changed Martin Luther's life and discovering how they still change our lives today.



July 30

Unafraid

Romans 1:16-17

August 6

Nothing Can Separate

Romans 8:31-39

August 13

Gift of Grace

Ephesians 2:1-10

August 20

Offered Once to Save

Hebrews 9:23-38

August 27

Chosen & Precious

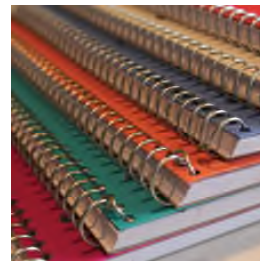
1 Peter 2:4-10

HOPE SUMMER PICNIC: AUG. 19

Hope is having a picnic on Saturday, August 19 from 2:00-8:00 p.m.! Members, guests and friends of all ages are invited to gather for a picnic, swimming, games and lots of fun. Feel free to drop in for as long as you can. There is both a pool and pond (with a beach) for swimming and plenty of space for outdoor games. A main dish of pulled pork, hot dogs and bratwursts will be provided and served around 5:00 p.m. You are encouraged to bring a side dish, salad or desert to share. Water and lemonade will be provided. Other drinks are BYOB and please drink responsibly. So bring a blanket or a lawn chair (and any flotation aids for children) and join us for some end-of-summer fun!

- Date: Saturday August 19 from 2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. (Rain date Aug. 20, same time)
- Location: 5843 Bucher Road, Whitehouse, OH 43571 (hosted by a Hope family)
- RSVPs are encouraged to the office (office@hopetoledo.net) by August 11

SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION



This year we will be collecting school supplies for children and youth at Salem Lutheran Church and Old Orchard Elementary. Backpacks are being provided by a grant at each location, so we are focusing on filling them with supplies to start the school year off right! Our goal is to fill eight paper boxes with supplies.

Student Supplies Requested: 2-pocket folders, children's scissors, crayons (24 ct), black/blue pens, #2 pencils, spiral notebooks, loose leaf paper, 3-ring binders, markers, colored pencils, and glue sticks

Supplies requested for Old Orchard Computer Lab: new, unused earbuds

Supplies are due on August 13. Alternatively, you may make a financial contribution by August 6, and we will handle the shopping.

FAREWELL TO DIANE BARNES

On July 19, Pastor Kevin shared with the Hope community that Diane Barnes had resigned from her position at Hope to begin a position at another congregation. Diane has served on staff at Hope since October 2006. Countless community members were touched by her ministry through Night in Bethlehem and Vacation Bible School. Hope members of all ages were blessed by her leadership of Disciples in Training, our Guardian Angel Program, and numerous events over the years, like the Harvest Festival. Diane has been a valued member of the staff team, and she will be missed.

As we give thanks to Diane and offer blessings on her farewell we are reminded of Paul's words to the Ephesians. They are a fitting testimony to Diane's legacy and our continued prayers for her.

"I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers."

BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSINGS

Backpack Blessings

God is always with us – over the summer and as a new school year starts! Students from pre-school through 12th grade are invited to bring their backpacks to Hope on Sunday, August 13 before the school year starts. We will bless backpacks at both the 9:00 and 11:00 services. Students will also receive a small gift to put in their backpacks and keep them connected with Jesus every day of the year.



Prayers for Students

Each year, we set aside time to pray for all our students from pre-school through high school as the new school year begins. We invite you to join us for a brief prayer service on Monday, August 21, at 1:15 p.m. in the sanctuary to pray for each student by name and entrust them into God's hands. May our students' faith grow and deepen in the 2017-2018 school year!

MUSIC NOTES

The music groups of Hope will start rehearsing on Wednesday, September 6. A more detailed notice will be coming, but we have music opportunities for many ages! Have questions? Please contact Gail Mowry at gmowry@hopetoledo.net.



CONFIRMATION MINISTRY



As we look forward to the beginning of a new year of Confirmation Ministry, all youth in grades 7 and 8 and their families are invited to a Confirmation

Family Dinner and Discussion on Wednesday, August 30 at 6:00 p.m. in Larson Hall. Classes will begin in September. Please keep these young people and families in your prayers.



Teach me, O LORD,
the way of your statutes,
and I will observe it
to the end.

Psalm 119:33, NRSV

GOSLING SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

On July 9, we were excited to award the Bernice Gosling Scholarship to Andrew Krupp. This \$1,000 scholarship is awarded annually to a graduating senior who has been active in ministry and service at Hope and in the greater church.

Andrew – your commitment to Jesus Christ and your demonstration of his love through service and giving your time is a source of encouragement. Congratulations and best wishes for your studies at Baldwin Wallace!

