

NOVEMBER EVENTS

November 5

All Saints Sunday & Blessing Sunday
Blue Holidays Service, 2:00 p.m.

November 11

Bethlehem Move-In Day

November 22

Thanksgiving Eve Service

November 26

Advents begins at Hope

LOOKING AHEAD

December 3

Choir presents *Messiah*

December 9-10

A Night in Bethlehem

December 16

Siberian Solstice

December 24

Children's Christmas Program



Hope is a
Stephen Ministry Con-
gregation.

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

Join us for a worship service of Thanksgiving at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 22. As we give thanks to God for our many blessings, our offering that night will go toward our Backpacks of Hope ministry at Old Orchard Elementary school. We will also be collecting cans of vegetables and soups, as well as containers of Easy Mac.

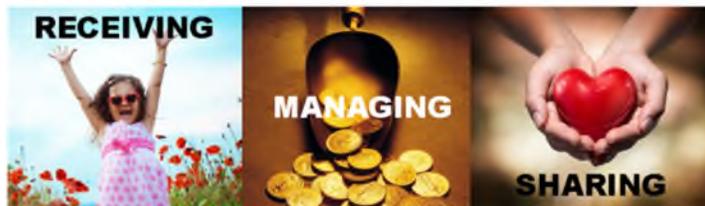


NOV. 5: BLESSING SUNDAY

Please join us November 5 as we acknowledge how God has blessed us and, in response to these blessings, we will return our 2018 Estimate of Giving cards. We will also be celebrating All Saints' Sunday as we gather for

- One combined worship service at 10:00 a.m.
- Catered luncheon at 11:30 a.m.

Experiencing the JOY of Generosity



NOV. 5: ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

All Saints' Sunday is a day the church has set aside to remember all those who have died in the faith during the last 12 months. Our time of remembering will be November 5 during our joint 10:00 a.m. worship service for Blessing Sunday. During our prayers, we will name those who have passed away during the year.



MEMORIAL GARDEN DEDICATION



This summer Caden Miller planned and planted a garden outside Larson Hall as part of his Eagle Scout Project. This project included careful planning to identify plants that would thrive while not causing water problems for the basement. On November 5 during the Blessing Sunday Lunch, we will recognize Caden for his work, and also dedicate the garden.

HOPE BOOK GROUP

will meet on Thursday November 9th at 2pm at the church. We will discuss Fredrik Backman's "A Man Called Ove." Please let Margaret Bretzloff know if you will be attending. 419 704 5998 or by e-mail. All are welcomed to join this new group!

MUSIC MINISTRY

The adult choir will present the Christmas portion of Handel's *Messiah* at the 11:00 service on Sunday, December 3. Our choir will be accompanied by musicians from the Toledo Symphony. This is a great service to invite others to join you in worship as we move through the Advent season towards the celebration of Jesus' birth!

NIGHT IN BETHLEHEM 2017

The excitement is building as we prepare to bring Night in Bethlehem to Toledo and the surrounding area. Night in Bethlehem 2017 will take place on Saturday and Sunday, December 9 and 10 from 1:00-4:30.

You are probably wondering what you can do to ensure that this is a great experience for everyone!

Here are some suggestions:

- Help move and put up the shops on Saturday, November 11 at 9:00 a.m.
- Help put up the gate and cave on Saturday, November 11 at 9:00 a.m.
- Sort costumes on Saturday, November 18 at 9:00 a.m.
- Put together yard signs on Saturday, November 11 at 9:00 a.m.
- Pass out Night in Bethlehem post cards at the Downtown Toledo Holiday Parade on Saturday, November 11.
- Place Night in Bethlehem posters and yard signs in various places around town.
- Invite your friends, neighbors, family and co-workers.
- Find babies to play the role of baby Jesus!
- Pray that this outreach touches the hearts of those who visit and brings us all closer to Jesus.

Please sign up now for a shift during the event. To sign up or ask questions, please email the Bethlehem leaders at bethlehem@hopetoledo.net.

ESTIMATE OF GIVING CARD

Here are some commonly asked questions the Finance Team receives:

1. *Why should I turn in an Estimate of Giving card for 2018?* We will develop a budget for 2018 based on the collective giving of all our contributors. We are able to give more in our budget to people in need when we know how much income we will receive.

2. *What if my financial position changes during 2018?* We know this may happen, and if your financial position changes, just contact our financial secretary Peggy Miller to make your needed adjustments. This is why we call the card an **Estimate** of Giving.

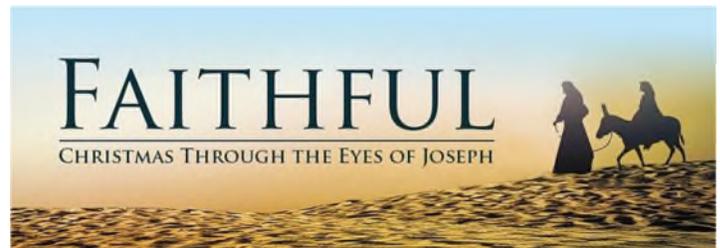
3. *What if I cannot be present on November 5 to turn in my Estimate of Giving card?* We will send you a follow-up letter with an Estimate of Giving card if we miss you on November 5. You may also contact Peggy Miller in the church office to complete your card.



ADVENT SERMON SERIES

We're not that different from Joseph. True, we may not be part of a story that will be remembered for all time, but like Joseph, we encounter circumstances that we'd never choose for ourselves. At times, it can be tempting just to walk away, but Joseph provides us a great example of humbly obeying God even when we don't understand, faithfully moving forward in the strength that God provides.

- 11/26 A Carpenter Named Joseph
- 12/3 Whose Child is This?
- 12/10 Raising a Child Not Your Own
- 12/17 The Journey to Bethlehem



YOUTH NEWS

Youth Bible Study continues Sunday mornings at 10:10 in a new location – Pastor Kristin's office. Open to all youth in grades 7-12.

Youth Lock-In on Friday, November 3 starting at 7:00 p.m. Come for games, fellowship and lots of fun. This ends at 7:00 a.m. on Saturday, but you can also come for only Friday evening.

Serving at Just Pancakes on Saturday, November 4 from 7:15am – 10:30am. After the lock-in, we will head down to Salem Lutheran Church to prepare and serve breakfast at their weekly Just Pancakes meal. Youth, families, and anyone from the congregation are welcome to join us.

FLOCK GOES CURLING

With the winter Olympics approaching, have you ever wondered about curling? Well, Flock is inviting you to come and learn how to throw and sweep the rock. You will learn proper curling technique and play the game at a brand new facility, the BG Curling Club (www.bgcurlingclub.com).

Nov. 11, 5-8 p.m. | \$20 per person at the door
Potluck dinner and cash bar | Must be 21 or older.
Please RSVP to Kim Evans at 419-260-0524 (call or text).