

OCTOBER EVENTS

October 20
Life in Christ (new members class)

October 20
Harvest Festival, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

LOOKING AHEAD

November 3
Consecration Sunday, one worship service, 10:00 a.m.

November 16
Siberian Solstice Concert

December 14 & 15
Night in Bethlehem



Hope is a
Stephen Ministry
Congregation.

MUSIC NOTES

We are looking forward to presenting Handel's Messiah on December 8th. The Children's Christmas Program will be December 22nd.



BOOK CLUB



Book Club will be discussing "The Immortalists" by Chloe Benjamin on Wednesday October 16th at 2:00pm. We will be discussing "Little Faith" by Nikolas Butler on November 13th. Guests are welcome! For more information, contact Miriam Wilson at 419-535-0255.

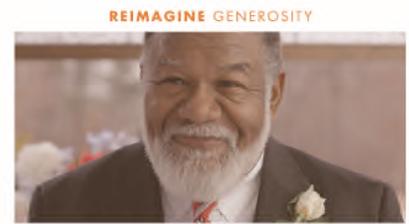
90 YEARS AGO

90 years ago this fall, God began a new ministry in the "Tea House" located in what is now Arrowhead Point Park. Thanks be to God for all who have grown in faith through that ministry! Imagine what God has planned next!



FALL SERMON SERIES

Our series last fall, Living Generously, challenged comfortable notions of stewardship and generosity. Generosity is not only, or even primarily, about finances. Jesus did not give a tithe for our salvation. He humbled himself and took on the form of a servant (Philippians 2:7). So in the first series, Frank Donovan, a wealthy businessman who befriends his gardener Re (pronounced "Ray"), was challenged on whether he gives God the "good sheep" (the first and finest he has to offer) or the "stinky sheep" (what's left over after he's taken what he wants). This challenge begins a process of reflection and transformation, as Frank and his family learn to be generous not only out of their financial abundance but in all of their lives, even when this whole-life generosity requires risk and sacrifice.



REIMAGINE GENEROSITY
LOVING GENEROUSLY

This fall we pick up the journey of the Donovan family with Loving Generously. As the Donovans welcome a struggling young couple into their care, they pay a price in worldly opposition. But they also find great joy and beauty in the community that forms as a result of their generous hospitality.

God wants us to give our time, talents and treasure for his kingdom. He also wants us to give ourselves to one another in love. True generosity compels us to reconciliation, and as we form friendships and community with the needy, we learn how to be generous in wiser and truer ways. In all these things, the overflowing generosity of God in Christ forms our model, as the invitation of Christ goes out to all: young and old, rich and poor, the "in" crowd and the outcast.

Join us each week in worship beginning October 6th as we follow the Donovans & Re. At the end of the series, we will give you the opportunity to share how you have been impacted. Will you join us in praying that God will prepare our hearts to hear God's message of transforming generosity? Will you commit to coming each week?

NOV 3: CONSECRATION SUNDAY

Our Loving Generously series will culminate on Sunday, Nov 3, Consecration Sunday. On that day, we will have **one** service at 10:00 a.m., followed by a catered luncheon at 11:00 a.m. This will be your opportunity to demonstrate your generosity by returning your 2020 Estimate of Giving Card.

LIFE IN CHRIST CLASS

Hope will offer "Life in Christ" on Sunday, October 20, at 12:15-4:00 p.m. in the family lounge. This class covers the basics of what we believe and how Hope is organized for ministry. If you are interested in learning more about Hope, connecting with ministries, using your unique gifts for good or membership, this class is for you. We encourage you to RSVP through the office or connection card in worship. Be sure to indicate any dietary restrictions. Lunch will be provided and, for those who have a need, childcare will be available.

DEC 14 & 15: NIGHT IN BETHLEHEM

Night in Bethlehem will welcome the Community to experience a unique live nativity! Please mark your calendars for December 14th & 15th. Throughout the month of October we will begin having sign-ups to volunteer and make this gift to the community possible.



BEAD FOR LIFE



Sunday, Nov 24, BeadforLife, an award-winning non-profit, is coming back to Hope with their beautiful fair-trade jewelry.

Kim Whetstone, a longtime Hope member and BeadforLife volunteer, will have a wide variety of lovely jewelry (created from hand-rolled paper beads) and other products made by hard-working Ugandan women.

Proceeds from the sale will support BFL's goal of empowering one million desperately poor women in developing countries, through research-based entrepreneurial training, by 2027.



BACKPACKS OF HOPE

We have started sending home 18 backpacks of healthy, child-friendly food every weekend for children at Old Orchard Elementary. Thanks to everyone who helped stock the pantry at the beginning of the year. Continued donations are appreciated to keep it full throughout the school year. We currently need cans of vegetables, soup, spaghetti, tuna fish, and Easy Mac. We also need a variety of individually wrapped snack items like granola bars, microwave popcorn, and fruit snacks. Donations can be left on the white shelves across from the nursery. If you would like to help pack the bags during the week, please talk to Pastor Kristin.



HARVEST FESTIVAL



Come get into the fall spirit at Hope's Harvest Festival on Sunday, October 20th, from 5-7pm. Listen to music while you sip some hot chocolate. Carve some pumpkins and then take one home! Please email Katie at kdumproff@hopetoledo.net if you would like to bring food!. Bring your friends and family for this fun packed event!

STEPHEN MINISTRY APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

The Stephen Ministry program at Hope is now looking for additional men and women of our congregation who are willing to answer Jesus' call to serve as Stephen Ministers, which begins with 50 hours of training. It will include topics such as listening, Christian assertiveness, maintaining healthy boundaries and grief. The training is distinctively Christian and focuses on God as the one who cures while we care.

If you are interested in more information or would like to apply to be a Stephen Minister, please contact the church office or Marian Mulligan. Those interested are invited to complete an application.

Stephen Ministers commit to at least two years for training, service and regular supervision. Most find the experience so rewarding that they continue serving for another year. While there is a commitment of time and effort, it is incredibly rewarding. It may be one of the most rewarding challenges you will ever embrace. In addition, you will use the skills you learn not only in your caring ministry, but also in your everyday relationships with family, friends, neighbors and coworkers.

Think and pray about this opportunity. We are accepting applications through October 31. Both those who serve and those in our community will be blessed by this new ministry.

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

Whether students are far away or closer to home, it's always good to be reminded that they are not alone, and their Hope community is still thinking of them. This month we will be putting together college care packages to send to all of Hope's students. You can help by bringing in donations on or before October 20. Financial donations are also welcome, just designate for college care packages. Needed items include:

- Fun-size candy bars or Halloween candy
- Microwave popcorn
- Granola bars
- Packages of gum or mints
- Packages of hot chocolate
- Chapstick
- Small size packages of Kleenex
- Holiday socks
- Small (party-favor size) bubbles, playdough, etc.

We also need updated addresses for our Hope college students. Please email current mailing addresses to Pastor Kristin (pastorkristin@hopetoledo.net) by October 16.



NOV 16 SIBERIAN SOLSTICE

The talented musical group from northwest Ohio once again will be providing its exciting and inspirational Christmas show with music originally performed by the nationally acclaimed "Trans-Siberian Orchestra". The music format is traditional Christmas music and classical pieces presented with a rock feel using electronic keyboards, drums, and guitars. "Siberian Solstice" has eight members on stage enhanced by lighting and video to tell the story of "The Angel's Gift" in both lyrics and narration. The show is enjoyed by all age groups.

