

LENT

March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1

Mid-Week Lenten Meal, 5:15-6:25

Mid-Week Lenten Worship, 6:30-7:00

HOLY WEEK

April 5
Palm Sunday

April 9
Maundy Thursday Worship, 7:00

April 10
Good Friday Worship, noon & 7:00

April 12
Easter Sunday



Hope is a
Stephen Ministry Congregation.

SUNDAYS IN LENT: GIVING UP

One of the long held Christian practices is to give things up for Lent as an act of self-denial. Often people give up things they love such a chocolate, ice cream, dessert, soda, or even adult beverages. When Jesus sets his eyes on Jerusalem in Mark and begins his journey to the cross he calls for his disciples to give things up, but not the things we associate with our Lenten practices. Jesus calls us to give up control, power and being number one. We invite you to ponder each Sunday during Lent, one of the things that Jesus invites us to give up.



- March 1 Giving Up Control
- March 8 Giving Up Power
- March 15 Giving Up Being Number One
- March 22 Giving Up Birthright
- March 29 Giving Up Certainty
- April 5 Giving Up Expectations

MID-WEEK WORSHIP SERIES

Step into the courtroom each week in Lent with our Convicted worship series.

Each service puts a different biblical person from the story of Christ's passion and death on trial, accused of an actual crime.

Wednesday evenings during Lent will include fellowship, reflection and worship.



March 4, 11, 18, 25, & April 1st we will gather at 5:15 for dinner before 6:30 worship. To sign up for food (soups, salad, bread, and dessert) or help set-up, serve, or clean-up, please contact Mona Pupos at 419-360-0661. Sign up sheets will also be available at the first Lenten Dinner.

- 5:15-6:25: Dinner in Larson Hall for all
- 5:45: Kids' Club in Choir Room
- 6:00: Adult Bible Study in Nest
- 6:00: Confirmation in Confirmation Room
- 6:20: Meditative Music in Sanctuary
- 6:30-7:00: Worship in Sanctuary for all
- 7:00-7:45: First Communion Class in Nest
- 7:00: Adult Choir in Choir Room



PALM SUNDAY APRIL 5

Join us on Sunday, April 5 at both worship times for a blended traditional & contemporary service on Palm Sunday to hear the Passion of Christ and His love for us. .



CONGREGATION APPROVES 2020 BUDGET

On February 23, Hope members gathered to review and approve the 2020 budget.

Copies of the 2019 Annual Report are available in the office. The report includes recaps of the year from Pastor Kevin, Pastor Kristin, Katie Dumproff, & Gail Mowry, along with detailed financial information.

GODPARENTS' CELEBRATION MARCH 29

Come celebrate your Godparents! DIT and Toddler and Tots are encouraged to invite their Godparents for a celebration on March 29th from 10:00-10:45 am in Larson Hall. If your child's Godparent cannot attend you may bring a mentor or another adult instead. This will take place instead of DIT and Toddler and Tots. We will have cookies, fruit, and an activity for to do with your Godparent.

BACKPACKS OF HOPE

Shortly after winter break in 2017, Hope expanded our partnership with Old Orchard Elementary to include Backpacks of Hope. We began by sending home six backpacks a week. We now send home 18 backpacks a week to 18 different families. Our goal continues to be to send home nutritious, child-friendly, easy to make food to make up breakfasts, lunches, and dinners over the weekend.



A huge thank you to everyone who has and continues to help by providing food, packing and delivering the bags. Food donations are always welcome. We are especially in need of cans of vegetables, soup, pasta, Easy Mac and peanut butter (16-ounce jar only). They can be left on the white shelves across from the nursery. If you would like to give a monetary donation – each bag contains roughly \$8.50 of food (although the actual cost varies as we often purchase items on sale). Mark donations as "Backpacks of Hope." Thank you for your continued support!

SAVE THE DATE: VBS, JUNE 15-19



Make sure you have June 15-19 from 9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m. marked on your calendar to join us in as we journey into a wintery land on a quest for the kings armor.

Currently, we are looking for volunteers to serve on a decoration team and to help out with VBS this summer. Please be in touch with Katie if you are interested. Registration opens on March 30th for those that attend Hope and friends. Registration will open to the general public on April 20th. We close registration at 120 kids and start a waitlist. For more information contact Katie at kdumproff@hopetoledo.net

HOPE FOR SALEM: 2020 REBOOT!

We are excited to officially reboot our Hope for Salem project after many administrative and technical delays in the past years. To refresh our memories, the goal of Hope for Salem is to turn the currently vacant uninhabitable house next door to Salem (which they own) and into a usable ministry space to fit the needs of the congregation and the community. We have received approval from the historical commission and are awaiting approval of plans from the city of Toledo in order to then apply for permits. We are planning for a volunteer demolition later this spring once all permits have been received. Thanks to Roger Smith, Chris Henry, Rob Duffey and Louise Schlatter for their leadership in this. If you would like to receive more information in the future, you can talk to one of the leaders above or contact Roger at 419-202-3779 or gobluesmith@aol.com.

FIRST COMMUNION



First communion classes will take place during lent. Bibles will be presented Sunday, March 1 during worship and First Communion classes begin on March 4. If you have a child who is interested in participating, contact Katie Dumproff at kdumproff@hopetoledo.net

KIDS' CLUB MARCH 4-APRIL 1

Children in Kindergarten-6th grade are welcome to join our Wednesday evening children's group during lent for a time of fellowship, playing chimes, singing, a short bible study, and games. We will meet upstairs in the choir room on Wednesdays from 5:45pm-6:25pm. Please contact Gail Mowry at gmowry@hopetoledo.net for more information.

March 4– The Disciples Didn't Always Do What They Were Supposed to Do
 March 11- Judas Went Against Authority
 March 18- Peter Lied
 March 25- Pontius Pilot Stopped the Right Thing From Being Done
 April 1- Barabbas Was An Enemy of the People