

## LOOKING AHEAD

### Summer Breakfasts

10 am July 10, August 21

### Hope for Salem Workdays

8 am July 9, 16, 23, August 6, 20, 27

### September 11

Homecoming Sunday



Hope is a  
Stephen Ministry  
Congregation.

## PRAYERS FOR OUR YOUTH MISSION TRIP

Please keep Aubrey, Brooke, Jacob, and Owen in your prayers along with Andy and Pastor Kristin as we travel to South Carolina on July 24-30 for a mission trip. When the year began, we were planning to be at the ELCA youth gathering this week. When the gathering was cancelled, we changed to a mission trip along with youth from St. Mark's in East Toledo and Zoar in Perrysburg. We are looking forward to seeing how we can serve alongside new friends and the community in Columbia, SC.



## TOGETHER IN CHANGE

The Together in Change group will meet at Longhorn Steakhouse on Talmage, 1:00 pm on July 21. Contact Helen with questions or to RSVP (419-509-6143).

## SUMMER SERMON SERIES: INFLUENCERS

Influencers are all over social media these days – when we see a person we admire sharing their favorite products, we find ourselves embracing their interests, their hopes and sometimes their lifestyles. This isn't really a new idea, though. Jesus called us to use our influence to be his ambassadors, to be his light in a dark world. Jesus understood that people are watching us and can be inspired by us to change the world.



- 7/10 Gaining Followers
- 7/17 Building Others Up
- 7/24 The World is Watching
- 7/31 Serving Others

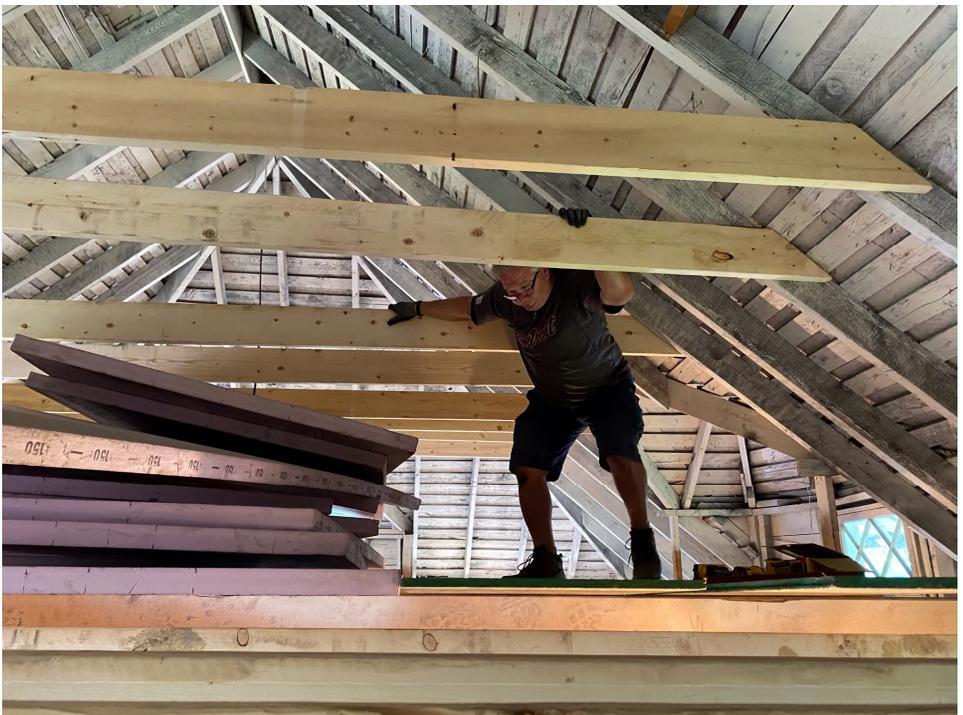
## SNACKS NEEDED

Old Orchard Elementary, in partnership with the University of Toledo, has just received a very exciting grant for a summer reading and tutoring program. The program goes from July 5-August 11 and will allow for high dosage reading tutoring for upper grade children. They are asking for help with snacks for 30 children during this time. Individually bagged or packaged snacks (for upper elementary/middle school ages) can be dropped off at Hope. Or if you would like to provide homemade (nut free) snacks, arrange a date with Pastor Kristin.



## HOPE FOR SALEM UPDATE

Our Hope for Salem team continues to make steady progress toward restoring the fire-damaged house in the Vistula District. We have worked our way upward from the crawl space upgrading the structural support at each level. We are finishing the roof rafters now! We expect city approval soon for the next phase. The next step will include creating a new rear entrance for both upstairs and downstairs. Our team invites YOU to come to the Salem house in the near future and see our progress. Contact the church office or Roger Smith for more information @ 419-202-3779. We are scheduled to work July 9, 16, 23. Come join the fun!



# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL THANK YOU!



A huge thank you to all of our amazing VBS volunteers for not only making VBS happen but also being a huge success! From June 20-24, we hosted around 100 children for a week of VBS. The children and volunteers had a blast gathering for a Food Truck Party everyday! With the help of games, crafts, storytelling, science, snack and music our young chefs learned more about daily bread, how God provides for us and how we are called to care for others. And thanks to your generous donations, they were able to do more than five service projects! Our chefs painted sun catchers for residents at Genacross Wolf Creek, packed 100 lunches for MLK Kitchen for the Poor, packed 100 hygiene or "Manna" kits and made placemats for Salem Lutheran church, made 100 goldfish snack bags and bookmarks for students at Old Orchard, and baked over 500 dog biscuits for Toledo Area Humane Society. Finally, a thank you to our friends at Washington church for their help and continued partnership that makes this such a great week for both our congregations and our neighborhood!

