

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**Hope for Salem Workdays:**  
May 7, 14, 21

**Guardian Angel Celebration**  
May 15

**Graduate Recognition**  
May 22

**Vacation Bible School**  
June 20-24



Hope is a  
Stephen Ministry  
Congregation.

**GUARDIAN ANGEL CELEBRATION**

We will be gathering for a Guardian Angel Celebration on May 15 at 10am in Larson Hall. All children in Disciples in Training are invited to gather alongside your guardian angels for a treat, games, and fun. Please RSVP to Pastor Kristin (both children and guardian angels) by May 12.

**BOOK GROUP**

The book group will read "The Stranger in the Lifeboat" by Mitch Albom for the meeting May 26th at 2:00 pm. If you have questions about the group please contact Joy Gibbs or Margaret Bretzloff.

**TOGETHER IN CHANGE**

The Together in Change group will meet Thursday May 19th at 1:00 pm at Applebee's (4702 Monroe Street). For more information contact Helen Jodouin at (419) 509-6143



It is time to celebrate alongside our Hope members and friends who are graduating this year from high school, technical schools, college or universities with undergraduate or graduate degrees! We will be recognizing graduates during each worship service on May 22 as well as highlighting them on Hope's Facebook page. If you have a graduate in your family you would like included, please contact Pastor Kristin (pastorkristin@hopetoledo.net) or the church office by May 16 with their name, graduation information (school, date, and degree), photo, and a brief statement of any future plans you wish to share. We look forward to celebrating with all of you!

**EASTER SERMON SERIES:  
A SPIRIT DRIVEN LIFE**



After his resurrection, Jesus meets with his disciples and breathes the Holy Spirit upon them. The Holy Spirit empowers and drives them in their outreach. They are transformed from hiding in a room behind locked doors to bold evangelists. What does it mean today for our lives to be Spirit Driven? Join us as we explore what the gift and power of the Spirit meant then and still means now.

May 1st  
May 8th  
May 15th

Turned  
Released  
Unleashed

Acts 9:1-19a  
Acts 16:16-34  
Acts 17:16-31

**SERMON SERIES  
PHILIPPIANS: UNCHAINED**



Philippians is one of the most beloved epistles (letters) in the Bible. Why? Although Paul writes to the Christians in Philippi from prison, he mentions joy more than any other letter. Paul's letter offers us a glimpse of how we can experience and live in joy even during the challenges of life.

May 22nd  
May 29th  
June 5th

Thankfulness  
Encouragement  
Peace

Philippians 1:1-18a  
Philippians 2:1-13  
Philippians 4:4-7

**LIFE IN CHRIST CLASS MAY 1**

On May 1st we will be offering a Life in Christ Class at 12:15 (free lunch included). This one time class will share more about Hope's ministries and beliefs. If you are interested in becoming a member or just learning more, we invite you to participate. RSVP through the office.



**BACKPACKS—THANK YOU**



A huge thank you to everyone who supported families at Old Orchard this year by donating or purchasing items for Backpacks of Hope. We will be sending the final sets of bags home by the end of the month as the school year ends. In the end we supported 12 families every week (13 families overall, as one moved out of the district and another moved in). Plus, families received Thanksgiving bags, Angel Tree gifts, and additional food support over winter and spring break. Your support made a huge impact! Donations to Backpacks of Hope will be saved to use at the start of the school year next year!

**CALLING ALL GRADUATES**

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2022: ON A ROLL WITH GOD

June 20-24 | 9:00 a.m.— Noon



### Children age 3 years— fourth grade

Ready to cook up some fun? Join us for VBS this summer as we get on a roll with God through a parade of food trucks for the summer's biggest party! Together we'll pray, "Give us this day our daily bread" and grow in our faith through storytelling, music, games, crafts, science, service, and of course, snacks!

Registration is open and already half-full so register now! The online registration link is available at [hopetoledo.net](http://hopetoledo.net). The 3-year-old class will be self-contained and have a 10-child capacity. The rest of registration will cap at 110 before moving to a waitlist.

Join me,  
DJ Cupcake, as we  
cook up some fun!



### VBS Donations Help

We are excited to continue our tradition of including service projects as a daily rotation at VBS. Two of our projects – bag lunches and hygiene kits – for our downtown ministry partners need some help with donations. Please return all donations to Hope by **June 12** and leave them in or near VBS donation boxes.

- 240 bottles of water
- 240 granola bars
- 120 individual serving bags of chips or pretzels
- 120 individual serving bag of cookies
- 120 fruit cups
- 120 pairs of socks (adult size)
- 120 wash clothes
- 120 bars of soap
- 120 combs



### VBS Volunteers Needed

We are in need of VBS volunteers to help with stations, the 3-year-old room, age group leaders and assistants, and floaters. If you are interested in volunteering, you can sign up on our website using the volunteer registration link or email Pastor Kristin at [pastorkristin@hopetoledo.net](mailto:pastorkristin@hopetoledo.net).

## HOPE FOR SALEM UPDATE

Our Hope for Salem project has reached a new milestone and we anticipate more significant progress in the month of May! On Monday, April 23rd our project received approval from the Vistula Historical Commission to put a side door on the building to provide entrance to the 2nd-floor apartment. We had previously planned to add a staircase structure to the back of the building to provide access to the basement and the 1st and 2nd floors. But, when we bid the work, the quotes were excessively high, and we decided we could not spend your donated dollars on this structure. Our new solution required approval, which we now have.

Also, our volunteer architect, Louise Schlatter, is very close to finishing the blueprints for this change as well as for the apartment on the 2nd floor. When the prints are complete, we will submit them to the City of Toledo for approval. Our volunteer team is working to make the required structural changes to bring the old, fire-damaged building up to current building code. We started in the crawl space and worked our way upward. We are now working on the 2nd floor ceiling joists! Our team invites YOU to come to the Salem house in the near future and see our progress.

