

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

September 6
12:00 pm Lunches with Luther begins

September 11
Fall Kick Off Sunday
10:00 am One Combined Worship
11:00 am Lunch and Festivities

September 14
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal begins

September 18
10:00 am Disciples in Training begins

LOOKING AHEAD

Hope for Salem Workdays
8:00 am September 10, October 1

November 6
10:00 am Consecration Sunday
Worship followed by Luncheon

November 19
7:00 pm Siberian Solstice

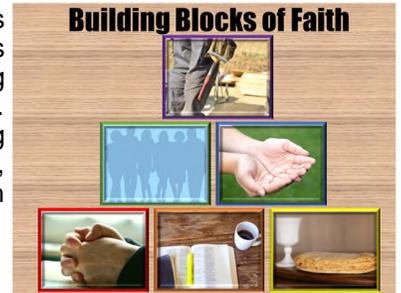
December 10 & 11
1:00 – 4:30 Night in Bethlehem



Hope is a
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SERMON SERIES: Building Blocks of Faith

We all long to grow in faith and grow as disciples of Jesus. Fall is a great time to focus on discipleship in our lives and the building blocks of faith that help us grow as disciples. This fall we will be exploring those building blocks: Daily Prayer, Worship, Scripture, Serving, Giving and Being in Relationships with other disciples. We begin on September 11th.



FALL KICKOFF SUNDAY

Please plan to join us for one worship service at 10 am September 11th in Arrowhead Park. A picnic lunch and concert by our praise team will follow. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and invite a friend. Because we will be gathering outside, there will not be live streaming this day.

If you would like to help prepare the food for the picnic (10 am Saturday), serve or clean up (Sunday), contact Mona at ramona.pupos@gmail.com.

Kim Whetstone will be selling handmade BeadforLife items at the Fall Kickoff picnic. All proceeds continue to benefit their sister organization, Street Business School. Since 2015, SBS has been providing entrepreneurial training to marginalized women in developing countries. ALL ITEMS WILL BE SOLD AT 60-80% OFF, in order to reduce/eliminate inventory.



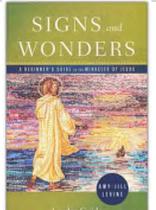
SUNDAY WORSHIP: 9 a.m. Contemporary Service | 10:10 a.m. Spiritual Development | 11 a.m. Traditional Service

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**SAVE THE DATE: NOVEMBER 6
CONSECRATION SUNDAY
WORSHIP AT 10 AM
LUNCHEON FOLLOWING**

LUNCHEONS WITH LUTHER

Lunches with Luther begins on Tuesday, September 6th. Please see Pastor Kevin to pick up the book we will be reading: "Signs and Wonders." by Amy Jill Levine.

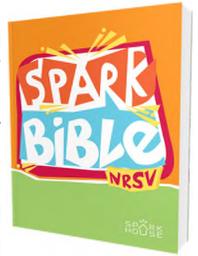


CHOIR STARTS SEPTEMBER 14

The music ministry at Hope is excited to start adult choir rehearsals this fall. We will rehearse in the sanctuary on Wednesdays from 7:00-8:00. The adult choir sings at the traditional service most weeks and we welcome new members to join us. Please contact Gail Mowry, gmowry@hopetoledo.net, with any questions.

BIBLE PRESENTATION FOR DIT & CONFIRMATION

During worship on September 11, we will be presenting Bibles to all of our new DIT and Confirmation students. So if your child is 3 and/or starting DIT for the first time or starting their first year of confirmation, make sure you have been in touch with Pastor Kristin. And we hope everyone will join us to pray for these children and youth as they take their next steps forward in faith.



GUARDIAN ANGELS

Every year, we match each child in DIT (age 3 – 6th grade) with an adult in the congregation as their "Guardian Angel." This adult promises to pray for them regularly throughout the school year as well as occasionally send notes or cards. This year we will also be having 2 or 3 gatherings during the year for children and Guardian Angels to interact over a craft, activity, and snack on Sunday mornings. If you are interested in serving as a Guardian Angel, even if you have not done so in the past, please contact Pastor Kristin (pastorkristin@hopetoledo.net) or call the church office. If you cannot commit for the whole year but are interested in helping with a Guardian Angels gathering, also let Pastor Kristin know.

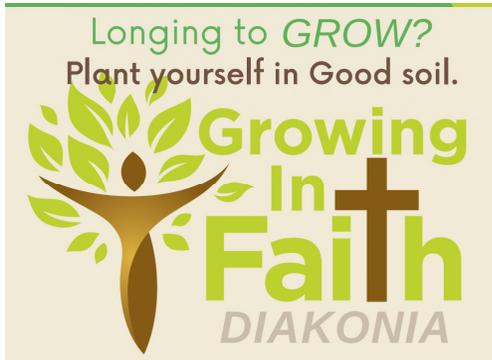


CONFIRMATION

Our confirmation ministry, primarily for youth in grades 7-8, will begin meeting weekly on Sunday, September 18 from noon – 2pm. If you are interested in more information about confirmation, but missed the information meeting, contact Pastor Kristin. Please keep our confirmation youth in your prayers.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH BREAKFAST

High school youth are invited to join upstairs in the youth (couch) room for breakfast on Sunday, September 25 from 10:00am – 10:50am. We will be planning fall activities, service projects and Bible studies as well as talking about next summer's mission trip. Contact Pastor Kristin with questions.



GROWING IN FAITH: DIAKONIA

The Northwest Ohio Synod is offering a series of classes designed to help adults dig deeper and grow in their faith. Classes meet 6-9 pm Thursdays in Findlay. For more information go to www.nwosdiakonia.org or speak with Pastor Kevin.



DISCIPLES IN TRAINING (DIT) STARTS SEPTEMBER 18

Disciples in Training is a weekly faith formation opportunity for children age 3 – 6th grade. They meet in downstairs classrooms on Sunday mornings from 10am – 10:45am. Children will gather in the open area downstairs at 10am for a brief welcome and to meet their teachers before separating into their classrooms. Children should be accompanied to the opening and picked up by an adult. Contact Pastor Kristin (pastorkristin@hopetoledo.net) for more information or to make sure your child is on the DIT roster and email list.

DISCIPLES IN TRAINING LEADERS NEEDED

We are still looking for one or two adults or teens to help lead a Disciples in Training group this fall. You would be paired to allow for a more flexible schedule. We are also looking for a few substitutes or assistants. If you are interested in helping or want more information, please contact Pastor Kristin or the church office.

YOUTH GROUP COOK OUT

Save the date – Saturday, October 15 from 5pm – 8pm – for a youth group cook-out at the Evan's house. Grades 7-12 and friends are welcome. More information available soon!



NIGHT IN BETHLEHEM 2022!

Night in Bethlehem will welcome the Community to experience a unique live nativity! Mark your calendars for 1:00—4:30 December 10th & 11th and plan to invite your friends and neighbors. Not only does the community rave about it, but those who participate in Bethlehem have a blast as well. Throughout September & October we will begin having sign-ups to volunteer and make this gift to the community possible. Questions? Call the church office or plan to attend 10 am Sept 25th to hear more.

HOPE FOR SALEM UPDATE

We have reached a significant milestone, the foundation of the back left corner of the house is complete! We are now building the walls to enclose this area and this will allow us to finish the new construction of this corner of the house on every floor. These areas were previously not demolished because of our fears of structural problems. These problems no longer exist, so it is smooth sailing ahead! We plan to work September 10th and October 1st. It's very gratifying to see the progress. You are invited to see for yourself. Contact Roger Smith for more information.



SIBERIAN SOLSTICE NOV 19

They're back! Siberian Solstice will once again rock the house with music originally performed by the "Trans-Siberian Orchestra". Plan to be there at 7:00 pm Nov 19th & bring a friend.



OLD ORCHARD MENTORS

The Partners in Education program is looking for volunteers to help with mentoring 1st & 2nd grade students. We meet Monday through Thursday from 9 - 11 am. Each session is one-half hour long. If you cannot commit to one day a week, consider serving as a substitute. Contact Miriam Wilson for more information: mimischenk@gmail.com, 419-344-3032



NEWS FROM MISSION OUTREACH

When the mission outreach team met earlier this year, they set aside \$1500 out of the mission outreach budget for the possibility of an adult/intergenerational mission trip this summer. Unfortunately, mission organizations were not able to confirm dates until much later in the year and there was not enough interest or availability for this summer. So, in August, when mission outreach met, they decided to share those funds with other organizations.

\$1000 was sent to Lutheran Social Services here in Toledo for the food and personal care pantry. They are seeing increased numbers and the funds will allow them to purchase perishable items not often donated. The remaining \$500 is being sent to Bridge of Hope Food Pantry in Fremont, OH. Bridge of Hope Food Pantry is operated by LIFT, a group of ELCA and UMC congregations that work together to provide food and diapers for families in the greater Fremont community. One of the specific groups that Bridges of Hope serves is migrant farm workers who help with farm labor through the summer and fall. This ministry is another example of churches working together to meet a need in the community and we are happy to join other ELCA congregation in Northwest Ohio to support them.

BACKPACKS OF HOPE

With school back in session, we will soon be restarting our Backpacks of Hope Ministry at Old Orchard Elementary. This ministry provides 12-15 families with healthy, child-friendly food for the weekends when children are not in school. We would love help re-stocking our pantry this month. We need:

Boxes of cereal, boxes of macaroni and cheese, fruit or applesauce cups, cans of soup, cans of pasta, cans of vegetables, cans of tuna, peanut butter (16 ounces), 100% Juice boxes or pouches, granola bars, fruit snacks, microwave popcorn, individual serving bags of goldfish, pretzels, etc.

Donations can be left on the white shelves across from the nursery. Monetary donations can be made out to Hope and designated for "Backpacks of Hope" and will help with purchasing milk and occasional extra items for longer weekends.

