

JULY/AUGUST NEWSLETTER 2022

Dear Hope Community Presbyterian Church Congregation,

It is a privilege and blessing to have been hired as the Pastor of Hope Community Presbyterian Church beginning on June 13, 2022. I thank you so much for your kind and gracious welcome and so appreciated the reception, cake and flowers. I've enjoyed my first few weeks and look forward to all that God will accomplish during our time together as we focus on the guidance of the Holy Spirit and Word of God and in our lives.

In the King James translation of the Bible, Psalm 119:105 says, "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path". Christian musicians Michael Smith and Amy Grant wrote and sang a beautiful musical version of this verse titled "Thy Word" live at the Gospel Music Association 39th Annual 2008 Dove Awards. You can find it on You Tube. In the Good News translation of the Bible, Psalm 119:105 says, "Your word is a lamp to guide and a light for my path."

Whichever version of the Bible you prefer, God the Father, our Creator, God the Son, our Savior and God the Holy Spirit, our Sustainer want us to know that the Word of God or Scripture (all 66 books of the Old Testament and New Testament) is available to guide us on our journey of faith. Reading, hearing, and preaching the Word of God or Scripture are central to Christian worship and essential to the worship service on Sunday. Our selected Scripture readings each Sunday will be chosen according to the Lectionary Readings from the Presbyterian Church USA to ensure a broad range of biblical texts as well as consistency and connection with the universal Christian Church. Each month, we will include the Lectionary Readings for Sundays in our newsletter. I encourage you to review and reflect on the Lectionary Readings each week prior to worship on Sunday.

Peace and blessings,

Rev. Wendy Christianson

Sunday Lectionary Readings for July and August 2022

Date	Old Testament	Psalm	New Testament	Gospel
07/03/22	2 Kings 5: 1-14	Psalm 30: 1-12	Galations 6: 1-6 & 7-16	Luke 10: 1-11 and 16-20
07/10/22	Amos 7: 7-17	Psalm 82: 1-8	Colossians 1: 1-14	Luke 10: 25-37
07/17/22	Amos 8: 1-12	Psalm 52	Colossians 1: 15-28	Luke 10: 38-42
07/24/22	Hosea 1: 2-10	Psalm 85: 1-13	Colossians 2: 6-15 & 16-19	Luke 1: 1-13
07/31/22	Hosea 11: 1-11	Psalm 107:1-9 & 43	Colossians 3: 1-11	Luke 12: 13-21
08/07/22	Isaiah 1:1 & 10-20	Psalm 50: 1-8 & 22-23	Hebrews 11: 1-3 & 8-16	Luke 12: 32-40
08/14/22	Isaiah 5: 1-7	Psalm 80: 1-2 & 8-19	Hebrews 11: 29 - 12:2	Luke 12: 49-56
08/21/22	Jeremiah 1: 4-10	Psalm 71: 1-6	Hebrews 12: 18-29	Luke 13: 10-17
08/28/22	Jeremiah 2: 4-13	Psalm 81: 1 & 10-16	Hebrews 13: 1-8 & 15-16	Luke 14: 1 & 7-14

Happy July Birthdays

1 – Bonnie Schandorf 10 – Janice Rafferty
4 – Dawn Koski 15 – Bob Falkowski
5 – Adam Hadrava 23 – Roger Koski
7 – Madeline Hadrava 25 – Kate Stangl

Happy August Birthdays

1 – Keith Maki 16 – Kathy Jacklen
4 – Alyssa Erickson 17 – Frank Del Greco
4 – Kyle McKenna 19 – Sharon Rowbottom
7 – Judy Erickson 22 – Nancy Engel
9 – Jackie Anderson 31 – Kylie Hadrava

Session Highlights

- Rev. Wendy was confirmed as our new pastor at the 6/12 congregational meeting.
- Session welcomed Rev. Wendy as our new pastor and Session Moderator.
- Rev. Wendy reported that she is delighted to be here.
- Jim DeVries is working on finishing the mural in the hallway of the CE building.
- Session will not meet in July.

Contacting Rev. Wendy

Rev. Wendy has decided that her summer office hours will be 11am – 2pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays. You can reach her at the church and at revwendy54@outlook.com during those times. Her personal contact info is wendyak2@yahoo.com, (907) 821-1316 (accepts texts).

Congratulations

Congratulations to Dara Lynne (Hendricks) & Dan Jones on the baptism of their son, Owen Robert Jones, on June 26!

In Sympathy

Sympathy to Ron & Judi Lehman on the death of their son, Jay Lehman, and to the rest of Jay's family.

Church's 130th Birthday

Spring of 2023 will mark both our church's 130th birthday and the 100th anniversary of our current building's dedication. Please contact the church if you would be willing to be a member of a committee to plan a celebration to commemorate those events.

Prayer Chain

Please contact the church if you are interested in being part of a prayer chain.

Little Free Pantry

The Deacons are always happy to accept donations of food or money to help keep our Little Free Pantry stocked. Checks can be made out to the Deacons Fund.

Worship Livestream Videos

Don't forget that you can watch the livestream of most of our worship services on our YouTube channel, which can be accessed from our website (hopecommunitypc.org) or our Facebook page. Videos of the worship services can be viewed anytime on our YouTube channel and are also aired on local cable Channel 5.

Summer Office Hours

The Kroll family will be on vacation from 7/12 to 7/22. As a result, the church office won't be open on Thursdays 7/14 & 7/21. The 7/17 worship service also won't be livestreamed, but a video of the service should be available the following week.

Direct Deposit

Please contact the church office if you are interested in setting up monthly contributions directly from your bank account.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & YOUTH NEWS



JULY & AUGUST 2022

Sunday School - Fall 2022

We are starting to plan our Sunday School for the fall, which will be going back to a face-to-face format - so no more lesson packets will be sent out. The first day would be Sunday September 11th, during worship as we had been doing previously.



FEASTING on the WORD

We are exploring a new curriculum series called *Feasting on the Word*. These lessons are designed to be used in multi-age classrooms so all our kids will be together. The lesson for each Sunday will correspond

to the lectionary, so the kids will get to learn the same stories that we are talking about in church each week. These lessons help the children to make connections between scripture and their own lives.

We need to know how many of your children will be coming to church and Sunday school this fall. We also need volunteers to help lead Sunday school - without your help we won't be able provide Sunday School for Hope's Kids. Let me know if you would be willing to help out. this fall.

Sunday School Meeting

We could have a get together anytime this summer for anyone interested in helping to see just what the lessons are like and what you might have to do.

Welcome



We want to welcome Owen Robert Jones to our church family as he was baptized on Sunday June 25. He was born 12/6/2020 to Dara and Dan Jones.

Birthday Corner

Madeline Hadrava - July 7



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CANOE	BOAT	SWIMMING
BIBLE	FISH	JERICO
WATER	WINE	MINISTER
PASTOR	LESSONS	WALLS
BAPTISM	KING	EMMAUS
SUMMER		



Christian Education Calendar

Sunday July 3	Monday July 4	Sunday August 7	Sunday September 11
Communion 	Independence Day 	Communion 	Sunday School Resumes