Hope strives to be a safe haven for God’s unconditional love. Everyone is invited and encouraged to participate in all Hope activities and roles, including membership and leadership. In this world, most human conflict and separation are caused by our differences: like race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, economic status, political positions, and more. Hope embraces diversity and welcomes all who come through our doors, without exception.

Hope’s Service Time: 10:00 A.M. Sunday

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In Touch with HOPE
August, 2019

To the Good People of Hope,

The weather and seasons teach and instruct. The early church fathers and mothers stated that there were two hands of God’s revelation that instruct Christ’s church: the hand of Scripture, and the hand of Creation. It is simply amazing to me that a week ago we had heat advisories given for the Midwest area in general and more specifically for us here locally. It was unbearable, and I was getting headaches just from coming in and out of the car from different appointments; migrating from adjusting to the contrasts between air-conditioned coldness and hot excessive heat. And then there has been this week… absolutely beautiful weather! It couldn’t be more different. We have heard about “Indian Summers” in the Fall, but this seems to be an “Indian Spring” in the Summer! (Knock on wood)

Life can be like that… shifting from heat to cold, from frigidity to excessive humidity. And in the midst of these changes around us, there can suddenly be an eye of the hurricane… there is a moment of peace. We are now heading through these instructive days, where weather might be teaching one thing on a visit to the South of Florida, or perhaps another lesson on the West Coast. All these things are taught us through the lenses of our senses if we listen, only to eventually be re- planted in our school of origin again; here in South Wheaton.

I pray that God gives you safety in your travels, and that the second hand of God, that which makes the wind blow and the mountains rise, teaches you something you might not have even noticed. I especially hope that you will notice the “in-between” moments of weather extremes, where the God given gift of self-reflection might truly teach and lead you in a way most unexpected, but all the more healing.

Blessings on your “comings and goings” this August, May they lead eventually lead you back to Hope where we can compare notes!

Peace

Pastor Jay

OUR MISSION
The community of Hope exists to let people know they matter to God, by showing them they matter to us, in order that they may share God’s love with others.
A Second with Session

Session did not meet in July, but Pastor Jay and select elders attended two meetings this month with members of the Chicago Presbytery to review our application for the “Salary Supplement for Qualified Congregations” grant. Congregations who meet a set of predetermined criteria can qualify to receive up to 50% of their pastor’s effective salary and pension dues per year for up to three years.

On July 2, we met with Executive Presbyter Sue Krummel, at her Chicago office, who reviewed our written application and our current financials. Sue explained the process of how the Presbytery will determine which local churches will receive the grant. The Presbytery’s Mission Committee will meet on August 15 to make that decision. The money for the three-year grant is already available. But churches which are awarded the grant this year will still have to apply the next two years to continue receiving the funds. We showed Sue the recent Hope Church Five Year Plan and how these funds would help support the initiatives outlined in the plan. She thanked us for arriving at specific line item uses of the funds and send a report of this to the Presbytery as part of our application.

On July 14, we met with Barb Gosky, clerk of the Commission on Ministry, at Hope Church and presented to her our planned use of the grant money. Some of those items include professional training for Stephen’s Ministry, youth leaders, PRISM, worship (Calvin Institute), and elder training. Other uses are for outside speakers, musicians, etc. to enhance our worship and to attract others in our community to Hope. Barb was impressed with our ideas and suggested we create a six-month plan and a twelve-month plan to track our progress. She thanked us for applying for the grant and for taking a strong step toward improving our church.

Note: The next stated meeting of Session will be Tuesday, August 20 at 7:30pm.

Blessings,
Bill Borst
Clerk of Session

Imagine being enveloped by the “peace that passes all understanding”. Those of us who are participating in centering prayer have found a sense of peace that is difficult to describe, but we find a deep sense of peace as we meet together weekly to experience the presence of God during our prayer time. After our prayer time we will be discussing the book “Open Mind, Open Heart” to learn more about this practice of centering prayer. Newcomers are welcome at any time. We meet every Thursday morning from 10 to 11 in the Oasis room. Come experience something different and meaningful. Contact Carol Urban if you have any questions.

August 2019
Hope Wheaton / Hope Chicago

Unity Picnic

Saturday August 17, 2019

Join in offering hospitality to our brothers and sisters from Hope Chicago in our beautiful surroundings. In addition, we will be joined by our friends from Bethel New Life, Church of Latter-Day Saints, PFLAG, Turkish American Society of Wheaton, Wheaton Sikh Community Center, and perhaps others. Our guests will arrive at 12:00 PM. We will serve lunch upon their arrival. Games, fellowship and activities for all ages will take place following the meal.

The Relating Beyond Hope Committee will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, chicken and beverages. Please sign up to provide a side dish, salad or dessert. Please don’t forget your lawn chairs.

If you have any questions, ask any member of The Relating Beyond Hope Committee:

Kurt Parent, Chairperson
Merikay Huszagh
Tara Schreiner
Duane Ness
Wayne Pretzer
Carol Urban
Mike Wolfe

Pastoral Partners

While Pastoral Partners haven’t met as a group during July, Pastoral Partners have been providing spiritual support, meals, and transportation for those experiencing difficult life situations. If you aren’t sure who your Pastoral Partner is, please contact one of the Pastoral Partners listed below.

Phyllis VanDermolen
Darla VanDyke
Marlene Jepson
Carol Urban
Dan Urban
Sherri Clubb
Deb Ness
Jan Donaldson
Marla Parent
Lynne Danekas

Relating Beyond Hope

What a wonderful visit we had with Pastor Padin, Dania, and grandson Alex during their week-long visit to Wheaton. Prior to coming to Wheaton Dania and Alex spent a week in Florida visiting Dania’s sister and family.

A special thank you to Fred Rosen who made and donated a sign to be placed on La Fernanda’s church building.

Some of the activities Padin, Dania, and Alex participated in during their stay were:

* Padin assisted with the church service on July 28th.
* After service there was a welcoming lunch at Arrowhead.
* Attended a Kane County Cougar’s baseball game.
* Visited First Presbyterian Church of Wheaton.
* Spent a day in Chicago.
* Participated in a Spanish class at People’s Resource Center.
* Attended Thursday’s Centering Prayer meeting at Hope.
* Shopped for items that are not available in Cuba.
* Attended a concert at College of DuPage.
* Had meals and conversation hosted by several church members.
* Enjoyed lunch at an authentic Cuban restaurant located in West Chicago.

While we stayed busy during their visit, there was time for good conversation and reflection over a cup of coffee or a meal. This November, six of us will be returning to La Fernanda to help with their mission work and strengthen our relationship.

Your Relating Beyond Hope Committee thanks you for making Padin, Dania and Alex feel at home during their visit.

Please keep them and the congregation of La Fernanda in your prayers.
Please wish these Hope members a Happy August Birthday!

7         Connie Kunze
14         Randal Little
14         Terese Janik
14         Merikay Huszagh
15         Addy Young
16         Deborah Forys
16         Fred Rosen
15         Sharri Moses
19         Darla Van Dyke
20         Meg Boudouris
20         Jennifer Persak-Allen
23         NamJu Borst
23         Bob Jenkins
29         Jay Lechnick

Worship Music and Arts

The WMA committee has taken a rest during July and will meet in August to continue planning changes for the Sanctuary to mark the liturgical season of “Ordinary Time.” Join us on Sunday, September 15 to learn more about journeying with Jesus during the season of Ordinary Time.

Children’s Worship

This summer, the Children’s Worship time will center around the book of Ezekiel. Each week children will listen to a verse and have the opportunity to make a craft that accompanies the story of the day. The special children’s summer series runs June 16th through September 8th during the 10am church service.

Traditional Children’s Worship resumes September 15th and also takes place during the 10am church service.

Share your birthday with others. Bring cake mix and icing for the PRC Food Pantry!

What we need:

- Save the date – we need lots of help!
  - Can’t help all day? Sign up for a few hours.
  - Pizza lunch is provided on Friday.
- Start cleaning your closets, attics, garage, etc.
  - We’ll accept everything except TVs, entertainment units & filing cabinets.
- Ask your neighbors to donate and shop
  - Stop by a garage sale and ask if you can collect the leftovers and bring them to Hope.
  - See an interesting item at the curb on trash day? Bring it to Hope!
- Bring donations to Hope now
  - Drop them off in the closet closest to the office.
- Proceeds will be split between Hope’s Lighthouse Youth Group, Relating Beyond Hope and Building and Grounds

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