

KEEPING UP WITH HOPE PRESBYTERIAN

August 2025

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK . . .



“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.”
Matthew 5:16

The phrase "preparation is the key" is a common idiom emphasizing the importance of planning and readiness in achieving success. It suggests that thorough preparation enables individuals to navigate challenges, make informed decisions, and ultimately increase their chances of reaching their goals. By anticipating potential obstacles and developing strategies to overcome them, preparation minimizes the element of surprise and allows for a more controlled approach to achieving desired outcomes.

As we close the Summer and prepare for the Fall, the congregation has been busy getting ready for upcoming events and activities. Preparing for the next stage in achieving the goals for this year. You can find exciting information on the new website thanks to Bob Strutzel and Susan Vroman located at hopepresbyterian.org. Please take a look at the site and provide feedback. We would love to hear from you.

Christian Education has also been busy. They hosted the first Bingo opportunity at the church on Wednesday, July 30th with approximately 15 people in attendance. The committee is now preparing to host a second Bingo time for August 27th at 10:30 am. Please plan to come out to share on that day. The event created an atmosphere of relaxation, fellowship and fun. The Health and Wellness Expo will take place on Saturday, September 20th from 10-12 noon. Several organizations will be present to help with the medical issues we face. Invite others to come out and be informed.

The Finance committee welcomes our newest member Rosie Buchalski to help oversee the new parking lot program between Hope and Wheaton Warrenville High School. As of today, we have approximately 30+ students participating. Thanks to Tom and Glenn for painting the numbers on the parking spaces. The first person to communicate what is uniquely different about our numbering program to Glenn will win a prize from him 😊.

Relating beyond Hope is planning the Annual Unity Picnic for Saturday, August 16th from 12-3 pm. We have invited Hope Chicago, Bethel New Life, Turkish American Society and other religious organizations to this event. Looking forward to a great time in the Lord.

“But I will restore you to health and heal your wounds,’ declares the LORD.” Jeremiah 30:17. Let us continue to pray for Bill Borst as he recovers from his heart surgery. Please pray for Keith Carter as he is battling medical issues related to his legs and feet. I invite you to keep Carol and Dan’s daughter Sarah in prayer as she wrestles with Cancer. Let us pray for Patti Flanagan as she has suffered from a fall the other day. In the Prayer & Bible Study this week we read these words, which I will share to encourage those who need prayer. “After the king threw Daniel into the Lion’s Den. The king said to Daniel, ‘May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you!’” Today, we look to God to continually rescue those who are afflicted and in need of assistance.

As we continue to give God praise for the plethora of activities and positive things happening at the church, I am pleased to announce this month I will be speaking on messages of faith and hope. The title of the sermons this month include: *Abraham’s Faith; God’s Word is Like Fire; A Prophet to the Nations; and God is with Us*. Praying you enjoy the sermons and hopefully will walk away with new insights into your relationship with God.

Humbly submitted by,

[Rev. Dr. R. Keith Beauchamp](#)



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Christian Education has had a busy summer. We formed a subcommittee of CE to plan and run BINGO. The Christian Education Team will continue to support the BINGO Team until it can support itself. At the same time Christian Ed has continued to plan for our HEALTH AND WELLNESS EXPO. This is a huge undertaking for our team and I am proud to say the planning is going well.

We earned our defibrillator!!!!

Look for it hanging in the foyer.

Hope Presbyterian Church

On July 30, we ran our first BINGO game day. 17 people including our BINGO team attended. We played, cheered for the winners, awarded prizes, ate snacks, Glenn told silly jokes and we enjoyed each other's company. We had a blast!!

Our next game day will be August 27. Number calls will begin at 10:30 am and continue until 11:30 am. No fee. Free will donations.

Mark your calendars! Please send the date and time to your neighbors, friends and family inviting them to join us. We never know who may be feeling "blue" and may need some "cheering up". Bingo at Hope might be just what they need. Maybe you or someone you know is a caregiver. That caregiver and the person he or she cares for might enjoy an hour of BINGO and socializing. Our Team will be on hand to happily assist anyone who may need a little help.

**COME! PLAY BINGO! MAKE A NEW FRIEND! LAUGH!
LET'S HAVE SOME FUN!**

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

HEALTH AND WELLNESS EXPO

September 20, 2025

10:00 am- Noon

No fee

Hope Presbyterian Church

Christian Education is hosting this informational event introducing you to agencies, and organizations that specialize in serving the needs of Seniors, Families, and Anyone who needs help. As for this writing, we have 12 agencies registered. Among those agencies are ESEE for adult day care and Nami DuPage helping with mental health, Captel to learn about a free and easy to use telephone and even the state treasurer's office will have a table.

Once again, please help us spread the word to your friends and relatives about this event. Come to learn what services DuPage County has to offer.

One more thing.

If you have a 6' or 8' folding table that we could borrow for this event, we would appreciate it. Contact one of the CE Team members for information.

THANKS AGAIN FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Your Christian Education Team,
Pam Dalby, Jan Realie, Debbie Wolski, Anna Lloyd, Mike Wolfe, Susan Vroman
and Carol Gats- Chair



COMMUNICATIONS

Hope's New Website Is Here!

Your Communications Committee has been trying to create a new website for Hope. After looking at other church websites, we realized Hope's former site was in need of an overhaul. Technology has changed the way people communicate and what they expect to find when browsing the web. One of our priorities was "more photos, less text". When looking for a new church home, most people head to the internet, so it's important to put our best foot forward. First impressions are lasting impressions.

We'll do our best to keep our photos, Calendar and Events pages, up to date. If you're at a Hope activity, please take some photos and forward them to Susan Vroman. Landscape format mode photos usually fit best on the site. We're looking for joyful, informal and friendly looking photos of all that's happening at Hope!

We invite you to take a look at our new digital home. It's the same address: hopepresbyterian.org but with a whole new look! On each page you'll find Hope's logo on the top left corner and a menu bar to the right. Take a look at each page on the drop-down menu choices when you explore the site. Any time you want to return to the Home page, just click on the Hope logo.

Here's just a small sample of what you'll find:

Welcome to Hope Presbyterian Church!

.... where we strive to shine as a beacon of hope, building a community rooted in Christ's love and showing God's love to those searching for belonging.

Join us on Sunday's at 10 am
1771 S. Wiesbrook Rd., Wheaton, IL 60189

SERVE IN OUR CHURCH

Volunteer FAQ

How can I volunteer at Hope?

How do I volunteer with the music program?

I have a great idea I'd like to share!



HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

What We Believe

.... where we strive to shine as a beacon of hope...

Core Beliefs

Vision Statement:

.... where we strive to shine as a beacon of hope, building a community rooted in Christ's love and showing God's love to those searching for belonging.

HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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WORSHIP

The background of the page is decorated with various financial icons. In the top left, there is a pink wallet with a coin being inserted. In the top right, there is a green banknote and a gold coin. At the bottom, there is a large brown money bag with a dollar sign, surrounded by stacks of gold coins and green banknotes.

FINANCIAL COMMITTEE

FINANCE REPORT

Finances Remain Stable

Hope's income and expenses continue to be doing well against budget through July, with income higher than expenses by \$4661.

Communion Tabletop Donations

Thank you to those who donated funds for replacing the glass table tops for Hope's communion tables. A total of \$1045 was donated, which well exceeds the cost of new and improved table tops. Any excess after purchase will be reserved for other Worship, Music and Arts needs.

Student Parking Rental Program

As of August 6, about 30 applications for student parking permits have been sent to Rosie Buchalski, who is handling this project. Hope receives \$125 for each permit. Look for the new student parking sign in the parking lot and for the number of parking spaces for students with permits.

Financial Review

Jay Lechnick has completed a review of Hope's 2024 finances. The Finance Committee and Session will review its findings and recommendations this month. Look for specifics in the September newsletter. We are grateful to Jay for volunteering to do this review.

Glenn Stith, Finance Chair

Pastoral Partners

We began our recent meeting with some thoughts about planning as a Christian. There's an old saying, 'Man plans, and God laughs.' It's a paradox.

We are expected to use our time and talents wisely. We cannot simply sit back and pray that everything will just fall into place. Thus, we do need to make plans but need to understand that when unfortunate things happen, having a strong faith will take you through the challenges of life and give you peace.

Speaking of making plans, we are looking forward to celebrating the 55th anniversary of Hope Presbyterian Church on Sunday, October 12. We ask all members of Hope to submit a memory of their time at Hope directly to the church office. We will be gathering the memories into a booklet for all members as a memento of the occasion. Please ask any former members and or friends of Hope to share a memory by either sending an e-mail or note to the office. There will be a reception after church to celebrate the occasion.

Betsy DiVita, Chair

RELATING BEYOND HOPE

Little Red Truck Ministry

Many children will benefit from our school supply drive on Saturday, July 12. The truck bed was filled with bags and boxes of paper, pencils, pen, crayons, markers, coloring pencils, and glue. It took Claudia Taylor, Betsy DiVita, and Sheri Clubb 90 minutes to sort all the donations so that half could be given to Hope Chicago and the other half to the People's Resource Center. The latter's school supplies were delivered on Monday, July 14 which were greatly appreciated. Hope Chicago will receive their school supplies at the Unity Picnic. Thank you for your generosity!



Introduction to Systemic Racism

Led by CARE (Commission on Anti-Racism and Equity)



This day-long workshop is for staff, leaders, and members of congregations committed to building congregational vitality; dismantling structural racism and eradicating systemic poverty. It's led by trained volunteers and staff who work with the Presbytery of Chicago's CARE Commission. Some of content covered in this workshop includes:

- Introducing a framework for understanding systemic racism
- Emphasizing the biblical and theological foundation for anti-racism and equity work
- Learning how racism is institutional, not just the acts of individuals
- Unpacking how both people of color and whites are socialized in white dominant culture
- Exploring examples of systemic racism
- Inviting participants to reflect on their context and their institutions; including awareness of how racism effects the church as a whole
- Visioning the long-term strategic work of dismantling the practices that uphold systemic racism in our institutions

Who: Leadership (staff, Elders, Deacons) and interested members

When: Saturday, September 27, 2025

Where: Hope Presbyterian Church, 1771 Wiesbrook Rd. S, Wheaton 60189

630-668-7750 (Church Office)

Time: 8:30am – 4:00pm

Register by: Saturday, September 13, 2025

Coffee & Lunch included

Unity Picnic: A Celebration of Togetherness

Join Us for a Day of Fun, Food, and Friendship!

Welcome to the Unity Picnic!

Are you ready for a vibrant day under the sun, filled with laughter, connection, and the joy of community? The Unity Picnic is here to offer all that and more! Mark your calendars and prepare for a heartwarming gathering where diversity is celebrated, friendships are formed, and memories are made.

Event Details

Date: Saturday, August 16th, 2025

Time: 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Location: Hope Presbyterian Church
1771 S. Wiesbrook Rd. Wheaton, IL 60189

What's Happening at the Picnic?

Delicious Food, Games & Activities

Connect: Meet neighbors, make friends, and discover shared stories.

For More Detail

RSVP: hopepreswheaton1771@gmail.com, or call (630) 668-7750.

Join hands with us at the Unity Picnic—a day built on smiles, stories, and the celebration of what unites us all. Whether you're new to the community or a long-time resident, your presence will make this day richer and warmer.

Bring your loved ones, bring your laughter, and above all, bring your spirit of unity!

Let's make memories together—see you at the picnic!

WORSHIP, MUSIC & ARTS COMMITTEE

Worship, Music and Arts

Save the Dates!

The dog days of summer will soon be past us and the cooler days of fall will be upon us. We have 2 special worship services this fall.

Sunday, September 21, we will be worshipping outdoors so dress in comfortable clothes. A keyboard will provide our music for our familiar hymns. An amplifier will be set up so that we can hear Pastor Ron and those assisting him in the worship service. Some chairs will be set up in the grass area to the right of the church. Please bring your favorite lawn chair too. If we should have inclement weather, the worship service will be moved to the sanctuary. Let's all pray for a beautiful September day!



Outdoor Worship Service

Happy 55th Anniversary to Hope Presbyterian Church!!

October 4, 1970 is the charter date for Hope. Since our 50th anniversary landed during Covid, we were unfortunately unable to celebrate this special milestone. So, session decided to have 55th golden anniversary celebration on Sunday, October 12, immediately following the worship service in the Gathering Room. To make this day even more special, we are asking all members and friends to share a memory of their time at Hope. You can send this memory to the church office via email (hopepreswheaton1171@gmail.com) or by snail mail (1771 S. Wiesbrook Road, Wheaton, IL 60189). Please send your memory to the office by September 14 so that Jacquetta has time to compile these into a memory book for each of us. Our goal is to have 55 memories for 55 years of Hope! Please reach out to former members or friends of Hope and ask them to share a memory and to come celebrate with us. Also, if you have contact information for past members and friends of Hope, please share this with the church office. We would greatly appreciate it. Happy 55th Anniversary Hope!!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Women's Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting – 10:30 each Tuesday in the Gathering Room.

Prayer and Bible Study – Every Thursday at 6 p.m. in the Gathering Room.

RELICS—Retired men are meeting for lunch and conversation at noon on Monday, **Aug 11th & 18th** at Warrenville Cafe at 2 S. 505 Illinois Rt. 59 in Warrenville.

August 16-Unity Picnic begins at noon. More information to follow later.

September 20th 10am-12pm - Health & Wellness Expo. Local organizations will be at Hope to highlight the services they provide.

Save the Date - Oct 12th HOPE'S 55TH ANNIVERSARY - Stay tuned for more details and information.

***Congregants, please note that if you are not able to be at Hope on Sundays and would like a Weekly Bulletin all you need to do is send an email to Jacquetta at Hope Church and request to be on the Weekly Bulletin email list. That will ensure that you are aware of upcoming events. Send to hopepresbyterian1771@gmail.com, Bob Strutzel, Chair, Communications Committee.

If you are interested in becoming a member of Hope, please call the office or (630)-668-7750 or you can reach the church at hopepreswheaton1771@gmail.com .Take time to find hope in everyday situations. God will comfort and bless you as you journey through life.

MONTHLY EVENTS AT HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Name:	Date:	Time:
BNLC Worship	Every Sunday	1:00 pm
Prayer & Bible Study	Every Thursday	6:00 pm
RELICS	2x a Month	12:00 pm
Centering Prayer	Every 2nd and 4th Thursday	9:00 am
Elder session	Every 3rd Tuesday	7:00 pm

Pastor: **Rev. Dr. R. Keith Beauchamp**
Administrative Assistant : **Jacquetta (Jay)Carter**

Office Phone : **630-668-7750**
Office Fax: **630-668-7950**

Hope's Email: hopepreswheaton1771@gmail.com
Hope Website: hopepresbyterian.org

Clerk of Session: Bill Borst
Church Treasurer: Debbie Wolski
Building & Grounds: Tom Schmidt

Elder Session

Bill Borst (630-699-3873)
Sheri Clubb (630-639-1220)
Betsy DiVita (630-248-4790)
Dave Donaldson (630-247-1205)
Carol Gats (630-404-2448)

Tom Schmidt (630-750-0004)
Glenn Stith (630-2176757)
Bob Strutzel (312-213-3466)
Jim Vroman (630-660-7416)

Welcome

HOPE'S WELCOMING STATEMENT

Hope strives to be a safe haven for God's unconditional love. Every person is invited and encouraged to participate in all Hope's 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 exceptions.

HOPE'S MISSION STATEMENT

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**.

VISION STATEMENT

We **strive** to be a **beacon** of Hope, building a community **rooted in Christ's love** and **showing God's love** to those searching for community.