

# KEEPING UP WITH HOPE PRESBYTERIAN

## September 2025

### From the Pastor's Desk . . .



In September we will be faced with many opportunities to share our faith with others. One of the ways starts on the annual Labor Day. It is not just for BBQs but for other ways to celebrate the labor force in our country. Labor Day's spiritual benefits include a call to worship God through work, recognizing the importance of rest as a divine pattern for human life, reflecting on the dignity of labor and fair treatment for workers, and

anticipating a future, perfect Sabbath-rest in God's presence. It encourages gratitude for God's provision in work, a commitment to doing all work for His glory, and a chance to pray for the well-being of other workers.

The periodic gathering of the members of the Presbytery in Chicago will take place in Evanston on the campus of Garrett Theological Seminary with additional hosting by Carter-Westminster Presbyterian Church in Skokie, First Presbyterian Church of Evanston, and Northminster Presbyterian Church of Evanston on Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. This gathering is called the Presbytery Assembly. The Elder Session has voted to move our monthly meetings to the third Mondays at 3pm. If you have items you would like to share with them, please feel free to contact Bill Borst, Clerk of Session, or myself to get on the agenda.

The Health and Wellness Expo will take place on the 20<sup>th</sup> of September from 10-12 noon. On the 27<sup>th</sup> our church has been requested to host a CARE program focused on Systemic Racism by the Chicago Presbytery. Please place both events on your calendar and hope to see you there. I am happy to announce that one of the co-laborers with us is Bethel New Life Church and they will be celebrating another year of service on September 12<sup>th</sup>. Feel free to join them.

As I close out this newsletter, I need to remind you to start to formulate your contribution to the 55<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary booklet, please share a memory via the church office. Looking forward to engaging in a busy month!

Humbly submitted by,

Rev. Dr. R. Keith Beauchamp

# **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

## **NEWS AND NOTES FROM YOUR**



Your Christian Education Committee has been hard at work planning for the upcoming **Health & Wellness Expo** which will be held on **Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup> from 10A-12 noon** at Hope. Currently, we have 15 agencies/businesses that are definitely coming:

Advocate Health Advisors  
Bethel New Life Church  
Capitel Captioned Telephone  
Chicago Death Doula Collective  
DuPage Community Services  
Glen Ellyn Family Eye Care  
Hope Presbyterian Church  
Hopeful Beginnings  
Illinois Comptroller Office  
Keller Williams  
NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness)  
Oak Street Health  
Oasis Senior Advisors  
Safe Families for Children  
Veterans

**....and these organizations have said they're coming;**

Alzheimer's Association of Illinois  
AFSP (American Foundation for Suicide Prevention)  
DuPage Health Coalition  
ESSE Adult Day Services  
Illinois Treasurer  
Inspire Consulting Services  
Wyndemere

**Be sure and invite your family and friends to join us. Most of the participants will have free things to hand out and Hope is giving everyone a reusable tote bag to hold all of the information!**



## Bingo Blast!

Christian Ed's Bingo Committee has recently hosted two Bingo Blast games. It was a great time of fellowship...plenty of laughs, good snacks and some terrific prizes. Glenn Stith served as our Bingo Caller and his Bingo jokes rolled out almost as fast as the numbers!



Bingo Blast

**Friday, September 26, at 10:30- 11:30 am**

**Friday October 24, at 10:30-11:30 am**

There is no cost, but a free will offering is available.  
Come join the fun and invite your family and friends.

## Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup> - 10AM



Your Christian Ed committee will be at Hope on Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 10AM to do some interior cleaning on Hope's main floor and we need some help! Hope is hosting the Health & Wellness Expo the following day. There will be lots of visitors to Hope that day, so we want to put our "best foot forward". First impressions last a lifetime.

We'll be washing windows, dusting cobwebs, organizing the Gathering Room, tidying up the coat closets, etc. Once we're done, we'll be moving chairs and setting up tables in the sanctuary for the Health & Wellness Expo which is the following day.

There's an old saying, "Many hands make light work", so we're hoping you can help out. If you're busy on the 19<sup>th</sup>, we will have a "chore list" posted on door to the closet in the Gathering Room (next to the Music Room doors) so you can clean on a date that works for you and initial the chore(s) that you completed.

Thanks for your help,

Your Christian Ed Committee

Carol Gats (chair), Pam Dalby, Anna Lloyd, Jan Realie, Susan Vroman, Debbie Wolski, Mike Wolfe

# **FINANCIAL COMMITTEE**

## **FINANCE REPORT**

### **STUDENT PARKING INCOME**

At the end of August, thirty-six Wheaton Warrenville High School students had registered for parking at Hope's lot for this school year. At a rate of \$125 per parking space, this generated an additional \$4500 of income for Hope. This will help balance our operating budget for 2025, while providing a needed service to our high school community. Thanks to Rosie Buchalski for spearheading this parking initiative and to Tom Schmidt for preparing the parking spaces.

### **HOPE'S CAPITAL RESERVE FUND**

So far this year, Hope's income is outpacing expenses, which is gratifying since our 2025 budget projected a deficit of \$8200. However, our longer-term financial challenge is to provide for capital improvements, such as a parking lot upgrade, roof repairs, and HVAC replacements. Presently, Hope has \$12,500 that has been donated to Building and Grounds for such purposes, but this is only a drop in the bucket compared to the anticipated needs. Both the Finance Committee and Session want to highlight this need during our budgeting process this fall. Hope's Finance Committee will place this \$12,500, along with any surplus from this year's operating expenses, and any designated gifts for capital needs, in a Capital Reserve Fund and will report on the status of this fund regularly.

### **BIRTHDAY BUCKS FOR THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND**

For years, Bob Strutzel has encouraged individuals on their birthday to donate their age in dollars for Building and Grounds needs. Please consider donating "Birthday Bucks" for the Capital Reserve Fund in addition to your regular giving. Put "Birthday Bucks" or "Capital Reserve Fund" on your check memo line, so Treasurer Debbie Wolski can record your contribution appropriately. And Happy Birthday!

Humbly Submitted Glenn Stith, Finance Chair

## Pastoral Partners

We have a special anniversary coming up very soon. Please remember to send in your memory to commemorate **Hope's 55th anniversary**. We are asking that you share your memory by sending it into the church office by e-mail at hopepreswheaton1771@gmail.com by **September 14**. We would like to collect 55 memories and compile them into a booklet as a memento of this anniversary.

We look forward to sharing this special occasion in the coffee hour after service on **Sunday, October 12**. On another note, I want to thank the members of my committee for being very attentive to the needs of our congregation.

There have been some unexpected health challenges and a major lifestyle change for some of our members. Thank you to those who stepped up to either help and, also pray and give encouragement to those in special situations.

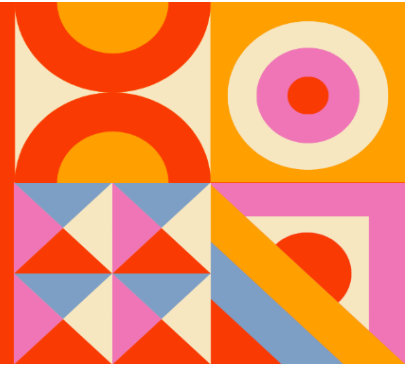
Humbly Submitted, Betsy DiVita, Chair





# 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***

# WORSHIP, MUSIC & ARTS COMMITTEE

## **Thank You!**

Thank you ever so much for your donations for the polycarbonate tabletops to replace the glass ones. We received \$1,045 which is more than we needed to purchase these new tabletops. The final cost is \$694 for the 3 long tables and 2 small square tables. Carlson, Paint, and Glass will deliver and install them and take away the old glass tops. What a wonderful gift this has been! We are anticipating delivery in the month of September. The Worship, Music and Arts Committee decided to use the remaining \$351 to purchase a new piano cover for the grand piano in the sanctuary. It is desperately needing to be replaced. Thank you again for your generosity.

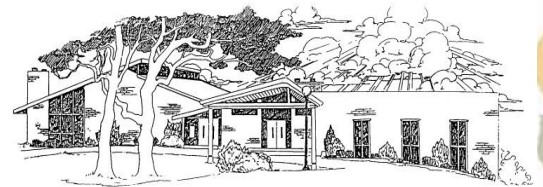


*Outdoor Worship Service*

**Sunday, September 21**, we will be worshipping outdoors so dress in comfortable clothes. If it's a chilly day, please be sure to bring a jacket. A keyboard will provide our music for familiar hymns such as "Morning Has Broken", "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness", and "Amazing Grace". 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 and parking lot to the right of the church. Please bring your favorite lawn chair too. There is just something special about worshipping God outdoors. If we should have inclement weather, the worship service will be moved to the sanctuary.

## **55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

On Sunday, October 12, immediately following the worship service in the Gathering Room, we will celebrate 55 years of Hope. 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](mailto: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, especially email addresses, for past members and friends of Hope, please share this with the church office. We would greatly appreciate it.



## Save the Dates

**Sunday, November 16** - After worship service we will gather in Fellowship Hall to make Chrismon ornaments for our Christmas tree. All materials will be provided. If you cannot join us, you will be able to take materials with you to make at home.

Refreshments will be provided by the Worship, Music and Arts Committee. Look for more information in the October newsletter.



**Saturday, December 6** – Hanging of the Greens Please save this Saturday afternoon to help decorate Hope's sanctuary the Christmas tree for the season of Advent and Christmas. More information will follow in the November newsletter.



Respectfully submitted,

Sheri Clubb, chair of Worship, Music and Arts Committee





# 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.

**Volunteer's Needed**- Faith Covenant needs individuals to volunteer serving late breakfast on Wednesday's. If you are interested in serving, please reach out to Rosie Bulchalski for more information.

**RELICS**—Retired men are meeting for lunch and conversation at noon on Monday **September 8<sup>th</sup>** at Warrenville Cafe at 2 S. 505 Illinois Rt. 59 in Warrenville.

**We warmly invite you to join us for our 2025 Annual Abrahamic Dinner at the Islamic Foundation.** Our theme this year is "A Moral Path to Peace and Justice." We hope you can join us for an evening of fellowship, discussions and talks from our inspiring guest speakers & community leaders. **Date: Thursday, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Location: Islamic Foundation Banquet Hall, 300 Highridge Rd, Villa Park, IL, Time: 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM (Dinner will be served)** Please RSVP using the link below:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScBxgvHUEk2TYzmQhzBhwlmY9NkcVS0gtPx3OtXNSvFc20\\_4g/viewform?usp=dialog](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScBxgvHUEk2TYzmQhzBhwlmY9NkcVS0gtPx3OtXNSvFc20_4g/viewform?usp=dialog) If you have any questions or dietary restrictions, feel free to email or text us. We look forward to welcoming you to this special gathering! Regards, Naz Hassan (630)863-5479 and Dr. Aamir Safdar (708) 228-9585 on behalf of the IFIOC Team Islamic Foundation Interfaith and Outreach Team.

**September 19<sup>th</sup>** starting at 9 am - Church cleanup to get ready for the Health & Wellness Expo. Please bring cleaning rags, buckets and vacuum cleaners. Thank you in advance.

**September 20<sup>th</sup> 10am-12pm** - Health & Wellness Expo. Local organizations will be at Hope to highlight the services they provide. We are looking for volunteers to man the table for Hope at the expo. If you are interested, please reach out to Pastor Beauchamp.

**September 21<sup>st</sup>** Bring a chair and wear comfortable clothes for an outdoor worship experience.

**September 27<sup>th</sup> 8:30am-4:00pm - Introduction to Systemic Racism- Content will include:**

\*A framework for understanding systemic racism, \*the biblical and theological foundation for anti-racism and equity work, \*How individuals are socialized in white dominant culture, \*the existence of institutional racism and how it affects the church as a whole, \*Reflection and visioning on how to dismantle systemic racism in our institutions. **To register, use the link:** <https://forms.gle/MwjPPJKg96n1tc5m9> .

**Register by:** Saturday, September 13, 2025.

**Oct 12<sup>th</sup> HOPE'S 55<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY** - Please send a memory of Hope to the church office by September 14<sup>th</sup>. Our hope is to have 55 memories for 55 years. These will be compiled into a booklet to share at the celebration immediately following service in the Gathering Room.

\*\*\*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 at 630-668-7750. 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

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

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Administrative Assistant : **Jacquetta (Jay)Carter**

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**Hope Website:** [hopepresbyterian.org](http://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)**





## 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.

