

KEEPING UP WITH HOPE PRESBYTERIAN

July 2025

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK . . .

Psalm 118:22-24 states, “22The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; 23 the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes. 24 The Lord has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad.”

For the first six months of the year, I am happy to announce that we saw an increase in activities and events here at Hope. Now we shall bask in the preparation for the latter part of the year. As we close out June, I am reminded of the wonderful programming that took place and the outstanding attendance for the Dementia Workshop, New Members Class, Juneteenth, and AED & CPR training.

Spent some time this month working on a few projects with the elders to bring in additional funds to the church. I think Glenn Stith has hit on a gold mine that will bless the church. Hope is looking to invite the High School students back on to our property during the school year for a fee. More details will follow as we work on the guidelines. Bob Strutzel announced to me that he hopes to be finished with the new website soon. I believe he and Susan Vroman have done a fantastic job and I can't wait to see the finished product. Carol Gats and Glenn Stith, Co-chairpersons, along with a few others have planned to host the Bingo game for Hopers and our neighbors! You can find more details in this newsletter.

Our Prayer & Bible Study group just concluded studying the Book of James and we are starting to read the Book of Daniel in the Bible. Feel free to come on Thursdays at 6pm to learn more.

I have been in communications with Bill and Namju Borst and he is healing nicely – slow but sure. Let us continue to pray for him and the other sick and shut-ins.

My heart is heavy for the people in Iran that the U.S. attacked, so let us pray for the innocent lives lost in war and those struggling with the issues in our country. Pray for our leadership and those in charge of the country and the administration. Pray that God will guide, bless and sustain the U.S. as we proceed. My prayer is that God will cover His children and keep us safe.

Humbly submitted by,
Rev. Dr. R. Keith Beauchamp



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

THANK YOU!

Thank you for helping to make the month of June a success!

Let me explain.

Christian Education sponsored two major events for the month of June. That's a big undertaking.

First of all, we sponsored PART 2 OF **JENNIE STONER'S DEMENTIA PRESENTATION**. That June 11th program was attended by about 35 people. Those in attendance included people from Hope and Bethel New life as well as people from the community who are looking for help and words of wisdom as they become caregivers of Dementia patients. Jennie gave an excellent follow up to her PART 1 which she gave in 2024. Many in attendance offered words of praise for Jennie's insight into this disease and expressed their hope for PART 3.

Secondly, we sponsored a clinic teaching CPR and lessons in handling an AED machine. We were in hopes of earning an AED machine if we could have at least 20 people attend this class. We did it! Thanks to all of you from Hope, Bethel New Life and the friends and relatives you brought, 40 people attended on June 21. That's great!! Not only did we reach our goal to earn that defibrillator, but we now know how to operate it and also what to do in case of an emergency requiring CPR.

Thanks to the **DUPAGE HEALTH COALITION** for this training and the machine which we earned through their **EVERY DAY HEROS** program.

THANKS AGAIN FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

COMING SOON

HEALTH AND WELLNESS - Mark your calendars for September 20. We are sponsoring this wellness expo to provide seniors at Hope and the community with valuable resources to help in daily living. Different organizations will be represented to give you information about the kinds of services they have to offer you.

BINGO! - Keep your eyes open for more info.

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

GETTING TO KNOW CAROL GATS

Interviewing Carol for our July newsletter couldn't have been more informative, with so many details offered about family teaching experience, saying yes to Jim! and the incredible love and friendships found within her own multicultural family community. Carol and Jim will travel anywhere they are invited to join in special events, certainly, to experience the life and joy found with their family. But, let me start with some basics!

Born in Danville, Illinois, Carol grew up on a dairy farm with two sisters (both also became teachers) and a brother (who became a Judge); her mom served as a teacher while her dad operated the farm. Her ideas about the world were easily formed from tv shows watched, and Carol was eager to explore many of them, away from familiar farm life. She practiced and played the violin in school orchestras, returning to it even today. Carol's family attended a merged church of evangelicals and Methodists and, later on, she and Jim were married in Farmers Chapel Church where her own parents had met in a Youth group!

Living off campus with a sister and her husband, Carol attended and graduated from the University of Illinois, Champagne Urbana, where she, too, served as a student teacher, receiving a degree in history; her first job was in middle school (the grade level she preferred throughout her career) and she loved it. Now this is awesome: receiving a phone call from a friend one night inviting her to McDonald's and, while filling out a raffle form for a Santa Claus as she stepped up to order, a friend of Jim's (also a college junior) looked over Carol's shoulder and memorized her name, giving it to Jim, who eventually knocked on her apartment door, having reported to his own friend that he intended to marry Carol one day...a lesson in never underestimating the power of McDonald's...especially if cupid is there purchasing a burger. Carol and Jim are approaching their 55th wedding anniversary in August!

Upon receiving an MBA, Jim was offered a job with International Harvester operating out of Chicago's southside Oak Forest neighborhood. Carol and Jim "interviewed" and ultimately attended a Methodist church in Oak Forest from '73 through '82, having three children during this time (Jim, Chris, Allison). A transfer was offered to Jim as he moved through the company, and Carol and Jim moved to Indianapolis, where their fourth child (Kenny) was born. Carol loved, still loves, Indianapolis and the multicultural communities of people, art, and music that the city boasts; though not as active in the Indianapolis Methodist church they found, a routine of discovering and attending church continued.



Moving to Wheaton in '86, the family decided to attend Hope Presbyterian church because, as Carol will explain, "the kids wanted to be with the Dalby kids", fast friends eventually as the two families lived, and still live, across the street from one another in Arrowhead, just behind the trees of our parking lot. Carol has served on Session multiple times, was recently a continually active member of the Transition Team, currently serving as chair of the Christian Education committee and, even as she and Jim now disappear to Arizona for the winter, feel close to the friends and family found at Hope. Several years ago, an interim pastor at Hope talked openly about Hope becoming a "Matthew 25 church" with a dynamic mission to carry scripture into action; Carol's interest, especially as she serves the congregation as CE Committee Chair, and as an active Session Elder, is to organize events and workshops that speak to Jesus' prophecy and, frankly, direction i.e. facilitating our members by offering medical and overall health support; ramping up regular games of Bingo resulting in expanded fellowship with one another; designing a women's retreat to provide a potential launch into a regular meeting of Hope's women similar to our successful Relics luncheon featuring men; and keeping her eye on what members need while also remaining aware of what our surrounding communities deserve. She loves Hope and its congregation...people who are interesting, curious, fun loving, and are "friends like family."

In closing, Carol quilts (she is a seamstress), has begun to play the violin again, loves all kinds of music and readily dances whether people are around or not! Her children, whose spouses represent Japanese, American, Persian, and Vietnamese cultures, are Jim and Amy, Chris and Nasim, Allison and Nick, and Kenny and Michelle. Nine grandchildren complete the family tree, with each family member adding their own personalities, ideas, experiences and opinions to family chats. Clearly, Carol is happiest when she and Jim are with the entire family!

Submitted by the Christian Education Committee: Carol Gatz (chair), Mike Wolfe, Susan Vroman, Pam Dalby, Jan Realie, Debbie Wolski, Anna Lloyd

COMMUNICATIONS

Hello Hoppers,

After over two months of continuous work on Hope's new web site, I can report that we are ready to go live. There have been numerous challenges, but our focus never wavered. The goal was and is fewer words and more "joyful interactions" as you will see once we have launched. I was hoping that would happen this week, but what seemed a trivial task, turned out to be a more challenging experience. As soon as we are launched, I will send an email blast to all and will have more to say at that time.

Bob Strutzel Chair, Communications Committee

FINANCIAL COMMITTEE

FINANCE REPORT

Finances Are Stable at Mid-Year

Hope's income and expenses continue to be doing well against budget through June, with income higher than expenses by over \$2000.

Student Parking Rental Program

On June 30, the session approved a plan to rent parking spaces to Wheaton Warrenville High School students this fall. The rate will be \$125 per slot for the school year. This should bring in some unplanned income for the church. Rosie Buchalski has graciously agreed to be in charge of this student parking program.

RELATING BEYOND HOPE

People's Resource Center Food Pantry

In October 2024 the People's Resource Center opened the door to its new building which also included its new and improved food pantry. On April, group of 13 Hoppers toured the new facility, new food pantry, and the new clothes closet.



The food pantry was a sight to behold! No longer were cans, boxes, breads, and produce scrunched into every nook and cranny. No longer were aisles only as wide as shopping carts. The new food pantry is like shopping in a small grocery store. Multilevel makes for easy shopping. A produce island allows shoppers to encircle it to choose the fruits and vegetables they would like.



The new "warehouse" is twice the size of the food pantry with a freezer 2 to 3 times bigger than the one from the "old" food pantry. There is storage farther than the eye can see for dry goods, canned goods, paper goods and diapers! It is a true blessing! Bill Mouka is sure one happy manager for the Wheaton PRC Food Pantry.



Little Red Truck Ministry

Thank you to all of you who donated personal care items and diapers to the PRC Food Pantry on **Saturday, June 7**. Bill Mouka and his crew were so glad to receive them. We filled 3 shopping carts overflowing! On **Saturday, July 12**, the little red truck will once again be in Hope's parking lot. We will be collecting school supplies for Hope Chicago and the People's Resource Center. What is needed? Paper, spiral notebooks, folders, pens, colored pencils, pencil sharpeners and erasers. For projects and art lessons: crayons, markers, coloring pencils, glue, and scissors. Let's once again fill the Little Red Pickup Truck! If you cannot come to the drive-through, you are welcome to place your donations in the PRC shopping cart located just outside the sanctuary. Hope to see you in July.



The Relating Beyond Hope Committee



WORSHIP, MUSIC & ARTS COMMITTEE

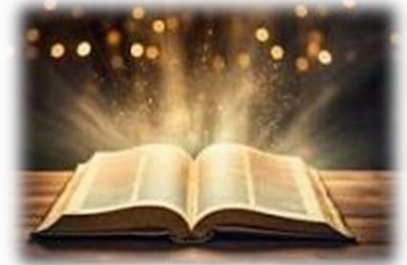
Summer has arrived! The warmer weather brings vacations for many of us including Pastor Ron. He will not be leading us in worship on **Sunday, July 13** and **Sunday, July 20**.

On Sunday, **July 13**, Pastor Nancy Farrell, an interim pastor who was with Hope many moons ago, will be preaching from the pulpit. She is looking forward to reconnecting and catching up with us. Please stay after the worship service for the Coffee Hour so that she can see and talk with each one of you. Then on

Sunday, **July 20**, Pastor Jane Tuma will be leading us in worship. Two years ago, she and Pastor Ron served as our bridge pastors before he became our official pastor. Pastor Jane is also looking forward to seeing all of us once again.

Looking forward to September, an outdoor worship service returns. Please save Sunday, **September 21** so that you can join us in an outdoor worship experience. Also, please pray for sunny, cool weather.....just right weather.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheri Clubb, Chair of Worship, Music and Arts



Communion Tabletops

Each of our 3 Communion tables and 2 small tops have a glass tabletop. Over the years these glass tabletops have become chipped and cracked which poses a safety hazard. Plus, they are heavy to lift on and off of the Communion tables. The Worship, The Music and Arts Committee researched replacing them with shatterproof polycarbonate which would be lighter and more durable than glass.

Carlson Glass in Wheaton quoted us a reasonable price. The cost for each Communion table is \$163.00 for a total of \$489.00 plus tax. The cost for each small table is \$65.00 for a total of \$130.00 plus tax. The grand total is \$619.00 plus tax. Unfortunately, this is not in the WMA Committee 2025 budget.

We thought we would ask the congregation if you would like to make a donation to help us purchase these tabletops. A \$5, \$10, or \$20 donation would be helpful. If you would like to make a donation to purchase one of the tabletops, that would be appreciated too. If you choose to make a donation to help us purchase these tabletops, please write on your check or in note that it is to be used towards the purchase of these tabletops. Thank you.

The 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.

This Sunday, July 13, at our regular service at 10:00 AM, we will welcome Pastor Nancy Farrell back to the pulpit while Pastor Ron is on a well-deserved vacation.

Our next ***little red truck*** mission for Wheaton's Peoples' Resource Center will be in Hope's parking lot on ***Saturday, July 12, from 10am- 12:00 noon***. We will be collecting school supplies for the PRC and Hope Presbyterian Church in Chicago. Paper, pencils, pens, erasers, crayons, coloring pencils, glue, folders, notebooks, safety scissors ... everything a youngster might need will be most appreciated.

We thank all members of our community who attended our dementia workshop on June 11 and our CPR clinic on June 21. Attendance at the latter was over 40 people and qualified our church to receive a defibrillator from the ***DuPage Health Coalition***. Thank you!

RELICS—Retired men are meeting for lunch and conversation at noon on Monday, **July 14th & 28th** at Honey Jam, located on Butterfield Rd. in Rice Lake Square in Wheaton.

Looking ahead, mark ***Thursday, July 30***, at 10:30 AM, **LET'S PLAY BINGO!!!!** for ***our next Bingo Blast!*** Everyone is welcome – families, seniors, caregivers and their loved ones, grandparents...come one, come all! Beat the heat and change your summer routine! Stop by Hope to play Bingo! Meet neighbors! Enjoy conversation! Light snacks will be served. A voluntary fee of \$5 per card will help offset our costs.

We strive to be a beacon of Hope, a community rooted in Christ's love, and showing God's love to all.

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

***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.

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**

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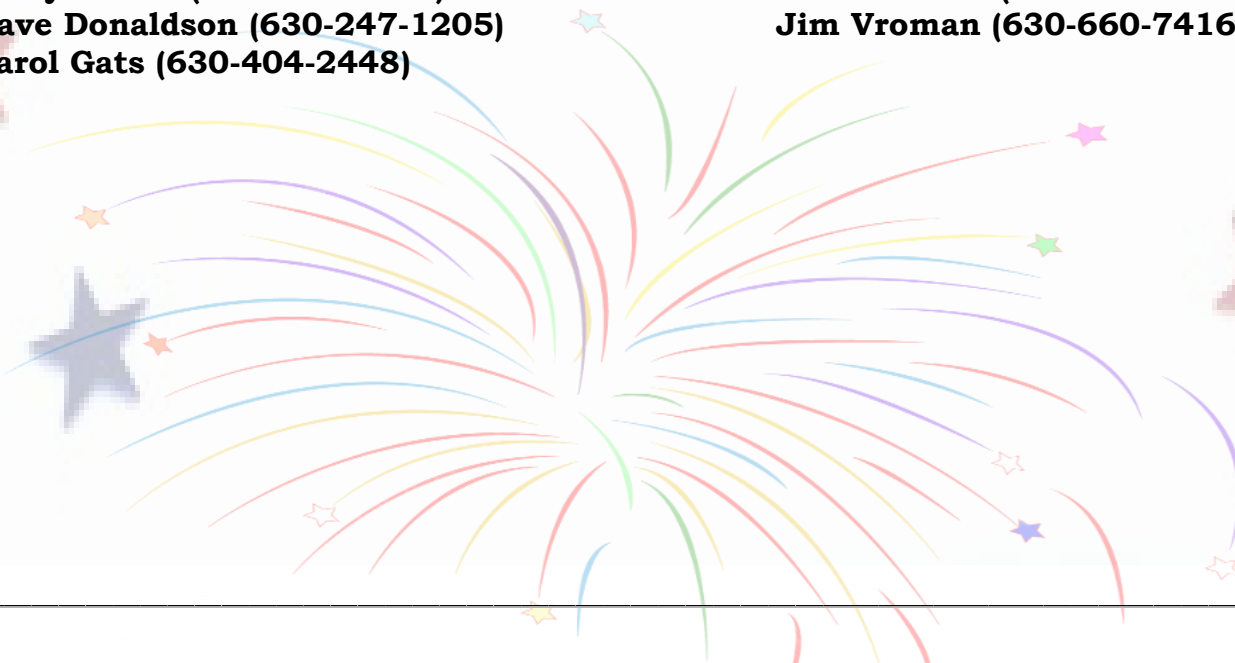
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Clerk of Session:	Bill Borst
Church Treasurer:	Debbie Wolski
Building & Grounds:	Tom Schmidt

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.

Gratitude and Thanks

Dear Brothers and Sisters at Hope Pres,
We hope this message finds you well. We remember you with deep joy and gratitude, your generosity and care came at just the right time and were truly a healing balm to our hearts. We'd love to share our Spring/Summer update with you and invite you to pass it along to the congregation.

With heartfelt thanks and warm blessings,
Diego, Esther, Bernabé, Esteban, and Febe

Diego Román & Family

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Spring /Summer Report

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Thinking
of You
Today



Dearest Rev,

Thank you so much for your message today 6/22 on faith in these challenging times. I find myself worrying more! I need to remember to pray more and send the worry monster away!!

Music helps as a form of prayer. And I have been listening to K-Love more and it helps. A couple of my favorites are Toby Mac- a little church and- Jodan Feliz- Praise God for that.

I will be gone the next couple of Sundays. So, I Hope to see you in July. Keep up the good work and messages. And stay out of trouble or get into some "GOOD TROUBLE"

Take care and I'll see you soon!

Ms. Jill Panovich