

KEEPING UP WITH HOPE PRESBYTERIAN

NOVEMBER 2025

From the Pastor's Desk . . .



I am truly grateful for the many cards, flowers, and expressions of love that were shown to me during Clergy Appreciation Month. Thankfulness in the Bible involves giving thanks to God for his goodness, love, and provisions, which is a recurring theme throughout scripture. Key verses emphasize that it is God's will to "give thanks in all circumstances," to be thankful in prayer, and to continually express gratitude for his

"indescribable gift" of salvation through faith. This gratitude is a fundamental part of worship and can be expressed both in good times and through difficult circumstances.

This month the Presbytery Assembly will take place on November 18th from 10-1 p.m. The Elder Session has voted to move our monthly meetings back to the third Tuesdays at 7 pm to accommodate guests. 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 goal this month is to minister to the various groups we are connected to while sharing the gospel message. Thankful to the members who visit with the PRC and bless this organization through our donations and service in the Clothes Closet. Thankful to those who brought items for the school in Englewood by way of Hope Chicago. Hoping to introduce a new event on the 30th of November called Ageless Grace led by Jenna Eisenberg. In November, we celebrate the harvest of bringing in the sheaves.

The art of welcoming friends, family and strangers to the church. A "reunion of church members" is a gathering that brings church members together to strengthen their community and faith through activities like worship, sharing food, and fellowship. These events can be a special occasion to welcome back former members, celebrate milestones, or simply to reconnect after a



period of separation, and they often include special programs like sermons, hymns, and scripture readings. This month I will be preparing sermons to reignite the flame that initially drew many to Christ.

Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness. [Col. 2:7](#)

Humbly Submitted by,

R. Beauchamp

Dr. R. Keith Beauchamp, Pastor

Hope's Welcoming Statement

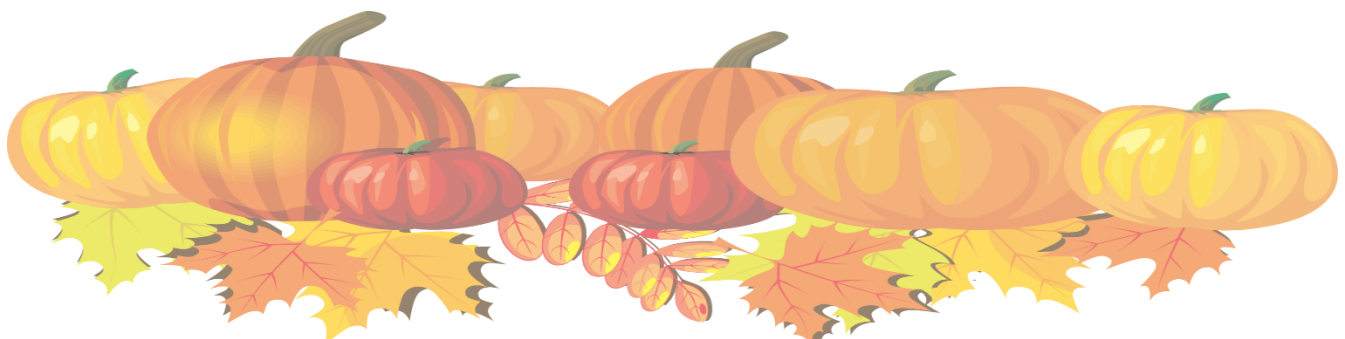
Hope strives to be a safe haven for God's unconditional love. Every person is invited and encouraged to participate in all Hope's activities and roles, including membership and leadership. In this world most human conflict and separation are caused by our differences, like race, ethnicity, gender, sexual 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.

Hope's 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.



CLERK OF SESSION

Greetings from your Session!

Your session met twice in October: A called meeting was held after worship on Sunday, October 19 in which all members of Hope and Bethel New Life Churches were invited. The next day, the session met for its regular stated meeting for the month. Both meetings were moderated by Rev. Dr. Ron Beauchamp.

The purpose of the meeting called on Sunday was to open a dialogue to improve the relationship between the two churches. At the start of the meeting, a brief survey on paper was handed out for all to complete. During the meeting, many folks from both churches spoke frankly about things which were said regarding our summer joint worship services, most of which (if not all) were a misunderstanding.

At the conclusion, Session issued a formal apology to Bethel New Life for the negative comments they overheard. Also, an apology was issued regarding the early movement of the food from the outside to the inside of the church during the Unity Picnic in August. Since it happened an hour before the scheduled end of the event, it gave the wrong message that the picnic celebration was over.

At the Stated meeting on Monday:

- Session discussed what was said at the called meeting the previous day. All agreed that we will strive to continue to improve our relationship with Bethel New Life Church and live up to our Welcoming Statement.
- Session also addressed a comment made at the Chicago Presbytery that Hope Church has a bad reputation -- especially with the treatment of their pastors. Session will request a meeting with the clerk of the Presbytery to obtain more information regarding this.
- A suggestion was made to issue name tags to members of Bethel New Life Church. Pastor Ron will check with the members of Bethel New Life to see if this is something they desire and will use. If we proceed with this, Bethel will design its nametag appearance and turn it over, with a list of their members' names, to Hope to order.
- Extra headphones were donated to the church which can be used for those in our congregation who have hearing challenges during the worship services. The headphones will be directly connected to Hope's sound system.
- The day and time for future monthly stated session meetings was changed back to the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm. This was done to accommodate all

members, many of whom work during the day, to attend “Speaking with Session” and/or serve as an elder. As always, you are invited to share any thoughts or concerns you have with either an individual elder or with the entire session. If you would like to present an idea to the session at our meeting, please contact Pastor Ron or me to be scheduled during the “Speaking with Session” portion of the meeting. The next stated meeting will be on Tuesday, November 18 at 7:00 pm.

Bill Borst, Clerk of Session

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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!

Friday November 21, 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.

Hello
Fall



Getting to Know Betsy DiVita (Salvatore)

Betsy (Elizabeth) DiVita grew up in Sheboygan, Wisconsin on a dairy farm. Betsy will share with you that she was happy living the farm life with her mother, father, brother and sister. While there, her great grandparents were instrumental in founding the UCC church where her family members are still active today.

As an adult, Betsy made her way to Wheaton where she landed a job with the NALCO company working as a Professional Administrator. She worked there for 30 years. During the course of those 30 years, she made many good friends. Now that she is retired, she gets together with those friends about once a week. They have a close bond and love keeping in touch.

Besides her siblings, Betsy's family consists of one son, Eric, his wife Laura and a 14-year-old granddaughter named Charlotte. Charlotte is clearly the apple of Betsy's eye as she lights up when talking about her. Also, Betsy has a new addition to her family! Betsy and Robert Salvatore, her longtime friend, were married this summer. Congratulations to you Betsy and Robert! We are very happy for you.

Betsy loves to travel with friends and family. One of her favorite trips was to Ireland. It came about as a result of attending an art fair. While shopping at an art fair with her good friend, Ellen Hampson, they became engaged in a conversation with one of the artists who was showing his art. They learned that this gentleman owned a Bed and Breakfast Inn in Ireland. They told him they would love to travel there to see it and enjoy the country. He assured them that he would let them know if he ever had a vacancy. Finally, in 2019, he let them know that his B+B had a cancellation and invited them to Ireland. They went and had a wonderful time! Also, Betsy loves to read. She loves music and plays the piano. Once in a while you will see and hear her playing during Sunday worship.

Betsy and Ellen visited Hope after seeing an ad in the paper talking about the Easter Cantata that Hope was presenting in the spring of 2008. They came, enjoyed the music and found the people to be warm and welcoming. Then they stayed. We are very happy they did.

At Hope, Betsy is a hardworking member of Session as Chairperson of the Pastoral Partners Committee and helps wherever she can. She is especially interested in the work we do with the PRC.

In her high school yearbook, her friends described Betsy as "Sweet and Mild". I would add "Humble and Loyal" to that description. She always wears a smile and is definitely a positive presence in our congregation.

Submitted by, Your Christian Education Team

COMMUNICATIONS

Hello Hopers, this month I want to comment about HOPE audio.

Some of you have mentioned at various times that you have difficulty hearing, the pastor, or lay leader. The audio booth is set in the rear and is elevated. The best location is to be on the floor level within the congregation. The sound mix that the audio tech hears will never be what the congregation hears. We do the best we can do given that situation. There is, however, a system in place that has the potential of helping the situation.

It seems that some time ago Hope purchased a hearing assistive listening system... and to my knowledge it has never been used. Whoever purchased this system bought an excellent system that works superbly. It includes 3 mini receivers, T-coil neck loops and separate earpieces. I checked this system a couple of weeks ago and was very pleased. The system is integrated into the audio board so that all mikes that feed the sanctuary also feed this system as well.

If you are having difficulty hearing the service, you may want to try this system. A couple of caveats, however. First, if you have a hearing aid, check to see if your device supports a T-coil. Typically, that is part of an app for your device and can be switched on or off from your phone. If you have this capability, then the audio tech will provide you with the proper neck loop which plugs into the mini receiver and audio will be fed directly to your hearing aid. At the end of the service, you disable the T-coil, and your device reverts to its normal operation.

If a T-coil is not an option, then you would use the mini receiver with earphones. Although the system comes with an over the earphone, I have found them cumbersome and greatly uncomfortable. It would be best to use your own earbuds, or over the head earphones equipped with a mini-plug. If you are interested in trying this, feel free to see me. FYI, I was just informed that Tom Schmidt has donated two pairs of earphones. Thank you, Tom.

Bob Strutzel

Chair, Comm Committee – Audio Team leader

FINANCIAL COMMITTEE

FINANCE REPORT

FINANCIAL STATUS

Hope Finance Report Through October Financial Status Pledge receipts were low for October, and for the first time this year I am reporting that expenses have exceeded income for the year to date. Hope is about \$3800 in the red thus far, so it is important that people maintain their giving plans as the year draws to a close. Stewardship Drive as of November 2nd, 15 pledges have been returned for 2026. The requested due date for pledges is Sunday, November 16, so please meet that date if you can. That will help tremendously with our budget planning for next year.

Submitted by Glenn Stith, Finance Committee Chair

PASTORAL PARTNERS

Autumn has been a busy time at Hope Presbyterian Church. We have had many wonderful opportunities for gathering together to worship, learn and socialize. Our 55th Anniversary celebration was a delightful day giving our members an opportunity to look back at all their accomplishments.

We took time during the worship service to honor previous pastors. Several members gave a brief message about each of them and the special gifts they brought to Hope. The Worship, Music and Arts committee displayed photo albums which chronicled the beginning of Hope when the congregation met in the old farmhouse. Jay compiled a lovely booklet in which members, friends and former members shared memories of time at Hope. A reception was held after the service with a delicious cake to celebrate the anniversary.

Now we turn our thought to the coming advent season. Please mark your calendar for the Hanging of the Greens on Saturday, December 6. It will be an afternoon of bonding with your fellow members and put you in the spirit of the Christmas Season. The tentative schedule is to meet at church at 2:00 p.m. and we will begin by singing some carols for our friends at Wyndemere. When we return to church, we will decorate the sanctuary and tree. There will also be an option to decorate ornaments. The gathering will end with pizza. We hope you will all join us.

Humbly Submitted, Betsy DiVita, Chair



RELATING BEYOND HOPE

Cub Scout Pack 365 Annual Pancake Breakfast



Cub Scout Pack 365 Annual Pancake Breakfast at Hope on Saturday, October 18th, Cub Scout Pack 365 hosted 296 people during their 2nd annual Pancake Breakfast fundraiser. Family, friends and Hopers were invited to come to Hope's Fellowship Hall to enjoy pancakes and sausage hot off the griddle, along with juice and coffee. The Scouts, ages Kindergarten through 5th grade, did a lot of the work, collecting tickets, cooking, serving and cleaning up. Hope Church is proud to serve as the sponsoring organization of Pack 365, which meets at Wiesbrook School





Winter Wear Collection

Winter Wear Collection Relating Beyond Hope is collecting NEW coats, hats, mittens, and gloves for children, to be donated to the People's Resource Center and Hope Chicago. Costco and Target have some reasonably priced winterwear items available if you're wondering where to shop. Please place your donations inside the PRC shopping cart located in the narthex during November.

The **People's Resource Center** is collecting NEW games, books, stuffed animals, blankets and \$25 gift cards for their annual Share the Spirit program.

Share the Spirit

Help spread some holiday cheer for our neighbors in need!



If you'd like to help out, please place your donations inside the box in the narthex no later than Sunday, December 7th. Gift cards to Jewel or Mariano's, Target, Walmart, or Amazon should be placed in Jim Vroman's Relating Beyond Hope mailbox in the office. If you'd like to help deliver the donations to the County Fairgrounds on December 8th, please contact Merikay Huszagh. Submitted by, Relating Beyond Hope Committee, Jim Vroman (chair), Sheri Clubb, Merikay Huszagh, Kurt Parent, Claudia Taylor and Carol Urban

Little Red Truck Mission

Thank you to all of you who dropped off personal care items and canned goods on Saturday, October 4 or placed them in the PRC shopping cart on Sunday mornings. The food pantry was thrilled to receive them. Once the bed of the truck was unloaded, we had filled 2 shopping carts to overbrimming!



For the month of November, we will have a Thanksgiving food drive. Each Sunday we will be able to place canned, boxed or non-perishable foods in the PRC shopping cart. The shopping cart will be brought into the sanctuary in order to empty the cart on the raised platform. This way we will start Sunday with an empty shopping cart.

Hopefully, we will be able to help those in need of food to fill their plates and tables with healthy items. Most likely, our donations will be delivered to the PRC Food Pantry on Monday, November 17 so there will be enough time for it to be distributed. Thank you in advance for feeding the hungry.

The Relating Beyond Hope Committee



WORSHIP, MUSIC & ARTS COMMITTEE



Piano cover

The grand piano now is safely protected from water and all other possible surface damage with a new piano cover. Thank you to Roberta Peterlinz for researching and ordering this waterproof cover. Thank you also for the donations you generously gave

towards our new tabletops. The donations exceeded the cost of them, so we decided to purchase this new protector for the grand piano. Many thanks!



Sunday, November 16 - To prepare for Advent and decorating Hope's Christmas tree, you are invited to gather in the Gathering Room after our worship service to make Chrismon. Chrismon are white felt ornaments in the shapes of stars, doves, angels, the cross, and other religious symbols. We will decorate these with beads, sparkles, and ribbons. As we sit around the tables, we can inspire one another in our creations, share ideas, and catch up on what is going on in our lives. Treats will be provided for by the WMA Committee so that we can munch as we create. If you are unable to stay to make an ornament, you can take a kit home with you. We will also have kits available the following Sunday if you are unable to attend church on November 16. Hope you can join us!



Saturday, December 6 – Hanging of the Greens



This year the Worship, Music and Arts and the Pastoral Partner Committees have planned a different experience for us....one filled with music, singing, decorating, and eating. We will gather at Hope at 2:00 pm to travel to Wyndemere and Westbridge to sing Christmas carols to residents in both buildings. Then we will return to Hope around 3:00 to decorate the sanctuary and the Christmas tree where we will hang the Chrismon we created in November and new golden ornaments. Once we are done decorating, the pizza will have arrived for us to eat. We hope you will be able to join us for this festive day.



Christmas Eve

Yes, there will be a Christmas Eve service. The WMA Committee will determine the time for this service at our November 3 meeting. We will notify you of this time in the weekly Sunday worship bulletin and in the December 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.

RELICS - Retired men are meeting for lunch and conversation at noon on Monday **November 3rd & 17th** at Warrentville Cafe at 2 S. 505 Illinois Rt. 59 in Warrentville.

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 November newsletter.



Thanksgiving Food Drive-For the month of November, we will be collecting canned and non-perishable food for the PRC Food Pantry. Please bring your donations to the church on Sunday mornings and place them in PRC shopping cart. On Monday, November 17, all food we have collected will be brought to the food pantry. Thank you!

Bingo Blast - Friday November 21, 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.

Thursday November 27th - HAPPY THANKSGIVING FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Saturday, December 6 – Hanging of the Greens

Please save this Saturday afternoon to help decorate Hope and the Christmas tree for the season of Advent and Christmas. More information will follow in the November newsletter.

***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

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 2 nd and 4 th Thursday	9:00 am
Elder session	Every 3 rd Monday	7:00 pm

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Office Hours: Appointment

Pastor Hour: **Dr. R. Keith Beauchamp**

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

Sunday 9:00-11:30 am

Monday 9:00-3:00 pm

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Tuesday 9:00-3:00 pm

Tuesday 9:00-3:00 pm

Friday 9:00-3:00 pm

Wednesday 12:00-8:00 pm

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*Saturday **General **OFF** unless weddings, funerals or maybe the Little Red Truck*

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