



WELCOME

People to faith in
Jesus Christ;

EQUIP

people with a
faith that works
in real life;

SEND

people in service
into the world in
Jesus' name.



HOPEFUL
LUTHERAN
CHURCH

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THE WEEKLY BANNER

WORSHIP

Welcome to this place of praise and prayers as we gather as part of the family of our heavenly Father.

We invite you to join us now and to return again often to celebrate the salvation we have in Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord of our lives.

If you are visiting with us today, please be sure to introduce yourself to Pastor Fields and Pastor Rod Ford and sign our guest book as you leave.

Our Saturday night blended service is at 5:00 pm . Our Sunday morning traditional service is at 9:00 am and a blended worship service at 11:00 am. Adult Sunday school class is at 10am and Children's Sunday school class is at 11am.

Hospitality Team		Tech Assistants		Communion Assistants		Reader & Acolytes	
Cheryl Wyatt / Jen Ensley	9:00 AM	Julie / Steve Peterson	5:00 PM	Rhonda Zuziak / Doug Bine	9:00 AM	Reader: Bev Shockey	9:00 AM
Heather Phelps	11:00 AM	Matthew Johns	11:00 AM	Barb Fields / Dan Fagan	11:00 AM	Acolyte: Daxton Bine	9:00 AM
Toni Stelle	11:00 AM	Ayden England	11:00 AM	Ryan / Shelley Walters	11:00 AM	Acolyte: Wesley Mullins	11:00 AM

HOPE, PEACE, JOY,
and love -
THE LIGHT OF CHRIST SHINES THROUGH THEM ALL.





PANTRY OF HOPE NEWS!

What a year! Thank you to everyone who has supported the Pantry of Hope with donations of food, money or your time helping the outdoor pantry and our drive-thru events this year. We have distributed tons of food this year and many lives have been touched through this food ministry. Thank you!



CARING CARDS

The caring card group will meet Thursday, January 22 at 2pm.

Come join them in making Valentine cards for teachers, college students, emergency responders, and our servicemen and women. All supplies are furnished and no artistic talent or experience is needed.

Contact Cheryl Wyatt or Barb Zumbiel for details.



Thrivent ACTION Members:

New Thrivent Card Action Puzzle Pieces are available!! They are on the board located near the hospitality table.

Your \$250.00 Thrivent Action Card helps Hopeful fund it's ministries. We are grateful to Thrivent and the members who help make this happen.

Want to become a member? Please reach out to Laura and Jay Watson for information.

HOPEFUL
220 YEARS!
BIRTHDAY PARTY

01.04.2025
AFTER 11AM SERVICE

SPECIAL GUEST: BOONE COUNTY JUDGE EXECUTIVE GARY MOORE

Come and join us to celebrate!
Menu will be Beef Stew, Corn Bread, Salad & Birthday Cake!

Please sign up online or in person
Recommended donation of \$8.00 per adult and \$4.00 per child.

Fellowship
Continental Breakfast
1st Sunday of each month at 10am

HLC Ladies Bible Study

Ladies Bible Study will begin Monday, September 8th at 6:30pm. We will meet in the council room downstairs. Our study this year is titled "Jesus in Me" by Anne Graham Lotz.

We do not meet in January
February 2
March 2
April 13
May 4

All you need is a writing implement, your beverage and your Bible. If you have any questions contact Cindy Frederick 859-322-4002. You can also contact Pam Volland or Kim Heidel

HLC LIVE NATIVITY

We still need 2 wisemen, and can always use more angels, and shepherds. Please see Barb Fields if you want to join in the fun this Sunday. Pizza and lots of fun is provided for all helpers. We hope to see you there.

21 DEC



4:30PM & 6PM

HLC QUILTING MINISTRY

The quilting ministry at Hopeful makes warm knotted blankets for our neighbors locally and throughout the world. If you can tie a knot, you can make a difference.

The quilting dates for January are

Thursday, Jan 8
9:30-11:30

Saturday, Jan 10
9:30-11:30

Monday, Jan 19th
10:00-3:00

Thank you for all the generous donations you made to the Quilt Ministry for the quilt raffle. A total of \$553 was raised. This will be used to buy batting for the middle of quilts.

We are praying for you!

Every Sunday a team of Hopeful members gather to pray for you and everyone in our congregation.

If you would like to submit a prayer request you can drop it in the box on the counter outside the sanctuary.

If you would like to participate in the weekly prayer, please see Pastor Rod or Laura Watson.




Christmas

CANDLELIGHT SERVICES

Join us for an evening of inspiring music, uplifting messages, and the warm glow of candlelight as we celebrate the true meaning of Christmas together.

WEDNESDAY | 24 DECEMBER, 2025

7PM, 9PM & 11PM



Online Bible Study: Advent

This self-guided Bible study on Revelation will accompany our journey through Advent, Nov 30 - Dec 24. Each of the 5 lessons will include a Bible reading, some notes about the passage, and questions for reflection. This edition of our online Bible study will conclude Jan 3. You can find a link to this Bible study on our web site or visit <https://hopefulchurch.org/online-bible-study>.


Merry Christmas

The church office will have limited hours on Dec 24th and will be closed on Christmas Day and Dec 26th.



Wine & Eternal Flame

The Flame is given by Ed Tanner in loving memory of his mother, Ethel Tanner.



+ GUESS WHAT? - did you know that Lent begins on February 18? That means we really need your help getting this year's book published in time. Let Barb Fields know if you can write a devotion and she will get you the verse ASAP.

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Altar Guild: Suzanne Meither, Judy Boelter, Susan Kelly, Sharon Tanner, Carleen Powell, Betty Powers, Rhonda & Dan Zuziak

PRAYER CONCERNS FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF HOPEFUL

Betty Howe	Harold T Dringenburg	Marion Volland	Susan Burcham
Barb Vail	Holden Donohoo	Mike Weber	Tim Smith
Bill	Joanna Robbins	Rick Frederick	Vickie Kuhns
Debby Hayes	Judy Insko	Roseatta Dringenburg	Virginia Hahn
Dorothy Hall	Julie Duncan	Sharon Tanner	
Gail	Kathy Stefanik	Shelly Walters	
Greg Ensley	Liesl Bridewell	Stephany Houston	

To add names to the prayer list please call the church office or email paula@hopefulchurch.org. The prayer concerns will be printed for 4 weeks, please call or email the office if you would like to remove a name or extend the prayer concern time.

Please continue to remember our shut-ins:

For a list of shut-ins please contact the church office.

Please remember those serving our country (Addresses for our military are located on the welcome table & notice board): Maj. Kiersten & Travis Schriener, SrA Megan Bine, CPT Nicholas Wentzel, SSGT Connor T. Ashley, David Nicolas, Capt. Matt & Audrey Case, Nolan and Arielle Wullenweber, Kevin Schwartz, Maj. Kerri & James Keyges

Event Calendar 2 Week Snapshot

12/22/2025	PS Break for the week	1/4/2026	Hopeful's 220th Birth-day
12/24/2025	Christmas Eve Services	1/5/2026	PS Classes Resume
12/25/2025	Christmas Day	1/8/2026	Quilt Ministry
12/28/2025	No Sunday School	1/10/2026	Quilt Ministry
12/28/2025	No Confirmation		
1/1/2026	Happy New Year! Church Office is closed		

Ways to Give

Mailing address:

6430 Hopeful Church Rd,
Florence KY 41042

Online: Hopeful-church.org & click "GIVE"
Text "hopeful41042" to
1-888-364-GIVE (4483)

Other ways to Support Hopeful

Thrivent: Team Action
Gift Cards & Choice Dol-lar Funds.

Kroger: Community Re-wards—log into your ac-count, click community rewards and add Hopeful

Offering budget goal for December: \$51,935.00

Last Week's Offering:

\$7,053.46

Benevolence—\$211.60

Attendance:

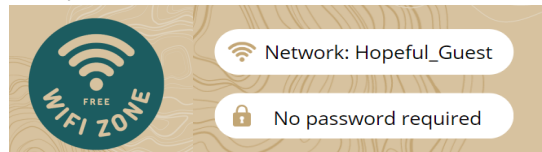
5 pm - nc

9 am - 12

11 am - 35

Counters for December

Cindy Rigbsy
Toni Stelle



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6430 Hopeful Church Road
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Emergency Phone: 859-620-7417 (Pastor Ford)
Hopeful Preschool: 859-647-1105
Hours: M-Th 9am-3pm & Fri 9am-1pm



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