

# The REACH OUT

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*Through Christ we put God first by teaching reaching and loving all!*

So, let's talk!! We have been together 17 years. We have had ups and downs! We have had joys and sorrows! We have had growth and decline! I think the biggest thing we have done together is worship God. We have struggled with what it means to worship God and how do we do it? What does God truly want in worship? I am excited to say we are still struggling with what that means. Pastor Ralph, why excited? Because we haven't given up or failed as long as we keep trying. I am here to say we are still in the game. We are still fighting to be disciples of God, followers of Christ, and presenters of the Holy Spirit. I have been and still am awed by the people of Good Hope! Your desire to see the Gospel be proclaimed in word and deed. You do everything to be faithful and good stewards.

But, as Luther stated, we must be ever reforming or always changing to make the Gospel presentable to the people of every generation. We cannot be who we have always been, we have to ebb and flow. What we were yesterday cannot be who we are in the future. We have to conform to the context of our people. Not to change for the sake of change but to better reveal the gospel to Family, friends and yes, even our enemies. Not an easy task but a struggle always seeking ways to show the love of God to those who need it the most. To go the extra mile. To die to self and rise in Christ. To trust that everything we have is a gift of God; therefore, to use each and every thing we have to gift this world with a witness to our faith in a God is who above everything, even death.

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July 25

I have proposed to council and I want to explain it to you, the congregation and friends of this ministry we call Good Hope Lutheran Church. I came here 17 years ago straight out of the seminary. A cop who needed to grow in my own faith and trust God. Good Hope was what is called a Family Church with 1-50 average attendance. The day I walked in we moved, strived, and became a Pastoral Church with 51-150 average attendance. After a couple of years, we crept up to a Program Church 150-350. We spent 2005 to 2007 working on a vision and mission for the church. We had surveys put out. We got groups together with youth, elderly and everyone in-between, and we came up with who we thought we should be and how that would be directed and presented. We created our goals and we empowered the lay to lead us into the future as we envisioned it. It worked for a time as we moved into a Program Church.

Since then, we've had lay leaders move, we have had lay leaders die, and we have had patriarchs die, along with the area not growing as it was presented in 2006. We see that growth halted just as we planned for the growth and so did the School system. We see how the schools now have open enrollment to make up for the challenge of no growth to the area. Please understand this does not mean I think we have succeeded or failed. I feel we have had huge growth in faith as well as numbers. If you look at our church, it is different and new as far as our demographics. We are intimate as a Pastoral Church. So, I am suggesting that we cannot afford to be a Program Church. All of my leadership decisions were based off our decision as a church to be a Program Church with its vision and mission. That is no longer how we can think or act in this era of the church. I will be making decisions as a Pastoral Church from this time forward. I will be putting a team of people together from different demographics of the church to re look at our vision and mission statements and possibly rewrite them.

I think we are a thriving place of ministry and welcoming to the world, who in my belief, needs the Church. With some tweaking, we can continue to be a place that feeds the body and soul of a community that needs a beacon of Good Hope in the lives of those who are lost or feel broken. We are that place which gives them rest and refreshment, as we encourage them in faith to step out as a witness to the life giving gospel of Jesus Christ. A place where they can be encouraged and fed with the body of Christ and led by the Holy Spirit.

JOURNEY  
OF  
*Faith*

# Dorcas Circle ~ Hannah Circle

## MONTHLY MEETINGS

**HANNAH CIRCLE:** Second Tuesday at 10:00 AM

**DORCAS CIRCLE:** Second Wednesday at 10:30 AM

## PURPOSE:

As a community of women, created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world.



## HANNAH CIRCLE NEWS

Hannah Circle met June 13th with 5 members present. Barbie Gray opened with devotions.

We exchanged names for our card ministry project. We discussed ornaments to be given at the Christmas Eve services. Activities for next year were thoughtfully discussed and the schedule for 2017-2018 schedule was formulated. We cleaned our part of the chapel cupboard and discovered some interesting things. We will not have meetings in July or August. Next meeting is September 12th with Tracey Byler leading Bible Study #3. Please continue to save foil and aluminum cans for Hannah Circle as this is our only fundraiser.

## DORCAS CIRCLE NEWS

Dorcus Circle met at Shepherd of the valley on June 14, 2017.

Marilyn Wire led the devotion and the history of Father's Day and the origin of Taps.

Love gifts were collected for the Community Day Camp.

The July meeting will be on July 12 at 11:00 at Shepherd of the Valley. Ruth will have the devotion and present the program.

The meeting Closed with Prayer.

## Stewardship Committee

The stewardship team will resume meeting in September.

Have a Relaxed and Blessed Summer,  
Stewardship Committee.

# Sundays & Seasons Worship Planner

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DATE	EVENT NAME	COLOR	READINGS	INTRODUCTION
July 2nd	<b>Fourth Sunday After Pentecost</b>	Green	Jeremiah 28:5-9 Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18 Romans 6:12-23 Matthew 10:40-42	The welcome of baptism is for all God's children. This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of sin and death. In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. From worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God's merciful welcome.
July 9th	<b>Fifth Sunday After Pentecost</b>	Green	Zechariah 9:9-12 Psalm 145: 8-14 Romans 7: 15-25a Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30	The mystery of God's ways is sometimes hidden from the wise and intelligent. Jesus associates with the lowly and outcast. Like Paul, we struggle with our own selfish desires and seek God's mercy and forgiveness. We gather to be refreshed by Christ's invitation: "Come to me, all you that are weary." Gathered around word, water, and meal, we find rest for our souls.
July 16th	<b>Sixth Sunday After Pentecost</b>	Green	Isiah 55: 10-13 Psalm 65: 1-8, 9-13 Romans 8: 1-11 Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23	God's word is like the rain that waters the earth and brings forth vegetation. It is also like the sower who scatters seed indiscriminately. Our lives are like seeds sown in the earth. Even from what appears to be little, dormant, or dead, God promises a harvest. At the Lord's table we are fed with the bread of life, that we may bear fruit in the world.
July 23	<b>Seventh Sunday After Pentecost</b>	Green	Isaiah 44: 6-8 Psalm 86: 11-17 Romans 8: 12-25 Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43	It is an age-old question: why is there evil in the world? In the parable of the wheat and the weeds Jesus suggests that both grow together until the harvest. With Paul, we long for the day that all creation will be set free from bondage and suffering. Having both weeds and wheat within us, we humbly place our hope in the promises of God, and from the Lord's table we go forth to bear the fruit of justice and mercy.
July 30th	<b>Eighth Sunday After Pentecost</b>	Green	1 Kings 3: 5-12 Psalm 119: 129-136 Romans 8: 26-39 Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52	As Solomon prays for wisdom, we seek to more deeply know the treasures of faith. In today's gospel Jesus offers everyday images that reveal to us the reign of God: a tree that becomes a sheltering home, yeast that penetrates and expands, a treasured pearl, a net that gains a great catch. Even as we seek the riches of God's reign, the great surprise is that God's grace finds us first!

# Serving in God's House THE REACHOUT

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE	July 2nd Fourth Sunday after Pentecost	July 9th Fifth Sunday after Pentecost	July 16th Sixth Sunday after Pentecost	July 23 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost	July 30 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost	August 6 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Altar Guild	Amber Powell	Kathy Kramer	Donna Haller	Andy Tesyk	Jacki Makowski	Art & Barb Gray
Acolyte/ Crucifer 8:00am	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
10:30 am	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Communion Assistant	Loetta Haller	Kathy Kramer	Robin Marino	Loetta Haller	Kathy Kramer	Robin Marino
Lector 8:00 am	Nancy Crouse	Jane Peachy	Greg Razo	Nancy Crouse	Jane Peachy	Greg Razo
10:30 am	Walt Kyser	Andy Tesyk	Jean Saurwein	Ed Peachy	Pam Nock	Lee Panneton
Liturgy	Loetta Haller	Kathy Kramer	Jane Peachy	Pam Nock	Sarah Deiger	Sandy Kuntz
Ushers 10:30 am	Chuck Haller	Sonny Schneider	Ed Smith	Chuck Haller	Sonny Schneider	Ed Smith
Fellowship After 10:30 am Service	Kathy Kramer	Church Picnic	Beth & Tim Lower	Andy Tesyk	Jean Saurwein	Ed & Jane Peachy
Chrema Head counter in bold print	<b>Tammy Chuey</b> Ed Smith Jim Frost	<b>Jeff Hum</b> Donna Haller Ruth McMurray	<b>Pam Nock</b> John Nock Loetta Haller	<b>Nancy Barret</b> Sandy Kuntz Sarah Deiger	<b>Tammy Chuey</b> Ed Smith Jim Frost	<b>Jeff Hum</b> Donna Haller Ruth McMurray
Anointers 8:00 am	Nancy Crouse Marlene Vavrus				Nancy Crouse Marlene Vavrus	
10:30 am	Nancy Barret Robin Marino				Nancy Barret Robin Marino	
Communion Bread	Debbie Dulovich	Debbie Dulovich	Debbie Dulovich	Debbie Dulovich	Debbie Dulovich	Amber & Jimmy Powell

If you need to exchange dates with someone else, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE **AFTER** you have made the arrangements with someone to exchange dates with, so that we may change the office calendar. **If you would like to volunteer, please call the office (330-549-2406) and we will add your name to our list. Thank you!**

# July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Worship 5:00pm
2 Worship 8:00am & 10:30am	3 Pastor 's Day Off	4 Office Closed	5	6 Worship 7:00pm	7	8 Worship 5:00pm
9 Worship 8:00am & 10:30am  Church Picnic	10 Pastor 's Day Off	11	12	13 Worship 7:00pm  Pastor away at training during day	14	15 Worship 5:00 pm
16 Worship 8:00am & 10:30am	17 Pastor's Day Off	18	19	20 Worship 7:00pm	21	22 Worship 5:00pm
23 Worship 8:00am & 10:30am  Grief Camp	24  Grief Camp	25  Grief Camp	26  Grief Camp	27 Worship 7:00pm  Grief Camp	28  Grief Camp	29 Worship 5:00pm
30 Worship 8:00am & 10:30am	31  Day Camp					

# Our Prayer List

## NEW PRAYER CHAIN SYSTEM

Due to One Call we have a new system for the prayer chain. Call if you have a prayer that needs lifted up!

If you would like a One Call sent out just talk to:

Jane Peachey .... 234-567-1461

Or

Church Office .. 330-549-2406



Mike & Judy Dickey  
Dolores Kuhar  
Michael Bartell  
Bev Madden  
Paul Horst  
Gabriella  
Landon  
Kristen Ansevin  
Joanne Gallagher  
Baby Grace  
Joann Mayberry

Paul A.  
Bob Haviland  
Deborah Haines  
Morgan Ball

Our weekly Intercessory Prayer for the people of our congregation:

### JULY 2

Deborah Dulovich  
Jonathan Dulovich  
Joseph Dulovich  
Lila Dulovich

### JULY 9

Stormy Dulovich  
William Dulovich  
Bishop Elizabeth Eaton  
Andrew Edwards

### JULY 16

Nathan Edwards  
Pastor Ralph Edwards  
Rebekah Edwards  
Ashlyn Elford

### JULY 23

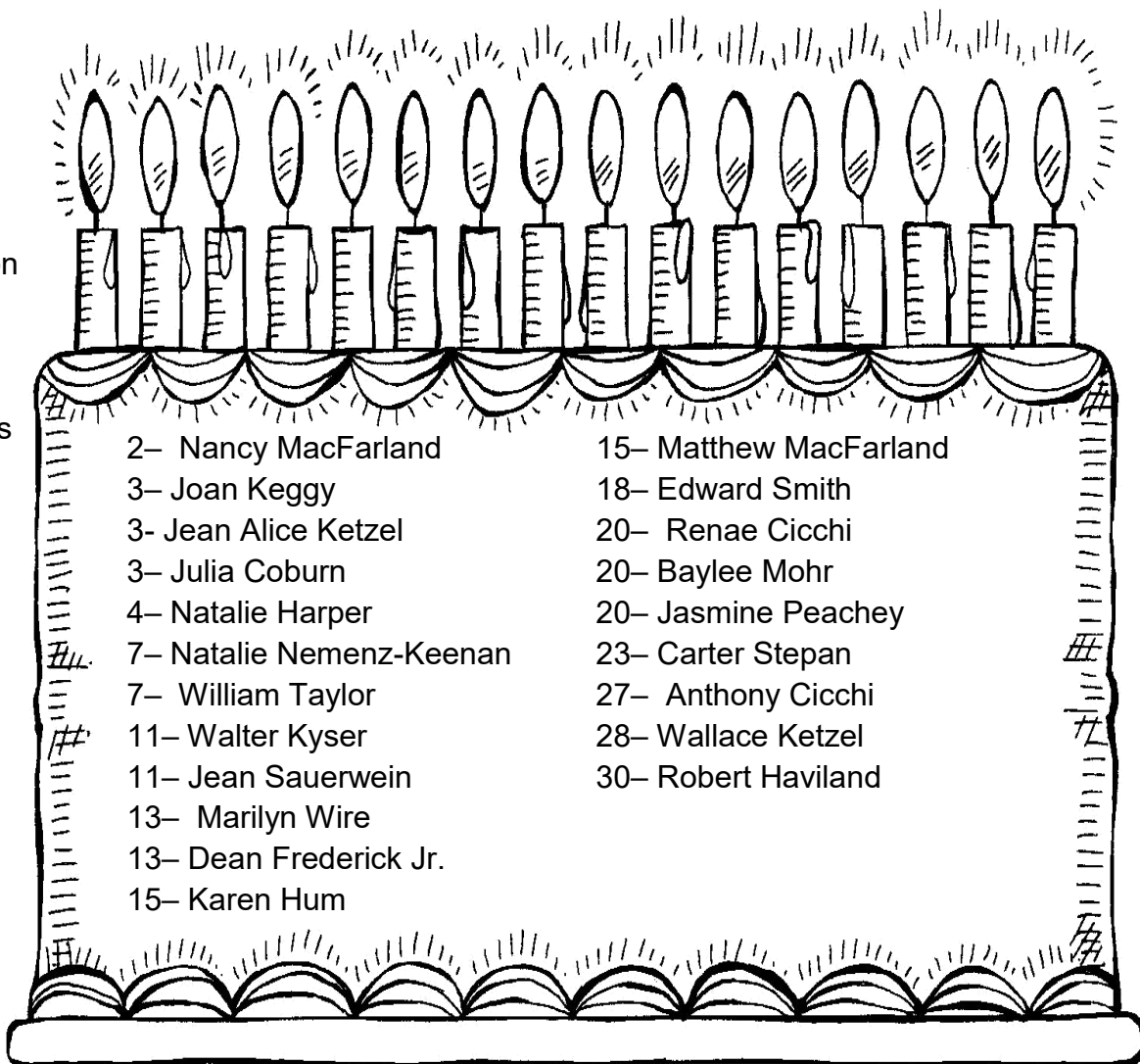
Cadence Elford  
Grant Elford  
Katie Elford  
Michael Elford

### JULY 30

Phylis Engler  
Berkley Felger  
Baylee Felger  
Penny Felger



Helga & Wolfgang Wengler  
Brandon & Lacey Kramer  
Virginia & Glenn Fuller





# COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Council Minutes June 20, 2017

Present: Penny, Jane, Jeff, Andy, Brian, Kevin, Nathan, Pastor Ralph

Excused: Ed and Amber

Pastor Ralph opens with prayer.

Pastor Ralph motions to accept treasurer's report pending audit. Brian seconds. Motion carried.

Pastor Ralph motions to accept financial secretary's report pending audit. Brian seconds. Motion carried.

Mutual ministry did not meet.

Stewardship sent out Pentecost bookmarks. Meetings to resume in September.

Maintenance team reports lightbulbs changed and driveway to be patched soon.

Youth and Family reports graduation and confirmation gifts handed out.

Transformation reports focus on grief camp and presented at 3 churches.

## Old Business:

Accepting applications for pianist. Jason is both applying and filling in until pianist is hired.

Penny to provide cake for Confirmation Sunday.

## New Business:

Insurance adjustor to examine parsonage roof due to storm damage. Deductible is \$1000. Brian motions to accept new roof for price of deductible. Andy seconds. Motion carried.

Brian motions to get backup external hard-drive for church programs. Penny seconds. Motion carried.

Pastor Ralph states we need to become a pastoral church due to attendance. He will be selecting members to form a Vision and Mission team to perform surveys to find the gifts of our congregation.

Nathan is moving on from the secretary's position to pursue

new opportunities. Resumes for secretary and Youth and Family are being accepted for three weeks. Council will vote for new secretary at the July meeting.

Pastor Ralph motions to accept Gabriella and Landon Ansevin as members. Kevin seconds. Motion carried.

Andy would like to have reflectors at the driveways. Follow-up with maintenance team.

Paul Horst officially resigns from council and membership from Good Hope Lutheran Church as of June 20th. This will be recorded in the official Red Book roster.

Kevin motions to accept May minutes. Pastor Ralph seconds. Motion carried.

Kevin motions to adjourn. Andy seconds. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourns with Lord's Prayer.

## Pastor's Report:

I had 15 counseling sessions and numerous significant contacts with members and others.

We had our regular number of Saturday night and Sunday morning services.

I have presided at 12 worship services and prepared 4 sermons over the past month.

I had 10 meetings with various groups in the church and outside representing Good Hope.

May 2-5 Pastor away

May 6th hospital visit with Kristen and Frank Ansevin

May 7th Bishop Allende preaches

May 8th-12th Interim Pastor Training

May 13th hospital visit with Mary Noeth

May 15th hospital visit with Jack Crouse

May 24th Lion and Lamb

May 29th Jeff Hum trimmed trees and cleaned out gutters at the parsonage and church

May 29th hospital visit with James Mayberry



## COUNCIL MINUTES CONTINUED

### Transformation Report:

#### Grief Camp

Worked a sign up morning at Jefferson Elementary School  
 Worked an information table at Safe Kids Mahoning Valley  
 Presented at Lord of Life, Martin Luther, Greenford Lutheran, and Christ Lutheran  
 Planning meeting– 2  
 Training session at Camp Frederick  
 Review of camper admissions and finalized campers and began waiting list  
 10 camper interviews

Worked spaghetti dinner and assisted with shopping

Assisted 2 people with bills including coordinating assistance with Prince of Peace

Worked with 3 c's providing emergency food deliveries to local motels and residents, assisted with utilities and other needs

#### Area of focus

Training session at Camp Frederick for volunteers and counselors, working on final details and shopping for camp  
 Assist with Community Day Camp as needed

### Family and Youth Ministry Report

1 Sunday School

Attended Lions and Lambs event

Fixing office

Back up batteries, clock, and team office

Flyers for spaghetti dinner

Uploaded sermons onto website

Outside sign changed

Secretarial

Bulletins, newsletter, answered

Phones

Assisting Jane with 3 c's phone calls

## Items of Interest

Joe Kriedler's birthday is August 2nd. Let's bless him with a card party! Please bring in a birthday card to the church, or mail one to Joe Kriedler c/o Good Hope Lutheran Church. The address is 12030 Market Street, North Lima, Ohio 44452.

Good Grief Camp is being held July 23-28

Community Day Camp starts July 31

WHAT: Good Hope Church Annual Picnic

WHEN: July 9th immediately following the 10:30 service

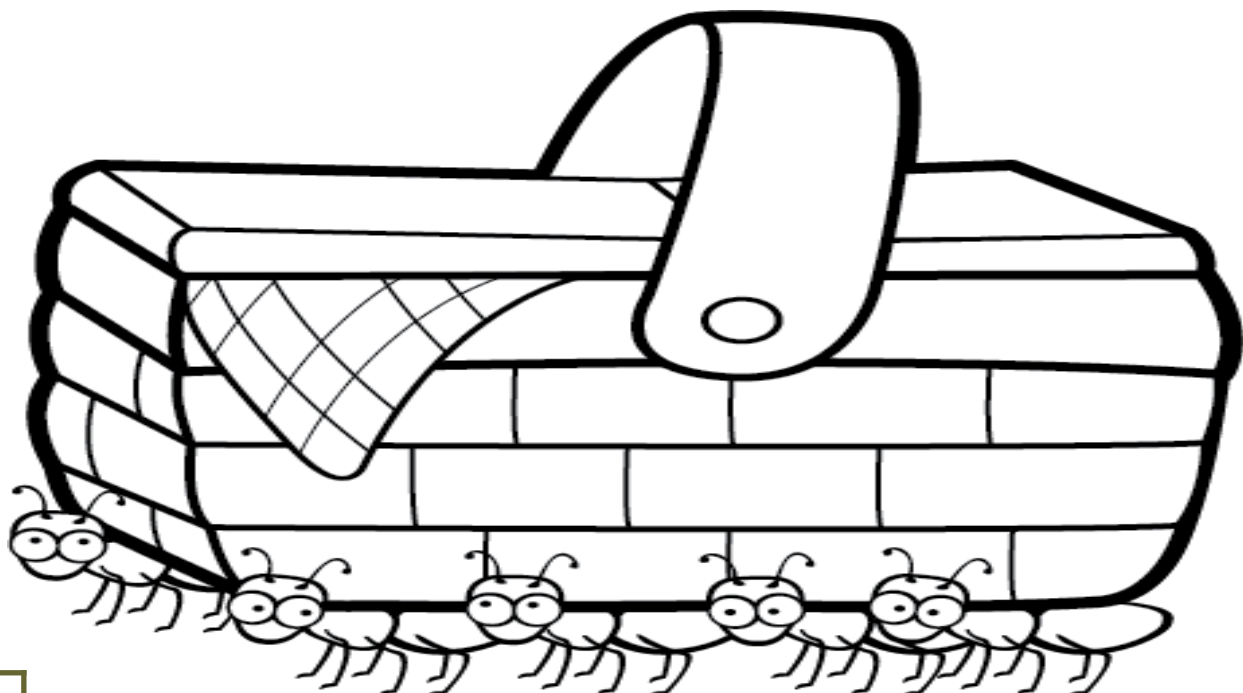
WHERE: Good Hope Lutheran Church

DETAILS:

July 8th set up tent, tables, and chairs at 10 a.m.

You may bring a covered dish or dessert to share if you like. Hamburgers and hotdogs and drinks will be provided.

Hope to See You There!





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Saturdays—5:00 pm

Sundays—8:00 & 10:30 AM

Children's Sunday School during 10:30 worship

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