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November 2018



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

This month for me is all about Thanksgiving! I get excited about the weather. It becomes crisp and smells of Fall. Let's just say I love the smells of the leaves, the burning wood, and of course the turkey, pumpkin pie, and stuffing. What is not to love about snuggling closer to keep warm, and getting ready for togetherness. Here at Good Hope, we get ready for the Krautfest, you know sauerkraut and kielbasa. That dinner will have the largest part of its proceeds go to the Good Grief camp held at Camp Frederick this summer.

It is a time when we realize how blessed we are, and we hold Harvest Sunday, the day we give back to the local food bank at the 3C's. We gather the food up and on Sunday we bless it and send to where it can feed those who are struggling to make ends meet. It is only when we appreciate what we have, that we can let go and give to others. I love to watch the front of the church get filled with the things we put on the list to give back to the God we have faith in. A God who gives to us whether we acknowledge or not.

What a gift to watch this year, as you the people of Good Hope start to get involved in the church and ministries of the Church. You have been working on Thrivent Action team events and earning monies to help us to serve our neighbors. Watching you as your respond to the Capital Improvement Campaign has been wonderful to see, and I am so thankful for all of you and your gifts of time, talents, and resources. THANK YOU!!!!

I am thankful for a group of young people who want to take confirmation. We have been having fun and working hard. They even did a great job at the Three Wise Men BBQ.

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I heard reports from the adults that the youth were smiling and happy. They did the running for the adults, bringing things from the outside to the kitchen up and down the stairs. It was wonderful. We are so blessed. I thank God for it. We are going to our first overnighter at Camp Frederick to study the Ten Commandments. I am so excited, I cannot wait to get there!

I am thankful for the 2018 Discipleship class. They have pushed me harder on my own devotion and discipleship. They have worked hard on anointing and assisting with worship. They have each in their own way encouraged me. I thank God for you.

I thank God for the leadership team of this congregation, the council members, with their adjusting to losing a musician to the hiring, or should I say calling, a musician who can help us move forward. We are blessed with Sue, and I thank God for her. Then there are the treasurers we went through. We hired Sandy who then was offered an amazing new position and had to leave us. We hired a replacement and she didn't quite work out. We then hired Kelly who has just been a delight. Kelly has the experience and expertise to take us to a better place with our financials. I have high hopes and expectations, and I thank God for Kelly. I thank God for council's patience and faith through this year. The new training that the synod did was an eye opener to me. We are not doing as bad as we thought. Yes, we need to be vigilant and keep striving to communicate to the congregation, but we are looking pretty good in this age that we are in.

I am thankful for Wendy and the work she does in the office. She takes the day of worship and sacrifices it to serve the congregation. She handles stuff to give me the freedom to do the work that I have been called to and allows me time for rest. What a gift. We have been truly blessed with some one who cares for us and wants to serve us. I thank God for her presence in the life of this church.

Last but not least is each person who walks through the doors of Good Hope. Whether you call yourself a member or a visitor. Thank you for worshipping with us. Thank you for enjoying or putting up with our mannerisms and our flaws. Thank you for being the strength of the Body of Christ in this community of Hope. No, not just hope but Good Hope!!

Rev. Ralph <u>f</u>dwards

Dorcas Circle ~ Hannah Circle



MONTHLY MEETINGS HANNAH CIRCLE: Second Tuesday at 10:00 AM DORCAS CIRCLE: Second Wednesday at 10:30 AM

<u>PURPOSE:</u>

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 at the church October 9th with six members present.

Tracey Byler opened the meeting with devotions.

We finalized plans for ornaments to be made to be given at the Christmas Eve services.

We enjoyed food and fellowship at Pizza Joe's after Loetta Haller asked the blessing.

Please remember to save aluminum foil and cans for Hannah Circle as this is our only fundraiser.

Our next meeting will be November 13th at 10:00 am at the church with Carol Jean Horst leading devotions.

DORCAS CIRCLE <u>NEWS</u>

Our October meeting was our annual outing at Ruby Tuesdays on October 17th. We met at SOV at 12:30. We shared fun, food, and fellowship!

The November meeting will be on November 14th at SOV at 1:00pm.

Stewardship Team

The stewardship team met on October 9th. We created a visitor/ new member packet. Thank you Sarah for organizing the information! Sarah is researching the best company to go with for online giving. Our next meeting will be November 14 at 7pm.

Dinner Team

The dinner team had a wonderful turnout for the Three Wise Men BBQ. Once again they sold out by 4:00! The confirmation class helped serve and clean up. The proceeds were donated to the church's operating expense in the amount of \$1,469.00. Also, the Levites have donated the balance of their account, \$2,490.00, to help buy a new commercial refrigerator and 2 new stoves and other kitchen supplies. Tammy and John Chuey and Michael Elford have cleaned, painted, and organized the kitchen and storage room next to the kitchen. Thanks to you all! PAGE 4

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DATE	EVENT NAME	COLOR	READINGS	INTRODUCTION
November 4th	All Saints Sunday	white	Isaiah 25: 6-9 Psalm 24 Revelation 21: 1-6a John 11: 32-44	Of all three years of the lectionary cycle, this year's All Saints readings have the most tears. Isaiah and Revelation look forward to the day when God will wipe away all tears; in John's gospel, Jesus weeps along with Mary and all the gathered mourners before he demonstrates his power over death. On All Saints Day we celebrate the victory won for all the faithful dead, but we grieve for our beloved dead as well, knowing that God honors our tears. We bring our grief to the table and find there a foretaste of Isaiah's feast to come.
November 11th	25th Sunday After Pentecost	green	1 Kings 17: 8-16 Psalm 146 Hebrews 9: 24-28 Mark 12: 38-44	Widows are visible everywhere in today's readings. Jesus denounces those scribes who pray impressive prayers but devour widows' houses. He commends the poor widow who in his view gave far more than the major donors. Jesus doesn't see her simply as an object of compassion or charity. She, like the widow of Zarephath who shares her last bit of food with Elijah, does something of great importance.
November 18th	26th Sunday After Pentecost	green	Daniel 12: 1-3 Psalm 16 Hebrews 10: 11-25 Mark 13: 1-8	November begins with All Saints Day and ends in or near Advent, when we anticipate Christ's coming again. So the readings today tell of the final resurrection and the end time. In the turmoil of hope, fear, and disbelief that these predictions provoke in us, Hebrews sounds a note of confident trust. Christ makes a way for us where there is no way, and we walk it confidently, our hearts and bodies washed in baptismal water, trusting the one who has promised. The more we see the last day approaching, the more important it is to meet together to provoke one another to love.
November 21st	Day of Thanksgiving	green	Joel 2:21-27 Psalm 126 1 Timothy 2:1-7 Matthew 6: 25-33	Today's readings reflect two of the strains that go into the celebration of a national day of thanksgiving: gratitude for abundant harvest (Joel) and civic prayer for a peaceable common life (1 Timothy). The core meaning of Thanksgiving for many of us—a home feast for extended family and friends—is not reflected in the readings; but it is reflected weekly in the church's meal of thanksgiving (eucharist). What we wish for both these thanksgiving meals is that they will go deeper than celebration of one another and our own blessings, to recognize in our true Host one who wants everyone brought to the table.
November 25th	Christ the King	white	Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14 Psalm 93 Revelation 1: 4b-8 John 18: 33-37	Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, they still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.

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Serving in God's House THE REACHOUT

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SERVING IN November 4 GOD'S HOUSE All Saints Sunday		November 11 Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost	November 18 Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost	November 25 Christ the King	December 2 First Sunday of Advent	
Altar Guild	Andy Tesyk	Jacki Makowski	Art & Barb Gray	Alice Haller	Kathy Kramer	
Acolyte/ Crucifer 8:00am 10:30 am	Stephen Coss Ashlyn Elford	Lauren Coss Nick Haines	Stephen Coss Barry Pitzer	Lauren Coss Grace Pavkovich	Stephen Coss Kara Haskin	
Communion 8:00 Assistant 10:30	Peggy Manchester Sarah Deiger	Penny Felger Andy Tesyk	Peggy Manchester Kathy Kramer	Penny Felger Loetta Haller	Peggy Manchester Sarah Deiger	
Lector 8:00 10:30	Nancy Crouse Sarah Deiger	Greg Razo Kathy Kramer	Peggy Manchester Pam Nock	Nancy Crouse Loetta Haller	Greg Razo Andy Tesyk	
Liturgy	Sandy Kuntz	Loetta Haller	N/A	Pam Nock	Kathy Kramer	
Ushers 10:30 am	Ed Smith	Chuck Haller	Sonny Schneider	Ed Smith	Chuck Haller	
Fellowship after 10:30 am worship	Ed Ohlin	Kathy Kramer	Andy Tesyk	Jean Ohlin	Stephanie Razo	
Chrema Head counter in bold print	Tammy Chuey Ed Smith Ruth McMurray	Jeff Hum Donna Haller Rachel Montgomery	Pam Nock John Nock Loetta Haller	Nancy Barret Sandy Kuntz Sarah Deiger	Tammy Chuey Ed Smith Ruth McMurray	
Anointers	8:00 am Nancy Crouse Marlene Vavrus Peggy Manchester	10:30 am Nancy Barret Robin Marino Sandy Kuntz Andy Tesyk	5 pm Diane D'Amico	Any service Jeff Waldele Sarah Deiger Wendy Edwards		
Communion Bread	Loetta Haller	Loetta Haller	Loetta Haller	Loetta Haller	Tammy Chuey	
Pew restocking	Andy Tesyk	Ruth McMurray	Andy Tesyk	Ruth McMurray	Andy Tesyk	
Recycling	Andy Tesyk	Greg Razo	Andy Tesyk	Greg Razo	Andy Tesyk	

If you need to exchange dates with someone else, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE <u>AFTER</u> you have made the arrangements with someone to exchange dates with, so that we many 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! 6

November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Office open 9-2	3 Worship 5:00pm
4 Worship	5 Office open	6	7 Office open	8	9 Office open	10 Worship
8:00am & 10:30am All Saints	9-2		9-2 Clean, sober, and saved 7pm		9-2	5:00pm
11 Worship 8:00am & 10:30am Veterans Day Congregational meeting	12 Office open 9-2	13	14 Office open 9-2 Clean, sober, and saved 7pm	15	16 Office open 9-2	17 Worship 5:00 pm
18 Worship 8:00am & 10:30am Harvest Sun- day	19 Office open 9-2	20 Council Meeting 7pm	21 Office open 9-2 Thanksgiving worship 7pm	22	23 Office open 9-2	24 Worship 5:00pm
25 Worship 8:00am & 10:30am Hanging of the greens	26 Office open 9-2	27	28 Office open 9-2	29	30 Office open 9-2	

Our Prayer List

Joe Kreidler

Jennifer Ostapiak

Emily Bluedorn

Dale Sheely

Nora Sabella

Tsitsi Jaji

Joan Mayberry

Walter Kyser

Cheryl Green

Shirley Cantwell

Catherine Bivianno

Chris and Julia Karis

NEW PRAYER CHAIN SYSTEM

The One Call system allows us to contact the prayer chain all at once to lift up prayers.

If you would like a One Call sent out please contact: the Church office at 330-549-2406

Our weekly intercessory prayer for the people of our congregation :

November 4

Madison Tibbetts Mason Tibbetts Charlene Varga William Varga

November 11

Kelsie Valentine John Vavrus Marlene Vavrus Cadence Waldele

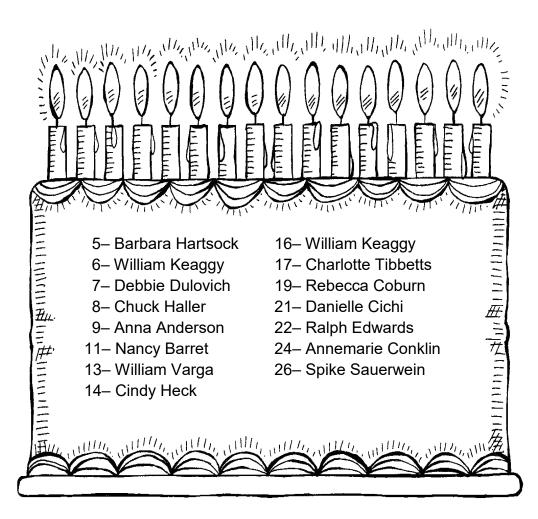
November 18

Jeff Waldele Marsha Waldele Richard Waldele Khloe Warren

November 25

Leslie Warren Michael Warren Helga Wengler Wolfgang Wengler

12– Justin & Lynn Coburn







Serving in the Military: Morgan Ball, Alyssa, Lyndsey Liberty Bryce Liberty, Jakeb Fry

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

COUNCIL MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 16, 2018

Meeting opens with prayer led by Bryan.

Present: P. Ralph, Sarah, Bryan, Andy, Kelsie, Jeff H., Greg, and Joe

Excused: Jeff W.

Treasurer's Report: Bryan has questions on the income statement and balance sheet. Kelly to give answers by email. P. Ralph motions to accept the treasurer's report pending audit. Andy seconds. Motion carried.

Financial Secretary's Report: P. Ralph motions to accept the financial secretary's report pending audit. Greg seconds. Motion carried.

Team reports: The stewardship team has completed the design of the welcome packet for visitors and new members. Sarah is trying out different online giving sites to decide which one to choose for us.

Secretary's Report: Cleaned up and organized office, handled incoming calls and answering machine messages, cleaned up email and handled correspondence, updated our website weekly- sermons and calendar, distributed mail, prepared 10 regular bulletins, prepared 1 funeral bulletin, prepared 1 baptism bulletin, prepared and sent out the Reachout, prepared 4 Sunday school lessons, updated Red book, updated Onrealm, changed outdoor sign, ordered office supplies, and prepared and agenda and postcards for congregational meeting. We have made Fall crafts and learned how to look up bible verses in Sunday school. I have begun assisting with the confirmation classes and registered us for commandment camp at camp Frederick.

Pastor's Report:

- I had 25 counseling sessions and numerous significant contacts with members and others.
- 2 Weddings Razo, Johnson
- 2 Funerals, June Wadele and Tom Biviano
- Visits to the Hospital- Arden Sauerwein, Tom Biviano, Olive Diana
- We had our regular number of Saturday night, Sunday morning Services
- Over the past month, I have presided at 21 worship services and prepared 11 sermons.
- Sept 1 Chelsea and Jared Wedding. (I will have a replacement for Saturdays service by end of July)
- Sept 4 Funeral for June Wadele
- Sept 4 work on joint confirmation with Pastor Kari
- Sept 4 3C's Meeting here at Good Hope, I prayed invocation for them
- Sept 5 Teen Challenge Worship
- Sept 7 Columbus for Healing Spiritual Abuse
- Sept 8 Wedding in Canfield
- Sept 10 Bible Study for Smith Center
- Sept 11 I spoke at the Action: Clergy Breakfast on Social Justice in Theology
- Sept 12 to Nov 28 Clean, Sober and Saved Bible Study
- Sept 14 Memorial Service Tom Biviano
- Sept 16 Start of Confirmation
- Sept 18 First Responder Training
- Sept 19 Felony Drug Court Graduation
- Sept 19 Mahoning Valley Governor's Opiate Round Table
- Sept 20 Joe is coming to wax Basement
- Sept 22 Pastor's Round table (action)
- Sept 25 Teen Challenge Worship 5pm
- Sept 27 Behavioral Health Round Table
- Sept 28 Drug Summit
- Sept 28 Ran a man To Truck Stop on 80 John Buss
- Sept 30 Decorating for Fall

Old Business:

bell tower- needs a lightning rod to comply with insurance criteria. Jeff H. to contact. **capital improvements-** the wall is removed at the parsonage and Greg will be pouring the cement pad. **nominees for council-** Jeff H. nominates Stephanie Razo. Jane and Bryan are going off.

Levites- the account has been closed. The balance of \$2,490 was applied to the church kitchen supplies including a new commercial refrigerator and two new stoves.

New Business:

snow removal- Andy motions to allow Pastor Ralph to sign the contract with Lipscomb's Lawncare for snow removal. Greg seconds. Motion carried.

budget- The pension and medical have been changed slightly. Pastor Ralph motions to accept the budget proposal for 2019. Kelsie seconds. Motion carried.

congregational meeting- (Nov.11) council agrees to call for a vote to stop sending postcards for meeting notifications. Also on the agenda are nominees for council and the budget proposal for 2019.

realm- Greg motions to allow Kelly to purchase the Realm Church Accounting Software. Sarah seconds. Motion carried.

consent agenda- Pastor Ralph motions to adopt a consent agenda format starting with the November council meeting. Joe seconds. Motion carried.

Jeff H. motions to accept the September meeting minutes. Kelsie seconds. Motion carried.

Meeting closes with the Lord's Prayer led by Bryan.

Negative shown in parentheses	Current	Prior Year	Current Year To Date	Prior Year To Date
Income	\$13,919.34	\$9,957.50	\$120,097.50	\$125,779.12
Expense	\$16,044.82	\$13,868.92	\$141,102.77	\$129,166.71
Total	(\$2,125.48)	(\$3,911.42)	(\$21,005.27)	(\$3,387.59)

Treasurer's Report Ending September 30, 2018

Capital Improvement Fund:

Goal = **\$50,000.00**

Current Balance = **\$28,213.00**

Thank you for your donations!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING NOVEMBER 11

Items on the agenda are the 2019 budget proposal, council nominees, and a change to the constitution to eliminate sending notification postcards for meetings.

	YTD		
	September	Actual Year	Budget
	2018	End 2017	2019
	2010		
Total Revenues	120,097.50	179,517.59	193,500.00
Expenses			
Advertising Expense	291.66	412.57	500.00
Church Repairs	122.44	706.06	-
Continuing Education	-	777.89	1,740.00
Custodian - Salary	3,319.56	4,801.66	4,426.00
Education Expense	814.84	106.80	400.00
Equipment Repairs/Contract	5,259.54	7,574.17	6,632.76
Northeast Ohio Synod Bene Expe	1,474.83	2,140.31	2,000.00
Insurance - Church/Pars	3,191.25	3,850.00	2,953.00
Medical Reimbursement	350.00	350.00	350.00
Mileage Reimbursement	5,452.00	5,111.00	6,000.00
Church Supplies	2,891.43	4,764.07	3,000.00
Music Director - Salary	3,265.00	2,765.00	6,500.00
Organist - Sub	150.00	400.00	-
Parsonage Allowance	6,750.00	9,000.00	9,000.00
Pastor Salary	34,221.78	45,629.04	45,629.04
Payroll Taxes	1,854.13	2,160.36	2,395.64
Payroll Taxes - Worker's Compe	220.36	260.10	339.44
Pension & Medical Insurance	37,162.51	35,534.50	54,362.76
Postage Expense	437.00	239.86	250.00
Payroll Processing Expense	560.00	1,610.00	-
Legal and Professional	1,729.00	3,590.50	2,000.00
Real Estate Taxes	2,406.72	2,462.08	2,406.72
Secretary - Salary	14,999.94	21,653.93	19,999.92
Bookkeeper - Salary	2,653.30	-	5,000.00
Snowplowing/Lawn Care	798.64	625.07	500.00
Benevolence Expense	500.00	1,177.40	2,000.00
Telephone Expense	1,266.83	1,589.88	1,650.00
Utilities - Electric	3,291.14	3,912.70	4,050.00
Utilities - Gas Expense	1,770.62	2,259.64	2,000.00
Utilities - Sewer Expense	746.43	299.50	800.00
Utilities - Trash Expense	484.24	358.92	750.00
Utilities - Water Expense	1,401.73	2,057.85	2,020.00
Worship Expense	825.35	3,047.43	3,000.00
Other Expense	400.00	1,733.56	400.00
Special Dinner Expense	-	1,980.83	-
Good Samaritan Expenses	40.50	100.00	-
Grief Camp Expense	-	137.30	-
Camp Frederick Expense		100.00	
Total Expenses	141,102.77	175,279.98	193,055.28
Net Income	(21,005.27)	4,237.61	444.72

The congregation of Good Hope Lutheran Church wishes to thank the family and friends of Arden and Jeanie Sauerwein. We have received \$2,850.00 in memorial donations to the capital improvement fund. We appreciate your generosity!

Grown-up Christmas List

The people of Good Hope have a long history of responding well to requests to provide Christmas gifts for needy children of the community. Your generosity is commendable and greatly appreciated.

This year we are going to have the chance to bless our elderly neighbors as well. Think about it: our area is home to a number of nursing homes, each of which is full of women and men who have led productive lives and raised families. And now, sadly, some of these same people are left with no one to return the love they have shared so generously throughout their lives.

My goal is to change that in some small way, by providing Christmas gifts for some of these neighbors. To that end, I have contacted the Activities Director at Shepherd of the Valley for gift suggestions for residents who have no family or friends able to provide for them.

I hope to have the gift requests ready for distribution by Sunday, Nov. 4. My hope is that you will shop for the suggested gift and return it to the church – wrapped (with the gift request attached) -- no later than Sunday, Nov. 25.

Thank you for your consideration and continued generosity.

Kathy Kramer – Discipleship Class member

Mark Your Calendar

November 11– Veterans Day November 18– Harvest Sunday November 21– Thanksgiving worship 7 pm November 25– Hanging of the greens Advent services on Wednesdays at 7pm December 5– Christmas carols December 12– Christmas concert December 17- Cookie exchange



Bryan Allan Robert Allan Brian Bauman John Bauman Charles E. Baun Elbert E. Baun Paul Elmer Baun James R. Beilhart Leon Casity Robert Conklin Jason Crumbacher Melvin Culp Daniel A. Dorazio Arthur Edwards William Glenn Fuller Arthur Gray Bruce Hartsock **Dennis Hartsock** Walter Hartsock Robert Haviland Ike Heasley

Theodore Hoffmeister **Charles Horst** Dane C. Horst Bill Hum William Keaggy Bob Koehler Emil Karl Kramer Robert Kramer Joseph Kreidler William Kuntz **Bette Mathews** Danna Mathews **Robert Mathews** James McDorman Larry McFall Daniel McMurray Jeffrey McMurray John McMurray Michael McMurray

Gus Nemenz Harold Oliver Andre (Lee) Panneton Arden Sauerwein Jack Schneider Roy Schneider Fred Schuster Frank Smith George T. Smith Ralph Waldron William F. Wise Alyssa Morgan Ball Bryce Liberty Don Manning Lyndsey Liberty Jakeb Fry





Harvest Sunday

<u>November 18, 2018</u>

Please bring in your donations to prepare for

Harvest Sunday. Donations are used by 3 C's to help people in our community who are in need.

We will also be collecting monetary donations in the bucket in front of the sanctuary.

Some of the items being collected are:

Dish soap, laundry detergent, paper products, toilet paper, and paper towels. Food items: Canned meats, fruits and vegetables, peanut

butter, jelly and other non-perishable food items.

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Worship Services

Saturdays—5:00 pm Sundays—8:00 & 10:30 AM Children's Sunday School during 10:30 worship

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