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Hope Lutheran Church
3295 Old Hwy 5 South, Ellijay, GA 30540

September 2023

From the Pastor...

Fall is just around the corner!

Time sure does seem to fly these days, doesn't it? So much to look forward to though: our Annual Meeting in a couple of weeks; football season for those who think about such things; the World Series (if the Braves can keep playing like they've been playing this season); movie night here at Hope this coming month; **OctoberFest** the following month; Confirmation for five young people in our congregation on Reformation Sunday; more Saturday gatherings for our ladies here at Hope leading up to **OctoberFest**; new flooring going down in at least four of our rooms downstairs; new plans taking shape for our ministries coming from our Long Range Planning Team...

Our Annual Report will be available shortly for you to look at. We're just finishing another good year here at Hope Church. Our financial situation is strong and our spiritual life together is even stronger!

We are so fortunate to have faithful council leadership here at Hope Church. Julianne Deloney has been our president these past two years and she'll be stepping down from council after four years of faithful service after our Annual Meeting. Mark Weber, too, is finishing four years on council and trust me – we're going to miss his strong presence there. Both have been wonderfully effective leaders for us and have set a strong example for all those who continue to serve on council. Thank you, Julianne and Mark!

Mary Young is just finishing up training/retraining sessions for all those who have been serving already and for those who'd like to serve as ushers and greeters during our worship services here at Hope. Many thanks to all who add so much to our worship experience. We'll be having similar training/retraining sessions for our communion assistants and lectors in the very near future.

My message this September is short. There's no sense in just rehashing my Pastor's Report from the Annual Report that just coming out.

We've got a wonderful and faithful congregation here at Hope Lutheran Church and I'm blessed to serve as your pastor. At the end of September I'll be starting my 25th year with all y'all.

My how the time flies!

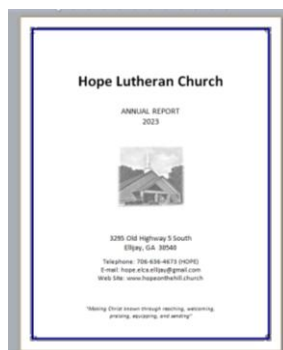
Peace,
Pastor Dave

Annual Meeting of the Congregation

This year our Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be on Sunday, September 18th. We will have a combined worship service at 10:00 AM and the meeting will be convened immediately following the service.

The 2022 Annual Report will be emailed to the congregation by September 4th and will be available in print in the narthex for those who are not able to access it on-line. Please read the report, and come to the Annual Meeting with any questions, concerns, or suggestions.

Following the meeting we will share an hors d'oeuvre and finger food reception in Founders Hall.



2024 Council Nominees Are...

New Congregation Council members will be elected at the Annual Meeting. There are three council terms expiring September 17, 2023. Those nominated to serve two-year terms to replace them are: Mike Hoover, who has agreed to serve a second 2-year term; Vicki Christensen and Charlie Kruk, who have agreed to serve a first 2-year term.

Continuing on Council for another year to complete their terms are Barbara Fail, Sybille Bassano, Jim Berman, Duane Northrup, Charlie Brown, Jordan Pinson and Ann Buehler. Many thanks to two-time President Julianne Deloney and Mark Weber who have served faithfully and are completing a second term of office.

Each of the nominees was contacted and has expressed his/her willingness to serve on the Congregational Council.

Shoes for Orphan Souls Report

With one Sunday to go Diana Barbato reported that Hope Church has donated more than 200 pairs of shoes and 150 pairs of socks for our annual collection. Thank you for your generosity!

Children around the world will receive new shoes and the message that Jesus loves them. You have made this another banner year for a very worth ministry.

SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS



BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Carole English
- 1 Kevin Pierce
- 9 Ann Buehler
- 13 Kim Peterson
- 16 June Edgemon
- 16 Gunther Rankenburg
- 19 Linda Hoover
- 20 Jaymie Pierce
- 21 Sally Harbin
- 22 Len Norwillo
- 24 Matthew Newton
- 24 Cindy Williford
- 25 Patrick Rench
- 26 Carol McCurdy
- 28 Jim Crawford
- 29 Jeannine Sieck
- 29 Trevor Pierce
- 30 John Hanson

ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Donna & Mike Wren
- 14 Jean & Len Norwillo
- 17 Traci Kruger & Jim Richards
- 22 Jeanne & Don Rosenbaum
- 24 Kay & Rich Hein

Outreach Team News

The Outreach Team will be meeting on September 20th at 4:30 before choir to fill the snack bags for Gilmer County elderly Shut-ins. We will be filling approximately 140 bags to be delivered this year and part of next year. We deliver 46 bags every other month throughout the year!

Please come and join us, there will be treats for us too!!

Thank you!

The Outreach Team

Move Night Returns!



Our next Movie Night will be held on Friday, September 8th in Founders Hall. Join us for a fun evening! Supper will be served at 6:00 and the movie will follow. The movie title will be announced shortly. Bring a friend!

Ladies of Hope Gathering

Our next Ladies of Hope Gathering will be Saturday, September 23rd, beginning at 11:30 in Founders Hall. We will be getting ready for the Bazaar that has become a big part of OctoberFest at Hope Church.

If you have questions please contact Beverly Hiscox at 706-698-7282. All ladies are welcome – bring a friend!

La Buena Fe Café Report



Thank you for your great support of the Beno's medical missionary trip to Honduras this month. They will be taking with them hygiene bags and supplies, medicines, and other items needed by people living in the mountains of Honduras. Through *La Buena Fe Café* and other donations, Hope Church has provided more than \$4,200.00 this year alone, in addition to bags and supplies.

Please pray for Jim, Katy, and Dr. Luke Beno as they make this journey. It is their 22nd trip, and the first in several years

September Worship Assistants

8:15 Lectors

3 Wayne Buehler
10 Ann Buehler
24 Jan Austin

10:45 Lectors

3 Barbara Fail
10 Janice Weber
17 Rena Ashworth (10 AM)
24 John Hiscox

10:45 Greeters

3 Mike & Linda Hoover
10 Barbara Fail & Jeannine Sieck
17 Art & Wanda Dodge (10 AM)
24 Tom & Carole English

10:45 Ushers

3 Steven & Amy Freese
10 Frank & Suzie Quido
17 Leno & June Edgemon (10 AM)
24 Jack O'Donovan & Mary Young

10:45 Communion Assistants

3 Barbara Fail
10 Janice Weber
17 Ann Berman (10 AM)
24 John Hiscox

Fellowship

3 Jeannine Sieck
10 Barbara Polk & Amy Freese
17 Barbara Mefford & Sybille Bassano
24 Janet Smedley

Counters

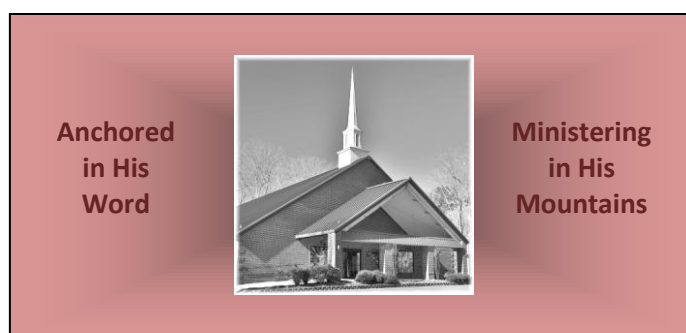
3 Mary Young & Amy Freese
10 Barbara Mefford & Mary Leyden
17 Steven Freese & Karen Baker
24 Mike Hoover & Sylvia Negri

Mid-Week Altar Guild

3 Doris Goplin
10 June Edgemon
17 Ann Berman
24 Jim Beno

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Our Mission Statement:
Making Christ known through reaching, welcoming, praising, equipping and sending

Officers & Congregational Council

President	Julianne Deloney
Vice President	Mike Hoover
Secretary	Charlie Brown
Treasurer	Jan Austin
Financial Secretary	Jack O'Donovan

Council Members

Sybille Bassano	Ann Buehler	Jordan Pinson
Jim Berman	Barbara Fail	Mark Weber
	Duane Northrup	

Please contact any council member if you have any suggestions, questions, or concerns. Council meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at 5:30 PM.