



# The VOICE of HOPE

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Happy New-year Hope Church! 2021 has been a year where we could experience God's mercy and grace all the time, and during every moment.

In this month, I would like to share what God has done through our church last year in 2021.

(Psalms 136:1-9)

God poured out his grace to continue our youth group bible study every Sunday at church in this pandemic period. We also participated in ongoing worship services, Sunday school, young adult's ministry, preschool ministry, intercessory prayer meetings, Adult Bible study, Baptisms, confirmations, new membership classes, and chapel time with SafeCare. SafeCare is a big part of our mission at Hope Church; it impacts children's hearts to be able to learn about God.

By God's grace, we were able to support Redbird missionaries with \$3,202.50, Laos missionaries with \$2,779.50, and the summer lunch program, which provided meals for over 650 kids; for the lunch program, we offered 650 bags of snacks and spent \$2000, but it was all through donations. For the backpack program and Baby Bottle program, we gave over \$1793 till August, and the Vacation Bible School saw over 50 kids in attendance. For the Franklin Community Dinner, over 50 people came every meal. We also helped with the Franklin food pantry, giving gifts to 2 Hunter families and 1 Middletown family (one family of 6 children, and another with 3 children) for Christmas time. We gave gifts to 41 people at the Franklin Nursing home. Hope House supported \$200 for thanksgiving (Middletown), Fall Fest donations, and \$800 for a Garage sale for Alzheimer's. Finally, we maintained the church building so that we were able to worship God in a perfect condition.

Even though, our church is small, we are strong in God. And by God's abundant grace, we as a church were able to help people and extend the kingdom of God and spread the gospel.

In each ministry, there was a lot of help behind the scenes. There were God's faithful people who donated their time, money, prayers, physical help, encouragement, and willingness.

I am very thankful that we were able to extend the kingdom of God during this pandemic period. God remembers your work, time, and effort.

And I am 100% sure that God will continue to use our church members to extend the kingdom of God in 2022, bringing people to Christ and letting them know who God is.

God is the one who deserves to receive all the glory and we are so thankful that God is using us as the avenue to be a part of God's ministry.

Hope Church, please remember this: God wants to use each one of you, and, even though sometimes we will not see the fruits of that ministry right away, we put the seed out and God will help it grow. So, our part is to love God first and love our neighbors as ourselves.

We give all the glory to God. Amen.

Pastor Noah Park

# Thank You!

To Hope Church -

You have been such a blessing to our family during the illness and passing of my mom. Thanks so much for all of your cards, prayers and presence at her service. A very special thank you to Pastor Noah for the uplifting service.

Blessings & Love,

David & Barb Martin

To Hope Church -

Words can never say how much our family has appreciated the love and support we have felt during Don's illness and passing.

Noah had a beautiful and joyful service and it was exactly what Don would have wanted.

Also, many thanks to those who provided a delicious meal for all of us.

Thank you so much.

Margie Squires & family

Sincere thanks to all who helped to make our Advent/Christmas/Epiphany season run smoothly! Whether you assisted in our worship services in some way or prayed for us from your home, we are grateful. We love our volunteers!

Barbara Crouse

Dear Hope Church -

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Franklin Ridge Christmas Project. We were able to give a personalized gift to each of the 41 residents at Franklin Ridge. UMW added some blankets, lotions and other everyday necessities to each residents gift bag.

We also were able to donate several boxes of bath supplies, books and other craft items that will help the residents throughout the year.

Your donations made a very wonderful Christmas celebration to 41 people who don't always have a lot to celebrate.

We could not have done it without you and we sincerely thank each of you.

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EXTEND TO EACH PERSON,  
NO MATTER HOW TRIVIAL  
THE CONTACT, ALL THE  
CARE AND KINDNESS AND  
UNDERSTANDING AND LOVE  
THAT YOU CAN MUSTER.  
AND DO IT WITH NO  
THOUGHT OF ANY REWARD.  
YOUR LIFE WILL NEVER BE  
THE SAME AGAIN.

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for the love gift I received from you recently! It is much appreciated and you are very kind. It is a joy to serve you and I love you all! 😊

Barbara Crouse

## WORSHIP AND MUSIC ARTS IN 2021

Such a crazy couple of years we've all had; very difficult (a.k.a. horrible) in so many ways for so many people! But we are still here and God is still in control, no matter what problems have come to each of us. Even during our worst times He is loving, faithful and always here for us. I think most, if not all, of us already believe that, which is part of why it's always a joy to meet together each week.

As I review our 2021 worship services from a Music Director's perch I can say that it's been a true joy to work with Pastor Noah and the others in our little Praise Team! Please continue to pray for all of us in 2022 as we keep singing to and about the Lord we love.

Thanks for still singing with no actual notes or hymnals in front of us all the time. As we join our voices together to sing music both old and new, our spirits are lifted and so are our faces!

I personally love both the poetic beauty of the words penned by people centuries back, as well as the heartfelt lyrics of those written more recently that also express personal prayers and/or great love for our Lord. Blend the two styles together, maybe update a few things, and the marriage of the two begets heartfelt prayers and joyful spirits! I, for one, am always uplifted by the time the service is over. God speaks to us in so many ways.

The beauty we see around us in nature, in stained glass windows in a cathedral, or maybe in a new arrangement of Christmas trees in Hope's sanctuary's chancel space is readily available to each of us via the eye-gate as we keep both eyes and ears open and tuned in to whatever the Spirit wants us to see or hear on any given week.

Thank you for helping me, and others, through the strange year just past---2021. It's a true joy to be a part of Hope UMC. May we honor our Lord each time we come together in 2022!

~ Barbara Crouse

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### **From the Leadership Team....**

We are always looking for ways to improve our worship services while also keeping with many of the traditions of Hope Church. Our goal is to bring a worship service that brings us all closer to God. We welcome your feedback and ideas.

Beginning in January, 2022, our Praise Team will be singing for us from 9:45 to 10:00 each Sunday morning before our service begins at 10:00am. Their hope is to bring music to help put our hearts and minds in a spirit of worshipping our God.



As the person sitting behind the camera for our Facebook Live feed, I want to ask each of you a favor. I know we don't need to have our cell phones out during the service, however, keeping it out for a minute or two can help us spread the word that Hope Church welcomes everyone.

If you can take a moment to log on to Facebook during the music before the service (9:45-10:00 am), you can quickly SHARE our Live Feed with your Facebook Friends. I try to do this every Sunday and you'd be surprised how many friends will pop on to the service and check us out! Once you share the live feed, you can log back off of Facebook and put away your phone. We are so very proud of Hope Church. Let's share it with our friends and family, both near and far.

And I want to thank those sitting close for dealing with me. From time to time I have to move my location to get a better video due to an extra bright sun or other conditions I can not control.

~ Debbie Garrett

## **HOPE UMC MISSION GIVINGS FOR 2021** Prepared by Debbie Hollingsworth 12/21/21

**BABY BOTTLE PROGRAM:** We kicked off this program in the spring with a BABY SHOWER. We collected items from May 1 – 15 which included baby wipes, diapers, clothing and other items to give to the families within the community. Now we collect the baby bottles monthly and have donated through the end of August **\$1,793.62**.

**SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM FOR KIDS IN NEED:** We prepared on average 50 lunches for 13 weeks. That totals 650 lunches. We had restaurants provide a warm meal to give out for each of these 50 children. And then we prepared 50 bags of various nonperishable food items to distribute to the children to help them get through the week. So that is 650 lunches along with 650 bags. Averaging each child at approximately \$6.50 (\$3.00 per lunch, \$3.50 per bag), this comes to **\$4,225**. All of this was completed totally with donations.

**BACKPACK PROGRAM:** We filled 12 backpacks with numerous requested items from Grades Kindergarten through 6 that were then given to Hunter Elementary School. Each backpack was donated at approximately a cost of \$10, filled with items at a cost of approximately \$20, totals **\$360**.

**ALZHEIMER'S GARAGE SALE:** Considering everything is donated to this fundraiser, we managed to donate **\$832.35**, in the name of Hope UMC to the Walk to End Alzheimer's team named Memories for Maryann. Proceeds go to Alzheimer's Awareness.

**THANKSGIVING TO HOPE HOUSE:** We donated **\$200** in cash to support the Thanksgiving meal given to the homeless.

**HUNTER FAMILY CHRISTMAS SPONSORSHIP:** Monetary donations received were \$595. Money spent on clothing, toys and Kroger gift cards totaled **\$587.38** for 6 of the 12 stockings. This does not include donations purchased from the congregation for the 6 of the 12 stockings picked. We assisted 3 families within the Hunter, Franklin, and Middletown area.

**FRANKLIN MISSION DINNERS:** We have served the community for a total of 21 Tuesdays this past year, 1,160 meals. This is accomplished totally with donations amounting to **\$5,800**. That is averaging the cost of the meals to be about \$5. The cost was increased this year due to the extra packaging needed to serve the meals as carry out.

With just the figures highlighted, we donated **\$13,798.35** to our surrounding community. Now remember that I can only guess on some of the amounts spent. When you purchase items, I can only guess at what the expense may have been. So, for instance, with the Hunter Family Project, you can basically at least double that amount because it only represents half of the donations presented to the families. And on the Summer Lunch Program, the food that was donated was almost impossible to keep track of, much less put a dollar amount to. So, I would estimate that we donated a minimum of **\$15,000.00** to our community.

**BE PROUD HOPE CHURCH!**

# OUTREACH & MISSIONS



**FRANKLIN COMMUNITY MEALS** Free meals will be available at First United Methodist Church in Franklin on the 1st, 4th and 5th Tuesdays each month. Meals are now served inside or carry out boxes are available. Below are the menus and the donations needed.

**JANUARY 4**  
Spaghetti & Meatballs  
Salad  
Rolls  
Dessert  
Water

**JANUARY 25**  
Turkey Hot Shot  
Mashed Potatoes  
Peas  
Rolls  
Dessert  
Water

## DONATIONS NEEDED

Boxes of Spaghetti  
Spaghetti Sauce  
Salad Dressing

Rolls  
Bottled Water

Rolls  
Canned Peas  
Bottled Water

**CURRENT NEEDS:** Bottled Water or other individual drinks, sturdy paper plates, individual fruit cups and pudding cups, and individual packs of cookies, candy or snacks, sturdy paper plates.



Please bring donations to church or call Debbie Hollingsworth for pickup at (937) 572-9027. Up to 120 meals are passed out to the community each month. Without the donations from our congregation, this would not be possible. Thank you all so much for your generosity.



Enclosed is a copy of the Community Calendar for you to share. Please spread the word! None of the churches involved have any requirements or qualifications to participate. We simply want to Feed the community and let them know the resources available.

The Clothing ministry on Thursdays opens their doors to everyone, particularly the homeless. Then the 4Life Worship has a shower, as well, and they are open on Thursdays so that the homeless can shower and dress in their new clothes from the ministry. They also have washing machines for their clothes, along with other services to help them out, like filling out applications and paperwork. Call Debbie Hollingsworth with any questions. (937) 572-9027

## BABY BOTTLE PROGRAM

The next collection date for your filled (or partially filled) baby bottles will be: **SUNDAY - JANUARY 30**

## MISSION/OUTREACH TEAM

The **Mission/Outreach Team** will meet **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12** at **6:00 PM** via Zoom. Anyone

interested in Mission/Outreach is welcome to attend! All are welcome! Please join us and see what we're all about. Contact Debbie Hollingsworth at 937-572-9027 for more information and how to join via Zoom.

**Thank you for allowing Hope UMC to make a difference in the lives of others in our community!**



# JANUARY 2022 Community Meals

<i>Sat</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
						<b>1</b> Vine DT, 10 to 2 4Life 6 pm Then meal
<b>2</b> Second Time Shop 2 -4 pm St. Paul Lutheran	<b>3</b> Second Time Shop 9 - 12 pm St. Paul Lutheran	<b>4</b> FUMC by Hope &Red Lion UMC 4:30 to 5:30 FREE CLINIC 6 PM	<b>5</b> Box Lunch at Vine DT, 10 - 2	<b>6</b> St. Mary's K of C at FUMC 4 to 5 Clothing Ministry 11 to 3	<b>7</b> Second Time Shop 2-4 pm	<b>8</b> Vine DT, 10 to 2 4Life 6 pm Then meal
<b>9</b> Second Time Shop 2 -4 pm St. Paul Lutheran	<b>10</b> Second Time Shop 9 - 12 pm St. Paul Lutheran	<b>11</b> St. Paul Lutheran 6 PM FREE CLINIC 6 PM	<b>12</b> Box Lunch at Vine DT, 10 - 2	<b>13</b> St. Mary's K of C at FUMC 4 to 5 Clothing Ministry 11 to 3	<b>14</b> Second Time Shop 2-4 pm	<b>15</b> Vine DT, 10 to 2 4Life 6 pm Then meal
<b>16</b> Second Time Shop 2 -4 pm St. Paul Lutheran	<b>17</b> Second Time Shop 9 - 12 pm St. Paul Lutheran	<b>18</b> St. Paul Lutheran 6 PM FREE CLINIC 6 PM	<b>19</b> Box Lunch at Vine DT, 10 - 2	<b>20</b> St. Mary's K of C at FUMC 4 to 5 Clothing Ministry 11 to 3	<b>21</b> Second Time Shop 2-4 pm	<b>22</b> Vine DT, 10 to 2 4Life 6 pm Then meal
<b>23/30</b> Second Time Shop 2 -4 pm St. Paul Lutheran	<b>24/31</b> Second Time Shop 9 - 12 pm St. Paul Lutheran	<b>25</b> FUMC by Hope &Red Lion UMC 4:30 to 5:30 FREE CLINIC 6 PM	<b>26</b> Box Lunch at Vine DT, 10 - 2	<b>27</b> St. Mary's K of C at FUMC 4 to 5 Clothing Ministry 11 to 3	<b>28</b> Second Time Shop 2-4 pm	<b>29</b> Vine DT, 10 to 2 4Life 6 pm Then meal

## Franklin Area Churches:

Hope United Methodist Church, 3642 Shaker Rd.

St. Paul Lutheran Church, 500 E. Second St.

FCOG: First Church of God, 704 S. River St.

FUMC: First United Methodist Church, 303 S. Main St.

Vine DT: Vineyard Downtown, 108 E. Sixth St.

4Life Worship, 215 S. Main St. (937)479-4479

Red Lion United Methodist Church, 3466 N SR 741

St. Mary's Knights of Columbus, Springboro, OH

Clothing Ministry Franklin First Baptist Church 16 W. 2nd St.

**NEED MORE INFORMATION??**  
**Call Debbie Hollingsworth**  
**(937)572-9027**



## **LOVE FROM HOPE**

**Purpose: To Show GOD’S Love in a Practical Way**

The newly formed Mission/Outreach committee is excited to announce a new ministry – **LOVE FROM HOPE**. Where every Fifth Sunday, the congregation will be asked to bring in one practical item. For instance, January 30, 2022, we are asking you to bring a package of toilet paper to the service. Any size or type will be suitable.

Then after the service, those that wish to participate will be given an address or 2 depending on the number of people that participate. Members will go out in a team of 2 and take the item (ex. Package of toilet paper) along with information about our church and knock on the door. When the resident comes to the door, we simply say, “This is from HOPE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH to Show GOD’S Love in a Practical Way.”

So, January 30, 2022, please bring in a package of toilet paper. Then after the service, join us in reaching out to the community. The more people involved the less time it will take. However, the more we will be able to reach out as well. Any questions ask the Mission Outreach Team (Pastor Noah, Barb Martin, Sandy Rose, Elsa Wazenegger, and Larry Parker) or



**Debbie Hollingsworth 937 572 9027.**



**Pastor Noah is looking for some “back up” help for the Youth Group meetings.**

According to our Safe Sanctuary Policy, which applies to any gathering of youth under the age of 18 in our church, a minimum of two adults (not related) must be present at all times.

We sometimes have a problem meeting this requirement and, unfortunately, the only solution Pastor Noah has is to cancel the Youth Group meeting, which is something he never wants to have to do.

We are looking for some adults that would be willing to join Pastor Noah for Youth Group meetings at the church on Sunday evenings at 6:00 PM, when this situation arises. The volunteer **does not have to do any of the prep** work or planning. The volunteer is mainly there to help, as needed, and to fulfill the requirement of two non-related adults present at all times. When needed, Pastor Noah will call you to see if you are available so that he does not have to cancel the meeting. For this reason, we would like to have at least 2 or 3 people willing to help so that the chance of someone being available is greater and you don't have to help as often.

If you are willing to serve your Lord and help our pastor with the youth group, please let Pastor Noah know.

**“Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.”  
Philippians 2:4 NKJV**



***We are trying to keep our Church Directory up-to-date.***

If any of your information in the current directory is incorrect or missing, please let us know. And if your information changes at any time, please keep us updated so we can make the corrections.

**PLEASE NOTE:** *The Directory indicates members who currently will NOT be able to pick up anything put in the church mailboxes. Instead of putting notes or cards in the church mailboxes we ask that you mail cards for those people by USPS to the address listed in the Directory so*



## Birthdays

- 10 Caty O’Hara
- 13 Lennie Norris
- 14 Tom Pressler
- 22 Jean Centers
- 28 Shirley Crouse
- 28 Alyssa O’Hara
- 31 Sherrie Robertson



## Anniversaries

- 13 Pastor Noah & Miso
- 14 Doug & Rhonda Horn
- 28 Ken & Jean Centers



# JANUARY 2022

Sun                      Mon                      Tue                      Wed                      Thu                      Fri                      Sat

		8:45-9:45 AM                      Sunday School 9:45-10:00 AM                      Praise Band Gathering Music 10:00 AM                      Worship Service After Joys & Concerns, Miso will take the Preschoolers for Children's Church				1 
2 Epiphany Sunday Communion  6:00 PM Youth Group	3	4  Franklin Dinner	5  11:00 AM Prayer Group  6:30 PM UMW	6	7  Pastor Sabbath	8
9  6:00 PM Youth Group	10  6:30 PM Leadership Team Meeting	11	12  11:00 AM Prayer Group  6:00 PM Mission Mtg. Via Zoom	13	14  Pastor Sabbath	15  1:00 PM Hope Family Winter Luncheon
16  6:00 PM Youth Group	17  MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. <i>Day</i> 	18	19  11:00 AM Prayer Group	20  	21  Pastor Sabbath	22  10:30 AM Young Adult Meeting
23  No Youth Group	24	25  Franklin Dinner	26	27	28  Pastor Sabbath	29
30 Mission Sunday 6:00 PM Youth Group Baby Bottle January Collection	31	Best wishes to our Hope family for a very happy and healthy 2022.				



To view Pastor Noah's messages on YouTube, go to [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) and search for "Sung Wha Park".



You can also join our worship services LIVE on Facebook.  
 To access the worship service audio only by phone...Dial (563) 999-1726.