



# The VOICE of HOPE

FEBRUARY & MARCH 2022



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Greetings Hope Church in Christ. This month I would like to share what we need to pass on to our next generations.

***“Isaac prayed to the Lord on behalf of his wife, because she was childless. The Lord answered his prayer, and his wife Rebekah became pregnant” (Genesis 25:21).***

When I grew up, in our family we had a family worship service daily at night time. My parents and I read the Bible together, prayed together. Now even though I am married, we still have a worship service via Zoom once a month with our parents. They always check on my faith before God and my relationship with God. Even though I am a pastor, what I am thankful for most is that my parents passed on to me how to believe in God and they passed on their faith to me.

The most precious thing we can pass on to the next generation is faith. Faith, in a word, is our firm faith in God. Even if we pass on a lot of material things to the next generation, like social status or good health, if we don't pass on faith, we haven't passed on the most important thing! It is understandable that the world wants to pass materials on to their children. However, Christians sometimes also want to pass on materials only to their children rather than faith. However, materials without faith in God is not a benefit, but a poison. If we look at the people of faith in the Bible, they tried to pass on the faith above all else to their children.

If we look at today's story, Isaac married Rebekah, but she was in the midst of not having children. This difficulty is similar to that of Abraham, the father of Isaac. Today's verse is a record of what kind of attitude Isaac took amid these difficulties. ***“Isaac prayed to the Lord on behalf of Rebekah, because she was childless.”*** Isaac prayed to God.

Who taught Isaac this belief? It was from his own father, Abraham. In Genesis 15, there is a scene where Abraham pleads with God. Genesis 15:2 says, ***“Abram said, “Sovereign Lord, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?”*** To this prayer, God answered Abraham in Genesis 15:4 ***“Then the word of the Lord came to him: “This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir.”***

Whenever Abraham had time, he explained to Isaac several times how Isaac was born and how Abraham received a promise by asking God, and how God must have faithfully kept that promise. Other than that, he must have told Isaac the story of leaving his homeland in obedience to God's word, and the story of God who helped him even though there were difficulties along the long journey. And, crucially, when God commanded Abraham to sacrifice Isaac, Isaac saw his father Abraham, who obeyed the word by faith with his own eyes. As a result of his obedience in his faith, Isaac knew experientially how God had blessed his father Abraham. In this way, Isaac inherited faith through Abraham. And in the midst of his childless difficulties, Isaac was praying, not in any other way, but to God. The greatest thing we can pass on to the next generation and to our children is faith. When we live out faith in God, our next generations, our children, will learn faith too! They will learn what it means to believe in God. May they remember that it is the greatest blessing we can give them.

Pastor Noah

## “LOVE FROM HOPE” Project UPDATE

Last week we distributed 20 packages of toilet paper to our church neighbors on Fisher Road. Eight church members paired up into four different groups and we went to each house on Fisher Road. If someone answered the door, we gave them the toilet paper, along with our Hope Church information flyer, along with this message.



***“Hello, we are from Hope United Methodist Church, which is right down the street from you.***

***We want to show you GOD’S LOVE in a practical way.***

***We also want you to know that if there is anything we can help you with, we are here for you.”***

If no one answered the door, we simply left the package of toilet paper and the Hope UMC information flyer.

While we were out in the neighborhood showing God’s Love to our neighbors, there was a group of people in the sanctuary at church praying for each household we were visiting, and also for those of us going door to door. Once we visited all 20 houses, we returned to the sanctuary to share our experiences and complete the project with a prayer.

This was a very moving experience for many of us. While, some people simply said “thank you” and we went on to the next house, there were others that appeared to be very touched by our simple act of kindness in God’s name. There were also a few people who said they didn’t need or want the toilet paper because they had plenty. We asked those people if they would please keep it and pass it on to someone who might have the need.

As we shared our experiences, it was obvious that we all had the feeling that we had done something good for our neighborhood. We have a community of people around us and we want to make sure they know that Hope Church is there for them. We do not know their needs if we don’t leave our building and talk to them.

We plan on doing a Love From Hope project on the 5th Sunday of any month that has 5 Sundays. So we are planning on doing this onlyThe next planned project will be on Sunday, May 29, which should have much nicer weather! And, the more people who help, the less time it will take and we may be able to do more than one street.

We ask that each of you pray about this project and give some real thought about participating. It only takes about an hour after the church service and I guarantee you will feel the power of the Holy Spirit as you pass out God’s Love.

Watch the Voice and church announcements to see what the next item will be for us to distribute on another neighborhood street. If you have any questions or want to talk to someone who experienced God’s Love on January 30th, take a moment and talk to any of these people after church some Sunday. We’ll be happy to share our experiences.

Rick & Annette Drake

Tom & Debbie Garrett

Shirley & Phyllis Crouse

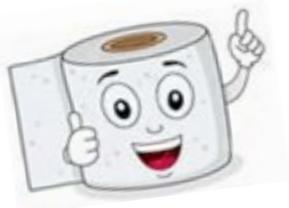
Sandy Rose

David & Barb Martin

Becki Tolson

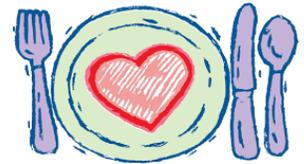
Barbara Crouse

Larry Parker





# OUTREACH & MISSIONS



COMMUNITY DINNER

**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 for the next few meals.

**FEBRUARY 22**  
Hot Dogs on Bun  
Mac & Cheese  
Fruit Cups  
Dessert  
Water

**MARCH 1**  
Sloppy Joes  
3-Bean Salad  
Chips  
Dessert  
Water

**MARCH 22**  
Tuna Casserole  
Salad  
Roll  
Dessert  
Water

## DONATIONS NEEDED

Hot Dog Buns  
Boxes of Macaroni & Cheese  
Individual Fruit Cups  
Shredded Cheese

Sloppy Joe Mix  
Hamburger Buns  
Individually Packaged Chips

Canned Tuna  
Mayonnaise  
Relish  
Salad Dressing  
Rolls



**CURRENT NEEDS:** Bottled Water or other individually packaged drinks, quart-size ZipTop bags, brown lunch bags, any individually wrapped or packaged chips, crackers, desserts and candies that can be added to the bags, and napkins. Any donations that are received will be put to good use!

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.

**Medical services will be available to help address health needs of the uninsured and underinsured in our community.**

## BABY BOTTLE PROGRAM

The February collection date for your filled (or partially filled) baby bottles will be: **SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 27**

The March collection date will be: **SUNDAY - MARCH 27**

*We don't turn down donations or volunteers, but put them all to good use!*

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

*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 they receive them promptly.*



## Birthdays

- 12 Rhonda Horn
- 17 Alexander Shobe
- 18 Ryan Huff
- 18 Donna VanWert
- 22 Shirley Gividen
- 23 Calvin Wazenegger
- 25 Gloria Huff
- 26 Lonnie Hamilton

FEBRUARY



## Anniversaries

- 26 John & Leslie O'Hara

MARCH

## Birthdays

- 7 Dale Meeks
- 8 Liza O'Hara
- 17 Becky Garrett
- 18 Pauline Abrams
- 20 Tanner Biltz
- 29 Barbara Martin
- 30 Justin Richter
- 30 Jeremy Barger

## Anniversaries

- 22 Jeff & Kristy York
- 24 Eric & Prescilla Gilbert



**Young Adult—January Meeting**



**Youth Group  
January Meeting**



**On January 27 the first Life Group gatherings were held.**

**This is Group B.  
They met at the home of  
Randy & Barb Crouse.**



**This is Group A who met at the home of David & Barb Martin.  
This group apparently doesn't know if they are coming or going!**

***Everyone agreed that this was a wonderful experience and we are looking forward to our February gatherings. If you are interested in joining a Life Group, please let Pastor Noah know.***



**Our Adult Sunday School class, led by David Martin, meets on Sunday mornings from 8:45—9:45 AM, before the 10:00 Worship Service.**



**During the second half of worship, our preschool children are blessed to have Miso lead them in singing and dancing, followed by their weekly lessons and crafts to enhance the lessons.**

# FEBRUARY 2022

Sun                      Mon                      Tue                      Wed                      Thu                      Fri                      Sat

		8:45-9:45 AM 9:45-10:00 AM 10:00 AM		Sunday School Praise Band Gathering Music Worship Service			Following Joys & Concerns, Miso will take the Preschoolers for Children's Church			
		1	2	3	4	5				
			11:00 AM Prayer Group				Pastor Sabbath			
6	 Communion  6:30 PM Youth Group	7	8	9	10	11	12			
						Pastor Sabbath				
13	No Youth Group	14	15	16	17	18	19			
					6:00 PM Mission Mtg. Via Zoom Or In Person	Pastor Sabbath				
20	6:30 PM Youth Group	21	22	23	24	25	26			
		 6:30 PM Leadership Mtg	Franklin Dinner		Life Groups 2:00 PM Group B 6:00 PM Group A	Pastor Sabbath	10:30 AM Young Adult Meeting			
27	No Youth Group  Baby Bottle February Collection	28								
		9 AM – 12 PM Pastor Unavailable								



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.  
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# MARCH 2022

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

8:45-9:45 AM  
9:45-10:00 AM  
10:00 AM

Sunday School  
Praise Band Gathering Music  
Worship Service

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*"May the blessings of each day be the blessings you need the most."*

~Irish Blessing

**1**  
Franklin Dinner

**2** ASH WEDNESDAY  
11:00 AM Prayer Group  
7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service

**3**

**4**  
  
World Day of Prayer  
Pastor Sabbath

**5**

**6** First Sunday in Lent  
Communion   
6:30 PM Youth Group

**7**

**8**

**9**  
11:00 AM Prayer Group

**10**  
6:00 Mission Meeting via Zoom or In Person  
Pastor Not Available

**11**  
Pastor Not Available

**12**

**13** Second Sunday in Lent  
6:30 PM Youth Group

**14**  
6:30 PM Leadership Mtg

**15**

**16**  
11:00 AM Prayer Group

**17**  


**18**  
Pastor Sabbath

**19**  


**20** Third Sunday in Lent  
6:30 PM Youth Group

**21**

**22**  
Franklin Dinner

**23**

**24**  
Life Groups  
2:00 PM Group B  
6:00 PM Group A

**25**  
Pastor Sabbath

**26**

**27** Fourth Sunday in Lent  
UMCOR Offering  
No Youth Group  
Baby Bottle Collection

**28**

**29**  
Franklin Dinner

**30**  
11:00 AM Prayer Group

**31**





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		1 FUMC by Hope & Red Lion UMC 4:30 to 5:30 FREE CLINIC 6 PM	2 Box Lunch at Vine DT, 10 - 2	3 St. Mary's K of C at FUMC 4 to 5 Clothing Ministry 11 to 3	4 Second Time Shop 2-4 pm	5 Vine DT, 10 to 2 4Life 6 pm Then meal
6 Second Time Shop 2 -4 pm St. Paul Lutheran	7 Second Time Shop 9 - 12 pm St. Paul Lutheran	8 St. Paul Lutheran 6 PM FREE CLINIC 6 PM	9 Box Lunch at Vine DT, 10 - 2	10 St. Mary's K of C at FUMC 4 to 5 Clothing Ministry 11 to 3	11 Second Time Shop 2-4 pm	12 Vine DT, 10 to 2 4Life 6 pm Then meal
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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??**  
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The Community Meals and services are open to anyone!

Please share this calendar to help spread the word.



# MARCH 2022 Community Meals

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
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