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The VOICE of HOPE

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Greetings Hope Church in Christ. This month I would like to share about the greatest blessing that we have in our lives.

“The ark of the LORD remained in the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite for three months, and the LORD blessed him and his entire household” (2 Samuel 6:11).

The greatest blessing a person can enjoy is not the blessing this world can give.

The greatest blessing we can enjoy is the blessing of heaven that this world cannot give; only God can give that. Those who do not know God or do not acknowledge God do not seek the blessings of heaven. We seek only the blessings of this world that we can obtain and enjoy in this world. The problem is that even Christians who acknowledge God and say they know God are seeking the blessings of this world only, not heavenly blessings. Just like the rest of the world, they seek material things, crave places, and desire success. If we are no different from the rest of the world, our belief in God is most likely false.

It is said that only humans overeat. Even pigs don't overeat. Pigs stop eating when their stomachs start to fill up. If you overeat, your mouth will be happy and you will feel full right away, but over time you will feel bloated and uncomfortable. And regrets about overeating come flooding in. This is human folly. We don't know how to see far, so we try to find pleasure in what is right in front of us and grab hold of what is right in front of us. People won't overeat for the pleasure of the moment, knowing that emptying their stomach a bit will make them much more comfortable later on. If we have anticipation for the great blessings of heaven that God gives us, we cannot cling to the shallow blessings of the world right in front of us.

Then, what is the great and deep blessing of heaven from God? It is God Himself. In other words, a life that walks with God, a life that dwells in God's presence, a life that enjoys intimacy with God, a life that sticks with God, and a life that always clearly senses the existence of God is a life that enjoys the blessings of heaven. Today's scripture is written like this: “The ark of the Lord remained in the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite for three months, and the Lord blessed him and his entire household” (2 Samuel 6:11).

Obed-Edom, who was a Gentile, had no basis for receiving God's blessing. It is recorded that he and his whole household enjoyed the blessing of God. The only reason he could receive God's blessing was because the ark of God was in his house. In other words, because God was present in his house. Anyone who believes in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ on the cross can now walk with God and live in His presence. We have already received this blessing. However, it seems that not many people actually enjoy this blessing. The greatest blessing, we can enjoy is staying in the presence of God who is the source of blessing and walking with Him. There is no greater blessing than that. I hope that we will not be deceived by the shallow and cheap blessings that the world can give us, and that we can enjoy the ultimate heavenly blessing that God gives us today, the blessing of walking with God.

Pastor Noah Park

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. Below are the menus and the donations needed for the next few meals.

AUGUST 2 No Dinner

AUGUST 23 Chili Dogs
Pasta Salad
Chips
Dessert

AUGUST 30 Tuna Casserole
Fruit or Fruit Salad
Roll
Dessert

DONATIONS NEEDED

Hot Dog Buns
Hot Dogs
Chili Sauce
Onions
Chips
Bottled Water

Canned Tuna
Mayonnaise
Rolls
Bottled Water

**ALL MEALS WILL NOW
BE SERVED INDOORS.
WE HOPE TO BE ABLE
TO HELP WITH MORE
THAN JUST A MEAL BY
TALKING TO OUR
GUESTS AND
HEARING THEIR**

ALWAYS NEEDED: Sturdy Paper Plates, Bottled Water, Paper Lunch Bags, Quart-size Ziploc Bags, Individually Packaged Snacks, Puddings, Fruit Cups, Desserts, Chips and Candies.
Any donations received will be put to good use!

BABY BOTTLE PROGRAM

Upcoming collection dates for your filled (or partially filled) baby bottles will be:

SUNDAY - AUGUST 28 SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 25

If donating by check, make check payable to: Hope UMC and note "Pregnancy Center" on the memo line.

UPCOMING MISSION PROJECTS

- **August 16 (Tuesday) Frisch's Fundraiser (by Towne Mall)**
 - ◇ Come out to Frisch's on S. Dixie Hwy (near Towne Mall) 4:00 to 9:00 PM. Present the flyer at the end of this newsletter and 20% of all food and drink sales will be donated by Frisch's to support the Hope UMC Mission Outreach Team for the Walk to End Alzheimer's. You can Dine-In, Carry Our, or Drive Thru!
- **August 19 & 20 (Fri & Sat) Hope UMC Annual Garage Sale & Craft Vendors**
 - ◇ Please see the flyer in this newsletter for details and share with your friends and family as much as you can. We need the community to know about this fundraiser for Alzheimer's.
 - ◇ We will also be having a raffle of gift cards, bake sale, and other food vendors.
 - ◇ If you know anyone that wants to set up a table to sell some of their items, please let Debbie Hollingsworth know. 937-572-9027 or dhollingsworth77.dh@gmail.com



During the church meeting held on May 1, there was discussion about the many areas in the maintenance of Hope UMC where the Leadership Team is asking for volunteer help from our congregation.

The hope for many of these items is that we get enough people to help and the volunteers can make a schedule to share the task instead of one person having to do it all of the time.

When this list is published, please take time to look over the list with an open mind and see what item might work for you and your skills. There are items for many different areas and skill levels. We are more than willing to help you. If you try and then decide it is not something for you, then we will say "thank you for trying".

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up.

The birthdays and anniversaries are posted for the current month and the next month. If you find your birthday or anniversary is either incorrect or missing, please let me know ASAP so I can make the correction before the next published Voice of Hope. Thank you! Debbie Garrett 513-594-6662



Birthdays

- 10 Elsa Wazenegger
- 11 Bill Rupp
- 14 Harriett Byrd
- 14 Prescilla Gilbert
- 18 Debora Hollingsworth
- 30 Bob Hollingsworth



Anniversaries

- 8 Steve & Jane Freeze
- 9 Randy & Barbara Crouse
- 11 Steve & Elaine Gill
- 21 David & Barbara Martin



- 11 Leslie O'Hara
- 20 Olean Vance
- 22 Sara Chadrick
- 27 Kathy Wazenegger
- 27 Miso Kim
- 30 Betty Woodell

- 2 Mike & Pat Barger
- 6 Rick & Annette Drake
- 9 Kevin & Kristi Biltz



The Flower Chart for the remainder of 2022 is posted on the window to left of the mailboxes. If you would like to have the Sunday altar flowers to commemorate a birthday or anniversary or for any reason, please sign up for your date on this chart. The cost is \$15 and can be put in the offering plate designated as "Altar Flowers". Following the worship service, you can remove the flowers from the vases and you can take the flowers home.



2022

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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| <p>If you wish to receive messages from Hope UMC (via text): Text @63eeka to 81010. For those needing help with this, there will be help available after the Sunday worship service.</p> | 1 | 2 | 3 Intercessory Prayer Group 11:00 AM | 4 Summer Lunch  VBS 9:30-12:30 | 5  VBS 9:30-12:30 | 6 |
| 7  VBS Celebration Service Hot Dogs and Ice Cream | 8 | 9 6:30 PM Leadership Team | 10 Intercessory Prayer Group 11:00 AM | 11 Last Summer Lunch Prgm. 6:00 Mission Tm 6:30 FPU | 12 Pastor's Sabbath | 13 |
| 14  Communion Youth Group Kayaking | 15 | 16 | 17 Intercessory Prayer Group 11:00 AM | 18 6:30 PM Financial Peace University | 19 20 GARAGE SALE for ALZHEIMER'S 9AM-5PM 9AM-3PM Pastor's Sabbath | |
| 21  NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 6:00 PM Young Adults | 22 | 23 Franklin Dinner | 24 | 25 Life Groups 2:00 B Christians 5:30 Hope2Go 6:30 Financial Peace University | 26 Pastor's Sabbath | 27 |
| 28 | 29 | 30 Franklin Dinner | 31 Intercessory Prayer Group 11:00 AM | HOPE UMC MESSAGE SYSTEM (Cell Phone) The REMIND Messaging System is a way to quickly get a message to everyone via text. For example, if we would need to cancel a service due to COVID or weather. | | |



To view the videos of Hope worship services, go to www.youtube.com and search: Hope UMC in Franklin Ohio



Join our LIVE worship services Sundays @ 9:50am on Facebook.
Search: Hope United Methodist Church, Franklin OH

Garage Sale & Craft Vendors

FUNDRAISER for Alzheimer's Assn.

Hope United Methodist Church

3642 Shaker Rd, Franklin, OH 45005

Fri – August 19

9 AM to 5 PM

Sat – August 20

9 AM to 3 PM

- 1. Rent a Table/Space & Sell Your Own Items - \$10 Donation**
- 2. BUY BUY BUY or monetary donations accepted**
- 3. BAKE SALE and RAFFLE**
- 4. HEATHER'S SWEET AND TREATS Friday 11am – 2 pm**



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AUGUST 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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| * denotes meal being served | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
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Franklin Area Churches:

Hope United Methodist Church, 3642 Shaker Rd.

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

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

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

Vine DT: Vineyard Downtown, 8 E. Fifth St.

4L life 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. (includes food pantry)

NEED MORE INFO- MATION??
Call Debbie Hollingsworth (937)572-9027

Eat Well.

It's For a Good Cause.



Join Frisch's in a fundraiser and enjoy great food at the same time!

Tuesday,
August 16, 2022

20% of all food and drink sales go to support

Hope UMC Mission Outreach

Present this printed flyer between 4pm - 9pm.
Valid for Dine-in, Carry Out and Drive Thru only at participating location listed below.



EST. 1947

Franklin Frisch's
3560 S. Dixie Highway
Franklin, OH 45005

Print this page. Cut out one flyer for YOUR meals and share the other one with friend or family.
Print extra pages and share with as many as you can!

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