

LOOKING AHEAD

Congregation Meeting
 February 15th, 10am

Ash Wednesday
 February 18th

Pancake Breakfast
 Sunday, March 1st, 10am

Easter Sunday
 April 5th



Hope is a
 Stephen Ministry
 Congregation.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

We are asking our members to meet between services on February 15th in order to help approve our mission spending plan for 2026. Your presence is needed!



Ash Wednesday

12:00pm & 6:30pm Services
 Both worship services will include the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion.



Grounding ourselves in the good news this Lent

Lent was originally a season for those new to Christianity to learn and prepare for their baptism on Easter. During that time, they would study what was central to Christianity. Lent is still a time to get back to our roots and examine what is at the center of Jesus' life and ministry: radical welcome, love for neighbor, care for the vulnerable, nourishment for the hungry, nonviolence in the face of injustice. At the heart of Jesus' teachings, we find liberation, love, mercy, and grace – all of which are meant to be good news. Really good news. It is joyful – like fine wine saved for celebration. It grows like a mustard seed and smells like perfume poured from an alabaster jar. It tasted like bread passed endlessly through a hungry crowd. It sounds like laughter and feels like mercy. This Lent, join us as we let the teachings of Jesus lead us forward. May the good news inspire us to take action in a world desperate to hear, see, and taste what is good.

The Good News is...

Ash Wednesday

February 18	...all are Invited	Luke 14:15-24
February 22	...so good it catches us by surprise	John 2:1-11, Matt 13:31-32
March 1	...great love for God and neighbor	Luke 7:36-50, Matt 25:35-40
March 8	... together, the impossible is possible	Mark 6:32-44, Eph 3:20-21
March 15	...protection and care for the vulnerable	Matt 19:13-15, Deut 24:17-22
March 22	...rooted in justice, mercy, and faithfulness	John 8:2-11, Matt 23:23

Palm Sunday

March 29	...inspiring us to act	Mark 11:1-11
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Maundy Thursday

Apr 2	...even Jesus gets his feet washed	John 13:1-35
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Good Friday

Apr 3	...is revealed through nonviolence	Luke 22:47-53, 23:33-38 & 44-46
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Easter Sunday

Apr 5	...is alive in the world	Matt 28:1-10
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Lenten Midweek Worship

This year, our Lenten midweek will expand out our Lenten theme – *Tell Me Something Good* – with a soup and salad dinner followed by worship around the tables. Meal sign-ups will be available soon!

February 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25

5:30pm – 6:25pm Soup & Salad dinner with fellowship
 6:30pm – 6:55pm Worship in Larson Hall



We are looking at starting First Communion classes around the end of February or early March. If your child is in 1st or 2nd grade and interested, please let Pam Ferrara know asap via the email listed above or making a note on the back of your connection card.



“The Lord your God is with you wherever you go!”
We still have plenty of room, so come join the fun!!
We start every Sunday at 10am for 1–2-year-olds in the Nursery and for 3-year-olds to 6th grade in the basement. We meet for a brief opening, then head off to class with a snack and a Bible story. Any questions, contact Pam Ferrara at

pferrara@hopetoledo.net

DIT Special Service Project

DIT is collecting new girl's and boy's Pajamas size large (12/14) to donate to the Isaiah 117 House. It is our job to keep these bins stocked full for the foster children to choose from. If you would like to help us out, there are two bins labeled for this project located downstairs in the DIT area, or you can just give items to Pam Ferrara. Again, See Pam with questions!



2026 VBS Snowball Mountain Challenge June 22-26; 9am-12:15pm

It's already the time for VBS planning! We have many opportunities that need to be filled, particularly people willing to lead stations, groups, decorate, and more! If you are interested in helping the students find their strength in God, please let Pam Ferrara know by commenting on the back of your connection card or by emailing her (pferrara@hopetoledo.net). Keep your eyes open for supply list donations and registration, coming soon! We are so excited to see what this year has in store!



YOUTH MINISTRY

Pancake Breakfast

March 1st @ 10am in Larson Hall

Join us for a pancake breakfast on Sunday, March 1 at 10am (between worship services) in Larson Hall sponsored by the youth group. Lent may have already begun, but we still hope you will join us for good food and fellowship! Donations will go towards the costs of the youth service trip to New York City this summer. Invite your family and friends and join us for breakfast!

Ice Skating at the Ribbon

Sunday, February 8.

Time will be in the late afternoon. Hope will cover part of the cost, so the cost per person skating is \$5. This is open to confirmation & high school youth as well as siblings, friends, and family. Please RSVP to Pastor Kristin so she knows who's coming and what to reserve.



Youth Mission Trip to NYC:

July 12-19

This is open to youth currently in grades 8-12 and grade 7 in consultation with Pastor Kristin. Registration forms are available from Pastor Kristin and are due back by February 18 with a deposit of \$125.



Backpacks of Hope

We continue to send home food for families at Old Orchard Elementary every weekend. We are regularly in need of boxes of cereal, which are harder to buy in bulk. Other items needed are cans of soup, SpaghettiOs (or any canned pasta), can of vegetables, fruit cups or applesauce, and boxes of macaroni and cheese. Donations can be left on the white shelves. Financial contributions to purchase milk and juice should be made out to Hope and designated for "Backpacks of Hope." Thanks for your continued generous support!!!!