



LOOKING AHEAD


September 7
Worship—10am
Picnic & Concert After

September 14
DIT Begins Again

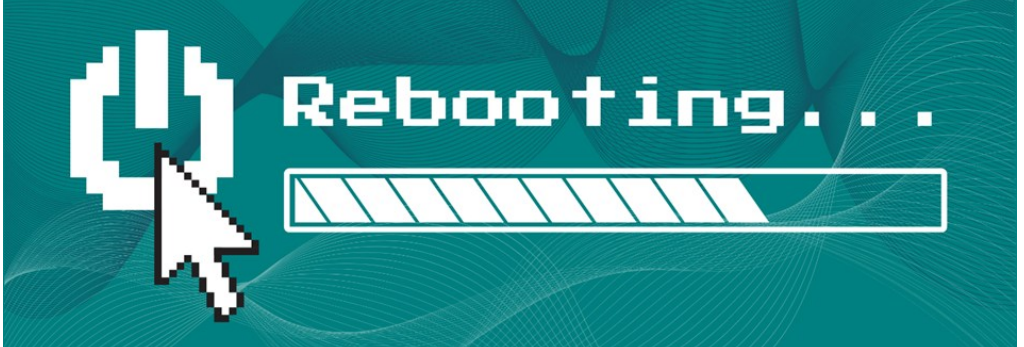
October 19
Harvest Festival

November 2
Consecration Sunday

December 13-14
A Night in Bethlehem



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Congregation.



As summer transitions into fall, kids start back to school, pools and cottages start to close for the season, and we all try to get back to normal routines and patterns. Maybe you need a reboot – getting back to the basics, remembering what’s important, and moving forward from there. Just like in life, our faith can benefit from a reboot. During September, join us as we reboot back to the basic faith practices and how they can help shape our lives.

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| September 7 | Scripture | Deuteronomy 30:15-20 |
| September 14 | Worship | Exodus 32:7-14 |
| September 21 | Prayer | 1 Timothy 2:1-7 |
| September 28 | Service | Luke 16:19-31 |



Sunday, September 7th at 10am

Arrowhead Park across Indian Road from Hope
There will be a free picnic to follow, with a bounce house for kids and a concert for all! Invitation post cards are available as you leave worship.
If you’d like to help with food please contact Mona Pupos to find out what is needed.



During our outdoor worship on September 7th service we will be presenting study Bibles to our first year confirmation students and story Bibles to our 3 year olds who are starting DIT downstairs for the first year. If you have a child in those age groups and have not heard from Pastor Kristin or Pam, please get in touch soon.



On **September 14** during both services we will be hearing about the Christians currently living in the Holy Land. More than 70% of the Christian community in the Holy Land depends on tourism as their only source of income, but tourism there has plummeted for a number of reasons. The pandemic, a 12-yard wall around Bethlehem, and the catastrophic ongoing war have all made their impact on these families. Between and after services, these Christians will be bringing their beautiful handmade olivewood crafts to sell to benefit their families. Crosses, ornaments, candle holders, nativity sets and more will be available. Please help us support our Christian siblings in the land of our Lord during this trying time!



Choir practice will return September 10th! We will be meeting in the sanctuary from 7pm to 8pm!

DISCIPLES IN TRAINING

It is getting to be that time again! DIT will be starting up on **Sunday, September 14th**. We have 4 classes for toddlers up to grade 6. Our theme verse this year is "The Lord your God is with you wherever you go!" Joshua 1:9. I hope that your students will be able to join us for fun Bible stories and learning throughout the year! If you have any questions, please reach out to Pam Ferrara at pferrara@hopetoleado.net. At this point in time, we are looking for a **co-teacher for our 4th-6th grade DIT class room!** We supply the curriculum that tells you exactly what you need to do. It would be every other week. Let us know if you are interested!

Guardian Angels

Our Guardian Angel program matches adults with a student to pray for them throughout the year. The adults send letters or cards to their students. Students may choose to become pen pals! At the end of the year, adults and their students meet at Guardian Angel Tea. We do not send gifts in this program; it is all about the power of prayer. Parents of students in Disciples in Training can confirm their child's participation in Guardian Angels with Pam Ferrara. We will be letting students know who their Guardian Angels are, so the student has the option to pray for them and send notes back as well. To sign up or if you have questions, contact Pam Ferrara at pferrara@hopetoleado.net or call the church phone.

CONFIRMATION

Our confirmation ministry is a 2 year time of faith formation primarily for junior students. Our first class will be Sunday, September 14 from noon – 2pm. If you have a student in 7th or 8th grade who is interested in joining, please be in touch with Pastor Kristin.



YOUTH MINISTRY

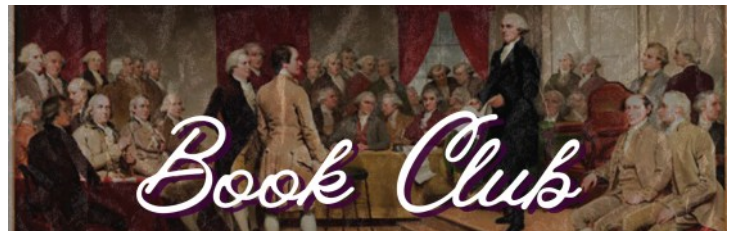
Our high school youth group calendar for the fall is being finalized. We have exciting service projects, fun activities, and faith formation planned for the coming year. Before long, we'll be talking about a mission trip next summer. If you have a high school student interested in being involved in youth group, contact Pastor Kristin (pastorkristin@hopetoleado.net) to get on the email update list!

Lunches with Luther

The Prodigal God
Timothy Keller

Lunches with Luther resumes on **September 2nd**. We gather at **11:30 for a carry in lunch in the Nest** and then **begin our study at Noon**.

The first study this fall will be **The Prodigal God by Timothy Keller**. See Pastor Kevin to request a copy of the book. They will be handed out on the first day of study.



Tues September 23rd at 1pm

"The Miracle at Philadelphia"
by Catherine Drinker Bowen

"Here is the fascinating record of the hot, sultry summer months of debate and decision when ideas clashed and tempers flared. Here is the country as it was then, described by contemporaries, by Berkshire farmers in Massachusetts, by Patrick Henry's Kentucky allies, by French and English travelers. Here, too, are the offstage voices--Thomas Jefferson and Tom Paine and John Adams from Europe." ~ Goodreads

Backpacks of Hope

We are looking forward to another year of partnering with Old Orchard Elementary and providing food for children with food insecurity on the weekends. Right now, we need help to **restock our food pantry** after the summer. You can bring the items to worship and leave them on the white shelves (or in the grocery cart during the outdoor service). Financial contributions will help us purchase other needed items.

Current needs:

- Boxes of cereal
- Boxes of Macaroni & Cheese
- Cups of Applesauce or Fruit
- Cans of soup
- Cans of pasta
- Cans of vegetables
- 16 ounce jars of peanut butter