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October 2025

Our Mission: To be a living example of the love of Jesus Christ.

LOOKING AHEAD

October 19

Harvest Festival, 4pm

November 2

One Consecration Service 10am Luncheon to follow

November 16

Friendsgiving, 4pm

December 9

Bethlehem Volunteer Meet 7pm

December 13-14

A Night in Bethlehem

December 21

Children's Christmas Program 11 am Service



GENEROUSLY

What did Jesus mean when He said, "Whoever loses his life for My sake will find it?" How often do we stop to consider the commitment Christ expects? He's not talking about writing a check or checking a box, but living a life that is completely focused on giving others that which He has so graciously given to us. In the coming weeks, we plan to address some of these questions and ideas as we begin a new series titled Living Generously. It includes a series of films that tells the story of the Donovan family as they seek to understand what it means to live the words of Jesus. Each week we will see a glimpse of their journey as they take risks, experience suffering and joy, and find themselves transformed by the call of Jesus. You won't want to miss a single Sunday! Life is busy, and it is easy for our hearts to be distracted bt the demands we face. Each of us has so many blessings, but often our attitudes are less than grateful. It is my sincere hope that this series prompts us to take an inventory of the blessings God has entrusted to each of us. As we do, we will be inspired with a new awareness of the goodness of God.



Sunday November 2 is Consecration Sunday!

There will be ONE worship service at 10:00am. Following worship there will be a luncheon provided in Larson Hall. Starting October 12th, you will be able to make a reservation either by using our Connection Cards during worship or by calling the office. We hope you will join us in sharing food and fellowship with members from both services!



Backpacks of Hope has officially started sending weekly bags of food for families at Old Orchard Elementary. We need your help to stock our pantry at the start of the year. Our highest needs right now are cans of soup, cans of vegetables, boxes of cereal, and boxes of mac & cheese. Donations can be left on the white shelves across from the nursery. Financial contributions can simply be marked "Backpacks of Hope." Thanks for your continued support!



October 28th, 1pm in the Library "Mount Vernon Love Story" by Mary Higgins Clark

Discover in Clark's words the love story of America's first president and first lady. Through many phases of their relationship and of history, through the hardships of war, famine, and leadership - faithfulness and enduring love is a mainstay of their relationship.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sunday, October 19, 2024 in Larson Hall, 4- 5:30pm

Get geared up for Fall at Hope's annual Harvest Festival! There will be fun for all ages including dinner, music, and pumpkin carving-pumpkins and carving materials provided.

Contact Pam Ferrara at the church number or at pferrara@hopetoledo.net to reserve your spot or for any questions. RSVPs are necessary to make sure we have enough pumpkins and food! See you there!

SUNDAY WORSHIP: 9 a.m. Contemporary Service | 10:00 a.m. Faith Formation | 11 a.m. Traditional Service



"The Lord your God is with you wherever you go!"
Joshua 1:9. Come be with God here and join in on the fun at Disciples in Training! We have started up on Sundays at 10:00 A.M. until 10:45 A.M. You can find us for 1–2-year-olds in the Nursery right outside the Sanctuary and for 3-year-olds to 6th grade in the basement. We will meet for a brief opening, then head off to class with a yummy snack and a great Bible story. There's plenty of room so come join in on the fun! Any questions, contact Pam Ferrara at pferrara@hopetoledo.net



Friendsgiving Dinner Sun Nov 16; 4pm-6pm in Larson Hall

We invite you, your family, and your friends of all ages to join us for a Thanksgiving dinner here at church! We will provide turkey, crafts, and games. We ask that you sign up to bring one of your favorite Thanksgiving sides or desserts to share. Contact Katie Gandert to RSVP or with any questions (734-417-2736) We will also be collecting goods for Backpacks of Hope!



During the Harvest Festival, we will be packing college care packages to send to college students at Hope. We are currently receiving donations of items to include in those care packages. Items can be dropped off anytime – there is a collection box outside the Nest. Contact Pastor Kristin with questions.

- Fun-size candy bars or Halloween candy
- Microwave popcorn
- Granola bars
- Individually wrapped snacks or food
- Packages of gum or mints
- Packages of hot chocolate
- Small size packages of Kleenex
- · Playdough or silly putty

If you have a college student in your family (undergraduate or graduate student) please send Pastor Kristin their mailing address by October 15 so they can be included in these care packages!!



High School Youth Group

If you want to be on the email list for the high school youth group, and aren't already, please contact Pastor Kristin at PastorKristin@hopetoledo.net We have decided on our fall and winter activities but are still finalizing the dates and times. So stay tuned for more information!



Save the Date

Next summer, our youth group will be traveling to New York City for a week long service trip. We'll travel via Amtrak, leaving in the evening of July 12 and return early in the morning on July 19. Youth currently in grades 8-12 are eligible to attend. Youth who are currently in grade 7 and are interested should talk to Pastor Kristin. More details including cost & registration will be available in December.



December 13-14 ~ 1:00pm - 4:30pm

We are excited to once again welcome the community to walk through our village of Bethlehem this December to experience a little bit of village life and hear about the miraculous birth. It also takes a lot of hands to make this weekend a success. This month, we will have volunteer sign-ups available to be in the cast for the village, help in hospitality or the prayer tent, or behind the scenes. We will also be sharing opportunities to help both before and after that weekend with set-up and pack-away. Make sure to keep an eye open for opportunities to help or contact the office to sign-up.

