



LIVING HOPE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Living Hope Presbyterian Church seeks to inspire and empower through the Gospel.

From the Pastor...

April 2022 Newsletter

There's a seasonal calendar joke making its way around the internet geared particularly for those of us in the upper Midwest. It lists the seasons as: Winter, Fool's Spring, Second Winter, Spring of Deception, Third Winter, Mud Season, Actual Spring, Summer (also known as Construction Season), False Fall, Second Summer, and Actual Fall. This feels pretty accurate at this point, with us being somewhere around Third Winter and Mud Season. I am just ready for Actual Spring to get here. I'm tired of the rain (or snow) and cold. I'm ready for flowers to be blooming, birds singing, and my windows open. But every gardener knows that you have to be patient since the cycle of seasons is needed for success. That does not, however, mean that you don't start planning early and longing for those vine ripe tomatoes.

THE 11 SEASONS OF WISCONSIN:

Winter
Fool's Spring
Second Winter
Spring of Deception
Third Winter ★
Mud Season
Actual Spring
Summer
False Fall
Second Summer (one week)
Actual Fall

That is exactly what we are doing at this point: planning. As we come closer to Actual Spring (it is of course, almost Easter), we are also looking at a Mission Project that will involve us connecting with the seasons and neighbors in need. As a way to live out our commitment to being a Matthew 25 congregation, we will be growing vegetables that will be harvested and shared with our neighbors and also those with food insecurity. The Mission Committee has purchased six planters

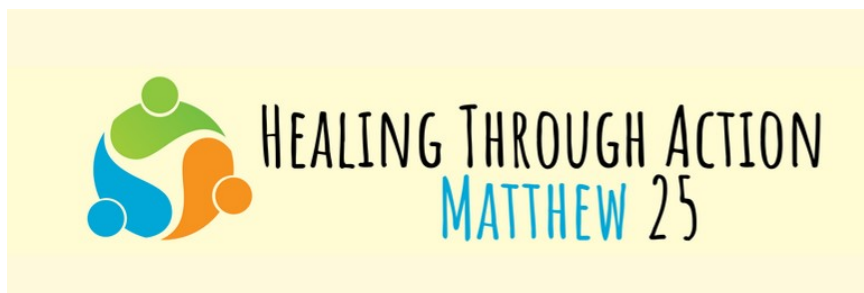


that we will set up here at Dickson Hollow. (The planters are each 4 feet long and about 3 feet high, for easy access without stooping or kneeling.) We will have some of the produce available for folks here to use for themselves and much of it will go to various food distribution sites. Through a group called Food for the Journey that was started last year by five congregations in the presbytery, we will be sending produce to be distributed at Apostle Presbyterian Church in West Allis.

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As part of this project, we are going to need folks to help with planning what to grow in the planters, setting them up, planting them, watering and weeding, and ultimately harvesting the produce. People who are helping out with this do not need to be connected with the church, just be willing to help. If you are interested, please talk to me or Joe Fresch, chair of the Mission Committee. As we continue to muddle our way through these changing seasons, moving into the growing season, may we cultivate hope and eventual food that will help those in need.

In Christ,



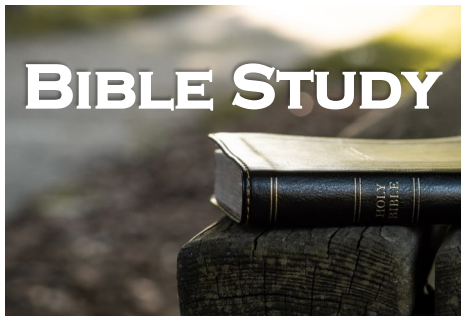
Inaugural Dr. Wallace Cheatham Memorial Music Performance

On Sunday, March 27th, Living Hope held its inaugural Dr. Wallace Cheatham Memorial Music Performance. Wallace Cheatham was the organist, choir director, and church musician at Living Hope for over 15 years until his death in October 2021. In addition to his work in the church, Wallace was an educator and mentor to many in the Milwaukee area. Honoring the life and legacy of Wallace Cheatham, this annual performance is designed to recognize and encourage emerging African-American musical artists.

Our inaugural performance featured Cecilia Davis and Teresa Ledford performing a piece that Dr. Cheatham wrote for soprano and piano, *Angel Spirituals*. During the performance, Ms. Davis shared insights into the work that she gained when she learned *Angel Spirituals* from Dr. Cheatham. The insights added depth to the beauty and power of the music.



A fund was started to endow the performances for the future. Members and friends of the congregation have been very generous in giving to this cause, allowing it to continue for many years. To date, \$3763 has been contributed. Thank you to all who have given in memory and celebration of the gift that was Dr. Wallace Cheatham.



Monday Bible Study

Mondays at 9:45 AM

Join us for a discussion in Fellowship Hall or watch on Channel 966 about the coming Sunday's lectionary readings.

- April 4 Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 19:28-40 for April 10
- April 11 No Bible Study
- April 18 Psalm 104; Ecclesiastes 3:1-15 for April 25
- April 25 John 21:1-19; Acts 9:1-20 for May 1
- May 2 Revelation 7:9-17; John 10:22-30 for May 8



Every Friday at 9:30 AM in person

We meet Friday's in the Brookfield Room

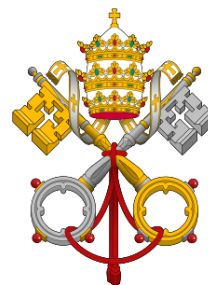
Faith Conversations

Thursdays 1:30-2:30 pm

Meet in Fellowship Hall or join us on channel 966 and via Zoom (Sunday worship link.) Come with curiosity and respect as we explore what other faiths and denominations believe and how they live that out.



April 7 – Rev. Max Ramsey – Immanuel Baptist Church, from the American Baptist Churches USA



April 21 – Fr. Dennis Saran - St. Dominic's Catholic Parish.

Easter Sunday

April 17

Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and assist in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. The Living Hope congregation traditionally gives \$800-\$1200 to this special offering.



March Attendance

Average in person: 37

Average on Zoom: 9

Total Average Attendance: 46

(we cannot track how many people watch on Ch 966)

FINANCIAL UPDATE - As of February 28, 2022

	Actual	Budget	Fav/(Unfav) Variance
Total Income - YTD	\$ 21,040.17	\$ 16,200.00	\$ 4,840.17
Total Expense - YTD	\$ 25,154.06	\$ 24,550.00	\$ (604.06)
Net Income - YTD February 28, 2022	\$ (4,113.89)	\$ (8,350.00)	\$ 4,236.11
Unrestricted Funds as of February 28, 2022	\$362,581.23		

APRIL 2022



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 9:30 AM - Prayer Group—Brk	2
3 Lent 5 10 AM Worship - Zoom, Ch 956 and In-Person   Food Pantry Sunday First Sunday of each month	4 9:45 AM Bible Study—FH	5	6	7 1:30-2:30 Faith Conversation 6:30 pm Finance	8 9:30 AM - Prayer Group—Brk	9
10 Palm Sunday 8:45 AM Sunday School 10 AM Worship - Zoom, Ch 966 and In-Person 	11 No Bible Study	12	13 Church office Closed	14 6:30 pm Maundy Thursday Worship	15 9:30 AM - Prayer Group—Brk	16
17 Easter 10 AM Worship - Zoom, Ch 966 and In-Person	18 9:45 AM Bible Study—FH	19	20	21 1:30-2:30 Faith Conversation	22 9:30 AM - Prayer Group—Brk	23
24  8:45 AM Sunday School 10 AM Worship - Zoom, Ch 966 and In-Person 11:30 AM Session	25 9:45 AM Bible Study—FH	26	27	28	29 9:30 AM - Prayer Group—Brk	30



We are a connectional church...connected in faith to God – Father, Son, Holy Spirit. Jesus taught us that prayer connects us to the Divine...and to each other.

Each month we list our faith community. Every family has a date when we ask you to hold them in prayer.

April Prayer Calendar



April Birthdays

Welcome New Members

Char Runkel
Elaine Runkel
Norm Trafton

Welcome New Affiliate Members

Bob Christensen
Marleen Christensen
Martin Gahle
Elsie Haws
Carol Trimble
Patti Vespalec

Look for more about our new members in
the May newsletter.

Did we miss your birthday or anniversary?
Please let the office know so we can
update our files.

The Care and Concern of the Congregation is with:



Sunday School meets in person
on April 10 and 24
before worship at 8:45.

Our Sunday School students are using a
curriculum created for "Full to the Brim"
for Lent and Easter and return to Follow
Me for the remainder of the school year.



Holy Week Worship Schedule

Sunday, April 10 – 10 am Palm Sunday Worship

Thursday, April 14 – 6:30 pm Maundy Thursday Worship

Sunday, April 17 – 10 am Easter Worship



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Church Musician: Teresa Ledford

2022 Session Members Michael Brady, Dorothy Dieter, Barb Foy, Joe Fresch, Kathryn Fresch, Mike McBride, Curtis MacDonald, Marcia Sinner

2022 Deacons (A-B) Tom Tennyson (C-F) Ann Tennyson (G-K) Diane DeBoer – Moderator
(L-O) Cherie Andrus (P-R) LaVonne Gardner (S-Z) Ken DeBoer