



LIVING HOPE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

From the Pastor...

August 2023 Newsletter

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Jeremiah 29:11

According to national statistics, the average person has 12 jobs over the course of their career. Sometimes people stay in the same field and just move between employers, but there are also times where there are major shifts with people changing their fields in response to a sense that the purpose, they see in their lives needs to adjust to be in line with their happiness.

Christians also understand this shift in purpose. Spiritual leaders through the millennia have talked about how each one of us, when baptized, become part of a larger purpose and have specific parts to play in helping God's desired ends come to pass. They also recognize that these individual purposes change over the course of a lifetime.

Changing our sense of purpose over the course of our lives, therefore, is absolutely necessary. Even so, changing that sense of purpose can be very difficult. It's one of the reasons we see people fail at retirement and go back and find a job; it helps them find a purpose. It's also why people can find it hard to move away from their long-term home and not have those routines and connections that help to ground them with a sense of purpose. Over the years, I've also had a number of older adult members of my congregations tell me, "I don't know why I'm still here," as they reflect on what they are able to do to contribute to the life of the world.

This fall, Living Hope is going to be offering a 5-part class that addresses Purpose Past Retirement and Beyond, were we will talk about some of hard things that come with reimagining our purpose as life changes.

Over the course of those classes, we will explore some of the messages we get about aging and our usefulness, the power of purpose and how we can start to develop a personal purpose statement, how Christians have thought about purpose over the centuries and how that influences how we articulate our purpose, and finally look at how Living Hope can help support the folks in our community in living out that sense of purpose.

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These classes are open to anyone and everyone in the community. People who are part of the congregation, folks living in Dickson Hollow, folks from further afield in our community, and anyone who might be facing a life transition and needs help thinking about how they can articulate and start living into their own sense of purpose.

The classes will be offered at Dickson Hollow and available through the church's YouTube Channel both as a livestream and as a recorded resource to view at a later time. The exact dates and time have not been set, but we expect to have that finalized in the next few weeks.

Look for announcements in the bulletin and September's newsletter.

In Christ,

Congregational Conversation

We want to hear from you!

On August 13th following worship, we will have a Congregational Conversation to check in with folks regarding a few items. With COVID continuing to be present, but at a lower rate, the session is interested to hear people's feeling about re-introducing some higher contact elements to our Sunday morning and how people feel about helping to facilitate some of those events. Some of the questions you might expect doing that conversation are:

- What elements of worship have stood out to you recently?
- What would you like to see as part of worship, even if it is occasionally?
- How do you feel about re-introducing Passing the Peace during worship where folks are moving around and sharing signs of peace and reconciliation?
- How do you feel about reintroducing Fellowship Time after worship where we have light refreshments and time to visit in the church area?
- If folks are in favor of re-starting Fellowship Time, how often should we consider doing it?
- If we do re-start Fellowship Time, are you willing and able to help facilitate it by preparing the drinks and food and helping to serve and clean up?

We will also be able to chat about other elements of worship and the life of the church that are on your mind. Please come and share your thoughts and opinions so our congregation can do a better job of serving our community. Expect that the conversation will take less than 30 minutes.



Garden Update

It has been a slow growing season - cool and not a lot of water - so we have not donated any food yet... but, it's coming! Our produce is very healthy and will be ready soon.



New Members

On July 16th, the session met with Mark and Cathy Manthei and accepted them as members of Living Hope Presbyterian Church. Mark and Cathy come to us from Apostle Presbyterian Church in West Allis where Cathy has been serving as the Commissioned Ruling Elder (essentially the pastor) for the past 11 years. Mark and Cathy have both served in law enforcement in Walworth and Rock Counties for a number of years before their move to West Allis in 2012. Mark currently works for Froedtert Health System in their security division. Cathy is currently in conversation with a congregation in the Presbytery to serve as their temporary pastor. While we will not likely see Mark and Cathy with us weekly because of their schedules, we are glad to have them join with us in our community of faith as circumstances allow.

	Actual	Budget	Fav/(Unfav) Variance
Total Income - YTD	\$ 55,159.04	\$ 45,665.00	\$ 9,494.04
Total Expense - YTD	\$ 70,283.21	\$ 63,875.00	\$ (6,408.21)
Net Income - YTD May 31, 2023	\$(15,124.17)	\$ (18,210.00)	\$ 3,085.83
Unrestricted Funds as of May 31, 2023	\$322,000.09		

Building Update



In the coming months the heating and cooling system for Dickson Hollow is going to be undergoing a significant upgrade. This will address some of the significant issues that we have been experiencing in the church sections of the building.

During the process we will have to move most of the items that we have housed in the Resource Center (this includes paraments and banners not in use, Sunday School resources, and computer servers). You will see these items stored in other areas of the church's space. This is temporary, but necessary to give the HVAC company space to work and ensure that our items do not get ruined by the dust and debris.

It is anticipated that this work will run for several months starting in the fall. As with any building project, the exact timeframe is not fully know. Please check with the church office if you have any questions.

AUGUST 2023



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30 - July 10 AM Worship - with communion -	31 9:45 AM Bible Study—FH 11 am - Worship Committee	1	2	3 9-12:30 Office Hours	4	5
6 10 AM Worship - with communion 	7 8:30-12:30 Office Hours No Bible Study 11 AM -Jan Davis Service -WI Memorial	8	9	10 9-12:30 Office Hours	11	12
13 10 AM Worship After - Congregational Q&A	14 8:30-12:30 Office Hours 9:45 AM Bible Study—FH	15	16	17 9-12:30 Office Hours	18	19
20 10 AM Worship 11:30 AM Session	21 8:30-12:30 Office Hours 9:45 AM Bible Study—FH	22	23	24 9-12:30 Office Hours	25	26
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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.

August Prayer Calendar



Birthdays

Average June Attendance

In person: 48

Zoom: 5

Livestream Views: 6

Total Average Attendance: 59

Average July Attendance

In person: 47

Zoom: 4

Livestream Views: 4

Total Average Attendance: 55

Anniversary Wishes to:

Food Pantry Sunday

Aug 6

Sept 3

Oct 1

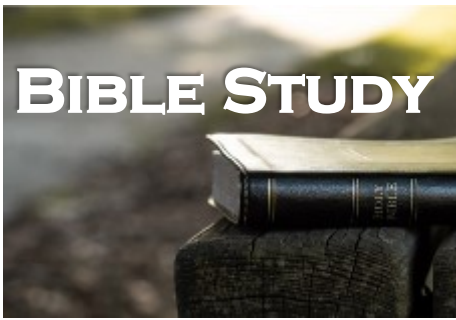
Did we miss your birthday or anniversary?
Please let the office know so we can
update our files.



Food Pantry Sunday

First Sunday of each month

The Care and Concern of the Congregation is with:



Monday Bible Study

Mondays at 9:45 AM

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

No Bible Study Monday, Aug 7

Aug 14	Genesis 45:1-15; Matthew 15:21-28	for Aug 20
Aug 21	Matthew 16:13-20; Exodus 1:8-2:10	for Aug 27
Aug 28	Matthew 16:21-28; Exodus 3:1-15	for Sept 3

No Bible Study Monday, Sept 4 in observance of Labor Day

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Clerk of Session: Kathryn Fresch

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2023 Session Members: Karl Bertram, Michael Brady, Dorothy Dieter, Kathryn Fresch, Curtis MacDonald, Mike McBride and Marcia Sinner

2023 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