



**HOPE MONTH** continues the next two weeks with the themes of “Living Hope” based on Hebrews 11:1-10 on June 19<sup>th</sup> and “Enduring Hope” based on 1 Thessalonians 1:3 on June 26<sup>th</sup> with Pastor Rob Kasper.

**THE HOPE WALL:** The place to tell your stories, share words of encouragement and tell others where they can look to find encouragement and hope.

**NO LIVE STREAM JUNE 19<sup>TH</sup>.** The video team members will be out of town. Live streaming should return June 26<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to help with live streaming, talk with Marty Moro or Barb Porter.

“**MAKE WAVES**” is the theme for our Vacation Bible School July 31 to August 4. If you would like to volunteer or want more information, please contact Noel Granger at [noel.granger16@gmail.com](mailto:noel.granger16@gmail.com). The next training session is Wednesday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. You are invited to help with decorations after the worship service on June 26<sup>th</sup>.

**FAMILY PICNIC COORDINATORS** needed for August 7<sup>th</sup>. We plan to have the VBS students and families join us that day and would like to have a joint picnic after the service. If you can help, talk with Pastor Larry.

**MEAL Time!** (Meet + Eat + Always + Loved) Join us on Wednesday, June 29<sup>th</sup> for MEAL Time! Our daycare and church are working together to raise healthy children and strong families. We’d like to invite you to a series of **free meals for your family** to build stronger connections and even stronger community. Dinner is on us the last Wednesday of each month, June through September (and beyond?) June 29, July 27, August 31 and September 28 at 5:00 PM

**QR CODES** are posted in the entrance area. Contact information cards are on the table in the entrance hall. These are not only for our guests, but also for people to update their contact information. You can also indicate on the bottom of the QR or Contact Card that you would like Pastor Larry to contact you.

**SUMMER VACATION:** Pastor Larry will be on vacation the week of June 20<sup>th</sup>. He plans to return to the church office on June 29<sup>th</sup>, after the District Convention.

**THE MICHIGAN DISTRICT CONVENTION** is June 26-28. The Convention will be electing a new District President, four regional Vice Presidents, other executive officers, and members of the District Board of Directors. Pastor Rob Kasper, a member of Open Arms, has been nominated for District President. Greta Bower, our Day Care Director, has been nominated for the Board of Directors. Please keep our district convention in your prayers.

**The “Reproductive Freedom for All”** Michigan constitution amendment would radically change protections for unborn children and medical professionals who conscientiously object to performing abortions. Our Christian faith believes that human life is a precious gift from God and should be protected at stages of life, starting with conception. For more information go to [www.supportmiwomenandchildren.org](http://www.supportmiwomenandchildren.org). Think before you sign a petition to put it on the ballot.

**A BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who has adopted a planting area around the church. There are some “unadopted” planters. You can grow flowers or make a vegetable garden. The signup sheet is at the welcome table.

**HUNTER’S PUMPKIN PATCH** has been planted next to the playground as you come into the church. Pumpkin plants are already up and growing. A special thanks to Hunter Horner for planting and watering the pumpkin patch for us.

#### **UPCOMING SUMMER DAYCARE EVENTS**

- Centered Closed, July 4
- Michigan District Early Childhood Conference, center closed, August 10

**JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> WEEKEND** service theme, “Influencers.” When Jesus wanted to spread the word about the kingdom of God, he did not post an ad. He sent out 70 influencers. He’s still doing it today! Jesus sends us out to be positive influencers at a time our nation desperately needs it. (Based on Luke 10:1-24.)

**“MOTOWN REVIVAL”** will be the theme for our services July 10, 17, 24 and 31. Living in the shadow of Motown, most of know Motown’s Greatest Hits. Some of these songs can remind of God’s message to us. We will use the titles of the songs to remind us of God’s great love for us all and let these songs help us reflect on what God has to say to us today.

- July 10, “Ain’t no Mountain High Enough.” Nothing can separate us from God’s love
- July 17, “Don’t You Worry About a Thing.” We can put our trust in God.
- July 24, “You Are the Sunshine of my Life.” We are important to God.
- July 31, “Someday We’ll Be Together.” Jesus is coming again to take us home

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