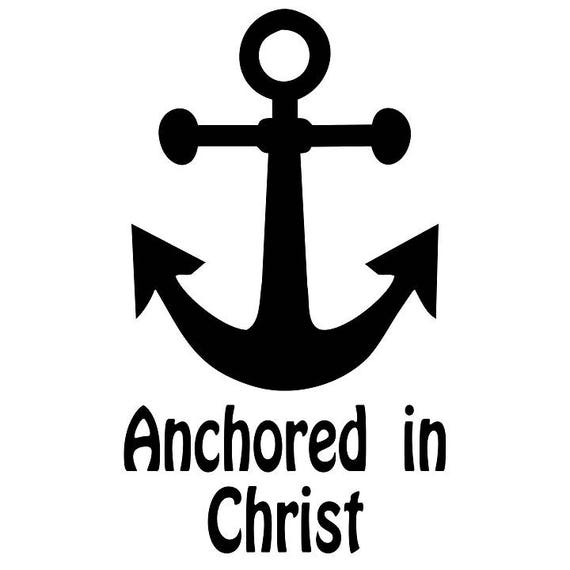
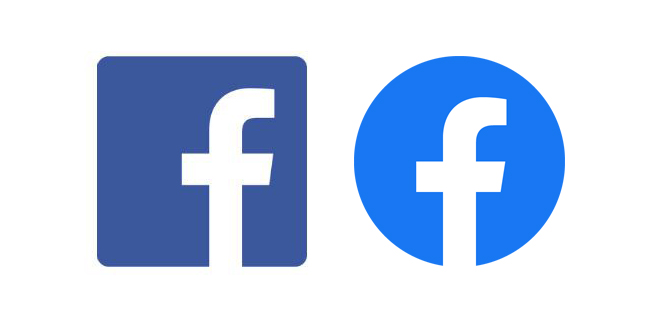
***Hope Anchor  
for July 2024***

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 ***Growing in Faith, Love and Service***

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July 7 - Traditional

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***VBS Week August 12 – August 16***

August 18 - Traditional

August 25 - Contemporary

September 1 – Traditional

***Legendary Heroes of the Bible: The Judges***

You may recall that, after Moses died, it was Joshua who led the people of Israel into the Promised Land. But eventually Joshua, too, died. And the people were left without a leader

to guide them. And so, invariably, they got themselves into trouble.

*“Then the Israelites did what was evil in the sight of the Lord and worshiped the Baals; and they abandoned the Lord, the God of their ancestors, who had brought them out of the land of Egypt; they followed other gods, from among the gods of the peoples who were all around them, and bowed down to them; and they provoked the Lord to anger.” (Judges 2:11-12)*

So God responded by raising up temporary, emergency leaders call Judges:

*“Then the Lord raised up judges, who delivered them out of the power of those who plundered them. Yet they did not listen even to their judges; for they lusted after other gods and bowed down to them. They soon turned aside from the way in which their ancestors had walked, who had obeyed the commandments of the Lord; they did not follow their example. Whenever the Lord raised up judges for them, the Lord was with the judge, and he delivered them from the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge; for the Lord would be moved to pity by their groaning because of those who persecuted and oppressed them. But whenever the judge died, they would relapse and behave worse than their ancestors, following other gods, worshiping them and bowing down to them. They would not drop any of their practices or their stubborn ways. So the anger of the Lord was kindled against Israel…” (Judges 2:16-20)*

And this pattern then repeated itself numerous times. The people would be unfaithful and worship other gods. It would inevitably lead to trouble, So, next, they would cry out to God for deliverance and God would raise up a judge for them who would make things right again. But as soon as the judge died, the people would immediately stray once more. Over and over again.

Now these judges, during this time period before there was a king, were remarkable people. So

I thought that it might be interesting to focus on four of the more famous ones in the month of July. Therefore, I will be preaching a sermon series that I’m entitling: “Legendary Heroes of the Bible: The Judges.”

I hope you will come and join me as we explore the stories behind these legendary heroes!

**Pastor Ed**

P.S. Beginning in August (and through Labor Day), my sermons will then be based on the questions you have asked. Or what I am calling “Did You Ever Have a Question? 2.0.” So

be sure to join us for this as well!

***May 28, 2024 Council Minutes***

Bill, Michelle, Matt M, Pastor Ed, Brian, Sue, Sarah, Dave, Matt S, Mike, Pat, Jess

Judy was also present for her report.

Minutes: Dave made a motion to accept the April minutes, Second by Sue.. Motion carried

**HCS:** Judy shared the newsletter and an update on the potential bathroom remodel.

Bathroom remodel update: Judy received a few estimates, she favors L.N.A. for their quote, reviews, and responsiveness. The plan is adding a toilet to the girls room, leaving 1 sink in the girls room, moving 2 sinks to the hallway (ease of access for school during the day), and leaving 2 sinks in the boys room. They can start as soon as we let them, permits pending on the girls room changes. Contract for $29,850 will be presented at the congregational meeting.

Bill makes a motion to accept this contract, pending the June 9th Congregational meeting and vote. Matt M second. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's report**: Mike sent out the report.

New engagement letter from Padden Cooper. New retainer maxing out at $400.

Dave makes a motion to accept the new engagement letter from Padden Cooper dating May 22, 2024. Sarah second. Motion carried.

Spending Plan for 2024-2025- Bill makes a motion to accept the spending plan pending the vote at the congregational meeting. Michelle second. Motion carried.

**Pastor’s report:** Pastor shared his report.

Parsonage: Generator, plumbing, and electrical needs are being identified and Pastor and Jeanette will be working on follow-ups and estimates to present to council.

Update on Kaitlin: Her sister Sarah Kropa has been selected to be a stem cell donor for Kaitlin. After another round of ‘consolidation’ chemo, the stem cell transplant is tentatively planned for early July.

**Old Business:**

Architectural designs: Matt M created a scope sheet comparing the RFPs we received. He is waiting on some answers from CEC on some items he finds are missing.

*Pastor’s new proposal idea*: Add 1 room, bathrooms, multipurpose room ~ coming about 1.6 mil. Old fellowship would remain 2 classrooms. Keeping the same amount of students.

Planning for Congregational meeting:

Michelle makes a motion to appoint Mike as the treasurer for the next year as a non-council representative of the congregation, contingent on a vote at the congregational meeting. Dave second. Motion carried.

**High School Graduates will be receiving a graduation gift from the Women of Hope on Sunday, July 7 during Worship  
If you haven’t responded to your invitation – please RSVP immediately to Jackie @ 732-513-8804**



***The AAUW has completed another successful book sale at 1st United Methodist in Freehold,  thanks in part, to the enthusiastic support from the Hope Family.* Thank you to John and Joan Drager for tirelessly picking up all of our donations and getting them where they need to go!**

***Proceeds from the book sale fund scholarship awards each year to the outstanding female students of each of the Freehold Regional High Schools.  Those awards are presented at one of their fall meetings.  We don't yet have the final results from this year's book sale, but will share the information when it becomes available.  The Book Sale sorting for 2025 will begin in October.  Right now they will take a rest for the summer. Thanks for your ongoing support!!***

Gathering of Men   
**Next meeting is Saturday,   
July 13, 2024 at 9am**

  
***The Women of Hope*** will also be meeting over the summer for a friendly luncheon with the tentative date of  
**Friday, July 19 @ Noon** -

For more information about Hope Lutheran's Women of Hope group, please call 732-513-8804 or email [madamepeters@gmail.com](about:blank)



**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO CAME OUT AND PARTICIPATED IN OUR CONGREGATION MEETING!**

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 **Our Kids’ Corner has been REFRESHED!!!  
Check it out on Sunday! Plenty of QUIET puzzle books, coloring and mazes to keep your child occupied during Worship - All the old, filled and finished books have been recycled**

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Our Next meeting will be: **Sunday, August 11 *after Worship*** in the ***Kitchen*** and we will be discussing….



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**Time for VBS sign ups! The registration form is at the round Welcome Table when entering Church!**



**Pre - Rally Day**

***Register for Sunday School* EARLY *and receive a special Giveaway!!!***

**Immediately following VBS –**

**Friday, August 16  
Noon – 1pm in the Narthex**

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**HOPE CONGREGATION’S CONTINUING GENEROSITY**

**SOCIAL MINISTRY UPDATE:**

How blessed we are that Hope can provide assistance beyond our physical boundaries. All our Ministries continue to be a source of pride and are recognized throughout our local communities and our giving provides global support for those suffering and in need.

There are countless ways the Hope Congregation continues to contribute toward God’s message about helping others to thrive and grow due to your generous generosity:

* + We provided funds ($5,000) to assist with the mission provided by Edna Williams **(Mary Jane Enrichment Center).** As many of you know the center had a fire and was totally destroyed. Ms. Edna has already started the process of restarting this mission that Hope has supported for many years.
  + Provided three youngsters with funds to attend **Bear Creek Camp** this summer. Both Bear Creek and Crossroads provided summer camping experiences for youth that may not be able to participate due to financial issues.
  + **End of year donation (2023) from the remaining Social Ministry budget (Community Projects budget) to the Advocacy Program ($3,000).** These funds will go directly to client needs coordinated by Erika Wood. These needs include utility bills, bus tickets and housing needs.
* **Crop Walk** As we have for many decades Hope again fielded a “walking Team” and contributed financially to this ongoing effort to curb hunger and reduce food insecurities in our local communities.
* **Hope Christian School**. After the creation of Hope Lutheran Church, our next longest ministry is our Hope Christian School that has served generations of youngsters since Hope was founded in 1967. The school and the teaching staff, with the established curriculum, prepare our youngsters to migrate directly into a learning environment along with having a spiritual starting point in a Christian life.
* **Community Projects** included donations to the following start-up Congregations:
* Christus Evangelical Lutheran Church in Camden NJ and
* Santa Isabel Lutheran Church in Elizabeth NJ.
* **Community Projects** included donations to the “180 Turning Live Around” organization of Monmouth County to overcome domestic violence and sexual assault.
* **Undesignated Benevolence (for emergency situations).** This year included donations to the following emergency situations:
* Lutheran World Relief to support Ukrainian relief.
* Lutheran World Relief providing direct support to earthquake victims in Syria and Turkey.
* Lutheran Disaster Response for flooding and fire situations.
* Lutheran Disaster Response for the devasting fires in Maui Hawaii.
  + **Emergency Housing and Advocacy Program (EHAP**). This is another long-running ministry at Hope that provides support to those most in need in our community. For close to 20 years **Emergency Housing** has been supported by seven houses of worship that are part of the Freehold Clergy Association. This program has moved from a “housing” program toward a “meal” program providing additional weekday meals to the community. The housing program for the 2023>24 winter season was suspended because of having no funds made available to support the program along with a lack of volunteers in some houses of worship***.* The Advocacy Program** includes many areas of support to those most in need, including securing transitional and permanent housing along with assisting in securing employment and government benefits. They also coordinate with medical and mental health agencies for counseling, medication management, detox and substance abuse treatment and medical care.
* **Education** that includes Vacation Bible School (VBS) that started in 1967 with sixty-seven students! We also conduct Sunday School each week.
  + **Open Door** This is another long-term ministry that supports those who have food needs in our community. Food stuffs are provided with no questions asked a few times a week.
  + **St Peters Outreach Meals** Each of the churches that are part of the Freehold Clergy Association take turns during the year to prepare and serve meals at St Peters in Freehold Borough. This has become an incredibly significant community project and again supplies those in need that suffer from food shortages.
* **Facilities Usage**. Almost every night our facility is used as a meeting place for those in need. Whether 12 Step or other similar needs there is always a meeting place. We also have a group called the “Stroller Moms” who conduct exercise classes and enjoy a social outing. And of course, let us not forget Tuesday night Yoga!

***Bill Unger, for the Congregation Council***



***August 17 –*** Craft Night  
***August 12 – August 16 –*** VBS  
***August 19 – August 23 –*** Work Release  
Program – **be on the LOOKOUT** I will be asking for volunteers to provide LUNCH for this week!



***June’s Giving (final!)***

***Online - $ 6,416  
Worship - $ 1,444.29***

***TOTAL MONTHLY OFFERING = $7,860.29***

**Amount needed each month to reach budget = $15,000**

***$7,139.71 short of our Goal!***

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**We take bike donations here at Hope, and John Drager so graciously will pick up any donations to get them to Asbury Park so they can be put to good use!!**

**We take lots of pictures at our events and post them on our website and social medias to show our community how we help others and what we offer as a Church Family. If you do NOT want your picture taken and posted please let Josh know by sending an email requesting not to have any of your pics posted to** [**hopelutheranmusic@gmail.com**](mailto:hopelutheranmusic@gmail.com)

**HOPE FAMILY PRAYER LIST**

***Mark Bondo*** is on a slow road to recovery and  
 could use lots of prayers for   
health and healing…

***The Horton Family;*** ***Ryan McAuly,*** ***Kless Family*** nephew; ***Courtney Volk;*** ***Kaitlin Kropa;*** ***Erika Woods;*** ***Siggy Kuehn*** family friend, ***Ruth Biele*** and co-worker, ***Frances Wilkens;*** ***Corn Family Friend,*** ***Mike Pepper;***  ***David Kropa*** struggling with some health complications; ***Janice*** and ***Bill Seifert;*** ***Josh Staudinger;*** ***Gerry Bergh;*** ***Bill and Janice’s*** daughter, ***Lynne Palumbo;*** ***Dan Denef*** is home but still in need of many prayers; ***Wayne Kless’*** sister, ***Jacqueline White;*** ***Justine Brozyna,*** friend of the ***Corn Family;*** ***Kuehn Family Friend,*** ***Deena Harmon;*** ***Deloris Laub;*** ***Bonnie Palamara;*** ***Pastor’s*** former parishioner, ***Eric Westberg;*** ***Dolores O’Brien;*** ***Bob Zarilli,*** family friend of ***John*** and ***Debbie Bonanno;*** ***Pat Fensham’s*** brother in law, ***Patrick DePiano;*** ***Gary Rosenberg;*** ***Valrie McGinn;*** ***Willy*** and ***Marilyn Wolter***, ***Cindy Lynch’s*** mother and father*;* ***Margaret Holen;*** ***Erin Bereheiko;*** ***Jim Mulligan*** ; ***Dani Hulsart***  family friend of the ***Donmoyer Family*** ; ***Pam Renouff***;

***Those serving as first responders and in the armed services.***

**CONGREGATION COUNCIL**

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| **President** | Bill Unger |
| **Vice President** | Sarah Kozak |
| **Secretary** | Michelle Miele |
| **Education** | Jessica Somodi |
| **Financial Secretary** | Sue Hu |
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| **Open Door Alternate** | Pat Fensham |
| **Architecture Team** | Brian McMillin |
| **Architecture Team** | Matthew Malanuk |
|  | Matthew Sprunger |
|  | Dave Peters |
|  | Steve Weiss |
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|  | **NON COUNCIL MEMBERS** |
|  | **HOLDING POSITION/S** |
| **Treasurer** | Mike Della Rosa |
| **Open Door** | Rebekah Heilman |
| **Worship** | Jackie Peters |

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|  | ***Assisting*** | ***Acolyte*** | ***Altar*** | ***Counting*** |
| ***July 7*** | Jackie P |  | Pat F | ***Ungers*** |
| ***July 14*** | Steve W |  | Rebekah H | ***Fenshams*** |
| ***July 21*** | Tom T |  | Christine H | ***Della Rosas*** |
| ***July 28*** | Bill U |  | Barbara T | ***Della Rosas*** |
| ***August 4*** | Rebekah H |  | Diane K | ***Weiss/Tyrrell*** |
| ***August 11*** | Sue H |  | Debbie U | ***Ungers*** |
| ***August 18*** | Debbie U |  | Rachel R | ***Fenshams*** |
| ***August 25*** | John D |  | Pat F | ***Della Rosas*** |

**Acolytes –   
Ryan Somodi, Cara Smith, Joey Mancini, Adrianna Mancini, Melody Burger, Autumn Hedin, Riley Hedin, Harper Hedin**

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| **July** | | | | Fireworks Clipart Images – Browse 19,406 Stock Photos, Vectors, and Video |  Adobe Stock | | | |
| Isolated round shape American flag vector logo. 11442829 Vector Art at  Vecteezy | | | | **2024** | | | |
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|  | 730p – Choir | 7p – Yoga on Zoom | 7pm – 12 Step | | 5p – Counseling 730p – 12 Step | 730p – 12 Step | 12p - Counseling |
| **7** | **8** | **9** | **10** | | **11** | **12** | **13** |
| 930a – Traditional  **WOH HS Senior Gift** | 730p – Choir | 7p – Yoga on Zoom | 7pm – 12 Step | | 5p – Counseling 730p – 12 Step | 730p – 12 Step | **9a – GOM** 12p - Counseling |
| **14** | **15** | **16** | **17** | | **18** | **19** | **20** |
| 930a – Contemporary | **7p – Church Council** 730p – Choir | 7p – Yoga on Zoom | 7pm – 12 Step | | 5p – Counseling 730p – 12 Step | **12p – WOH Lunch** 730p – 12 Step | 12p - Counseling |
| **21** | **22** | **23** | **24** | | **25** | **26** | **27** |
| 930a -  Traditional | 730p – Choir | 7p – Yoga on Zoom | 7pm – 12 Step | | 5p – Counseling 730p – 12 Step | 730p – 12 Step | 12p - Counseling **6p – Family Game Night** |
| **28** | **29** | **30** | **31** | |  |  |  |
| 930a – Contemporary | 730p – Choir | 7p – Yoga on Zoom | 7pm – 12 Step | |  |  |  |