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A Message from Pastor Beth...

So how can you follow Jesus farther into the water? Practice.



AN OCEAN OF POSSIBILITIES...

This Lent we have explored the different phases people move through as they follow Jesus. Through Sunday worship, and the *Following Jesus* devotional booklet, each of you has been asked where you are on the journey from the beach to the deep waters of faith. I am reminded how each of these stages integrate into the vision of Hope Ridge, “to *Welcome* others into a relationship, so that they can *Worship* God, to be *Nurtured* by the Holy Spirit and one another, and to be *Sent* out to serve others in Christ’s name.”

Wherever we are on our journey, there are personal practices that can help you move one step further. Last fall, we focused on personal disciplines with *Committed to Christ*. These disciplines help you participate and practice your faith, so that you can grow and be nurtured in your walk with Christ. So how can you follow Jesus farther into the water?

Practice:

- ◆ Worship
- ◆ Prayer
- ◆ Reading the Bible
- ◆ Sharing your faith
- ◆ Giving financially
- ◆ Serving others

Worship helps you joyfully center back on God. Prayer creates a connection to the Holy Spirit. Reading the Bible guides and feeds you. Sharing your faith excites and offers an invitation to someone new. Giving financially cultivates generosity with every aspect of your life. Serving others shows others what it means to follow Christ, by being an example of Christ.

If you are asking how much you should be practicing, I would suggest starting **WORSHIP+2**. Come to worship (unless you are sick or out of town). Join a small group: the Sunday School groups, Women’s Group, Men’s Group, and yes, choir counts as a small group! Serve out of your giftedness (what you are skilled at) and call (where you see a need). Practice increasing your commitment to one of the personal disciplines listed above.

Worship+2 = ___ Are you a part of worship AND a part of a group where you are connected to others in the community at Hope Ridge, AND practicing growing in at least one other area of the personal disciplines listed above? Where are you with your commitments? Where has God continued to help you grow in one or more of these areas?

At each phase of your journey, are you allowing one or more of these disciplines to nurture and help you grow in your relationship with Jesus?

Blessings, ~Pastor Beth

WELCOME: **“Welcoming others into a relationship...**

Hi

and welcome to the first quarterly eView Hope Ridge Newsletter. This issue is jam-packed with useful information! It includes both updates on things that have been happening around our church and opportunities and events to come. In addition to this quarterly information (if we have your email address on file), you will receive weekly eUpdates to remind you about things in which you may like to participate within the coming days. Please take time to open and read your emails from **Hope Ridge, and if you know of someone who is not “electronic,” please inform them of the eUpdate** you received. Current printed information can still be found each Sunday in the weekly Announcements/Hope Ridge Happenings bulletin insert, as well as on the website at HopeRidge.com and Facebook/HopeRidgeUMC. If you want to include information in the next quarterly eView, please submit it to the office at hopeoffice@hoperidge.com by June 23. Thanks! –Lori Toth

A look at the welcoming numbers this spring...

The annual Easter Egg Hunt and Story on April 12, had over 3,800 filled eggs and was attended by over 80 children and 100 adults from our community, preschool and church.



Thank you to over 50 volunteers: from the candy donations to the egg fillers, greeters, story-tellers, craft makers, café preparers and cleaner-uppers! You made this ministry meaningful and welcoming to all!

4 New Members: Shana Kahila, Jennifer Kovell, and Trent Loomis joined Hope Ridge on Sunday, April 13, and Brian Simmons will join into membership on June 8!

Our Holy Week services were highly attended: Palm Sunday— 246, Maundy Thursday—82, Good Friday—92, and Easter morning total—400!

5 Baptisms: Lift prayers for these families of our recent and upcoming Baptisms: Colburns, Hurns, Bapties, Marinos, and Bissels.

203 names were submitted to be honored on Sunday, May 11 for the UMW “Honor a Special Woman” Sunday! Proceeds will be donated to Forbes House, and the carnations taken to a local nursing home.

50 adults and children attended the first Friday evening dinner and a full-length Disney movie in the WFLC, May 2. Movie clips were shown to illustrate the previous Sunday’s sermon.

WORSHIP: So that they can worship God,...

Sunday Services

8:30am: Traditional Worship with Communion each Sunday in the Chapel

10:30am: Family Service in the Worship & Family Life Center (WFLC), with Sunday School for children **after Children's Time, except for the first Sunday of the month, which is Family Worship.** Communion is served the first Sunday of the month.

DVDs are available at the Info Desk after the 10:30 worship, to share with those who were unable to be here.

In May: The Gospel in Disney Sunday message series

Hear messages exploring themes within 4 popular Disney movies—themes that come straight from the teachings of Jesus. Join us for a look at the Gospel messages in a brand new way! Then come the following Friday evening for a quick bite to eat at 6:30pm and the full-length Disney movie at 7pm.



Coming In June: Who Is God? message series



Coming June 1: Graduate Recognition Sunday

If you have a person in your family graduating this spring from high school, college, grad school or professional programs, please email the office at hopeoffice@hoperidge.com by Monday, May 26 with the details: full name, from where they are graduating, any honors, future plans, and a recent photo.

Sunday, June 15: "Honor a Special Man"

through UMCOR's One Great Hour of Sharing

If you would like to honor or remember a father, grandfather, uncle, brother or special man in your life, fill out a bulletin insert available May 25-June 8 for their name to be included. Monetary donations of any size will be appreciated and forwarded to UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) to assist families affected by recent devastating tornadoes and floods.



NURTURE: Be Nurtured by the Holy Spirit and one another,...

Hope ridge UMW Upcoming Events:

Fri/Sat, May 9/10— Ten Thousand Villages Boutique, p. 5

Sat, May 31—Annual Rummage Sale, p. 8

Tuesday, June 3—Summer Lunch, details to follow.



Hope Ridge Vacation Bible School

The Everywhere Fun Fair:

Where God's World Comes Together!!

July 28-August 1, 9-noon

It's time to register your favorite kids ages 4-5th

grade for VBS!! Registration forms available

at the Info Desk or online at hoperidge.com. Drop off at the office.

Small Group Opportunities...

Men's Monday Study, 6:30-8pm—

The Life You've Always Wanted

Women's Tuesday Study, 1-2:30pm—

Transformational Journal

Start reading for the
June 2, 7pm HOPE
RIDGE BOOK CLUB
discussion of...

*The All-Girl Filling Station's
Last Reunion*
by Fannie Flagg



Kid's Sunday School will take a short break from June 8-22 and begin again June 29 with a 5-week group curriculum based on a popular children's DVD. More details to follow!

A sneak peek...Kid's Sunday School for the fall will be taking on a whole new look and energy! It is vital to provide a place for our young ones to learn to welcome, worship, nurture and be sent into the world, confident in their passion and commitment to Christ. Please prayerfully consider being a part of this exciting change!

JUNE 23-27, GOD CAMP at Mentor UMC— For 5th and 6th graders, a day long camp the last week of June that showcases a different metro park each week and talks about God in creation. A great opportunity for Hope Ridge youth to connect with others. Sign up ASAP at mentorumc.org.

PARENTS!! CHECK OUT THE MANY 2014 EAST OHIO METHODIST SUMMER CAMPS at www.EOCsummercamps.org.

SEND: and be sent out to serve others in Christ's name."



TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES.

A FAIR TRADE RETAILER

Hope Ridge is once again hosting the Ten Thousand Villages Boutique! Ten Thousand Villages is an international fair trade organization. The boutique offers lovely, quirky, and useful items purchased at a fair price from artisans from around the world.

Hope Ridge Boutique hours:

Friday, May 9 10am-7pm

Saturday, May 10, 8am-5pm

And Sunday, May 11, between services in the Conference Room

Come shop for unique Mother's Day, graduation and birthday gifts, and help those from other countries earn a fair wage for their artistryes.



On Saturday, May 17, from 10am-noon, Hope Ridge is partnering with Mentor United Methodist Church to support **StopHungerNow.org**. Come join other Hope Ridgers at Mentor UMC to bag bulk dried foods into smaller, meal-sized portions. For more information or to sign up, please contact Pastor Jon, at pastorjon@hoperidge.com.

Support the "Baby Bottle Boomerang" for Forbes House from May 11-June 15. Take a designated plastic baby bottle from the table in the Narthex to collect your loose change, dollars and checks! Return it to Hope Ridge on June 15 and help support the local Forbes House mission to "relieve trauma resulting from domestic violence" and "to assure access to a safe and caring environment for its victims," including men, women and children.

WOODLAWN SUMMER LUNCH – the month of July, 9:30am – 12:30pm, an opportunity for adults and families to connect with other children. Meet at the Woodlawn community center in Painesville and spend the morning playing games and activities with children in the community. Lunch is provided by the Cleveland Food Bank, the day ends with a Bible story and prayer. Look for a Connection Card sign-up soon!

MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION WEEK—July 13 to 18, for 6th to 8th graders. Youth meet each day at Mentor UMC for worship and then going out to serve locally. Last year projects included sorting medical supplies, the Cleveland Food Bank, etc. Sign up at mentorumc.org.

Thank you to all the Hope Ridge people who wrote 40 cards of encouragement recently for the teachers at Elm Elementary in Painesville. This outreach was in conjunction with Catalyst Ministries, who is in contact with multiple churches in the area to assist the Painesville community and especially the Woodlawn families' needs.

Thank you to all who donated to the Garrettsville Food Bank Drive! Due to an overwhelming response at Garrettsville, the food was distributed to local food banks in need.



2014 Recycling Opportunities

Year-round at Hope Ridge we collect: pop tabs, ink cartridges/toners, medical supplies (canes, wheelchairs, etc.), paper and cardboard in bins outside, aluminum and plastic in designated can in the Café, clothing for Hope Chest in the red wagon by the kitchen, call the office 352-2141 with questions about any of these. Thanks!

Every day at Staples:

Computer/computer parts/cell phone recycling-any condition
You may receive Staples credit for qualifying items.

At the Fairgrounds:

Sat, May 10, 8am-1pm

Tire recycling (nominal fee)

Sat, June 7, 9am-3pm

Household Hazardous Waste: solvents, pesticides, motor oil, etc.

Go to LakeCountyOhio.gov/utilities/divisions/solidwaste/specialcollections for details.

News Around the Church

March Report of Our Financial Support of the Hope Ridge Community & Ministries

Summary: Our General Fund offering in March was just \$495 less than our needs. Because of this generosity, Hope Ridge was able to pay our full apportionment amount for the month. We still remain slightly behind our needs year-to-date.

<u>Monthly</u>		<u>2014 Year-To-Date</u>	
March Operating Expense Needs	\$33,576	YTD Operating Expense Needs	\$90,376
March Apportionment Needs	2,633	YTD Apportionment Needs	7,899
Total Offering Needs	\$36,209	Total Offering Needs	\$98,275
Offerings March 1-31, 2014	\$35,714	YTD Offerings thru Jan 31	\$95,548

April Report of Our Financial Support of the Hope Ridge Community & Ministries

Summary: Our General Fund offering in April was \$2,589 greater than our needs. Because of this generosity, Hope Ridge was able to pay our full apportionment amount for the month. We are now slightly ahead of our needs year-to-date.

<u>Monthly</u>		<u>2014 Year-To-Date</u>	
April Operating Expense Needs	\$30,049	YTD Operating Expense Needs	\$117,562
April Apportionment Needs	2,633	YTD Apportionment Needs	10,532
Total Offering Needs	\$32,681	Total Offering Needs	\$128,094
Offerings April 1-30, 2014	\$35,270	YTD Offerings thru April 30	\$130,817



From the Trustees and Pastor Beth:

“Thank you for your help!!”

April 26, Church Work Day volunteers—thank you!

May 4, Nursery painting and clean-up volunteers—thank you!

And a big THANK YOU to Sam Meunier and her Girl Scout

Troop for beautifully organizing the Youth Room!

**Next: Saturday, May 17, 9-am noon—
Church mulch-spreading. Join us if you can!**

JOB NOTICE: The Staff-Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) is actively seeking a dependable person with a heart for little children, to assist in the Hope Ridge Infant/Toddler Rooms on Sundays from 9am to noon along with Lauren Jeavons. It pays \$25 per Sunday. Please see Pastor Beth or Thomas Ohmura for more information.

April BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Karoline Ferencak
Mary Moore
- 2 Jim Krebs
- 3 Dan King
- 4 Keith Marcum
Lori Toth
- 5 Rich Fellenstein
Tom Hunter
Dennis Smonko
- 6 Bonnie Lillibridge
Mark Seyfried
- 8 Stacey Buehler
Joy Olpp
- 9 Marge Davis
- 10 Grant Hancock
Lee Simmons
- 11 Lillian Sellers
Diana Trubiani
- 12 Shirley Corey
- 13 Angela Davis
Alina Meunier
Katie Noga
Vicky Smonko
- 14 Kenneth Murphy
Bill Nichols
- 16 Ken Eshler
Ted Gdovichin
- 17 Audrey Fleck
- 19 Emma Eshler
John Goertz
- 20 Joy Burnfield
Linda Clayton
- 22 Chelsie Bittinger
- 23 Lyla More
Mika Timura
Blaine Wheelock
- 25 Jordan Kattler
- 26 Sarah Avers
Rachael Pribulsky
- 28 Casey Warner
- 30 Dave Boykin
Carter Fellenstein

April ANNIVERSARIES

- 7 Stephen and Tricia Hart
- 10 Chuck and Jean Price
- 13 Jim and Lorrie Simer
- 18 Doug and Cindy Aubin
- 20 Larry and Judy Fritinger
- 27 Lew and Pat Meyer

Hope Ridge Celebrations

May BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Kristen Rader
- 4 Joe Eckerle
Larry Fritinger
- 6 Nicki Davies
- 9 Jacob Slavick
- 11 Steve Monthey
Cathy Simmons
- 12 Sharon Eckerle
- 14 Jean Hickey
Chad Sullivan
- 15 Becky Dingeldein
Calvin Warner
- 16 Logan Obracey
- 19 Geoff Weber
- 20 Glen Dieterle
- 22 Stephanie Sullivan
- 25 Owen Hancock
- 26 Doug Allcock
Joe Bova
- 28 Gary Oyler
- 29 Corey Bova
Tom Ohmura
Laura Wells

May ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Ken & Bonnie Lillibridge
- 12 Skip & Susan Agnew
- 14 Tom & Sally Hunter
- 20 Vic & Cheryl Noviski
- 21 Steve & Amy Davies
Bob & Carol Snyderwine
- 24 Steve & Mary Moore
- 27 Jack & Katie Cudzillo
- 28 James & Gillian Mowry
- 29 Bob & Kathryn Fellenstein
- 30 Bob & Linda Bittinger
Jim & Cathy May-Krebs
- 31 John & Diane Hynd

June BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Barbara Moody
- 2 Gretchen Seyfried
Kristina Simer
- 3 Morgan Brunetti
Sally King
Elizabeth Rattray
Jamie Simer
Richard Thayer
Rick Warner
- 5 Marcia Clark
- 6 Gordon Bogert
- 7 Sarah Soulsby
- 9 Morgan Ferencak
Macian Wade
- 11 Katie Cudzillo
- 14 Harry Fishleigh
- 15 Jennifer Finan
- 18 Brynn Urban
- 19 Diane Kinsey
Mary Wolfe
- 20 Ted Daly
- 21 Gloria Vallone
- 22 Wynne Bogert
Harvey Heaverlo
Dee Strong
Emily Toth
- 24 Lindsey Brunetti
- 26 Beth Fellenstein
Leslie Mizen
- 27 Carol Darr
Lola Meek
Judy White
- 29 Jesse Lunato

June ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 David & Laura Goodban
- 3 Tony & Lindsey Brunetti
- 5 Mark & Ashley Hancock
- 7 Jim & Brenda Soulsby
- 8 Mark & Gretchen Seyfried
- 12 Keith & Kathy Nagy
- 13 Walter & Judie Elgin
- 14 Ed & Gail Lowe
Dick & Becky Parker
Dick & Pat Winter
- 16 Bill & Sally Cardaman
- 17 Neil & Betsy Newman
- 18 John & Susanne Goertz
- 23 Glen & Susan Dieterle
Dave & Cathy Fleck
- 28 Jerry & Joan Burnfield



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OFFICE HOURS
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What donations are needed for the
SATURDAY, May 31, 2014

Hope Ridge famous annual Rummage Sale?

Dishes, pots and pans, kitchen & gardening supplies (clean); collectibles, crafty materials (including partially completed projects); **baby and kid's toys, video games, small sporting equipment** (bats, balls, skates, etc.); small working kitchen appliances, **table lamps, end tables; infant's, children's & adult clothing (clean & wearable, working zippers, no holes);** linens, bedding (bed sizes marked, please); holiday decorations, books (please, no encyclopedias), baskets, home décor and wall pictures; purses, jewelry, scarves, shoes, accessories; furniture, *working* TVs, computers & electronics.

Bring all your good "junque" to church May 27, 28, 9am-7pm or by the deadline of 3pm on May 29. Call Pat Meyer before bringing questionable or large items, 352-0885. THEN... COME SATURDAY, MAY 31 TO SHOP!!