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*FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR BETH:*



**Our #1 Goal: Connect beyond the walls**

I really love the new year, and all that it brings.  
It is space to reflect and look back, but not to dwell. It provides a fresh start.

**Growth**

Our goals for the past few years have involved growth. The truth is that there is no magic program, no postcard advertisement, and no one person that can do this. Growth will come **through God's Holy Spirit moving us out into the community in new ways.**

*In our everyday life, we will begin to be listen and  
be attentive for the people that God puts in our path.*

Jesus was about relationships.

**There was a deep connection between his words of the Great Commandment, "Love your neighbor as yourself" (Matt.22) and the Great Commission "go and make disciples" (Matt.28). If we want to see others join us in our journey of faith, then we must also be about relationships.**

**Building and growing relationships is a "hands-on sport."**

Within the life of the church, staying connected with one another is so important, even if it is with one or two people. Beyond the walls of the church, it is even more vital. You know people and come in contact with people. They may never enter the walls of the church, if its not for a friendship and invitation from you.

Prayer is required.

First, we have to prepare ourselves for what God might do. This requires prayer. Prayer heightens our awareness and helps us be in touch with the Holy Spirit. Even if this means simply praying for your community each morning.

Join me in praying.

*God, open my eyes to my community. Open my heart to moment of compassion and connection.*

*Guide me in my relationships to represent Your love and grace. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

*Peace, Pastor Beth*

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

### **WHAT IS PIZZA WITH A PURPOSE?**

*Pizza with a Purpose* is held the 3rd Sunday of each month after 10:30am worship. Sign up to gather in the Conference Room, hear about a specific topic and enjoy a light lunch with Pastor Beth. It is a time for folks to gather in a small group, learn a little something new and get acquainted with each other.

**Sunday, Jan 17 we will meet and greet Bishop Hopkins.** All are welcome. Please RSVP to the church office 440-352-2141 by Friday, Jan 15.



### **BAPTISM AND NEW MEMBER CLASSES**

For those wanting to be baptized this spring (infant, child, or adult) and those interested in joining Hope Ridge as a member this spring, please let Lori at the church office know at [hopeoffice@hoperidge.com](mailto:hopeoffice@hoperidge.com) or indicate on any Sunday Connection Card, and you will be contacted.



HOPE RIDGE PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

SUN, JANUARY 24, 2016, 2-3:30PM

Invite friends or neighbors who have little ones who may be searching for a preschool for the fall.

You can be proud that Hope Ridge Preschool is a “Step Up to Quality” 3-star awarded program, with classes ranging from 2 to 5 day options.

For more information, go to the website:

<http://hoperidge.com/wordpressHRUMC/hope-ridge-preschool-lake-county-ohio/>

Email Samantha Meunier, Preschool Director, [preschool@hoperidge.com](mailto:preschool@hoperidge.com)

or call 440-639-8817.

## **Welcome New Hope Ridge Staff!**

### **NANCY CLINE, OUR NEW PIANIST AND CHOIR ACCOMPANIST!**



Nancy has her BA and MA from Bob Jones University in piano performance. She has taught piano privately in the Painesville /Mentor area for 33 years and has played piano and accompanied church choirs in the Mentor, Chesterland, and Youngstown areas for 33 years as well. Most recently, Nancy was the Mentor HS accompanist in residence 2006-2015. Currently, she is a accompanist for Dr. Yun's vocal studio at Youngstown State University and accompanist for brass studios at Cleveland State University. As a hobby, Nancy also enjoys taking photographs of nature along the Lake Erie shoreline. Nancy and her husband Bruce have two grown children, Stephen 28, and Laurel 23. Bruce is an intervention specialist at Gaitway HS, associated with Fieldstone Farms Therapeutic Riding Center.

### **DAVID BOGERT, NEW TO OUR TECH BOOTH!**

David joins the staff in training for our sound, video, and lighting in the tech booth at 10:30 worship in the WFLC. David is the son of Wynne and Gordon Bogert and father to 14-year-old Sabrina. Thank you, David, for being willing to learn this “Techie” position!



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

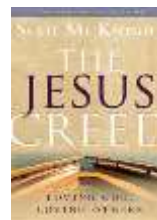


### **Bishop Hopkins to visit Hope Ridge Sunday, January 17, 2016!**

Hope Ridge will be honored to have as our guest the Bishop John L. Hopkins, of the East Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church. Bishop Hopkins will be delivering the sermon at both the 8:30am and 10:30am services. Please come and show him Hope Ridge hospitality.

### **THE SERMON AND SMALL GROUP SERIES FOR LENT 2016- THE JESUS CREED: LOVING GOD, LOVING OTHERS**

*Look for small groups to be announced to study  
"The Jesus Creed" for Lent beginning around  
February 10th.*



#### *2016 Lenten Service Schedule*

**Ash Wednesday is February 10 with 7pm worship.**  
**Palm Sunday is Sunday, March 20, 8:30 and 10:30am worship.**  
**Maundy Thursday is March 24, with 7pm worship.**  
**Good Friday is March 25, with 7pm worship.**  
**Easter Sunday is March 27, 8:30 and 10:30am worship.**

## *Worship*

### **TECH BOOTH TRAINING SUNDAY, FEB 28, NOON-2:30PM**

This is open to all youth and adults, both current and new to the tech booth, who have a desire to learn the basics of the audio and visual electronics in the WFLC.

Please indicate on today's Connection card if you will be attending.

A "tech rehearsal" training will be the following Thursday, Mar 3, 7-9pm.

### **LAY SERVANT MINISTRIES TRAINING AT HOPE RIDGE UMC**

This course guides participants to discover the gifts of caring, leading and communicating and offers practical suggestions for becoming an active congregational servant leader.

**Friday, March 11, 6:30pm-9pm & Saturday, March 12, 8am-5pm**

Registration forms at the brochure kiosk or online at <http://tinyurl.com/WestResMar18>

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Hope Ridge has a Prayer Team of individuals who have requested to be notified of prayer concerns by email, and they lift these concerns up during their daily prayer time. Prayer requests can be submitted by notifying the church office, filling out information on the Sunday Connection Card, or emailing

[prayerrequests@hoperidge.com](mailto:prayerrequests@hoperidge.com)



### **HONOR OR REMEMBER SOMEONE WITH ALTAR FLOWERS**

The 2016 ALTAR FLOWER CALENDER is now up on the bulletin board toward the Connection Corner. If you would like to honor or remember someone with altar flowers, the cost is \$25, and you may take your arrangement home after the 10:30am worship.

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

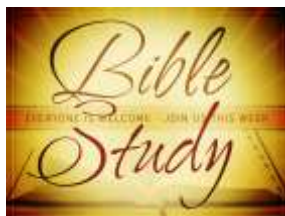
**SOUP, SUB AND FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT** hosted by the UMW — 6pm, Friday, January 22 in the WFLC. Come enjoy some warmth and fun with the movie *Dolphin Tale* in the Café and WFLC! RSVP on a Connection Card.

**PARENTS NIGHT OUT— Friday, February 12, from 5-9pm.** Need an evening out- without kids? The Hope Ridge Nurture Team would like to give the congregation and Preschool parents the opportunity to take a break, and have your kids entertained with dinner, games, crafts, and a movie! Registration begins Jan 25. No kids? Consider helping with this fun event!

**YOUTH GROUP**—Meets the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month from 5-7pm in the Youth Room.

Activities coming up:

- Mission Meeting- Sun, Jan 31, 7pm at Painesville UMC for Youth Work Trip scheduled June 19-25, 2016.
- Winter Jam 2016- Sun, Feb 21, 6pm at the Wolstein Center. Entry \$10. Hear Christian bands Newsong, Lauren Daigle, Crowder and more! Bring a friend! RSVP to Pastor Beth by Feb 7 to coordinate drivers and chaperones.



**MONDAY MEN'S STUDY, 7pm** in the Conference Room beginning Jan 11, *If You Want to Walk on Water, You Have to Get out of the Boat*, led by Jim Davies.

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9:15am** in the Conference Room beginning Jan 10 or **TUESDAY WOMEN'S STUDY, 1pm** in the Conference Room beginning Jan 19, both of the above are led by Sue Nahumck, and will study *The Call: The Life and Message of the Apostle Paul* by Adam Hamilton. Join in this 6-week study to better "understand the man only second to Jesus in his impact and influence on the Christian faith, and his call to turn the world upside down."

**WEDNESDAY WOMEN'S STUDY, 2pm on Jan 13 & 20** and then 2:30pm beginning Jan 27 in the Conference Room, led by Maggie Gruss, with the DVD study *Real Women, Real Faith*.

**THE PATH: A WEEKEND SPIRITUAL RETREAT FOR ALL WOMEN SPONSORED BY MENTOR UMC, HELD AT THE HILTON GARDEN INN IN TWINSBURG. MARCH 5-6.** Registration forms at the brochure kiosk or online at [mentorumc.org](http://mentorumc.org).

**FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY** will again be offered at Hope Ridge beginning Monday, February 15 from 7-9pm. This 9-week class **life-changing program teaches you to achieve their financial goals** by eliminating debt, saving for the future, and giving like never before. Membership kits and registration are available online at [FPU.com](http://FPU.com) for a discounted rate of \$93 + shipping. There is no other charge for this class.



**HOPE RIDGE BOOK CLUB, led by Sue Nahumck, the 4th Monday of each month, 7-8pm in the Hope Ridge UMC library.** Join for discussion for a monthly talk about the assigned book.

Coming discussions:

**January—The Boy in the Striped Pajamas, by John Boyne—** Read and gather for discussion **Monday, January 25 at 7pm** in the Library. "Set in Berlin in 1942, this historical fiction novel follows the story of the holocaust through the eyes of a boy named Bruno."

**February—The Dead Key, by Cleveland author D.M. Pulley.** "A thrilling Cleveland mystery. 2014 winner of the Amazon Breakthrough Novel Award."

Join in **Monday, February 22 at 7pm.**

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



**THE HOPE RIDGE ANNUAL EASTER EGG-STRAVAGANZA  
SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 3-5PM. PLANNING IS UNDERWAY!**

This fun community outreach invites families to hear the good news of Easter and enjoy time with their little ones in activities planned around the church. Please look for opportunities where you can participate in helping and preparing for this fun day!

**TRAVEL OVER THE HOLIDAYS? BRING IN YOUR UNUSED HOTEL SOAPS AND TOILETRIES.** The Hope Ridge Send team will collect them through January 31 to donate to Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital families.

**IN FEBRUARY, WE WILL BE COLLECTING WRAPPED EASTER CANDY** and other items needed for the Easter Egg Event. Look for more details soon.

**PROJECT HOPE MEALS** can use your help with one part of the meal the 2nd Friday of each month. Sign up for a date that works for you in the Red Sign-up Book on the Info Desk. Next dates: Feb 12 and March 11.

**TUTORING OPPORTUNITY** —There is a structured reading tutor program within the Painesville City Elementary Schools. Catalyst Ministry members, along with members from local churches started this program last October and they are encouraged by the program and the potential benefits for the children. **A group meeting will be held in January 20 at 3:30pm at Elm Elementary, 585 Elm Street, Painesville, for any possible tutors interested from Hope Ridge.** Please indicate on a Connection Card if you can attend.

**CLEANING OUT YOUR CLOSETS? THE HOPE CHEST IN PAINESVILLE** is always accepting clean clothing donations for both adults and children. Household items such as sheets, blankets and towels are also needed. Bring your donations to the red wagon by the freezer near the Hope Ridge kitchen or deliver to 1 Victoria Place on the Square in Painesville. Thank you!

DISASTER RESPONSE MISSION TRIP

**DO YOU HAVE A FEW DAYS TO GET AWAY AND HELP?**

Jason Frazer will be leading a mission team to Detroit to do flood recovery work. **The dates are January 20 - 24, 2016.** They will go up the evening of the 20th. Work the 21st - 23rd. Stay for Sunday morning worship and then leave to come home. If you are interested please email [jasonfrazermtv@gmail.com](mailto:jasonfrazermtv@gmail.com). He needs to tell Detroit by Jan 15th how many are coming.

**ERT Class  
Registration**

**NEW FOLKS WELCOME! There will be an ERT (Early Response Team Basic Training) at Mentor UMC on Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> from 8am-4pm.** Cost is \$40 including lunch, team manual, t-shirt, and background check. The Registration is online at [eocumc.com/missions](http://eocumc.com/missions). If you have any further questions, please contact the Mentor UMC at [440-255-3496](tel:440-255-3496).

LOOKING AHEAD:

Mark your calendars to help with *CAMP DISCOVERY*, the theme for our Hope Ridge 2016 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS) scheduled for July 25-29, 2016, 9am-noon. A fun week for all!





## News Around the Church—Finance

### OCTOBER 2015 Report of Our Financial Support of the Hope Ridge Community & Ministries

Summary: Our General Fund offering of \$30,441 in October was \$3,847 less than our needs.  
Overall for the year, our offering of \$324,730 is now \$5,840 less than our operating needs.

<u>Monthly</u>		<u>2015 Year-To-Date</u>	
<b>Oct Operating Expense Needs</b>	\$31,356	<b>YTD Operating Expense Needs</b>	\$301,254
<b>Oct Apportionment Needs</b>	<u>2,932</u>	<b>YTD Apportionment Needs</b>	<u>29,316</u>
<b>Total Offering Needs</b>	<u>\$34,288</u>	<b>Total Offering Needs</b>	<u>\$330,570</u>
<b>Offerings Oct 1-31, 2015</b>	\$30,441	<b>YTD Offerings thru Oct 31</b>	\$324,730

### NOVEMBER 2015 Report of Our Financial Support of the Hope Ridge Community & Ministries

Summary: Our General Fund offering of \$36,927 in November was \$3,389 greater than our needs.  
Overall for the year, our offering of \$361,657 is \$2,451 less than our operating needs.

<u>Monthly</u>		<u>2015 Year-To-Date</u>	
<b>Nov Operating Expense Needs</b>	\$30,606	<b>YTD Operating Expense Needs</b>	\$331,861
<b>Nov Apportionment Needs</b>	<u>2,932</u>	<b>YTD Apportionment Needs</b>	<u>32,247</u>
<b>Total Offering Needs</b>	<u>\$33,538</u>	<b>Total Offering Needs</b>	<u>\$364,108</u>
<b>Offerings Nov 1-30, 2015</b>	\$36,927	<b>YTD Offerings thru Nov 30</b>	\$361,657

### DECEMBER 2015 Report of Our Financial Support of the Hope Ridge Community & Ministries

Summary: Our General Fund offering of \$35,936 in December was \$1,478 greater than our needs.  
Overall for the year, our offering of \$397,593 was only \$973 less than our operating needs.  
Thanks for your generosity in 2015 to help serve our community and the missions of the United Methodist Church.

<u>Monthly</u>		<u>2015 Year-To-Date</u>	
<b>Dec Operating Expense Needs</b>	\$31,526	<b>YTD Operating Expense Needs</b>	\$363,387
<b>Dec Apportionment Needs</b>	<u>2,932</u>	<b>YTD Apportionment Needs</b>	<u>35,179</u>
<b>Total Offering Needs</b>	<u>\$34,458</u>	<b>Total Offering Needs</b>	<u>\$398,566</u>
<b>Offerings Dec 1-31, 2015</b>	\$35,936	<b>YTD Offerings thru Dec 31</b>	\$397,593

# Hope Ridge Celebrations

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Skip Agnew  
LaVance Cahill
- 2 Haley Newman
- 3 Sabrina Bogert
- 4 Bryce Weber
- 6 Julia Snyderwine  
Stephenie Thayer  
Nate Thompson
- 8 Joan Burnfield
- 9 Kaelyn Carroll  
Nancy Cline  
Melinda Gallagher  
Jacob Hampton  
Jim Simer
- 10 Brad Bauer  
Makenzie Nelson  
Steve Schuldt
- 11 Zacharey Duncan  
Dale Sawchik
- 13 Linda Daly
- 14 Jack Olpp  
Sophia Fleck
- 15 Sharon Smith
- 19 Dick Parker
- 20 Drew Burkholder  
Keira Murphy  
Alex Toth
- 21 Susanne Goertz
- 22 Miya Timura
- 23 Madalyn Dame
- 26 Wesley Bova  
Laura Goodban  
Alexandra Timura
- 28 Kylee Brzozowski  
Debbie Frasher
- 29 Robert Wilterdink
- 30 Peg Marks  
Maureen Zahn
- 31 Nathan Duncan  
Danielle Rodeheaver



## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Shana Kahila
- 5 Ben Cudzilo  
Joe Kallay
- 6 Molly Murphy
- 10 Janine Zampini
- 11 Derek Bittering  
Lorie Simer
- 13 Tim Egensperger  
Gary McConnell
- 19 Michael Meunier  
Gillian Mowry
- 20 Gayle Freeman  
Lily Hopper
- 22 Laurie Smith  
Tammy Thayer
- 23 Michael Zampini
- 27 Gary Darr  
Leah Ferencak
- 28 Susan Agnew  
Mike Urban

## JANUARY

### Wedding Anniversaries

- 3 Jan & Carol Benroth
- 4 Joe & Mary Wolf
- 5 Brandon & Candace Heaverlo

## FEBRUARY

### Wedding Anniversaries

- 14 Ken and Jennifer Eshler

## HOPE RIDGE PRESCHOOL WISH LIST

The Preschool consumable supplies are depleted quickly. The tuition paid by parents only covers a portion of the cost to keep the Preschool going. Consider picking up an extra item this semester to help the Preschool, if you can:

- ◇ Soft facial tissues
- ◇ 5 oz paper cups
- ◇ Toilet paper
- ◇ .77 oz glue sticks
- ◇ Paper towels
- ◇ Beverage-size napkins
- ◇ 13 gallon trash bags

**Thank you!**

**Samantha Meunier, Director**



## PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Hope Ridge UMC receives occasional requests from folks in the community to help with various needs.

Although we first try to direct them to the proper agencies in Lake County to assist them, many needs are urgent.

In these cases, Pastor Beth may assist with grocery or gas gift cards, such as Aldi, Marc's, Speedway, or Giant Eagle. If you would like to donate toward a gift card or two, please mark your envelope or check memo line with "Pastor's Discretionary Fund." Thank you!



The Painesville United Methodist Church Concert Series  
presents:

Philip Thomason, pianist, Sunday, Feb 21 @ 4pm  
Willoughby Fine Arts Center Choir, Sunday, March 6 @ 4pm.  
No charge for admission.  
71 N. Park Place, Painesville

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OFFICE HOURS  
Monday—Thursday: 9am–3pm  
Friday: 9am–1pm



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**There are several ways to  
financially support  
the ministries  
of Hope Ridge UMC:**



- ◆ **TEXT \$amount (example \$25) to 4407098120 and follow the prompts for credit or debit card.**
- ◆ **ONLINE TRANSFER with our secure website at [HopeRidge.com](http://HopeRidge.com), click “Donate” and follow the prompts for payment. You choose— one time or more.**
- ◆ **ENVELOPE-** cash or check donations can be put in the Sunday offering basket or mailed to the church.

**Thank you for helping us grow!**