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Calling All of God's Children!



Do you remember what it was like to be asked, "What do you want to do when you grow up?" It is a question that opened you up to the possibilities of the future and to explore who you are and what you are passionate about. Unfortunately, it is a question that we sometimes stop asking when we hit adulthood.

I'm inviting you to ask this question again, but in the context of our identity as God's children. When you first claim and recognize your identity as belonging to God; all that you have and all that you are, as coming from God, then the question changes. The question becomes a prayer:

◇ ***Lord, what do you want to do through me?***

As I have begun to pray this prayer, I have realized that God is speaking to me about all different places in my life. This prayer speaks into the places that I commit as a member of Christ's body.

- ◇ *Lord, what do you want to do through me, as I lift other people up in prayer?*
- ◇ *Lord, what do you want to do through me, as I meet other people in my community and small groups?*
- ◇ *Lord, what do you want to do through me, with the talents and passions you have given me, to serve?*
- ◇ *Lord, what do you want to do through me with the gifts of resources and finances that I have?*
- ◇ *Lord, what do you want to do through me, as I witness to others about Jesus through my life?*

I am sure that each of you have many other places that this prayer is leading you in your prayer life, but where is it also leading you in your LIFE? Pray and listen.

By now you should have received a brochure in the mail, and a call from a member of Hope Ridge congregation. Claim your place as an *important* part of the body of Christ, and share with your church family about your journey with this prayer- and how it is guiding you in your life and in the life of our congregation at Hope Ridge. The church needs you to participate, to share who you are and all that God has created you to be, to join us in **Opening New Opportunities**, and leading others in our community to the presence, love, and grace of God through Jesus Christ.

Peace, *Pastor Beth*

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

We want to get information to you! We know we have a lot going on here at Hope Ridge and we don't want you to miss anything that you may enjoy! Here are a few electronic ways to be connected with the church on your smartphone, iPad, PC...



Follow Hope Ridge UMC on Twitter! Receive up-to-date news and invitations by following our Twitter handle @HopeRidgeUMC. Share this with your friends and help the church connect with others.



“Like” Hope Ridge UMC on your Facebook page and get current updates and info to post and share.



Provide your email address to hopeoffice@hoperidge.com or add it to the Sunday Connection Card and you will receive weekly eUpdates and *The eView* newsletter which provides more in-depth Hope Ridge news, birthdays, and financial information.



Stay connected to the HopeRidge.com website with info, calendar, photos, *The View* newsletter and links to what's happening in our church. Did you know there is also a link on our website to electronically donate to Hope Ridge? You may give either one time or set-up a giving schedule. It's also a great way to give if you're out of town on a Sunday!



Not interested in electronic communication? Don't worry. We will still offer you printed *View* newsletters at the Info Desk, and Sunday announcements on the colored sheets in the bulletin. Large print bulletins are also available on Sunday, and we will print more, if needed! If you are homebound, you may contact the church office by phone 440-352-2141, and provide us with your address to be sure to receive the newsletter by US Mail.

LET'S HELP PUT NAMES AND FACES TOGETHER!

Lifetouch Directories will be at Hope Ridge Sept 29, 30 and October 8,9,10, and 11, to take our photos for the upcoming color-photo directory. All members, friends and regulars at Hope Ridge are wanted for the directory to help us all put names and faces together! Others outside of Hope Ridge are also welcome to make appointments for portrait sessions here, even though they would not be in the directory. Make an appointment at www.hoperidge.com.



Do you have a creative eye for layout? We are looking for someone with experience creating digital scrapbooks to help with the Directory layout, who would need to be available through October. Contact Yvonne Oyler with questions: [440-479-7673](tel:440-479-7673) or dodivein@windstream.net.



We welcome our new Nursery Attendant, Jacqueline Calvert-Mele!

Jacqueline is an early childhood education major at Cleveland State and is employed by Good Beginnings Enrichment Center as an infant specialist. Jacqueline joins Lauren Jeavons as our Sunday morning infant and toddler caregivers, and we appreciate the skill and love for little ones they both bring to Hope Ridge.

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

Sunday Services

8:30am A traditional worship with Communion each Sunday in the Chapel with traditional hymns.
10:30am A contemporary service in the Worship & Family Life Center (WFLC), with a mixture of praise songs, special music, and hymns. Family Worship is the first Sunday of each month and Communion is served.

Next Sermon Series: *Generosity*

We often admire people that live generously: Oprah Winfrey, Bill Gates, and Andrew Carnegie to name a few famous people. You can probably think of parents, grandparents, and friends who have blessed others through their generosity. So, why don't we like to talk about generosity at church? What does our faith have to do with this respected character quality? Come find out how God has created us to be grounded in gratitude, revealed in prayer, and lived in faith which leads us to live generously.

Generosity
changes everything

Oct 5: *Grounded in Gratitude*
Oct 12: *Revealed in Prayer*
Oct 19: *Impact of Ministry*
Oct 26: *Sacrificial Giving*
Nov 2: *Lived in Faith —All Saint's Day*

A devotional guide will be available in October and November to follow along with this sermon series.

If you have a loved one that has passed away in the last 12 months, **and would like them recognized on All Saint's Sunday, Nov 2**, please provide the church office with their name, dates of birth and death, and a photo.

10:30am Ridge Kidz Worship

All Children age 3-5th grade are encouraged go to the Youth Room for Ridge Kidz worship, during the 10:30 service on the 2nd,3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays of each month for lively music, prayer and small-group lessons. For children wishing to stay in the WFLC, coloring kits are available. Infant and toddler care is provided in the Nursery.



Attention!
Are you interested in Handbells, Choir, or the Praise Band but don't want a long commitment?
Join us for a week, a month, a season, or a lifetime! We would love you to fit Hope Ridge music in your schedule!

Ridge Ringers Handbell rehearsal: Thursdays, 6-7pm in the Music Room.

Handbells perform the 4th Sunday of each month @ 10:30am service.

Adult Choir rehearsal: Thursdays, 7:15-8:30pm in the Music Room.

The Adult Choir sings the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays of each month @ 10:30am service.

Ridge Kidz Choir rehearses on Sunday mornings during Ridge Kidz Worship in the Youth Room and performs the 1st Sunday of each month during Family Worship @ 10:30am.

Praise Band and Praise Singers rehearse Thursdays @ 8:30pm.

Contact Jonathan Gordon, pianist@hoperidge.com to join.

Children's chimes and/or Youth bell groups will be forming with enough interest.

Contact Tom Dingeldein, musicdirector@hoperidge.com, and let him know that you like more info!

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



RIDGE KIDZ WORSHIP for kids age 3-5th grade, Sunday mornings at 10:30am in the Youth Room for music, lessons, prayer, missions, and fun!

GRAVITY YOUTH GROUP for grades 6-12 meets in the Youth Room for food, fun and talk, on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month from 5-7pm. A fun way to meet other teens and also invite friends to come along to the many activities planned with Pastor Beth and Kim Sturm leading.



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:15am in the Conference Room.

There is a new study for October and November titled
Acts of God: If God Is Good, Why Does He Allow So Much Pain? All are welcome!
Childcare is available in the Nursery for children under 12, from 9:15-10:15am.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY TUESDAYS @ 1PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM—Currently watching and discussing the DVD series *Faithful-Abundant-True*.

UMW CIRCLE MEETS THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 10AM in the Conference Room. Next meetings: October 1 and November 5. Come for a variety of presentations, discussions, and projects. All ladies welcome--**you do not have to be a "member" of the United Methodist Women to join in and see what it's all about.**

HOPE RIDGE BOOK CLUB is reading *On Hallowed Ground: The Story of Arlington National Cemetery* by Robert M. Poole. Join us for discussion of this book on Monday, October 27 @ 7pm. The November book to read is *The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls, for discussion Monday, November 24 @ 7pm. Men and women invited!

FALL MEN'S GROUP—Pastor Jon invites all the men connected with Hope Ridge to be a part of a 5-week small group *Kairos: What Happens When God Speaks*. It runs Mondays, Oct 20– Nov 24 from 7-8pm in the Conference Room. Meet other guys, laugh and get insight into how God is speaking to you right now. Childcare can be arranged with advanced notice. Sign up on a Sunday Connection Card.

NOVEMBER EVENING SMALL-GROUP OPPORTUNITY—Interested in connecting with others in a small group? Work during the day? Join the 4-week small group *The Advent Conspiracy* Tuesdays in November 7-8pm in **Pastor Beth and Jon's home. This study is a way for couples or individuals to prepare for the Christmas season,** providing ideas and inspiration that can make the holiday a life-giving celebration. Childcare can be arranged with advanced notice.



FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY begins Thursdays, October 16 thru December 18 @ 7pm in the Conference Room. This 9-week video class by Dave Ramsey is great for those who would like to learn Biblical principles of saving, spending, and giving that will eliminate debt. The class is free, and materials are \$93 plus shipping and must be ordered online at FPU.com.

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



Trunk or Treat is our annual fall community outreach and fun for little ones. Come with a decorated trunk to share candy, or help with greeting parents and kids. Sign-up on the Sunday Connection Card. A volunteer meeting is scheduled Tues, Oct 14 @ 7pm in the Café.

The mission project for *Trunk or Treat* this October is to collect toothbrushes for Hope Chest to distribute. Bring new, packaged toothbrushes to the donation box in the Narthex on any Sunday, or with you and your child to *Trunk or Treat* on Oct 19.



The Hope Ridge UMW (United Methodist Women) plan to take orders October 12 and 19 for their delicious Apple Crisp. Orders will be ready to pick up Sunday, October 26. Come if you can to help make the Apple Crisps on Saturday, October 25! See Sue Patterson for details.



Bake if you can for the Election Day bake sale held here at Hope Ridge on Tuesday, November 4, and offered to the voters in our precinct. Bring your items to church Nov 2 or 3. Sponsored by the Hope Ridge UMW.

Our traditional Hope Ridge mission project for November and December will continue this year with a canned food drive from November 1-22, as well as providing a box with all the ingredients for a holiday meal to be distributed through the Lake County Community Network. Look for more information on this outreach toward the end of October.

Project Hope for the Homeless Meals—Hope Ridge UMC provides a meal to Project Hope the second Friday of each month. Many folks provide different parts of the meal, which are coordinated monthly, and delivered together. If you would like to be contacted to help with this ministry, sign up for a month in the Black Book on the Info Desk.



Thank you, thank you, to all who donated uniforms, back packs, and school supplies for the Mission Committee's School Supply Drive for the Painesville City School District from mid-July to mid-August. We collected 32 uniform pieces for the Painesville City Local Schools. Also, we collected 24 back packs, and boxes of supplies that will be necessary for the students at Elm Street Elementary School in the Painesville City School District. The teachers and staff were overwhelmed with gratitude when the supplies were delivered! We appreciate the support! -Blessings! From the Hope Ridge Mission Committee—Carol Darr, School Supply Chairperson

THE "TOWEL TOSS FOR HOPE CHEST" RESULTS ARE IN! THANK YOU!

1st Church Congregational in Painesville tossed (collected) 268 towels.
Painesville UMC collected 241 towels, and Hope Ridge UMW collected 103.

Thank you to all who participated in the month of August!

The real winners are the 600+ folks who will receive these towels on their next visit to the Hope Chest.

⇒ **Hope Chest now needs jackets, coats, "hoodies" and gloves in all sizes.** Winter is coming and the need is great! Please leave them in the red wagon by the kitchen. Thank you for your generosity!



News Around the Church

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

Summary: Our General Fund was \$2,563 less than our needs. Due to higher giving during the year so far, we were still able to pay our full apportionment amount for the month. Year-to-date we remain ahead of our needs, based on your generosity.

<u>Monthly</u>		<u>2014 Year-To-Date</u>	
July Operating Expense Needs	\$27,875	YTD Operating Expense Needs	\$201,410
July Apportionment Needs	<u>2,633</u>	YTD Apportionment Needs	<u>18,431</u>
Total Offering Needs	<u>\$30,508</u>	Total Offering Needs	<u>\$219,841</u>
Offerings July 1-31, 2014	\$27,945	YTD Offerings thru July 31	\$231,615

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

Summary: Our General Fund offering in August was \$3,617 greater than our needs thanks to your generosity. Due to higher giving during the year so far, we continued to pay our full apportionment amount for the month. Year-to-date we remain ahead of our needs based on our generosity.

<u>Monthly</u>		<u>2014 Year-To-Date</u>	
August Operating Expense Needs	\$27,689	YTD Operating Expense Needs	\$229,098
August Apportionment Needs	<u>2,633</u>	YTD Apportionment Needs	<u>21,064</u>
Total Offering Needs	<u>\$30,322</u>	Total Offering Needs	<u>\$250,162</u>
Offerings August 1-31, 2014	\$33,939	YTD Offerings thru August 31	\$265,555

At the time of this printing, September offerings totals were not yet available. They will be included in the next edition of the View newsletter.



**Save the date! Sunday, Oct 26 @ 4:30pm—
Annual Charge Conference.**
Members and committee leaders are encouraged to come learn at this yearly “business-meeting” of our church. This year’s conference will be held here at Hope Ridge. :)



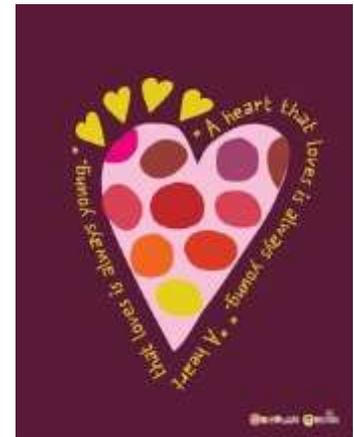
OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Hunter Bittinger
Pastor Jon Wilterdink
- 3 Leah Newman
Sarah Noviski
Tom Sadler
Kim Thomas
- 4 Gail Allcock
- 6 Josh Duncan
- 10 Daniel Fleck
Laura Moll
Iain Mowry
- 11 Mary Edwards
- 13 Christine Egensperger
- 17 Jeannie Nelson
Cindy Sawchik
- 19 Alex Moore
- 20 Lori Benz
Jill Murphy
Julie Weber
- 21 Evelyn Beeman
Ainsley Seyfried
Beth Thomas
- 23 David Aubin
Al Rattray
- 24 Kathy Tripepi-Bova
- 25 Bryan Daly
- 27 Bob Colvin
- 28 Helen Broady
Jim Davies
Anna Egensperger
- 30 Ron Anthony
Gene Laubach
- 31 Daniel Noviski
Pattie Rader

Hope Ridge Celebrations

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Joyce Schutz
- 3 Betsy Cozzarin
Madeleine Hart
Pat Winter
- 6 Declan Murphy
- 7 Elizabeth Ludwig
- 9 Fran McConnell
- 10 Cathy May-Krebs
- 11 Jack Cudzillo
Dianne Ruppe
- 13 Melissa Pottenger
Jean Price
Brian Simmons
- 15 Dillon Shipman
- 16 Brenda Soulsby
- 17 Diane Hanford
Carol Snyderwine
- 18 Brian Eshler
Jim Moll
- 21 Grant Egensperger
Gordon Hanford
- 22 Kelli Baker
Becky Warner
Mike Warner
- 23 Lew Meyer
Madeline Moody
- 24 Kim Sturm
- 25 John Toth
- 28 Dennis Meek
- 29 Hope Clark
Henry Kaplan
- 30 Skyla Boykin
Fran Brownell
Paige Kattler
Jordan Timura
Bob Zahn



October Wedding Anniversaries

- 3 Don Sotka & Laurie Rider
- 9 James & Michelle Kaplan
- 10 Chris & Jennifer Finan
- 11 Rick & Carey Warner
- 12 Al & Nancy Rattray
- 13 Shawn & Danielle
Rodeheaver
- 15 Steve & Sandra Monthey
Tony & Stephanie Sullivan
- 22 Jeff & Maggie O'Reilly**
- 23 Travis & Angie Davis
- 24 Tom & Janice Ohmura

November Wedding Anniversaries

- 7 Dave & Skyla Boykin
- 10 Darren & Rachael Timura
- 18 Mike & Becky Warner
- 20 Bruce & Marcia Clark
- 22 Bob & Pattie Rader
- 24 Bob & Betty Bowerman
- 28 Ed & Kathy Root
- 29 John & Joan Schick
- 30 Jordan & Paige Kattler

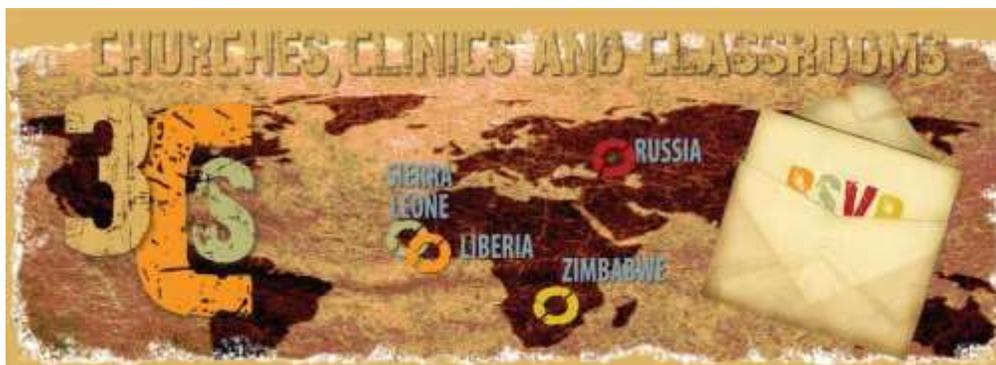
If I have missed your special day, please e-mail hopeoffice@hoperidge.com to let me know. Thanks! -Lori

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



An Invitation

Every mission site always cares for the whole person — body, mind and spirit — with a church, a medical clinic and a school. Thus, the 3Cs Mission Project — Churches, Clinics and Classrooms — was born. Out of our abundance, East Ohio has responded to the needs of others. Together we make a difference by providing churches, clinics and classrooms in Russia, Sierra Leone, Liberia and Zimbabwe.

[You are invited](#) to put your love to action and to form relationships that will strengthen the fabric of our faith.

Learn more at EOCUMC.COM (East Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church). Click on Missions, then 3C's to see videos and stories of what wonderful things the church is doing on our behalf in other countries, especially to aid the recent Ebola outbreak in Liberia.

**Are your family members asking what you want for Christmas, but you really don't need anything?
Consider suggesting a donation in your name to the 3C's Missions!**