The Hope Church Beacon





OCTOBER 2021

HOPE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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We are in a season of transition. The weather is changing from the heat of summer to the cool nights of autumn. We are transitioning from the lock down phase of the pandemic to a cautious reopening. As with all transitions, there is a tension between wanting to move full steam ahead and being frightened to take any risks. Our job is to find a place of healthy balance, to

avoid the extremes.

I'm quite sure we will never go back to "normal"; the way things were. We are seeking a new normal. As a society, we are not only going through a time of transition but also a time of transformation. Churches are not immune to this shift. Both the church universal and Hope Church can choose to embrace or resist this time of transformation. We can use this time to ask: Who is God calling us to be in 2021 and forward? For example, we know that online church, born out of necessity, is now here to stay because it continues to meet a need. I imagine that other ministries need to be evaluated, and we will work to discern God's will for our faith community. Whenever we enter a time of transformation, we can expect to experience some discomfort.

I'm reminded of the story of the twins, one a hope-filled optimist and the other a pessimist. The parents consulted with a therapist to help the children find some balance in their personalities. The parents followed the advice of the therapist and put the twins in separate rooms to open their birthday gifts. They gave the pessimistic twin the best toys they could afford, and they gave the optimistic twin a box of manure. The parents watched the twins open their gifts. The pessimistic twin complained, "I bet this toy will break soon, and I know a friend who has a bigger toy than this one!" The parents then looked in on the optimistic twin who was gleefully throwing manure up in the air. He was giggling and said, "You can't fool me! Where there is this much manure, there's gotta be a pony!"

How do we look at life? What is our attitude as we go through times of transitions? Do we see opportunities or obstacles? How can the church embrace the opportunity to be transformed? We read in Philippians chapter 4: I have learned to be satisfied with whatever I have... Christ gives me the strength to face anything. My prayer for us as individuals and as a congregation is that we embrace this season of transition and allow ourselves to be transformed evermore into the people God is calling us to become.

Autumn Blessings, Pastor Meg

HOPE CHURCH CURRENT NEWS



Sunday, October 16th at 2 pm Rain or shine

- Precautions will be observed.
- Bring a lawn chair.
- Bring your pet or bring a photo, and we will bless your pet.
- Church members and friends are welcomed.
- Come to this joyful celebration of our pets!

HOPE CHURCH CURRENT NEWS (cont.)



NEW MEMBER CLASS

Are you interested in exploring membership here at Hope Church? We'd love to have a conversation with you. Please plan on attending two weeks of classes on Nov. 7th and Nov. 14th and then if you decide to join, we

will welcome new members on Nov. 21st. Please reach out to Pastor Meg if you are interested.

OCTOBER BUDGET MEETING

It's that time again to meet to approve the budget for 2022.



Our meeting will be on October 24th, at 11:15 a.m.

We will be meeting in person, in the Sanctuary, and masks are required in our church building.

The only business to be presented at this meeting is to approve the 2022 Budget and what to do with the proceeds from the sale of the 15 Mile Road property. All other issues will be handled at the Annual Meeting in February.

THE LEADERSHIP OF HOPE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Rev. Meg Wilson, Pastor & Editor \sim Sue Robinson, Publisher & Editor Church Office (586) 296-8760

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Accompanist: Denise Kildea

Music Director: Deborah Frontczak

HOPE CHURCH CURRENT NEWS (cont.)

HOPE CHURCH CHRISTMAS PAGEANT -IN LESS THAN 90 DAYS!

We are looking for people willing to help with this year's pageant!

Do you have an idea?

Do you want to participate?

Are you willing to help?

We are just in the beginning stages of planning our multi-generational Christmas pageant. We need church members of all ages to participate. Pageant Sunday will be on December 12th.



NEW LAND LINE

Carol Troutman has a new land line. Call the church for info.





NEW ADDRESS

Debbie Emmons has moved. Her new address is: Call the church for info.

LEMONADE HOUR FOLLOWING WORSHIP

If you would be willing to help, please contact the church office. Many hands make light work!

We will have lemonade and bottled water and maybe a cookie or two **OUTSIDE**. We are happy to have this time of fellowship.



CHILDREN AND YOUTH



SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGAN SEPTEMBER

26TH for elementary aged children. We hope to add a preschool class and older youth class in a few weeks. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please reach out to Pastor Meg.

Trunk or Treat

October 30th – Saturday 1-2 pm

HOPE UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST
35127 Garfield Rd. Clinton Township

Wear a fun costume & decorate your car

Come enjoy tricking or treating in our church parking Families are encouraged to decorate their cars and pass out candy from their car trunks.

Outdoor photo opportunity

Bring your Friends and Relatives!
Sunday worship & Sunday school at 10 am-all welcomed!

Halloween |Safe fun! for all!



MUSIC MINISTRY



It's not too late to join our Music Ministry for the upcoming season!

We will teach you all you need to know! You do not have to read music. No auditions needed for either group.

The Handbell choir rehearses on Thursdays 6:00-7:00pm and plays once a month at our service. The Adult Choir rehearses on Thursdays at 7:30 and sings 2-3 times a month depending on the schedule with Handbells and the Band.

Top 10 Reasons For Joining The Church Choir:

- 10. The church is usually crowded and you want to make sure you always have a seat.
- 9. You've just been selected for jury duty and you want to get used to sitting with a large group of people.
- 8. You've always wanted to hang out with a bunch of music people.
- 7. They have social functions where you might get fed.
- 6. There's a clock in the back of the church and you'd like to know when one hour has passed.
- 5. For years you have wanted to know who sits in the back of the church but didn't want to turn around and look.
- 4. You're running out of clean clothes and the robe saves on laundry.
- 3. You've been known to nod off during the Mass and don't want the Pastor to catch you.
- 2. The chairs for the choir are padded and are the most comfortable chairs in the church.

And the number one reason for Joining the Church Choir

1. ... You'll learn a lot of good choir jokes!

For example:

Q: How many altos does it take to screw in a light bulb?

A: None. They can't get that high.

Q: How many sopranos does it take to screw in a light bulb?

A: One. She just holds it up and the whole world revolves around her.

Let me know if you're interested! Deborah Frontczak Music Director, Hope UCC

MUSIC MINISTRY (cont.)



PIANO FOR SALE (Fellowship Hall)

Reasonably priced. Pick up only. Call the office or email Deborah Frontczak (call the church if you'd like her email). Weber Console—mid '90s.







Do You Know Your Hymns?

Dentist's Hymn . . . Crown Him with Many Crowns.

Weatherman's Hymn . . There Shall Be Showers of Blessings.

Contractor's Hymn . . . The Church's One Foundation.

Tailor's Hymn . . . Holy, Holy, Holy.

Golfer's Hymn . . . There's a Green Hill Far Away.

Politician's Hymn . . . Standing on the Promises!

Optometrist's Hymn. . . Open My Eyes That I Might See.

IRS Agent's Hymn . . . 1 Surrender All.

Gossip's Hymn . . . Pass It On.

Electrician's Hymn . . . Send The Light.. Shopper's Hymn . . . Sweet Bye and Bye.

Realtor's Hymn . . . I've Got a Mansion, Just Over the Hilltop.

Massage Therapist's Hymn. He Touched Me.

AND for those who speed on the highway - a few hymns:

55 mph . . . God Will Take Care of You

75 mph . . . Nearer My God To Thee

85 mph . . . This World Is Not My Home

95 mph . . . Lord, I'm Coming Home

100 mph . . . Precious Memories

Give me a sense of humor, Lord, Give me the grace to see a joke, To get some humor out of life, And pass it on to other folks.

GROUPS, ETC.

BOWLING began again on September 19th, every two weeks unless on a holiday. Reach out to Donna Canu or



Tim Cole if you're interested. They bowl at the AMF Rose Bowl Lanes on Martin Road.

SENIORS GROUP

The Seniors
Group (55+)
will **NOT**



begin gathering in person at this time. They will keep everyone posted.

AA

Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.



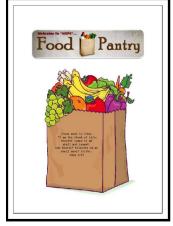


PFLAG-CT cordially invites the congregation of Hope UCC to join in the May monthly support meeting via ZOOM. The meeting will be the last Tuesday of the month, ON ZOOM ~ until further notice, which is our normal schedule. Hope has been so good to the chapter, and our mission is to support, educate and advocate for the LGBTQ community. We want to give you the opportunity to join us and see what we're all about.



You can go to our website, PFLAGCT.org, fill out the form and reference Hope UCC on there. This will put you on our email list and you'll get notification of the meetings. You can email me directly to have the Zoom link sent back to you. My email is yvon-netad@wowway.com, and again, please reference Hope UCC. Thank you again for your support for our chapter, stay safe and healthy, and God bless you.

CHRISTIAN MISSION & WITNESS



News From HOPE Food Pantry...

On September 11, 2021, we held a drive-thru distribution day. It was a beautiful day as we served 171 individuals over 4,396 lbs._of food, cleaning supplies and hygiene products.

This pantry distribution day would not have been a success without the generous support of our donors, volunteers, and your Christian Mission & Witness Council members.

Please join us in thanking the following volunteers for their hard work and dedication for their work on this mission project...

Judy Cole
Rick Cole
Harry Drummond
Renald Earle
Carl Frank
Tony Fortunato
Tessa Gartin
Terry Hillman
Cindy Malinowski
Karen Miller
Jaden Miyamoto
Steve Nielson
Tom Reeser
Susan Winters
Jon Zalewski

Our <u>next drive-thru pantry distribution day will be Saturday, October 9th from 10 am - 12:00 pm. <u>If you are interested in volunteering</u>, there is a sign up sheet posted in Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please contact Tony Fortunato.</u>

WE NEED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

Toilet paper, 2 in 1 shampoo/conditioner, deodorant, tooth-brushes, and women's feminine products. We are well stocked with canned green beans and corn. Please remember we are a food bank ~ we only give out food, hygiene and cleaning products. Also please kindly check expiration dates. Thank you for your continued support!



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CHRISTIAN MISSION & WITNESS (cont.)















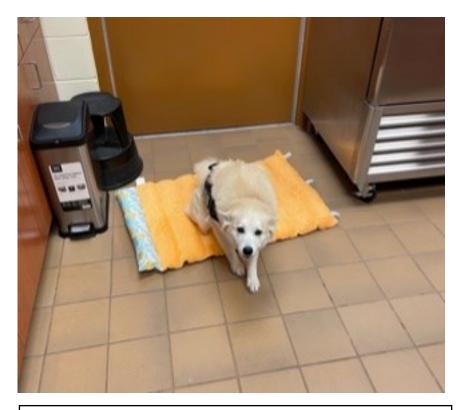




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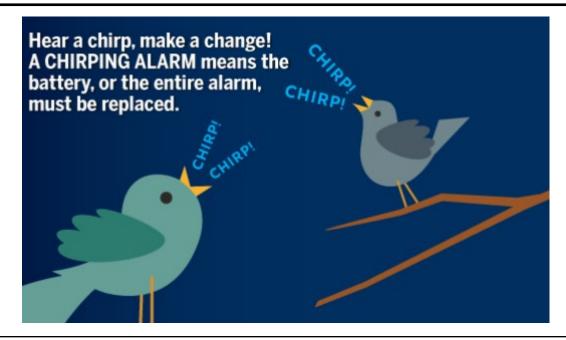


MAKING SANDWICHES FOR MCREST



BAILEY OFFERING SUPPORT

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK, 10/3-10/9



Frequently Asked Questions about smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms What's the difference between smoke alarms and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms? Why do I need both?

Smoke alarms sense smoke well before you can, alerting you to danger. In the event of fire, you may have as little as 2 minutes to escape safely, which is why smoke alarms need to be in every bedroom, outside of the sleeping areas (like a hallway), and on each level (including the basement). Do not put smoke alarms in your kitchen or bathrooms.

Carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless gas that displaces oxygen in your body and brain and can render you unconscious before you even realize something is happening to you. Without vital oxygen, you are at risk of death from carbon monoxide poisoning in a short time. CO alarms detect the presence of carbon monoxide and alert you so you can get out, call 9-1-1, and let the professionals check your home.

How do I know which smoke and CO alarm to choose for my home?

Choose an alarm that is listed with a testing laboratory, meaning it has met certain standards for protection. Whether you select a unit that requires yearly changing of batteries, or a 10-year unit that you change out at the end of the 10 years, either will provide protection.

CO alarms also have a battery backup. Choose one that is listed with a testing laboratory. For the best protection, use combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarms that are interconnected throughout the home. These can be installed by a qualified electrician, so that when one sounds, they all sound. This ensures you can hear the alarm no matter where in your home the alarm originates.

NEIGHBORS IN NEED



Offering Date: October 3, 2021

Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the <u>Council for American Indian Ministry</u> (CAIM). Two-thirds of this offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants. Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to UCC churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice. This year, special consideration will be given to projects focusing on serving our immigrant neighbors and communities.

NEIGHBORS IN NEED (cont.)

NEIGHBORS IN NEED SPECIAL OFFERING OCTOBER 3, 2021

Neighbors in Need is the UCC's annual offering to support ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States, including the Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM), justice and advocacy efforts, and direct service projects funded by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries.

The Neighbors in Need offering, which we will receive on October 3, 2021 supports the UCC's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. Through ucc.org/justice, our national Justice and Witness Ministries office offers resources, news updates, and action alerts on a broad spectrum of justice issues. Working with members of the UCC Justice and Peace Action Network (a network of thousands of UCC justice and peace advocates), Justice and Witness continues its strong policy advocacy work on issues such as the federal budget, voting rights, immigration, health care, hate crimes, civil liberties, and environmental justice. Neighbors in Need also supports our American Indian neighbors in the UCC. One-third of the offering supports the UCC's Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM). Historically, forebears of the UCC established churches and worked with Lakota, Dakota, Nakota, Mandan, Hidatsa, Arickara, and Hocak in North and South Dakota, Wisconsin, and northern Nebraska. Today there are 20 UCC congregations on reservations and one urban, multi-tribal UCC congregation in Minneapolis, Minnesota. These churches and their pastors are supported by CAIM. CAIM is also an invaluable resource for more than 1,000 individuals from dozens of other tribes and nations who are members of other UCC congregations in the U.S.

Neighbors in Need helps make A Just World Possible for All. For this to occur, it needs your support.

HOPE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST ONLINE GIVING



More and more, the way we pay our bills is changing. Electronic payments are everywhere, from our monthly utility bills to on-line purchases. As a society, we are writing fewer and fewer checks. We are introducing two new convenient ways to allow members and friends make donations to Hope UCC.

On-Line - Visit the Hope UCC web site -www.hopeuccmi.com

Select the "Give a Gift" tab. Select the "Give Here" button

Or from your cell phone

Text "HUCCF" to 45777. The site will respond with a link which you can use to route your donation to a specific fund.

<u>If you would like to donate to the "General Fund" you can simply text: "Gift Amount" followed by "HUCCF" to 45777.</u> For instance to give \$5 text "5 HUCCF" to 45777.

In both cases you will be directed to our secure payment processing center where you will be able to easily walk through the steps to register and/or direct your donation (eg to the general fund or a specific mission).

Also: (Hint - if using the text method, save this phone number in your "Contacts" list to make it easier to access.)

You will be able to make donations from your bank account or debit/credit card. The donation can be a one time or recurring (weekly, every 2 weeks, 1st & 15th, monthly) to make it more convenient. You will have the ability to designate where your donation is going (Regular offering, Hope for the Future, etc.). Once you have set up a giving profile, you will be able to edit and change it at any time. You will receive email and text confirmation of your donation each time it is made. Your online donations will be recorded on your Annual Giving Statement from Hope UCC for tax reporting.

There is <u>no charge</u> for the on-line giving service. However, there are processing fees associated with each transaction that are deducted from the amount Hope receives. The fees are as follows:

Bank Account = \$.40 + .5% of donation Credit/Debit Card = \$.30 + 2.9% of donation.

Example = \$10 gift by bank account – fee is (\$.40 + \$.05) = \$.45 – Hope receives \$9.55 = \$10 gift by credit/debit card – fee is (\$.30 + \$.29) = \$.59 – Hope receives \$9.41

Your Giving Statement will reflect the total donation. You may consider increasing that donation to help offset the fees being charged.

Any questions can be directed to Jan Nenninger.

Of course, we will still be have a donation box every Sunday. If you prefer to continue making your donations as you have in the past, please do. We appreciate the generosity of all of our members and friends, no matter what form it takes: financially or volunteering your time and talents to help Hope UCC be a church of mission and compassion; of outreach and caring; of vision and inspiration. For all you do, we thank you!!

The Power of Prayer ...
Those that are
Homebound

NANCY HORNFISHER

MARILYN JACKSON

DICK NOBIS

FAY SNYDER

MARILYN WEIDENBACH

MEMORIALS*

TOM FAY

By: Judy and Rick Cole

GLENN TROUTMAN

By: Carol Troutman

WALT MASINICK

By: Mary Jane Masinick

In Loving Memory

*MEMORIAL GIFTS ARE APPLIED TO THE BUILDING FUND, ACCORDING TO OUR BYLAWS. THANK YOU!!



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS ...

Nancy Burnham

Joyce Clifford

Nancy Cole

Rick Cole

Michelle Dziwanowski

Ida Eckert's brother, Ed

B.J. Essen

Elaine Frank

Jean Frank

Marilyn Holland

Linda Kaufman

Bob Rayment

Bills/Elizabeth Rogers Family

Linda Smith

Drew Tomlin



HOPE CHURCH PRAYER LIST

Our congregation knows that prayer is our tool for connecting to God. Together, we pray in worship and we pray at home. Please check the prayer list in both the newsletter and the bulletin to help us keep our prayer requests current. You may contact the church office to remove or add a name. We also have a prayer sculpture in the church lobby and you are welcome to write a prayer request on a heart and hang in on the sculpture. When we lift our concerns in prayer, we will surely know the presence of the Lord.

Please remember those on our Prayer List ... with a phone call, card, note and keep them in your Thoughts & Prayers. For those who are silent with your concerns and needs, a special prayer for ALL of you to have the strength, courage and patience to deal with your individual situation.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY to the family of Andy

Anderson, who passed away on September 20th. Please send cards to: Bruce and family.



Birthdays for the Month of October

- 1 Janet Dolland
- 2 Sarah Alger3 Pam Jennett
- 5 Patti Dib Ida Eckert Kevin Eckert
- 7 Tyler Nielson
- 9 Jordan Miyamoto
- 10 Ernest Scherf
- 12 Chris Reeser
- 13 Jeff Baker Jack Frank Jr.
- 15 Linda Sandula
- 18 Helen Rosnik
- 19 Parker Lasecki Matt Pipper
- 20 Jackie Frohriep
- 23 Nancy Kloska Linda Rehm Marilyn Jackson
- 24 Cliff Rupnow
- 26 Catelynn Woodham
- 29 Christina Butler Jean Frank Su Hess Herrick Steeves Kirk Schoenherr
- 30 Greysin Reinhardt
- 31 Austin Gill

Birthdays for the Month of November

- 1 Lori Sarnowski
- 4 Wilbur Pfromm
- 6 Elaine Frank
- 8 Denise Kildea
- 15 Nancy Burnham Tony Butler
- 22 Susan Bisio
- 25 Rev. William DeWitt
- 28 Christin Woodham

WOULD YOU LIKE TO ORDER ALTAR FLOWERS FOR THAT SPECIAL DAY?

Contact the church office for the availability. One arrangement per Sunday.



Cost is \$20 per arrangement.



October Anniversaries

- 10 Nancy Michelson & John Bresnahan Tony Fortunato & Kirk Schoenherr
- 11 George & Sharon Betts
- 13 Ed & Ida Eckert

November Anniversaries

- Timothy & Nancy ColeGeorge & Shirley Kirby
- 18

COMMUNITY

FALL RUMMAGE SALE

St. Paul United Church of Christ 31654 Mound Road, Warren MI 586/264-4777

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2021
8-9AM-EARLY BIRD (\$1.00 ADMISSION)
9AM-2PM-FREE ADMISSION

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2021 8AM-2PM - FREE ADMISSION 12-2PM - FILL A BAG FOR \$3.00

Men's, Women's & Children's Clothes/Shoes



Jewelry



Books



Toys & Games



Tools



Housewares & Kitchen Items



Christmas Items



Fine Boutique Shop



And So Much More!!!

COMMUNITY (cont.,)

PASTY SALE



First Congregational Church in New Baltimore will be selling pasties October 22nd thru November 2nd. They are located at:

36223 Alfred Street New Baltimore, MI 48047

(586) 725-0909



KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM

We now have an opportunity to participate in the Kroger Community Rewards Program. It's easy...all you need to participate is an email address and a Kroger rewards card. Then all you need do is shop at any



Kroger store, swipe your rewards card, and a percentage of your purchase will be donated to the Hope Church Operating Account. If you have access to a computer, you may enroll in the program by entering http://www.kroger.com into your browser and follow this path....Savings & Rewards....Kroger Community Rewards....I am a Customer....Account Summary....Community Rewards....our Kroger number (HS995). If you have questions or concerns about this program, please call Susan Winters. If you haven't signed up, please consider doing so. Our last check was \$84.80.

COMMUNITY (cont.)

St. Malachy Men's Club Coney Sunday's



Every Sunday September 12th thru October 12 pm— 3 pm

At the Festival Garage Limited patio seating available (weather permitting)

Menu

Coney Dog— \$2 (Includes chili, mustard & onions)

French Fries—\$2

Chili Fries—\$3

Combo #1— \$5 1 Coney, Fries, Pop

Combo #2— \$7 2 Coney's, Fries, Pop

Pop-\$1

New this year, Angus Beef Hotdogs

Proceeds will benefit the St. Malachy Men's Club High School Scholarship Program

Get your buns to church & Eat at Joe's!

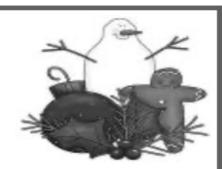
Both events at: 14115—14 Mile Rd. Sterling Heights 48312

The Coney sale runs thru October and possibly the beginning of November.

Women's Club Craft Show Information

St. Malachy Holiday Craft Show

Our Holiday Craft Show will be held on Saturday, November 6, 2021 from 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.



If you are a crafter or vendor and would like to reserve a spot please contact Carolyn Zorwick at 586-838-5503.

October 2021

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HOLY COMMUNION Worship in person and on Facebook 10 a.m. Hopeuccmi.com— Sunday School Bowling 12:30	4	5 AA 7—8 p.m.	6	7	8	9 Pantry 10—12 Confirmation 10—3 AA 7:30 p.m.
Worship in person and on Facebook 10 a.m. Hopeuccmi.com— Sunday School	11	Board Meeting 7 p.m. AA 7—8 p.m.	13	14	15	16 Pet Blessing 2:00 p.m. AA 7:30 p.m.
Worship in person and on Facebook 10 a.m. Hopeuccmi.com— Family Sunday Bowling 12:30	18	19 CMWC Meeting 12:30 AA 7—8 p.m.	20	21	22	23 AA 7:30 p.m.
Worship in person and on Facebook 10 a.m. Hopeuccmi.com— Sunday School Confirmation 11:15— 2:30 Congregational Meeting After worship	25	26 AA 7—8 p.m.	27	28	29	30 Trunk or Treat 1—2 p.m. AA 7:30 p.m.
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