

KEEPING UP WITH HOPE PRESBYTERIAN

August 2026

From the Pastor's Desk...

Isaiah 43:19 – “See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.”

Continuation of the New Beginnings saga. I received a call from Rev. Pena on behalf of the Innovations Committee to inform us that they would like us to resubmit an application by the end of August to be considered this year. The Joint Committee is meeting this week to discuss the application. They will share it with the Session for approval. The last step will be to present it to the congregation for approval and then submit it to the Chicago Presbytery. We pray that our final application will be acceptable. As I mentioned earlier this year, Hope Representatives include John Dalby, Anna Lloyd, Bill Borst, Mike Wolfe, Carol Urban, Debbie Wolski, and Rosie Buchalski. Bethel New Life Representatives include Minister Monica Adams, Augustine Gilmore, Jennie Stoner, and Jacquetta Carter.



I am so happy to have participated in all three of the Ageless Grace presentations. The one on Saturday, July 25th was impressive. Both congregations were present, and Susan and Jacquetta took pictures of the group learning and exercising together. Great presentation! Committees have been terribly busy, and I am happy to see the Unity Picnic getting some traction. This year will prove to be an exciting event for the

community. We have sent letters to the respective religious organizations through the mail, sent emails, and called them. Spoke with Pastor Sanders on Sunday, and he and his congregation are looking forward to coming to the Unity picnic. I understand they are bringing some new games with them for us to play. I am excited to announce that our Parking program is doing well this year. Almost 60 applications have been received. If you plan to communicate new activities or events to the church, please forward to hopeprescommunications@gmail.com. If you know of someone who needs special physical or spiritual attention from Hope Presbyterian Church, please let our office know so that we can aid where needed.

Isaiah 41:10 – “So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Humbly submitted by,

Rev. Dr. R. Keith Beauchamp, Pastor

A LETTER OF THANKS

Dr. R. Keith Beauchamp

25 July 2026

Dear Rev. Ron,

It was a pleasure to spend our Saturday in prayer and learning about the Presbyterian Church and specifically about Hope Presbyterian Church.

Thank you for your time and generous welcome to join Steve and I have found our church home at last. That is in no small part ^{due} to your engaging sermons and example as a Christian leader. We very much appreciate you and your personal warm welcome.

For prayer and hope,

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HOPE'S WELCOMING STATEMENT

Hope strives to be a safe haven for God's unconditional love. Every person is invited and encouraged to participate in all Hope's activities and roles, including membership and leadership. In this world, most human conflicts and separations are caused by our differences, like race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, economic status, political positions, and more. Hope embraces diversity and welcomes all who come through our doors, without exception.

HOPE'S MISSION STATEMENT

The community of Hope exists to let people know they matter to God; by showing them they matter to us, in order that they may share God's love with others.

HOPE'S VISION STATEMENT

We strive to be a beacon of Hope, building a community rooted in Christ's love and showing God's love to those searching for community.

CLERK OF SESSION COMMITTEE

Clerk's Corner Newsletter Article for July 2026

Greetings from your Session.

Your Session gathered on July 21st for a stated Session meeting moderated by Rev. Ron Beauchamp. See some of the upcoming opportunities to participate and serve.

- Presbytery Boundary Training will be held at the Church on Wednesday, August 12, 2026, from 9 am to 3 pm. There are approximately 53 registrations. The number of attendees may grow as the date gets closer. If you would like to help make this a great event, please see the sign-up sheet outside the gathering room.
- The Unity Picnic is approaching fast. It is scheduled for Saturday, August 15, 2026, from 11 am to 3 pm. Please RSVP. All are welcome.
- The sign on Wiesbrook Road is shining brightly with new lights. Let's spread the word about the good things happening at Hope.

As always, you are invited to share any thoughts or concerns you have with either an individual elder or with the entire Session. If you would like to present an idea to Session at our meeting, don't hesitate to get in touch with Pastor Ron or me to be scheduled during the "Speaking with Session" portion of the meeting. The next stated meeting will be on Tuesday, August 18th at 7:00 pm.

With blessings,

Sandra Jordan, Clerk of Session

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

HELP WANTED!

Hope's front doors are flanked by two beautiful flower pots. They provide a touch of color and a nice way to indicate which set of doors is the main entry to Hope Church. The pots are primarily filled with impatiens which need watering often. Since both pots are under the portico, they never get any rain.

If you happen to stop by Hope during the week, can you take a minute to give both pots a quick drink? The hose is inside the bowl to the right of the front door. The pots have good drainage so you don't have to worry about over watering them. Thanks for helping us keep our flowers flourishing!



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Women In the Bible:

Women Theologians and Women of the Bible



Hope Presbyterian Church
Christian Education Committee



Saturday Mornings 10 – 12:00 p.m.

September 19th, October 17th, November 7th, November 21st

First: *A Mistress, A Maid, and No Mercy* (Hagar and Sarah)
Blessed Be the Tie that Binds (Naomi and Ruth)

Second: *My Sister's Keeper* (Martha and Mary)

The Women's Bible (Elizabeth Cady Stanton)

Third: *In-Law, In Love* (Miriam and her Sister-in-Law)

A Crown of Thorns (Vashti and Esther)

Fourth: *Unbegrudded Blessings* (Elizabeth and Mary)

Review of class stories, discussion, and closing reception



Committee Members: Carol Gats, Jan Realie, Debbie Wolski, Mike Wolf, Anna Lloyd,
Pam Dalby, Susan Vroman

These seminars are open to the public. Please join us!

Registration: Office 630-668-7750/Questions

Elizabeth Cady Stanton (1815-1902)

- Introduced to the law and gender inequalities by her father who was a judge
- Refused to say "obey" in her wedding vows and to be known by her husband's name
- Became involved in abolition and women's rights
- Helped to organize the Seneca Falls Convention
- Published books and wrote many speeches that were performed by others



COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

As new Chair, Rosie Buchalski has been "all in," as my nephew might say! We have met with challenges on both our Hope website and Facebook, each in the process of stabilizing.

Our strategies continue to develop with regard to immediate event promotion; reviewing outreach information from Presbytery and other churches locally to discern what we intend to include in our own outreach and tracking; thanks to Susan Vroman, Hope's primary signage (Wiesbrook Road) along with internal distribution among members, remains a significant priority; Jacquetta's ease with design and graphics for both our Sunday service Bulletin and external posting in several organizations and online posts is impressive; and I assume whatever assignments are left. We will meet as a committee again this month.

Please remember that your network(s) and friends can be invaluable in providing us with support and ideas!

Communication: Rosie Buchalski (Chair), Susan Vroman, Jacquetta Carter, Anna Lloyd (Elder Partner)



FINANCES COMMITTEE

FINANCE REPORT

Hope's income for July was \$22,000, primarily from \$18,000 in pledged donations, while expenses were only \$15,000. For the year, however, expenses have exceeded income by \$1660. This deficit of \$1660 is likely to grow during the remainder of the year, as a number of pledges have already been paid up for the year.

July income was bolstered by \$3400 in student parking fees for the upcoming school year. Mission giving for the month was a \$600 donation to Hope Chicago.

Submitted by Glenn Stith, Finance Committee Chair



PASTORAL PARTNERS

Our Pastoral Partners continue to connect with members even as travel schedules for vacation(s), family visits, and medical visits for some take priority. Sending cards, making telephone calls, and an occasional luncheon together offer each of us the opportunity to catch up, support, and remain in connection, especially during coffee hour after church; the Oasis Room offers a great sense of privacy.

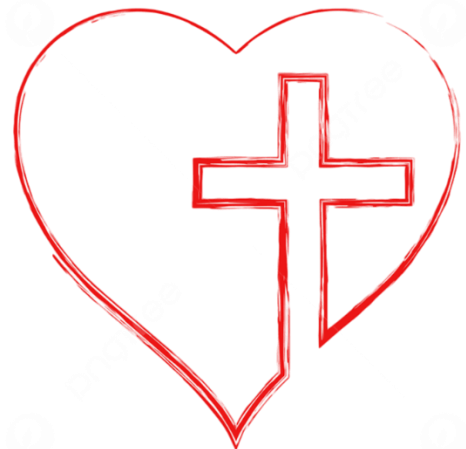
Pastor Ron often connects directly with a member to offer communion; these visits are shared with the Committee and, if available, a Partner will accompany the Pastor.

Partners contributed to the fellowship of family and friends during the pre-service and the after-service coffee and cookies for the tribute to and funeral for Patti Smith; the fellowship was large and expressed many thanks simply to have time, altogether. Special thanks to Marla Parent, who continues to serve as Hope's Funeral guide to family along with being a generous facilitator at each step.

Please continue to let us know if you know of a member who needs routine support so we can also inform Pastor Ron. Thank you.

The PP Committee will begin to meet again this month; August 24th is our next meeting.

Pastoral Partners: Anna Lloyd, Claudia Taylor, Sheri Clubb, Carol Gats, Marla Parent, Betsy Salvatore, Carol Urban



RELATING BEYOND HOPE



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REV. LESLIE SANDERS, SR., PASTOR

July 10, 2026

The Session and
Hope Presbyterian Church
1771 South Wiesbrook Road
Wheaton, IL 60189

Dear friends,

Hope Presbyterian Church of Chicago and I want to thank you for the gifts of \$600.00 for general use and \$3,000.00 for our "Youth Summer Program."

This year will be an even greater experience for the Hope Chicago children.

We truly appreciate your prayers and concern for the children in the West Englewood community.

Thank you for enabling us to remain a blessed and strong witness for Christ.

Yours in His service,

Leslie Sanders

The Rev. Leslie Sanders, Sr.
Pastor

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LITTLE RED TRUCK MINISTRY

Many children will benefit from the school supply drive Hope held the month of July. We filled the PRC shopping cart to overflowing. We even received donations from SCARCE and Bethel New Life. Thank you to them and to all of you for your donations. Susan Vroman, Betsy Salvatore, and Sheri Clubb sorted all the school supplies so that half could be given to Hope Chicago and the other half to the People's Resource Center. Hope Chicago will receive their school supplies at the Unity Picnic. The People's Resource Center's school supplies were delivered on Monday, July 27, which were greatly appreciated. Not only were we thanked for the school supplies, but for all Hope does for the People's Resource Center. Our time spent volunteering and our various donations make an impact on this organization and the people they support. Thank you for your generosity and your time!



UNITY PICNIC



Our annual **Unity Picnic** is scheduled for
Saturday, August 15, from 11 am -3 pm.

Hope Wheaton, Bethel New Life, and Hope Chicago members
are invited to join in the fun, food, and fellowship!

Please sign up on the poster in the narthex.
Hope Wheaton and Bethel will bring side dishes
and Hope Chicago will bring desserts.

Bingo is planned along with some outdoor games for the kids.

COME JOIN THE FUN!!!



WORSHIP, MUSIC & ARTS COMMITTEE

July tends to be the month of vacations for many of us. Pastor Ron enjoyed a week with his family including a family reunion here in the Chicagoland area. We were blessed to have Rev. Dr. Stewart Pattison lead us in worship on Sunday, July 19. Thank you to Marla Parent for greeting and making him feel welcome, and to Glenn Stith in assisting him as lay leader.

The Worship, Music, and Arts Committee will not meet until August 10 which is after the distribution of the August newsletter. At this meeting, we will finalize plans for the outdoor worship service and the Memorial Vigil for the 25th anniversary of September 11th. In the meantime, please save these dates.

Friday, September 11 at 7:00 pm - This September 11th is the 25th anniversary of the attack on the Twin Towers and the Pentagon. Hope will be holding a Memorial Vigil in remembering those who lost their lives on this day and to honor those who worked so hard to save the lives of those who were injured. Faith leaders have been invited to be presenters at this event. They have also been asked to extend the invitation to their communities to attend. We hope you will join us in remembering those who lost their lives and those who risked their lives to save others.



Sunday, September 20 – Hope will be worshipping outdoors this Sunday near the Butterfly Garden. We are having a Sing-A-Long service of familiar hymns. Some possible hymns are “I Got Peace Like A River”, “Kum Bah Ya”, “Sweet, Sweet Spirit” and the list goes on..... If there is a favorite of yours, please share it with Sheri Clubb. If it’s inclement weather, we will move the service indoors. Dress casual, bring a chair and an umbrella for shade, and your singing voice!

Respectfully submitted,
Sheri Clubb, chair of Worship, Music and Arts



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Women's Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting – 10:30 a.m. each Tuesday in the Gathering Room.

Prayer and Bible Study – Every Thursday at 6 p.m. in the Gathering Room.

Centering Prayer - Centering Prayer will meet in the Oasis Room on the 2nd and 4th Thursday at 9:00 am.

Bethel New Life Church- August 9th- Bake sale immediately after service.

RELICS - will meet Monday, August 10th & 24th at Warrenville Cafe @12:00PM.

Friday, August 7, 2026 - from 10:00 am to 11:00 am students will be able to pick up their parking permits for the school year. Please see Rosie if you have any questions.

On Saturday, August 8th at 4 pm, Pastor Beauchamp was invited to be the guest speaker at Pullman Presbyterian Church. Pullman is one of the few African American Presbyterian congregations in Chicago and one of the oldest churches. You are cordially invited to join him in this effort to share the gospel. All are welcome! Location: Pullman Presbyterian Church, 550 E 103rd Street, Chicago, IL 60628.

Wednesday, August 12, 2026. - Boundary Training (9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.) It is highly recommended for all Ruling Elders who are serving on any entity of the Presbytery. Hope is looking for volunteers. Please sign up in the narthex.

Saturday, August 15, 2026 - Unity Picnic from 11 am to 3 pm.

Saturday Mornings 10 – 12:00 p.m., September 19th, October 17th, November 7th, November 21st Women in the Bible: Women Theologians and Women of the Bible - Hope Presbyterian Church, Christian Education Committee

MONTHLY EVENTS AT HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Name:

Date:

Time:

BNLC Worship	Every Sunday	1:00 pm
Prayer & Bible Study	Every Thursday	6:00 pm
RELICS	2x a Month	12:00 pm
Centering Prayer	Every 2 nd and 4 th Thursday	9:00 am
Elder session	Every 3 rd Tuesday	7:00 pm

Pastor: **Dr. R. Keith Beauchamp**

Administrative Assistant: **Jacquetta (Jay) Carter**

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Office Hours: Appointment

Pastor Hour: **Dr. R. Keith Beauchamp**

Administrative Assistant: **Jacquetta (Jay) Carter**

Sunday 9:00-11:30 am

Monday 9:00-3:00 pm

Monday 9:00-3:00 pm

Tuesday 9:00-3:00 pm

Tuesday 9:00-3:00 pm

Friday 9:00-3:00 pm

Wednesday 12:00-8:00 pm

Thursday 12:00-8:00 pm

Friday 9:00-3:00 pm

*Saturday **Generally **OFF** except weddings, funerals or maybe the Little Red Truck*

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Hope Website: hopepresbyterian.org

Clerk of Session: Sandra Jordan

Church Treasurer: Debbie Wolski

Building & Grounds: Tom Schmidt

Elder Session

Tom Schmidt (630-750-0004)

Anna Lloyd (312-622-6004)

Sheri Clubb (630-639-122)

Sandra Jordan (630-853-9333)

Dave Donaldson (630-247-1205)

Jim Vroman (630-660-7416)

Carol Gats (630-404-2448)

Glenn Stith (630-217-6757)

AUGUST 2026

HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Hope Worship 10:00 am BNLC Worship 1:00 pm	3	4 Women's AA 10:30 am	5	6 Prayer & Bible Study 6:00 pm	7 WWS Student Parking Pass Pickup 10 am - 11 am	8 BNLC Women of Faith Ministry 12 pm - 3 pm
9 Hope Worship 10:00 am BNLC Worship 1:00 pm	10 RELICS 12:00 pm	11 Women's AA 10:30 am	12 Boundary Training 9:00 am-3:00 pm	13 Centering Prayer 9:00 am Prayer & Bible Study 6:00 pm	14	15 Unity Picnic 11 am - 3 pm
16 Hope Worship 10:00 am BNLC Worship 1:00 pm	17	18 Women's AA 10:30 am Elder Session 7:00 pm	19	20 Prayer & Bible Study 6:00 pm	21	22
23 Hope Worship 10:00 am BNLC Worship 1:00 pm	24 RELICS 12:00 pm	25 Women's AA 10:30 am	26	27 Centering Prayer 9:00 am Prayer & Bible Study 6:00 pm	28	29
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If you need more information, don't hesitate to get in touch with the following email and phone number.

Hope's Email: hopepreswheaton1771@gmail.com

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Phone Number: 630-668-7750