

KEEPING UP WITH HOPE PRESBYTERIAN

May 2026

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...

The Bible honors mothers through verses that celebrate their love, wisdom, and nurturing role, offering guidance, comfort, and inspiration. As I reflect on my own mother, I look to scriptures for encouragement. In 2 Timothy 1:5 it states, "I remember her genuine faith, for you share the faith that first filled your grandmother Lois and your mother, Eunice. And I know that same faith continues strong in you." In this verse, Paul reminisces about Timothy's family history of faith. He acknowledges the sincere faith that Timothy possesses and emphasizes its deep roots in his grandmother, Lois, and his mother, Eunice. This illustration serves to highlight the importance of familial influence in nurturing faith. Paul reminds us that faith can be passed down through generations and is often sparked by the genuine belief of those we love. The verse encourages us to reflect on our own faith journey and the influences that have shaped us.

Thank you to all who were able to participate in the Congregational Meeting on April 26th. The congregation voted to approve the Renewal Grant application offered by the Chicago Presbytery. We will welcome Rev. Juilo Pena, Director of Innovations from the Chicago Presbytery, to speak to the congregation on Sunday, May 24th while he visits both congregations on that day.

Let us pray for those who are preparing for surgery. Let us also remember others that are ill and need prayer in our congregation. If you know of someone that needs special attention please let our office know so that we can aid where needed.

The month of May is highlighting graduation for the young adults and grandchildren of our members. I take this time to celebrate with you and to congratulate them on their accomplishments. This month is also designed to remember mothers and their contributions to all of us. I recognize those who are mothers and others who have worn the mantle of a mother in the lives of the children. Thank you for your sacrifice and dedication to this office created by God.

I am grateful for the leadership in the church and the many hands that work behind the scenes to make this ministry effective. Without you we could not have accomplished the tasks set before us.

If you plan to communicate new activities and events to the church, please forward your comments to Rosie Buchalski, our NEW Communications Chair. She will be working with Anna Lloyd, the Elder's representative, to help move announcements throughout the church and into the community.

May this month bring you joy and happiness. May the presence of the Lord comfort you and encourage your footsteps.

Humbly submitted by, Rev. Dr. R. Keith Beauchamp, Pastor

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 conflict and separation 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 exceptions.

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

Greetings from your Session.

Your session gathered on April 21 for a stated session meeting moderated by Rev. Rev. Ron Beauchamp. See the highlights below.

- Session approved the draft of the Innovative Grant Proposal. The Innovative Grant Proposal was presented at a congregational meeting after service on Sunday April 26. With the blessing of the congregation, the Innovative Grant Proposal was submitted to the Presbytery on Monday April 27.
- Dave Donaldson will represent Hope Presbyterian Church at the Presbytery Assembly Meeting on Thursday May 14 at The Presbyterian Church of Palatine.
- Anna Lloyd will serve as Elder/Chair of the Communications committee along with Rosie Bulchlaski who serves as Co-Chair.
- Julio Peña, Director of Faithful Innovation, will preside over services for Hope Presbyterian Church and Bethel New Life Church on Sunday May 24, 2026.
- Tom Schmidt, Chair of buildings and grounds, provided an update on repairs needed throughout the Church. Repairing the sign on Wiesbrook Road, painting the entryway, and patching the asphalt on the driveway will be the highest priority.

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, please contact Pastor Ron or me to be scheduled during the “Speaking with Session” portion of the meeting. The next stated meeting will be Tuesday, May 19 at 7:00 pm.

With blessings, Sandra Jordan, Clerk of Session

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Now that the weather seems to have turned, we will soon be switching the HVAC system to cooling as opposed to heat. Please bear with us in this topsy turvy time when some days might be warmer or cooler than others and dress according to the specific day's weather.

When having events at Hope, kindly return all of the tables and chairs to the position you found them in prior to your event. We typically have 2-3 round tables in the Gathering Room and orient them away from the serving island to allow for movement during coffee after church. Please ensure that is where they are when you leave the area.

As always if you notice a light out or a condition which requires attention, email or text me and I will try and address the issue in a timely manner.

Also, whenever you come to see Pastor Ron or J, make sure you ring the doorbell several times as you enter. This will give them enough time to wake up before you get to the office 😊

Humbly Submitted, Tom Schmidit



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Your Christian Education Team continues to plan and present a diverse calendar of programs and events meant to educate, entertain and enlighten you. We hope that you will participate in our programs. When you do, you will find yourself feeling informed, included, and happy that you took part. All of our programs are designed with you in mind.

“Bingo Blast” will be on hold for a while. Although, this monthly event is highly entertaining with Glenn Stith as the caller and chief entertainer, we are discontinuing the “Blast” as a monthly event and will continue as special occasion entertainment. Let me thank the Bingo Team for the work they do to make an enjoyable hour of fun for you. Glenn Stith, Suzan Stith, Darla Van Dyke, Rosie Buchalski, and Lauren Buchalski. I also want to thank the loyal players who came each month to play Bingo, laugh, and enjoy each other’s company. If you would like Bingo to return on a monthly basis, let us know.

May 14, 2026, at 10:00-10:45. Jenna Eisenburg will return to lead us in another session of Ageless Grace. Ageless Grace is a wellness program designed to boost cognitive function and physical mobility all done while sitting in your chair. Jenna uses music and fun commentary while leading the exercise routine. Come to Hope Church in Wheaton to have fun while improving your mental and physical health!

Continue to watch the newsletter for more Christian Education news!!

Your Christian Education Team:

Pam Dalby, Jan Realie, Susan Vroman, Mike Wolfe, Debbie Wolski, Anna Lloyd, Carol Gats, Chair



COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

Good afternoon, everyone.

I have set-up this email address for the Communications committee as discussed and approved by Session. I have granted everyone on this email "delegated access" for this email given the communications-related roles everyone has as noted below. I believe this email address will be shared amongst the other committees so they can send event information and any event pictures to this email so that we can use as needed.

- Jaquetta (Calendar): hopepreswheaton1771@gmail.com
 - Rosie (Website Manager & Communications)
- Susan (Outdoor sign, Next-door, and occasional website updates): jsdmtj@gmail.com
 - Anna (Daily Herald and Wheaton Patch): annalloydconsulting@gmail.com
- Merikay (Facebook): merikayhuszagh814@gmail.com



Please let me know if you have any questions.
Humbly Submitted, Rosie Buchalski





FINANCIAL COMMITTEE

END-OF-APRIL FINANCE REPORT

Hope's operating income through April is ahead of expenses by \$10,800, thanks to early pledging and to expenses being under budget so far this year. This is good, but it is not atypical for this time of year. We anticipate being much closer to budgeted income and expenses by year end.

Some extra income that came in during April included \$250 from the county for the use of our building for voting in March, and \$140 from Bethel for the use of the building for their choir concert. We also took in \$50 for two students needing parking for the last month of the school year, and \$50 for our monthly fee from the clothing bin.

Some special payments we made in April included \$487 paid to the Peoples Resource Center from our Bake Sale, \$715.28 paid to Presbyterian Mission from our One Great Hour of Sharing offerings (including the fish banks), and \$250 paid to PADS as part of our Relating Beyond Hope support.

Thanks to all of you who support our mission giving.

Submitted by Glenn Stith, Finance Committee Chair



RELATING BEYOND HOPE

The PRC's Clothes Closet will be closed during mid-May while big changes are being made at the PRC. As most of you know, the new PRC building currently serves as the food distribution hub. Once the food was moved to the new building, the "old" building was converted to provide space for additional services offered by the PRC, which includes the Clothes Closet.



One of the new food programs the PRC offers is called "My Pantry Express", which allows clients to pre-order their groceries on-line and pick them up later (much like the services offered by local grocery stores, Target and Walmart). This program at the PRC is currently being used by 1,000 households each month. After the clients order their food, volunteers fill the orders and set them aside, so they are ready for pick-up when the client arrives. Currently, these on-line orders are stored in food pantry area, but the amount of space that's needed is making food distribution for drop-in clients untenable. To solve this problem, the PRC will store the filled on-line orders in the space that is currently being used by the Clothes Closet.

The Clothes Closet will be moved to two large rooms across the hall from each other in the main hallway of the old building. In addition, the "sorting room" (which is where donated clothing is inspected to make sure it's in good condition and hung on hangers) will be located in an office room in the same general area.

Because of this change, Hopers will not need to volunteer in May as the Clothes Closet will be closed during the weeks of May 11th and May 18th. If all goes as planned, the new Clothes Closet will be opened on May 27th.

Be sure and look for the volunteer sign-up sheets for June, July and August which are posted on the bulletin board inside the main entry to Hope. It's easy work and afterwards we meet up at Burger Social in downtown Wheaton for dinner and more fellowship!

Humbly submitted, Jim Vroman

WORSHIP, MUSIC & ARTS COMMITTEE

Pentecost Sunday – May 24

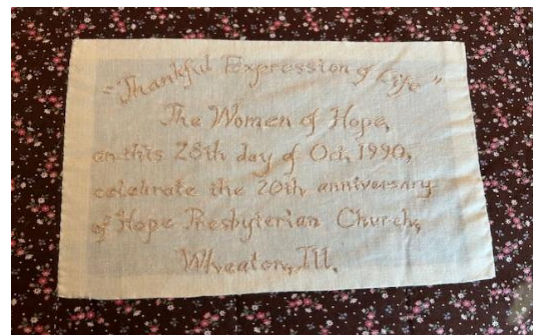
Acts 2: 1-3 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.



To celebrate the ascension of Jesus, the sanctuary will display 4 Pentecostal banners. **Also, the WMA Committee is asking everyone to wear red.** Why red, you may ask? The color red represents the tongues of fire that descended upon the Apostles, Mary, mother of Jesus, and other followers. Please join us in celebrating this sacred day in the Christian calendar. After the worship service, we will enjoy red and white refreshments in the Gathering Room.

20th Anniversary Quilt

To celebrate the 20th Anniversary of Hope, the Women of Hope made 2 quilts to be raffled off. Families were invited to create a square which would become a part of one of these quilts. For many weeks, the women hand stitched these squares into the quilts at Carol Gats' house. Karen Benjamin, who was a long-time member of Hope, won the raffle for one of these quilts. On Sunday, May 3, she attended our worship service and donated the quilt to Hope. Along with the quilt is a document that recorded the creators of each of the squares in this quilt. Some of those families are still attending Hope: Clubb's, Gats', Mark's and Kristensen's. The Worship, Music and Arts Committee will display this quilt in October, our anniversary month. Many thanks to Karen for blessing us with this anniversary quilt.



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

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 9:00am.

RELICS-Retired men are meeting for lunch and conversation at noon tomorrow on **May 18th** at Warrenville Cafe at 2 S. 505 Illinois Rt. 59 in Warrenville.

Ageless Grace - May 14th @ 10am, here in the Gathering Room. All are welcome to come out and enjoy time of fellowship and fun.

Little Red Truck - May 16th from 10-12 we will be collecting household cleaning items. Canned goods are always welcome. If unable to come to the drive-thru, you can place donations in the PRC shopping cart.

If you are interested in becoming a member of Hope, please call the office at 630-668-7750. Take time to find hope in everyday situations. God will comfort and bless you.

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**

Office Phone: **630-668-7750**

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Office Hours: Appointment

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

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

Sunday 9:00-11:30 am

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Tuesday 9:00-3:00 pm

Friday 9:00-3:00 pm

Wednesday 12:00-8:00 pm

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

Hope's Email: hopepreswheaton1771@gmail.com

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Clerk of Session: Sandra Jordan

Church Treasurer: Debbie Wolski

Building & Grounds: Tom Schmidt

Elder Session

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