

KEEPING UP WITH HOPE PRESBYTERIAN

July 2026

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...

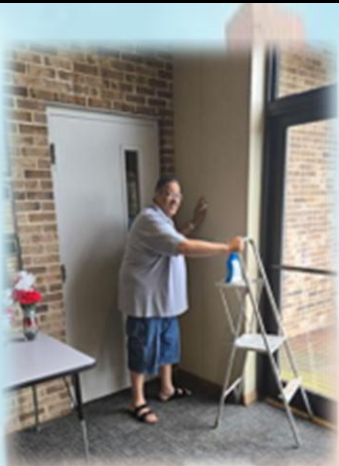


“But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint,” (Isaiah 40:31). The scripture for July focuses on renewal, strength, faith, and gratitude, offering guidance and encouragement for mid-year reflection. Emphasizing spiritual renewal and perseverance.

Allow me to recap what has transpired in our church since the beginning of the year regarding the New Beginnings program. I received a phone call from Dr. Craig Howard encouraging me to have both of our churches apply for the Renewal Grant. He thought we were unique, innovative, and doing something that no other church was engaged in at this level. Basically, just the right kind of church to respond to this opportunity. A large committee was put together to address this request and submit the applications by the end of April. We hosted Rev. Julio Pena (Director of Innovations, Chicago Presbytery) on the 24th of May. We received mixed remarks regarding his sermon. After I spoke with him directly, I also spoke with Dr. Craig Howard, his supervisor, to share our concerns. I thought it would be great to mention my follow-up with the committees in Hope.

A few members thought they should share their concerns, although I mentioned that I had spoken with Rev. Pena directly. I learned that the Renewal Grant committee would like for both Hope and Bethel to resubmit a singular application that addresses the churches working together to achieve the goal of reaching the community and bridging the gap of inviting guests onto the property. We thought we could use the slogan from the plaque in the Gathering Room, presented to Hope from Thanksgiving a few years ago – “Two Churches Serving One God.” The Joint Grant Committee was reassembled to address the request from the Innovations Committee. I asked John Dalby to oversee the various small group meetings to help with the next stage of this assignment. Some members have asked who is serving on the larger committee.





As I mentioned earlier this year, Hope Representatives include: John Dalby, Anna Lloyd, Bill Borst, Mike Wolfe, Carol Urban, Debbie Wolski, and Rosie Buchalski (Glenn Stith was originally on the committee but has since declined to serve). Bethel New Life Representatives include: Minister Monica Adams, Augustine Gilmore, Jennie Stoner, and Jacquetta Carter.

The churches will host a meeting to update the congregations on Sunday, July 12th, immediately after Hope's service. Special thanks to the members of the Building and Grounds Committee for the leadership provided on Saturday, June 27th. The church looks and smells so much better. The grounds are better since the trimming of the hedges, cutting of the lawn, and pruning of the plant life. Great job, congregants! I know we are ready to receive the guest for the Unity Picnic and the other events for this fall. 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. If you plan to communicate new activities and events to the church, please forward your comments to Rosie Buchalski, our NEW Communications Chair, using the following email address: hopeprescommunications@gmail.com. Rosie will be working with Anna Lloyd, the Elder's representative, to help move announcements throughout the church and into the community.

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God." 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 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

Greetings from your Session.

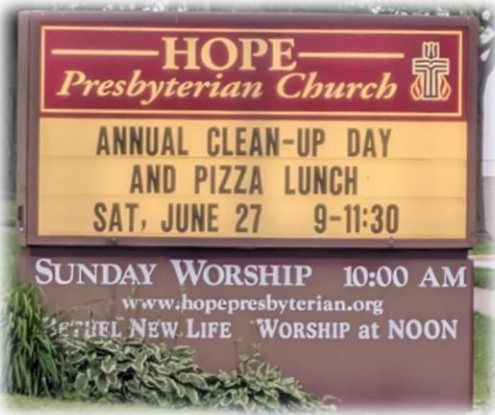
Your Session gathered on June 16th for a stated session meeting moderated by Rev. Ron Beauchamp. See some of the upcoming opportunities to participate and serve.

- Presbytery Boundary Training will be held at the Church on Wednesday, August 12, 2026.
- A memorial vigil will be held at the Church to mark the 25th anniversary of September 11th on September 11, 2026, at 7 pm.
- Hope welcomes Pastor Stewart Pattison to give the sermon on Sunday, July 19, 2026, while Pastor Ron is on vacation.

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 the 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 on Tuesday, July 21st at 7:00 pm.

With blessings, Sandra Jordan, Clerk of Session

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE



Hope's outdoor sign is glowing with new LED lights! Tom Schmidt worked with his friend, Dave, to replace the old lights inside the sign. The new lights should last at least six years and will only use 126 watts instead of the 800 watts the old lights used. A brighter sign that uses less energy— a win/win for Hope! Next, on the B&G agenda is replacing the white background on the sign that displays the lettering, which over the years has yellowed. Stay tuned!



Annual Clean-Up Day

On Saturday, June 27, over 20 members of Hope and Bethel showed up to deep clean Hope inside and out. We worked for 2 ½ hours, and by the time we finished, Hope's building and grounds truly sparkled!



The sanctuary was vacuumed and dusted, toys at the kids' table were sanitized, and cobwebs were removed. Windows throughout the upstairs were washed and polished. The cupboards and refrigerator in the Gathering Room were given a deep clean, and the shelves were organized. The downstairs kitchen was wiped down.



Outside, weeds were pulled (we filled a tarp four times just with thistles near the portico area!) and bushes were trimmed. The path to the Memorial Garden was weeded, dried leaves were raked up, the weeds growing in the parking lot cracks were sprayed, and the front entry sidewalk was swept.

When the work was done, Building and Grounds showed their appreciation for all the hard work by treating everyone to a pizza lunch in the Gathering Room.



It was a productive day and a fun time of fellowship! To see the workers in action, take a look at the photos on the bulletin board in the entryway.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Ageless Grace Returns to Hope



Ageless Grace has been such a hit with Hoppers, Christian Ed has arranged for Jenna Eisenberg to return to lead another session on July 25th at 10:30am. The following is taken from the Ageless Grace website:

Our golden years should actually be golden.

The number one health concern of people of all ages is losing cognitive function and mobility as we age. People want the freedom to live whole, unencumbered lives — to move, dance, travel, etc. Doing another crossword puzzle is NOT the answer. You must move your body while engaging your brain to make positive cognitive changes.

Ageless Grace® is a highly effective brain fitness program that keeps participants moving and thinking through the power of play. Because wellness shouldn't have to be boring or painful – in fact, it should be fun!

Your Christian Education Team:

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

FINANCIAL COMMITTEE

End-of-May Finance Report

Hope's operating income in May rounded to \$10,400, of which \$9500 were from pledges. Expenses for the month were about \$14,000. For the year, however, Hope's income is still \$7300 ahead of expenses. Giving levels typically are lower than average during the summer, so we are fortunate to have a little cushion at this time. Our original budget forecast a deficit of almost \$14,000 by year's end, so we anticipate that expenses will outpace income during the second half of the year.

Submitted by Glenn Stith, Finance Committee Chair



RELATING BEYOND HOPE

FOR THE MONTH OF JULY,
HOPE WILL BE COLLECTING SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR HOPE
CHICAGO AND THE PEOPLE'S RESOURCE
CENTER.



WHAT IS NEEDED? PAPER, SPIRAL NOTEBOOKS, FOLDERS, PENS, PENCILS, PENCIL SHARPENERS, AND ERASERS. FOR PROJECTS AND ART LESSONS: CRAYONS, MARKERS, COLORING PENCILS, GLUE, AND SCISSORS. YOU CAN PLACE YOUR DONATIONS IN THE PRC SHOPPING CART.

PLEASE BRING YOUR DONATIONS BY SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2026

LET'S FILL THE CART TO
OVERFLOWING!

HUMBLY SUBMITTED, RELATING BEYOND HOPE COMMITTEE

RELATING BEYOND HOPE CONT.

The Little Red Truck is taking a vacation in July, so in its place, Hope will be collecting school supplies this month. Bring your donations to Hope no later than July 26th and place them in the shopping cart, which is next to the sanctuary doors. The school supplies will be divided between the PRC and Hope Chicago.

No time to shop, or are you out-of-town and can't make it to Hope? Are you wondering what sort of supplies are needed? Check out the PRC's web page to see a list of suggested supplies and learn more about donating school supplies online:

<https://www.peoplesrc.org/back-to-school-supply-drive/>

If you're wondering where to shop locally, check out Target, Walmart, or Dollar Tree. (I stopped by Dollar Tree last week and found name brands there.)

Thanks for supporting families in need as the new school year begins.

Relating Beyond Hope: Jim Vroman, chair, Sheri Clubb, Kurt Parent, Claudia Taylor, Carol Urban, and Susan Vroman



Clothes Closet Reopens!



The PRC's Clothes Closet reopened in mid-June, and Hope was there to sort and hang boxes full of clothes. A clothing manufacturer donated *MANY* boxes of new clothes...including these colorful tie-dyed T-shirts.

The PRC website says:

“As neighbors work to make ends meet with tight household budgets, the PRC Clothes Closet is a resource for good-quality, seasonal clothing for men, women, and children. Clients are able to choose from apparel, shoes, and accessories for the entire family.”

Hope volunteers at the Clothes Closet on the 3rd Monday of the month from 3-4:45 pm. After working at the Clothes Closet, Hopers who have time enjoy a fun time of fellowship and a delicious dinner at Burger Social in downtown Wheaton. Come join the fun....sign-up sheets are located on the bulletin board in the entryway.

WORSHIP, MUSIC & ARTS COMMITTEE

WMA News Article

SAVE THE DATE

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”, and “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 casually, bring a chair and an umbrella for shade, and your singing voice!



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

OUTREACH

BEYOND THE WALLS OF THE CHURCH

Juneteenth Celebration!

Pastor Ron served as emcee for the city-wide Juneteenth celebration held at Memorial Park in downtown Wheaton on June 19th.

The program for this event stated: “Juneteenth, also known as Freedom Day, commemorates June 19, 1865, when Union troops arrived in Galveston, Texas, and announced that enslaved African-Americans in Texas were free. This news came more than two years after the Emancipation Proclamation. Juneteenth has grown into a National Day of Remembrance, reflection, celebration, and education.”



An interesting and varied program included an invocation by Pastor Dwight Stewart, songs led by Tanya and Tiffany Egler, art by Lewis Achenbach, a reading of the Emancipation Proclamation by the Davis family, and an overview of Wheaton’s history by Wheaton resident and former Chicago Tribune writer, Bob Goldsborough. Wheaton resident Ray Odom shared the details of his family’s journey to Wheaton and the trials and tribulations they experienced along the way. Local author and former educator, Glennette Tilley Turner, shared her thoughts, and Pastor Ron offered closing remarks and a benediction to conclude the program.

Save the date for next year. Juneteenth will fall on a Saturday in 2027, and plans are already being made for an even bigger celebration!



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.

RELICS - will meet Monday, July 13th & 27th at Warrenville Cafe @12:00PM.

In honor of Patricia (Patti) A. Smith, there will be a celebration of life memorial service on **July 11th at 3 p.m.**

Sunday, July 12th - Fireside Chat with the Pastor regarding the Renewal Grant from the Chicago Presbytery. Immediately after worship service in the Gathering Room. Come with your questions and ideas.

Wednesday, August 12th - Boundary Training (9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.) 2026. 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.

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**

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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
Tuesday 9:00-3:00 pm
Wednesday 12:00-8:00 pm
Thursday 12:00-8:00 pm
Friday 9:00-3:00 pm

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

Hope's Email: hopepreswheaton1771@gmail.com

Hope Website: hopepresbyterian.org

Clerk of Session: Sandra Jordan
Church Treasurer: Debbie Wolski
Building & Grounds: Tom Schmidt

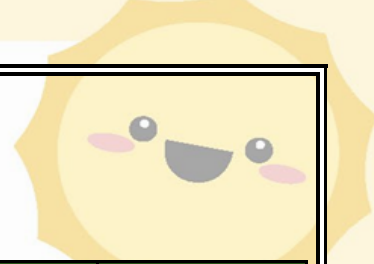
Elder Session

Tom Schmidt (630-750-0004)
Sheri Clubb (630-639-122)
Dave Donaldson (630-247-1205)
Carol Gats (630-404-2448)
Glenn Stith (630-217-6757)

Anna Lloyd (312-622-6004)
Sandra Jordan (630-853-9333)
Jim Vroman (630-660-7416)

It's Summertime!

July 2026 Hope Presbyterian Church Calendar



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Prayer & Bible Study 6:00 pm	3	4 Independence Day
5 Hope Worship 10:00 am BNLC Worship 1:00 pm	6 Independence Day observed	7 Women's AA 10:30 am	8	9 Centering Prayer 9:00 am Prayer & Bible Study 6:00 pm	10	11 BNLC Women's Ministry 12:00–2:00 pm Smith Memorial Service 3:00 pm
12 Hope Worship 10:00 am Fireside Chat After worship BNLC Worship 1:00 pm	13 RELICS 12:00 pm	14 Women's AA 10:30 am	15	16 Prayer & Bible Study 6:00 pm	17	18
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If you need more information, don't hesitate to get in touch with the following email and phone number.

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