

The Herald Of Hope

Offering H.O.P.E. to the community

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Pastor's Pen

As you read this, September will be upon us. The kids will be back in school, the football teams and the bands will be practiced and ready to play. This year has been so busy it is hard to believe that three-quarters of the year has passed. Three-quarters of our 150th anniversary year here at Hope. Much has happened since our kick-off celebration last September when our own Rev. Dr. James Skinner brought the message. Then in April Bishop Hopkins delivered an inspiring message on the Sunday of our anniversary weekend. This following a great banquet and service on Saturday evening. During the year we also produced an anniversary pictorial directory and distributed a brief history of Hope at the banquet. On Saturday October 1st we will have our touchdown celebration, watch the weekly bulletins for details. Please plan to attend! Celebrations of this nature are historic and very enjoyable.

However, the Lord's work goes on throughout the year through our many ministries. September is a traditional time to gear up after our summer, of a more relax tempo. In this issue of the Herald of Hope you will find many opportunities for you and your F.R.A.N. (Friends, Relatives, Acquaintances, Neighbors) to grow in God's word, to fellowship, and to serve. I hope you will see these events as opportunities for you to be a part of the action as we seek to fulfill our mission to go and make disciples of all nations baptizing and teaching them all that I (Jesus) commanded. Our Lord is calling you to get the job done. So I look forward to seeing you and your F.R.A.N. in the very near future. There is indeed a "place for you" here at Hope.

Pastor Ken

Reaching New Generations with the Gospel—From the Bishop

It is exciting to bring this first request for the **New Generation Builders**. This proposal can effectively increase the participation and the connection throughout East Ohio Conference as individuals become New Generation Builders.

Every church in our East Ohio Conference began as a new church start. Starting new churches is part of our DNA as United Methodists and basic to our Wesleyan beliefs. Starting new churches also indicates the health of our conference. Healthy churches reach out as Christians pass along the gospel throughout our neighborhoods and communities. The New Generation Builders is an exciting ministry opportunity in which all members of East Ohio are invited to participate.

This new ministry in East Ohio will provide financial support for starting new churches, redeveloping existing churches, and funding land acquisition and new building construction for new or existing churches.

In my experience of working in North Indiana, South Indiana, and Minnesota, church builders programs have worked well. Our New Generation Builders program and other programs like it provide the financial resources needed for vital new ministries in our communities. More importantly, this kind of program invites everyone who believes in loving our neighbors and making new disciples to participate.

We often think of the Great Commission as geographical, that we need to go away to evangelize or that we need to start new mission work. However, the Great Commission is also generational as we reach new generations with the gospel. New Christians are attracted to new work, and many kinds of new work are springing up throughout East Ohio. These new ministries are responding to the many needs and cultures in our communities.

This first request for New Generation Builders will assist in starting two new churches in East Ohio Conference: **City Hope UMC** in Canton and **Iglesia de la Fe**, an Hispanic church in Cleveland.

From my experience in East Ohio, I can say that whenever there is a challenge people have responded. People are willing to participate in new life when it tugs at our heart. I have often said, in East Ohio we are one church with more than 800 outposts. Our call is to love our neighbors as we “equip local churches to make and mature disciples of Jesus Christ.”

Become a “New Generation Builder”

- ◇ Individuals who want to “Reach New Generations with the Gospel” by giving \$30 three times per year
- ◇ New Generation Builders partner with local congregations to further the connectional ties and participate in the Great Commission across our conference

How does it work?

- ◇ The bishop will issue three “calls” each year. These calls would be designated for: specific new church starts, redevelopment grants, specific new building construction or land purchase.

- ◇ The Office of Congregational Development will maintain an updated list of all New Generation Builders.

Acknowledgements of your gifts will be mailed promptly.

How do I become a New Generation Builder?

- ◇ Anyone can become a New Generation Builder. (It is the goal that a minimum of 15 persons from each congregation will become New Generation Builders).
- ◇ New Generation Builders are asked to respond with a minimum gift of \$30 at each call. Simply complete the form on the back of this brochure and return to the address provided.
- ◇ All New Generation Builders will receive a lapel pin signifying their support for Reaching New Generations with the Gospel.

Sign up forms are available in the church lobby.

Cycles of Discipleship

The word stewardship is a beautiful and very meaningful word within the context of the Christian life. It is a word that binds the goodness and graciousness of God to our responsibilities as Christian disciples. Stewardship is as the wings of an eagle that allow our lives to soar above the mundane to participate in God's great creative and redemptive acts to experience the grace and love of God to share the immeasurable love of God with others. Last April we launched the Cycles of Discipleship program. It is based on 2 Corinthians chapters 8 & 9. In these chapters the apostle Paul describes stewardship as a privilege of Christian Discipleship and not an onerous obligation. Paul describes stewardship as a joyous act of grace for the true Christian Disciple.

When we launched Cycles of Discipleship we celebrated our past and the faithfulness of those Christian Disciples that brought Hope to where it is today. We set forth our mission which is to make Christian Disciples (Matthew 28-19-20). We also set forth our vision to offer H.O.P.E. Helping Others (and ourselves) Prepare for Eternity to the community and world. We also came to realize that each of us has a place of ministry and that we need to be engaged in that ministry. We discovered that Hope Church has at least 70 ministries going on at any one time that need your support. It is these ministries that we as Christian Disciples are called to support with our time, talents and financial resources. On Sunday August 28th you will have an opportunity to make or renew your pledge of time, talents and financial resources for the last quarter of 2005 (September—December).

Please return the pledge card enclosed in the letter you received from the Pastor. You may mail it to the church c/o Financial Secretary or place it in the Joash Box on Sunday August 28th. May we all excel in this grace of giving, in response to God's grace so lavishly given to us. (2 Corinthians 8.7)

School Clothing

Summit County Veterans Service Commission are taking applications for school clothing for the first half of the upcoming school year. Please be sure to request this if you are in need for your school-aged children. Please call 330-643-2830 if you need the assistance.

If you would like more information on this please the Veterans Service Commission at 330-643-2830 or the church office at 330-753-2303.

Teacher Feature—Susanne Abernathy—Our New Sunday School Superintendent

I first attended Hope Church in the early 70's when my best friend, Karen Semelsberger, invited me to go to church with her. Karen and I had many conversations about God's love and how Jesus died on the cross for our sins. She told me about how God was working in her life and how her life was changing. Don Davies was the Pastor for Hope Church at that time; and between his sermons and watching a Billy Graham crusade I prayed the sinner's prayer and asked Christ to come into my life.

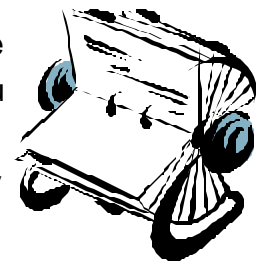
I moved to Texas in 1976 and my job eventually relocated me, after twenty-six years in Texas, to Long Island, NY in 2002. Both of my children still live in Texas; Kelle, 34 years old, lives in Katy, TX which is just outside of Houston, and Bryan, 22 years old, lives in Austin, TX. They are both diehard Texans and probably will never move.

While living in Texas, I taught Sunday school at the Hill Country Bible Church in Austin for three and a half years. Two of the years I taught a 2 year old class (17 children). Can you imagine seventeen 2 year olds in one room? It was fun; I had two helpers every Sunday. The other year and a half I taught one of the 1st grade classes. I will always remember the children and the fellowship at Hill Country Bible Church.

A year and a half ago I moved back to Ohio to take care of my parents. In August of last year I volunteered to teach Pioneer Club/Pathfinders, 3rd and 4th grade girls, on Wednesday nights. It was a pleasure to meet with these girls every week; they became proficient in new skills and grew in God's love. Well, I'm back again this year teaching Pioneer Club/Pathfinders and I am looking forward to our first meeting. We have planned an exciting year for the children. Who knew that teaching God's word could be so much fun?

Addresses Needed

If your address or phone number has changed or if you have an e-mail address we can use please inform Sherry Jackson, Secretary.



We would also like this information for the college students, and military on our prayer list.

Lay Leadership Meetings Scheduled

(Nominations)

The committee will meet on the following days:

Wednesday	September 7	at 7:00PM
Monday	September 10	at 7:00PM
Monday	September 26	at 7:00PM (if necessary)

Those on the committee are:

Sondra Myers, Todd Veppert, Brian Filiatreau, Cindy Akers, Dawn Meehan, Bev Fincher, Jamie Lebold, Gwenn Bressauer, Sam McKenown

Trustees Update

Air Conditioners / Heating Project

As you know our air conditioners have failed and cannot be repaired economically. Therefore, we are seeking funds to replace the three units. Funds over and above will be used to replace the heating units as needed. The estimated cost is \$15,000. Your help in any amount will be appreciated. Finally, the roof project still needs \$9,000. We are currently repairing the sanctuary wall above the overflow area. This is part of the roof project.

The Trustees and Administrative Board want to thank you for your faithful giving to these projects, over and above your regular tithes that support our ministries budget. In the Lord's time we will complete all of these projects.

G r e e t e r s

Schedule

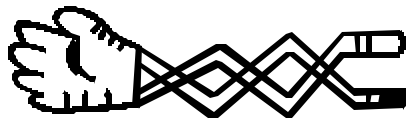
September

- 4- Phil and Leslie Shook
- 11- Eric and Terry Walquist
- 18- Roger and Linda Bryant
- 25- Roger and Merleen Campbell

October

- 2- Meyers Family
- 9- Rick Reeves Family
- 16- Jeremy and Angie Veppert
- 23- Tom and Pam Gant

If you would like to be a greeter please see Phil Shook or contact Sherry at the church office.



Administrative Board

Will be meeting September 12th at 7PM (note date change for September only due to Labor Day). The board will be preparing it's 2006 goal recommendations for charge conference. The board will also be considering whether we wish to enter a formal merger negotiation with Kenmore—assuming Kenmore voted on August 21st to proceed. All board members are encouraged to attend. Guests always welcome.

Please come and share your opinions on merger and ask your questions. The Task Force would then meet with Kenmore's Task Force. They would prepare a merger document, that after your review would need to be approved by a future church conference—your vote.

STEWARDSHIP & GIVING UPDATE

(through August 21, 2005)

Ministry goal YTD	\$101,213.56
Received, YTD	\$ 97,323.64
Difference	— \$ 3,888.92
Mark & Cindy Freer Received:	\$120.00
Sent:	\$325.00

Aluminum Cans

Keep the aluminum cans and tabs coming. To date we have raised more than \$410 and have turned in 24 pounds of tabs to Children's Hospital. Thank you!



Men's Breakfast

We will meet September 10th at 8:00 am. We enjoy great food, fellowship, brief bible study and great prayer time. Men of all ages welcome. Please bring your F.R.A.N.

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• **SINGLES PLUS** •

• **September 2-** Meet at noon at the •
 • church for BYOL & B in the overflow. •

• **September 16-** We will have the Sep- •
 • tember LEO at 1-m; Angie's Italian Rest. •
 • 343 4th St. N.W., Barberton, 330-745- •
 • 0656. If you need a ride, call Genevieve •
 • Seibert (330-753-1351) or Millie Miller •
 • (330-745-8272). •

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Touchdown Dinner & Service

It has been a year of celebration for Hope United Methodist Church. Let's look to the future of what Hope Church can accomplish through the love of Christ. Each of us should look at our commitment to Jesus Christ and the acceptance of the great commission to make disciples. Help us fashion our plan of outreach by attending the Touchdown Dinner at 5:30 PM on October 1st and the service following. Please plan to bring a salad and / or dessert to share. The barbecued meat and fixings will be provided. Call the church at 330-753-2303 to reserve the number that will be attending by September 25th. Thank you, 150th Committee

Worship Opportunities

September 4—Labor Day

9:00 AM- Bring A Friend Breakfast
9:00 AM- Prayer
9:15 AM- Bible Study for all ages
10:30 AM- Morning Worship—
 Holy Communion
If A Brother (or Sister) Sins?
6:00 PM- No Evening Service

September 11—Rally Day, Grandparents Day

9:00 AM- Prayer
9:15 AM- Bible study for all ages
10:30 AM- Morning Worship—
Why Should I Forgive?
6:00 PM- Bishop Hopkins,
 -video address to church
 -All Welcome

This address was given at annual conference. It was very inspirational.

September 18

9:00 AM- Prayer
9:15 AM- Bible study for all ages
10:30 AM- Morning Worship—
Zero Unemployment in God's World
6:00 PM- Evening Service
 New Short Term Bible Study -
 childcare available

September 25

9:00 AM- Prayer
9:15 AM- Bible study for all ages
10:30 AM- Morning Worship—
The Heart of the Matter, "Get Your
 selves a New Heart and a New Spirit"
6:00 PM- Evening Service—
 Short Term Bible Study -
 childcare available

Happy Birthday!



- 1- Haylee Firtha
- 2- Patrick Kenneth Kyle
- 3- Rita Veppert
- 6- Dottie Narney
- 6- Melissa Oeffner
- 9- Jady Bresslauer
- 9- Rick Gragg
- 10- Karen Semelsberger
- 10- Jennifer Gajovski
- 11- Terry Thornton Jr.
- 11- Dylan Bunner
- 13- Kelly Fincher
- 15- Todd Veppert
- 15- Adrienne Griffith
- 16- Andrew Gant
- 16- Isabelle Smith
- 17- John Tucker
- 18- Catherine Fogle
- 18- Abigail Donelan
- 20- Jim Swope
- 22- Bernie Christman
- 27- Adam Young
- 29- Louann Bailey
- 29- Alfred Willgues
- 30- John Frechette
- 30- Carrie Bunner

Memorial Gifts help to further the Lord's work, and can be made anytime you desire. If you have questions, see Sherry Jackson or Pastor Ken. Memorial gift forms are available in the literature rack in the Narthex and in the office.

If you wish to designate a memorial gift for a particular project, please do so on the memorial forms at the time of your gift. A list of suggested memorials is available in the church office.



- 5- Eric & Terry Walquist
- 6- Donald & Bonnie Baird
- 7- Tom & Pam Gant
- 7- William & Catherine Anthony
- 22- Lowell & Gay Hargreaves
- 26- Ron & Sandi Reeves
- 28- Patrick & Jodee Rhodes

Interested In Joining Hope Church?

Interested In Baptism?

If you are interested, please see Pastor Ken for more information.

Are You Growing In God's Word?

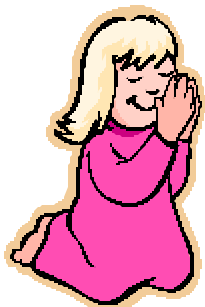
Each Sunday we offer bible study for all ages at 9:15 AM. There is a place for you. Come and enjoy the fellowship, as well as the fine teaching available.

Please Pray for our Missionaries, their families and their work

- ◇ Dale Kinkade—CSB—Ohio
- ◇ The Way Out Prison Ministries –Akron
- ◇ APS-Akron Pregnancy Services
- ◇ Sam & Karen Sue Kohler—O.M.S. – Japan
- ◇ The Youth –Shine 2005 –Akron
- ◇ Bill & Nancy Kidwell –O.M.S.-Russia
- ◇ Billie Sue Dunn-W.G.M.-Southwest Native American Learning Center—Tulsa, OK
- ◇ Mark & Cindy Freer –O.M.S.-Indonesia
- ◇ Summit Missions –Akron
- ◇ Haven of Rest Ministries-Akron
- ◇ Flat Rock Home—Ohio
- ◇ Victim Assistance—Akron

Also Pray

- ◇ Merger Process / Task Force
- ◇ Special missionary requests
- ◇ All our M.O.M. projects
- ◇ Planning for ministry goals and budgets in 2006.
- ◇ That each of us would invite someone to church with us. Be specific in prayer as to whom you will invite and then do it.
- ◇ Shut-ins and military personnel
- ◇ Participation of children, youth and adults in this years family night activities
- ◇ For persons wanting to volunteer to help with family night
- ◇ For persons to answer God's call to teach or help in Sunday School



Prayer Chain

Do you need prayer? Please call the office or Patti Reeves at 330-784-6707

Thank You

To everyone for sending both of my sons to camp this summer. The experiences they came away with are enriching. I appreciate the sacrifices made by each of you, both financially and with your time. It was very obvious that not only did they have fun but they were both affected in their faith. Leslie Onusic

Friends at Hope Church thank you for the dishes and microwave. They have really helped out. Steve Baird

To our wonderful church family, words are inadequate to express our gratitude and appreciation for your kindness and caring in our time of sorrow. From the beautiful cards of sympathy to the wonderful food provided after the funeral, you have blessed us many times over. How lucky we are to have you all in our lives. God bless each and every caring soul. The Linger Family

To the people at Hope Church, I so appreciate, the cards, visits and prayers that have gone up for me during this time. I seem to be healing well and hope to be back soon. Special thanks to Pastor Ken for his visits and calls. How good it is to be a part of this family of God! With much love and appreciation Linda & Roger Bryant

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Preschool

Preschool will host a meet the Teachers Night on Thursday evening September 8th at 7PM. There are still openings for students, so spread the word and register right away!

Prayer Meeting

Tuesday prayer meetings meet at 7:00PM each week in the chapel. The Lord is working mightily through this ministry. Come be a part of it.



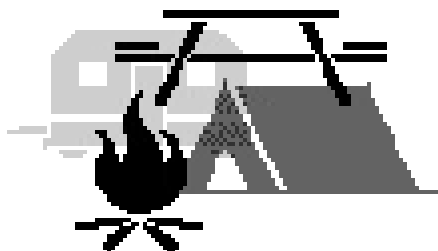
Labor Sunday

September 4th will begin an exciting month of ministry opportunities. Our Sunday School will begin a new quarter of bible studies for all ages. We will enjoy a "Bring A Friend Breakfast" hosted by the Berean/Bethany Class. Please bring a friend or two with you! Pastor will bring a message from God's word and we will celebrate the Lord's Supper in a different fashion. See you there!

Family Night Campout(s) Planned

The children 3rd grade and up will have the opportunity to participate in a campout October 28-29th at Stony Glen. The children will be expected to attend 5 of 7 family nights prior to the campout if they are to participate in it.

Christian Service Brigade (CSB) boys have scheduled a Father-Son weekend campout on September 16-17th. For more information contact Roger Campbell 330-877-2321 immediately.



Cuyahoga Valley Highland Ceilidh

Saturday, October 15, 2005 from 6:00-10:00 PM, featuring Akron and District Pipe Band, dancing music by The Tartans, and food.

There will be Scottish Country Dancing-easy to learn dances and instruction will be available.

Montrose Zion United Methodist Church
565 N. Cleveland-Massillon Road, Akron,
330-867-0485.

Admission \$7.00 - Age 12 & under \$3.00

Presented by the Celtic Club

thecelticclubofohio@yahoo.com

Rally Day

On September 11th we will seek to beat 150 in attendance in Sunday School. The class with the most in attendance and the class with the greatest percentage increase in attendance will be recognized.

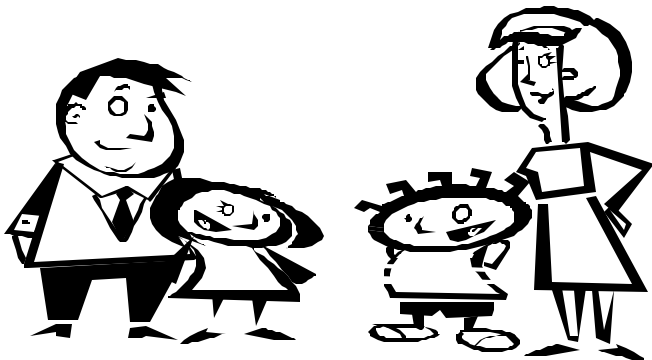
During morning worship we will be recognizing the teaching staff including Family Night and other teaching ministries from 2004-2005 and commissioning the teaching staff for 2005-2006. You won't want to miss this opportunity to thank those who have ministered so faithfully this past year. You will also want to offer your encouragement to those who will be ministering in this new school year.

This will be a great time to try out one of our classes. You will be made welcome.

Family Night Resumes

On September 14th at 6:00PM a new year of Family Night fun, fellowship and spiritual growth begins. As in the past dinner will be served at 6:00PM. A \$2 donation is suggested. At 6:30PM the boys will be participating in Christian Service Brigade (CSB). The young ladies in Pioneer Club. The youth will meet and there will be several adult offerings. We hope that everyone reading this article will participate. This year we are asking all parents to fill out a registration form and a medical form for each child/youth participating. The children/youth will also need permission slips periodically for special activities. These must be on file if the child is to participate (it's the law). We hope you as parents will help us in this matter.

In order to better protect your younger children we need you to personally come to the child's room to pick them up. If you cannot personally do it we will need a note instructing us to send the child home with the person you indicate. This is for your child's safety. Please help us keep them safe. This applies to ages infant—second grade. Parent(s) we encourage you to make this truly a Family Night by joining your children in this great evening. Please take note of the class offerings / staff listed elsewhere in this issue.



Family Night Staff

Nursery- Sondra Myers, Dawn Meehan, need 1 additional person

Preschool- Leslie Shook, Pam Gant, 1 substitute

Kindergarten- Rusty Swope

1st & 2nd grade girls- Eric & Terry Walquist, Martha Baillis

1st & 2nd grade boys-

3rd & 4th grade girls- Susanne Abernathy, Karen Semelsberger

3rd & 4th grade boys-

5th & 6th grade girls- Marcia Oeffner, Jamie Lebold

5th & 6th grade boys-

Head Cook- Merleen Campbell

Assistant Cook- Susanne Abernathy

Assistant Cook after 2pm- Still Needed

Set up and kitchen duties- Jim Tucker

Kitchen Help— before, during & cleanup-

Bud & Aletta Bailey, Bob & Beth Tanner, Tink Holman, need additional substitutes

Registration Person— present 5:30PM-

Money Taker-present 5:30PM-

Security, walk halls, parking lot 6:00-8:00PM

Shaun Meehan, need at least 2 more

Men that will help-

Tom Gant, Roger Campbell, Scott Campbell, Rick Reeves, Ron Reeves, Jim McMullen, Substitutes-Tom Wood, Shaun Meehan

Adult Study

Steve Miller will do a Proverbs Bible Study class