



A NOTE FROM REV. PHIL

Dear friends, you have been without an installed pastor for over a month now. It is only natural that you want to know what the plan is for the future. Here is what I can tell you: The Bylaws state that, in the case of a pastoral vacancy, a Search Committee will be formed to search for qualified candidates to be considered as the next pastor to be installed. (FYI, I have asked not to be considered as a candidate.)

The 8-member Search Committee will consist of the following individuals:

1. Administrative Board Chair
2. Administrative Board Vice Chair
3. Nominations Committee Chair
4. Trustees Committee Chair
5. Finance Committee Chair
6. Outreach Committee Chair
7. Worship Committee Chair
8. Staff-Parish Relations Committee Chair

The Search Committee will be meeting regularly in the coming weeks. The committee will post the vacancy far and wide. As potential candidates respond, the process of screening will begin. Interviews will be forthcoming. The final decision rests with the congregation.

Here's what you can do to help: Pray for God to bless the efforts of the Search Committee and direct them to the candidate of God's choosing. Also pray for God to bless the candidate of God's choosing, whomever that may be. Believe that "all things work together for good for those who love the Lord and are called according to his purposes." (Romans 8:28). Trust God to have a plan for Hope Methodist Church and the candidate of His choosing so that, when the two come together, the result will be divinely inspired.

On a personal note, I continue to be grateful for your outpouring of love and support for my efforts to offer interim preaching and pastoral care. I will continue in this role, as long as I am asked. If I can be of personal support to you and your family, please feel free to call me at 870-826-6463.

APRIL 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>Regular Sunday Services 9:45am- Sunday School 10:50- Worship</p>			<p>1 8-9am- Yoga 10- Class Meeting 6pm- Choir 6-7:30- HMC Kids & Youth</p>	<p>2  7pm- Maundy Thurs. Service</p>	<p>3  6:30am- Men's Book Study Office Closed</p>	
<p>5  EASTER SUNDAY</p>	<p>6 8-9am- Yoga 5pm- Bible Recap</p>	<p>7 10am- Bible Recap</p>	<p>8 8-9am- Yoga 10- Class Meeting 6-7:30pm- HMC Kids & Youth</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 6:30am- Men's Book Study Office Closed</p>	<p>11 9am-Noon- Threads of Faith</p>
<p>12</p>	<p>13 8-9am- Yoga 5pm- Bible Recap</p>	<p>14 10am- Bible Recap</p>	<p>15 8-9am- Yoga 10- Class Meeting 11am-1pm- Come & Go Lunch Bunch @ Juan's 6-7:30pm- HMC Kids & Youth</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 6:30am- Men's Book Study Office Closed</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19 9am- Mission Cafe hosted by Pairs & Spares 12:15pm- Ad. Board meeting</p>	<p>20 8-9am- Yoga 5pm- Bible Recap</p>	<p>21 10am- Bible Recap</p>	<p>22  8-9am- Yoga 10- Class Meeting 6-7:30pm- HMC Kids & Youth</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 6:30am- Men's Book Study Office Closed</p>	<p>25 9am-Noon- Threads of Faith</p>
<p>26</p>	<p>27 8-9am- Yoga 5pm- Bible Recap 6- Companions</p>	<p>28 10am- Bible Recap</p>	<p>29 8-9am- Yoga 10- Class Meeting 6-7:30pm- HMC Kids & Youth</p>	<p>30</p>		



WHAT'S HAPPENING?

EASTER SUNDAY

7AM- SUNRISE SERVICE ON
SANCTUARY STEPS
9:45- SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:30- EASTER EGG HUNT
10:50- WORSHIP

**CELEBRATE
WITH US!**



LUNCH BUNCH

Beginning Wednesday, April 15,
we will meet once a month at
Amigo Juan's for a come-and-go
lunch. Men & women welcome and
please bring a friend! 11am-1pm
on the 3rd Wednesday of each
month! We look forward to seeing
you there!

JOIN US!

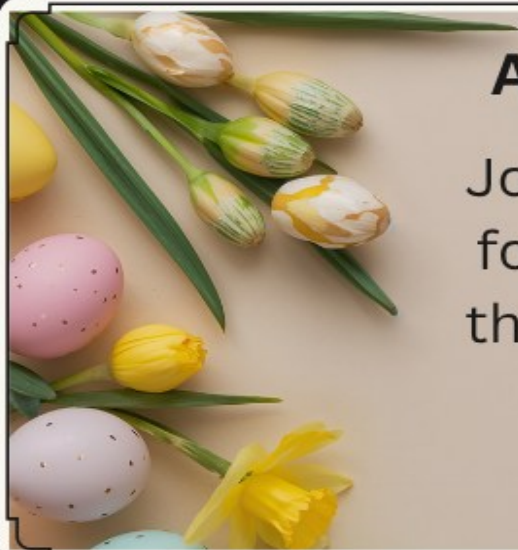
MISSION CAFE

On Sunday, April 19 @ 9am, Pairs & Spares will host Mission Cafe and all donations raised will go to the charity of their choice. Please come fellowship with us before Sunday School!



ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

Join us Easter morning at 10:30am for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt on the front lawn. All kids from babies to 5th graders are invited to participate.



Easter Sunday Morning

There will be prayer stations set up in the fellowship hall for children & adults. Feel free to take the time to spend a moment in a prayer experience to enhance the Easter Spirit. Each table will have instructions to follow and we encourage parents, grandparents, and guardians to participate with the children. He is Risen! He is Risen indeed!



Senior Recognition Sunday

SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026

There will be a potluck honoring
Lydia Bobo.

She will be graduating from Hope High School
and the Collegiate Academy.

She will be attending SAU in the fall and
studying AG Business.

The youth group will provide the meat. Please bring
sides, salads, and desserts.

We hope everyone can make it to help celebrate this amazing
young woman who has been a part of our church family since she
was young starting as an acolyte.



Needed:
Children's Director
&
Youth Director
If you or anyone you
know is interested, please
contact the church office.



UPDATED 2026 COMMITTEES & MEMBERS

Bereavement Committee CHAIR - CAROLYN ASLIN

2026- Pat Hutson & Carolyn Aslin, 2027- Hunter Sears & Scott Chambless, 2028- Canelia Hasley & Diana Keith

Samaritan/Emergency Fund Committee CHAIR- ROSE GAGNON

2026- JoAnn Montgomery, 2027- Marlon Ward, 2028- Susan Monroe

Communications Committee CHAIR- ROSE GAGNON

2026- Gina Perkins & Rose Gagnon, 2027- Josh/Kimberly McMahan & Libby/Sophy Tyson, 2028- Karen Smith & Tim Almarode

Discipleship Committee CHAIR- BETSY STILL

2026- Betty Fishback & Dana Cox, 2027- Judy Vaughan & Betsy Still, 2028- Sharon Grant & Stephanie Orr

Stewardship Committee CHAIR- JIM HERMAN

2026- Myra Prince & Betsy Still, 2027- Gina Perkins & Charles Morris, 2028- Jim Herman & Libby Chambless

Worship Committee CHAIR- CAROLYN ASLIN

2026- Mary Ward & Carolyn Aslin, 2027- JoAnn Montgomery & Heather Formby, 2028- Marlon Ward & Dana Cox

Trustee Committee CO-CHAIRS- ROSE GAGNON & KAREN SMITH

2026- Scott Chambless & Ashley Sears, 2027- Marilou Lewis & Daniel Brown, 2028- Kim Smith & Don Still

Preschool Committee CHAIR- MONICA MORRIS

2026- Monica Morris & Jessica Beaver, 2027- Ashley Sears & Heather Formby, 2028- Allison Wilson & Kristin Price

Staff-Parish Relations Committee CHAIR- CHAD MORRIS

2026- Brandon Perkins & Dana Cox, 2027- Betty Fishback & Lolita Murray, 2028- Hunter Sears & Charlton Luker

Outreach Committee CHAIR- CATHRYN LOONEY

2026- Karen Smith & Cathryn Looney, 2027- JoAnn Montgomery & Sandy Henley, 2028- Charlton Luker & Scott Chambless

Finance Committee CHAIR- PAUL WILSON

2026- Joe Fishback & Ron Price, 2027- Kim Smith & Judy Lee, 2028- Lynn Montgomery & Paul Wilson
Ex-Officio- Treasurer-Charles Looney, Asst. Treasurers- Terry Beard, Diana Keith, Brandon Perkins, & Tommy Montgomery, Financial Secretary- Karen Smith

Nominations Committee CHAIR- JUDY LEE

2026- Brandon Perkins & Judy Lee, 2027- Jerry Monroe & Kimberly McMahan, 2028- Heather Formby & Betsy Still

Building Superintendents CO-CHAIRS- HUNTER PRICE & HUNTER SEARS

2026- Scott Chambless, Hunter Sears, & Jim Tyson, 2027- Brandon Perkins, Wynn Wilson, & Paul Wilson,
2028- Hunter Price, David Duke, & Dean Butler

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD

As of March 16, 2026

CHAIRMAN and Lay Leader- Joe Fishback

Ad. Board Vice-Chair- Heather Formby

Recording Secretary- Sandy Beaty

Treasurer- Dr. Charles Looney

Youth and Children- Rose Gagnon

Building Supt. Co-Chairs- Hunter Price

& Hunter Sears

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Preschool- Monica Morris

Staff-Parish Relations- Chad Morris

Outreach- Cathryn Looney

Finance- Paul Wilson

Nominations- Judy Lee

Worship- Carolyn Aslin

Trustee- Rose Gagnon & Karen Smith

Stewardship- Jim Herman

Discipleship- Betsy Still

AT-LARGE MEMBERS

2026- Betty Fishback & David Duke, 2027- Eddie Aslin & Courtney Currie,

2028- Kelly Tyson & Brandon Perkins



*BLESSED ARE THOSE WHOSE WAYS ARE
BLAMELESS, WHO WALK ACCORDING TO THE LAW
OF THE LORD...WHO KEEP HIS STATUTES AND SEEK
HIM WITH ALL THEIR HEART.
-PSALM 119:1-2*

LIGHT FROM THE WORD

SEEKING GOD AT EASTER

Easter ususally sets records for worship attendance. Some churchgoers find that discouraging, or even disgusting, that so many secular believers want to barge in on their most sacred celebration. But other churches even make space for these extra guests by having the usual attendees open up parking spaces and seats to make them more easily welcomed.

Easter is the church's feast day of celebrating the life that comes from jesus' conquering of death. We don't just join with a group of people who believe that Jesus died and rose from the dead--and then ascended to reign with God foever. We are claiming that pattern of life for ourselves. We are a people who share in that same hope for a resurrected life. We should invite everyone who wants to follow Jesus into life everlasting to join with us!

IN Psalm 119, the law of God is described by many different words--with "law" and "statutes" in these the first two verses alone. But with all of this decotion to God's law there is no mention of any of the laws themselves. It is enough to be religious observers of laws and rituals; we need to be the kind of people that seek the heart of God.

PSALM 119:1-8

SEEK GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND BRING SOMEONE ELSE ALONG TOO.



OUTREACH

Join us for LUNCH BUNCH on Wednesday, April 15 at Amigo Juan's from 11am-1pm. Add it to your calendar, as we will be meeting the third Wednesday of each month going forward. You're welcome to drop-in when it's convenient for you and stay as long as you can.

PLEASE BRING A FRIEND!



COOKBOOK PROJECT

Over the next few months, Outreach will be gathering recipes from our church members to add to a new printed cookbook. Please start gathering those and get them to Cathryn Looney when you can!

MISSION CAFE

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

9AM

PAIRS & SPARES TO HOST



FINANCES

March Attendance & Tithe

March 1

Attendance- 82 Tithe- \$8,160

March 8

Attendance- 74 Tithe- \$5,513.50

March 15

Attendance- 95 Tithe- \$6,021

March 22

Attendance- 85 Tithe- \$8,610



WE MAKE GIVING EASY!

Text "Hope Church" to 73256 using your mobile device or scan this QR code with your phone's camera!

Pastor's Fund

Any money placed on the altar rail on Communion Sundays is allocated to our pastor's fund. This money is used for helping individuals/families in need at the discretion of our pastor.

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JOIN US EACH SUNDAY!
9:45AM- SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:50- TRADITIONAL WORSHIP



PRESCHOOL NEWS

Our registration on March 6 was great! We have 16 students registered so far-- 9 in our 4s program & 7 in our 3s class.

It's hard to believe that the end of the school year is upon us! We will have Preschool Town on Friday, May 1. Our last day of class is Wednesday, May 13 and Graduation is Thursday, May 14 @ 6pm in the Sanctuary. Thank you for your prayers and encouragement during this school year!

Also, we'd like to say a special "Thank you!" to Dr. Jim Tyson & his staff! The kids enjoyed their visit from them recently!

Visit hope-methodist.com for more information about our Preschool!