



Dear Friends,

Thank you for your outpouring of love and support of my efforts to offer pastoral leadership in this time of transition. To be asked to serve my home church in this capacity is an honor, for which I am grateful.

To put things in perspective, my role is that of an interim. I will continue to preach and function as a minister until a more permanent successor is named. When that happens, I will resume my place among you as a member of the congregation and choir.

You can help in two ways: Pray for the members of the Search Committee to be led by the Holy Spirit in their task of finding the best qualified minister to call as your Senior Pastor. It comforts me to believe that, even now, there is such a person and family of God's choosing already praying for a call to ministry and that God is already at work bringing the Search Committee and the potential candidate together. To God be the glory! Rest assured, you will have the final say in approving the call when the time comes.

You can also help by giving the standing committees your full support. Not having a Senior Pastor to attend the meetings and offer advice in making important decisions puts an extra burden on those you've elected to oversee the ongoing ministry of the church. Be patient with them and compliment their efforts every chance you get.

In closing, be diligent about coming to church on Sunday mornings and inviting others to come with you. Filling the pews brings glory to God and fuels our enthusiasm to worship and sing God's praise.

~Yours together in Christ, Phil

# March



# 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <b>9am-</b> Mixed Nuts Breakfast <b>6 Great Hours</b>	2 <b>8-9am-</b> Yoga <b>5:30pm-</b> Bible Recap	3 <b>10am-</b> Bible Recap <b>5:30pm-</b> Handbells	4 <b>8-9am-</b> Yoga <b>10-</b> Class Meeting <b>6pm-</b> Choir <b>6-7:30-</b> HMC Kids & Youth	5	<b>6:30am-</b> Men's Book Study <b>5pm-</b> Preschool Registration <b>Office Closed</b>	7
8  <b>6pm-</b> Great Hours @ Blevins	9 <b>8-9am-</b> Yoga <b>5:30pm-</b> Bible Recap	10 <b>10am-</b> Bible Recap <b>5:30pm-</b> Handbells	11 <b>8-9am-</b> Yoga <b>10-</b> Class Meeting <b>6pm-</b> Choir <b>6-7:30-</b> HMC Kids & Youth	12	13 <b>6:30am-</b> Men's Book Study <b>Office Closed</b>	14 <b>9am-</b> <b>Noon-</b> Threads of Faith
15 <b>12:15pm-</b> Ad. Board meeting <b>6pm-</b> Great Hours @ HMC <b>Meal to Follow</b>	16 <b>8-9am-</b> Yoga <b>5:30pm-</b> Bible Recap	17  <b>10am-</b> Bible Recap <b>5:30pm-</b> Handbells	18 <b>8-9am-</b> Yoga <b>10-</b> Class Meeting <b>6pm-</b> Choir <b>6-7:30-</b> HMC Kids & Youth	19	20  <b>6:30am-</b> Men's Book Study <b>Office Closed</b>	21
22  <b>6pm-</b> Great Hours @ Washington	23 <b>8-9am-</b> Yoga <b>5:30pm-</b> Bible Recap	24 <b>10am-</b> Bible Recap <b>5:30pm-</b> Handbells	25 <b>8-9am-</b> Yoga <b>10-</b> Class Meeting <b>6pm-</b> Choir	26	27 <b>6:30am-</b> Men's Book Study <b>Office Closed</b>	28
29 <b>Palm Sunday</b> <b>9am-</b> Youth Bake Sale <b>6pm-</b> Great Hours @ Midway	30 <b>Easter Lily Orders due!</b> <b>8-9am-</b> Yoga <b>5:30pm-</b> Bible Recap <b>6-</b> Companions	31 <b>10am-</b> Bible Recap <b>5:30pm-</b> Handbells				<b>Regular Sunday Services</b> <b>9:45-</b> Sunday School <b>10:50-</b> Worship

# 6 Great Hours of Sharing

March 8- @ Bruce Memorial 6pm  
March 15- @ HMC 6pm- Meal to follow  
March 22- @ Washington 6pm  
March 29- @ Midway 6pm



Join Us!



Mission Trip Fundraiser

## Youth Bake Sale

Our Youth Group will be selling baked goods in the Mall Area @ 9am on Sunday, March 29. All funds raised will pay for the cost of their Summer Mission Trip! Please plan to bake AND buy and contact Rose for more details!

**We are hiring!**

Please see page 6 of for more information on the job postings we currently have!

### Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 2 Collin Morris
- 4 Mary Crayne
- 7 Heather Formby  
Brian & Carrie  
Bobo anniv.
- 11 Julie Paddie
- 13 Jerry & Susan  
Monroe anniv.
- 14 Linda Lee
- 15 Betsy Still
- 19 Brandon &  
Gina Perkins  
anniv.
- 24 Audrey Keith
- 26 Don Freel  
Tim Almarode
- 27 Barrett Currie
- 30 Stephanie Orr
- 31 Jessica Beaver

### Happy Retirement, Rose!





# Eggs needed by April 1

Pre-filled stuffed eggs needed for  
Easter Egg Hunt

No more than 750 please bring to Rose's office



## EASTER EGG HUNT

Easter Sunday morning @ 10:30am  
on the front lawn.

There will be no Youth or  
Children's activities  
during spring break  
March 23-27, 2026

We will resume April 1



## CHILDREN'S CHURCH

For the immediate future, Children's church will be on hold  
until a new Children's Director is found.

I know this will disappoint the children. Please pray we find  
the right person to continue the program.

# THE WAY

JUST LIKE CHRIST



All the youth and adults had an amazing time at the Generate Conference in Dallas. Theme - The Way - all about following Christ. He is the only Way.

## Youth Bake Sale Sunday, March 29, 2026

Youth will have items for sale before, during and after SS  
All proceeds benefit our summer mission trip



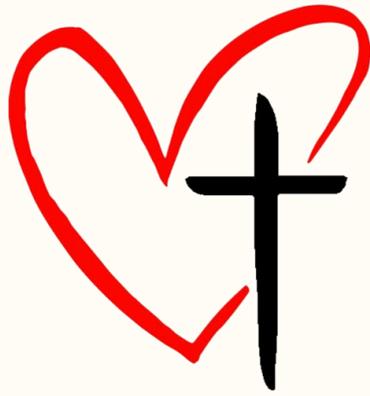
## Mission Trip 2026 Texas Hill Country for Flood Relief June 7-13, 2026

See Rose to register by March 25  
Deposit of \$100 non-refundable after April 1.

I'd like to say a great big thank you to everyone for my retirement party. It has been such a huge blessing to be a part of this church as the Children/Youth Minister. This church family has supported me, the youth, and the children without question and I know you will continue to support whoever takes over.

I have been asked to continue serving through the end of April or til we can hire new directors so you will continue to see me in and around the office on a part-time basis. if you need anything - please let me know!





# HOPE METHODIST CHURCH

March 2026



## YOUTH DIRECTOR

Hope Methodist church is currently taking applications for the position of Youth Ministry Director.

To apply, please visit or contact the church office.

## CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR

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Loving. Serving. Growing.

# LET THE MESSAGE RING

*The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia--your faith in God has become known everywhere.*  
(1 Thess. 1:8)

As a child, my family owned a small cabin on a lake in northern Indiana. We spent most weekends fishing and swimming. A Quaker camp owned most of the land on our side of the lake. In the middle of the campground sat a large bell that the camp would use to notify the campers when it was mealtime. Every day at breakfast, lunch, and dinner, the bell could be heard ringing across the lake. Even though it was not meant for us, the bell often reminded my brother and me to go to the cabin to get something to eat before heading back out on the lake.

In his opening letter to the church in Thessalonica, Paul provides us with an intriguing metaphor. He compares the church to a bell ringing out the message of Christ. The more they endured, the louder their faith rang out the message of Jesus throughout Greece and eventually everywhere else. Paul continually praised the church in Thessalonica because their simple, yet persistent faith was known beyond their city.

Imagine your life as a bell. What message is ringing out for everyone to hear? Paul's prayer is that your life will ring out the message of the good news of Jesus. Through your faithfulness and love, the message of Christ will ring through your family, friends, city and world.

**LET THE MESSAGE OF JESUS CHRIST RING OUT FROM YOU.**

*1 Thessalonians 1:8-9*



Mission Cafe

## Mission Cafe- Mixed Nuts Breakfast

Please join us on Sunday, March 1 at 9am in the Fellowship Hall for a breakfast hosted by the Mixed Nuts Sunday School class. All donations will go to a charity of the class's choosing. Enjoy food & fellowship before Sunday School-- we would love to see you!

Great Hours of Sharing

## March 15 Meal

HMC will host Great Hours of Sharing on Sunday, March 15 @ 6pm in the Sanctuary. There will be a meal following the service in our Fellowship Hall. More details to come about what will be served!



Discipleship

## Bible Study

There are 2 current classes for the Bible Recap study available to anyone interested. On Tuesdays @ 10am, a group meets at Judy Vaughan's home and on Mondays @ 5:30pm, a group meets at HMC in the Pairs & Spares classroom. Please contact Betsy Still for more info!

## FEBRUARY ATTENDANCE & TITHING

### February 1

Att.- 89                      Tithe- \$6,788

### February 8

Att.- 86                      Tithe- \$6,774.38

### February 15

Att.- 84                      Tithe- \$3,130

### February 22

Att.- 125                      Tithe- \$4,115



### 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.

## MEMORIALS & GIFTS

*Memorial money is used by our Trustee Committee to maintain the church facility. Please designate on your check whom you wish to honor with your gift.*

**In Loving Memory of Linda Worthey by:**  
Don Freel and Anna Manney Sunday School Class

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Join us each Sunday!  
9:45am- Sunday School  
10:50- Traditional Worship



**HMCP REGISTRATION**

- **FRIDAY, MARCH 6 @ 5PM - SIGN-IN SHEET WILL BE PLACED OUTSIDE CHURCH OFFICE DOORS AT 1PM THAT AFTERNOON AND TAKEN UP AT 3PM**
- **NO ONE ALLOWED TO PARK AT SCHOOL UNTIL 12 NOON SO PRESCHOOL TRAFFIC IS CLEAR!**
- **REGISTRATION PACKETS CAN BE PICKED UP BEGINNING ON MONDAY, MARCH 2 IN THE HMC CHURCH OFFICE!**

## HOPE METHODIST

### Preschool News

SPRING IS HERE AND WE ARE READY!!! We are looking forward to Easter and putting winter behind us as we begin to enjoy more time outside & on our playground! Spring Break is March 23-27 and we will also be closed the Friday before, March 20. After Spring Break, we will begin looking toward Easter and learning all about our Lord's ultimate sacrifice! Public Registration is Friday, March 6 @ 5pm. The sign-in sheet will be out from 1-3pm the same day. You may line up outside the church office doors beginning at Noon, sign-in and leave. Come back at 5 and you will be called in the order of names on sign-in sheet. Registration fees due at sign-up, along with copies of child's birth certificate, social security card, and current shot record. We look forward to seeing you!