

# THE HOPE CONNECTION



News from  
Hope  
Methodist  
Church



## Pastor's Column

“Preacher, where do you get your ideas for sermons?” It wasn’t the first time I’ve been asked. I’d like to say I just preach on whatever God tells me, but it’s a little more complicated than that. Sermons are based on passages of scripture, but that covers a lot of ground.



There’s a lot of scripture between Genesis and Revelation. The Revised Common Lectionary narrows it down considerably. The lectionary follows the liturgical year, which is based on Jesus’s, birth, death, resurrection, and ascension. (Read the Apostles’ Creed for a quick summary.) Throw in the Creation story (*Genesis 1*), the prophecies of the Old Testament, the beginnings of the early church, and the letters of Paul, and you’ve got plenty of scripture to consider. So, I say a prayer and ask God to direct my thoughts and inspire my efforts to put His Word into the words of the sermon. It’s not that complicated. All it requires is a lot of hard work and a healthy dose of humility. After all, who am I to speak for the Lord, sinner that I am? Bottom line, I do my best, and it’s your attendance on Sunday morning, and your attentiveness and response to the sermon that makes it worthwhile. Thanks for your prayerful support. ~ Phil

# MAY 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p><b>Regular Sunday Services</b>  <b>9:45am</b>- Sunday School  <b>10:50</b>- Worship</p>					<p>1  <b>6:30am</b>- Men's Book Study  <b>Office Closed</b></p>	2
3	<p>4  <b>8-9am</b>- Yoga  <b>5pm</b>- Bible Recap</p>	<p>5  <b>10am</b>- Bible Recap</p>	<p>6  <b>8-9am</b>- Yoga  <b>10</b>- Class Meeting  <b>6-7:30pm</b>- HMC Kids &amp; Youth</p>	7	<p>8  <b>6:30am</b>- Men's Book Study  <b>Office Closed</b></p>	<p>9  <b>9am-Noon</b>- Threads of Faith</p>
<p>10    <b>MOTHER'S DAY</b></p>	<p>11  <b>8-9am</b>- Yoga  <b>5pm</b>- Bible Recap</p>	<p>12  <b>10am</b>- Bible Recap</p>	<p>13  <b>8-9am</b>- Yoga  <b>10</b>- Class Meeting  <b>11am-1pm</b>- Lunch Bunch @ Juan's  <b>6-7:30pm</b>- HMC Kids &amp; Youth</p>	<p>14  <b>6pm</b>- HMCP Graduation</p>	<p>15  <b>6:30am</b>- Men's Book Study  <b>Office Closed</b></p>	16
<p>17  <b>12:15pm</b>- Ad. Board meeting</p>	<p>18  <b>8-9am</b>- Yoga  <b>5pm</b>- Bible Recap</p>	<p>19  <b>10am</b>- Bible Recap</p>	<p>20  <b>8-9am</b>- Yoga  <b>10</b>- Class Meeting  <b>6-7:30pm</b>- HMC Kids &amp; Youth</p>	21	<p>22  <b>6:30am</b>- Men's Book Study  <b>Office Closed</b></p>	<p>23  <b>9am-Noon</b>- Threads of Faith</p>
<p>24    <b>PENTECOST</b></p>	<p>25    <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b>  <b>Office Closed</b></p>	<p>26  <b>10am</b>- Bible Recap</p>	<p>27  <b>8-9am</b>- Yoga  <b>10</b>- Class Meeting  <b>6-7:30pm</b>- HMC Kids &amp; Youth</p>	28	<p>29  <b>6:30am</b>- Men's Book Study  <b>Office Closed</b></p>	30
<p>31    <b>TRINITY Sunday</b></p>						

# WHAT'S HAPPENING?



We hope you can attend some of the events we have happening in our church & community!



## MOTHER'S DAY Sunday, May 10

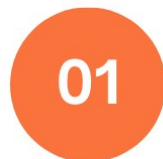


### May Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 3 Molly McGhee
- 4 Hunter Price
- 9 Marlon Ward
- 11 JoAnn Montgomery
- 16 Dana Cox
- 27 Canelia Hasley
- Jean Monroe



### Upcoming Summer Events



#### 2nd Quarter Supper

Sunday, June 7  
6pm



#### Fish Fry

Friday, June 26  
4-7pm

## Annual Splash Party

Wednesday, May 20, 2026

5:30-7:30pm

Water slides & Food!!

**This is a FAMILY event. Bring your lawn chairs, towels, and your appetite!**

**Invite your grandkids, friends, and neighbors.**

## April Outreach



Children and youth worked together to fill Blessing Boxes, delivered food to Hope Connexion, painted rocks with Easter messages and place them around downtown for people to find. Heard that several were found and are at the courthouse.

# YOUTH NEWS



## 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 - smoked brisket and pork.  
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.

## Mission Trip 2026 Menard, TX June 7-13



This year, we will be doing  
Flood Relief work in Menard,  
TX helping to clean up and  
rebuild from the devastating  
floods they suffered this  
past year.

If you would like to help,  
please make a donation to  
the Youth Mission Trip Fund.



## **Help us support Collin Pilkinton's healing journey.**



Collin, son of Twila and Jim Pilkinton, has been diagnosed with stage 4 cancer and they have exhausted treatments other than clinical trials which will likely not be covered by insurance.

**Bake Sale @ The Hub downtown on  
Friday, May 8 from 10-1.**

**Please come and pick up your Mother's Day  
Desserts and make a donation.**

# LIGHT FROM THE WORD



Go into the world and shine!



## Shine!

Groups gather to play trivia every week at a restaurant. As the questions are called, they discuss responses. The debate is intense but short-lived, as the timer presses them to decide on a unified response, which is delivered to the trivia host. Everyone awaits the outcome. Cheers erupt from the tables that submitted the right answer; groans from the others. Between tables of competitors are families enjoying their meals, often oblivious to the game being played around them.



## James 4:14

*What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.*



Believers attend church, study the Word, and try to get the answers right. We experience joy when we are moving in the right direction. We have the desire to achieve something--to be on the winning side. That's why this verse could be discouraging, making us feel small and insignificant. Our lives are nothing but a mist that vanishes? Should we just sit it out as observers, watching others succeed or fail?

Not at all! We aren't just a mist that will vanish one day (though we all will). James' word appears means "shines." You weren't created to merely exist. You were created to shine! God said that he "made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ" (2 Cor. 4:6). For the little while that we are here, it is wise to shine Christ's light.



## Outreach Missions of HMC

Fish Fry  
Friday, June 26  
4-7pm



2nd Quarter Supper  
Sunday, June 7  
6pm



## LUNCH BUNCH

Join us on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month @ Amigo Juan's in Hope from 11am-1pm for lunch! Come when you can, stay as long as you can, & bring a friend! We'll save you a seat!

## Recipe Book



Be gathering recipes you'd like to share in a book that we will be putting together soon! See Cathryn Looney for more details!



# FINANCES

Thank you for your gifts. Your choice to help support HMC, allows us to continue outreach and service in our community and beyond.

## April Attendance & Tithing

<b>APRIL 5</b>	Attendance- 179	Tithe- \$8,055
<b>APRIL 12</b>	Attendance- 75	Tithe- \$5,925
<b>APRIL 19</b>	Attendance- 77	Tithe- \$3,915
<b>APRIL 26</b>	Attendance- 70	Tithe- \$7,070



## 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.



## We make giving easy!



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

## 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 Ronnie Eldridge by: Don Freel and Daniel Brown  
In Loving Memory of Charles Jester by: Marilou Lewis

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



## Preschool News

April was busy month! We had Easter egg hunts & parties, police and firemen visits, and lots of time spent outside enjoying the good weather!

We are looking forward to Graduation on May 14 @ 6pm in the Sanctuary. A cookie reception will be held afterward in the Fellowship Hall.



We have filled up our 3 & 4 year old classes for the 2026-2027 school year but we are operating a waiting list! We are hiring subs for the upcoming school year, so if you know of anyone who would like to help out, send them our way!



## School's Out for Summer!



Our last day at HMCP is Wednesday, May 13. We will have a fun day on Tuesday, May 12. Thank you for all the prayers, support and encouragement you've given us throughout this year. Please pray for a restful summer for our teachers so that they come back refreshed in the fall!

