



COMMUNE WITH GOD



We live in a world defined by noise: notifications, demands, & constant updates. Yet, the deepest truth of our faith is found not in the clamor, but in the silence. Our heavenly Father desires an intimate, uninterrupted conversation with us.

If we want to lead lives of lasting impact, we must look to the ultimate example of Jesus Christ. His ministry was not non-stop activity but was a rhythmic cycle of work punctuated by deep spiritual withdrawal.

Jesus did not practice solitude because He was tired but because He was obediently dependent upon the Father. His practice establishes the blueprint for our own communion with God. We should seek the Lord in solitude like in Mark 1:35 *"Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed."*

When we intentionally create this space, two critical acts of communion occur. We hear God and worship God in new ways. Stopping the internal chatter allows us to hear the still, small voice that helps to direct our hearts and minds.

The celebrated spiritual theologian A.W. Tozer provides a challenging mirror to our distracted lives: **"Listen for the inward Voice till you learn to recognize it. Stop trying to compete with others. Give yourself to God and then be what and who you are without regard to what others think."** This

solitude helps us to find the freedom to stop performing, comparing, and competing. It is an invitation to be molded by the Master's hands rather than the world's expectations.

This week, commit to carving out one single, uninterrupted block of silence and solitude. Turn off the phone, find a quiet place, and practice listening and worshipping. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal the Father's will and restore your soul. May your time in the quiet place bring you closer to the heart of our Father than ever before.

Resting in God, Pastor Marshall

NOVEMBER 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Regular Sunday Services 9:45- Sunday School 10:50- Worship						 Time change!
2	3	4	5 10am- Class Meeting 5:30pm- OCC Box Stuffing 6- Choir	6	6:30am- Men's Book Study OFFICE CLOSED PM- FEED BOBCATS	8
9 Veteran's Sunday 4-6pm- Fall Festival	10	11 	12 10am- Class Meeting 6pm- Choir 6-7:30- HMC Kids & Youth	13	14 6:30am- Men's Book Study OFFICE CLOSED	15
16 6pm- Church Conference	17	18	19 10am- Class Meeting 6pm- Choir 6-7:30- HMC Kids & Youth	20	21 6:30am- Men's Book Study OFFICE CLOSED	22
23 Decorate for Advent after Worship	24 6pm- Companions	25	26 OFFICE CLOSED	27  OFFICE CLOSED	28 6:30am- Men's Book Study OFFICE CLOSED	29
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JOIN US THIS MONTH!

NOVEMBER

Birthdays & Anniversaries

2 Christie Burkhart
4 Allyson Hanson
8 Myra Prince
12 Kristin Price
14 Silbi Jones
17 Kimberly McMahan
18 Sophy Tyson
19 Kim Smith
25 Mary Benton Wilson
27 Diane Willmon
Ron & Juneanne Price anni.

In December

December 12- HMCP Students @ Old Washington

December 13- HMC Choir @ Old Washington

December 14- Christmas Cantata

We are coming up on a very busy time of year in the life of our church and we hope that you will be able to attend some of the seasonal events! If you have any questions about happenings, please feel free to contact Jessica in the office!

1. Fall Festival

The Fall Festival was rescheduled for Sunday, November 9 from 4-6pm. Set-up will begin at 2pm. Please come & bring friends! See Rose for more details!

2. 2nd Church Conference

We will have our 2nd Church Conference on Sunday, November 16 at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. Reports from each committee will be given and we will also vote on nominations for 2026 committee members. Please plan to attend!

3. Advent Season

The 1st Sunday of Advent is November 30! This means we will decorate the Sanctuary for the season on Sunday, November 23 after Worship. Please plan to stay and help-- it goes much faster with more hands!



Ellie's Baptism Day

Sunday, Oct. 26, 2025 was a blessed day as family, friends, and church gathered to celebrate the baptism of Ellie Sears. Congratulations Ellie! The start of a new life as a follower of Jesus Christ!



Fall Festival Rescheduled

New date: November 9, 2025

New time: 4:00-6:00pm

Set-up: 2:00pm

OCC Packing Party November Mission Project

The Operation Christmas Child Packing Party is on Wednesday, November 5, 2025 - Packing starts at 5:30pm. Youth and Children will participate with the packing party. Please plan on being here earlier that night.



December Mission Project

The December Mission Project will be delivering blankets to the residents of Heather Manor.

Date: December 10, 2025

Time: 6:00-7:30pm

Children and youth will be making the deliveries.

DATES TO REMEMBER

November 26, 2025 - NO ACTIVITIES - CHILDREN/YOUTH
December 17 - Christmas Program and Birthday Party for Jesus
December 24 & 31 - NO ACTIVITIES - Children/Youth
January 7, 2026 - Activities resume



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Youth Group

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OASIS RETREAT
When: Nov 14-16, 2025
Where: Camp Tanako

2nd Annual Oasis Retreat - we will be partnering with 4 other churches from around the Arkansas area. Our theme this year is: PRESENCE - EXODUS 33:17

FOOD, FELLOWSHIP & JESUS

Our monthly meeting will be:
Wednesday, Nov. 19
Time: 6:00pm
Where: To be Determined



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HOPE METHODIST CHURCH

Loving. Serving. Growing.

Church **CONFERENCE**

NOVEMBER 16, 2025
6:00 PM

FELLOWSHIP HALL

Committee Reports
Nominations
Refreshments





FINISHING THE RECIPE



CHOOSE TO FINISH THE
RECIPE OUR FATHER
CALLS YOU TO!

Have you ever been given one of those recipes from a person who just puts a bit of this, a pinch of that, and mixes it all up until it tastes just right? With those instructions, it is hard to finish a recipe completely, unless you have the honor of cooking that recipe with the help of the original author by your side. They know what they intended!

As Jesus was near finishing his time on earth, it can only be imagined that there was so much he could have done. But he was intent on finishing the purpose that his Father had set out for him. Yes, even he needed to finish!

It is so refreshing to know that even as Jesus relied on his Father's strength, through prayer, that this same opportunity for us is available to finish what God is calling us to do. Maybe it's a little of this, mixed with a pinch of that, but God is the original author of our life's best recipe, which he has planned in advance for us to partake in (Ephesians 2:10). There's no distracting our Master Chef, who will work with us to execute his good plans, to give us a future and a hope (Jeremiah 29:11). It is God who knows the exact ingredients in the recipe of our lives.



OUTREACH MINISTRIES OF HMC



1. November 7 - FEEDING THE BOBCATS

On Friday, November 7, we will feed the Hope Football team in the Fellowship Hall before their game. We'd love to have you join us! Please contact Cathryn Looney or Don Still for info on how you can be involved!

2. November 24 - COMPANIONS

On Monday, November 24, our women's group will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 6pm. Please join us for a snack and special message! Contact Marlon Ward or Betsy Still for more info!



FOR OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Wednesday, November 5 @ 5:30pm, we will be stuffing shoeboxes for OCC! We need all hands on deck for this so please plan to join us! Contact Deb or Jim Herman for more info!



HMC Endowed Scholarship

A Thank You from Cora Townsend

"I am honored to be a recipient of the Hope Methodist Church Endowed Scholarship and want to express my gratitude for your generosity. This scholarship is a tremendous blessing and will help me continue my education at UAHT, where I am pursuing a degree in Information Technology. Once again, thank you for your kindness and investment in my future!"

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Join us each Sunday!

9:45am- Sunday School

10:50am- Traditional Worship



Preschool News

October was fun! We took a field trip to the pumpkin patch, celebrated Pink Out Day, had a Fall Break and to end the month, we will have our Fall Parade & Class Parties on the 31st!

In November, we will have our Thanksgiving Feast for staff and students on Friday, November 21st and then Thanksgiving Break November 24-28. We will also be learning our Christmas songs this month and when we come back from break, we will be gearing up for the Christmas Season!

We pray your families have a blessed Thanksgiving full of love & laughter!