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THE CROSSINGS

Growing in Worship



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Growing in Worship

by David Lenz, Lead Pastor



I remember my early days as a worshiper, sitting in the back row of the sanctuary with my two sisters and mother (because of my mother's claustrophobia). At that time, Dad was often away doing pulpit supply, so it fell to Mom to wrangle the children. I gave my focus to filling in every letter "o" in the printed bulletin. Then would come the long-awaited moment when Mom would give us a piece of Beemans chewing gum—a special treat to make worship more palatable. But interesting things were happening around me: people singing, people praying, people standing and sitting, people listening, ushers passing offering plates through the rows. I was absorbing more than I knew.

Another memory of worship as a child washes over me. I am older now, probably around 12. Dad is now in the picture. Worship has become more attractive. I am in the front row of the balcony with him and my sister, Marcia, because that somehow was a fun place to be, looking down on the other worshipers. I am singing the hymns robustly (no doubt a bit louder than polite), and Dad is cheering me on, telling me how much he enjoys hearing the voices of his children.

The years roll by, and now I am in high school. I am attending worship by myself at a different church. I am there because I want to be. I especially enjoy the preaching of Pastor Conrad who opens the text for me in ways I had never experienced before. It is powerful. It is life-changing.

Now I am an adult at the National Gathering of ECO at First Presbyterian Church of Greenville, South Carolina. Hundreds are gathered in the sanctuary. We are singing "Behold, Our God" along with a huge choir, orchestra, piano, and organ. Tears are streaming down my cheeks. I sense the Holy Spirit filling that space.

All along I was growing in worship. I was growing in my understanding of worship. I was growing in my enjoyment of worship. I was growing in what I gave to the Lord and others in worship. How did this happen?

It happened because I had an advocate. My mother faithfully brought me to worship, even when I was squirmy. For those without a church home, or for those without church experience, coming to worship can take great courage. For whom can you be an advocate? Is there someone whom "you can bring on your arm" (to borrow a phrase from Don Everts)?

It happened because I had a teacher. My father helped me go deeper into the elements of worship. He encouraged me to find my voice (literally). He showed me the beauty of coming into the Lord's presence with singing, "making a joyful noise" (Psalm 100).

It happened because of the ministry of the Holy Spirit. The Word proclaimed crackled with life as the Spirit opened my mind and heart to deeper levels of understanding and application. The Holy Spirit helped me worship in spirit and truth (John 4:23). The Holy Spirit helped me gaze upon the beauty of the Lord (Psalm 27:4).

How wonderful that we can grow in worship and help others to do the same! It is our destiny to be a people at worship, joining "with every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them," to say, "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" (Revelation 5:13).

Your Pastor,
David Lenz

(Cover) Congregation members raise their hands during contemporary worship.

(Opposite) Jessica Connors, Eli Laufenburger, and Aaron Connors play with a Nativity set.

A Touchable Nativity

by Heidi Connors, Executive Director of Next Gen Ministries

As a child, the Nativity scene fascinated me. My mom, in all her preschool teacher expertise, created a Nativity scene I could play with. Colorful fabric wrapped around clothespins gave the Bible characters culture. Plastic animals surrounding the rough replica of a stable had smelly hay nearby. Mom wanted it to feel real. And it was REAL! The story of Jesus' birth was magical to me and yet so accessible and digestible to my young soul. Every year I held it in my hands—and in my heart—and every year there was more for me to think about, to imagine, and to grow in by engaging with it.

As my own children grew, a touchable Nativity remained important to me. Each Christmas our family used the pieces of the Nativity to retell and play out the story of Jesus' birth. As the kids and cousins got older, I asked them to be characters, gave them scripts, and led the whole family to sing Christmas carols throughout the story telling. It gave a beautiful soundtrack to the true story of Emmanuel, God with us (which was now a musical). It was joy-producing to invite others to enter the story of Christmas.

It was no surprise then, when I began working at Hope Church in Children's Ministry, that it was important to me to continue the touchable Nativity experience and invite the kids at Hope Church to enter the story of Jesus together. For years I have been blessed to lead in this ministry of Christmas Story-Telling at the Community Christmas

Celebration and on Christmas Eve. Every year I find myself in the story again, and I am eager to find a spot for others in the story too!

Looking back at my childhood, I see how God used the touchable Nativity scene for my growing up in him. He used this hands-on Nativity to grow my love for his story and give me the creative freedom to not only enter it but find ways I could invite others to enter it with me! It has been the deep joy of my life to be in ministry and reveal the story of God through community participation. The touchable Nativity is for all ages. We will never outgrow God's story!

If you'd like your kids/youth/friends to participate in this year's presentation of the Christmas story on Christmas Eve, email me! heidi@hope-pc.org

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Worship in Word and Deed

by Hilary Ritchie, Minister for Worship & the Arts, and Stacey Gibbs, Covenant Partner

"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."

Colossians 3:17

In September, I (Hilary) gave a training to our Sunday morning volunteers about what it means to grow in worship, even when what you're doing may not seem like "worship." I sat down with Stacey Gibbs, who coordinates the café on Sunday mornings, to talk more.

Hilary: In our training, I talked about how growing up in worship for me meant learning that worship is not just music. In my job as a worship leader, there are a lot of other things I do, so I had to learn how to worship in everything.

Stacey: It was a relief to hear that serving in the café is worship too. It was a kind of reset for me.

Hilary: Both things can be true, you can worship God in a worship service and while serving.

Stacey: Yeah. It's all about community. Being together at church gives a certain structure and learning in community. Whether it's in a church service or at the café, we're making space for people to feel welcome or just fed or loved. Because that's what we really need.

Hilary: Absolutely. We want people to be connected in community, both with God and with each other. How has thinking about service as a form of worship impacted you and your team?

Stacey: I think anytime you learn these little nuggets about your faith, it allows you to refocus and just be more present to the people around you. And it reminded me of the importance of the team of people around me in the café. Whether we're sitting in a pew or in the kitchen, being around people of faith rubs off.

Hilary: There's something that happens when we get together with other Christians.

Stacey: It's re-centering for me. Certainly serving in the café isn't a substitute for worshiping God in the sanctuary or PWC, but it's cool to see that you can worship in different spaces in different ways. And it doesn't always have to be church-based. How can I worship God in my job during the week? I want to be the same person during the week that I am at church.

Hilary: I totally agree. Worship isn't limited to Sunday mornings. We can turn any moment into a time to worship and glorify God. Thanks for talking, Stacey!

The above has been edited for length and clarity.

(Above) Hilary Ritchie and Stacey Gibbs smile in the Crossover Café.

(Opposite) Drew Stonesifer holds his daughter during contemporary worship.

Worship in the Midst

by Drew Stonesifer, Covenant Partner

At the end of last summer, I felt like God was finally answering my prayers for a long term career solution. After over a decade of wandering through various industries and trying to find a good fit, I felt like God was finally delivering it. For the first time in our 12 years of marriage, I asked our young family to move away from family and across the country for what felt like God's provision. When I joined my new employer, I felt like I was walking down the red carpet. With a setup like that, you know what's coming. In September, a little over a month later, my employment was terminated. I'll never forget that call. I felt like the pit in my stomach was big enough to swallow me whole.

I won't gloss over the fact that this was a tremendously difficult time. I felt like I put my family up as collateral for this move, and I couldn't pay up. Man's best laid plans, as they say. Honestly, it wasn't until I became gainfully employed again that I felt I had passed the point of inflection in recovering my emotional wellness. But in the midst of it, I encountered a rare opportunity to worship our Lord in a special way.

We often—if not always—think of worship as musical offerings to God (cue Psalm 40:6). And coming from the guy at the piano, you probably expected just that. But no, the opportunity I share with you here was to glorify God in my friendships. In this incredibly trying time, I reached out to numerous Christian friends of mine and asked them to pray for us and encourage us. This was no glamorous attempt to loudly proclaim that we were trusting that God, in his infinite goodness, would surely deliver us from this trial. For all we knew, we might have to sell our house that we just

bought and painted and decorated and got the girls adjusted to and move somewhere else. I cringe at the platitude of "everything happens for a reason." But in retrospect, I'm so glad that we gave our friends the opportunity to surround us in their prayers and that we, in the middle of our flailing for what normalcy we could hold on to, reminded ourselves and our friends that God was still the center of our lives. We remembered that God would be with us, even if our troubles should increase.

So, take this as an encouragement that while, yes, worship does look like corporate singing and, yes, it does look like evangelizing on the city streets, it also looks like a simple, confident declaration to your own network that God is at the center of your life.

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PNC Progress Report: Listening, Discerning, and Trusting God's Timing

by Debbie Bell and Kevin Dybdal, PNC Co-Chairs

Hope Church family, we're making wonderful progress! Thank you for your continued prayers, encouragement, and patience as the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) moves forward in this season of discernment. It's been a time of prayerful listening and faithful teamwork. We continue to see God's hand guiding each step.

Thank you as well for your thoughtful responses to the congregational survey. Your input was an important step in identifying the strengths of Hope Church, our areas for growth, and the qualities we hope for in our next pastor.

In addition to the survey, the PNC hosted focus groups to listen more closely to voices across our congregation—especially among staff, young families, and session members. Together with the survey these conversations have given us a rich picture of who we are as a congregation and how God is shaping our preferred future.

All of this input has helped us build the foundation for two key documents: our church profile and lead pastor position description. These materials reflect Hope's heart and our shared vision to go deeper with Jesus, wider in the kingdom, and closer in community.

Next, we'll submit these documents for approval to the Session and Presbytery. Once they are approved, our Opportunity Profile will be posted publicly on sites including the ECO Job Board, EPC Job Board (a global movement of evangelical Presbyterian churches) and Hope's website. We are beginning to prepare for the application review and interview processes.

As we move forward, please continue to pray for discernment and unity for our team and for the pastor God is already preparing to join us.

Hope has always been, and will continue to be, a church that listens for God's voice and follows where he leads. We are trusting that the same Spirit who has guided us is already preparing the next chapter of Hope's story.

May we wait with hope, pray with faith, and walk together in love as we trust God's perfect timing.

With gratitude and expectation,

The Pastor Nominating Committee

Debbie Bell, Kevin Dybdal, Justin Bratnober, Kirsten Berry, Ellen Egelston, Yonathan Moya, Vickie Rico, Dan Ritchie, Matt VanHove

The Office of Deacon

by Kathy Shafer, Deacon Moderator

"From him the whole body grows, fitted and held together through every supporting ligament. As each one does its part, the body builds itself up in love."

Ephesians 4:16

As a banyan tree grows, its branches put out roots to the ground to support their weight. This design of support for individual branches has allowed this one tree to fill an entire park and given it the resilience to survive terrible fire.

It is also a wonderful picture of the role deacons play at Hope Church. Indeed, it reflects the role all of us play as members of the body.

According to Hope's Principles of Operation, "Deacons are officers of the church who serve as ministers of compassion and care. Deacons lead ministries that nurture fellowship and caregiving within and beyond the congregation."

Deacons serve the 75+ age members, Oasis, The Gathering, MealTrain, GriefShare, Helping Hands Projects, and Charis. They serve on the nominating committee and help direct the Deacon Fund—all under the oversight and spiritual guidance of Pastor KC DiNardo.

Current deacons are Becky Arnold, Judy Berkness, Greg Cornell, Helen Gloege, Mike Grussing, Nancy Gudim, Jan Holt, Sheri Johnston, Scott Lindstrom, Deb Massie, Jerry Nygaard, Susie Prin and Kathy Shafer.



(Above) The banyan tree in Lahaina, Maui.

Growing in Stewardship

by Marty Ziehwein

As we continue to embrace the theme of "Growing Up," let's take a moment for thoughtful reflection on the depth and growth of our stewardship. Our financial giving is not merely a transaction; it's an expression of our faith, gratitude, and commitment to returning what has been entrusted to us by God.

Consider the timeless wisdom found in 2 Corinthians 9:7: "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (ESV). This verse invites us to examine the posture of our hearts. Is our weekly offering a joyful response to God's boundless love? Following the message from Cesar Castillejos on Sunday, October 6, we were called to actively listen to God, love him wholeheartedly, and courageously live out that devotion. Are you cultivating a spirit of profound thankfulness for the countless gifts God has bestowed upon you? When God blesses you with a raise or unexpected abundance, do you incrementally increase your giving, or do earthly desires for the latest gadget or luxury take precedence? Is Jesus Christ the undisputed foundation of your life, or does the pursuit of worldly wealth sometimes overshadow your devotion to him?

Every September, the session, guided by the Holy Spirit and prayerful discernment, establishes the budget for the upcoming year. While historical giving patterns inform our projections, we also prayerfully set a "stretch goal"—a testament to our faith in God's provision through everyone's generous hearts. Historically, by God's grace and incredible faithfulness, we have consistently surpassed these goals, enabling us to go "wider in God's kingdom." Through God's abundant provision and your steadfast generosity, we are blessed to maintain and even grow our mission work. Praise God for the incredible blessings he continues to pour out upon our community and across the world!

I invite you to enter into a season of prayerful reflection, asking God to reveal how you can grow your financial stewardship. This is an opportunity for incremental growth in your grateful giving, to honor God with your resources, and to participate actively in his transformative work. As 1 Peter 4:10 beautifully reminds us, "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace" (ESV). Let us joyfully embrace this privilege to serve and glorify him through our generosity.



Contribute online to the general offering, the Deacon fund, and more through Hope's giving portal.

Year-End Giving Tips & Requests

December is always a busy month for completing gifts to family, friends, and of course Hope Church. Here are some tips to avoid confusion and making sure the gift is recorded in the intended calendar year.

1. Include the correct date on all checks, and make sure it is delivered or in the mail by December 31.
2. Include the gift designation in the memo line of each check. Every year, some members wish to pay on their 2026 pledge early. The Hope office can document the receipt in 2025 (for income tax reporting) and apply it to the 2026 pledge, but they need written instructions to make it happen.
3. Gifts of marketable stock, direct IRA donations (QCDs), or gifts from trusts or donor advised funds require extra time to accomplish by year-end. Please instruct your investment advisor early in December. A call to Kim Laufenburger at Hope Church (612-866-4055, ext. 3137) is the best way to safely document such special donations.





COMMUNITY *Christmas* CELEBRATION

December 6 | 9:30 am–Noon | Hope Church

Bring the whole family to enjoy games, crafts, treats, and
a short presentation of the Christmas story!



Growing in Worship Through the Christmas Gospel

Sunday, December 21 | Festival Worship

9:00 + 10:30 am | Sanctuary

The Festival Choir will lead a special worship service to prepare us for the birth of Jesus, the Light of the World.

Wednesday, December 24 | Christmas Eve Worship

3:00 + 4:15 pm | Family-Friendly Worship | Sanctuary

Children and youth (and some adults) will be invited to lead us in worship, telling the story of the birth of Jesus from an angelic perspective. All ages will enjoy worship together in the sanctuary.

9:00 pm | Candlelight Worship | Sanctuary

Experience the Christmas Gospel through dramatic Scripture presentations, beloved carols, and candle lighting. We celebrate Jesus, our light in the darkness!

Sunday, December 28

10:30 am | Crossover Christmas Worship | Sanctuary

We will celebrate the gift of Jesus' birth in one worship service.



SUNDAYS

Traditional Worship

9:00 am | Sanctuary

Adult Connect

9:00 am | Flex Room

Come hear "Growing Up Stories" that have shaped our journeys with Jesus. We'll look at the sermon Scripture together before worship.
heidi@hope-pc.org

Crossover Fellowship

10:00 am | Commons

Lao Worship

10:30 am | Community Events Room

Contemporary Worship

10:30 am | Portland Worship Center

Oasis

10:30 am | Chapel

An open learning community that enjoys a variety of speakers.
kc@hope-pc.org

WEDNESDAYS

Practicing the Way

10:00 am or 6:30 pm | Portland Worship Center | Begins January 21

Sanctuary Choir

6:30 pm | Chapel

Singers of all skill levels are welcome to join the choir. We sing on Sunday mornings at the 9:00 am service and have a pre-service warm up and rehearsal at 8:30 am in the sanctuary.
chloe@hope-pc.org

GROUPS

Bible Study and Prayer

Mondays | 10:00 am | Community Events Room

Study the Bible verse by verse, letting Scripture inspire our prayers for Hope Church, each other, and our loved ones. Led by David Lenz.

The Gathering

2nd Thursday of the month | 11:45 am | 12:00 pm meal | 1:00 pm program | Community Events Room

See new and old friends over delicious lunches and diverse programming including musicians, storytellers, photographers, and more.

December 11: Ham dinner and "The Sounds of Christmas" with Dan and Shani Parotti

No program in January.

February 12: A tasty meal with accordionist Mike Opitz

RSVP to Dan and Kory Everson at danandkory@gmail.com or 612-866-7606.

Young Families Bible Study

3rd Thursday of the month | 5:15-7:00 pm | Portland Worship Center

Parents of 0-5 year olds, join a group of families that meets once a month for dinner, fellowship, and Bible study. We gather on the third Thursday of each month, enjoy dinner together at 5:15, and begin Bible study at 6:00 with childcare provided! Contact Megan Moya at meganrmoya@gmail.com.



MEN'S MINISTRY

Men's Breakfast

January 10 | 8:30-10:00 am | Portland Worship Center
Join us for a Men's Breakfast, prepared by Stacey Gibbs and her team. More details to follow via email. Contact Dan Ritchie at dritchlemn@gmail.com.

Men's Bible Studies

Saturdays | 8:00 am | Zoom

Mondays | 8:00 pm | Zoom

Both meetings: zoom.us/j/93078610437

Rich fellowship, prayer, and discussion on the Scripture for Sunday worship.

Celebrating the 2025 Men's Retreat!

Over fifty men from Hope and three other ECO churches gathered for a refreshing and challenging retreat at Hope Shores on September 19 to 21. Cesar Castillejos taught on the theme "Grow Down, Grow Deep." The men responded strongly to Cesar's teaching about how our availability to witness grows out of our brokenness before Christ. Testimonies from Tim Bury and Kent Karnick, music provided by River of Hope Church, and a Sunday communion service led by Scott Cartwright all contributed to a fulfilling weekend.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Women's Pizza and Puzzlepalooza Night!

January 29 | 6:30 pm Pizza Dinner | 7:15 pm Puzzling Starts | Portland Worship Center

Whether you love puzzles or time with friends, come over for this fun community gathering with food, fellowship and friendly rivalry! We'll share laughs and connections together as teams of four compete to finish a 300-piece jigsaw puzzle. Create your team of four in advance, or join a team that night. \$10 suggested donation.

Walking Closely with Jesus: Women's Bible Study

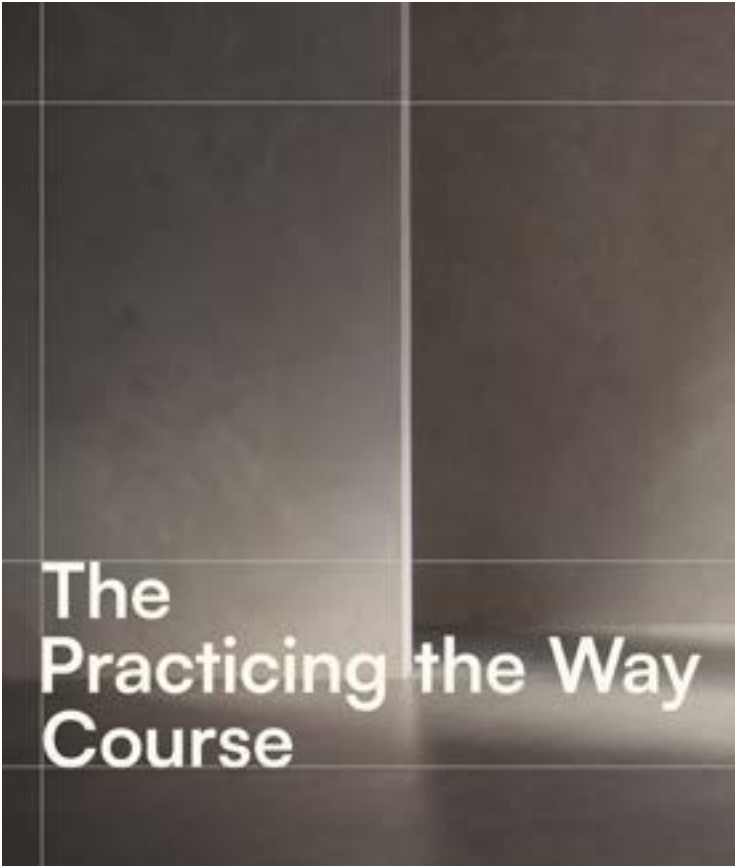
Thursdays | December 4 + 11; January 8-May 7 | 9:30-11:30 am | Chapel

As we join Jesus in his birth, life, death and resurrection, he invites us closer and transforms us through his unchangeable love. Led by Linda Heaner. Contact Susie Prin at suzala45@gmail.com.

The Practicing the Way Course

Wednesdays beginning January 21
10:00-11:30 am or 6:30-8:00 pm

The Practicing the Way Course includes eight sessions of teaching, guided conversation, and spiritual exercises designed to lay a foundation for lifelong apprenticeship to Jesus. Adults are invited to attend this program in the morning or evening to grow in their discipleship to Jesus. Registration opens in December. Contact Lauren Puncochar at lauren@hope-pc.org



The
Practicing the Way
Course

SUNDAYS

Sunday Funday

9:00 am | Garden Room | K-5th

Kids 5th grade and under are invited to an hour of play and Bible time. julie.lewis@hope-pc.org

Wiggly Worship

10:30 am | Nursery (0-2 y.o.) + Garden Room (3-5 y.o.)

Little ones will listen to a Bible story, sing songs, make friends, and play. julie.lewis@hope-pc.org

Kid's Church

During 10:30 am Service | Mountain Room | K-5th

After the children's message, kids are dismissed to worship and engage with God's story of love in kid-friendly ways. Kids will rejoin their parents at the end of the service. michaela@hope-pc.org

Breakfast Club

9:00 am | Youth Room | MS + HS Youth

This space is designed for our youth community to connect before worship and intentionally study God's Word together. Afterwards, we will join the adults for worship and sit together in the PWC. clara@hope-pc.org

High School Connect

6:00 pm | Youth Room

A great place for youth to grow in their faith and be part of a faith community. Come for snacks, worship, and good fellowship! ryan@hope-pc.org

WEDNESDAYS

KWAM

6:30 pm | Community Events Room | K-5th

Kids. Will. Always. Matter. K-5th graders are invited to a weekly gathering where they'll experience God's big story of love through music, games, Bible stories and small groups. michaela@hope-pc.org

Middle School Connect

6:00 pm | Youth Room | MS Youth

Middle schoolers are invited to engage in Christ-centered community through games, worship, small group discussion, and learn from God's Word. Join us for a meal and program to follow. Invite your friends! clara@hope-pc.org.

High School Student Leaders

6:00 pm | Youth Room | HS Youth

Grow in faith and join the High School Student Leader Team. Be discipled as you help with Middle School Connect or KWAM programs. Heidi Connors will inspire and equip you to serve and grow as a leader in the kingdom work at Hope Church. heidi@hope-pc.org.

Stay up to date with program information:





2026 Hope Shores Summer Schedule



HOPE SHORES 2026 SUMMER SCHEDULE	
JUNE 7-9	COLLEGE AGE CAMP
JUNE 11-13	YOUNG KIDS FAMILY CAMP
JUNE 14-19	2 ND -5 TH GRADE WEEK 1
JUNE 21-26	2 ND -5 TH GRADE WEEK 2
JUNE 26-28	WEEKEND FAMILY CAMP 1
JULY 9-12	SINGLE MOMS FAMILY CAMP
JULY 12-17	6 TH -8 TH GRADE WEEK
JULY 20-22	MONDAY-WEDNESDAY FAMILY CAMP
JULY 23-25	THURSDAY-SATURDAY FAMILY CAMP
JULY 26-31	9 TH -12 TH GRADE WEEK
JULY 31- AUGUST 2	WEEKEND FAMILY CAMP 2
AUGUST 9	CAMP SUNDAY



Camp Registration Opens December 1, 2025

Hope Shores Camp Staff Applications Open Now!

"Hope Shores is more than a place, it's a home. It's a place where you can find people with a common goal, people who follow in the likeness of our creator; calling you by name and caring unconditionally. Hope Shores is a ministry where we love both the seen and unseen, the heard and unheard from babies to elders."

—Hope Shores Staff 2025

Save the Date for the 2026 Hope Shores Gala!

March 7 | 4:00–7:00 pm | Hope Church

It's the 10th annual Hope Shores Gala that celebrates and supports the camping ministry of Hope Shore Bible Camp + Retreat Center. We gather together with gratitude for an evening that includes a social hour with appetizers, an Italian dinner, testimonies, Hall of Faith inductions, and the revealing of staff and themes for the upcoming summer. This year, Pastor David Lenz and Cynthia Lenz will be inducted into the Hall of Faith. Please join us for this evening of faith-filled fundraising.

To apply for camp staff, register for camp, or learn more about the Gala, go to hope-pc.org/hopeshores

SERVE

Growing in Gratefulness

Give gifts of service and practical donations to Hope mission partners during the month of November as a Thanksgiving offering. Details will be available in the Commons during November. peggy@hope-pc.org

Good Neighbor Team — Refugee support and friendship

Offer practical support and friendship to a refugee family we welcomed in January. Serve with other Hope volunteers as your schedule allows. peggy@hope-pc.org

Loaves + Fishes To Go Meals Distribution

November 25, December 30, January 22

3:00-4:30 pm | Food prep and set-up

4:30-6:00 pm | Meal packing and distribution, clean up

Contact peggy@hope-pc.org or sign up to serve other weekdays at tinyurl.com/HopeLoavesandFishes

Parent Share Class + Children's Team

November 13, December 11 (No meeting in January)

Class | 6:15-8:00 pm

A support group for parents facilitated by Tamara Dauphin-Whear, Mental Health Counselor and Coach. 612-388-8514 or tamarawhear@gmail.com

Children's Team | 6:00-8:15 pm

Help with activities for children during Parent Share. peggy@hope-pc.org

USA Homestays: Host an International Student

Students from around the world come to attend local universities and many would love to connect with an American family. Host short-term (1-2 weeks) or long-term (3+ months). Host students for Thanksgiving dinner. Contact Ben Robison at benr@usahomestays.org or visit usahomestays.org/thanksgiving-host.

Union Gospel Mission Twin Cities

Come alongside residents one time or on a regular basis:

Drive residents from UGM to Hope Church for Sunday worship. Time commitment is one Sunday a month. Pick up residents at 9:45 a.m. and return to the campus by 12:30 p.m.

Serve a meal once a month.

Contact Dave Campbell at dcampbell@ugmtc.org.

DONATE

Donate funds to our community partners serving neighbors in need:

Community Emergency Service — cesmn.org/donate

Loaves and Fishes — loavesandfishesmn.org/donate

VEAP — veap.org/ways-to-give/donate-funds

Every Meal — everymeal.org/give

Donate food items to Community Emergency Service and VEAP—bring to the marked grocery cart in the Link.

Visits to the CES food shelf have increased 50% in the last 6 months. For most needed items lists go to:

cesmn.org/donate-food-goods

veap.org/ways-to-give/most-needed-items

PRAY

Pray for mission partners. Contact peggy@hope-pc.org

Pray with others serving refugees

1st, 2nd, and 3rd Thursdays | 2:30 pm | Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81236437761>

VINE + BRANCHES

Store clerks are needed for the following shifts:

Wednesdays | 4:45-8:15 pm

Thursdays | 12:45-4:15 pm

Saturdays | 9:45 am-1:15 pm

Volunteer for one 3 1/2-hour shift per month. Responsibilities include opening and closing the store, working at the checkout counter, stocking clothing, and most importantly, welcoming all our customers and showing them the love of Jesus. Contact heidi.johnson@hope-pc.org or 612-866-1359 for more information.

Store Hours

Wednesdays | 5:00-8:00 pm

Thursdays | 1:00-4:00 pm

Saturdays | 10:00 am-1:00 pm

Donate clothing and household items to Vine and Branches. Bring to the marked bin in the Link.

For accepted donations list:

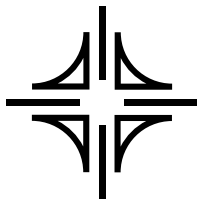
hope-pc.org/hope-center/vine-branches

Vine + Branches will be taking a pause from accepting donations for the month of January.



THANK YOU

Walk4Water 2025: You donated \$28,637 for ministry in Liberia and Southeast Asia, and for Water for Life Projects in Kosovo and several African countries. Thank you, Hope Church!



Congratulations to:

Michaela and Logan Pankratz on the birth of Lenna Lynn Pankratz on September 10, 2025.

Sarah and Thomas Kendrick on the birth of Kai Benjamin Kendrick on September 10, 2025.

Brittany and Alex Hoffman on the birth of Andrew Alexander Hoffman on October 6, 2025.

Danielle and Sidney Jackson III on the birth of Sidney Jackson IV on October 16, 2025.

Sympathy and Prayers to:

The family of Frank Dallman who died September 1, 2025.

The family of Chey Hoppe who died September 28, 2025.

The family of Joan McDonald who died October 2, 2025.

The family of Jean Kenzie who died October 12, 2025.



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