

Hope Happenings

Connecting the congregation in ministry.

Hope Evangelical Covenant Church
451 Ackman Road
Crystal Lake, IL 60014

July-August 2011

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Youth Ministries



Adventure Club
MORE than a club—
it's an ADVENTURE

Resumes in
September

Adventure Club resumes Wednesday, September 21.
Watch for further details.

Vacation Bible School

The 2011 VBS had 85 children registered and 40 adult volunteers. It was a busy week as the children explored Nazareth, Where Jesus was a Kid. This year VBS was held in the evening, a first for Hope.

Vacation Bible School Mission Project— *Footballs-N-Flutes 4 Thailand*

This past week children at VBS have learned about ministering to children in Thailand by means of “Footballs” (soccer balls) and “Flutes” (similar to a recorder). By offering sports and music, along with English language classes, the children of remote village have an opportunity also hear about Jesus. Our Covenant missionaries are using these methods at their two camps and we have the opportunity to help them.

You may bring gently used “footballs” (soccer balls) or make a monetary contribution to the project. See the missionary table in the narthex. Checks should have a memo note of “VBS Missions.”

It is exciting that the children at Hope Covenant Church can have an impact clear around the world. Thank you for your participation.



MOPS
Fall Kickoff

MOPS exists to encourage, equip and develop every mother of preschoolers to realize her potential as a woman, mother and leader in the name of Christ Jesus. The theme for this MOPS year is Momsense. 2 Timothy 1:7 encourages us to use our gifts by being bold, loving and sensible. This year we will continue to embrace our mothering instincts and develop our own parenting style while navigating through the myriad of daily mom decisions.

We will kick off the year with an **open house** on Thursday, September 1, from 9:30-11:00 a.m. Stop by and bring friends. Come see what MOPS is all about. Registration forms will be mailed out at the end of July, and will be accepted through September. Contact MOPS Coordinators, Carrie McCune or Kristine Witt if you need additional information.

We are always in need of MOPPET volunteers. If you can spare a few hours on alternate Thursday mornings and would like to spend some time with the kids, please let us know.

Thank you to Hope Covenant for the continued support of this incredible ministry to the moms in our community!

Prayer Gathering

Tuesday Evenings, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

You are invited to participate in our weekly prayer gathering. It will be through prayer that we advance God's kingdom through Hope Covenant Church. No special skill required. Just come with your heart ready to pray. Together we bring requests, praise, and gratitude to God. All are welcome and encouraged to come.



“My house will be called a house
of prayer. . . .”
Matthew 21:13
Quoted from Isaiah 56:7.

Women Ministries Fall Fellowship Retreat:

September 23-25, 2011

Covenant Harbor Bible Camp, Lake Geneva, WI

Let's Go There!

Featuring Toni Schwabe, lifelong member of the Covenant. Toni has held different roles in Women Ministries, is a wife, mother, and grandma; and has written several articles for *InSpirit* Magazine. She is currently studying for her masters in Divinity at North Park Seminary.

There are 20 women from Hope already signed up! See Kim Olsen for more information.

Crystal Lake Food Pantry

- People desiring to serve at the Food Pantry, please contact Herb Snider.
- Contributions to the Food Pantry are always welcome. You will find boxes for your contribution outside the office door.

From the Church Chair, Tim McNaughton

Trustees

Please welcome Mike Dayton to the Board of Trustees filling the remaining 18 months of an open spot.

The Trustees now include:

Tim McNaughton - Chair
Al Winn - Vice Chair
Carrie McCune - Recording Secretary
Cindy Wegener - Treasurer
Paul Witt - Financial Secretary
Brian Brecheisen
Mike Dayton

Pastoral Search Committee

Committee members are:

Brian Brecheisen, Chair
Dave Caspari
Faith Gerber
Lisa Greenwood
Karaline Madigan
Rob Nicholas
Kate Norten, Recording Secretary
Brad Winn
Tim McNaughton, ex-officio

You will have opportunity for input regarding the pastoral needs at Hope Covenant Church. Watch your email and for an announcement and then do your part by responding. Your input is important and it does make a difference. It is your time to be heard!

Dare I pray that the Spirit would lead me into an ever deepening intimacy with God.

Student Ministries

For Junior and Senior High Youth

Junior High Youth - Sunday School at 10:45 a.m.

Girls Small Group (5th through 8th grades) meets every other week, Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Senior High Youth - Sunday School at 10:45 a.m.

Coming Events

Saturday, July 30, **3 on 3 Basketball Tournament.** Play starts at 10:00 a.m. Registration is free and the grand prize for the winning team is \$90! This is a deliberate attempt to reach out to our neighbors and our neighborhood so grab two friends and join in. Contact Matt to sign up your team-

Sunday School — 10:45 - 11:45 am

Children's (Intergenerational) Sunday School
'Discovering God's Word'.

Youth Sunday School class is in the Youth Room.

Second Hour - Adult Sunday School

10:45 - 11:45 a.m.

Studying the Bible together is one of the ways we can grow in our Christian walk. This summer there are two options for adults during Second Hour.

Adults are invited to the Intergenerational Sunday School Class for children and adults --
'Discovering God's Word' or
Contemporary Topics from a Christian View to help you live your daily Christian life.

Sign-ups are now being taken for families to host the Sunday morning coffee and cookie time.

Road Construction

We are currently right in the middle of construction on Rakow Road. For up-to-date information go to www.rakowroad.com

Service Opportunities

The Care Team would like you to consider serving. For more information on how to get involved contact Lynn Winn.

Can you help with transportation?

Providing transportation to and from Sunday Worship for those needing help. Please contact Pat Johnson.

Let's Celebrate Together

July Birthdays

2 Jennifer Breun
 2 Taylor Jackson
 4 Logan McCune
 4 Tracey Dayton
 6 Matthew Donigian
 7 Max Malone
 9 Amanda Sartell
 10 Drew Dayton
 10 Zach Malone
 13 Erika Gill
 14 John Breun
 20 Bohdan Hollensbe
 21 Kathy Malone
 21 Michelle Ellis
 25 Jim Busby
 25 Ricky Monbrod
 25 Tom Jorgensen
 28 Grant Kuligowski
 28 Michelle Mattes

August Birthdays

2 Dan Malone
 3 Josh Norten
 3 Steve Sartell
 4 Dan McCune
 6 Rich Monbrod
 8 Jimmy Lee
 8 Rob Nicholas
 9 Briana Carlson
 9 Sarah Wilcox
 10 Brian Stitle
 10 Janet Oates
 10 Martin Mattes
 12 Andrew Smith
 15 Annabella Getty
 15 Connor McCune
 15 Erin Smith
 15 Jordan Wenrich
 16 Joel Wenrich
 16 Suzy Lee
 17 Pat Johnson
 19 Julia Olsen
 19 Kevin Marshall
 21 Julie Szum
 24 Ed Ufheil
 28 Ron Knoll
 30 Adam Wojnicki
 30 Danny Wojnicki
 30 Lucas Wojnicki

July Anniversaries

2 Tim & Dar McNaughton	1988
4 Herb & Blanche Snider	1953
9 Ken & Aileen Otsuka	1946
11 Al & Lynn Winn	1981
22 Steve & Deborah Sartell	1977
27 Josh & Kate Norten	1996
29 Dan & Carrie McCune	2000
30 Dan & Rose McMullen	1977

August Anniversaries

1 Bob & Cynthia Hodill	1987
8 John & Julie Wenrich	1986
14 Scott & Tara Person	2010
16 Rob & Anita Wojnicki	1997
19 Dave & Pat Johnson	1962
21 Brian & Debbie Brecheisen	1976
24 Rich & Maggie Monbrod	1991
29 Jimmy & Suzy Lee	1981

Send a card, make a phone call or say it in person.
 Do say it someway!

Summer Sunday Worship at Covenant Harbor

The Covenant Harbor Summer Sunday Worship is open to the public. Services start at 10:30 a.m. After the service people can buy a grilled lunch or bring your own picnic. Swim and relax until 4:30 p.m.

July 17 - Rev. Derek Boggs

Pastor, Covenant Church, Princeton, IL

July 24 - Dr. R. Boaz Johnson

North Park University

July 31 - Rev. Peter Sung

Director Church Planting, Covenant Church

August 7 - Rev. Melissa Wall

Pastor, Deer Grove Covenant Church

Family Game Night

On Friday July 22nd from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. we will have a chance to hang out with our friends and family. The Fellowship team is hosting a Family Game Night! Dinner will be provided. Bring your family, friends, and your favorite card and/or board game.

Come for a fun night to connect with your Hope family, and to have some fun!

Contact Jenny Winn for more information



Pool Party

On Sunday afternoon August 14th we'll be meeting at the Huntley Health Bridge Fitness Center for a Splash Party! We will be using the outdoor swimming area. Look forward to sliding down a big water slide, using the concessions stand and the picnic areas. There will be life guards. All are welcome!



MOPS play in the parks!

We invite you to join us as we meet at different parks throughout the summer months. Check out the park schedule below and join us on these days from 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. for lots of outdoor fun!

July 21 - Deicke Park Huntley

August 4 - Angel Town Park Algonquin

August 18 - Sunset Park Lake in the Hills

* For more information or directions contact

Carrie McCune

Kristine Witt

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At Hope Covenant Church

Saturday Evening

5:30 pm Worship

Sunday Mornings

9:30 am Worship

10:45 am Sunday School
For all ages

Sunday Worship in July

July 17 - Pastor Matt King preaching
July 24 - Rev. Peter Sjoblom preaching
July 31 - Pastor Matt King preaching

Saturday Evening - 5:30 p.m. WORSHIP

You are always invited to attend our Saturday Evening Worship.

Worship Encounter

Sunday, July 17 at 6:00 p.m.

The entire congregation is invited to a time of worship that will remind you of Good Friday. Come expecting God's blessing! The service will be led by Pastor Matt.

Action Zone

During the Sunday morning Worship, the children are dismissed to Action Zone. The summer topic is "Wise words for our walk." The children will learn some of the big words of the Bible, their meaning and application. Let's go hiking!

Hope's Vision Statement

To serve the needs
of our communities' contemporary families,
focusing on the unchurched,
to find hope in Christ for today and eternity.

Our Church Library

The church library is there for your benefit. Make it a priority to visit the Library for reference material, books and CD / video / DVD recordings.

Please send newsletter contributions by
August 20
to <Dale.hopehap@sbcglobal.net> for the
September 2011 issue of *Hope Happenings*.

Your Church Leaders

Church Chair - Tim McNaughton

Church Vice Chair

also Board of Spiritual Life Chair - Al Winn

Pray for our military personnel

Mehrvarz Yavaliollah in Iraq

Give us the name(s) of other service personnel.