

Mt. Hope United Church of Christ

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HAPPY FALL



Mt. Hope Messenger October - 2022

I didn't know the real need until I stepped off the airplane and traveled 3 hours by "van" to a city called Santa Cruz del Quiche in Guatemala. In 2004, I was serving as the Associate Pastor of Youth and Children at a church in the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ. I was sent with a team to work with our Guatemala Missionary, Pablo Pitcher in a village that had been devastated by the 31 year civil war in the country. Over the course of 2 weeks, we helped this resilient village of Guatemalans build back their farm that had been devoured by the effects of war and corrupt power and hatred.

Each morning we ate a pancake with honey with a side of fried plantains and packed our bags for the day's work. We rode as far as we could travel in the bed of a pickup truck. When the road became impassable, the 8 of us piled out of the truck, and distributed all the tools among us leaving the daily supply of water and our meager lunch tied up in a handwoven blanket to be carried by the

strongest and sure-footed among us. The 2 miles of road was rocky, with washed out trenches and steep climbs up the hillside that led to an open space filled with green grass, trees, and people of the village. The locals were scared of us. We looked like some of the people that had helped destroy their land. We walked carefully, hoping that our body language and our faces exuded the kind of compassion we felt in our heart, the desire we had to meet them and befriend them, to be of help, not harm. By the end of the week we completed the fence around the 4 acre farm (that was a lot of holes to dig with a post-hole digger), planted a grove of elderberry and lime trees, found every patch of chiggers, made amazing friends, learned about the culture, the art, the fabric, the food, felt the joy of genuine hospitality, and even got a local who lived on the farm in the village to give a high five and the most beautiful smile I have ever seen.

The team was invited to dinner one night at a home of a young couple. They prepared the most amazing food for us; the tea made out of apple and pear peeling was divine! After dinner, we sat around the table speaking and waiting for Pablo to translate for us. When there was a lull in the conversation Maria Christina began to sing in Spanish the very song we had sung in our American church the month before, "God is here today, as certain as the air I breathe. As certain as the morning sun that rises, as certain as I sing God hears my song." The

world felt very small at that moment and God felt really big! So big as to connect people across the globe with one tiny, little song.

On Sunday, October 9th at 4:00 PM we will be walking in the CROP Walk at Mt. Hope. Consider your participation in this global event. CWS (Church World Services), the same organization that helped sponsor our trip to Guatemala, helps to distribute the funds collected during the CROP Walk to places in our country and all over the world that need it most. CWS helps communities grow food and tend to animals for milk and eggs and meat. They teach farming programs that not only help feed a community but also gives income to help the next community begin their efforts to have access to nutrition and income. 2 years ago, Mt. Hope raised over \$5000 for the CROP Walk. Let's do it again.

It is with our small acts of participation, in walking, donating, and praying that God's love grows bigger and bigger. Large enough to connect our resources with the world's greatest need. God IS here today, as certain as the air we breathe. As certain as the morning sun that rises, as certain as we sing God hears our song!

Courage for your journey—Pastor Kristin

Youth Corner

10/2 - Meeting 5 pm Youth Room

10/9 - CROP WALK @ 4 pm - register & get your sponsors

10/16 - Youth Corn Maze Outing - details to come

10/23 - Family Fall Festival 12 pm for all - details to come

10/30 - No meeting (Middle School Youth Retreat)



MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH RETREAT

WHEN: OCTOBER 28TH - 30TH

WHERE: Black Lake Retreat Center
Asheboro, NC

Please let Julianna know ASAP if you are interested in registering!

mthopeuccyyouth@gmail.com

Thank you!

The Youth Group would like to thank everyone that donated and supported the Make A Difference Day! It was a huge success and would not be possible without our great congregation and community always willing to make donations and support the youth. Below are some of the thank you notes received.

*On behalf of the residents at Alamance Plaza, thank you so much for bringing lunches to them last Saturday for Make a Difference Day! They enjoyed not only the food, but seeing you all! We appreciate your willingness to serve the residents here! Thank you for being a blessing!

Anna Green
Resident Services Coordinator

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Thank you for loving on us. God is great.

Regina Ashley, Apt #505

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*Your kindness and generosity are so appreciated. Thank you Again! Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to bring us old people lunch here at Alamance Plaza. May "GOD" bless.

Linda Smith, Apt. #402

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### FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS

Tuesday, October 18, 2022

10:00 am in the New Fellowship Hall

Please join us and help "fill the boxes". We will be filling Samaritan Purse Christmas shoe boxes for children. Since the boxes must be shipped by mid November, items have already been purchased to fill 28 boxes, and we need your help stuffing them. A full box will be placed in the Narthex for viewing this Sunday. The cost for filling and shipping each box is approximately \$25.00 (depending on contents). We would appreciate you funding a box or contributing toward the cost of this project which will provide Christmas for children. All are welcome, age does not matter! Lunch of pizza and salad will follow. Please join us!



October 17-23, 2022 DV Week

Every 9 secs, a woman in the U.S. is being beaten or assaulted by a current or ex significant other. One of 4 men are victims of some form of physical violence by an intimate partner. Here's another shocking statistic: the number of U.S. troops killed in Afghanistan and Iraq between 2001 and 2012 is 6,488. The number of women who were murdered by current or ex-male partners during that same time frame is 11,766, according to the Huffington Post.

Please if you are in a domestic violence situation. Reach out for help. You deserve to be treated well.

**National Domestic Violence Hotline**  
**1.800.799.SAFE (7233)**  
**TTY 1.800.787.3224**  
**Or visit [thehotline.org](http://thehotline.org) for more information on assistance.**

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### **Board of Christian Education**

The Board or Christian Education will be meeting October 2 at 2 p.m.



## **WISE TEAM**

COMING ATTRACTIONS



### **ALLIES FOR ADDICTION**

A peer led group to share mental health / addiction journeys for self or family members of those on the journey.  
Led by Alonzo Smith.

Where: Old Fellowship Hall

Time: 5 pm - 6 pm

When: 2nd Saturday of each month

10/8/22, 11/12/22, 12/10/22, & 1/14/23

### **"The Art of Caregiving"**

**Teepa Snow video workshop**

Watch for the date & time to come.....

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### **PEACEHAVEN FARM**

1458 NC Hwy 61, Whitsett, NC 27377

Peacehaven farm will be holding workdays coming soon. They have asked that we share the information and invite anyone that would like to lend a helping hand. The following are for this month:  
**October 8th & October 22nd**  
Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

### **Peacehaven 2022 Harvest Celebration!!**

**Coming Soon on October 23, 3-5 pm**

**Mark your calendars now for**

**Peacehaven's 2022 Harvest**

**Celebration. We will commemorate 15 years of community, relationships, and growth with food, fun, and fellowship.**

**And back by popular demand, we will have live music from the James Doak Connection (JDC) Band. We Hope to see you there!**



## Second Harvest Food Bank

We are very proud to announce that 2255 lbs of produce has been delivered this month to the Second Harvest Food Bank by Mt. Hope Church members and donated by Sawyer Farms. Also, 110.5 lbs. to Greensboro Urban Ministry! Thank you to all that assist in making this happen!

### YOGA BY SONIA

Yoga will no longer be in the morning. Both of the classes will be held at 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm in the evening on Monday & Thursday! Please join! Bring a friend or neighbor, all ages participate, and everyone is welcome!



### MT. HOPE BALLFIELD RESTORATION

Meeting  
October 6th @ 7 pm  
Mt. Hope Fire Department

- \*Ballfield Updates
- \*Community Plans
- \*Nominations of new Board Members



### FOR SALE ~ CANNED TOMATOES & JUICE

Please contact Brenda Currie at 336-697-1243 to purchase your canned tomatoes or tomato juice.

Juice ~ \$6 per quart  
Tomatoes ~ \$5 per quart  
Pints ~ \$2.50 (few available)

This year the proceeds will go to the Wishing Well Project at Mt. Hope Church.

We are in the process of raising \$3000.00 to build a well for a community that does not have clean drinking water. Recently, we have reached the halfway mark and raised \$1500.00.

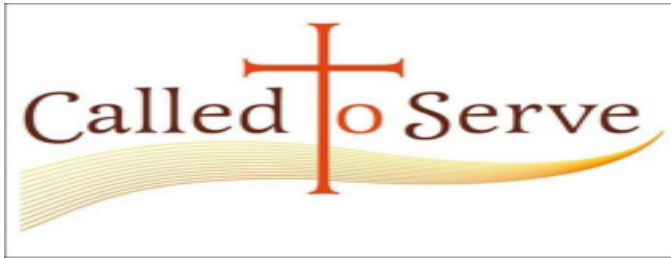
On Sunday's our little people and adults put their change in the well made for our sanctuary to remind us. So help us finish the well by purchasing tomatoes. We do ask in order to keep the cost this low, that jars are returned when emptied to Brenda Currie. Thank you!

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### **NEW ADDRESS:**

**Jim & Cathy Turner**  
**2839 East Lee Street**  
**Greensboro, NC 27406**





The Consistory administers the programs and business of the church on behalf of the Congregation. The Consistory meets on the second Thursday of each month with July as our sabbath and December is the Consistory Dinner followed by approval of the minutes and election of officers.

To be eligible to be nominated a member must be at least 18 years old.

It is recommended that you have 2 years of church membership at Mt. Hope.

The nominees will be voted on by the Congregation at our Congregational Meetings in November. If you would be interested in serving on the consistory, please see Gloria Apple.

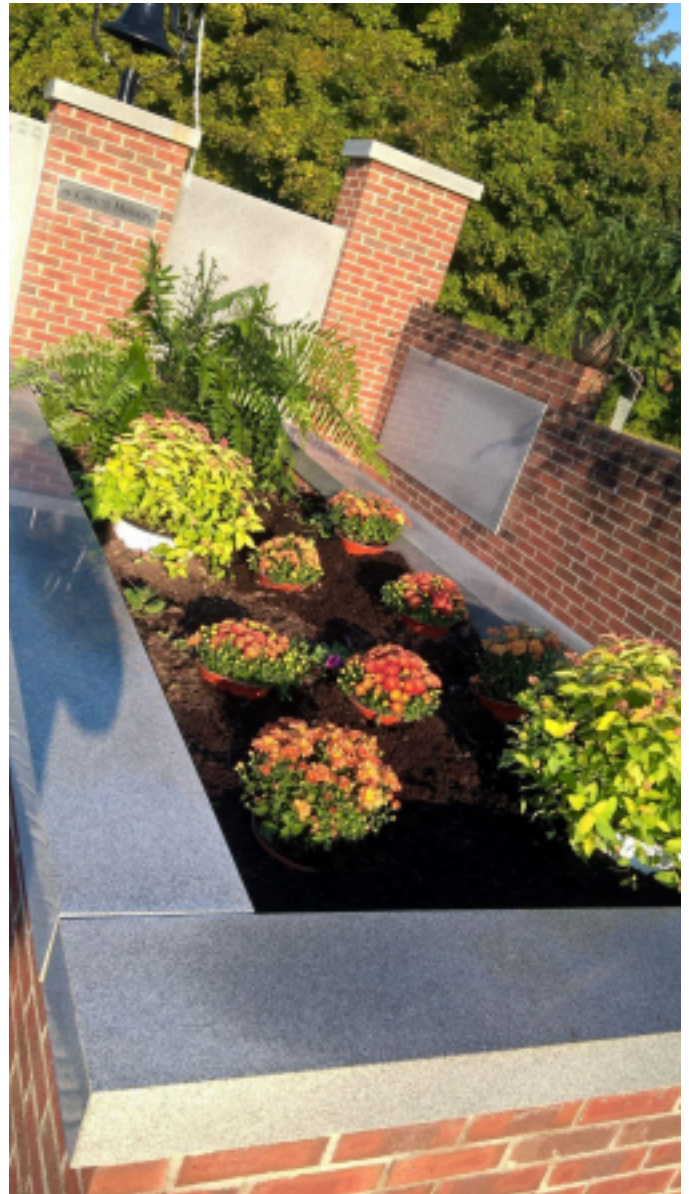
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**Tabernacle UMC Annual Brunswick Stew  
September 17, 2022, starting at 3:00 pm in  
Fellowship Hall Kitchen. \$8.00 quart. 5721  
Methodist Road, Gboro, NC 27406**

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***THANK YOU !!!!***



**A huge thank you to Cheryl Royal and Wes Royal for making sure the Garden was beautiful for Memorial Day. All those that assisted as well. They did a wonderful job and we appreciate you!**





# October Happenings

## **Sunday, October 2nd**

10:30 am Worship - World Communion Sunday  
11:30 am Gather, Learn, & Grow  
11:30 am Youth & Children Music  
2:00 pm BCE Meeting  
5:00 pm Youth meeting

## **Monday, October 3**

5:30 pm Yoga with Sonia

## **Tuesday, October 4**

7:00 pm Garden Club - NFH

## **Wednesday, October 5**

7:00 pm Choir Practice

## **Thursday, October 6**

5:30 pm Yoga with Sonia  
6:30 pm Wellness with Lorie OFH

## **Saturday, October 8**

10:00 am Wellness with Lorie OFH  
5:00 pm Allies for Addiction OFH

## **Sunday, October 9**

10:30 am Worship  
11:30 am Gather, Learn, & Grow  
11:30 am Youth & Children Music  
4:00 pm Crop Walk

## **Monday, October 10**

5:30 pm Yoga with Sonia

## **Wednesday, October 12**

7:00 pm Choir Practice

## **Thursday, October 13**

5:30 pm Yoga with Sonia NFH  
7:00 pm Consistory NFH

## **Sunday, October 16**

10:30 am Worship  
11:30 am Gather, Learn, & Grow  
11:30 am Youth & Children Music  
TBD Youth Corn Maze Outing

## **Monday, October 17**

5:30 pm Yoga with Sonia

## **Tuesday, October 18**

10:30 am Friends & Neighbors  
5:30 pm W.I.S.E. Meeting - NFH  
6:30 pm Stewardship - NFH

## **Wednesday, October 19**

7:00 pm Choir Practice

## **Thursday, October 20**

5:30 pm Yoga with Sonia  
7:00 pm Music & Worship

## **Sunday, October 23**

10:30 am Worship  
11:30 am Gather, Learn, & Grow  
11:30 am Youth & Children Music  
12:00 pm Family Fall Festival for everyone

## **Monday, October 24**

5:30 pm Yoga with Sonia

## **Wednesday, October 26**

7:00 pm Choir Practice

## **Thursday, October 27**

5:30 pm Yoga with Sonia

**Friday, October 28** - Middle School Retreat to Black Lake

## **Sunday, October 30**

10:30 am Worship  
11:30 am Gather, Learn, & Grow  
11:30 am Youth & Children Music  
No Youth Meeting

## **Monday, October 31**

5:30 pm Yoga with Sonia  
Happy Halloween!



## October Birthdays

1st Reagan Whitman  
Jack Branson  
3rd Kimberly Shinn  
5th Cindy McGee  
Alan Levens  
6th Lydia Sbityakov  
Travis Staley  
Devin Knowles  
7th Cason Shinn  
Melinda Kozak  
8th Linday Ayers  
9th Bobby Hancock  
Betty Neese  
10th Bernell Holyfield  
12th Patricia Huizinga  
Robin Gerner  
Adam Kirkpatrick  
14th Bill Craft  
15th Kristen Greeson  
Goldie Sawyer  
20th Don Perkins  
21st Karla Tucker  
Melissa Greeson

22nd Mike Vaughn  
William Oehling  
Sara Oehling  
23rd Jacob Arrington  
Kevin Greeson  
Kelly Greeson  
Cindy Hamlett  
25th Linda Kirkman  
Barry Bradsher  
27th Betty Tucker  
28th Luka Sbityakov  
Nikolai Sbityakov  
29th Michael Hughes  
30th Debra Prater  
Gary Strader  
31st Nancy Phipps  
Brittany Reece  
Dana Swaney

## 👉 October Anniversaries 👉

10/14 Jonathan & Peggy Kilby  
10/18 Phillip & Stephanie Strouth



## **Health Care Center**

Alamance House R. Denny Ingold (#112)  
Clapp's Nursing Center Robert Ingold (#710)  
Ralph Scott Homes Betty Kim Settlemyre  
Twin Lakes Darlene Cherry (#315)  
Clapps Nursing Center Jeanne Ingold (#807)  
White Oak Manor Robin Gerner (#305)

## **Mt. Hope Military Connections**

Scott Amick  
Kyle Gerner  
Josh Ellis

Grant Harden  
Abigail Thompson  
Michael Terraforte



## **Members, Friends, & Relatives**

Betty & Richard Kime  
Pat Levens  
LuEller Ingold  
J.R. Shoffner  
Bill and Peggy Welker  
Lloyd & Sylvia Gilliam  
Sharon Nance  
Mandy Levens  
Libby Lowdermilk  
Ukraine & people of Russia  
Goldie Sawyer  
Joan May  
Noral & Cindy Belvin  
Peggy Greeson  
Seth Heineman  
Mary Lou  
Tom Marker  
Family of Rev. Bill Zima  
Family of Tommy Woodard

Allen Cole  
Clifton Greeson  
Celeste Currie Perrell  
Jimmy Greeson  
Anne Bryant  
Jerry Greeson  
Virginia Barker  
Tyler Stewart  
Adelita Swaim  
Larry May  
Betty Greeson  
Martha Greeson  
Michael Hughes  
Marge - Sister to Marcia Cham  
Ryan & Megan Marlow  
Barbara Gryder  
Maria Woodard Butler  
Jeanne Ingold  
Dianne Forbis Clapp