

December 2024 Calendar

Sunday, December 1

No Youth Group

Tuesday, December 3

8:00am White Cross

6:30pm Hope Knitters

Wednesday, December 4

10:00am Women's Book Study

10:30am Word and Prayer

5:30pm Family Meal – Hot Dogs

6:30pm AWANA-Goofy Glasses Night

6:30pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 5

8:30am Men's Small Group

6:30pm Women's Book Study

Pastors & Elders at Hope

Visit our staff page on our website for a full list and contact info.

Mickey Klink

Senior Pastor

Greg Lynas

Pastor of Worship & Implementation

Casey Ehlers

Pastor of Discipleship & Hospitality

Jonathan Mills

Pastor of Student Ministries

Mark Tichgelaar

Elder Chairman

Ed Kipp, Olle Larson,
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Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday

9:00 AM to 3:00 PM



"Building a community that loves Christ to reach a community that needs Christ."

December 1, 2024

Sunday Worship 8:00 AM and 10:45 AM

- Nursery & preschool care are provided during services for children ages 5 and under
- You can download or watch today's sermon on hefc.net or on our YouTube channel Hope Church Roscoe

Growth Hour 9:30 AM – 10:15 AM

- *Harvest: The Reproducing Church* by Mickey Klink, Greg Lynas, and Casey Ehlers
- High School Class in Fireside Room
- Middle School Class upstairs in The Loft
- 4th and 5th Grade in Classroom 10
- Elementary School in Drake Hall
- Preschool in Rooms 1 – 3

Download our app Church Center and have access to:

- Upcoming events
- Prayer requests
- Ministry information
- Library catalog
- Church directory
- Previous sermons

Welcome Cart:

Visit the cart in the lobby to pick up the following:

- Kids' activity bags
- Assisted listening devices
- Regular and Large Print Daily Bread booklets
- Printed song lyrics
- Connect Cards



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box as you exit



On our website
www.hefc.net



On our app
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Ways to Give:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advent starts today! A booklet resource is again available. Pick up one today at the Welcome Cart in the lobby.

Christmas Caroling: Join us as we visit some of those in our church body, singing good news with great joy! There are three different caroling times and days you can choose from on December 9 from 1-3pm, December 13 from 1-3pm, and December 17 from 6-8pm. This is a family friendly event, open to all ages. Register on our app or at the kiosks in the lobby or contact Glenna for questions [choirdirector@hefc.net].

Christmas Eve Service times this year are Tuesday, December 24 at 2:30pm and 4:00pm.

Register for the **2025 Women's Retreat**. They will be at Covenant Harbor February 28-March 2 for a two-night retreat. This year's theme is "Anchored in Christ."



What Is a Deacon?

3rd in the “Deacon” Series

Acts 6:1-6 and 1 Timothy 3:8-13

December 1, 2024

Pastor Mickey Klink

Introduction: In these texts, God reveals the nature and responsibility of the office of deacon.

- 1) By the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the apostles established the office of deacon to work under and with the office of pastor-elder (Acts 6).
- 2) The office of deacon is commissioned by the office of elder to do significant leadership tasks of the church, with special attention to care and support (1 Timothy 3).
- 3) God’s design for a local church involves the foundational offices of elder and deacon and the support of many volunteers.
 - a) Elders – The overall leaders and shepherds who oversee the vision and mission of the church.
 - b) Deacons – The ministry leads and staff who oversee core ministries or aspects within the church.
 - c) Volunteers – The many people who fill the many ministry roles and tasks in the church.

TASK	ELDER	DEACON	VOLUNTEER
Corporate Worship	Preaching, sacraments, and any pastoral elements	Worship planner/lead, choir director, children’s talk, testimony, Scripture reader	Usher, greeter, worship team, scripture reader, sound tech, etc.
Leading	Oversight and leadership of the vision and mission of the church	Children’s lead, treasurer lead, women’s/men’s lead, board chairs (e.g., trustees, missions), staff	Member of board, member of a leadership team (e.g., women’s ministry)
Shepherding	Oversee membership, member care, and church discipline	Congregational care and/or visitation lead, small groups lead, hospitality/“diaconate” lead	Member of care/visitation team, lead small group, member of “diaconate”
Teaching	Preaching, defining and guarding church doctrine	Growth hour lead, primary teacher	Teacher in kid’s, youth, and adult ministries

Response

Lord, help us to be a church in which “each part does its work” (Eph 4:16).

Sunday Text Questions
Acts 6:1-6 and 1 Timothy 3:8-13
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Read the text aloud and discuss together any significant observations or issues needing clarification.

- 1) What examples of poor or even corrosive church leadership have you heard about? What does good and healthy leadership look like?
- 2) Read Acts 6:1-6. How did the need for the office of deacon arise, and how was its leadership and ministry intended to benefit the early church?
- 3) Read 1 Timothy 3:8-13. What qualifications for the office of deacon stand out to you, and what do they suggest about the nature and importance of the role?
- 4) Unlike the office of pastor-elder, which has a gender qualification (in complementarian churches), the office of deacon can (and should) be filled by both men and women. How is that both helpful and significant?
- 5) What is the difference between an elder, a deacon, and a volunteer, and how does understanding those different roles in a church help make sense of a church's structure?
- 6) In what ways are you serving at Hope Church? How has this short series on the office of deacon helped you understand the many parts of a church and the variety of ministry tasks?
- 7) In what other ways, if any, did this passage speak into your life to teach, rebuke, correct, or train you in righteousness (cf. 2 Timothy 3:16)?

Further study this week: Passages related to the message of this week's text: Philippians 2:3 (Mon); Isaiah 41:10 (Tues); 2 Timothy 1:7 (Wed); Luke 22:26 (Thurs); 1 Timothy 4:8 (Fri).



Creative Caring Night

Put together a plate of cookies for your neighbor!

Monday, December 16, at 6:30pm

For this event, you should bring the following:

- One dozen cookies on a plate to exchange and give away (homemade or store bought)
- Half dozen cookies on a plate for taste testing that night
- Christmas ribbon to share
- A plate you would like to place your cookies on to give to your neighbor

We will provide:

- Cellophane type materials to wrap the cookies
- Mini tags
- A casual place to gather
- Testimonials on creative caring
- Conversations

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This year, we will have 4 categories of competition, with a max of 5 chili's in each category. Once a category has 5 registrations, it will be locked. Prizes will be awarded for best chili in each category!

The chili categories are:

- Mild
- Medium
- Hot
- Wildcard (blonde or any other unique flavor/recipe)

After the event, please stay for a night of fellowship and games.

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