

Good Hope's

Good News

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Our Mission Statement

*We are the people of God
shaped by Jesus Christ
and transformed by the Holy
Spirit into a community for
others.*

A Message from Ben

Hello, People of Good Hope!

It's October! That seems obvious outside and in the stores that are thinly veiling the Christmas trees behind 10 foot tall dog skeletons and fake cobwebs. (Who needs fake cobwebs? We have too many real ones.) For me, I finally get a break. September was difficult with lots of official work, family obligations, and the first full semester of classes at seminary. I was able to take all of October off at Greenfield Village and the rest of the year is a lighter schedule. Those family obligations will become quality time if I can slow down a bit.

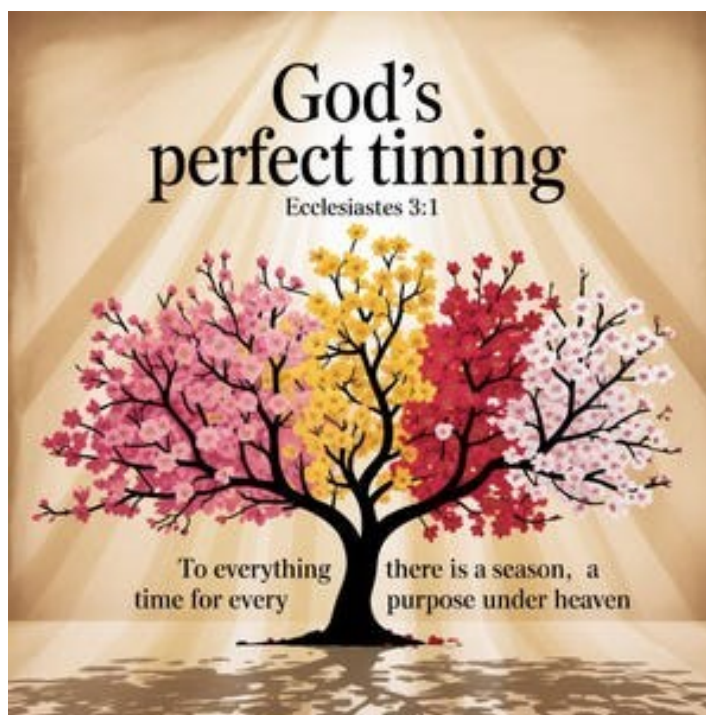
In the church year, we're in the season of Ordinary Time. We count our Sundays after Pentecost. October 4th is the 19th Sunday after Pentecost. We have 7 more Sundays after that before we enter Advent and a new church year. We have a tendency to let these weeks accelerate us into December and Christmas. I can't really talk, on October 1st, I'll be singing Christmas carols with 350 jolly, bearded men.

I don't think we need to draw lines on the calendar for when things must start and stop. Instead, we should be mindful of our pace. Are we going so fast toward a goal that we forget to appreciate where we are? Are we forgetting WHO'S we are?

Ecclesiastes 3 tells us there's a time for all things, but it's rhythm suggests a slowing down, not that our work improve or to be lazy. This slowing down let's us take notice of all the things around us, all the things that God has made possible for us.

Let's try that this month. If you see me doing otherwise, gently remind me.

(Just) Ben, SAM



Financial Corner – for August 2026

Worship Offering (non-designated offerings) vs. Budget:

Our monthly budget requirement is \$14,715 (Annual Budget of \$176,580 / 12 Months).

August's worship offering (non-designated offering):

August offering: \$10,316

30% rental income \$ 240

Monthly budget: \$14,715

Monthly offering higher / (lower) than budget: \$(4,159)



2026 Year to Date:

YTD Offering: \$ 78,497

YTD 30% rental income \$ 6,780

YTD Budget \$117,720

YTD Offering higher/(lower) than Budget \$(32,443)

Worship Offering (non-designated offerings) including 30% rental income vs. Expenses

August offering: \$ 10,316

30% rental income \$ 240

August expenses \$(11,444)

Monthly offering higher / (lower) than expenses \$(888)

YTD Offering \$ 78,497

YTD 30% rental income \$ 6,780

YTD Expenses \$(108,906)

YTD offering higher / (lower) than expenses \$(23,629)

Please note: The above schedule represents budget items and does not include funds collected for dedicated funds (e.g., Food Pantry, Tim Hall Fund, Good Sam, Memorial Funds, or other special offerings) and does not include special and unbudgeted expenses (e.g., furnace or A/C replacement.) It includes 30% of the rental income.

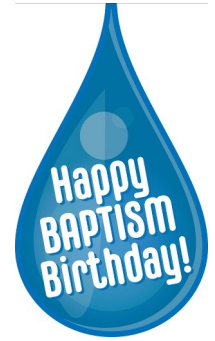


On Sunday, November 1st, we will be remembering all the saints who have gone before us, naming those who have passed away since last November 1st. Please let the office know (734-427-3660) if there is anyone you would like named. After remembering those who have recently died, members of the congregation will have an opportunity to come forward and light a votive in memory of their loved ones who are now with the Lord.



10/01 Diane Rinehart
 10/02 Shirlee Pakkala
 10/05 Alexandra Griwicki
 10/07 Tricia Fielhauer
 10/07 KC Griwicki
 10/08 Kristen Bledsoe
 10/16 Lois Pike
 10/22 Suzanne Kirsch
 10/24 Harland Guffey
 10/31 Peggy Branka

OCTOBER BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

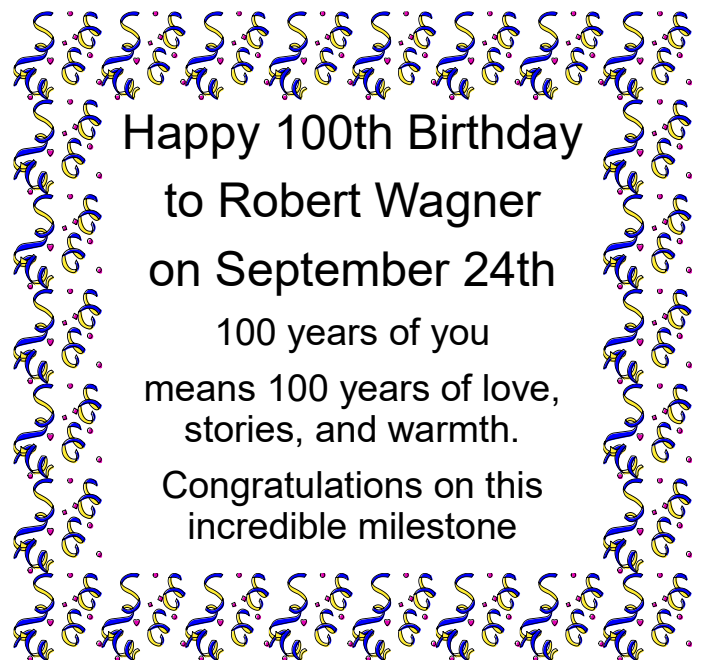


10/12 Beth Maynard
 10/13 Aaron Sherman
 10/17 Lisa King
 10/17 Bennett Wiles
 10/17 Kiyah Wiles
 10/19 Stella Blalock
 10/19 Beverly Doom
 10/19 Virginia Hall
 10/22 Hailey King
 10/29 Mike Bachorik
 10/31 Jeremiah Herrington

If you know the date of your Baptism and would like to be included in the Baptismal birthdays, please let the office know.



10/13	Chris & Aubrey Harding	8 years
10/20	Jon & Nancy Mincovsky	26 years
10/22	Russ & Jan Juliette	5 years
10/25	John & Diane Rinehart	46 years



Happy 100th Birthday
 to Robert Wagner
 on September 24th

100 years of you
 means 100 years of love,
 stories, and warmth.

Congratulations on this
 incredible milestone

News from the Pews—October 2026

(Council Prez. Diane Rinehart [aka Di])

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." Ecclesiastics 3:1

Greetings, my friends!

Well, it has been three months now since Preacher Ben has joined us. I'm so happy to have heard many good compliments on not only Ben's preaching, but also how he leads confirmation, what he brings to all our ministry meetings, his open-door policy, and his communication with the congregation. We are truly blessed to have Ben with us for at least the next several months.

We had our annual outdoor service with a picnic in early September. Couldn't have asked for better weather! The service was wonderful, the picnic had lots of delicious food and the games, as always, were lots of fun! Unfortunately, our attendance was quite low this year. If you did not attend due to the location or the time of year, please be sure to let us know that. We can always make some adjustments to ensure we are capturing most of the congregations' wishes. There is a lot of work that goes into planning this service/picnic day with only a handful of folks to do all the work. So, a bigger attendance would show that this is indeed a fellowship event ya'll want to continue. Thank you for supporting our fellowship events.

Our choir returned on September 20th. What a blessing! Presently there are only four members singing. We are always looking for additional voices. Remember the saying: Sing a joyful noise unto the Lord. This means YOU! All are welcome to come and sing with us. Practices are on Wednesday at 7pm in room #9.

I would like to share with you that Pr. David Wilburn will be installed as First New Life's (the church that uses the lower level) head Pastor. They will be using our Sanctuary on Sunday, October 18th at 2:00 in the afternoon. It's always a pleasure sharing our beautiful worship space with First New Life and they have extended much gratitude once again for us allowing them to use our space. They will also be using the upper hall afterwards for a celebration dinner. So, if you happen to drive by the church that afternoon and wonder why all the cars, now ya know!

Couple reminders:

- ♦ All Saints Day is November 1, when we remember all our brothers and sisters called home to their eternal resting place from November 2, 2025-November 1, 2026.
- ♦ Confirmation Sunday, November 8.
- ♦ Don't forget there is an 'Ask the Council' box in the narthex to drop in any questions you may have.

Peace & Blessings,
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Please Remember to keep....

*Kevin Clarey, Geri Daniels, Lisa Donfried, Beverly Doom, Steve Fritz, Groh Family, Michael Hicks, Donna Kanowski, Ken Konsdorf, Ann Mattson, Vaughn Mattson, Sloan McClellan, Bill Monson, Shirlee Pakkala, Dorothy Sweda, Glenda Taylor, Jessica Thomas, Bob Wagner, Gail White, Beverly Wolff, Roy, Jodi, Sue, Oliver, Leona, Alannah, Ron, Tommy & Good Hope.....****In your prayers.***

If you are in need of prayers call the church office at **734-427-3660.**



Christian Symbols



LAMP — In Bible times, lamps were small but essential sources of light, especially during the dark hours of night. Scripture often uses the image of a lamp to represent God's guidance, truth and wisdom. Psalm 119:105 says, "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path," reminding believers that God's Word directs each step of life. Jesus' parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids also connects the lamp with wisdom and spiritual readiness (Matthew 25:1-13). In addition, the lamp is sometimes used to symbolize the indwelling of the Holy Spirit and the gift of life itself. Because of these meanings, the lamp has become a lasting symbol of God's guidance, faithful living and the light of Christ shining in the darkness.

Bible Quiz



Psalm 103 (ESV) begins: "Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his _____." What should we "not forget"?

- A. goodness
- B. kindness
- C. gifts
- D. benefits

Look for answer elsewhere

The Worship Board decided to have one Christmas Eve service on Dec 24, 2026.

This is due to several factors:

1. Attendance has been going down at both the 7:00 and the 11:00 service for the last several years.
2. It has been difficult to find people to usher, read, serve Communion and assist at the 11:00 service.
3. It is an incredible amount of work for the Altar Guild to refresh the pew candles, set up Communion, and rearrange the flowers between the 7:00 and 11:00 services and then clean up after the 11:00 service, not leaving church until 1:00am.

We are asking for your opinion. We would like to find out which service you would attend. All times will be a candle light service. Please take this survey as an individual (multiple family members please use different survey sheets) and mark only **one service time**.

4:00pm _____ 7:00pm _____ 9:00pm _____ 11:00pm _____

We are also interested in your opinion about Blue Christmas. We are thinking about not having this service since there was very little attendance last year. This service is held on Dec. 21, the first day of winter. Should we cancel this service? Yes _____ No _____

Please vote only once. Thank you for your attention to these matters. The Worship Board

Tim Hall News

The weather is starting to get colder and we are now starting to collect warm gloves for men and women again. We will also be collecting hand and foot warmers as well. We have added rain ponchos to the Amazon wishlist. Things like chapstick and warm socks are going to be very needed.

Here is an updated list of items we need for our backpacks of blessings.

Backpacks, Vienna sausages, Trail mix, Slim Jim's, deodorant, Pairs of warm socks, pb crackers, Tuna pouches, Applesauce or fruit pouches, chewy granola bars, rolls of toilet paper, bars of soap, washcloths, nutra grain bars, wet wipes, hand sanitizer, bags of cookies, toothbrushes, toothpaste, bandaids, Body wipes, fruit snacks, candy not chocolate please, men's and women's gloves, ponchos, hand and foot warmers, chapstick



An Invitation from WELCA

WELCA is sponsoring a free catered luncheon in Volkmar Hall on November 22nd following the worship service for the congregation as a thank you for all the support over the years. Everyone is invited. There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex on November 1, 8, and 15. We ask that if you plan to attend please sign up as we will be ordering according to the list.

Quilter's Update, October 2026

The annual "Ingathering" of Lutheran World Relief (LWR) quilts is underway. Quilters all around the United States will gather, box and drop off the past years production of handmade quilts to local drop off points. LWR volunteers will then consolidate and forward the quilts to a national location for distribution around the world and places in the United States where help is needed due to a devastating event. This year, GHLC's donation will be approximately 25 quilts measuring 60" x 80". **The Quilts will be blessed during worship service on Sunday, October 11th.**

A new quilt tracking tool has been developed by LWR that will let us know the destination of our quilts. Thank you, to all who participated in the efforts and to those who donated fabric materials for the quilts.

All are welcome to drop in when the group meets on the second and fourth Wednesday at 9:30 am to noon, September thru May.



KID'S PAGE

Give Thanks with Music



What you need:

- 3 small coffee cans with lids
- 1/2 cup dry pinto beans
- 1/2 cup unpopped popcorn
- 1/2 cup uncooked rice
- Heavy-duty tape
- Construction paper
- Glue
- Scissors
- Markers or crayons for decorating



What you do:

1. Put the beans in one can, the popcorn in another, and the rice in the third.
2. Secure the lids and tape around the rims.
3. Cover the cans with construction paper and glue it in place.
4. Decorate the cans with markers or crayons.
5. Shake the cans to hear the different sounds, then use them to make joyful music for the Lord!



PUZZLE



A Family of Prayer

Acts tells us about a man named Cornelius. He was a Roman soldier who worshiped God and prayed with his family. God used Cornelius to help Peter learn an important truth: God welcomes everyone who loves Him and does what is right.

Solve the math problems using the grid. Then use the key to find the letter for each answer. Write each letter on the blank to discover what Cornelius and his family did.

GRID	
A	B
2	4
C	D
6	5

KEY

a = 7 e = 8
i = 10 o = 9
u = 11 y = 6

"He _____nd _____ll h_____s f_____m _____l _____
A+C A+D A+D B+C A+D B+C A+B

w_____r_____d_____v_____t_____nd
A+C A+C A+C B+D C+D A+D

G_____d-f_____r_____ng; h_____g_____v_____
B+D A+C A+D B+C A+C A+D A+C

g_____n_____r_____sl_____t_____th_____s_____n
A+C A+C B+D C+D A+B B+D B+D A+C B+C

n_____d_____nd pr_____y_____d t_____G_____d
A+C A+C A+D A+D A+B A+C B+D

r_____g_____l_____rl_____." _____cts 10:2, NIV
A+C C+D A+D A+B A+D

Answers: "He and all his family were devout and God-fearing; he gave generously to those in need and prayed to God regularly." Acts 10:2, NIV