

# The Visitor

Complex world. Thoughtful church.

June 2024 No. 20-06



Clockwise from top left: Donna Parry marks a cross and offers a blessing to Julaine Kobiske during Hope Diamonds; PEASE Academy students and staff; Hope Diamonds senior group on a Wednesday afternoon; the Book of Job Bible study (thanks to John Setterlund for leading the series); our crew packing food at Every Meal; brand new green paraments (lovingly created by Lisa Morse and Pauline Hendrickson in conversation with Beata Rydeen) will be blessed on June 2; Pastor Jen enjoying a Fellowship Meal; and (center) the Wild Church gathering spot (now called Wild Hope) at a local park in May—watch for the dates and join in this summer.

This issue of The Visitor is packed with pictures. Find them throughout, especially pages 6, 9, and 11.

#### **Grace and Peace to You, Beloved of Christ Jesus**

My days as your lead pastor are numbered. My heart is full and grateful. You've welcomed me into sacred moments and precious conversations. We have laughed and cried, sometimes disagreed, worked shoulder to shoulder, worshiped regularly, and prayed entrusting the unknowns of this life to God. Together we've listened for the Spirit's call and stretched into the neighborhood, standing up for peace, welcoming our immigrant kin, continuing to come to terms with race and power.

These last weeks since my election as bishop of Minneapolis Area Synod have been a whirlwind. How does it feel? Bittersweet. Saying good-bye is hard and I've so enjoyed this ministry with you at University Lutheran Church of Hope, and, at once, I'm excited about the adventures to come. You will go with me for you've had a hand in shaping how I do



ministry and the ways I lead. Through you I have experienced grace, in you I have found the face of Christ, and from you I have received far more than I have given. Thank you. Sunday, June 9 will be my last with you in worship in this capacity. I hope many can join in that special time of Godspeed for our family (Jane, Nyix, Alice, and me), and the gathering our leaders have planned. I value this time of closure. After June 9 I'll take some time to pack up my office, sort files, and make notes with the goal of as smooth a transition as possible. I'm looking forward to some vacation and time with family.

Our congregation is in the middle of a lot right now. Of course the leaders are arranging for an interim pastor to team up with Pastor Maria. We've recently heard from our Minister of Worship and Music, Robert Ragoonanan that July 21 will be his final Sunday with us, so there also is attention to coverage for this key role in worship leadership. We have surpassed our goal for the Opening Doors Two Capital Appeal (thank you!) and a number of capital projects are in the works including the installation of new sanctuary doors later this summer and at some point the start of the grand piano rebuild.

For the generous donation, the four exploration groups I wrote about last month are bringing forward proposals for next steps. The Vision and Governance Board will act on these proposals late in June. In some cases these are very specific expenditures (such as particular furniture for the lounge, another restroom near the lounge, a renewed kitchenette), and in other cases the groups are ear marking what will be needed for programs related to wellness and to some of the themed programming with the hope of pilot projects coming soon. The group I have been most involved with is Hospitality Spaces. Members of the group have been working hard: visiting other spaces, dreaming about the needs, checking out furniture, planning and designing, getting bids, engaging electricians. While this can feel like it is taking forever, I hope you can see the energy being expended, the thought about our neighbors and congregation, and the big strides. Please join me in celebrating the steps along the way. I look forward to visiting in the future and checking out the changes!

#### A few thoughts:

<u>Grief and Anxiety.</u> I'm feeling the tears and I know the grief is real. We're each experiencing this in our own ways. I honor that. With this much change, anxiety is normal. There'll be some rocky times. Our congregational leaders and pastors will do their best to help manage this anxiety. I hope you'll be aware of how it might be popping up interactions, in meetings, in groups.

<u>Trust and abundance</u>. University Lutheran Church of Hope is blessed with really strong and capable leaders. We are in a good spot financially. God has led you, is leading you, and will continue to lead you, and so will the Hope leaders. I trust that completely. This is a good opportunity to lean into this trust and keep watching for where and how the Spirit is taking our congregation.

<u>Expectations and celebrations</u>. Our staff and leaders are seeking realistic expectations. They want to do right by the congregation and they'll do their best. Please watch for their communication and invitations for input. I hope you'll find opportunities to celebrate along the way.

<u>People.</u> At times like this, sometimes it may seem like people are falling between the cracks. Please keep an eye out for this. If you don't see someone, reach out, engage, error on the side of connecting. As we've experienced, technology can be such a help but sometimes emails go to junk and our tech systems have problems. If you aren't getting communication or if you are in need of pastoral care, please contact the church office (<u>ulch@ulch.org</u>, 612-331-5988) or talk with a pastor. We don't ever want people to fall between the cracks. We want to walk with you during this time.

<u>Grace and peace</u>. Through all this, the grace and peace of Jesus Christ will surround and keep you. Thank you for showing me that grace over these nine years. You are forever in my heart and in my prayers.

Pastor Jen Nagel

#### **Worship and Music**

**Summer Worship Time Change:** We are now worshiping at 10 a.m. using our summer schedule.

**Holden Evening Prayer Around the World - June 5, 7 p.m. in the Courtyard:** Join us this evening in worshipping together with churches around the world, using Marty Haugen's Holden Evening Prayer. James Flaten will also provide astronomy projections for this service.

Music Series Courtyard Concert - Vocal Music of the Americas, June 7, 7 p.m.: Join baritone Mark Billy and pianist Robert Ragoonanan out in the ULCH courtyard for an evening of music celebrating the diversity of the Americas, featuring music from Indigenous, European, African, and Latino composers.

Outdoor worship setup volunteers needed. We are hoping to have outdoor worship

approximately once a month this summer, but to do this we really need more volunteers to help us setup beforehand. Please email Robert Ragoonanan (<a href="mailto:robertr@ulch.org">robertr@ulch.org</a>) if you're available to help out. Our volunteer list for this task is very small and we could really use more people to share the load.

**Soloists and ensembles for worship are welcome!** If you play an instrument or sing and would like to offer a piece of music in worship, please let me know! Our congregation has many musicians of all ages, and all are welcome to share their gifts. All are welcome, anytime.





On May 19<sup>th</sup> in worship we shared that our Minister of Worship and Music, Robert Ragoonanan, has accepted a position at Westminster Presbyterian in Grand Rapids, Michigan. His last Sunday will be July 21, 2024. We give thanks for Bobby's musical gifts, energy, creativity, leadership, and care over these last 2 ½ years. Bobby will be missed greatly. Our congregational leaders are considering next steps for worship leadership later this summer, and the shape of the position as we move toward hiring someone new. We will share more as the process evolves.

President Linda Herman, Congregational President

#### **Godspeed and Farewell Celebration for Pastor Jen and Family**

Come to Pastor Jen's Farewell Celebration praying Godspeed for Pastor Jen, Jane, Nyix and Alice on Sunday June 9<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Jen's last Sunday at Hope. After the service everyone is invited to a Farewell Celebration in the Fellowship Hall in honor of Pastor Jen and her family. Please join us for a Taco bar, cake and program to celebrate all she has meant to Hope.

If you would like to contribute financially to a gift for Pastor Jen from the congregation you can do so online (write Pastor Jen Farewell in the box), by placing a check in the offering plate (with a memo about Jen's Farewell) or send a check to the church office.

Those who are unable to attend in person can watch it on Zoom or Youtube afterwards utilizing the same link as Sunday morning worship.

## **Hope Diamonds**

Our most senior members will gather for a soup lunch and fellowship on Wednesday, June 19th from 12:30-2 p.m. All are welcome! We'd love to see you! Contact Pastor Maria if you'd like to attend. Rides are available.

### **Children's Ministry**

Happy summer! There are some of wonderful opportunities for Children to engage in camp and faith formation over the summer - we hope to see you there and around church over these summer months.

# **Wild Church Gathering**

This month, we will partner with St. John's Episcopal Church in South Minneapolis for a special solstice Wild Church gathering on June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4:00pm at Hidden Falls north



entrance. People of all ages are welcome. We will gather around story, song, and the practice of connecting with our kin in the natural world - the plants, critters, stone, and water. Come with an open heart and an open mind, ready to be moved. Contact Pr. Maria (<a href="mariaa@ulch.org">mariaa@ulch.org</a>) or check out the Facebook Event for more information.

# **Family Social Time**

Join other families with children of all ages for a low-key Taco Night in the courtyard at church on Saturday, June 1st at 4:30 p.m. Our hope is to start and end early enough for our littlest friend's bedtimes. The Children's Ministry Team will provide all the taco fixings (shells, beans, meat, rice, cheese, lettuce, salsa) and all are welcome to bring something additional to share, if you can. If not, just show up and enjoy some food and good company. Contact Pr. Maria (mariaa@ulch.org) with questions or let us know you're planning to come!

### **Summer Spiritual Direction Group at Hope**

In times of change, when there are many, many unknowns and life feels chaotic, we need our spiritual practices more than ever. In order to help support that, Pastor Maria will be offering a Spiritual Direction Group focused on practices to help us move through a chaotic time in community. Spiritual direction is a practice of deep listening that often happens between one person and their spiritual director. However, it can also be practiced in community, where each person in the group participates as "sharer" and as "listener." It can be a very powerful and deepening experience to listen openly to the ways that God is working and moving in the lives of another. This group will meet for 6 Mondays - June 17th, 24th, July 1st, 8th, 22nd, 29th - in the evening. (Exact time will be determined when we have a group together.) Contact Pastor Maria if you have any questions or if you're interested in participating, (mariaa@ulch.org).

# **Hope Birthdays**

Let's celebrate! The birthday list below is of Hope's members who are 80 years and older, in addition to some who may be homebound, living in assisted living or a care center. Their contact information is in the ULCH directory. A phone call, card, or note from folks in our community is always appreciated!

#### **June Birthdays**

June 7<sup>th</sup> – Jeanne Berkeland June 12<sup>th</sup> – Vadim Hillebrand

June 15<sup>th</sup> – Mary Sorensen June 18<sup>th</sup> – Lyle Lutz

June 19<sup>th</sup> – Joan Campbell June 30<sup>th</sup> – Marge Halvorson

#### **July Birthdays**

July 10<sup>th</sup> - Marilyn Asp

July 20<sup>th</sup> – Pauline Hendrickson

July 20th – Nancy Miller – 80!

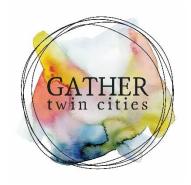
July 23<sup>rd</sup> – Dick Hendrickson

July 26<sup>th</sup> – Sharon Peterson

July 30<sup>th</sup> – Garvin Davenport

### **Gather Young Adult Event**

Gather is a ministry for young adults in the Twin Cities; a place for those who are hungry for community and connection with other young adults in the metro area. Setting the table for connection and rest through worship, meals, and monthly events, this is a place for you to deepen in faith as you discover your identity, uncover your vocation and develop as leaders who do justice in the world. Gather is LGBTQI+ affirming and eagerly invites siblings of any sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression into full leadership and participation. Follow our Facebook and Instagram pages for more information and the dates for the summer events @gathertwincities



#### **PEASE Graduation**

PEASE Academy is the sober high school with whom we share our building. PEASE stands for Peers Enjoying A Sober Education. PEASE graduation this year will be on Wednesday, June 12 at 6:30pm in the sanctuary. You are welcome to attend and witness the inspiring journey each of these young people and their families has begun.

### **Paddling and Camping June 13-15**

Our outdoor recreation ministry is looking forward to camping and paddling June 13-15. Come for a few hours or the entire three days. We have secured two group campsites at a great location. This annual trip has been a popular tradition at Hope.

Here are the exciting details:

- It's at Interstate State Park in Taylors Falls, MN. We've reserved two group campsites for up to 35 people on each site. This park is less than an hour from the metro area.
- It will be on the nights of June 13 and 14. Come one or both nights. Camping fee is paid for by ULCH. Contact Bryan or Alden to reserve a spot. The campsite is on the banks of the St. Croix River.
- The plan is for two paddling events ... a longer trip for those arriving Thursday or early Friday. It's from Osceola to Wm O'Brien State Park on Friday morning lasting about 4 hours. That start time will be decided once we know who is coming. Boats are available for rental. Instructions for renting canoes are below.
- We also will offer the usual easy trip (about 2 hours) for those interested in arriving Friday night or early Saturday morning. It will start Saturday morning at 9:00 at Interstate Park and end at the Osceola Bridge.
- For anyone interested there are great hiking and biking options in this park and vicinity.
- RV camping is also an option. Those interested in RV sites may call the MN DNR camping reservation line or go online for those site options.
- There will be informal campsite meals. They will be Thursday supper through Saturday breakfast.
- Also there will be a group restaurant meal or picnic at the park Saturday afternoon at about 1:00. Details on this to be determined.
- For Boat rental contact Taylor's Falls Canoe and Kayak
  - Rental https://www.taylorsfallscanoe.com/
- If you're interested and have more questions talk to or message Bryan Kufus at 612-685-0402 or Alden Tetlie at 651-402-2344. See the website here: <a href="https://www.ulch.org/recreation">https://www.ulch.org/recreation</a>





#### **Hope in Transition**

The Vision and Governance Board has asked the following leaders to find an interim pastor: Linda Herman, John Pignatello, Pastor Maria Anderson-Lippert and Ann Agrimson. We have done a brief assessment of the needs of the church and received names of interim pastors from the synod. We have received their resumes and will be interviewing them in late May.

Our first priority is to find an interim pastor that will be a good fit for Hope. If possible, we would like to have the interim start on June 10th, so there would be a bit of overlap between Pastor Jen and the interim. We will continue to update you weekly on our progress.

Please hold Pastor Jen, the staff and the leadership of Hope in your prayers.

#### **Graduate Recognition Sunday**

On Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup> we'll honor grads of any age and degree or certificate program and pray for what comes next. Watch at church for a posting of grads, their pictures, and a little about their plans. If you'd like to be included in this recognition on June 30<sup>th</sup>, contact Karen Jorstad via the church office.

## Fellowship Meal Thank you - 15 years!

After 15 years of leading our monthly Fellowship Meals, Becky Halvorson and Dan O'Loughlin are stepping out of this role. Doing some quick math, with approximately 9 meals a year over 15 years and let's say an average of 100 people a meal... that's 13,500 meals, give or take. Wow! Dan and Becky had helpers, too, folks like Wayne Lee, Elizabeth Lincoln and John Lauber. Thank you, thank you, for nourishing our bodies with good healthy food, for making a welcome space for students, and for bolstering the spirit of this community as we gather around the table to share our lives. Your contributions are abundant and we are so grateful.

Going forward, we're considering the options for how to continue these meals. Could we have a few teams that take the lead? Is there another person or two inspired to take the lead? Could we coordinate potlucks? Please talk with your pastors as we discern options.



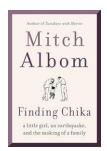
The team: Elizabeth, Becky, Dan, Wayne and John



Becky Halvorson and Dan O'Loughlin

#### **Hope Book Club**

**Sunday, June 9**, 2024, 7:00 p.m., in the ULCH Courtyard Heartbeat of Wounded Knee, By David Treuer "Heartbeat of Wounded Knee demystifies the modern native experience" -NPR



**July 14**: Finding Chika: A Little Girl, an Earthquake, and the Making of a Family, by Mitch Albom.

"Mitch Albom's most personal story to an intimate and heartwarming memoir about what it means to be a family and the young Haitian orphan whose short life would forever change his heart." -Goodreads.com

Please contact Sonja Peterson at speterson@dunnwald.com or 612-242-8711 with book suggestions.

### Amnicon Retreat Camping Weekend on August 16-18, 2024

University Lutheran Church of Hope and First Congregational Church UCC are again planning for a weekend at Camp Amnicon. The dates are August 16-18, 2024. Amnicon, an ELCA outdoor ministry (<a href="https://amnicon.org/">https://amnicon.org/</a>), is on the south shore of Lake Superior (about 20 minutes outside of Duluth). The Amnicon River also runs

through the camp. They have great hiking, canoes to borrow, and a fabulous beach for hanging out,



swimming, and campfires. Meals will be provided by the camp under their outdoor pavilion. The lodging will be a choice between platform tents (permanent tents with beds - you bring your own sleeping bag), bringing your own camping gear and camping there, or renting one of their small cabins (please arrange

this directly with Amnicon). Watch for more information, and save the dates!

#### **Opening Doors 2 Pledge Goal Is Surpassed!**

Pledges to the Opening Doors 2 Appeal are now at \$411,958 -exceeding our \$400,000 goal! Thank you, congregations! Proposed projects are now in various stages of planning and design.

- The replacement of the partition in Heritage/Fellowship hall is waiting on a response from the manufacturer but should be installed this year.
- The courtyard upgrades and other landscaping upgrades have been estimated and are awaiting approval of the Vision and Governance board.
- The main kitchen upgrades are planned for 2025-26.
- The grand piano rebuild is in its early planning stages.
- The main floor kitchenette is in design development.
- Our mortgage continues to be paid down.
- The Vision and Governance Board will be working on where benevolences will be shared.
- And, from the first Opening Doors appeal: The sanctuary entry doors are in production by the manufacturer and will be installed in the summer/fall of 2024.

We are grateful for the strong response from households in the Congregation.

Open Doors 2 Capital Campaign Committee

#### **Donation Discernment**

On May 19th, the four exploration groups - Hospitality Spaces, Wellness, Themed Programming, and Inside/Outside Projects met with The Vision and Governance Board to report on their research and consultation with other groups in the congregation. The Wellness group, for example, has been exploring a variety of ways we can support wellness as a community - ranging from options for staff, partnering with other organizations, and utilizing consultants to explore this ministry. Themed Programming has developed a framework for coordinating the many groups at Hope that plan events and publicize Hope events to the broader community. The two groups that involve building projects - Hospitality Spaces and Infrastructure have been fine-tuning their plans to make indoor and outdoor spaces more functional and attractive. Initial funding requests from the groups will be



submitted at the beginning of June and the Board will meet at the end of June to prioritize projects and develop a timeline for building projects. During the time of interim leadership, projects will be begun and new opportunities for ministry will be explored.

### President's Report: Hope, Doing the Next Right Thing

In this in-between time of ministerial transitions at Hope, wanting to give a word of support, folks, smiling ruefully, have said to me, "You didn't sign up for this." But Hope's leadership *did* sign up for this, pledging to love, serve, and pray for this congregation.

In promises we made during the Vision and Governance Board's installation, we were "entrusted with rights and responsibilities that affect all of us and the ministry we hold dear." We committed to "faithful transparency for the sake of the whole congregation," acknowledging "the unknown and unknowable about being church, practicing honesty, humility, and courage in this time of change." And you, people of Hope, promised to support us "with your blessings and prayers."

Inspired by Pastor Maria's sermon in which she called on us to "**Do the next right thing, in love**," the work of congregational leadership, in discernment regarding the generous donation we have received, and the calling of an interim pastor, will continue. We will robustly support Pastor Maria, for whom we have heartfelt admiration and gratitude for her Spirit-led ministry – Wild Hope! – while beginning the journey to the new leadership of a lead pastor and a new future for this congregation. "I am about to do a new thing, now it springs forth, do you not perceive it" (Isaiah 43:19).

Congregational President, Linda Herman

#### **Life Events**

We're a community called to hold one another in prayer in every season—in our deepest need and grief, and in our experiences of new life. Here are a few of the life events affecting our community. We need your help to know for what we can pray. Please alert a pastor or contact the church office. We include in prayer...

**Welcoming children and Baptisms**—We pray for all who await and welcome children through joyful and challenging times. On May 26, we baptized Emma Westfield, Brian McCaffrey's young adult granddaughter.

**Marriages**—We pray for all those preparing for marriage, and for all relationships of commitment, including Hugh Nelson and Katharyn Buckeye who will marry on June 21, 2024.

**Deaths**—We pray for God's strong embrace for all who grieve deaths and losses, those that are recent and those that were many years ago and whose memories fill us, including the family and friends of Brian McCaffrey who died in early May and a service was held on May 25; the family of Marge Perko who died on May 15 and a service was held on May 23; Deb Bordsen and Norm Bailey and family, at the death of Deb's father Larry, with a celebration planned for June 17; and Rick Chapman and Joy Lintelman at the death in May of Rick's father Robert.

**Significant Illness**—We pray for those living with illness, cancer, recovery, uncertain diagnosis, hospice, chemical dependency and other addictions, and mental health struggles, including Zoe Odenbach, Patrick Colombe, Tom Magnon, Miriam Hougen, and Chuck Lewis. We also pray for caregivers.

Separation, divorce, retirement, moves, graduations, new beginnings, and the civil rights movements of this time.

**Treasurer's Report** 

	April Actual	April Budget	April Variance	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Variance	
General Giving	34,640.41	36,317.00	(1,676.59)	184,569.06	161,701.00	22,868.06	
Rental Income	12,645.50	11,155.50	1,490.00	57,900.46	43,812.00	14,088.46	
Interest	1,513.85	1,415.00	98.85	4,818.91	5,660.00	(841.09)	
Total Income	48,799.76	48,887.50	(87.74)	247,288.43	211,173.00	36,115.43	
Salary & Benefits	34,658.28	34,437.00	221.28	154,017.24	152,883.00	1,134.24	
Total Expenses	56,420.19	59,313.00	(2,892.81)	252,462.90	249,637.50	2,825.40	
Net Oper Income	(7,620.43)	(10,425.50)	2,805.07	(5,174.47)	(38,464.50)	33,290.03	

As a general rule Accountants/Treasurers don't like writing financial reports with lots of variances to budget to explain. We tend to like consistency. So my first consistent sentence is - ULCH's financial position continues to be strong. Thank you.

As mentioned in past Visitor reports, a donation that had been expected in 2023 was received in 2024 thus our General Giving is better than budget.

Because of continuing construction around Dinkytown and PEASE, our Rental Income is out pacing the budget.

Due to timing our Total Expenses are over budget YTD by \$3,000. We have already paid for items that are budgeted in 2024 but for later in the year. This is a normal occurrence.

Our Building Fund has a value of \$216,000 as of 4.30.2024. Our new front doors will be installed soon. We have paid 50% of the expense of these doors. When the other invoice is paid it will be from this fund. This fund is also used to help pay our mortgage. Each month \$6,900 is transferred to our general fund to help pay for the mortgage.

Thank you for your continued support of ULCH. If you have any questions please reach out.

Ruth Hedman, Treasurer

#### **Bible and Brews**

Exactly what it sounds like...bring your Bible, your favorite brewed beverage, and a penchant for laid-back but totally engaging conversations about faith, scripture, and current events. We meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Watch the Thursday Epistle for meeting location.



Pentecost reds on May 19!



Benedictine Oblates who gather at Hope monthly

#### **Save these Summer Dates**

- Camping and Paddling the St. Croix River, June 13-15
- Amnicon week for 9-13 year olds, August 5-9.
- Amnicon Retreat for all ages, August 16-18.
- Building the Beloved Community ecumenical day camp, August 19-23, 2024



# June 2024 Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 4:30pm - 6:30pm Family Taco Night at Church
2 10:00am - 11:00am Worship in Sanctuary, w/ Zoom/YouTube 11:00am - 12:00pm Grand Piano Rebuild Q and A 11:30am - 1:00pm ACTION Project Joint Year Gathering 11:30am - 2:00pm Confirmation Mini Retreat	2pm 9:00am - 1:00pm Quilters 12:30pm - 2:00pm Sunday Forum Team 6:00pm - 8:00pm	Staff Meeting 4:30pm - 8:30pm PEASE After School Prog.	7:00pm - 8:00pm	4:30pm - 8:30pm PEASE After School Program 6:30pm - 7:30pm AA Group 7:00pm - 8:00pm Men of Hope	Robert	8
9 10:00am - 11:00am Worship in Sanctuary, w/ Zoom/YouTube 11:30am - 1:00pm Farewell Celebration for Pastor Jen 2:00pm - 9:00pm TCB Meeting	10 Office Hours 9am- 2pm 9:00am - 1:00pm Quilters	Prog.	12 Office Hours 9am- 2pm 8:00am - 8:40am Centering Prayer on Zoom 6:30pm Pease Graduation 6:00pm - 8:00pm Facilities Team	2pm 9:30am - 11:30am	14 Camping at Interstate St. Park, Paddling St. Croix River Office Hours 9am-2pm 7:00pm - 10:00pm Craft Group	15 Camping at Interstate St. Park, Paddling St. Croix River The Visitor Articles Due
16 10:00am - 11:00am Worship in Sanctuary, w/ Zoom/YouTube	17 Office Hours 9am- 2pm 9:00am - 1:00pm Quilters	18 Office Hours 9am- 2pm 11:00am - 12:00pm Staff Meeting 4:30pm - 8:30pm PEASE After School Prog. 6:30pm - 8:00pm Vision & Governance Board	Juneteenth Holiday - Building and Offices Closed 8:00am - 8:40am Centering Prayer on Zoom 12:30pm - 2:00pm Hope Diamonds	20 Office Hours 9am- 2pm 4:30pm - 8:30pm PEASE After School Program 6:30pm - 7:30pm AA Group 7:00pm - 8:00pm Men of Hope	<b>21</b> Office Hours 9am-2pm	10:00am - 12:00pm Oblates group - Chapel and Lounge
23 10:00am - 11:00am Outdoor Worship w/ Zoom/YouTube 11:30am - 1:00pm Pizza Bake and picnic	24 Office Hours 9am- 2pm 9:00am - 1:00pm Quilters 6:30pm - 8:00pm Bible & Brews (location TBD)	25 Office Hours 9am- 2pm	26 Office Hours 9am- 2pm 8:00am - 8:40am Centering Prayer on Zoom	27 Office Hours 9am- 2pm 4:30pm - 8:30pm PEASE After School Program 6:30pm - 7:30pm AA Group 7:00pm - 8:30pm Sanctuary and Immigration Team on Zoom	28 Office Hours 9am-2pm	29
30 Graduate Recognition Sunday 10:00am - 11:00am Worship in Sanctuary, w/ Zoom/YouTube 11:30am - 3:30pm VGB Board Retreat						10

# **Baking Hope Pizza Bake**











Lots of pictures from recent Baking Hope activities! These include some May practice sessions with a new dough recipe and a dough press, prep for the May 19<sup>th</sup> after church pizza bake, and some great fellowship and fun that day. Thank you, Baking Hope Team, for your time and passion in this ministry and outreach.



















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