

Weekly Banner

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Wednesday Connection— Reminder to RSVP for Dinner

With our Wednesday Connection schedule, there is something for everyone. Delicious and extremely affordable dinners will be served each week so be sure to make Wednesday nights a family night and start off the evening with some quality family time. **The cost for dinners is just \$5 per adult (13 yrs+), \$4 per child (ages 3-12), children 2 years and under are free. It is very important that you RSVP each week for dinner, the children's activities, and the WOW events.** Weekly registrations may be done by calling the church office **OR** on-line @ www.hopefulchurch.com **OR** by completing a reservation card which can be found on the bulletin table and also in the slots under the chairs in the sanctuary. **The deadline for reservations is noon Tuesday.** This helps us to be better prepared and saves costs too. **This week's menu, courtesy of Donna Baker, will be as follows: chicken gumbo with white or dirty rice, salad, and bread. Kids: peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. Volunteers are asked to bring desserts.**

Volunteers are also needed to help with the children's activities. We encourage everyone who participates to help out in some way at some time throughout the year. To volunteer, please sign up on the sheet posted on the Youth & Family Bulletin board. Your help is greatly appreciated. See the Wednesday Connection schedule on page 3 of the *Weekly Banner* calendar for the evening's schedule of events. This week's **WOW program** will allow you to participate in a "Wii Bowling Tournament". Join us for an evening of bowling and friendly competition! Prizes will be awarded to the

top bowlers! No experience needed to play. We will begin playing immediately following the Lenten service.

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We are a community of Word and Sacrament. We believe God speaks to us through His loving Word and comes to us in the sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion.

We celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion (the Lord's Supper) every Sunday. We invite all baptized Christians believing in the real and forgiving presence of Jesus Christ in, with, and under the bread and wine, to join us in receiving this sacrament. Children who have not reached the age (4th grade) to prepare to receive Communion are asked to come forward with hands folded to receive a blessing.

A warm welcome from Hopeful Lutheran Church to our visitors. During this Lenten season, we praise God for his righteous Son, who perfectly kept all of God's commandments for us and paid the full price of our disobedience. Let us praise him with hearts filled with Christ's spirit of obedience. If you are a guest, it is a pleasure to have you worshiping with us. Please help us to get to know who you are by introducing yourself at the door and signing our guest book. We would like to send you our monthly newsletter, *The Banner*.

On Sundays, our Nursery is available for children ages five (5) and under. The nursery is located downstairs; please ask an usher for directions.

Normally, we offer two styles of worship at Hopeful. The first service uses the organ as the primary instrument, and is offered at 8:45. The Saturday 5:00 p.m. service and the Sunday 11:00 a.m. service use the keyboard and a blend of Christian music.

Attendance last week:
Saturday - 46; Sunday Early - 37;
Late - 145; Total - 228
Ash Wednesday - 120



This Week's Bible Readings!

This week's schedule for reading the Bible together is as follows: **Monday, 2/22**—Romans 15; **Tuesday, 2/23**—Romans 16; **Wednesday, 2/24**—Luke 3; **Thursday, 2/25**—Luke 4; **Friday, 2/26**—Luke 5; **Saturday, 2/27**—Luke 6:1-19, **Sunday, 2/28**—Psalm 31.

Items of Interest:

Wednesday Night Programming Weather Policy

Our policy on Wednesday night programming has changed. If Boone County schools are closed on Wednesdays, we will make a decision by 3:00 p.m. as to whether or not we will have Wednesday night activities. Please check our web-site or look for a mass email with details pertaining to that particular day.

Forever Young Activities

The *Forever Young* group will be going to Northern Kentucky University for the production of "Bye Bye Birdie" on **April 18th @ 3:00 p.m.** If you are interested in going, please contact Nancy Dringenburg @ 859-384-4016. **The deadline for ordering your tickets is March 10th.**

Personal Hygiene Kits for Haiti

Hopeful Lutheran Church, in support of Church World Service, is accepting donations through **February 28th** to build much needed personal hygiene kits. Over 31,000 kits have arrived in Haiti since the earthquake. The hygiene kits help prevent infection and diseases that are quickly spreading through the Haitians. Items can be placed in boxes located in the ministry collection area to the left of the inside front entrance of the church. Donations can be assembled or loose. Kit assembly will be coordinated in early March. **Needed for each kit are the following items:** one hand towel approximately 16" x 28", one washcloth, one wide-tooth comb, one nail clipper, one bar of soap (bath size in wrapper), one toothbrush (in original packaging), and six standard-size Band-Aids®. Place items in a one-gallon plastic zip closure bag. **DO NOT** include toothpaste due to expiration concerns. Toothpaste will be added at the time of shipment. Questions, Contact Tim Bertsch (513) 404-7850. Thanks for your help!!

God Squad Says "Thanks"

The God Squad Middle School Youth Group would like to "thank you" for supporting the Souper Bowl of Caring on Super Bowl Sunday. The Henry Hosea House Soup Kitchen in Newport will receive \$450.00. During January, the Soup Kitchen served 3,405 meals. Thank you for your generous support.
~ Barb Zumbiel

The Men's Bible Study group is scheduled to meet **Monday, February 22nd @ 6:30 p.m.** Please join them!

Donations Sought During Lent

In tandem with this year's Lenten theme, we are seeking the following items. These items may be donated all through Lent.

- ◆ Yarn or gift cards from Jo-Ann Fabrics or Michael's will be used in the making of our prayer shawls here at Hopeful. Our Prayer Shawl Team requests that you donate *Lion Brand Home-Spun* yarn. It takes 4 skeins to make a prayer shawl and any color is welcome. (You don't have to donate 4 skeins.) This will serve our church family.
- ◆ New and gently used baby blankets, afghans, quilts, or receiving blankets will either go to Mercy Maternity or the Ronald McDonald House to be distributed to those in need. This will serve our local community.
- ◆ Any scrap fabric (cotton weight to upholstery fabric), used (clean) sheets, blankets, curtains, crochet thread (any color), or batting (72 x 90) can be used in the making of the Lutheran World Relief quilts. These quilts are used for more than a bed covering. These quilts can be used as a bed itself, a room divider, a shelter, and even as a knapsack to carry someone's belongings from place to place. This will serve our global community.

There will be a special offering spot in the fellowship hall for you drop off these items throughout Lent. ~ Barb Fields

Help Feed The Poor

The Mary Rose Mission is opening a soup kitchen in the Florence/Boone County area but they need your help. If you have a location that the Mission could use, even temporarily, they would greatly appreciate it. Please call Cindy Carris @ 859-663-8009.

Kids of the Kingdom Lock-In

All youth, grades 3-5, are invited to a Kids of the Kingdom "Olympics" Lock-In, **February 26th @ 7 p.m. until February 27th @ 8:30 a.m.** Cost is \$5.00. Bring a Bible, healthy snack to share, white t-shirt that can be decorated, sleeping bag, pillow & essentials. **RSVP by 2/24** to Suzanne Strawn **OR** sign up on the Youth & Family Bulletin Board in the fellowship hall. **What to expect:** fun and fellowship; "Olympic" style games; late night pizza and snacks; team work and group building activities; and breakfast in the morning. **DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS OLYMPIC SIZED EVENT!**

Here's what's happening with our youth—

- ◆ February 20 @ 4:00 pm-February 21—Clown Troupe Lock-In Begins
- ◆ February 21— 9 am—Clown Troupe Lock-in Ends; 9:45 am—Sunday School
- ◆ February 24—7:15-8:30 pm—Senior High Movie & Pretzels; Confirmation
- ◆ February 26—7 pm through February 27 @ 8:30 am—Kids of the Kingdom Lock-In
- ◆ February 28—9:45 am—Sunday School; 2-5 pm—Clown Troupe Practice
- ◆ March 3—7:15-8:30 pm-Senior High Hot Topics Discussion



Many thanks to the Lenten Devotional Assembly Team! Once again, a job well done. Mel and Judy Insko, Ruth Dringenburg, Donna Baker, Sedge Brockett and Barb Zumbiel ... you guys are the best! ~ Pat Davies

Sympathy is extended to the family of **Betsy Coppage** who joined the Church Triumphant, February 18th.

We would like to thank Barb Fields for leading the kids in an amazing Lent confession, forgiveness and prayer service; Barb Trickel for painting the Lent theme with the kids on the window; and Kelsea Trickel, Taylor Fields, Taylor Dantes, and QP for their energy with the middle school kids. We were so grateful for all their help, and it really made for a fun lock-in!
~ April Williams and Rebecca Rice

Calendar

Saturday	5 pm-Casual Worship
Sunday	8:45 am-Traditional Service 9 am-Clown Troupe Lock-In Ends 9:50-10:50 am-Sunday School 10 am-Blue Team 11 am-Contemporary Service
Monday	Deadline for On-Line Newsletter Submissions 5:30 pm-Worship and Music Team 6:30 pm-Pack # 890 6:30 pm-Men's Bible Study
Tuesday	7 pm-WELCA 7 pm-Church Council
Wednesday	Wednesday Connection 5:30-6:30-Dinner 6:30-8 pm-Nursery 6:30-7:10 pm-Worship 7:15-8:30 pm-Confirmation 7:15-8 pm-WOW 7:15-8:30 pm-Sr. High Movie/Pretzels 7:15-7:35 pm-Youth Choir 7:40-8:00 pm-Children of Christ/Kids of the Kingdom
Thursday	10 am-Prayer Shawl Group
Friday	7 pm-Kids of the Kingdom Lock-In
Saturday	8:30 am-Kids of the Kingdom Lock-In Ends 10 am-Easter Cantata Practice 5 pm-Casual Worship
Next Sunday	8:45 am-Traditional Service 9:50-10:50 am-Sunday School 10 am-Green Team 11 am-Contemporary Service 2-5 pm-Clown Troupe Practice

Prayer Concerns

We remember in prayer friends and members of our congregation who are either ill or have other special needs: Melanie Simpson, Dawn Baker, Joyce Martich, Janice Beemon, Roger Markey, Caren Stallard, Stephen and Lisa Kayara, Allison Groenek, Jennifer Dinardo, Lea Ann Crigler, Ann Strunk, Vernon Scott, Gaylard James, Robby James, Patty Main, Zach Vasseur, Michael Trumble, Brian Adkins, Mike Jarvis, Kyle Quin, Jon Dorger, Dan Rehard, Tim and Sandy Padgett, Kay Padgett, Sandy and Alan Gates, Vickie Tanner, Steven Albrich, Helen Yanovitch, Bill Collar, Jana Crigler, Randall Donithan, Nathan Howe, Leanna LaDuke, Tony Keller, Betty Gallagher, Fred Copeland, Anne Ellington, Jessica Long, Judy McEntyre, Clarence McEntyre, Mark, Susan, and Jack, Peggy Sebree, Trudy Roth, Jacob Bradford, Rosetta Dringenburg, Marietta McIntosh, Larry Blackburn, Mary Schaefer, Bob Buchanan, Cindy and Robin, Ken Strawn, Ben Heeger, II, Flossie Erb, Victoria White, Jackie Darnley, Brittany Langas, Lindsay Faster, Beverly Henley, Jim Henley, and Anna Henley, Debbie Scholer, Brittany Langlas, Natalie White, Gordon Wallace, Tyler Salter, Jo Ann Lloyd, Charles Swanson, Jack Lloyd, Dale Scholer, Ted Scholer, Frances Barlow, Stephany Houston, Nancy Schaffer, John Kwap, Maggie Hodnett, Caroline Buddenberg, Kelly Mayhew, Larry Mayhew, Nancy Wyatt, Jan Karpin, Bev Beck, June Witemyre, Crosby Fugate, and Connie Marshall. **Please continue to remember our shut-ins:** Chuck McKenney, Nettie Retzius and Aileen Tanner. **Please remember those serving our country:** Ryan and Michael Trackwell—Air Force; Kevin Schwartz—Army; Zachariah J. Kenter—USMC; Airman Randall Donithan, II—USAF; Evan Davies—USN; Christina Rushlow—USAF; Chris Barnes—USMC (Iraq); Lt. Cole Hyvonen—Army; LTC Kevin Sari—Army; Spec. Kevin M. Bartlett—Army (Afghanistan); Clint Johnson, MPO—Army (Ft. Campbell, KY); Brad Bell—USMC (Camp Lejeune), CPT Thomas P. Morrison (Iraq); Jeffery Rice—USMC (Afghanistan).

Sunday's Worship Leadership Schedule

Serving Sunday (8:45)			
Head Usher:	Linda Spencer		
Usher:	Dick Spencer		
Comm. Assts:	Linda and Dick Spencer		
Lector:	Larry Boelter		
Acolyte:	Katharine Gruber		
Serving Sunday (11:00)			
Head Usher:	Dan Fagan		
Usher:	Paul Parmele		
Ushers/Comm. Assts:	Blaine Anderson and Devony Turner		
Com. Assts.	Shelley Walters and Jen Blanchard		
Lay Reader:	Marjorie Page	Lay Leader:	Jeff Pasquale
Acolyte:	Kathryn Blanchard		
Children's Ch:	Judi Kretzmann, Kerri & Kiersten Schmidt		
Counters	John Blanchard, Don Volland, Pam Volland, and Kay Wentzel		

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Article Deadline
Wednesdays @ NOON

Office Hours
Mon-Thurs: 9 am-3 pm
Friday: 9 am-1 pm

Our Mission is to:
WELCOME people to faith in Jesus Christ;
EQUIP people with a faith that works in real life; and
SEND people in service into the world in Jesus' name.
Ministers:
Members of Hopeful
Pastor:
Rev. J. Blair Fields
Director of Children and Family Ministries:
Suzanne Strawn
Music Director:
Jamey Strawn
Preschool Director:
Judi Kretzmann
Nursery Attendant:
Lisa Duncan
Administrative Assistant:
Susan Burcham
Office Assistant:
Pat Davies

Officers:
Don Volland
Rachel Warren
Kasey Nicol
Chuck Barnes
Jay Watson

Council Members:
Tim Bertsch
John Blanchard
Dave Crigler
Carla Donithan
Brian Riddell
Kevin Schmidt
Don Wentzel
Tony Williams

Germanna Genealogy Study Group

A study group is being formed to collect and preserve family histories of Germanna descendants in Boone County and the surrounding areas.

The first meeting will be on **Saturday, March 6th at 10:00 a.m.** in **meeting room B** at the Boone County Public Library in Burlington, Ky.

For more information, please contact:

--Kathy Easton Caminiti 859-689-4166 email: eastonhistory@fuse.net
 --Michael Rouse 859-371-6423

They would like to collect old photos and documents from descendants to preserve the Germanna history in this area.

Please join them if you are interested in the genealogies of any of the following family surnames :

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| Aylor | Barlow | Beemon |
| Blankenbaker | Carpenter | Clore/Klaar |
| Crigler | Crisler | Deer/Hirsch |
| Delph | Gaar | Glore |
| Hoffman | Holtzclaw` | Haus/House |
| Huffman | Rausch/Rouse | Snyder |
| Souther | Tanner | Utterback |
| Utz | Vaughan/Vaughn | Wayland |
| Weaver | Wilhoit | Yager |
| Yowell | Zimmerman | |