



July 2025

Sunday School 9:00 am

Worship 10:30 am

Faith family, I was reading Thessalonians recently and filled with just an overwhelming sense of thankfulness for you all. Paul addressed the Thessalonian believers and said this, "And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but as what it really is, the Word of God, which is at work in you believers" (1 Thessalonians 2:13). I am so joyful to say that I share Paul's thankfulness for you all. I have never known a body of believers that so loved the word of God as the word of God. You all are eager to hear from the Lord, hungry for his truth. I pray that our appetite for the scriptures would only increase. Because, as we feast upon the word, we are receiving more and more of Christ, who is the Word incarnate. Stay hungry, beloved! God bless. - Pastor John

Mission of the Month



Every July the church collects school supplies for some of the schools represented in our congregation. This year we are collecting and donating to Young Americans Christian School and Martha Ellen Stilwell School of the Arts. As you donate please say an extra prayer for all schools, students, and teachers in the area as they gear up for another school year. Please place your donations in the box at the back of the sanctuary.

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Both schools have asked for:

- Boxes of Tissue
- Paper Towels
- Hand Sanitizer
- Disinfectant Wipes
- Hand Lotion
- Band-aids

A Peak Ahead: Our annual Mission of the Month collection for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes will occur only once this year, in September. Be on the lookout during July, and sales in August, for items typically used to fill the boxes.

Session News

The June Session meeting was held on June 12 at the church at 5:30pm.

For the devotion, the Session read and discussed part 9 of the Westminster Confession of Faith. TE John Cleveland led a discussion of important matters being presented at this year's General Assembly in Northville, Michigan from June 17-19. The Session then considered various ideas for sermons and Bible studies that would begin in August following the conclusion of the "Summer in the Psalms" series. The Session also reviewed analytics shared by social media manager Erin Evans, highlighting an overall increase in engagement with the church's Instagram and Facebook pages during the period of January 1st and June 1st, 2025. The Session agreed to postpone making an official decision on the parking lot repaving and striping until the July Session meeting. Specific prayer needs were discussed and lifted to God.

The date for the July regular Session meeting is tentatively scheduled for July 10.

John Cleveland, Moderator
Jeremy Evans, Clerk
Gregg Coniglio
Keith Lovern
Andy Martin

June Financials

June general income \$49,419.00
June Pop \$1,296.00
June expense \$28,659.19



Prayer Requests



- Jay Hilgefard - recovery after surgery
- Sandy Jo Hilgefard - healing
- Suzy (Sandy Jo's sister) - idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis
- Andy Martin recovery from sepsis & ehrlichiosis
- Peggy Savory - relief from pain
- Myra Echols
- Jordan Israel
- Mary & Jimmy Ellington
- Nick Parsons - recovery from surgery & infection
- Lesley Parsons - caring for Nick
- Shaundon Moore - tragic loss of his young son, Phoenix
- Teachers & Students getting ready for the school year
- The kids who attended FPC VBS
- Our government
- Our church leaders

Church Happenings



Mens Bible Study

Men's Bible Study has resumed Thursday evenings at 7pm in the Sunday school room. They are studying the book of Acts. Acts is the fifth book of the New Testament and it tells of the founding of the Church and the spread of its message.

Ladies Bible Study

Ladies Bible study is Tuesday morning and evening this summer. We have been studying Nancy Guthrie's Even Better than Eden. This is a great summer study as each chapter is stand-alone and flexible for summer schedules. Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m



MONDAY July 14 9am - 12pm

We will have a fun morning filled with crazy art projects, including Tye-Dying your own shirt! Followed by lunch and devotion.

TUESDAY July 15 9am - 1pm

We are going kayaking at Indian Springs State Park. The lake is very calm, with only trolling fishing boats and paddling vessels. We will have two certified kayaking instructors with our group, one who is also CPR and lifeguard certified. During our outing we will have lunch and devotion.

WEDNESDAY July 16 6pm - Thursday Morning

We will be having a Lock-In at the church! Campfire food and devotion, night time games, sleeping inside the church on air mattresses. Dinner, snacks, and breakfast will be provided.

THURSDAY July 17 7am - 12pm

We are waking up early to go serve the body of Christ! We will be visiting families in need to help with yard work and cleaning. Breakfast and lunch provided.

SUNDAY July 20 10am - Worship Service

We will be assisting during the worship service by reading scripture and helping to lead certain portions. All youth and parents are welcome to attend and stay afterwards for a special covered dish lunch.

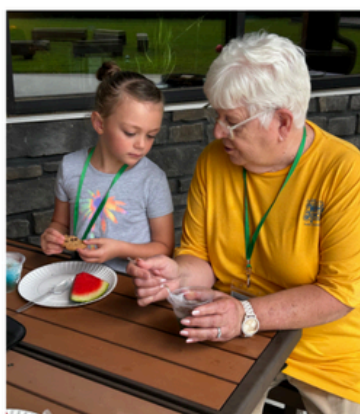
Interested in helping out or being involved? Contact Erin or Jeremy Evans. Chaperones for the week will be Erin & Jeremy Evans, John Cleveland, and Becky Fowler

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 10am Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm Ladies Bible Study	2	3 7pm Men's Bible Study	4 6pm Movie Night	5
6 Communion 9am Sunday School 10am Fellowship 10:30 Worship	7	8 10am Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm Ladies Bible Study	9	10 7pm Men's Bible Study	11	12 6pm Youth Hangout
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Vacation Bible Was a HUGE Success!!!

We had a HUGE success and a lot of fun at our VBS this past month. We had on average 35 kids attend and many, many volunteers praising God and his beautiful creation each day. We learned a lot, sang a lot, created a lot, and laughed A LOT with the amazing group of kids. We ask that you continue to pray for them as they continue their walk with Christ!



Missionary Update

Dear Friends of Hope Russia,

We want to let you know about a wonderful moving of God's Spirit upon the minds and hearts of 5 our Russian pastors. They are maturing in their understanding of God and the Bible!

First of all, they are growing in their understanding salvation is by Christ alone, through faith alone, by grace alone. They are learning that it is grace that transforms us into living more and more like Christ.

The unreached nations of the world are like Russia with less than 1% evangelicals. This means that the very brave believers that suffered for Christ by the 1,000's in the USSR had very little opportunity to hear mature and balanced teaching of the historic Christian Faith. They often did not clearly believe the "solas" of the Reformation, of Luther and Calvin that I named above.

But now for the first time in our seminary's history we have (all at once) a group of 5 seasoned pastors who are embracing a more scripturally-rooted expression of the Faith. But our wonderful student pastors in Russia face not only potential persecution by the government at anytime, but they also are ministering in churches, leading their families, doing side jobs to make ends meet, and still only make \$500/month. These are survival rations! To grow in Christ and in their training as pastors they need more time to pray, think and study. And to have time they need more monthly income! We hope, Lord willing, they end up joining our presbyteries as ordained teaching elders after they have completed their masters of Biblical studies with us.

As these men are being transformed into Christ's image we are reminded of 2 Corinthians 3:18,

18 Мы же все открытым лицом, как в зеркале, взирая на славу Господню, преобразуемся в тот же образ от славы в славу, как от Господня Духа.

(In case you Russian is weak, "We all with open faces, as in a mirror, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into that same image, from glory to glory, as from the Lord the Spirit." Russian Synodal Version.)

These five precious pastors have around 250 people in their churches, combined!

I look forward to hearing from you!

Gratefully, Blake Purcell



3rd Year Student,
Konstantine with
wife Alyona & their
3 children



1st Year Student,
Sergey Konshin &
wife Yulia