

## **This Week**

### **TODAY:**

**10AM:** Worship Service (kids sing!!)  
Steele Family Baptism

**Liturgist:** Nancy Steinke

**Ushers:** Larry Parsons / Mikaelynn Decker

**Greeters:** Jake Shope / Wendy Nickel

**Accompanist:** David & Sandra Murray

### **Tuesday, August 12:**

**2PM:** St. Luke's Communion

### **Wednesday, August 13:**

**6PM:** Last Cross Race/Cross Cultural Bible  
Study w/Conference Superintendent  
Woojae Im

**7:15PM:** Ad Council Meeting

### **Sunday, August 17:**

**10AM:** Worship Service

**Liturgist:** Megan Hanson-Haase

**Ushers:** Bruce & Bonnie Ankeny

**Greeters:** Bob & Carol Grapevine

**Accompanist:** Staci Thompson

### **2025 Radio Broadcast Sponsorship Info**

The 2025 Sign-Up List for sponsoring a Radio Broadcast is now posted in the Narthex – please fill out whichever Sunday you'd like! Sponsorship cost is \$28 per Sunday for 2025.

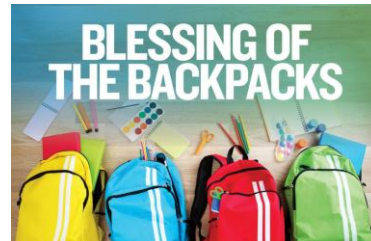
## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **REMINDER: Upcoming Ad Council Meeting!**

This will follow the last Cross Race/Cross Cultural Bible Study on Wednesday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:15pm (bible study is from 6-7pm).

***Please be on the lookout for our Fall Wednesday Release sign up info to be included in the school registration process.***

School registration opened August 1<sup>st</sup>. Students will be bussed from the school to church at 2:15pm. Children can be picked up at 4:15pm from the church—parents/guardians will need to come IN the church at pick-up time. We will again be offering transportation for those who are in need—please call Megan Goshorn at (507) 526-2144, *option 2*, or email her at [kidscoordinatorhope@gmail.com](mailto:kidscoordinatorhope@gmail.com) to make arrangements.



**Please mark your calendars! On August 24<sup>th</sup>,** we will be blessing our children and their backpacks during the church service the weekend before they start school\*. Please have them bring their backpack (*or a water bottle if easier*) as we pray over them.

\*BEA Grades 8-12 start on 8/25 and BEA Grades K-7 start on 8/27.

**Want to financially support God's ministry at Hope?** Offering plates will be passed around during worship OR scan this code to give online!



Sunday, August 10, 2025

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

## Hope United Methodist Church

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*For more information and to see what else is happening at Hope, visit us at [behopeumc.com](http://behopeumc.com) and our Facebook page, Hope United Methodist Church-Blue Earth, MN.*

Prelude  
Welcome & Announcements  
\*Opening Hymn                      *“Blessed Assurance”*                      UMH 369

Call to Worship  
One: Come, all God’s children, young and old,  
come to the water of life!  
All: **We come with joy, for today we celebrate God’s love poured out in baptism.**  
One: Before we could speak, God knew our name.  
Before we could walk, God called us beloved.  
All: **Today, we welcome all the children into Christ’s family with water, words, and wonder.**  
One: Let the little ones come to Christ, who is the living water.  
The Kingdom of God belongs to such as these!  
All: **We rejoice and give thanks, for in baptism, we are marked by love, claimed by grace, and sealed by the Spirit—forever!**  
One: Come, let us worship the Lord and celebrate God’s grace.  
All: **Let us worship God with joy and thanksgiving!**

\*Unison Prayer  
*Gracious and loving God,  
We thank You for the gift of water—  
a sign of new life, a source of renewal,  
a reminder of Your promises poured out in love.  
You claim us as Your own and call us beloved.  
You cover us in grace that knows no bounds.  
Today, as we witness the waters of baptism,  
renew in us the joy of our baptismal calling.  
By Your Spirit, make us one family in Christ—  
joyful in hope, faithful in service,  
and united in Your mission to love and bless the world. Amen.*

\*Hymn                      *“Baptized in Water”*                      TFWS 2248

VBS Children sing and Children’s Message will follow singing.

1<sup>st</sup> Scripture Reading                      Proverbs 22:6  
*<sup>6</sup>Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.*

2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture Reading                      Acts 2:42-47  
*<sup>42</sup>They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. <sup>43</sup>Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. <sup>44</sup>All the believers were together and had everything in common. <sup>45</sup>They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. <sup>46</sup>Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.*

Sermon Series                      ***Growing in Love of God and Neighbor***    Rev. Godfrey Gakuru  
Sermon Title: *“It Takes a Village: A Call to Communal Love”*

Holy Baptism  
Ira Peter Steele  
Magnus John Steele  
Percival Roger Steele  
Millicent Marie Steele  
Alice Jane Steele

Mother: Eva Steele

Godparents: Heather Anderson, Robert & Madge Toland, Loren & Gwen Hawes

Offering  
\*Doxology  
Sharing of Joys and Concerns  
Pastoral Prayer  
The Lord’s Prayer

Benediction

\*Closing Hymn                      *“Take My Life and Let It Be”*                      UMH 572

*\*Please stand if you are able.*



United  
Women  
in Faith



United Women of Faith

(UWF) will be holding their District UWF Fall Gathering here at Hope UMC on Saturday, September 20. As part of their event, they are collaborating with Midwest Mission Distribution Center (MMDC) to hold a Blessing Bag Pack (meal pack). Blessing Bags are nutrient-dense meals filled with vitamins, dehydrated vegetables, soy, and rice. Each bag feeds 6 people and costs \$2.00 per bag to cover ingredients.

UWF attendees are planning to pack at least 400 meal bags and would like to raise \$800-1000 to cover the ingredients and transportation costs for that many bags. Any donations would be greatly appreciated and would help feed 2,400 people!

Please mark "Blessing Bag" or "Meal Pack" on check memos or in the notes section for online giving. If donating cash, please use the giving envelopes and mark the envelope where it needs to go.

Organizers for the District UWF Fall Gathering are also looking for 3-5 volunteers to help with meal pack set up and clean up from roughly 11:30 am - 2:00 pm on that Saturday 20th.

If you are willing to volunteer some time and muscle, or have questions about this mission, please contact Judy Clark or Al Roesler.

**\*Please stay tuned for a future event later this winter when Hope UMC will pack Blessing Bag meals for MMDC!**