

Hope Church is open!¹ Stop in to visit Pastor Kelly...

Mon 2-7pm | Tu² | Wed 2-7pm

Thurs 7am-2pm | Sat 9-11am

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¹Please check the announcements for any changes to Pastor Kelly's Church Hours for the upcoming week

²Additional Church Office hours are on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, please call ahead to confirm

There Was No Water



Hope United Methodist Church

Sunday, September 27, 2026

Today's Worship Leaders

Liturgist: Morris (JR) Hanson | **Accompanist:** Gail Keck

Choir Directed by Bonnie Miller

Children's Message: Megan Goshorn | **Sermon:** Pastor Kelly

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Liturgical Instructions:

**Please stand in body and/or spirit | all words are on the screen;
You are invited to join in reading aloud the **bolded** portions of the liturgy*

GATHERING

Prelude Gail Keck

Announcements Morris (JR) Hanson

*Call to Worship Bringing in the Harvest: A Prayer

Lord of all creation and every good thing under heaven.

We remember Your love. Love that sends rain to water the empty and dry ground. Love that sustains the growth of every living thing. Love that makes the sun shine and makes wonderful, colorful things spring up.

Love that gives according to our innermost needs and even extends to care for our wants.

Love that compels us to worship and desire that for which you made us-joy and pleasure in your presence forever.

Love that delights in our work and in our efforts.

Love that gives us vision and dreams of harvest.

Love that carries us through every season while we wait for the promise.

THANKSGIVING

*Offertory Prayer of Thanksgiving Pastor Kelly

*Passing the Peace of Christ *music accompaniment by Gail Keck*

Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love. Saying “The peace of Christ be with you” with the response “And also with you.”

SENDING FORTH

*Closing Hymn “Great is Their Faithfulness” UMH #140

*Dismissal with Blessing Pastor Kelly

Going Forth, Postlude Gail Keck

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination (Unison)

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today.
AMEN

Children’s Message Megan Goshorn

Scripture Lesson Exodus 17:1-7

*Gospel Lesson Matthew 21:23-32

*Hymn of Preparation “Thy Word is a Lamp” UMH #601

Sermon “There Was No Water” Pastor Kelly

Prayers of the People Morris (JR) Hanson

Joys and Concerns

Sharing of Birthdays and Anniversaries

Pastoral Prayer Pastor Kelly

Offering *music accompaniment by Gail Keck*

As forgiven and reconciled people, let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

*Doxology UMH #94

Love that shares the heavy load of toil, blood and sweat.

Love that celebrates with us when we dance in the abundance of Your provision.

Love that draws us to the alter, where we lay all the good gifts You have freely given.

Lord, without Your love, poured out on the earth for us to enjoy, we would not know the beauty of bringing you anything. All that we bring back to you, we return to the Master and Author of Creation.

We thank you, We bless you, We give you praise. We remember that every good and perfect gift comes from You and belongs to You. What a God of Love, who has shared such glory with us.
Amen

Anthem Trusting Jesus Hope UMC Choir

*Opening Prayer (Unison)

O Lord our God, you are always more ready to bestow your good gifts on us than we are to seek them, and are willing to give more than we desire or deserve. Help us to seek that we may truly find, so to ask that we may joyfully receive, so to knock that the door of you mercy may be opened to us; through Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.



What is happening at Hope?



Today 9/27	Mon 9/28	Tu 9/29	Wed 9/30	Fri 10/2	Sat 10/3	Sun 10/4
9:00am: Choir Rehearsal; Coffee and Fellowship 10:00am: Worship After Service: SHP Bible Study (adults); Sunday School (children)	*Noon DUE to Jaymee: announcements for next Sunday's bulletin *Noon-DUE to Jaymee articles for November on October 26 th Meal on Wheels	<i>Pastor's Sabbath Day</i> <i>For pastoral emergencies, call or text 434-987-5338</i> Meals on Wheels	11:00am: HOPE Staff Weekly Meeting 4:30pm: Praise Band Practice Meals on Wheels	<i>Church is closed</i> <i>Pastor's Day Off</i> <i>For pastoral emergencies, call or text 434-987-5338</i> Meals on Wheels	11:30am: Find Pastor Kelly at the Blue Earth Farmers Market at the Rhino Repair Shop to get a treat!	9:00am: Choir Rehearsal; Coffee and Fellowship 10:00am: Worship with Holy Communion After Service: SHP Bible Study (adults); Sunday School (children)

Announcements

Friday, October 9th at 6pm: “Love Never Fails” Watoto Children’s Choir Live Concert Event at BEA High School-PAC organized by Thrivent. Let’s show our support for this incredible event through our attendance. Contact Pastor Kelly if you would like a ride to and from this event in the HopeMobile (our church van). Call/text 434-987-5338; email: kelly@kellyfigueroaray.com

Saturday, October 10th at 10:15am: 2026 Tour of Tables Salad Luncheon at Trinity Lutheran Gathering Place. Tickets are \$15 and are sold at Dikken’s and by table decorators. All proceeds go to benefit the Faribault County Food Shelf. *If you are interested in helping to decorate* the table that has been sponsored by the BEA Ministerial Association and/or if you or someone you know would like to go but cannot afford the ticket price, please contact Pastor Kelly, call/text 434-987-5338; email: kelly@kellyfigueroaray.com

Seeds of Hope Garden: Gleaners available to harvest, clear your garden and transport your extra produce to the church. Do you have Apples, Squash, Tomatoes? Extra glass jars to preserve food in? Contact Melissa Anne 510-965-5766 or partnerships4peace@gmail.com.

Pastor Kelly will be gone October 16-18 to visit her daughter for parent day at college. On call Pastor to be announced.

Finance Report: Total giving Jan. 1-July 2026: **\$129,296** Total budget/expenses: **\$191,776** Financial reports are available on the bulletin board in the narthex-any questions, please see Daryl or Carolyn.