

### First time at Hope?

We're so glad you're here! If you're willing, would you fill out a **connection card** from one of the pews? This will allow us to **get to know you** a little bit and follow up with you this week. When you're done, you can place the card in a basket at the front of the sanctuary or during the offering. Thanks!

### Children's Church/Nursery

Kids ages **3 years - 5th grade** will be invited to **Children's Church** in the middle of the service. We do not currently have a staffed nursery, but you are welcome to use the nursery downstairs with your child during the service.

### Regular Events

**Prayer Gathering** - Tuesdays, 6:30pm

**Men's Breakfast** - 2nd and 4th Saturdays,  
8am @ Beacon Diner

**Kids Club (Grades K-5)** - Wednesdays, 6:30pm-8pm  
(resumes in the fall)

**DNA Groups** - Adult Discipleship, Various Meeting Times  
*Interested? Let us know on a connection card*

### Notable Dates

September 3 - Leadership Meeting @ 7:30pm

September 4-5 - Weisstock Festival

September 12 - Men's Breakfast

October 2-4 - Crisp Air Festival

October 31 - Trick-or-Treat Night

November 1 - Daylight Savings Time Ends (Maybe?)

November 26 - Thanksgiving

### Leadership Meeting - September 2 @ 7:30pm

Each of our meetings begin with a time for congregational comment, so feel free to come and ask questions, share concerns, or make comments. Can't make it to a meeting? You can talk to our leaders anytime about issues, ideas, concerns, etc. that you would like brought up.

### Weisstock Festival - September 4-5

Hosted by St. Peter's Community Resource Center in Weissport Park. Lots of fun and family-friendly events, activities and vendors, with profits going to support local community groups.

### Crisp Air Festival - October 2-4

Weissport's own Fall Festival taking place in Weissport Park. Our own participation is yet to be determined.

### Financial Report

|                                                      | Week of<br>August 23 | 2026<br>Year-to-date |
|------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| General Fund                                         | \$906.97             | \$27,106.29          |
| Budget GF Target                                     | \$750.64             | \$25,521.45          |
| Actual GF Expenses                                   |                      | \$24,198.25          |
| <b>General Fund less Expenses</b>                    |                      | <b>\$2,908.04</b>    |
| General Fund % of Expenses                           |                      | 112.0%               |
| Great Commission Fund<br>(Designated and 2.5% of GF) | \$1.00               | \$644.95             |
| Wall Fund                                            | \$117.00             | Total: \$6,659.00    |

*If interested in financially supporting the ministry of Hope Community Fellowship, you can place offerings in the baskets at the front of the sanctuary. You can also give online by visiting [hopeinweissport.org/give](https://hopeinweissport.org/give)*

# Holy Living

## Now What? Various Scriptures

### Classical Disciplines/Spiritual Practices:

|            |            |            |            |
|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Sabbath    | Solitude   | Prayer     | Scripture  |
| Fasting    | Simplicity | Generosity | Community  |
| Confession | Worship    | Service    | Submission |
| Witness    |            |            |            |

### So what?

We're always being spiritually formed - these spiritual disciplines/practices help us steer that formation towards the image of Jesus

Spiritual disciplines/practices are our part in transformation - doing what we CAN do to open ourselves to the transformative working of God

Spiritual disciplines/practices are a means to an end, not an end in themselves

### Now what? (James 1:22-25)

Jesus, what is the next step for me to make myself more available and open to what you want to do in me?

#### **For more information/sources:**

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# Welcome to



# Hope

Community Fellowship

**Making, teaching, and equipping disciples of Jesus**

## Hope is...

the Gospel

*Know it, accept it, live it*

Prayer

*Talking with and listening to God about our church, our community, and His Kingdom*

Multi-generational

*Making disciples who make disciples who make disciples...*

Moving

*Closer to God, to each other, and our community, in the name of Jesus*