



Hope News

Welcome to Our Monthly Newsletter

June 2019

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

May 26 - September 1

8:00-8:30 am Early Worship: Message & Prayer

9:00-9:45 am Breakfast

10:00 am Worship

Childcare Provided: 8:00 - 11:15 am

NOTE FROM PASTOR JOHN

A Summer of Growth at Community of Hope!

"The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands." (Psalm 19:1)

God bless you and your family this summer! As we enter this beautiful season I pray that you will take some time to enjoy God's beautiful creation and to participate with God's family here at Community of Hope in some fun summer activities and worship and fellowship opportunities. We are welcoming people from all over this area when the Street of Dreams event opens up on July 27! Watch for ways you can participate and pray for this "faith and family" event.

Also, join us for our summer worship series during the 12 weeks of summer, June through August called, "The God Questions." If you think about it, at some point, everyone wonders if God is real and if there is only one way to heaven. During this summer, I hope you can join us for a 12 week series where we tackle some of the toughest questions about God and Christianity, including...

- Is God Real?
- Is the Bible True?
- Do All Roads Lead to Heaven?
- How Can a Good God Allow Suffering?
- Which Is Right: Evolution or Creation?
- What Will Heaven Be Like?



Again, blessings to you and give 'em heaven! See you this summer!
Pastor John

MID YEAR UPDATE MEETING & VOTING

Congregational Meeting

Mid-year Update & Vote

Sunday, June 23, 2019

8:00-8:30 am Message & Prayer

9:00 am Breakfast

10:00 am Worship

11:00 am Congregational Meeting

We will review how we are doing year-to-date.

Regular attenders are invited to come and listen.

Childcare is provided all morning.

Members will discuss and vote on:

1. Authorize the Council to re-finance the Thrivent Loan to a lower interest rate and secure funds to be used for our new storage facility and other related building needs
2. Authorize Council to proceed with the new storage building which includes electrical, plumbing and landscaping.

NEW CHURCH MAILING ADDRESS!

When mailing things to the church please use the following address:

Community of Hope Church

PO Box #98

Wilsonville, OR 97070

LAND SWAP TOOK PLACE!



We have executed the legal "swap" of land parcels with West Hills Development (developer of the homes to the West of us). We no longer own the property where the barn and "chicken coop" (bottle collection building) sit. The pump house straddles both West Hills property and the Church's and will be dealt with shortly. And our field to the South of us is now larger. We

have connected the Church to the Wilsonville sewer system. And we are in the process of connecting the Church to Wilsonville City water. Once that is complete (early June), we'll remove the equipment from the pump house and the large water tank will be drained and removed. West Hills Development will be removing the barn, chicken coop and pump house. We will retain access to our well (to be used for irrigation in the future).

As a reminder, this land swap will result in a more rectangular Church property that will better facilitate future expansion. It will also improve the reliability of our septic system and water supply by allowing us to connect to the City of Wilsonville's sewer and water. And it will pay for the connection to city sewer and water (fees and labor).

There is also a team of people planning for a new building that will accommodate storage (Church, RFKC, Youth) and the well pump equipment. Please see Brenda Melum or Steve Boone with questions.

Your Land Swap Team

Dick Krippaehne, Dan Dahle, Jerrold Lipps, Stan Earnshaw

NOTE FROM COUNCIL: STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Community of Hope's greatest assets are its members and regular attenders, its many volunteers, and its church staff. We accomplish so many great things for Jesus through the efforts of all of us working together. We would like to show our appreciation for everybody that contributes to who we are and what we do in the name of Jesus. We decided to start this process by highlighting our dedicated Community of Hope employees over the next few monthly CoH Newsletters.

Henry Phillips - President
Brenda Melum - Vice Presiden
Chuck Benson - Treasurer
Sara Bennett - Secretary
BJ Shrock - Worship Team
Jim Clutts - Adult Ministry Team
Steve Boone - Property Team
Julien Chambers - Fellowship Team
Brian Bippes - Children & Youth Ministry Team
Chris Utterback - Outreach Team
Connie Kenney - Social Concerns Team



Who: Koko Reyes

Ministry Area: Adult Ministry

How long have you been a staff member at COH?

Since May 2015

Tell us in a few sentences what you most enjoy about your work as part of the COH staff serving our church:

In Matthew 9:36-38 there is this wonderful and terrible set of verses: *"When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.'"*

What was wonderful when I started on staff in 2015 with Pastor Doug and continues now with Pastor John, is the attitude of the staff, which is dedicated to supporting all of the wonderful ministers that we have here at Community of Hope. Our worship volunteers show up faithfully to put on over 100 worship services every year! Our Prayer Ministry supports those of us that have been "harassed" by life or we have a celebration and need important people with whom to share it. Our Community Group leaders steadfastly gather over 140 of us in small groups where we can share our faith and all the successes and failures of our walk with God. We have teachers and leaders that strengthen us in both spirit and mind. Daily in my office I meet many giving, sharing, talented workers as you all come and go about the business of bringing in the "harvest" to our church building. I look forward to every Sunday when we all come together, especially in the summer at breakfasts. So many willing servants!

But Jesus words are still true. When I look at the houses going up around us and I read the statistics that show that Wilsonville and all the rest of Oregon have the smallest number of practicing Christians in it, I am reminded that we must pray to "the Lord of the harvest, to send out workers into His harvest field". Let's seek revival in Wilsonville and everywhere!

And so, I am excited because I know "the Lord of harvest" to be dedicated, as evidenced by the growth of the church over the centuries, to reaching every soul. I, therefore, have job

security and I am so much more than pleased to do harvesting here with everyone in Community of Hope.

Thank you for having me.

Koko

1st WEDNESDAYS DINNER, PRAYER & WORSHIP



June 5, July 10, August 14

6:00 - 7:30 pm

Join the prayer ministry team once a month over the summer for dinner, prayer and worship.

Contact Walter Reyes or Dottie Cook for more information.



Ecola State Park / Indian Beach

Join Pastor John and your friends from Hope at a fun family beach on Saturday, June 22. Pastor John will be there all day and a campfire, hot dogs and s'mores will be provided!

Bring your family and friends! Look for the Community of Hope big white shade and sign.

NEXT MONTH...

Coming up in July, event at local river beach TBD. There will also be an opportunity for baptisms in the river. See Pastor John if you are interested in getting baptized at the river or at church.

pastorjohn@commhope.org

GRADUATION PARTY FOR LISA BLOMBERG & JUSTIN CARPENTER



Friday, June 7th

3:14-6:28 pm (π and $\pi \times 2$)

The Blomberg and Carpenter families would like to invite all of Community of Hope to Justin and Lisa's graduation party at the Carpenter's home.

Carpenter's home: 32062 SW Willamette Way East, Wilsonville.

RSVP's would be appreciated. debiandkj@comcast.net

BOBS PROJECT



Friday, June 28 - Sunday, June 30

Copy and paste this link to see more about this project on the Catalyst NW website and information on how to sign up:

https://www.catalystnw.org/Groups/1000103355/Catalyst/Catalyst_Partnerships/Projects/2019/Kierig_June_28/Kierig_June_28.aspx



**This Saturday, June 1st
5:00 pm at Community of Hope**

BBQ dinner for those interested in learning more about how to help and support African SMILE. This dinner is also for alumni who have gone to Tanzania with African SMILE before. RSVP please!

dandahle@dedahle.com OR dsmith2364@comcast.net

July 7th

African SMILE is ramping up our Golfathon campaign to raise funds in support of children's education and clean water in Nkungu Village in Tanzania. Similar to the Catalyst Golf Marathon, we are looking for participants to ask their friends and neighbors to sponsor pledges to smash 100 golf balls for African SMILE at Top Golf on July 7th. You can find more details and sign up at <http://africansmile.org/golfathon/> or talk to Dan Dahle.

IN OUR PRAYERS



Our dear friend Dean Hobbensiefken passed away on Monday, May 13 after a long battle with cancer. Please keep his wife, Mary Sinclair, and their family in your prayers. His memorial service will be Saturday, June 1 at noon at Community of Hope with a reception to follow.

YOUTH CANS & BOTTLES UPDATE

Since the chicken coop is no longer on Community of Hope property, the youth will be storing cans and bottles in the yellow Community of Hope trailer that will be parked next to the dumpster. If possible, please only bring cans and bottles to church on Sundays. You can leave them on the patio or you can set them by the yellow trailer.



Hillary also has special blue bags with stickers that you can use. You can bring them to local Bottle Drop spots, including the Wilsonville Fred Meyer. This would

save Hillary, Jerrold and the youth time, but there are particulars about how to sort.

See Hillary for more details if you would be interested in doing this.

FOOD 4 THOUGHT



A backpack buddy program

Food 4 Thought is wrapping up its 3rd full year distributing backpacks to food insecure grade school and middle school students living right here in Wilsonville. We know that about 1/3 of all students in the schools we serve (Boeckman Creek Elementary and Meridian Creek Middle) are free and reduced lunch cost eligible and at times struggle with hunger. **We are**

currently serving about 40 students each week and this year prepared and distributed over 1,000 backpacks!

We are shutting down the program for the summer, but will be right back at it come September! Offering the community a ministry like this would not be possible without your prayers and support of the program through your donations of food bags and funds. THANK YOU!

It costs about \$10 to fill a backpack for one student each week. Please consider sponsoring an anonymous child next year. It costs \$40 per month or \$360 for the entire school year. If you have questions about the Food 4 Thought program or you wish to support the ministry for the next school year, see Dave Smith or Dan Dahle.

Volunteers

Mary Ott, Barbara Nichols, Art Morales, Judy Ray, Kim Finsand, Lisa Bippes, Dan Dahle, Dave Smith



Kids Ministry

NURSERY

Children (infants - 4 years) are welcome to join our nannies in the nursery for snacks, music, simple crafts and Bible stories.

KID'S CHURCH

Children through 2nd grade, join us after the Children's Message during the 10:00 am worship service through the summer for special activities around the theme of Creation. Children 3rd through 5th grade are encouraged to grab a special children's clipboard and stay with their parents in the worship service.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School will take a break during the summer!



NEXT DAY CAMP:

If you live in the West Linn-Wilsonville School District, you know there is no school on June 3rd. What do you do? Drop the kids off for a day filled with animal science, games, technology, and art! Talk to Julie to sign up. Don't forget to invite your friends!

SUMMER FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Beginning in this month, there will be two opportunities a week to join others in either a craft or service project around our community. These activities will take the place of Vacation Bible School.

See below for details!

**FELLOWSHIP
AT THE
FOUNTAIN**

Fellowship at the Fountains will be at Murase Park on Tuesdays from 11:00 am-12:30 am. I will have a craft or activity available so stop on by! If you would like to volunteer at some of them with me, just let me know and I'll get you signed up!

Tuesday, June 18

Activity: Bead Necklace

Tuesday, June 25

Activity: Paper Plate Jellyfish

Hope Helpers is a family activity on Thursday evenings from 5:30-7:00 pm. We will meet at the church and then go out to bless others. As an option, from 6:30-7:00 pm, we will go somewhere for dinner just to hang out and talk about what we did.

Thursday, June 20

Activity: Random Act of Kindness Bags & Painted Rocks



Thursday, June 27

Activity: Kids Activity Bags for Community Sharing
Talk with Julie to sign up if you want to attend or volunteer!

For information about Children's Ministry, contact:

Julie: julie@commhope.org or 503.682.8855



Youth Ministry



YOUTH GROUP:

High school and middle school youth alternate weeks meeting together. Occasionally we meet all together. Please carefully read the calendar!

June 2

Join us for the Variety Show!

5:00-7:30 pm, Potluck dinner, let us know if you have an act for the show!

June 9

Middle School Only

6:00-7:30 pm, Tour de Fries

Drivers needed!

Wednesday, June 19

High School Only

6:00-7:30 pm, Tour de Fries

Drivers needed!

Wednesday, June 26

Middle & High School Youth Group

Digital Scavenger Hunt

5:30-7:30 pm, Drop off at Memorial Park, Pick up at Wendy's, Bring \$ for Dinner

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Sunday School will take a break over the summer

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION SUNDAY

Sunday, June 9th

we will be recognizing our graduating seniors!

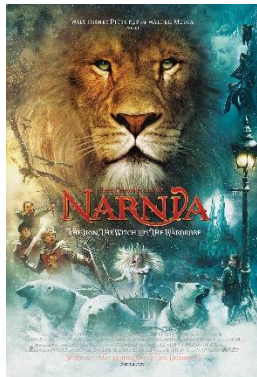
Lisa Blomberg, Justin Carpenter, Tristan Cavarno, & Kyle Etzel
If your high school senior's name is not on this list, please let Hillary know ASAP.

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL GUYS RETRO VIDEO GAME NIGHT

Saturday, June 8th

5:00-9:00 pm

Join Mike Haines, and other male leaders for dinner and a night of playing retro video games like Mario Kart and more. Come and leave whenever you would like.



MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BIBLE JOURNALING & MOVIE NIGHT

Saturday, June 8th

5:00-9:00 pm

Meet at Hillary's apartment in Wilsonville for a night of Bible journaling, dinner, and watching a movie. The middle & high school girls will watch the Chronicles of Narnia and talk about what it means to be courageous in our faith.

CANS AND BOTTLES

Please only bring cans and bottles to church on SUNDAYS from here on out. We are using the CoH yellow trailer to store them until a replacement building is made.

Note: please be sure to remove bottle caps before donating. Thank you!

Each time we bring cans and bottles to the recycle center, we receive between \$600-\$1,000! We use this money to help fund youth group events, which helps to reduce our overall budget spending. We also support a Compassion Child through these funds. Stay tuned for more information about sorting cans and bottles this summer!

MISSION TRIP

The mission trip prep class will start Sunday, June 30 after the 10:00 am worship service. This is for those attending the mission trip as preparation. We will be learning some Spanish and talking about Mexican culture.



For information about Youth Ministry, contact:
Hillary: hillary@commhope.org; 503.682.8855

ADULT MINISTRIES

Our friends, Frank and Vern have been receiving rides to church each Sunday with the support of Jo Loitz, the Kenney family, Don Etzel, Tim Johnson, Al Borgen and the Ted Case family. Thank you for all your support. Adult Ministry will be exploring ways and means for providing transportation for all our other friends that want to come to worship. If you would like to be part of that process contact Koko.

Pastor John continues to share his sermon notes with Community Group leaders so that mid-week Community Groups can discuss further the messages we all hear at Sunday morning worship. If you would like access to these notes, too, contact Koko.

SUMMER BREAKFASTS

May 26	HELP NEEDED	July 21	HELP NEEDED
June 2	Praise Ensemble	July 28	Lunchbox Community Group
June 9	Foodies 2 Community Group	August 4	HELP NEEDED
June 16	HELP NEEDED	August 11	HELP NEEDED
June 23	HELP NEEDED	August 18	HELP NEEDED
June 30	Youth Leadership Team	August 25	HELP NEEDED
July 7	HELP NEEDED	September 1	HELP NEEDED

July 14	Canary Community Group		
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The fellowship that we have at each breakfast is precious, please consider helping put on one of the breakfasts. If you are not part of a group but you would still like to be part of a breakfast, let me know because there are others that would like to join you making a breakfast, too.

Thank you for such a beautiful Memorial weekend worship and breakfast time. We were over 90 people for breakfast and over 150 for worship!

Be strong and courageous
Koko

PRAYER

If you have a prayer request please let us know, you can complete a prayer request card from your Sunday bulletin and drop it into the Sunday morning offering basket or contact Pastor John or our staff and let us know how we can pray for you.

If you would like to be added to the prayer chain to pray for others, please send us an email to prayer@commhope.org. Thank you to Chris Snodderly for coordinating our prayer chain requests!

For more information, contact:
prayer@commhope.org



FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM

Check out the links below to see more fun pictures and information about church, youth events and activities!

<https://www.instagram.com/commhopechurch/> **Church Instagram account**

<https://www.instagram.com/coh.youth/> **Thrive and Journey Instagram account**



For more information, contact Hillary: hillary@commhope.org



FRED MEYER REWARDS PROGRAM

Community of Hope joins the Fred Meyer rewards program!

To sign up visit: <https://www.fredmeyer.com>

Log into your Fred Meyer account, select "Community Rewards" from the menu, then search for **Community of Hope, ELCA** either by name or use **DH375** and then click Enroll. New users will need to create an account which requires some basic information such as a valid email address and a rewards card.

You will still receive your personal rewards in addition to the rewards that are dispersed to Community of Hope by the program.

For more information contact Dana: dana@commhope.org

SHOP THROUGH AMAZON SMILE



Community of Hope is registered as a charitable organization with AmazonSmile.

If you sign up, each quarter Amazon donates 0.5% of your purchases to Community of Hope.

Community of Hope received \$24.35 from purchases made between January 1 and March 31, 2019.

Please consider directing donations from purchases you make on Amazon to Community of Hope ELCA.

It does not cost you more money to participate.



HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

1. Go to <https://smile.amazon.com/> and register.
2. Type: "**Community of Hope ELCA**" into the search engine and select our church. Under "location" it will say Wilsonville.
3. Every time you shop go to <https://smile.amazon.com/> and Amazon will give .5% of all your purchases to Community of Hope!

Thank you for those who have already signed up!

For more information, contact contact Dana Eaton:
dana@commhope.org, 503.682.8855

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www.facebook.com/commhope

GIVING ONLINE

This program is an easy way to manage your giving.

Via the internet, you can set up one-time or recurring donations, and view your giving history. Choose to debit automatically from your checking or savings account, or credit card.

Giving online offers convenience for you,

and provides donation consistency for our congregation.

Go to the Community of Hope webpage www.commhope.org and select the blue **"DONATE"** on the top right of the page to get started.

For more information, contact Dana Eaton:
dana@commhope.org, 503.682.8855

MISSED A SERMON?

We have most of the sermons on our Youtube channel. Visit the link below. The most current sermon also appears on the homepage of our website.

<http://commhope.org/worship/sermons/> - Sermon Archive on Website
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCacWE9-J2J7xD0tL2KWfuww> - CoH YouTube channel

FINANCIAL UPDATE

	April 2019 Actual	April 2019 Budget	2019 YTD Actual	2019 YTD Budget
Contributions & Rent	\$40,331	\$62,729	\$174,516	\$198,192
Expenses	\$47,877	\$50,114	\$196,067	\$200,358
General Fund Balance	\$66,215			
Average Attendance	203			

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Dana Eaton: dana@commhope.org, 503.682.8855

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