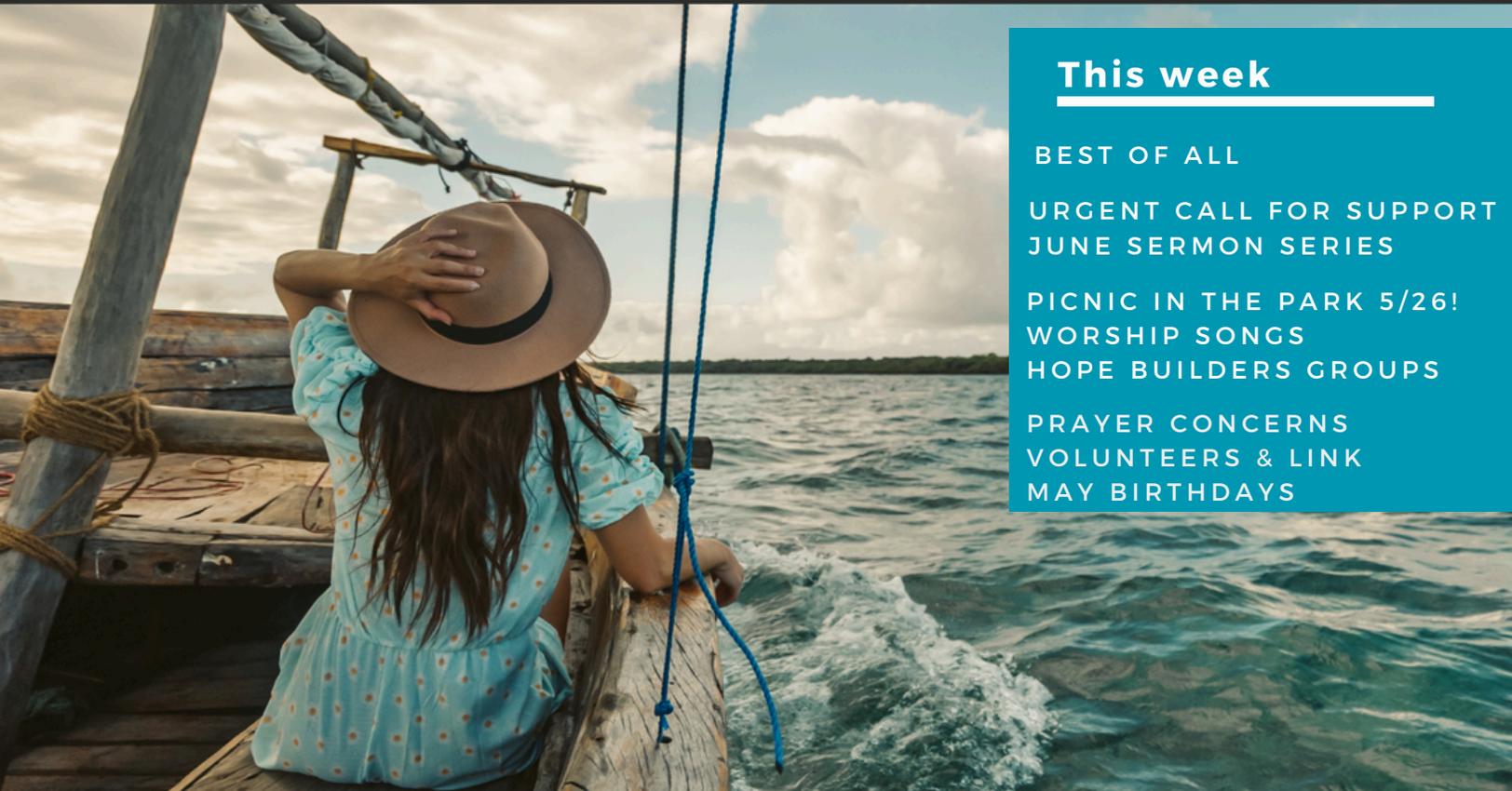




HIGHLIGHTS *from* ONE HOPE CHURCH

May 16, 2024



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BEST OF ALL

by Pastor Eric

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“Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”
Matthew 28:16-20

Tradition tells us that John Wesley’s famous last words on his deathbed were: “Best of all, God is with us.” What powerful, awesome words of assurance, spoken with peace at the end of life on this

earth!

Theologically, one of the immutable characteristics of God is omnipresence. The Latin “omni” is simply interpreted as “all” in English. With an all-present God, there is nowhere you can go where God isn’t there.

David tells tells God in Psalm 139:

*“Where shall I go from your Spirit?
Or where shall I flee from your presence?*

*If I ascend to heaven, you are there!
If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!*

If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me.

Now, omnipresence is amazing and can be incredibly comforting. Therefore, it is a fact that we cannot hide or be hidden from God. However, the sense of God’s presence is different in the Great Commission.

The difference here could be described as the post-justification difference. In Wesleyan theology, we have Prevenient Grace. This is God’s presence that is working and moving, whether or not a believer is present.

However, after a person experiences Justifying Grace, they begin the journey with God’s Sanctifying Grace. Sanctifying Grace is not merely a presence, but an empowering. Go forth for Jesus and he will be with us and empower us to make disciples. That’s what makes it “best of all”!

URGENT CALL FOR SUPPORT

Kenya Faces Devastating Floods

In recent weeks, countries in East Africa have been grappling with a severe flooding crisis, leaving communities across the region in turmoil. From the bustling streets of Nairobi to remote villages across the country, Kenya has faced the brunt of the relentless rains and rising rivers that have caused widespread damage and displacement.

Over 150,000 people across the region have been forced to flee their homes, with the death toll rising as rainfall continues. Kenyan President William Ruto's recent directive to evacuate homes along rivers underscores the gravity of the situation. Many living in poverty in these areas are particularly vulnerable, with inadequate housing offering little protection against the elements.

In Nairobi's Muthare slum, home to Huruma Tent of Prayer, a congregation of the Global Methodist Church, families are facing unprecedented challenges as floodwaters inundate their homes and livelihoods. GM Church leaders in the Kenya-Ethiopia Provisional Annual Conference are doing all they can to assist those in need of shelter, food, and clothing.

"We stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Africa during this challenging time. The GM Church is committed to providing practical support and assistance to those affected by the devastating floods," stated Pastor Linda Davis, Chair of the Disaster Relief Taskforce of the GM Church. "Together, with our partners and the global community, we will work tirelessly to alleviate suffering and rebuild lives the best we can as part of the mission of the GM Church."

The urgency of the situation calls for immediate action. The GM Church is rallying support to aid those affected by the floods. Financial contributions are urgently needed to provide shelter, food, and medical assistance to those in need.

Resources donated will be directed to places of greatest need by the Kenya-Ethiopia Provisional Annual Conference Disaster Relief Team.

Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers are with all those who are suffering as a result of this crisis. **To join in supporting this crucial cause please make your check out to One Hope Church including on the memo line: "Disaster Relief - General"**. All gifts received will be sent in one payment to the Global Methodist Church. Thank you!



JUNE SERMON SERIES

We Are the Body

1 Corinthians 12:1-14:12

The Church is an amazing and perplexing association. The Greek "ecclesia," which we render as "church," refers to a public gathering of people, normally for an exchange of ideas, which sounds very ancient Greek indeed! The Church only exists by the power of God. With the manifestation of the Holy Spirit, the Church is a gathering to share the Truth and share life as the body of Christ. If the Holy Spirit is extracted from the Church, it crumbles to simply an assembly for sharing ideas and opinions. Following the celebration of Pentecost, One Hope will explore 1 Corinthians 12:1-14:12. Join us as we seek to move in the Spirit, so we are empowered to be the body of Christ in the world today.

PICNIC IN THE PARK

It's time to celebrate! We're having a potluck Picnic in the Park on Sunday, May 26, immediately after worship. We will be in shelter 1 at Meadowbrook Park, 9101 Nall Avenue, Prairie Village, KS 66207, just north of the church. We hope everyone can join us.

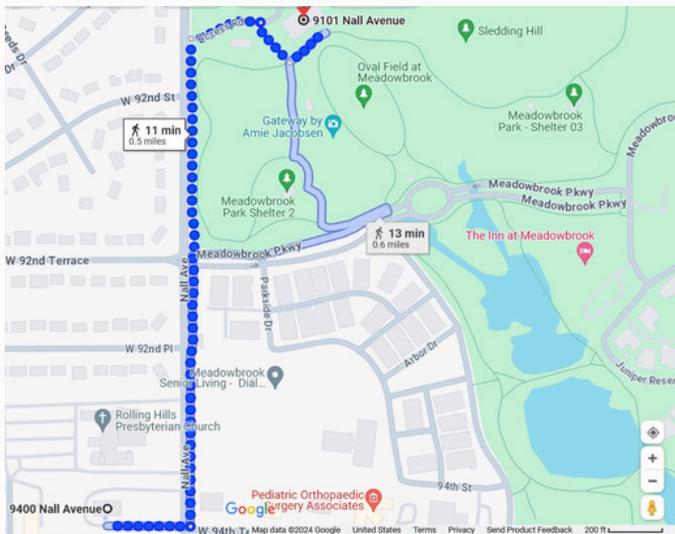


Meadowbrook Park Shelter 1

- 7 tables (1 accessible), seating for 42
- Accessible parking and pathway to shelter
- 1 charcoal grill
- Electricity
- Drinking fountain
- Restroom nearby
- Playground nearby

The church will provide the plates, silverware, cups, napkins, and beverages. We've setup an online signup for main dishes, side dishes, and desserts.

[Signup here!](#)



Map to the park

WORSHIP SONGS

Opening Song
Holy Spirit

Worship Song
Surely the Presence of the Lord
Hymnal #306
Spirit of the Living God
Hymnal #299

Song of Response
Spirit of Faith, Come Down
Hymnal #289

HOPE BUILDERS GROUPS



Hope Builders Groups are where we share our joys and challenges in our faith walk. Learn more about the structure of these groups. Read The Class Meeting by Kevin Watson. **You can check out a copy from the One Hope Church Library on Sundays.**

Click the link below to sign up for a group.

[Link to interest form](#)

VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to everyone for continuing to share your time and talent for our activities on Sunday. Your participation is greatly appreciated by all who attended One Hope Church.

Volunteer Opportunities include Fellowship Time - Coffee or Treats, Hospitality, Tech Team, Prayers & The Lord's Prayer, Prayer Group, Music, Children's Church, and Clean Up.

Access the signup form:

[Sunday Volunteers](#)

May 19

Music

Abie R.

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Randall S.

Prayer Group

Earl & Sue S., Randall S., Bill F.

Tech - Audio

Lisa S.

MAY BIRTHDAY

It's a joy to have reasons to celebrate and we'd like to add a new "twist". Instead of just celebrating the person we hope everyone will use this list as a reminder to pray for others in the church.

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Collin R.

PRAYER CONCERNS

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."
~ *Philippians 4:6*

Prayers for:

East Africa Flood Recovery

Heartland Provisional Annual Conference area (Ardmore, Sulphur, & Marietta, OK) affected by tornadoes

Texas Panhandle wildfires recovery

Beth L., broken shoulder, Lisa S. sister

Carolyn E., broken femur and fingers

Jenna R., breast cancer, friend of Michelle G.

Lisa W., diagnosed with ALS, Bill F.'s niece

Global Methodist Church Heartland Conference

Heartland Global Methodist Church Annual Conference, May 30 - June 1

Global Methodist Church

Convening General Conference
9/20-9/26/24 San Jose, Costa Rica

Israel & Ukraine

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Prayer | 8:30am

Worship | 9:00am

Children | 9:15am

Fellowship | 9:50am

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