

Announcements & Community News

September Second Mile Giving for FUMC & WUMC: Indiana coalition to end sexual assault and human Trafficking.

Official Kick-off of Hope UMC — We will be celebrating our official kick-off of *Hope UMC* with a catered meal on **Sunday, October 26** directly after worship service. Be sure to sign-up as we need to give a final head count to the caterer *by today, October 19*.

Bellamy's Bake Sale — **Today, Sunday, October 19** after worship Bellamy's Bake Sale to help benefit *Mission Guatemala* mission trip in January.

Social Justice Support for African American Girls - UWFaith is hosting a *special screening of Pushout*, followed by a light meal and small group discussion with administrators and teachers from our shared communities. ***All are invited to come.*** *Event will take place on **Thursday, October 23, 2025 from 4:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m. at Hope UMC, 7320 Northcote Ave., Hammond, IN 46324.*** If you were not able to sign up by the QR code, there will be a sign up list on Sunday. Questions, please contact Lora Ward at lward4203@aol.com or 708-650-6417.

All Saints Sunday – November 2 - Join us as we honor the saints who have gone before us. To include a loved one who passed this year, please email the church office with their name, date of passing, and a photo by *October 27*. You may also add names to our **Bell Banner** in the narthex—write the name in the book and affix a bell in their memory.

Community Preschool & Childcare Fall Fundraiser October 1-22— The profits earned from our fall fundraiser will boost CP & CC general budget. We appreciate any order small or large. **Return orders with cash or check payment by October 22.** *See order form on the counter in the narthex. Contact Karianne (219) 844-3030, Ext. 305 for details or questions.*

Trick or Treating Event — On **Tuesday, October 28**, *Hope UMC combined with Messy Church and Community Preschool and Childcare* will be having a *Trick-or-Treating event for the community* from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., in the community center. To help support this wonderful event, we are asking for Halloween candy donations. There will be a festive candy container by the Welcome Center for donations. **Deadline for Candy Donations is Sunday, October 26.**

Veterans Day Remembrance — Hope UMC would like to honor those of our members and friends who have served or are currently serving in the military. *Please see your bulletin insert for more information.*

(For This Week Schedule & Prayer Concerns, please see your Bulletin Insert)

Remember to like and follow our Facebook page if you are social media: www.facebook.com/INHopeUMC
And make sure you visit the draft website: fwum.org/



Hope United Methodist Church

Worship 10:15 a.m. - October 19, 2025

Pastor Jim Denton - (219) 281-1054
james.denton@inumc.org

7320 Northcote Ave, Hammond, IN 46324
(219) 844-3030

Hope United Methodist Church

We welcome you and pray that today’s worship brings you blessing and peace. Please take a moment to fill out your joys and concerns early so they can be lifted up during prayer time and remembered in prayer throughout the week.

**Please stand, as you are comfortable*

Welcome and Community Life

Prelude

Call to Worship

Maureen Tedesco

Leader: We have gathered once again, Lord of all and Lord of us.

People: We come to lift our prayers, and to sing your praises once again.

Leader: We come to ask and hope and long to see your justice in the land.

Leader: **We worship in that hope and will work in that Spirit.**

*** Opening Hymn** - *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

UMH 384

Opening Prayer

Children’s Message

Pat Mosley

Prayer Hymn - *Be Still, My Soul*

UMH 534

Prayers of the People

Prayer Response - *Hear Us, O God*

UMH 490

Choral Anthem - *As The Deer*

Chancel Choir

Prayer of Illumination

Maureen Tedesco

Scripture Reading

Psalm 119:97-104

Luke 18:1-8

Leader: The Word of God

People: Thanks be to God

Sermon - *“Persistent Faith”*

Pastor Jim

Apostle’s Creed

Lesser Thanksgiving

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise

Offering our Gifts to God

* The Doxology

UMH 95

Prayer of Dedication

*** Closing Hymn** - *God of Love and God of Power*

UMH 578

*** Breakthrough Prayer**

Dismissal with Blessing

Bishop: Rev. Tracy S. Malone

District Supt: Rev. Dr. Marti Lundy

Assoc. D.S.: Rev. Paul Arnold

Lay Leaders: Pat Mosley

Worship Leader: Pat Mosley

Accompanist: David Bieschke

Greeter(s): Jackie Lewis

Usher(s): Irma Mora, Fran Vukovich

Acolyte: R.J. Heady

The altar flowers in worship are in honor of Ryan & Neil, given by Nancy Jarmula.