

The Dueber Doings 2026



MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT



HOPE Family Ministry is coming to a close for our 2025-2026 School year. We are so grateful for those who have taken time, funds, energy, and prayer as we continue to share the Gospel message with our children and youth! I want to acknowledge the following for sharing with each other in fulfilling God's call to

serve in this capacity:

Teachers: Wilma Brumbaugh, James Duck, Emily George, Jonathan Haas, Doris Leedy, Annette Olena, and Matt Shackle;

Food service: Assurance class and Robin and Dan Minor.

We also want to thank our Dueber Church family for the continued prayers and financial support. May God continue to bless us as we are a blessing to others!

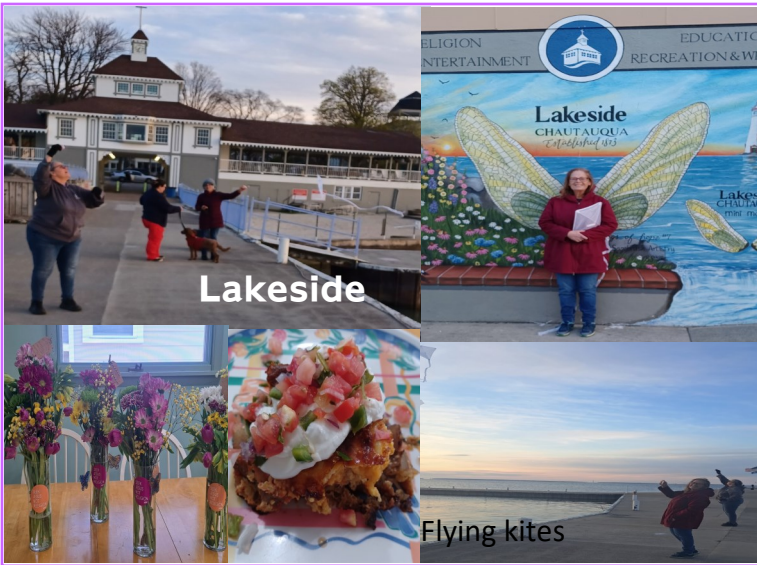
Summer plans are in the works! Everyone is invited to our Summer Family Ministry nights:

- ♦ **June 10:** HOPE Family Ministry, 6-7:30pm at the church
- ♦ **June 24 – Picnic in the Park –** Hall of Fame Village Amphitheater. Bring a picnic dinner and enjoy the sounds of summer brought to us by the Canton Symphony Orchestra.
- ♦ **July 8 – Akron Ducks Baseball Game –** Dinner provided at the church at 4pm, prior to car-pooling to the game.
- ♦ **July 22:** HOPE Family Ministry, 6-7:30 at the church
- ♦ **August 5 – Day at the Lake –** (Tappan Lake) meet at the church at 9am to car-pool and enjoy the sun, water, and fellowship (lunch included). Return at 6pm.
- ♦ **September 16:** HOPE Family Ministry 2026-2027 Kick-off

For more information, children's/youth permission slips, or to sign up, watch the bulletin boards, bulletins, summer newsletters or see/call **Char**.

Thanks to everyone who made the Easter play possible. It was a blessing!





CELEBRATE RECOVERY



Celebrate Recovery continues to meet weekly at 10 am and 6:30 pm.

Want to overcome your hurts, habits, and hang-ups? Join us!

Part of the program are our step studies – an in depth work through the 12-steps as small groups. Celebrate Recovery Women's Step Study 1.0 and 2.0 recently completed their year long studies. Celebrations were held at the church (1.0) and at Lakeside (2.0) (see pictures for Sabbath.) Want more information on the ministry? See Carol or Eric Gregg, or Char.



Impact Canton is a one day mission work day, on June 6th, working on homes right here in Canton.

T-shirt sizes need to be submitted to the church office by **May 3rd**. (send an email or call today)



Over the past few years, we have invited people to add to worship through visual art. This year we are doing that during the season leading up to Pentecost.

The theme of the preaching for this season is going to be Born Again. Christ tells us we must be born again.

It is a transformational moment when we put our faith in Jesus and the Holy Spirit comes into our hearts and lives.

Between **April 12th** and **May 31st** we would love for you to create and share art focused on **the new birth in Christ Jesus**. We've listed the sermon Scriptures and topics which might inspire you or offer direction to your creation.

- 1 John 3:8-9 – The Great Privilege of the Those Who are Born of God
- 2 Corinthians 9 – Spirit led giving
- 2 Kings 2:1-22 – When God's Spirit comes, God's people go
- Hebrews 6:1-12 – A new life leading to perfection in Christ's love
- John 5:19-30 – God's children depend on and follow Him.

There is a calendar posted outside the office for anyone who would be willing to take a week to mow the church's grass. The lawn equipment in the garage can be used.



FROM THE PASTOR



Acts 26:28, Agrippa interrupted him. "Do you think you can persuade me to become a Christian so quickly?"

In the King James Version, Agrippa says to Paul, "Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian." This was the verse which inspired John Wesley's sermon "The Almost Christian." In it Wesley describes the person who outwardly is very religious. He describes someone who goes to church regularly and someone who is very moral. He speaks of a person who does good deeds for others and is a good citizen. A person many of us would be glad to have as a neighbor, maybe even the person we would nominate to be a leader in our church or vote for as a leader of our community. This person with all the outward trimmings, but without the heart of flesh, the new life in the Spirit, and all the inward blessings of a real relationship with God in Jesus Christ.

The almost Christian believes in God, but the demons know who God is and tremble. The almost Christian works hard to earn their salvation. The almost Christian sacrifices and strains and is annoyed by those who haven't done all the good deeds but receive the joy and peace of coming to Jesus after squandering years of life living frivolously and selfishly. It is an existence lived with little joy and plenty of pride. Outwardly it looks very similar to the real Christian life, but inwardly it the furthest thing from it. It is a life without the best aspects of the Christian life and the aspects which make the outward works ones of joy and cheerful giving.

If Agrippa would have taken that step of faith and gone from almost a Christian to placing his faith in Jesus Christ, he could have experienced a host of blessings. All he had to do was shift his faith. We are all people of faith. We all make choices to believe in something. From birth, we are believing creatures. Babies come into this world and cry for food. They cry because they are hungry and they cry because somewhere deep within they believe if their cries are heard someone will feed them. Agrippa had faith. Agrippa could have placed his faith in many different things. He could have believed in the Roman gods, or Caesar and the might of Roman, or in money and wealth and power and violence. Whatever it was, Agrippa placed his faith in something other than Jesus.

The almost Christian continues to trust in his or her own good works. They trust in their morality pleasing God. They believe they can just be better than

everyone else. Other things receive their faith. Faith in Jesus and His the sufficiency of His sacrifice alone is what brings us new life and the renewed inward connection with God which what really makes someone a Christian. I pray that you have that new life which makes the whole of the Christian life one of joy. Bible study and prayer times become times of intimacy with your heavenly Father instead of daily chores and simply an act of self-discipline or study for a test. Serving others becomes service to Christ the One whom you love. Worship is not a weekly ritual or routine, but a celebration and the opportunity to let your joy overflow. The change within changes how you see the outward Christian life. That life you live might look very similar outwardly, but the view from within changes drastically. Don't be an almost Christian, place your faith in Jesus and be born again.



We will be celebrating baptisms

and reaffirmation of baptisms again this year on Pentecost. Pentecost this year falls on Memorial Day weekend May 24th. We will have the baptismal set up in the gym and will have a special baptism service at 10:00 in between worship services.

If you would like to be baptized or reaffirm your baptism please contact the office or Pastor Jon.

Everyone is invited to join with us and the angels in heaven as we celebrate this step of faith in the lives of our brothers and sisters in Christ.



How can you help?

Sign up for a Mission opportunity.



Missions of Prayer

Please pray for: all missionaries and the ill, healing of division and discrimination, Celebrate Recovery, RAHAB Ministries, The Pregnancy and Parenting Center, and Hammer & Nails.



Missions of Service

Volunteer with: Street Hope Ministry, HOPE Family or to be a van driver or rider - see Char.

Finance Missions



If you feel led to give financially to any ministries in addition to your tithe please designate such on your offering envelope or on the memo line of your check.

Collection Missions



If you feel called to serve by giving items: Street Hope ministry needs men's clothing (in sizes S-XL ONLY) Please donate summer clothing at this time.



Operation Christmas Child is looking for boys and girl's' underwear, colored pencils and old T-shirts of any size. These T-shirts will be cut up and braided



Upper Room Devotionals and the Mission Prayer Calendar can be picked up near church entrances.



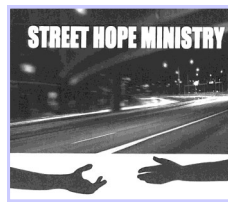
Wednesday Bible Study

Does your Bible look like this?

If not, you need to join us!

*At 11 AM in the dining hall we are studying *Messy People* by Jennifer Cowart, a study of 6 people God used in spite of their messy lives. Led by Kay Eakin. (Messy People study will end on May 27th.)

*At 6:30 PM in room 3 and on ZOOM we are studying the book of Romans, led by Doug George.



Street Hope no longer needs winter clothing. Now we need summer clothing. Thank you for your support.



Hello church!

We need to start preparing for the 2026 shoebox packing. Samaritan's Purse was able to send over 12 MILLION shoeboxes to children around the world.

We are in need of washcloths

(NO soap), small scissors for sewing kits, and hair accessories. Please reach out to Emily George or Pam Stocker if you have any questions!



Soul Survivors is a monthly support group for widows. If you are interested in more information, please contact the church office or Kay Eakin.



Romans 12:2 says "Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may prove what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect." Talk to Pastor Jon about joining a Foundry Group today.



Afraid you are missing out? Want to know what is going on? Think your meeting been cancelled? Go to Dueber.org/calendar to see the latest updates!



The deadline for submissions for the next edition of The Dueber Doings is the 3rd Friday of the current month. Please have submissions to the office by that date.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Traditional at 8:45
Contemporary at 11:11
Living Waters (kids) at 11:11
Online anytime at Dueber.org
Sunday school for all ages at 10 AM



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BIBLE STUDY

on Zoom and in person
each Wednesday
at 11 AM & 6:30 PM
Contact the church office
for information