Announcements & Community News

September Second Mile Giving for FUMC & WUMC: Indiana coalition to end sexual assault and human Trafficking, located at 931 E. 86th. Street Suite 215, Indianapolis, IN 46260.

Messy Church: The Next Messy Church event is on **Tuesday, September 23** from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Hope UMC Community Center.

Hope UMC Community Church Picnic: today **at 12:00 pm**, Stay for our church community picnic for kids and adults. *Come join us for food, games, activities, music and more.* All are welcome.

Knitting and Crochet: The Thursday Knitting and Crochet group will resume their weekly meeting on **Thursday**, **September 18** from 12:30–2:30 in the Hope UMC church library.

(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. - September 14, 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 Katy Isaacs

Leader: We come seeking refuge in a world where goodness and good news can feel far away.

People: God is our hope and our refuge.

Leader: We come searching for safety in a world that often calls foolishness wisdom and wisdom foolishness.

People: God is our hope and our refuge.

Leader: We come longing for rest in a world that bombards us with all the ways people work against the abundant life and flourishing of their neighbors.

People: God is our hope and our refuge.

Leader: Come, children of God, to find refuge and hope in God who delivers and restores us.

People: May God teach us and guide us to find refuge and be refuge with and for our neighbors today and every day.

* Opening Hymn - Amazing Grace

UMH 378

Opening Prayer

Children's Message

Maureen Tedesco

Prayer Hymn - Take My Life, and Let It Be

UMH 399

Prayers of the People

Prayer Response - Hear Us, O God

UMH 490

Choral Anthem - Amazing Grace for the Lost Lamb

Prayer of Illumination Katy Isaacs

Chancel Choir

Scripture Reading

Psalm 14 Luke 15:1-10

Leader: The Word of God **People: Thanks be to God**

Sermon - "Our Hope is in the Lord" 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 - My Hope Is Built UMH 368

* 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: Katy Isaacs Accompanist: David Bieschke

Greeter(s): Phyllis Sovola, Irma Mora

Usher(s): Jackie Lewis

Acolyte: RJ Heady

The altar flowers in worship are in memory of Kevin Iler, given by Barb Iler