

# Doorway to Hope

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## The Celtic Way of Discipleship

Following Jesus today feels like we are in uncharted territory. Consider this: pagans and witches now outnumber Presbyterians in the United States, a “Christian” nation.<sup>1</sup> Prayer is no longer welcomed after national tragedies, because we are “mocking” the victims.<sup>2</sup> Emotions live at a near boil, reading to burn anyone who gets too close, especially if you disagree with another’s values. To disagree now is to hate. And though basic Bible knowledge is shrinking, spirituality is not going away. For example, you can explore how to become a Gnostic in Ballston Spa.<sup>3</sup> Gnosticism was an enemy of the gospel in the first 100 years of church history, yet it is still here in New York. In general, there’s an apathy towards true spiritual truth, a distrust of the church, but a longing for some kind of connection to some kind of heaven. Welcome to America and Saratoga County! How are we to be faithful in making disciples as a small community of Jesus followers (Matthew 28:18-20), when it feels like no one knows the troubles we have?

Meet your ancient Irish brothers and sisters from the 5<sup>th</sup> century, who following the famous “St. Patrick,” converted and planted hundreds of churches among their emotional, illiterate barbarian neighbors (how they were viewed by the Roman Catholic Church). The Irish Celts did not read or write and were not interested. They had a reputation for

letting their emotions get out of control. They were deeply tribal and disconnected, often at war with each other. Yet they were deeply spiritual, loved nature, and assumed that Spiritual Reality is complex. There was almost no knowledge of the Scriptures or basic Christianity, apart from a few Christian slaves. All total it’s assumed that “Patrick’s mission planted about 700 churches... and ordained perhaps 1000 priests.”<sup>4</sup>

How is that possible? Well, the Celtic monasteries were organized, not to escape the corruption of the world, but to “penetrate the pagan world and to extend the Church.”<sup>5</sup> The eastern monks often withdrew from the world to save their own souls, while the Celtic leaders were organizing communities to save other people’s souls. The eastern monasteries were often separated from the people, cut off, living in the middle of nowhere. The Celtic Christians build their communities in places ordinary people would

have to pass by. See, the Celts applied Psalm 110:2 and John 1:14, living among the people in order to be a light in the darkness, a city on a hill. They lived among Jesus’ enemies. The Irish church existed to reach and disciple “pre-Christian outsiders.”

There are a few things that the Celtic Christian communities did well that we can learn from. If you were to visit, you’d have to pass through a wall and a gate. The walls were not there to keep the world out, but to signify your entrance into a holy space. The intention was to create “anticipations of paradise in which the forces of division, violence and evil were excluded. Wild beasts were tamed and nature regulated. The privileges of Adam and Eve in Eden, received from God but lost by the Fall, were reclaimed.”<sup>6</sup> There was a Christian community, a gospel-shaped community, among her neighbors. What would it look like for Hope Church to aim at being a Jesus-centered community that is

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attractive and different (see Matthew 5:13-16)? We'd be a taste of the new heavens and new earth here in Ballston Spa.

Second, the Celtic Christians did hospitality well. Guests were welcomed and honored, often having the Abbot (leader of the community) wash your feet. The guest house was often given the best place in the community. There was no higher priority than ministering to guests. It's in the community that unbelieving neighbors could witness how the Christians lived together, worked together, prayed for one another, and worked out their salvation together. The Christians lived as a family together. Obviously, Hope is not a monastery. Our members are scattered around. But what would it look like to welcome guests at Hope and treat them with the honor and dignity that they are owed as image-bearers of God, regardless of whether they believe like us? What would it look like for you to see your home as an opportunity to welcome guests of all beliefs?

Third, the Celtic Christians encouraged solitude in nature with Jesus, time with a "soul friend" or mentor, and in a small group. Discipleship together was how you followed Jesus. Spirituality was not an individual endeavor. There were moments to be in prayer in the "Irish Adirondacks" alone with Jesus. Every person had someone further along in the faith, their soul friend, with whom you could confess together, who supported and challenged you. The soul friend would help welcome you into a small group and show you how to witness the Christian faith to your neighbors. What would it look like for this kind of discipleship to permeate the life of everyone at Hope? To have a "soul friend." What we would call a mentor, who follows Jesus with you and models how to do it? To join a small group, to learn the Scriptures, and to find people to teach you to talk about Jesus with? To help people belong so that they can believe and come to know Jesus and the gospel?

Many more things could be learned from our ancient Celtic brothers and sisters in Christ. I'll end with these. Irish Christianity was earthy in its concerns. They composed prayers for everyday life. For example: "I will kindle my fire this morning in the presence of the holy angels; God, kindle in my heart within a flame of love to my neighbor." There were prayers for sowing seeds, harvesting crops, a new baby, hunting, fishing, healing.

They showed how the gospel of Jesus affects every nook and cranny of ordinary life. God cares about the workplace, diapers, and gardening. The Psalms were a central part of this movement. Celtic Christians often "sang and prayed thirty Psalms a day." This was a way of living out Colossians 3:16-17: "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." So what would it look like for us to learn how to engage our emotions with the Psalms and connect our prayers to ordinary life? We would be living our entire lives in light of the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

So be encouraged, my friends, the church has been where we are before and thrived, despite being a minority. The power of the gospel was released through ordinary discipleship in the presence of their unbelieving neighbors. So, as we follow Jesus in Ballston Spa, prayerfully consider how you can find a "soul friend" at Hope, or be a "soul friend" for someone younger in the faith. Look for ways to offer hospitality and grace to a stranger. Most of all, join the Jesus-commanded work of making disciples. If you don't know where to start, come find a pastor or elder. That's how the journey begins.

Grace and peace to you.



<sup>1</sup> <https://www.christianpost.com/news/witches-outnumber-presbyterians-in-the-us-wicca-paganism-growing-astronomically-227857/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/inspired-life/wp/2016/06/14/when-people-prayfororlando-is-it-empathetic-or-selfish/>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.gnosisny.org/>

<sup>4</sup> George Hunter, *The Celtic Way of Evangelism*, 24.

<sup>5</sup> Hunter.

<sup>6</sup> Hunter.

## Interact in Worship

*Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. Colossians 3:16*

The hymn selected for this issue's '**ORIGIN**' article appears on page 572 of our **Trinity Hymnal**. In 1865 the lyrics to "**Onward Christian Soldiers**" were reportedly penned by **Sabine Baring-Gould (1834-1924)** in 15 minutes, with no intention of ever having it published.

Rev. Baring-Gould was a 31-year-old Anglican pastor and school teacher, who in 1864, was assigned to serve at the Horbury Bridge Parish, in the little mill town of Horbury, Yorkshire County in northern England.

After completing the many duties associated with White Sunday (**nicknamed Whitsunday**) and better known as Pentecost Sunday, Rev. Baring-Gould searched his church hymnbooks for several hours looking for a processional number suitable to use with his Sunday School children during the next day celebrations, known as Whitmonday. Finding none he felt led to draft the martial-type of piece he desired.

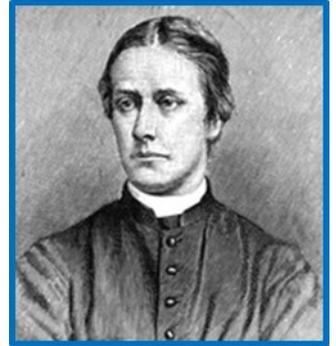
Annually, Whitmonday served as a festive holiday and kicked off the area's Sunday School Rally. School children from his parish would walk to Horbury's St. Peter's Church near Wakefield. The aim of the music was to get them to stay in line and in step while marching to the Sunday School Rally. Originally the work was entitled, "**Hymn for Procession with Cross and Banners.**"

Initially Baring-Gould set the lyrics to a melody from the slow movement of Joseph Haydn's **Symphony in D, No. 15**. This hymn was first printed in 1864 in an English church periodical, the Church Times.

## Origin of Sacred Hymns and Songs

By F. S. Richards

The hymn, however, did not receive wide acceptance, until **Sir Arthur Seymour Sullivan** wrote the music melody "**St. Gertrude**" for it in 1871. Sullivan named the tune "St. Gertrude," after the wife of his friend Ernest Clay Ker Seymer, at whose country home he composed the tune. Another hymn sung to the St. Gertrude tune is "*Forward through the Ages*," written by Frederick Lucian Hosmer (1840-1929) in 1908.



Today the martial-type piece that was scribbled down is famous for many reasons, even though it was originally written as a marching song for village children. Years later the author readily admitted, "*It was written in a very simple fashion, and yes, in great haste and I am afraid some of the rhymes are faulty. Certain, nothing has surprised me more than its popularity.*"

**1 Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war, with the cross of Jesus going on before! Christ, the royal Master, leads against the foe; forward into battle, see his banner go!**

**(Refrain) Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war, with the cross of Jesus going on before!**

**2 At the sign of triumph Satan's host doth flee; on, then, Christian soldiers, on to victory!**

**Hell's foundations quiver at the shout of praise; brothers, lift your voices, loud your anthems raise! [Refrain]**

**3 Like a mighty army moves the church of God; Brothers, we are treading where the saints have trod; we are not divided; all one body we, one in hope and doctrine, one in charity. [Refrain]**

**4 Crowns and thrones may perish, king-**

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## Interact in Worship

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**doms rise and wane, but the church of Jesus constant will remain; gates of hell can never 'gainst that church prevail; we have Christ's own promise, and that cannot fail. [Refrain] 5 Onward, then, ye people, join our happy throng, blend with ours your voices in the triumph song; glory, laud, and honor, unto Christ the King; This thro' countless ages men and angels sing. [Refrain]**

Today few realize the pivotal role this English-born hymn played in world events and particularly America's patriotic history. Originally, the writer's only intent was to provide his parish's school children with a special celebration marching song (**to reflect the message found in 1 Timothy 2:3**); but the hymn would ultimately enrich the world of Christian music in many spiritual and historic ways.

Rev. Baring-Gould later allowed hymn-book compilers to alter the lyrics. For example, the *Fellowship Hymn Book*, with his permission, changed the phrase "one in hope and doctrine" to "one in hope and purpose." For the 1909 edition of *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, he changed the fifth line of the same verse from "We are not divided" to "Though divisions harass." However, Baring-Gould's original words are used in most modern hymnals

For decades now, hundreds of thousands of Christians have marched since it was written. The hymn with Sir Arthur Sullivan's stirring tune makes an ideal processional and has been widely used, not only in places of worship, but also upon a great variety of other occasions.

Allan Sutherland, in *Famous Hymns of the World*, describes the wild rejoicing in Philadelphia on election night, 1905, when to signalize the victory of the Reform Movement thousands paraded the streets, singing this hymn; also its use in cheering Christian Japanese soldiers, starting for the war of 1904.

The Salvation Army adopted the hymn as its favored processional.

It was the battle song of Roosevelt's Progressive campaign in 1912. In the World War it was a prime favorite, and was sung by General Feng Yu-Hsiang's Eleventh Division of Chinese Christian soldiers as they advanced to battle before Peking in May, 1922.

While some are uncomfortable with the militaristic themes and the historical use of this hymn, it is important to note that Scripture itself contains a great deal of warfare imagery (such as the Armor of God). While conflating the purposes and goals of the state with those of the church—especially in regards to war—is problematic, the hymn itself is a helpful encouragement to believers as we “fight the good fight of faith” (1 Timothy 6:12).

The hymn has been sung at many funerals, including that of Dwight D. Eisenhower at the National Cathedral in D.C. in March 1969. Apart from its obvious militant associations, the song has been associated with protest against the established order, particularly the Civil Rights Movement. An attempt was made in the 1980's to strip “Onward Christian Soldiers” from the *United Methodist Hymnal* and the *Episcopal Hymnal 1982* due to the perceived militarism. Outrage among parishioners caused both committees to back down. However, the hymn was omitted from the 1990 hymnal of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and the *Australian Hymn Book*.

Largely because of its association with missionaries of various types, the song has been sung in a number of movies and television programs including *M\*A\*S\*H*, *Little House on the Prairie* and *The Simpsons*.

In this archival material narrated by Presidential biographer, David McCullough, Winston Churchill and Franklin Roosevelt rendezvous in the Atlantic ocean for a meeting regarding America's involvement in the war against Nazi Germany. They met as Prime Minister of England and President of the United States, but they sang hymns and shared their faith as men. I have al-

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ways found this meeting to be profoundly moving.

[To visually witness the occasion when President Franklin D. Roosevelt and Winston Churchill held a secret meeting before the US joined WW2 and sang \*Onward, Christian Soldiers\*, go to this site:](https://reasonabletheology.org/hymn-story-onward-christian-soldiers/)

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When Winston Churchill and Franklin Roosevelt met on the battleship *Prince of Wales* on August 10, 1941 to agree to the Atlantic Charter, a church service was held for which Prime Minister Churchill chose the hymns. He chose “Onward Christian Soldiers” and he made a radio broadcast afterwards explaining his choice:

“We sang *Onward Christian Soldiers* indeed, and I felt that this was no vain presumption, but that we had the right to feel that we were serving a cause for the sake of which a trumpet has sounded from on high. When I looked upon that densely packed congregation of fighting men of the same language, of the same faith, of the same fundamental laws, of the same ideals...it swept across me that here was the only hope, but also the sure hope, of saving the world from measureless degradation.”

The completed video master of this material is under copyright to A & E entertainment. This segment, which is less than 2% of the running time of the completed show, is being used for educational purposes and thereby permitted by copywrite law.

[Ed. Note: Fred’s research about the background history of Baring-Gould will be in our next issue.]



## Missionary Visits

By Rae Whitehead

We were blessed this summer to have visits from some of “our” missionaries, and some who are raising support to become missionaries. Our dear **Turnaus** are back in the Czech Republic with Global Scholars after an extended stay in the States, during which Ted’s mother passed away. Ted spent an afternoon in July with us, and we had the privilege of watching a movie with him and discussing it—which is what he and Carolyn do with their students in Prague.

**Matt Irvine**, of Serge, also spent an evening with us, sharing with us about their work among Southeast Asians in London. He, Jenn, and their three children are now back in England with their team, among whom are our very own John and Sharon Milne. The Irvines are facing issues relating to the aging of Jenn’s parents, and would appreciate prayer for wisdom.

**Matt and Katie Abbatiello** are raising support to become missionaries in the area of Catalonia, in Spain. They and their five children have come from Duaneburg several times as Matt has filled the pulpit for us. They plan to help with the planting of new churches near Barcelona, where there are not many opportunities for worship and service.

**Kyria and Dean** shared with us during a worship service in August about their call to work in a “closed” country, which they could not name. We were moved by the obvious joy in their service and their longing to bring God’s Word and Way to unreached areas. Please pray for safety and discernment for these committed folk.

And please do continue to pray for the other faithful missionaries we support: the **Emersons** in Central Asia, the **Milnes** in London, the **Mikhails** in Egypt, and **Jody Collinge**, who seems to be all over the world with Child Health Evangelism.

Thank you!

# Foster Loving Relationships

## News from Spa Christian School

By Mandy Kergel, Administrator



### CE Director's Fall Update

School time is here!! As kids are going back to their schooling programs, we are gearing up for Sunday School here at Hope Church. Here's what's happening this fall starting September 15!

If your child is age 3 to 5 they will be with Mrs. VanVoorhis. If your child is going into first grade through 2nd they will be with Miss Combs. If you are able to team teach that class it would be such a help. Please let Melanie know if you are interested. If your child is in 3rd grade through 5th or 6th they will meet with Mrs. Galarneau, who will be having her class read about the life of Paul this fall. Anyone above 6th grade is welcome to join the Adult Sunday School class.

The Children's Church program will continue going through the Bible with the Gospel Project. Thank you to all the volunteers that faithfully work with the children each week. You are a blessing to all of us. Our hope is that parents will enjoy looking through the papers and lessons the children do and reinforce the learning at home.

On September 15th we graduated several children from Children's Church to staying in the service with the adults. We welcome Connor Anderson, Ryan Bowman, Layla Butler, Edmund Perkins, and Jonah Thompson into the full morning worship service. There are children's sermon note papers on the clipboards at the back of the sanctuary each week to help children grasp a bit about what the sermon is about.

Dear Hope Church Families and Friends,

It's September again and the smell of crayons is filling the building. I love the crisp air of fall and the excitement it produces. This year brings with it a great deal of new beginnings to Spa. Laurie Slater has officially retired (although she'll still be around a bit during the transition) and Kelly Mayne is doing a marvelous job filling her shoes in the office. If you're in the building feel free to stop by and introduce yourself, so she can start to get to know you. We also have a new computer teacher, art teacher, and 6/7th grade teacher. In addition to these new faculty and staff faces we have some new school families and are even partnering with a handful of homeschooling families who are joining us for some of our specials classes. Please spread the word that we are open to this homeschool partnership and are willing to add on more homeschooling students, even though the year has already begun.

This year our theme is "*Peacemakers*," using Romans 12:9-21 as our Scripture passage. Our students are all beginning the year by walking through *The Young Peacemakers* curriculum by Ken Sande. We are learning about the slippery slope of conflict, and how to handle disagreement as a godly peacemaker, instead of a "peace-faker" or "peacebreaker." We've encouraged our families to continue these same concepts at home, as it's important to spread God's peace no matter where you are. There's actually a book for families by the same author called **Peacemaking for Families**, which several of our families have chosen to purchase in order to understand and continue what is being taught at school.

We are extremely thankful for all of the other new things within our building, like the roof, freshly painted hallway, and the (soon to come) town water hook-up. What a blessing!

With all these new beginnings I am thankful that we both can stand strong in the one thing that will never change: Christ. He is why we do what we do and we are thankful for your prayers in upholding His high standard of character and academics.



# Foster Loving Relationships

Recommended by our pastors, the following newly-acquired books are available in our church library. Check them out!



*Rejoicing in Lament: Wrestling with Incurable Cancer & Life in Christ*  
by Todd Billings

At the age of 39, theologian Todd Billings was diagnosed with incurable cancer. The questions were acute. Why me? Why now? Where is God in all of this? This eloquently written book shares Billings' journey and reflections on providence, lament, and life in Christ in light of his illness. He works to show how our human stories of joy and grief can be incorporated into the larger biblical story of God's saving work in Christ.

*Making All Things New: Restoring Joy to the Sexually Broken*  
by David Powlison.

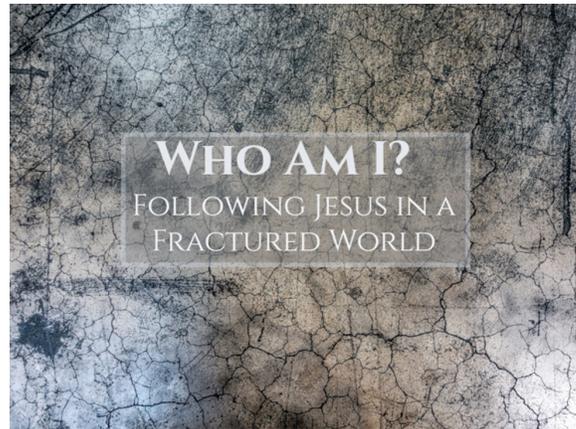
We are familiar with Biblical stories like David and Bathsheba and Hosea and Gomer. David Powlison, a wise counselor, helps those who've suffered like Bathsheba and sinned like Gomer find restoration and joy.

*The Gospel Comes with a Housekey*  
by Rosaria Butterfield.

See the longer review by Bethany Thompson in the last newsletter. This book helps stir your thinking towards being intentional in your hospitality and friendships with your neighbors whether they believe like you or not.

*12 Ways Your Phone is Changing You*  
by Tony Reinke

Most Americans have smartphones, expensive portable computers, cameras, entertainment found in one device in their pocket. Instant access to the endless world of the Internet: music, movies, television, cats playing piano. Life is both made easier and is more distracting with this device. Reinke challenges us to think about the ways our phones are changing us, for the better and for worse.



Beginning September 15th, we will be looking at the challenge of following Jesus in a fractured world. Christians feel like a minority in a secular world, surrounded by neighbors who are either suspicious of Christianity or uninterested.

And we have the pressure of our own problems. We too have been fractured and fragmented by the Fall (see Genesis 3). How do we go about being formed and shaped by Jesus rather than the secular world around us? How do we do what Paul says in Colossians 2:8?

*See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ.*

We are constantly taking in stories and information, in music, tv, movies and books. Conversations with our co-workers, friends and family shape us, along with rants from your political channel of choice. We are constantly under pressure to see the world a certain way. These stories work to take us captive. This class will help us form and develop a biblical, Jesus-centered identity, and give tools to apply our faith to our work and play. God willing, we will be a little better at talking about Jesus to ourselves and to others.

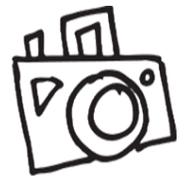
Let's learn together how to let the story of Jesus form us. For as Jesus Himself said, "You will know the truth and the truth will set you free."

Join us at 9:00, Sunday mornings!

# Extend God's Hope



Snapshot on Children's Ministry  
By Melanie Combs



## Camp HOPE

Another August, another Camp HOPE! What a great year we had being Wild About Reading! We had 47 registrants that signed in during the course of the week. The staff led the children in learning reading skills and having fun using jungle or safari animals to maintain interest. Many of you saw the jungle decorations which added that special touch to make the children's experience that much more real.

A thank you goes to Rae and David Whitehead for teaching the first grade level, Jill Galarneau for teaching the second graders, Tiffanie Cheng for teaching the third graders, Stephanie Stomski for teaching the fourth graders, and I was blessed to teach the fifth grade level. Tammy Anderson was our nurse and worked in the nursery along with Rosemary Hathaway. Thank you. Bethany Thompson put all the food together for the snacks each day and got everything put together for the Friday picnic and was the girls' champion. She also had the dubious pleasure of this year being the one to get pies thrown at her. (Explanation in next paragraph.) Thank you. A thank you to Sally Jenkins who planned and ran all the games for the week. A thank you goes out to Fred Richards for always being ready to help and for putting up the tent and prepping it each day for the students. Thank you to Dave Swinton (and a friend) as well who helped with the tent and the fun zip line the students got to use. Thank you to Leslie Perkins who worked the registration desk when she could. Thank you to Mike Mailloux who put things together on the church website for us. Thank you so much to all the aides that came and helped: Amanda Bowman, Brianna, Clara, Colin, Eben, Emily, Emma, Gretchen Herrick, Kirsten Whitehead, Jim and Terry Cornick, Peregrine, Steve Turner, and a few other former students that wanted to help this year. Thank you to those who prayed and also those who were able to come and help put things together. Thank you also to Pastor Nate who championed the boys and spoke at our closing program.

For the last few years we have wanted the Camp HOPE program to not just help with reading skills but to help children give back to the community. This year we raised money to help the Ballston Spa school district programs that help children get needed school supplies. We raised over \$400 and we need to thank all the children and their families who donated money, Jill and Tammy who worked to get this money to the right people, and Bethany and Nate who championed the boy and girl teams as a fun way to promote interest in giving. As part of the

fun, if the girl's team brought in the most money, Nate would face a line of "pie" throwing students. If the boys brought in the most money, Bethany would face the line. As it turns out the boys did bring in the most money this year so Bethany, for the first time, had the consequence brought upon her. This year the consequence was little banana cream pies, or tarts, graciously put together by Terry Cornick, being thrown in the face. Each child got to throw a pie at Ms. Bethany. There are pictures so hopefully you will take an opportunity to look through the picture book that will eventually be on the table in the back of the sanctuary.

We look forward to again serving the community next summer with the Camp HOPE reading program, "A Flurry of Reading," which is our Arctic Blast theme. We encourage you all to get involved in some way and if you'd like to know more, look for meeting schedules in the future or talk to Melanie Combs about what you could do.



# Extend God's Hope

## **A Good Word About Camp HOPE**

By Eva Anderson

This year at Camp HOPE the theme was Wild about Reading. This was my last year being able to attend Camp HOPE as a student. I was in the fifth grade class with Miss Combs and Mr. Turner, who were excellent teachers and made a fun learning environment.

We learned mostly about Africa and the Amazon River. We read some cool stories about Native Americans that lived on the Amazon River. My class also read stories about Africa's wild life. I have always enjoyed going to Camp HOPE each year. Next year I look forward to volunteering at Camp HOPE!



**Sorry, Bethany! Looks like the boys won the contest this year.**



### New Roofs for Hope

Our roofs were aging, our people are aging and God provided through his people for us to be able to hire a company to replace the roofing over all of our wings. We are thankful for His provision.



- 14 Audrey Childs
- 15 Colin Anderson
- 15 Edmund Perkins
- 15 Bethany Thompson
- 18 Graciela Cheng
- 22 Isaac Bodine
- 24 Dan Anderson
- 26 Talitha Thompson

## WEDDINGS

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Brandon Cutler who were married by Pastor Nate in Michigan on July 20th. Brandon and Melanie have made their home in Nashville, TN where they continue their studies.



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**Next Doorway to Hope  
Deadline is November 15th.**

### DOORWAY TO HOPE STAFF

Sally Jenkins, Nate Thompson, and  
Rae Whitehead

### Christmas Notice

This year's Christmas outreach will be with a local organization serving Saratoga County. Look for more details to come but we will not be participating with Operation Christmas Child this year.



- 5 Mike & Sandy Mailloux
- 5 Norm & Natalie Jones
- 23 Micah & Nicole Bodine
- 26 Dan & Tammy Anderson
- 29 Jim & Susie Farinacci
- 29 Dave & Debbie Swinton



**Hope for Seniors enjoy a buffet lunch and cruise on the St. Sacramento on Lake George in August.**

August Calendar

**Hope Church  
Presbyterian Church in America  
206 Greenfield Avenue  
Ballston Spa, NY 12020**

