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A Monthly Newsletter from Hope Wesleyan Church



*Changing Lives by
Leading People
Into a Growing
Relationship with Jesus*

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What To Do When Your Iceberg Is Melting

A few years ago, John Kotter wrote the book entitled, "Our Iceberg is Melting." In the book you meet a group of emperor penguins who have lived on the same iceberg for generations. One day a penguin named Fred realizes their frozen habitat is melting and changes are coming to their peaceful life whether they like it or not.

You'll have to read the story yourself to see what happens, but I wonder if it seems your own personal iceberg appears to be melting. Perhaps there are some deep fissures that have been slowly expanding for a long time and now they are beginning to tear life, as you've known it, into a thousand pieces.

It happens to all of us, whether you're a saint or a sinner. Change happens to everyone. There are times changes are welcome and much anticipated, like a wedding I performed recently for a couple who had been dating for many years. Then there are changes that are expected but not enjoyed. That's where my wife and I are now as our youngest child has left for college, leaving our nest empty. And of course, there are changes that come from seemingly out of nowhere and bring such pain and sorrow that no one would wish them on their worst enemy.

The wise man said in ancient times, "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven" (Ecclesiastes 3:1). He goes on to mention several contrasts -weeping and laughing, mourning and dancing, tearing and mending, keeping and throwing away, speaking and keeping silent. There is a time, a season when one or the other is appropriate.

I know people who are going through very difficult seasons of life right now. Although they are working hard, they face hardship. Although they love God, they have difficulty. Although they are optimistic, they deal with setbacks and losses.

So, what should you do when your iceberg is melting? I believe in seasons of change it's best to tether your life to the One who never changes. Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever. No matter what changes take place in life, you can trust that He will never change. He also promises to never leave your side. No matter what

happens in life, Jesus will always be with you.

That being said, it's wise to remember that change is inevitable. You may not want the change, you may fight against the change, you may even pray against the change, but here it is. Accept it. And believe that, somehow, God will weave even the darkest cords into a beautiful tapestry of your life.

You can also pray! Pray for grace and grit to face the changes God has allowed to take place. Pray for your faith to grow through this process. Pray for God to bring good through these changes to your life or the life of others or for the good of His kingdom.

Next, it's time to act. Someone once said, "No one likes change except a wet baby!" That may be true, but the wet baby is expecting someone to get a plan into action to deal with the much-needed change. Take small steps, even baby steps. Just make sure they are steps moving forward, not backward.

Accept help from friends. Look around you and identify the people God has put in your life right now to help you navigate these changes. Swallow your pride and humbly ask for help. You will be surprised at how willing people are to help you. Let them.

It's also good to remember that God only gives you the future one day at a time. Don't worry about what may happen next year, plan for this day. It's the only day you have and it's all you can handle.

Finally, remember to enjoy the moment you're in. Don't let the changes blind you from the joy-filled moments God is gifting to you each day. Laugh with your children. Get outside and enjoy the sunrise. Sleep under the stars. Treasure the company of family and friends. Count your blessings.

Will changes come? Of course. But by trusting in God and moving forward in faith you may discover that He has prepared a better iceberg just for you.



Sunday Worship
10:00 a.m.

Online @ hope@hopewesleyan.org

Children's Church
10:00 a.m.

Fellowship Hall
(Pre-school - 5th grade)

Small Groups
Adult Class

Sunday @ 9:00 a.m.
Library

Women's Class
Sunday @ 9:00 a.m.
Breakfast Club Room

SH & JH Youth Groups
Wednesday @ 7:00 pm

IMPORTANT REMINDERS
Masks are optional for our ministries as we continue to monitor the COVID pandemic.

If you are feeling sick, please remain at home and worship with us online.

Women's Connection
Thursday, October 14th
9:30 a.m.
Hope Wesleyan Church

Creation Museum
Ark Encounter Tour
December 6th - 10th
Contact Church Office
for more information.

Music Moment



with Pastor Elissa

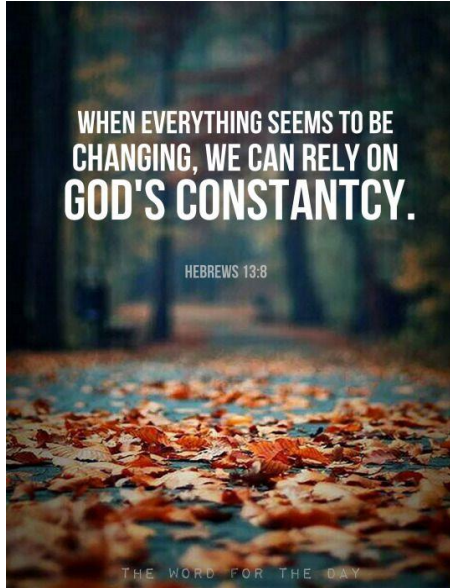
We recently introduced a new song called, "This I Believe (The Creed)" and I just wanted to share with you the lyrics so you can read just how powerful they are!

*Our Father everlasting
The all creating One
God Almighty
Through Your Holy Spirit
Conceiving Christ the Son
Jesus our Savior*

*I believe in God our Father
I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit
Our God is three in one
I believe in the resurrection
That we will rise again
For I believe in the name of Jesus*

*Our Judge and our Defender
Suffered and crucified
Forgiveness is in You
Descended into darkness
You rose in glorious life
Forever seated high*

*I believe in life eternal
I believe in the virgin birth
I believe in the saints' communion
And in Your holy Church
I believe in the resurrection
When Jesus comes again
For I believe, in the name of Jesus*



Birthdays

David Maximovich	4
Jonathan Turner	7
Louise Temeyer	12
Sofia Maximovich	14
Racheal Stimson	14
Susan Shaner	16
Heather Steffens	17
Brady Vargason	21
Robert Howlett	27
Lisa Fischels	28
Joe Schulz	31



Anniversaries

Robert & Marla Howlett	8
Ralph & Shelly Gardner	16
Austin & Melissa Bergom	22
Steve & Dianne Hepke	29

Men's Movie Night

"Greyhound"
starring Tom Hanks
Tuesday, Oct. 26th
6:30 p.m.
Snack will be
Provided.

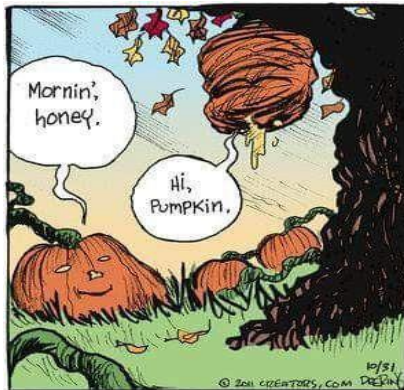
See Tim Darland for
more information

Autumn

WORD SEARCH



- SCARF APPLE BOOTS
- TREE FALL RAKE
- ACORN PUMPKIN PIE
- HAY SWEATER LEAF



Operation Christmas Child

October

Toys (small)

Balls, sm Barbie dolls (white & black), activity books, paddle ball, sm travel games, jump ropes, cars/trucks with large wheels, card games, books for ages 2-14 yr olds.

No guns or knife toys.

Checks: Make to HWC memo OCC – Thank you!

