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MARK YOUR CALENDAR: HOPEWOOD GALA IS ON DECEMBER 4!



Fall is here, which means it's time to start looking forward to one of our favorite nights of the year: the HopeWood Gala! This year's Gala will be held Friday, December 4, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Westerville, and there's plenty to look forward to. But before we get to the big night, there's one date you'll want to circle on your calendar.

Tickets for the 2026 HopeWood Gala and tickets for our Rare Bottle Raffle will

go on sale on **October 11!** Whether you're ready to gather a table of friends for a night of dinner, fellowship, entertainment, and bourbon tasting, or you're hoping to take home one of the special bottles in our raffle, October 11 is the beginning of your chance to get in on the fun.

You can start the celebrations that day by inaugurating the fall season at the 50th annual **HopeWood Pines Fall Festival from 12-4PM** on October 11. While you're here, make sure you're ready to grab your Gala tickets and Rare Bourbon Raffle tickets! We can't wait for another wonderful night of gathering, gratitude, and generosity.

REGISTER FOR WORK WEEKEND AT HOPEWOOD SHORES



There are only a few more weeks left before we undertake our annual task of winterizing HopeWood Shores for the season. This year's servant weekend is October 16-18 and we need YOU to help care for this beloved place apart. There's something for everyone, from cleaning cabins and installing storm windows to moving furniture and more. And of course, one more chance to take in a sunset at a bluff-side campfire! Of course, this is a free opportunity, with

meals included.

If you would like to serve alongside Tyler, please register on CampBrain via 2026 Retreats and Servant Opportunities section. If you have questions about registration, please reach out to Cindy at cindy@hopewoodoutdoors.org. If you have questions about projects, contact Tyler via tyler@hopewoodoutdoors.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS



There's LOTS coming up to plan for at HopeWood Pines. Opportunities include:

Fall and Apple Butter Festival - October 11 from 12-4PM

ReNew! Retreat - October 26-28

Fall Confirmation Retreat - November 13-14

Mental Wellness Retreat - November 20-22

Pancakes with Santa - December 12

To learn more and to register, visit <https://hopewoodoutdoors.org/sites/pines/>.

HOPEWOOD SHORES SHOWERHOUSE AND SEPTIC UPDATE



Unfortunately, we must delay the construction of the new Maple Grove Shower House at HopeWood Shores. Due to recent changes in EPA permitting processes, we have been told that we must first replace the septic system at HopeWood Shores before building the new shower house. Please [watch this video](#) to learn more about how we got here, what this means in terms of timelines, and how recent inflation has impacted the associated costs.

We ask for your prayers and patience as we undertake this endeavor, as well as your continued generosity for the [Growing Hope Capital Campaign](#). As more information becomes available, we will continue to share it.

Please contact Drew Tucker, Executive Director, with any questions you have, via email: drew@hopewoodoutdoors.org.

PARTNER OPPORTUNITIES

Are you a HopeWood Outdoors Partner and want your event/opportunity highlighted in our FireSide News? Reach out to guestrelations@hopewoodoutdoors.org for more information!



Our Vision

Connecting all people with nature & faith to bless a changing world.

Our Mission

Faithfully inspiring people to embrace their callings in creation & community.

Core Values

Vibrant Faith + Cherishing Creation + Developing and Deepening Relationships
Inspiring Leadership + Abundant Stewardship

Welcome Statement

Striving for unity in Christ, your whole person is recognized, welcomed, and affirmed by HopeWood Outdoors. People of all abilities, friends within the LGBTQIA+ and BIPOC communities, and neighbors of varying faith expressions represent the wideness of God's creation. You are invited to fully experience nature and engage in programming that allows you to find comfort and confidence in the ways that you have been wonderfully made by our Creator. Your joy and pain, your highs and lows, your life and your life story are welcome here.

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