



AUGUST
2017

WORDS OF HOPE



Hope United Methodist Church

WALKING TOWARD GOD

Walking is a great way to connect with God. There is so much to see as you walk – the sky, trees, flowers, animals, neighbors. Each one displaying a different aspect of this wondrous God we serve. When I was involved in Soul Leaders, a program for clergy, we were at a camp where there was a large labyrinth, and I would walk it each time I was there.



I found walking the labyrinth to be a wonderful prayer practice because I was still out in the beauty of God's creation but I also had a path to follow so I could let go of all the kept me from connecting with God. When I was there I let my mind open completely and connect with God in a way that left me refreshed and renewed in that relationship. I was always a pilgrim as I walked not knowing exactly where I was going but knowing that God was with me and would

show me the way.

What did I find with my time spent walking with God? Each time I learned something new about God and new about myself, but every time I went back to the world knowing God walked with me! I have a renewed sense of who I am as a child of God and it gives me peace, hope and even joy! I have a renewed sense of my calling and where I go from here.

That didn't come all at once, but over many times in the labyrinth. Even when I am not at a labyrinth my walking prayer time takes on some of the same characteristics because I know God is leading me to new places. This is just one of many spiritual practices that help keep me connected to God in new ways. What are your practices? Reading scripture? Daily meditation and/or devotions? Daily prayer time? Journaling? Walking? All

of these activities help not only connect us with God but help us to learn more about God.

During this Summer of prayer I hope you are keeping up your spiritual practices and your praying. If you need help, look in this newsletter for wonderful ways to experience these practices and connect with God! We make this faith journey together - won't you join me in a walk with God?

~ Pastor Laurie

Check out Pastor Laurie's blog for other articles like this one!

<http://pastorboche.blogspot.com>

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August Worship Schedule

Sunday, August 6th

Holy Communion
"Go Ye, Go Ye Into the
World"
Matthew 28:16-20
(two versions)

Sunday, August 13th

Hymn Sing
Bring A Friend to Church
Mission Project
Ephesians 2:8-10, 17-22
Psalm 100

Sunday, August 20th

The Blame Game
Romans 2:1-4
Matthew 7:1-5

Sunday, August 27th

Upon This Rock
Psalm 124
Matthew 16:13-20

Events and Small Groups

Men's Breakfast: Wednesdays, 8:00 am, Mt. Royal Caribou Coffee.

Worship at Pines III: Pastor Laurie Boche will host a worship service at Pines III on Tuesday, August 1 at 2:00 p.m. and a "How you want to be remembered" (funeral planning) session at 2:30 p.m. the same day. We invite Hope friends to attend this and help assist the residents. Cynthia Coffin-Langdon will host worship on Sunday, August 20 at 2:00 pm.

September Newsletter Deadline: Tuesday, August 22nd.

Hope's prayer group usually meets on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month and we are always delighted to have more "prayer power!" (The more the prayerier!) In addition to praying through the Upper Room prayer requests, we pray for those in our circles of influence, our church family, and beyond.

Page Turners The book for August 9th (10:00 a.m. in the Mathison Room) is "The Tea-Olive Bird Watching Society" by Augusta Trobaugh. The September (13th) book is "Looking for Me" by Beth Hoffman. **New members welcome.** Contact Anna Allison at 724-5715.

Thank you to everyone who brought flowers in July! Special thank-you to all who contributed to the altar garden on July 23. It was awesome!

Watch for information upcoming on the **Twin Ports Area Walk to End Alzheimer's on September 9** at the DECC in Pioneer Hall. Hope will be represented by a team. If interested, let Linda Pugliese know (218-310-3743) or Katrina Hagemeyer.

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Office Hours
Monday~ Friday
9:00 am ~ 2:00 pm

Thought for the month from the Hope Prayer Group:

God shapes the world by prayer.
The more praying there is in the world the better the world will be,
the mightier the forces against evil. ~ *Mother Theresa*

Administrative Council

The Hope Administrative Council met on July 19th. During the meeting there was a good discussion about Hope for the Future, including the beginning of a look at the first year of the campaign. This discussion included a celebration of all that has been accomplished as well as finances (over \$68,000 was received in the first year!!), projects left to do, and what to expect from program and worship. HFF is within budget and no loans were needed to complete all of the work in the sanctuary and offices. There will be a review of the plan in August.

August 13th is Bring-a-Friend to Church Sunday. There will be food and a mission project after worship so people can see who we are and what we do. There will also be an adult baptism during worship, and it will be a great day for our faith community and friends!

Planning for Fall activities is under way. If you have any activities you would like on the Fall calendar, please call the church to schedule your event. Church use has increased over the past few years so it's important that church facility use be scheduled through the office.

Hope, Faith & Love,
Robyn Christianson, Ad Council Chair

Finance

DIDJA KNOW that your Finance Team meets on a regular basis... usually monthly...to conduct the financial business of the church? And **DIDJA KNOW** that we have a responsibility to keep the congregation informed about how well our church is meeting our obligations. From time to time we have heard that we talk too much about money...and sometimes we hear that we don't give enough details about things. We have established a routine for dealing with financial information... a brief weekly summary of giving in the Sunday worship bulletin... a monthly article in the Newsletter ... and quarterly and year end individual giving statements. We hope the information is timely and pertinent. If you feel that we place too much emphasis on finances, let one of the Finance Team member know your thoughts. Likewise if you need further information, do likewise. Your Finance Team will be glad to hear you thoughts!

For your Finance Team
Pete Bergman, Chair

Strategic Plan Review – Year 1!

On Sunday, August 20th, immediately after worship, we will gather to review the first year of the Hope for the Future Strategic Plan. This will be a time to celebrate all that has been completed of the plan as well as looking toward Year 2 and the new programs and worship ahead. You are invited and encouraged to join in this review as everyone at Hope has made it possible. Coffee will be served in the Narthex so you can grab a cup and head back to the sanctuary for the meeting. Please join us as we continue Hope for the Future!

NAMETAGS IMPORTANT

Wear your nametags please! We have lots of visitors during the summer months and we want to be hospitable and welcoming to all. Need a new one? There is a sign up sheet in the narthex.

Thank you!

Hospitality

Please help us keep providing treats and coffee for the fellowship time after worship. The Hospitality team makes the coffee, so you just need to serve it.

A HUGE THANK YOU

to Dick Scheibe for providing Sunday morning treats! We also share them with UNS, UCM, and Aftenro. The residents love the doughnut hole socials.



THANK YOU to Nancy Sivertson, Helen Stellmaker, Deb & Art Hoff, Doug & Rosemary Tripp, Sue Beeman, Mary West, Anita Rixe, and all our Sunday morning volunteers!

There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex, so please sign up to help on a Sunday in August. Thank you!

AUGUST MISSIONS

HYGIENE KITS FOR CHUM DROP-IN CENTER

After worship on Sunday, August 13th, we have a mission project! We will be assembling 50 hygiene kits for CHUM to be given to people who need them at their drop-in center. These kits will provide necessities such as toothpaste, soap, towel, basics for everyday life.

- Here is what we need for these CHUM kits!
- Hand towel or wash cloth
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrush
- Antibacterial soap (small bottle)
- Lip balm
- Cough drops
- Tissues (small package)
- Shampoos/conditioners/lotions from hotels or travel size



We will make the kits after worship on “Bring A Friend to Church” Sunday, August 13th! This is a great way to make a difference in the lives of many people. We hope you, and your friends, will be part of putting together these kits on Aug 13.

And remember, we are still collecting glossy paper to help UMCOR with water projects around the world. Please drop off your ads and shiny paper under the name tag tables in the Narthex. Thank you!

Hope receives \$100 for every 1,000 pounds of glossy paper collected. Proceeds go to the United Methodist Committee On Relief (UMCOR) for clean water and sanitation projects around the world.

Save your calendars and note-cards!

We are collecting them to be used as gifts for people in nursing home and assisted living facilities.

BRING A FRIEND TO CHURCH

You are invited to a special day of worship, fellowship and fun and to bring a friend to church with you. Sunday, August 13th will be “Bring a Friend to Church” Sunday and worship will be centered around making new friends in Christ. We will also be having special activities after worship so your friends can get to know the Hope people in a fun, relaxed atmosphere while still getting to know the faith family.

So, mark your calendars and call your friends and neighbors! We will celebrate our faith and our larger community together on August 13th!

Date Set for 50 Cent & Book Sale, Bake Sale

Once again United Campus Ministry and Hope are joining together for a day of fundraising and fun! The date has been set for the annual 50 Cent, Book & Bake Sale – **Saturday, September 23rd**. So, there’s still lots of time to go through your things and put a box together for the sale!

As you do your summer cleaning we invite you to think of supporting United Campus Ministry with your items. This sale brings together the community and UMD students and provides quality items that are no longer being used to find new homes where they will be utilized. It also raises much needed funds to continue the campus ministry in Duluth. The bake sale proceeds will stay here at Hope to help us continue God’s work!

If you have items that you cannot keep until September for the sale, please contact Cynthia at the Hope office or Pastor Laurie for storage options. Thank you in advance!



HOPE ACTIVITIES

WIRED WORD

Rev. Joan Goebel, retired UMC clergy, is facilitating a Sunday morning class using The Wired Word, a United Methodist communication.



The Wired Word starts with a news article from the week; and then offers scriptures and questions to help a class confront the news with our faith. Each class is self contained, so you are welcome to come to those you have time for.

The class continues until mid September and will meet every Sunday at 11:10 am after worship in the Mathison Room. Feel free to get a cup of coffee and snack before we start.

If you let her know you hope to attend, she can e-mail you a copy of the news article on Fridays. Joan's cell phone is 715-381-3819 and her e-mail is retiredpastors@centurytel.net.

Enjoy the Hope Garden

People have used the garden for baptisms, wedding pictures, meetings, quiet time, picnic lunches, listening to the babbling brook, and looking for trout! People in the neighborhood have said they come to enjoy the gardens too.

A heartfelt thank you to all those that have been able to come plant, weed, water and mulch. After the flood, progress has been made each year in restoring the gardens. With the use of perennials and flowering shrubs, the goal is to have color from spring to fall. With that in mind, if you have plants that need dividing, think of sharing them with us!

We will also still plan to have our Tuesday Garden work days at 10 am. Thanks to everyone who comes out and weeds!

Hope Quilters

Hope Quilters will meet the 4th Thursday, August 24th at 9:30 in Fellowship Hall. We will be sewing pre-cut fabric into 4 and 9 patch blocks. Bring your machine and a bag lunch. Would love to have others join us. Contact Sue Beeman 728-2406



GRANDPARENT – GRANDCHILD PICNIC

Join in the fun and fellowship of a grandparent-grandchild picnic at Hope! On Thursday, August 10th at 6:30 p.m. we will gather outside (weather permitting) to enjoy the summer with food and fun pairing up grandparents and grandchildren of all ages. It's a time to celebrate the generations and the wonder of God's love for us all. If you don't have a grandparent in the area but would like to be part of the picnic there are many people at Hope who would be



willing to be a grandparent for the day! Just talk to Katrina or Pastor Laurie and we can set that up.

Please sign up in the Narthex or by contacting the office so we know the numbers for food. Also, if there is a special food need please let us know that as well and we will try to accommodate it. Come spend time across the generations and share the fellowship of Hope together!

Evening Book Club

The Evening Book Club usually meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at Hope, 6:30pm. Please join us for some great reads!

The August book is: *If You Lived Here I Would Know Your Name* by Heather Lende.

September: *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil* by John Berendt

October: *Cutting for Stone* by Abraham Verghese

November: *Lucky You* by Carl Hiaasen
All are welcome!



YOUTH NEWS

I cannot believe that the last month of summer is already upon us. It seems like it just started! However, as fast as it's been going, it has also been equally as wonderful! We have a few activities planned for this upcoming month, and I will highlight them below. Please let me know if you have any questions or if you would like more information! Thank you.

- Monday, August 7th at 6:30pm: Confirmation meeting
- Wednesday August 9th: 9am-3pm **Final VBS** with parent/family showcase and picnic to follow. Please join us for our last VBS day of the summer as we celebrate what happened through VBS over the summer and reflect on what we learned.
- **Thursday, August 10th at 6:30pm: Grandparent picnic.** Invite your grandparents to join us for a special picnic here at Hope. You can also adopt a grandparent from our church community. This is for all ages!
- Sunday, August 13th: **Bring a Friend to Church**
Sunday: bring a friend to our service and invite them to stay for a lunch afterward. We will also be doing a mission project- a great opportunity for all
- Wednesday, August 23rd 6pm-7pm: **Page Flippers.** This is the last book club meeting for the summer, but we hope to continue it into the school year. Please join us for refreshments at 6pm with book discussion for the older participants and book activities for the younger ones to follow. This event will wrap-up around 7pm.

Please join us for these awesome events! I cannot wait for all the fun things coming up!

God Bless,
Katrina Hagemeyer, CYF Director
katrina.r.hagemeyer@gmail.com (218)260-1896

Kid's Korner

July was a great month with some great young people. We did some fun things and we learned about some interesting men from the Old Testament. We talked about how God took care of Elijah and Jonah. We also learned about Elisha. In August our time will focus on Joshua, spies in Canaan and crossing the Jordan. Sounds exciting!!

Our summer session will end on August 20. The teachers will get a break until we start our regular school year session on September 10. The start of a new session means a search for teachers to bring God's word to our precious young people. We would encourage you to seriously pray about this very special opportunity to spend time with these great children and share your faith with them. The curriculum for the year has been ordered. We are changing our lesson plans just a bit this year by ordering materials more suitable for younger children. We are certainly not leaving the older students out of our focus but feel this will be a better fit for our enrollment. We are always looking for more students, so if you know of any child who would like to join us on Sunday morning, please tell them they are always welcome here.

July VBS was an amazing time. We talked about helping others and how much better it is when 2 or more people co-operate on a task. Our last session will be on Wednesday, August 9 from 9AM until 3PM. We are planning a picnic for students and parents at the end of the day. We want to share our experiences with everyone. Many, many thanks to Pastor Laurie, Katrina, Liz, Lori, Lucas and Macey for all you did to make this new venture a success.

Special dates.

August 9: VBS
August 20: last day of summer Kids' Quest
September 10: begin regular Kids' Quest session

Blessings, ~Anita

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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 6 10:00 am Worship 11:10 am Wired Word 11:15 am Music & Worship 3:00 pm Grace Korean | 7 6:30 pm Confirmation Mtg. | 8 10:00 am Garden 10:30 am Staff Mtg. 5-7 pm Mission Mtg. | 9 8:00 am Men's Breakfast (Caribou Coffee) 9-3 pm VBS Round Up 10:00 am Page Turners 3-6 pm CSA 5:00 pm Prayer Group 7:00 pm Alanon | 10 6:30 pm Grandparent Picnic | 11 | 12 |
| 13 9:45 am Hymn Sing 10:00 am Worship <i>Bring a friend!</i> 11:10 am Wired Word 11:15 am Trustees Mtg. 11:15 am Finance Mtg. 3:00 pm Grace Korean | 14 | 15 10:00 am Garden 10:30 am Staff Mtg. 12-5 pm Bridge 5:00 pm UCM Mtg. 6:30 pm Book Club | 16 8:00 am Men's Breakfast (Caribou Coffee) 3-6 pm CSA 5:00 pm Ad Council 7:00 pm Alanon | 17 | 18 8am Jazzercise 6:30 pm Prayer & Music Service | 19 8am Jazzercise |
| 20 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Strategic Review 11:10 am Wired Word 2:00 pm Pines Worship 3:00 pm Grace Korean 3:00 pm TRUMM Mtg. | 21 | 22 10:00 am Garden 10:30 am Staff Mtg. <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> | 23 8:00 am Men's Breakfast (Caribou Coffee) 3-6 pm CSA 5:00 pm Prayer Group 6:00 pm Page Flippers 7:00 pm Alanon | 24 9:30 am Hope Quilters | 25 | 26 |
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With God's grace, we care for the soul for a lifetime and beyond.

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Diamond Willow-Proctor: Rilla Karki

Benedictine: Margaret Kline

Key Stone Bluffs: Ralph & Marge Anderson, Bette Nord, Shirley Swapinski, Pat Eng

Aftenro: Lois Newman

Hold in Prayer...

Margaret Kline

Pat Eng

Rilla Karki

Doug Tripp

Lois Newman

Jenny Pattison-Lundeen

Shirley Swapinski

Bette Nord

Lois Newell

Catharine Larsen

Memorials

In memory of Ginny Comstock: Given By Sue Meyer

OPPORTUNITIES

Vacation Bible School - "Great Savior's Round-Up"

We had a blast in June and July and want you to join us on August 9! We'll have a country-western / cowboy theme to our activities this year! We learn through fun, with music, crafts, lesson time, games, and more; lunch is also included. Each session stands alone, so come for all that you can and don't worry about the others. Invite a friend to join you! For more info, talk to Katrina.



CONFIRMATION MEETING

On Monday, August 7th at 6:30 p.m. we invite parents and youth (6th grade and up) who would like to be part of this year's confirmation class to meet with Pastor Laurie and Katrina. This meeting will determine when confirmation meetings will be held as well as the duration of the learning. The meeting will also include ice cream floats!

Any youth in 6th grade or over is invited to be part of Confirmation if they feel ready to learn and confirm their faith through Jesus Christ. If you cannot attend this meeting but would like to take part, please contact Pastor Laurie.

Confirmation is a special time in our faith journey and all of the faith community will be involved. Are you ready to be confirmed? Come to the meeting on August 7th to make your commitment.

Page Flippers Book Club

August 23

Ages: Preschool through entering Grade 2, and Grades 3-7 (entering)

Following snacks and gathering activities, younger children and their accompanying adult will enjoy stories read aloud. Older kids will discuss a book they've all read in advance.

The book hasn't been chosen yet, so watch the Enews and bulletin for details.

Hope you can join us! Invite your friends too!

Garden of Hope Brick Dedication/Donation Form

We have some names and are in the process of engraving some pavers. If you would like to have a brick engraved for the garden in memory or honor of someone special please fill out the form below and return to the church office.

NAME: _____ **PHONE:** _____

Engraved Bricks (\$100 each): _____ Total enclosed: _____ Please complete one template per brick.

I have already paid for a brick _____ *(Please enclose check, if applicable, with completed Template Form and return to Church Office.)*

Template for Garden of Hope bricks.

Bricks are 18 spaces across, including letters, spaces, or punctuation marks. 3 lines. See brick samples in the Church narthex.

MORE OPPORTUNITIES

How Do You Want to be Remembered?

On Tuesday, August 1st at Pines III, Pastor Laurie and members of the Hope Community Care Team will be working with those who would like to think about how they want to be remembered at their funeral. This event will take place in the Pines III dining room at 2:45p, after the worship service.

Hope will be supplying the funeral planning forms, as well as scripture ideas and hymn ideas. Joanne Hubal will be available to play the hymns so people can hear them as they decide what they would like to incorporate into their funeral as a way they will be remembered.

This event is open to all! We invite Hope members and friends to plan how they want to be remembered, or to assist the Pines residents as they make plans. If you have questions talk to Pastor Laurie.

Friday Evening Prayer & Music Service

August 18, 6:30 p.m.

The Highest Praise is to Echo the Heart of God. We do this monthly by hosting an opportunity for you to pray with us through music. The Bible admonishes us not to be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let our requests be made known to God. The next Pray Through Music session will be held at Hope July 21st at 6:30 pm.

Join us, Kevin & Liz Raihala



A Taste of the Psalms

August 2, 5:30 p.m.

We will explore this wondrous book of the Bible. These ancient songs and prayers powerfully express our human experience and our relationship with God, and are just as relevant today as long ago. Bring a brown bag supper. Led by Mary West and Pastor Laurie.

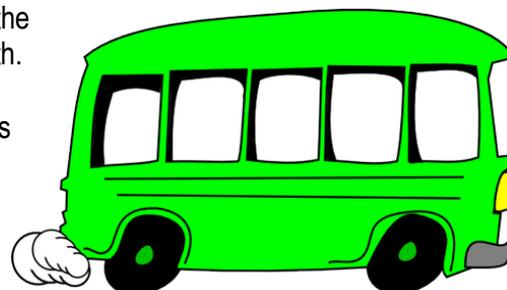


SAVE THE DATE!!

On Saturday, October 9th, the Minnesota Historical Society of the United Methodist Church will be sponsoring a Duluth UMC History Tour! This tour will include visiting some current and previous United Methodist churches as well as seeing the sites of others and learning about the faith history of Duluth.

This tour was held 6 years ago and was great fun!

More information will be available in late August.



MUSIC NEWS

The summer is rolling right along and we are so appreciative of all the wonderful special music that we've had during our Sunday worship services thus far!

We have an extra-special Special Music treat on Sunday, August 20 during our 10:00 am worship service that you won't want to miss! Michelle Gribbon, a well-known violinist, performer and teacher will be playing a special music solo and during our whole service!

I am still looking for special music for a couple of weeks in August, so if you would like to share your musical gift, please contact Liz Raihala, Hope's Music Director, Liz@Raihala.net

For those of you that love hymns and would like sing/hear your favorites, we are having a HYMN SING on the 2nd and 4th Sundays prior to the church service (9:45 am or so) during the summer. Come ready to request your favorite hymn or song!

The music ministry at the Pines and St. Ann's continues—much appreciation to Sally Herstad and Joanne Hubel!

We are looking forward to a choir kick-off celebration pot-blessing on Wednesday, August 30, 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall! Our UMD choir section leaders will be back in school by then so we look forward to seeing them again and getting the choir year going again! We welcome new members—no experience required!

If you have any questions or would like to get involved, please contact Liz Raihala, Hope's Music Director, Liz@Raihala.net.