



JULY
2017

WORDS OF HOPE

Hope United Methodist Church



SUMMER OF PRAYER

As we discussed in worship in June, this summer at Hope is the Summer of Prayer! We are intentionally choosing to learn about prayer and taking the time to incorporate it in our daily lives.

Why now? God's Spirit has been working through



Hope these past years as we have come together to make a plan for the future of this faith community, and have raised funds and undertaken some of the changes already! It has been fulfilling work but it has also been tiring. And we wonder how the next step will happen – how will we invite new people to experience this wonderful community of faith?

That is where our Summer of Prayer becomes important. As people of faith in Christ Jesus, we work hard for faith but we also need to work hard to continue building our relationship with God and one another, be refreshed in God's

word, and find continued guidance. This can all happen through prayer.

Martha Grace Reece, author of *Unbinding Your Heart*, puts it this way: "Prayer is the way to stay in love with God. Prayer is the way individuals, small groups and congregations grow and become vivid." What a wonderful image

– to grow more vivid!

That's where Hope is right now. We need a foundation of prayer to stay in love with God, so we can take our faith to others and to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. When we are intentional about praying, we listen to God and find our strength to take God's love beyond our comfort zone. Prayer as individuals and as a faith community embolden us for the work of God still ahead.

So, together this summer we are working on our prayer life and praying for our work to be blessed and continued as we

continue with the plans for Hope for the Future. There are prayer guides for a 6-week prayer journey, as well as daily prayers and devotions from the *Upper Room* available at church and on our website.

Please join in the summer of prayer as we pray together for a world where God's love, peace and justice reign. Blessings on your prayer journey!

~ Pastor Laurie

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

<http://pastorboche.blogspot.com>

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July Worship Schedule

Sunday, July 2nd

"Invitation from Jesus:
Holy Communion"
1 Corinthians 11:24-27
Matthew 26:26-28

Sunday, July 9th

"Invitation from Jesus:
Come and Rest"
Psalm 45:10-17
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Sunday, July 16th

"Invitation from Jesus:
Follow Me"
Mark 1:16-20
Luke 18:18-23

Sunday, July 23rd

"Invitation from Jesus:
Bear Fruit"
Galatians 5:13-24
John 15:1-8

Sunday, July 30th

"Invitation from Jesus:
New Life"
Christmas in July
Micah 5:2-4
2 Corinthians 5:16-24

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, July 11 at 2:00 p.m. and Cynthia Coffin-Langdon will host worship on Sunday, July 23 at 2:00 pm.

August Newsletter Deadline: Thursday, July 20th.

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 will not be meeting during July. Take that time to keep on reading! 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 June!

Help Needed! In various places around the church we can still find information and items of Hopes history from last year's celebration! Time to get everything together and back where it needs to be. **On Thursday July 6th we will gather at 10a** to get things back in order. The more of us who gather the faster our work. Please join us!

Grandparent - Grandchild Picnic is Thursday, August 10 at 6:30 p.m. Get this on your calendar, invite your grandchildren / grandparent, and watch for details in enews and bulletin!

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HopeMethodistChurch.com

Like us on Facebook!
www.facebook.com/hopeumcduluth

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

Thought for the month from the Hope Prayer Group:

"Ask not for a lighter burden but for broader shoulders." (Jewish proverb)

Administrative Council

The Ad Council Committee did not meet in June. However, email discussions took place regarding how we can support Lester Park UMC as they look toward their future. There was also a discussion about Hope for the Future – how the first year has gone, and the possibility of getting together the visioning team to talk about the next two years. We are so blessed to have the sanctuary looking beautiful, new audio-visual system, Katrina working hard as CYF Director, a new website, new windows and air conditioning in the office and updating of our main floor bathroom. Everyone has made this possible by working on the projects and providing the resources to do the work through payment of HFF pledges. Thank you!

The next Ad Council meeting will be Wednesday, July 19th at 5:00pm.

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

Annual Conference Update

Did you know, the Big Waters District of the MN Annual Conference (our district) has 54 different congregations? Also, Grace Korean is the only fellowship in our conference! How Cool! The 2017 MN Annual Conference was a new experience for me, and I had a great time learning about what happens behind the scenes in MN Methodist churches. We voted on some constitutional amendments, heard from national speakers, worshiped with hundreds of others, and gained knowledge and tools to bring back to our congregations. This year's theme was: Encounter the Spirit- Live Expectantly! We talked about the 'Why' of our actions as individuals and churches, and what it is that motivates us to do what we do. Our 'Why' should we share the Good News and Love of Jesus with those around us and the world. We also were encouraged to not be afraid of failure. When we are, we don't take holy risks and miss out on the fruits that result from trusting God.

It was a wonderful experience and I learned a lot that I am excited to implement in my ministry here at Hope. Thank you for the opportunity to attend this year. I'd love to share more, so please ask me about my time if you see me around. Thank you!

*Blessings,
Katrina*

Finance

DIDJA KNOW that we are quickly nearing the time when we send out Giving Statements for the first half of the year? It's the time of the year when we update folks on their giving. Some of us need a simple reminder of how we're doing! Please review your statement for accuracy "just in case". Check it also for a pat on the back if you have kept up to date. But if by chance you have somehow not "kept up", please make an effort to get back on track. Thanks!

*For your Finance Team
Pete Bergman, Chair*

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.

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, Bev Merritt, Lois Witzig, Sue Beeman, Celeste Daw, 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 July. Thank you!

JULY MISSIONS

Is glossy paper taking over your life? Is it piling up under your plants, on your table, and in your closets? Well, have no fear! Get it out of there!

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.

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!

SUMMER OF PRAYER CONTINUES

During June, July and August we will continue to have special ways for you to connect with God in prayer and to learn about new ways to pray. Prayer is the foundation of our faith and getting comfortable praying and including it in your daily routine will make a difference in your faith life.

We are continuing on the **6-week prayer journey!** If you have missed any of the weeks of prayer, they can be found on the Hope website or at Hope. You are invited to begin your six weeks at any point and journey toward making prayer one of the cornerstones of your faith life.

Don't forget that **Prayer Group** meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 5 p.m. in the Mathison Room. ALL are invited to take part in this time of prayer and learning! Also, we will be having a **Writing Mini-Retreat** on July 13th which links scripture with writing and prayer in a new way. On July 21st is the **Prayer, Meditation and Music service** which is a powerful time of prayer. So many opportunities this summer – won't you join us?

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 11th 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 11th!

July is Heifer Project Month

I have some good news and some bad news for you. The good news is: Because the first of July is a holiday weekend we decided to do our fundraiser the last week in June. In case you haven't heard, we sold 84 of the 91 rustic fruit pies!!! Bad news: We have 7 apple left. They sell for \$5 each. The 7 will be sold - first come first service basis - on Sunday, July 1. It was a great fundraiser and made possible by Sue Beeman, Helen Stellmaker, Celeste Daw and Rosemary Tripp. During the month of July I will be presenting a story about The Heifer Project. There are many successful stories to tell.

Thanks for all your support. *Donna Manns*

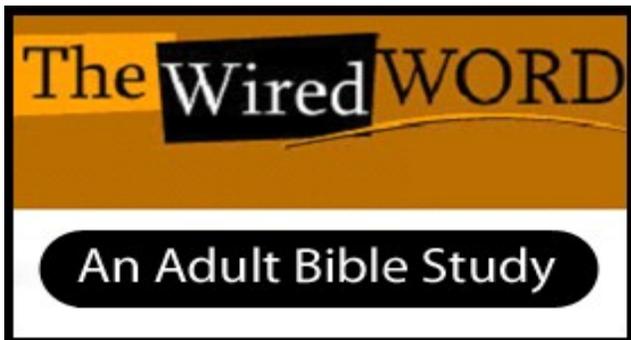
HOPE ACTIVITIES

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.

How does our faith help inform us about choices being made around us? The class is not about changing our opinions; rather it is meant to help us be better Christians in our world. Joan would love to have you join the class when you can make it!

The class will begin on June 25th 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. The class will continue through mid September if there is enough interest. 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.



Evening Book Club

The Evening Book Club usually meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at Hope, 6:30pm. On July 18th, however, they will meet for a potluck Salad Supper at 7700 Barrs Lake at 5:00. Please call, text, or email Mary West (218-260-1164/mwestiebarrslake@gmail.com) or call the office if you have any questions, before 2:00 pm on the 18th. They will be discussing *Light on Snow* by Anita Shreve.

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

All are welcome!



Garden of Hope Work Days

This summer, all willing hands can participate in weeding and watering in our Garden of Hope on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. We have a beautiful space for meditation, solace, enjoyment and prayer, thanks to those who volunteer their time. Contact Sue Beeman or Karen Stocke if you have questions or are interested.

We are not meeting on July 4th!



The Hope Gardens are looking good! We could use some more people to help though. If you have a trailer to haul brush away please let the office know or Sue Beeman. Also looking for volunteer/s to dig up two dead shrubs in the front of the church.

Let's keep making our grounds beautiful! Thank you.

Hope Quilters

Hope Quilters will meet 9:30am on Thursday, July 27th in Fellowship Hall. We are working on new banners. If you would like to sew pillow cases, there are kits to take home.

For more information, contact Sue Beeman 728-2406.

For any summer schedule changes, contact Sue Beeman or the church office.



YOUTH NEWS

Hello, everyone! I hope you are all having a wonderful summer so far. Can you believe that it is already July?! That is so crazy. We have been having a busy summer here at Hope, and I'd like to bring to your attention a few things we have coming up this month.

Last month we had our first VBS, The Great Savior's Round-up, that was a really fun time. We also went to Noah's Ark with TPUMM and to Annual Conference. During the last week in June, we had our first Page Flippers. The book selection for the older children and youth for July will be Wonder by R.J. Palacio.

Upcoming Events:

July 12th 9am-3pm: Our second VBS with a theme of "Around the Campfire" For elementary school-aged children.

July 24th-27th: Adventure Day Camp for K-7th grade students hosted by TPUMM (also looking for counselors at least going into 9th grade)

July 26th at 6pm: Page Flippers

We are planning on having a youth event that involves playing paintball at Superior Paintball on a Saturday in August. This event is for 6th-12th graders, and if you would like to participate, please suggest a few Saturdays that work for you. Thanks!

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any suggestions, questions, or concerns. Have a blessed July!

God Bless,
Katrina Hagemeyer, CYF Director
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Kid's Korner

The Kids'Quest summer session is off to a great start. Our first lesson was on Pentecost. Such an important lesson about the Holy Spirit. We will be looking at some very interesting lessons from the Old Testament the rest of the summer. Hopefully we will have some nice warm Sundays so we can spend some class time outdoors.

Our first VBS session was awesome! We enjoyed a Wednesday in June together from 9AM until 3PM. Our stories and activities centered around a cowboy theme of Jesus lassoing our hearts. We talked about Jesus' great love for us, we sang fun songs, we made twine wrapped hearts, received cowboy hats, played Bible bingo, had yummy snacks and pizza for lunch, read books, prayed and had fun break times. It was a full day of activity. The children, adults and Lucas, our helper, all had a fantastic day. We are very much looking forward to our next VBS time together in July. We would love to have more children enjoy that special time.

We will soon start our planning for the 2017-2018 session. We would appreciate any suggestions you may have to make our Kids' Quest times even more enjoyable and meaningful.

Blessings, ~Anita



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Hope Singers: Nancy DeArmond



July 2017

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In memory of Virginia Olson: Given By Linda Simorsen

For Living Endowment Fund: Given By Gladys Downing for Virginia Olson

OPPORTUNITIES

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

July 12, August 9

Leadership: Katrina Hagemeyer, Anita Rixe, Lori Amundson, Pastor Laurie

Ages: Elementary-age students

We had a blast in June and want you to join us in July! 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!

Helpers are also needed for these events. This is a great opportunity for middle and high school students to assist and learn leadership skills, though adults are also welcome to volunteer. Contact Katrina.



Adventure Day Camp is Happening this Month!

July 24-27 at Island Lake Boy Scout Camp

Ages: Finishing Kindergarten - 7th grade



Adventure Day Camp is a program of the Twin Ports United Methodist Ministries. This is a great opportunity to enjoy Bible camp without staying overnight, with fun outdoor activities, canoeing, swimming, music, Bible lessons, and much more! Registration packets are available in the church narthex.

We are also looking for high school students to serve as counselors. High schoolers should contact Katrina, our Children, Youth and Families Director, about this possibility. Katrina will be at Adventure Day Camp all week to represent Hope UMC, and would love to have you too!

Page Flippers Book Club

July 26, August 23 (fourth Wednesdays of summer)

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 for July is "Wonder" by R.J. Palacio.

Hope you can join us! Invite your friends too!



Hope UMC Day at Adventure Day Camp Thursday, July 27.

Katrina and Pastor Laurie will be assisting with the day's programs on July 27. Anyone interested in coming to camp for the day? Would love to have you. We are also looking for someone to bring pizza up around 3pm for the all the older youth who helped.

This is a great outreach opportunity with the churches of the Twin Ports United Methodist Ministries!

MORE OPPORTUNITIES

United Methodist Day at the Minnesota Twins

Thursday, August 3, 7:10 p.m.

Join Bishop Bruce Ough and United Methodists from across the state to see the Twins in action against the Texas Rangers. \$3 of every ticket ordered benefits our response to international disasters through UMCOR. Seats in the Deck (aka Skyline Deck) are \$16; in the Home Run View Porch they are \$31. **Tickets must be purchased by July 20.** Call 1-800-33-TWINS during business hours or home games, push "0" to speak with an attendant, and be sure to mention AT THE START that you want to order tickets as part of the UNITED METHODIST DAY promotion. A \$5 service fee will be added to your credit card order.



Friday Evening Prayer Meditation Service

July 21 & 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

July 5 & 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.



Spiritual Writing Mini-Retreat

Saturday, July 13 from 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Based on the book *One Day I Wrote Back* by Jane Herring, this special event provides an opportunity to interact with scripture through writing. By simply "writing back," we can engage scripture in a way that deepens us spiritually. No writing experience or expertise is required, since we write to engage the Spirit, not for publication or any other goal. Whether you use paper and pencil or an iPad to write makes no difference. Join a small group, led by Pastor Laurie, hosted at the home of Rob and Mary West. The cost of \$10 includes a light supper and Herring's book. Please call the office to sign up.

MUSIC NEWS

We have an extra-special Special Music treat on Sunday, July 2 during our 10:00 am worship service that you won't want to miss! The Two Harbors Ukulele Band "THUG" will be



playing several wonderful musical selections. They are a well-known group of various ages who love to learn to play the ukulele and perform! They perform at various events, churches, etc. and are in high demand! I have heard them before and they are fantastic! Hope to see you all there!

Our special music schedule for the summer is filling up, but there is always room for YOU if you would like to share your musical gift! If you have any questions or would like to get involved, 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!

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