



Hope For Today!

Hope United Methodist Church

September - December 2017
Opportunities



Mission Week, Sept. 23-30!

A faithful church spreads its Hope with the world! There are many ways to participate in Mission Week. Donate items for the 50 Cent Sale or Bake Sale. Cook for the Bake Sale, Dollar Dinner, or CHUM Dinner. Work a sale or help remove brush outdoors. Give financially to Hurricane Relief. Learn about being a church in mission at the Mission Summit. Find your niche, and join in!

Saturday, 9/23 - Fifty Cent Sale / Bake Sale, 9 am-2 pm

Sunday, 9/24 - Hurricane Relief Sunday, 10 am

Monday, 9/25 - United Campus Ministries Dollar Dinner, 5-6 pm

Thursday, 9/28 - CHUM Dinner preparation and serving

Friday, 9/29 - Brush removal, 10 am

Saturday, 9/30 - UMC Mission Summit, 1st UMC, 9 am-3:30 pm
World Beat Connection Concert, 7pm

Sunday, 10/1 - Sorting winter wear donations for Damiano Center



Worship



Sunday Worship every Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

Holy Communion - 1st Sunday of the month during worship

Grace Korean Church every Sunday at 3:00 p.m.

Worship with Communion at Pines 3 - 1st Tuesday & 3rd Sunday of every month at 2:00 p.m.

Worship at St. Ann's - October 15 and December 17 at 3:00 p.m.

Monthly Wednesday Worship and Meal— begins October 4

On the first Wednesday of each month, join us for a 30 minute worship service at 5:30 p.m. followed by a potluck dinner at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome to enjoy this community meal.

NEW! Monthly Service of Meditation and Music - 3rd Friday at 6:30 p.m.

The highest praise is to echo the Heart of God. We do this monthly by hosting this opportunity for you to pray with us through music. Let this be your opportunity to renew spiritually.

World Communion Sunday - October 1

We celebrate the sacrament of communion in the context of the global faith community; a distinctive experience of the worldwide church across all cultures, one in Christ.

Commitment Sunday – October 29

On this special Sunday, we as a faith community will recommit ourselves to Hope. As part of our commitment, we will also bring forth our pledges for 2018.

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service - November 21

Join with people of all faiths in giving thanks for our many blessings at this service of word and music. Hosted this year by Glen Avon Presbyterian Church, 2105 Woodland Ave., at 7:00 p.m.

Poinsettia Orders - November 19 - December 3

Help beautify the sanctuary for the Advent and Christmas season with poinsettias! You can order plants for \$10 each during the time noted above, or bring your own on December 2.

Advent Decorating – December 2 at 9:30 a.m.

Together we prepare our sanctuary, narthex and church building for Advent and Christmas, dressing the church in anticipation of the first Sunday of Advent. Join in Saturday at 9:30 a.m.!

Hanging of Greens – December 3

During this worship service, on the first Sunday in Advent, we learn more about the customs of Advent and Christmas and how they enhance our journey through Advent. As part of this special day, we will gather during fellowship time to create items to support the Advent journey. Fun for the whole family and all ages and abilities welcome!

Christmas Eve - December 24 at 5:00 p.m.

This candlelight service centers on the family and the Christmas story.

Ongoing opportunities to participate worship include reading scripture, serving communion, ushering, lighting the Advent wreath and more. If interested in participating, contact Sally Herstad (sherstad@d.umn.edu) or Pastor Laurie.

Music

Choir *Practices Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.* *Sings 1st & 2nd Sundays & special events*
Hope Choir has started up for the choir year (through spring) and we need you! No experience necessary, just a desire to sing and the ability to HAVE FUN. Our UMD student section leaders anchors our efforts (and they're a lot of fun too!). All are welcome! Liz Raihala, Hope Choir Director (liz@raihala.net)

Hope Singers & Musicians *Practices Wednesdays after choir* *Weekly opportunities*
Hope Singers and Musicians lead the music during worship, specializing in more contemporary styles. We would love to add a guitar or two as well as other instruments! Contact Liz Raihala.

World Beat Connection Concert **Saturday, September 30 - 7:00 p.m.**

WBC ministers through music in Minnesota, the Caribbean and Latin America by blending styles from a variety of cultural, ethnic and geographical backgrounds. Concerts are given by a group of vocalists and instrumentalists in MN, along with guest artists, who volunteer their time to raise money for United Methodist and other charities. A love offering will benefit Hope's mission work.

Hope Concert **Sunday, November 12 - 1:00 p.m.**

Attention musicians, singers and those who just like music! Come share your talents, or just come enjoy the gifts of our Hope community and offer them your support! The concert consists of a variety of music -- sacred, classical, contemporary Christian, instrumental, pop, musical theatre, etc. If you would like to participate by singing, playing and instrument or being part of a group of musicians and/or singers, please let Liz Raihala know.

Caroling Opportunity ~ *December 17 at 1:00 p.m.*

Anyone, everyone can carol, of any age! Together we'll carol through the halls of Mt. Royal Pines III to spread Christmas cheer to the residents. We'll be indoors, but you'll find yourself with a warm feeling on the inside as well!

Special Music

We always have needs for special music throughout the year -- singing, instrumental, solo or in small groups. If you'd like to share your music in worship, please contact Liz Raihala.

Music Ministry for Non-Musicians

One Sunday per month

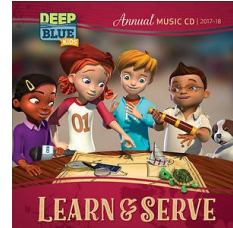
So you're not a performer in front of others? Have we got something great for you! If you love God and can read and push a button, you can join our music ministry by advancing the slides projected on the sanctuary screens during Sunday worship. It's simple but oh so necessary! You need not serve weekly, just monthly (or whatever you can). Contact Kevin Raihala (218-428-4042).

Children, Youth and Families

Kids Quest (Sunday School) *Every Sunday at 10:15 a.m., ages 4 and up.*

The 2017-2018 program year of Kids' Quest will begin on September 10. A full team of teachers has volunteered to bring God's word to our young people: Lori Amundson, Sandy Johnson, Suzanne Kelley, Linda Rolland, Anita Rixe (Kids Quest Director) and Sara Schutt. We have approximately 7 students this year. We would love to have friends join us at any time! We will be studying lessons from the Old Testament during the fall quarter, focusing mainly on Samuel, Saul, David and Solomon. We will be learning Bible verses again this year. And our mission project for the year will be supporting Animal Allies. Join in and watch for more information later this fall! Our upcoming events include:

- December 10 - Bake Sale
- December 10 - Christmas program
Rehearsal
- December 17 - Christmas program
Presentation



Parents and Pals Playtime *Tuesdays and Wednesday, 9:30-11:30 a.m.*

Starting during the first week in October, we will be hosting a playtime for parents and toddlers of our neighborhood, church and wider community in our fellowship hall. We are looking for Hope people to make coffee/treats, and to be present to visit with parents and help supervise under Katrina's leadership here. Come join in this exciting outreach to young families!

Page Flippers Book Club *Second Wednesday of the month, 6:00 p.m.; preschool - Grade 6.*

This popular summer program is continuing by request. Following snacks and gathering activities, younger children with their accompanying adult enjoy a read-aloud book or selection of stories, followed by a craft. Older participants discuss a book selected by participants and read in advance. Watch Sunday announcements and newsletters for title, or contact Katrina.

Ask A Teen!! *Sunday, October 15 following worship*

Teenagers are a mystery to those who are no longer part of the often-closed community. "Why do they respond to texts but not phone calls? What do they mean when they say ___? What is high school actually like now? What do you like about being a teenager?" Submit your questions in the Question Box in the narthex (Sept. 17 - Oct. 13). A panel of teens and young adults will answer selected questions from the box. It's sure to be an interesting and enlightening experience!



Youth Group *2nd and 4th Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m., Grades 6-12*

Youth gathers with the leadership of Children/Family/Youth Director Katrina Hagemeyer. It's amazing how much we can enjoy sharing, learning, and fun activities together! Contact Katrina for details on upcoming events through the fall (katrina.r.hagemeyer@gmail.com).

Youth Coffee at Caribou is an informal get-together for high school youth with CYF Katrina at the Caribou Coffee at Mount Royal. Drop in on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month, 4:00 p.m. Coffee drinking is not required! (There are plenty of beverage and snack options, if you like.)

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Youth Lock-in *November 10-11*

Grades 6-12 of Hope UMC -- plus friends -- will start out the evening with youth from 1st UMC for large group games and events before we each settle into our own church buildings for our own activities for the rest of the night. Youth: Consider who you'd like to ask to help chaperone in shifts through the night!

Twin Ports United Methodist Ministry (TPUMM) plans several events throughout the year for youth from all the area United Methodist churches, for fellowship and mission opportunities. Check upcoming eNews and newsletters for details!

Confirmation Preparation *First 3 Mondays each month, 6-7:30 p.m.; Grades 6 and older*
On Monday, September 11th the confirmation class of 2018 began their time together. The group will meet from 6-7:30 p.m. on three Mondays a month, with learning, worship and fun. We will also have opportunities to help with mission projects, attend worship at Hope and other churches for comparison and getting to know the Hope congregation! On the fourth Monday, confirmands join in Youth Group activities. Pastor Laurie leads confirmation with the help of CYF Director Katrina. If you have a youth 6th grade or older who would like to be part of this amazing time, please let Pastor Laurie know.

Trick or Treat for UNICEF Boxes will be handed out on Sunday, October 1 and returned on Sunday, October 29. It is a longstanding tradition in the U.S., and at Hope Church, for kids to collect donations for UNICEF around Halloween. Join in this wonderful tradition!

Trunk or Treat *Saturday, October 28, 3-5 p.m.*

This is our 2nd annual our second annual Trunk-or-Treat event! Wear your costume, whether you're a kid or a volunteer! We will again have music, a picture booth, candy, cider, etc., and are considering selling/serving hot dogs or other food, adding more rows of cars, hosting games, etc. Please share your ideas to help us increase the size of this event in a way that ensures the balance between number of participants and activities. Thanks!

Bentleyville Tour of Lights *Monday, December 11, 5:30 p.m.*

Youth Group, Confirmation students and their families are invited to tour the lights at Bentleyville as a group. Join in a light supper at 5:30 p.m. at the church before heading down the hill at 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Program *Sunday, December 17, 10:00 a.m.*

The program this year is "Christmas is Cancelled!" Rehearsal mayhem on stage becomes so crazy that our narrator finally announces "Christmas IS Cancelled". What happens next is a wonder to behold. No one can cancel Christmas. This is an Intergenerational play and we would love to have you participate. Practice will be on December 10th.



Missions and Outreach

Mission Week! *September 23-30, 2017*

This fall Hope will celebrate its mission and outreach work with a **Mission Week!** As this faith community continues to become a mission church, we want to celebrate this sacred work and experience new adventures in serving. During Mission Week, September 23-October 1, will give everyone a chance to be part of the fun of missions as well as helping out groups in our community. Here's the schedule of Mission Week events:

Saturday, September 23rd 50 cent, Book and Bake Sale

Help is needed for cashiers, helpers and clean-up on sale day. Also assistance with set-up on Friday, September 22.

Sunday, September 24th Hurricane Relief Sunday

During 10 a.m. worship, we will be taking a Special Offering for hurricane relief, and assembling Clean-Up Buckets to be shipped south for flood victims.

Monday, September 25th United Campus Ministries Dollar Dinner

Join us to prepare and serve dinner for United Campus Ministry in FH at 5:00 p.m. and meet the UMD students.

Thursday, September 28th CHUM Dinner

Prepare CHUM dinner during the day, and/or serve dinner at drop-in center at 5:00 p.m.; clean-up at Hope following.

Friday, September 29th Hope Outside Clean-up

Join other Hope members and friends to clean up the piles of brush and branches and transport to WLSSD. Meet at church at 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, September 30th Mission Summit

Attend the MN Annual Conference Mission Summit being held at First UMC, Duluth (see related article).

also on Saturday: World Beat Connection Concert

Join us at 7:00 p.m. for this concert to benefit our local missions through a love offering (see related article under Music and Worship)

Sunday, October 1st Sorting Donations

After worship we will sort donations of winter wear for Damiano (see our September "Mission for the Month") so it can be transported to the center.

50¢ Sale and Bake Sale *Saturday, September 23, 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.*

Hope partners with United Campus Ministry for the annual 50¢ Sale geared toward students (but open to all). Everything from paperclips to furniture will be 50¢! (NO clothing please) Bring donations the week of the sale -- household items, books, furniture, jewelry, etc. (NO clothing, please). Your participation assisting with the sale or as a shopper is welcome!

Hope will be having a **Bake Sale** during the September 23 50¢ Sale, benefitting Hope ministries and programs. We need cookies, pies, jams, pickles, breads and more to continue to make this a successful event, and helpers at the sale as well. And invite your friends to sample these tasty delights!

UCM Dollar Dinners *Mondays at 5:00 p.m.*

On Monday nights September 11-November 13 (and again the next semester), United Campus Ministry, in conjunction with Lutheran Campus Ministry, will host dinner for college students

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at Hope from 5:00-6:00 p.m. Area churches, including Hope, will provide the meal and fellowship for the students. Come any Monday to meet students!

Hope UMC will be providing the September 25th meal. Want to meet UMD students and help with the meal? Contact Becca Moen or Pastor Laurie.

CHUM Dinner *Every other month, as scheduled*

Dinners are prepared and served by Hope at the CHUM drop-in center every other month. **Our first fall opportunity is September 28.** To help with preparation, serving, or clean-up of this truly fulfilling (and fun!) mission, please contact Becca Moen.

Mission Summit, Minnesota United Methodist Annual Conference

September 30, 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

First United Methodist Church, Duluth

Mission-minded people from around the state will gather for the day to share knowledge and experiences, learn from others, inspire and encourage future mission project development. World Beat Connection will play; experts will share about Red Bird Mission, UM Social Principles, and various mission programs; and participants will help pack Health Kits for UMCOR. Plus, our participation gains us a \$50 seed money grant for missions!

UCM Thanksgiving Dinner *November 20, 5:00 p.m.*

United Campus Ministry will again provide a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner for the International Students who attend UMD. The cost of the dinner is shared by many campus groups, so there is no cost to the students.

Survival Bags for Finals *December, dates TBD*

Hope partners with United Campus Ministry to put together small bags of items for use during finals week. These bags include items such as candy, toys, lip balm, Kleenex and other necessities to make it through finals. Watch for details later this fall!

Caroling at Pines *December 17, 1:00 p.m.*

(See Music page for details)

Missions of the Month This Fall

September – Winter clothing and coat drive for Damiano

We are again collecting new and gently used coats, jackets and sweaters, as well as gloves, mittens, hats, boots and blankets for those who may need them this winter.

October – UNICEF and Trunk or Treat (see Children, Youth and Families page for details)

November – Pajamas for Myers-Wilkins children

We will be collecting new pajamas for the children at Myers-Wilkins Elementary School sized 6 and over for boys or girls.

December - Watch for December's Mission of the Month in upcoming newsletters!

Small Groups

The Wired Word *Sundays at 11:10 a.m. thru 11/5, Mondays at 6:00 p.m. thru 11/13*

Led by retired Pastor Joan Goebel & Mary West, The Wired Word is an opportunity to engage current issues through the lens of faith. The result is not necessarily agreement, but insight. is the result. Email Joan at retiredpastors@centurytel.net to receive the week's short article. in advance. Each session stands alone, so join in whenever you choose.

Advent Study - Mary: Seeing God through the Eyes of a Mother

Coloring quiets the heart and mind so you can enter more fully into Scripture's stories. Reading from *The Message* offers up the passion and personality of the scriptures. Using the *Drawn In* format, explore Mary's story and deepen friendships as we study and share together.

Tuesday Soup and Study - November 28 through December 19. 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Monday Evening Study - November 27 through December 18, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Prayer Group *2nd & 4th Wednesday of each month, 5:00 p.m.*

Group members learn different ways to pray, and take time to pray together for members, family, friends of the faith community, and for people around the world who have shared their requests through the Upper Room. This group meets in the Mathison Room.

PageTurners *2nd Wednesday of each month, 10:00 a.m.*

This daytime book club meets each month at Hope UMC to discuss books chosen by the group. "Good Night, Mr. Wodehouse" by Faith Sullivan is the selection for October 11. The discussions are led by group members and everyone is welcome to join the fun!

Evening Book Group *3rd Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m.*

This group meets most months for lively discussion; join in! The book selection for September is "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil" by John Berendt; October's book is, "Cutting for Stone" by Abraham Verghese; and November's is "Lucky You" by Carl Hiaasen.

Men's Coffee *Wednesday 8:00 a.m. at Mt. Royal Caribou*

This group discusses many topics chosen each week. All men are welcome to attend!

Hope Quilters *4th Thursday of each month, 9:30 a.m.*

This group sews quilts but also works on other projects such as bags for missions, banners for the sanctuary and blankets for nursery school children for emergencies. People of all abilities are welcome to be part of the Hope Quilters.

Hope Garden *Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m.*

Until the weather insists, we will continue to tend the Hope Garden on Tuesday mornings and prepare it for another splendid season in 2018. Contact Sue Beeman to learn more.

Gentle Yoga *Thursdays at noon, for consecutive seven week sessions*

Led by Yoga North instructor, Lynda Parella, all ages and abilities welcome and no prior yoga experience is needed. Fall session starts September 14.

Qigong *Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.*

Let by Michelle Raskovich, learn how to be your best self by opening energy channels in your body and balancing the mind, body, and spirit.

Getting To Know Each Other

“Getting to know you, getting to know all about you!”

Like the lyrics in Rodgers & Hammerstein’s, *The King and I*, we at Hope UMC want to *get to know each other* a little more than what we see on Sundays! If you wish to be on our “Getting to Know You” bulletin board, please fill out the form below or look for a form on the tables in the Narthex to fill out and drop by the office. We will select a few people each month to highlight throughout the year. Just another reason why “Hope UMC, is a place where don't want to miss a thing!”

- Name:
- Where were you born?
- How long have you attended Hope UMC (Woodland or University UMC)?
- Tell us something about yourself that we don’t know.
- What is your favorite food?
- Do you have a favorite Hymn or Christmas song?
- Name an accomplishment you are most proud of.
- Do you have a hobby or special (secret) talent?
- What is your job (or past job, if retired)?
- What is your favorite thing about Hope UMC?

Communications

There are lots of ways to communicate with Hope!

- Our website has current information as well as a library of Sunday Worship podcasts to enjoy: www.hopemethodistchurch.com
- The church office is staffed Monday - Friday from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. You can contact Cynthia or Jennifer in the office at: 218-724-2266 or by emailing: office@hopeumcmn.org
- Pastor Laurie can be contacted through calling the office or on her cell phone at: 218-340-9295 or via email at: pastor@hopeumcmn.org. Pastor Laurie’s day off is Friday.
- Katrina Hagemeyer, the CYF Director, can be contacted through calling the office or on her cell phone at: 218-260-1896 or via email katrina.r.hagemeyer@gmail.com.
- Come “Like” us on Facebook! The church page can be found listed as “Hope UMC Duluth”. To connect to the Youth page, search for “Hope UMC Duluth Youth”. To keep up with all area-UMC church events, find “Twin Ports United Methodist Ministries”

New events will be published in the weekly Sunday bulletin, weekly eNews and monthly Newsletter. We also keep our electronic sign up to date with upcoming opportunities. Be sure to stay connected! If you’re not currently receiving our eNews or newsletter and would like to, please contact the Hope office through the contact information listed above.

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