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2017

WORDS OF HOPE

Hope United Methodist Church

GOD'S STEWARDS

To belong to the Hope faith community is to be a steward. Some may say that "stewardship" is just a polite way of referring to financial giving to the church. But it's far more than that.

One character in some of Jesus' parables is the steward — the servant charged by the master to care for the master's property. It is the master, not the steward, who owns the property, but the steward is responsible for it and is accountable to the master. So it is, said Jesus, between God and us. As God's stewards we have three responsibilities:

- *Receiving:* We receive with joyful thanksgiving the many gifts that God showers upon us — time, talent, treasure, our bodies, our friendships, natural resources, and the beauty around us.

- *Managing:* We take good care of what we have received. We manage these resources wisely — for our own good and the good of others.

- *Giving:* Out of our gratitude in receiving so abundantly, we want to share with others.

Let's look at three kinds of gifts that we receive, manage, and share:

Our time - Time is a gift of God. How we choose to use it is a matter of stewardship. As Christian stewards we try to manage time wisely and in a balanced way. And we give our time gladly to family and friends, to strangers, to the community, the church, and to ourselves.

Our abilities - Do you remember Jesus' parable of the three servants who received different amounts of money to manage while the master was away? We've each received from

God distinctive gifts and talents. How we develop and use these talents is a matter of stewardship. As stewards, we acknowledge the gifts we have without apology.

We develop them further, practicing new skills and putting our talents to work in ministry.

Our resources - We may think that our financial resources are our own.

But when we recall that the time, the energy, the good health, and the opportunities for employment behind these dollars are all gifts from God, we see that the funds belong to God too. We are the stewards; God is the owner. So questions about what we earn, how we earn it, how we save, spend, and give it away, are all questions of Christian stewardship.

This month we will be delving more deeply into our role as stewards of God's gifts and creation. You are invited to join the conversation, prayer and discernment about what that means to us as individuals and to our faith community. Let's celebrate Hope and keep growing together!

~ Pastor Laurie



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October Worship Schedule

Sunday, October 1st

World Communion Sunday
Philippians 2:1-13
Luke 22:14-21

Wednesday, October 4th

First Wednesday Worship
Micah 6:6-8

October 8th

Stewardship Campaign
Kickoff
1 Corinthians 3:10-17
Matthew 7:24-27

October 15th

"Storing Our Treasures"
Matthew 6:1-4
Matthew 6:19-21

October 22nd

"Led by Hope"
Proverbs 15:1-9
Philippians 2:12-18

October 29th

Commitment Sunday
1 Chronicles 29:10-16
Matthew 14:13-21

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

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, October 3 at 2:00 p.m. **Cynthia Coffin-Langdon** will host worship on Sunday, October 15 at 2:00 pm.

November Newsletter Deadline: Monday, October 23rd.

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 meet on October 11 at 10:00 a.m. in the Mathison Room and then head to Emily's Eatary in Knife River for lunch. The book is "*Good Night, Mr. Wodehouse*" by Faith Sullivan The book for November will be announced. **New members welcome.** Contact Anna Allison at 724-5715.

Thank you to everyone who brought flowers in September. Barb & Pete Bergman, Karen & Vern Stocke, The Schutts, and Rose & Doug Tripp.

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Check out our website at:
HopeMethodistChurch.com

Thought for the month from the Hope Prayer Group:

Be the living expression of God's kindness; kindness is your face,
kindness is your eyes, kindness is your smile.

Mother Theresa

ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Our annual stewardship campaign will begin on October 8th with our Kick Off presentation.

The Administrative Council has chosen this year's theme...***Celebrating Hope!*** This effort will focus on developing our financial support for all our activities for the coming year and continue to operate our building as well.



Information packets will be coming to all members and friends on Kick Off day or in the mail soon after. We have so much to celebrate and we want to continue to be the "Church Where You Don't Want to Miss a Thing!"

Commitment Sunday will be October 29th. Your prayerful and careful support will be appreciated.

Commitment Sunday

On this special Sunday, October 29, we as a faith community will recommit ourselves to Hope. As part of our commitment, we will also bring forth our pledges for 2018.

The Living Endowment Fund

The Living Endowment Fund received a gift in memory of Vivian Martin's birthday from Jane and Dale Kempton. A gift was also given for Lois and Jeff's Anniversary from Rob and Linda Pugliese.

The principal from these gifts will not be touched, but the dividends and capital gains are used each month for the support of the mission of Hope United Methodist Church.

Finance

DIDJA KNOW that some of the important tasks related to our financial operations have been handled extremely well by volunteers for a considerable time? Members of the **Finance Team** meet monthly to review our financial practices and make decisions about management of resources. Some members of the Finance Team have served for more than ten years and will continue.

Others serve as "**counters**", preparing weekly offerings for deposit in the bank and tallying and recording information to assure that members' contributions are correctly recorded and preserved. Counters assume their duties, which take about an hour or so to complete, one Sunday each month. Some of our counters have served even longer than senior Finance Team members!

Each year, some members of these groups decide that it is time to be done with their service and must be replaced. So, if you have interest in being part of either of these important groups, now is the time to step forward! Contact Pastor Laurie or Pete Bergman for more information or to sign on!

*For your Finance Team
Pete Bergman, Chair*

Hospitality

Please help us keep providing treats and coffee for the fellowship time after worship. We are looking for a new coordinator to make this happen. See below...

A **HUGE THANK YOU** to Dick Scheibe for providing Sunday morning treats! We also share them with UNS, UCM, and Aftenro.



THANK YOU to Nancy Sivertson, who has been our hospitality chair for several years. Nancy is stepping down and we so appreciate all of her hard work! We are looking for a new Hospitality Coordinator(s) so we can continue to have fellowship time on Sundays mornings.

We thank all our Sunday morning volunteers! Please sign up to help on a Sunday in October.

World Communion Sunday: Community in Communion

As one of two sacraments of The United Methodist Church, Holy Communion has become a practice repeated regularly to receive nourishment for the journey of being a Christian. Communion is very much a communal act. We receive strength from each other, we gather together, we're joined together. It's the Lord's table and all are welcome here. That is a core concept for United Methodists.

We believe that all are welcome - no matter their age, no matter their intellectual abilities, no matter their physical abilities, at the Communion table. In communion, we make a promise of being united to God, united to one another, for the bringing of God's kingdom into the world.

In the United Methodist Church, the statement that most explains communion for us is called this Holy Mystery because it takes us out of those things we may be able to explain into the mystery of God in a way that we may never be able to explain but we can claim. There is no rule that says you can take it too frequently. In fact, John Wesley, in the formative years of Methodism, took it as many as four or five times a week, and he said to the people called Methodists at that time, take communion as often as you can. It is food for the journey.

World Communion Sunday is October 1st, and together with brothers and sisters in Christ throughout the world we will share this time together. We need a Sunday were all who are Christians gather at a table and remember we are one so we remember how vast the body of Christ truly is, and what strength is found in unity and community.

UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRY INVITES YOU!

So many people have donated their time and resources to United Campus Ministry and we want to thank you! So, on Monday, October 23rd you are invited to a special Dollar Dinner at Hope to meet students and allow UCM and its board to thank you for all you do to help keep a vibrant presence on the UMD campus. Whether you have given a donation of dollars, time and/or other resources we hope you will be able to join us for this time of sharing and thanks. Please let us know you are coming by calling or emailing the Hope church office by October 20th. Thanks again for all you do!

Pastor Laurie, Chair of UCM Board

THANK YOU!

Words cannot express the HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who worked to make the 50 cent/Bake/Book/Choral Music sale such a success last month! It took all of us working together to raise Almost \$4000 for United Campus Ministry and Hope UMC. It was also so fun to meet friends and community members and to share our church and our outreach with everyone. Thank you to everyone for making our sale day such a success!!

Heifer Project

It is my pleasure to announce that Sandy Popham will be the new coordinator for the Heifer Project. It has been a very rewarding experience for me these last 5 years. The Heifer Project is my favorite mission for the poor and I know I am leaving it in great hands. Sandy is the person for the job. Let us welcome her! ~ Donna Manns

TRICK OR TREAT FOR UNICEF

Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF began 66 years ago as a way to help kids still affected by World War II. Since then, millions of children across the United States have gone door to door on Halloween with UNICEF collection boxes, calling out, "Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF!" The annual tradition of Kids Helping Kids® — involving donations big and small — has helped to raise more than \$175 million since 1950. By Trick-or-Treating for UNICEF, you can be a superhero for millions of children in need this Halloween. These kids are just like you, except many of them live in countries where poverty, war or natural disaster make it difficult to get even the basics they need to survive.

This year, with all of the hurricanes, even more children are in need of clean drinking water, housing and medical care. Through your donations and donations raised at Trunk or Treat and other events, we can help children around the world.



HOPE ACTIVITIES

WIRED WORD

Rev. Joan Goebel, retired UMC clergy, will continue to facilitate 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 will meet every Sunday at 11:10 am after worship in the Mathison Room.

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.



The Hope Garden

Tuesday, Oct 3rd, 9:00am we will put the gardens to bed for the winter. A huge "Thank you" to all who have helped plant, weed, water, clear brush and enjoy the fellowship with each other.

Looking forward to a plant sale next spring and establishing the Butterfly Garden.

Contact Sue Beeman at 728-2406.



EVENING "WIRED WORD" OPPORTUNITY

Have you wanted to learn more about how to look at what's going on in the world through the lens of faith but can't make the *Wired Word* time on Sunday mornings? Well, now you have another opportunity!

Monday nights there will be a second *Wired Word* discussion from 6-7:00 p.m. This discussion is open to anyone interested in learning more about issues through the lens of faith, and it's a great way to have discussion and fellowship as confirmation and youth meet. If you are interested in receiving the *Wired Word* email ahead of the Monday discussions, please contact the church office.

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! Make sure to check with the office before 2:00 to confirm that this hasn't changed.

October 17: *Cutting for Stone*, Abraham Verghese. Let's talk future books!

November 28: *Lucky You*, Carl Hiaasen. (4th Tuesday, due to Thanksgiving)

December: *we are not meeting.*



Wednesday Worship and Dinner

Wednesday Worship Returns! You are invited to our First Wednesday Worship experience on October 4. This is a 30-minute service of rest and renewal in the midst of this busy time of year, and it begins at 5:30 p.m.



Worship is followed by a shared supper and time of fellowship. Come take a break with worship and dinner here at Hope. The service is for all ages and everyone is invited to dinner!

Hope Quilters

Hope Quilters will meet on Thursday Oct. 26th at 9:30 in Fellowship Hall.

Contact is Sue Beeman 728-2406.

Happy sewing!



YOUTH NEWS

Youth Group and Confirmation: We have had an awesome start to the youth group and confirmation year. We are continuing both activities on Monday nights. Confirmation will be held the first, second, and third Mondays of the month, and youth group will be held on the second and fourth. Youth coffee will be held on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 4pm at the Mount Royal Caribou Coffee.

Looking forward, we are holding a youth lock-in on November 10th at 7pm until the morning on November 11th. More details to come.



Katrina Hagemeyer, CYF Director
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Trunk-or-Treat

October 28th from 3-5pm will be our second annual Trunk-or-Treat event! This year we would like to add something to make it a bigger event without going over the top. We want to increase the size of this event slowly to ensure the balance between number of participants and activities is maintained.

We will have music, a picture booth, candy, cider, and we will create bags of candy for trick-or-treaters with Hope information and candy in them. If you would like to help, please let Katrina know. There will also be a sign-up sheet soon for people to bring their car and pass out candy. Thanks!



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CONFIRMATION IN OCTOBER

Just a reminder that Confirmation meets on October 2,9,16 this month from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Parents are invited to stay and have a discussion on The Wired Word about our faith and what is happening in the world today. That is facilitated by Mary West.

Also, there is a great opportunity to help serve the church and community through Trunk or Treat on October 28th! The event will be from 3-5p but lots of set-up and clean-up help will be needed as well as enjoying the event.

Kid's Korner

Kids'Quest got off to a good start in September. Our lessons about Old Testament Samuel were very interesting. In October we will be moving farther on in Old Testament history and learn about David the Musician, David and Goliath, David and Jonathan, David and Abigail and David dances. The lessons should be very interesting also. Our Bible verse to remember will be from I Samuel 16:7; "The Lord sees into the heart".

As has been our tradition for many years, October will be Trick or Treat for UNICEF month. The small collection boxes will be distributed to the children and anyone from the congregation who would like to contribute to this very worthwhile cause. This year the money collected will go toward helping victims of the hurricanes. What a blessing to be able to help those who have lost so much when we have so much. The collection boxes will be handed out on Sunday, October 1. Please put the boxes in a prominent place in your home so you remember to put loose change in them regularly. The filled boxes will be collected on Sunday, October 29. Thank you for caring and sharing. May God bless your giving.

It is not too early to be thinking about this year's Christmas program to be held on December 17. The program has been chosen and planning has begun. Our Kids' Quest enrollment is limited so that means we will need a lot of participation from our youth and adults. Please consider being a part of this very special endeavor. It is such a blessing to proclaim God's love for us by sending His Son to earth for us. Please let Katrina, Anita, or Pastor Laurie know if we can count on you talent for the program.

Dates to remember:

- October:** Trick or Trick for UNICEF
- December 10:** Bake sale
- December 10:** Program practice
- December 17:** Christmas Program

Blessings,
~Anita



October 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10:00 am Worship 11:10 am Wired Word 11:15 am Music & Worship 3:00 pm Grace Korean	2 1:00 pm Staff Mtg. 5:00 pm UCM 6:00 pm Confirmation 6:00 pm WiredWord	3 9:30 am PPP 9:00 am Garden 2:00 pm Pines Worship	4 8:00 am Men's Breakfast (Caribou Coffee) 3-6 pm CSA 5:30 pm 1st Wed. Worship 6:00 pm Meal 6:30 pm Choir 7:00 pm Alanon	5 9-2pm Painters 12:00 pm Yoga 6:30 pm Qigong	6	7
8 10:00 am Worship Stewardship Kick-off 11:10 am Wired Word 11:15 am Trustees Mtg. 11:15 am Finance Mtg. 3:00 pm Grace Korean	9 1:00 pm Staff Mtg. 5:00 pm UCM 6:00 pm Confirmation 6:00 pm Youth Group 6:00 pm WiredWord	10 9:30 am PPP 4:00 pm Mission Mtg. 7:00 pm PEO Mtg.	11 8:00 am Men's Breakfast (Caribou Coffee) 10:00 am Page Turners 3-6 pm CSA 5:00 pm Prayer Group 6:00 pm Page Flippers 6:30 pm Choir	12 9-2pm Painters 12:00 pm Yoga 4:00 pm Youth Coffee 6:30 pm Qigong	13 5pm Wedding Rehearsal	14 2pm Wedding
15 10:00 am Worship Ask A Teen 11:10 am Wired Word 2:00 pm Pines Worship 3:00 pm Grace Korean	16 1:00 pm Staff Mtg. 5:00 pm UCM 6:00 pm Confirmation 6:00 pm WiredWord	17 9:30 am PPP 1:00 pm PEO Mtg. 5:00 pm UCM Mtg. 6:30 pm Book Club	18 8:00 am Men's Breakfast (Caribou Coffee) 3-6 pm CSA 5:00 pm Ad Council 6:30 pm Choir 7:00 pm Alanon	19 9-2pm Painters 12:00 pm Yoga 6:30 pm Qigong	20 10:00 am North Country Quilters 6:30 pm Prayer & Music Service	21
22 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am SPRC 11:10 am Wired Word 3:00 pm Grace Korean	23 1:00 pm Staff Mtg. 5:00 pm UCM 6:00 pm Youth Group 6:00 pm WiredWord Newsletter Deadline	24 9:30 am PPP 6:00 pm PEO Mtg.	25 8:00 am Men's Breakfast (Caribou Coffee) 3-6 pm CSA 5:00 pm Prayer Group 6:30 pm Choir 7:00 pm Alanon	26 9-2pm Painters 9:30 am Hope Quilters 12:00 pm Yoga 4:00 pm Youth Coffee 6:30 pm Qigong	27	28 3-5pm Trunk or Treat
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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

Robyn Christianson

Marj McKee

Fred Moen

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM SIGN-UP

It's true – Christmas is coming!! Time to think about what role you would like to play in this year's Christmas Program. This year we will be performing "Christmas is Cancelled!" a play about the mayhem of rehearsal for a Christmas play that gets so crazy that the announcer announces that "Christmas is Cancelled!" What happens next is the wonder of faith, for no one can cancel Christmas and the message it brings.

This is an intergenerational play and has room for all who would like to be part of this special Sunday, December 17th.



No memorization is required and the one practice is after worship on Sunday, December 10th. There are also non-speaking parts as well as the need for people to help with directing, working with costumes, being stage hands.

ALL are welcome and encouraged to join in!

To sign up contact the church office or talk to Anita Rixe or Katrina Hagemeyer. Remember, EVERY AGE has a part!

Ask A Teen -- October 15th

Teenagers are a mystery to those who are no longer part of the often-closed community. On Sunday, October 15 after worship, everyone will have a chance to submit a question to be answered by a panel of teens and young adults. The question box, located in the Narthex, will be open until Oct. 13th. After service (and, of course, getting coffee and treats), Sara Schutt, Katrina Hagemeyer, and others will answer selected questions from the box. It's sure to be an interesting and enlightening experience!

Examples of questions:

Why do teens respond to texts and not phone calls? Why do teens say ____, what does it mean? What is high school actually like now? What is your favorite thing about being a teenager?

Page Flippers Book Club

Page flippers is a book club for children and youth. We will be meeting from 6-7 pm on Wednesday, October 11th. Preschoolers through those entering Grade 2 and their accompanying adult will have a book read aloud to them and join in an accompanying art project. Those entering Grades 3-7 will discuss a book they have read in advance. **The Book for October is: "The Lions of Little Rock," by Kristin Levine.**



Please join us!

This event is open to the public, so come and invite your friends!

Contact Lori Amundson at lamundson@hotmail.com or Katrina Hagemeyer at katrina.r.hagemeyer@gmail.com with any questions.

Parents and Pals Playtime Begins

Starting during the first week in October, we will be hosting a playtime for parents and toddlers in our fellowship hall. These events will be offered on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9:30-11:30am.

We hope to provide coffee and possibly treats for the parents. **We are looking for people to volunteer to make coffee/treats and be here during that timeframe to talk with parents and supervise.** Katrina will be here during those times, but it would be great to have others here as well.

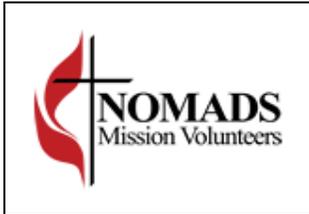
Please let Katrina know if you are interested.

Thank you!



NOMADS

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Joan and Larry Goebel were among 300 Nomads who met the third week of September in Amana, Iowa. Nomads has 994 active members and 150 alumni members at this time.

Nomads is an acronym for Nomads (meaning wanderers) on a Mission, Active in Divine Service. Nomads average age is close to 64 which tells you they are generally retired volunteers with RV's. The Nomads mission organization of the United Methodist Church is 29 years old. Nomads began under the Volunteers in Mission umbrella of the United

Methodist Church. Nomads is an Advance Special under the UMC Board of Global Ministries.

Churches and individuals can donate to this mission organization through the Advance. Interestingly members contribute a high percentage of the total funds raised through three means: membership dues, a yearly every member campaign, and a couple of auctions at the Annual meeting. The auction income this September was \$57,000.00. This matched the highest ever auction in our history! Auction funds are used as project funds. They might financially help a church or campground that can't quite fund the project they have asked Nomads to work on. Nomads travel to the project site at their own expense, bring their own tools and food and work approximately 24 hours a week for three weeks in return for a place to park their RV with electric, water and sewer connections.

This year they collected 430 pair of black shoes for a school across the border from Mission, Texas. In order for the Mexican children to attend school, they must wear a uniform which includes black shoes. Nomads worked at Mission UMC some years ago; learned about the project and asked their members to start collecting black shoes. This year they also collected supplies to fill school bags for UMCOR recipients through the Midwest Mission Distribution Center for our North Central Jurisdiction at Chatham, Illinois.



75 filled bags, 100 additional bags and two boxes of items to fill more school bags. The Sunday worship offering of approximately \$1,100.00 was earmarked for MMDC.

We talked with two full time Nomads: Gary and Avis Norton and Bob and Paige Riewe who along with us have connections to Hope UMC. We all appreciate your prayers as we volunteer with Nomads. Interested in more information? Look up Nomads UMC on the internet or talk with us. ~ Joan and Larry Goebel

Friday Evening Prayer & Music Service

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 topic of this month's meeting is "Why does God allow bad things to happen?"

The next Pray Through Music session will be held at Hope October 20 at 6:30 pm.



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