



JANUARY
2018

WORDS OF HOPE

Hope United Methodist Church

Marching Onward

As we begin 2018 we carry with us the hope we found at the manger, the message of God's love for all, and the call to help all of God's children who are in need. The lessons of Christmas will stay with us as the days grow longer and we, as individuals and as the faith community of Hope UMC, continue spreading the Good News that Jesus brought to us.

One of the ways this is done is through service to the church. Although Hope UMC has staff who help keep up with the day to day activities, it is the lay leadership who determines the direction and means of fulfilling our

mission -
With God's grace, we care for the soul for a lifetime and beyond.



This month marks the change of leadership to those newly elected at last month's church

conference. We thank all those who have served on Hope teams and in leadership roles during the past year for their leadership and we look forward to the leadership of those elected. You will find a list of leaders on page 5 & 6. They are the foundation upon which all work here at Hope is accomplished.

The leadership will need the active engagement of all Hope Community members as they continue the process of putting the strategic plan into action. Much was accomplished in 2017, but there is still plenty to do in 2018 as we continue to

work toward growing Hope into the church where you don't want to miss a thing and

invite others to hear the Good News and grow in Christ.

Together we can spread God's

love and learn to live as Jesus calls us to live.

The beginning of our faith year at Christmas and the beginning of the calendar year bring us new opportunities to be in relationship with one another, with God and with the larger community. You will find many opportunities in this newsletter. Come, let us grow together in 2018!

~ Pastor Laurie



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UPCOMING WORSHIP & EVENTS

January Worship Schedule

Wednesday, January 3rd
First Wednesday Worship
Mark 1:4-11

Sunday, January 7th
Holy Communion
Epiphany
Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14
Matthew 2:1-12

Sunday, January 14th
Season of Creation
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
Jeremiah 18:1-11

Sunday, January 21st
Season of Creation 2
1 Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-10

Sunday, January 28th
Season of Creation 3
1 Timothy 6:6-19
Luke 16:19-31

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

A big THANK YOU to the people of Hope Church from the staff for your thoughtful and generous Christmas gift to each of us! We feel valued, and appreciate your good will! ~ Pastor Laurie, Liz, Matt, Cassidy, Sarah, Cynthia, and Jennifer.

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, January 2 at 2:00 p.m. Cynthia Coffin-Langdon will host a worship service on Sunday, January 21 at 2:00 pm.

February Newsletter Deadline: Monday, January 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 will meet on January 10 at 10:00 a.m. in the Mathison Room. The book is "Jesus Cow" by Michael Perry. The book for February is: "Cannery Row" by John Steinbeck. **New members welcome.** Contact Anna Allison at 724-5715.

Our Annual Bake Sale raised \$232 for Animal Allies! Kid's Quest wishes to thank everyone who contributed baked items, helped with the sale and made purchases. You all are awesome!! **THANK YOU!**

Pasty Bake Alert! Date has been set for the week of March 19th so mark your calendars. More information in next newsletter

A huge **THANK YOU** to the 14 wonderful helpers who spent time with me preparing our church for Christmas. Their time and efforts have made the sanctuary a lovely, festive focal point.

And a big **THANKS** to all who contributed poinsettias. ~ Barb Bergman

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

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

At least once a year, Christians are reminded of Jesus' prayer for his disciples that "they may be one so that the world may believe" (see John 17.21). Hearts are touched and Christians come together to pray for their unity. Congregations and parishes all over the world exchange preachers or arrange special ecumenical celebrations and prayer services. The event that touches off this special experience is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This is celebrated Jan. 18-25 between the feasts of St Peter and St Paul.

This year's theme is: "Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power." Here at Hope we will celebrate this week of unity by praying each day and learning more about God's desire for us to all live in unity. Prayer/devotion information will be available by Sunday, January 14th in both electronic and paper form. Look for other events as they are scheduled.

Wednesday Worship and Dinner

You are invited to our First Wednesday Worship experience on January 3. 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 and worship with us and start the year off with a renewed spirit. The service is for all ages and everyone is invited to dinner!



Thank you

I would like to thank each and every person who in any way had a part in our wonderful Christmas program on December 17. **Every person in the cast from the very youngest to the very oldest did an outstanding job.** Everything worked! Thanks to Sally for your fine piano work. Thanks to Kevin for keeping the sound system working perfectly and for putting the words to the carols on the screens. Thanks to Linda, Bev and the rest of the people who helped make the after party so great. Thanks to Kyler for filling in after such short notice. Thanks so much to Pastor Laurie for all your help and for putting up with all my silly questions. If I have forgotten anyone specifically it was not intentional. Everyone was so much a part of the whole team and is appreciated so much.

Most of all thanks be to God for Jesus' birth and life so we could share His story with others.

Abundant blessings, ~Anita

Finance

DIDJA KNOW that at the end of the year your Finance Team reviews and discusses how well the church has done financially with the hope that we can foresee any new issues that need our attention and support. We look to the future knowing that giving will continue to be strong. When we look at the "final numbers" we balance our receipts against expenditures to see if spending has been within budget. The vast majority of line items are within the projections we set up last year. Some members and friends would like to see more detail of expenditures and we welcome that. We will make a year end summary of finances available in mid-January for review by those interested in seeing it. We will also answer any questions that arise. If you would like to have a copy provided to you, let us know and we will arrange for getting one to you.

For your Finance Team
Pete Bergman, Chair

Hospitality

We want to **thank Dick Scheibe** for all the goodies that he has provided for us over the last couple of years. Unfortunately, Dick can no longer get the baked goods from his source. Because so many people are unable to bake and serve on Sundays, we have decided to work with you on a new plan.



If you do not want to bake, make coffee and serve, please consider donating to a fund for purchasing goodies. We have Linda Rolland, Barb Bergman, Helen Stellmaker, Rosemary Tripp, Bev Merritt and Deb Hoff that will make coffee and serve on a rotating basis, but cannot bake every month. This fun will allow them to buy something instead.

Please give your donation to the office and write on the memo line: "for Sunday fellowship".

If you have any questions or wish to bake please contact Bev Merritt at 724-8693.

JANUARY MISSIONS

A great BIG thank you to everyone for supporting all the 2017 missions. From CHUM dinners and food drive to the coat and sweater drive, giving tree, glossy paper, health kits, disaster relief, just to name a few, you all helped and supported Hope's missions and outreach. Without you, we could not have impacted so many lives. Thanks again!

In January we take a break from a specific mission project. But don't forget we are still **collecting glossy paper** to help those recovering from the hurricanes, as well as our ongoing collection of:

- aluminum cans (for Heifer)
- cell phones (Safe Haven)
- pop can tabs, box tops for education (local schools)
- Campbell's proof of purchase (Red Bird Mission, Kentucky)

Watch for more mission and outreach opportunities coming in this new year!

Robyn Christianson, Chair

MEN'S RETREAT

Mark your calendars now for the upcoming Men's Retreat and time spent in the great outdoors at Camp Amnicon!

Men from the many United Methodist Churches of the Twin Ports are invited to attend a winter retreat Friday, Feb. 9 beginning at 7pm – Saturday, Feb. 10 ending at 3:30 pm. We will be discussing the topic "***The Life You've Always Wanted***" by John Ortberg. The Cost to You is only \$35 (additional fees are paid for by T.P.U.M.M.s (Twin Ports' United Methodist Ministries))

Camp Amnicon is a Lutheran campground with comfortable accommodations, good meals, and is just 45 minutes away from Duluth. Interested? Please sign up in narthex. It's going to be a great experience!



City of Duluth wants YOUR input!

The City of Duluth is updating its comprehensive plan and Wants Your Input! A comprehensive plan is a document that provides policies, strategies and implementation steps to guide Duluth's future. The existing plan was adopted in 2006 and listed over 80 action items, most of which were completed.

City staff would like your input on the next comprehensive plan, better known as Imagine 2035. The topics include housing, economic development, transportation, open space, and energy & conservation. Please attend, and invite your family, friends, neighbors, and anyone else you think would be interested to this FUN City hosted event occurring on **Tuesday, January 30th at 6:30pm at Hope.**



Kitchen Cleaning/Organizing



Are you up for having some fun? We are planning to "play" in the kitchen on Wednesday, January 31st at 12:30pm. This is a once a year project where we need your help. Visit with others and at the same time learn where things are. Please contact Sue Beeman if you can help (728-2406).

Chum Church Worship

Chum Church worship service will be held Sunday, January 14 at Peace United Church of Christ, 1111 N. 11th Ave. E. Pre-worship gathering is at 4:00pm, worship at 4:35, and supper is served at 5:15pm. Chum Church is a faith-based community which intentionally includes people with disabilities.

For more information, contact: Sue Anderson, 740-2498 or sanderson@chumduluth.org.

HOPE ACTIVITIES

Page Flippers Book Club

Page flippers is a book club for children and youth. We meet from 6-7 pm one Wednesday a month. Preschoolers through those entering Grade 2 and their accompanying adult will have a book read aloud to them and join in an craft project. Those entering Grades 3-7 will discuss a book they have read in advance. This month we will meet on January 10th and discuss the book: "Out of My Mind" by Sharon M. Draper. Please join us!

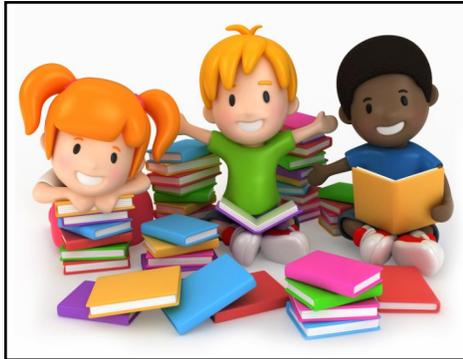
This event is open to the public, so come and invite your friends!

Check out our new facebook page for all current book listings and dates.

<https://www.facebook.com/duluthpageflippers/>

If you have any questions please contact Lori Amundson at lamundson@hotmail.com or call at 612-756-3077.

Plan ahead for February 7, March 14, April 11.



Hope Quilters

We will meet on Friday, Jan. 5th, 10am for a planning session and on Thurs., 10:30am, Jan. 25th for sewing.

Thank you to all who have helped with doggie beds that were delivered to the animal shelter. This will be an ongoing project. Finished pillow cases are also being delivered to several group homes in our area.

The quilt show at Aftenro was a hit and we donated a small quilt to the Activity Room.

We will have another **FABRIC/YARN SALE**

in April – more information to come in the next newsletter.

The quilters - Sue Beeman, Barb Bergman, Mary Bowker, Celeste Daw, Sally Herstad, Rosemary Tripp and Barb Vatalaro - Thank you for your support!



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.

January 16: *The Little Paris Bookshop* by Nina George

February 20: *Lilac Girls* by Martha Hall Kelly

March 20: *Beartown* by Fredrik Backman



Come Watch *The Shack*

On Sunday, January 28th, bring your popcorn and come to church to watch the movie, "The Shack".

This movie, based on the book of the same name, brings up many issues and questions about our faith in God and the Holy Trinity. We will begin watching at 6pm and you are invited to bring a friend, snacks to share, and come watch this movie. We will have some time at the end for discussion.



HOPE STAFF

Pastor: Laurie Boche, pastor@hopeumcmn.org
Church Office: Jennifer Amy-Dressler, office@hopeumcmn.org
Church Office: Cynthia Coffin-Langdon, office@hopeumcmn.org
Music Director: Elizabeth Raihala, liz@raihala.net

Custodian: Matt Johnson
Accompanist: Diane Nast
Kid's Quest: Anita Rixe

YOUTH NEWS

We need your input! As we look to replace our CYF Director we need Youth to help us with the process! If you would be interested in being part of the interviews with candidates, and/or have specific ideas of what qualities this person should have to be part of Hope, please let Pastor Laurie or Marcia Bowker know! Your input is important to getting the right person for the position.

Also, this month you are invited to watch *The Shack* on Sunday, January 28th. The movie begins at 6pm, but we will gather in the Mathison Room at 5pm to have pizza and discuss what we want to do as a youth group for the rest of this year.

Please let Pastor Laurie know if you can attend so we get the right amount and kinds of pizza! Don't miss this one!



Kid's Korner

It is 2018!! Another whole new year to experience God's love and blessings. What could be better!

December was a busy month for us. It started with planning for the Christmas program. The cast was chosen and scripts with individual parts were sent out. On December 10 our bake sale was held. Many thanks to Sandy Johnson for organizing, publicizing, setting up and selling the wonderful treats. Many thanks to all the terrific bakers who contributed to this project and to all who purchased and enjoyed the results of their efforts. **We sold \$232.00 of baked goods** that will be given to Animal Allies, which is our chosen mission project for the year.

On December 10, practice for our program was also held and the program was presented the following Sunday. It was wonderful! The entire cast did an outstanding job. There were some lighthearted parts but the message came through loud and strong. We are very thankful for a very good sound system so all parts could be heard. We did miss out on 2 Sundays of class time but did enjoy the entire Christmas story. We also distributed treat bags to all children in attendance at the Christmas Eve services.

In January we will be looking at lessons on Jesus' early ministry.

Our next exciting upcoming event will be the **children/youth worship service on Sunday, February 4**. We need all the young people we can get that day so please remember that date as you plan your activities.

The children and teachers of Kids' Quest would like to wish all of our Hope family peace, hope, love and joy in the year ahead. ~ Anita



CONFIRMATION

Because New Year's Day is a Monday, our first confirmation meeting will be on January 8th. Here are a few reminders for the new year:

- Be sure to bring in your INTERVIEW that was to have been completed in December on the 8th!
- If you miss a Monday night meeting you will need to make it up the following Sunday morning after worship with Pastor Laurie
- You need to complete at least FIVE Sermon Notes here at Hope and another from a different church. Sermon Notes are available in the Narthex
- Come watch the movie *The Shack* on Sunday, January 28th at 6p if you can. It will be a great discussion for us! (and a good makeup if you miss confirmation time this month)
- February 4th is the Children and Youth service and it would be great to have you involved in that.
- Because of Pastor Laurie's schedule there is NO confirmation on January 22nd. Instead you are encouraged to come to Movie Night on the 28th!

It's a new year and we are going to have a great time learning more about our faith and our God!

January 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Office Closed	2 2:00 pm Pines Worship	3 8:00 am Men's Breakfast (Caribou Coffee) 3-6 pm CSA 5:30 pm 1st Wednesday Worship 6:00 pm Meal 6:30 pm Choir 7:00 pm Alanon	4 9-2pm Painters 12:00 pm Yoga 6:30 pm Qigong	5 10:00 am Hope Quilters	6
	7 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Music & Worship Mtg. 3:00 pm Grace Korean	8 1:00 pm Staff Mtg. 6:00 pm Confirmation	9 9:30 am PPP 4:30 pm Mission & Outreach Mtg.	10 8:00 am Men's Breakfast (Caribou Coffee) 9:30 am PPP 10:00 am Page Turners 5:00 pm Prayer Group 6:00 pm Page Flippers 6:30 pm Choir 7:00 pm Alanon	11 9-2pm Painters 12:00 pm Yoga 6:30 pm Qigong	12
14 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Trustees Mtg. 11:15 am Finance Mtg. 3:00 pm Grace Korean	15  1:00 pm Staff Mtg. 6:00 pm Confirmation	16 9:30 am PPP 5:00 pm UCM Mtg. 6:30 pm Evening Book Club	17 8:00 am Men's Breakfast (Caribou Coffee) 9:30 am PPP 5:00 pm Ad Council 6:30 pm Choir 7:00 pm Alanon	18 9-2pm Painters 12:00 pm Yoga 6:30 pm Qigong  <i>Week of Prayer begins</i>	19 10:00 am North Country Quilters	20
21 10:00 am Worship 2:00 pm Pines Worship 3:00 pm Grace Korean	22 1:00 pm Staff Mtg. <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	23 9:30 am PPP	24 8:00 am Men's Breakfast (Caribou Coffee) 9:30 am PPP 5:00 pm Prayer Group 6:30 pm Choir 7:00 pm Alanon	25 9-2pm Painters 10:30 am Hope Quilters 12:00 pm Yoga 6:30 pm Qigong  <i>Week of Prayer ends</i>	26	27
28 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am SPRC Mtg. 3:00 pm Grace Korean 5:00 pm Youth Group 6:00 pm Movie Night  "The Shack"	29 1:00 pm Staff Mtg. 6:00 pm Confirmation	30 9:30 am PPP 6:30 pm Duluth City Planning Mtg.	31 8:00 am Men's Breakfast (Caribou Coffee) 9:30 am PPP 12:30 pm Kitchen Cleaning 6:30 pm Choir 7:00 pm Alanon			

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Members and Friends in our Hearts...

Benedictine: Margaret Kline

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

Aftenro: Lois Newman

North Shore Estates: Marj McKee

Hold in Prayer...

Margaret Kline Pat Eng Doug Tripp Bette Nord

Lois Newman Jenny Pattison-Lundeen Shirley Swapinski

Lois Newell Catharine Larsen Robyn Christianson Fred Moen

Marj McKee Dave Hileman

All of our members and friends who travel south for the winter.

HOPE UMC LAY LEADERSHIP – 2018

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAMS

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

Chair:

Recording Secretary – Cynthia Allen

Lay Leader/Lay Member to Annual Conference) – Catharine Larsen

(Alternate Lay Member – Sally Herstad, Deb Hoff)

Representatives from: Worship, Member Care, Mission and Outreach, Trustees, Staff-Parish Relations, Finance, Lay Leadership, Youth, Christian Education

Members at Large –Lois Newman, Marcia Bowker, Linda Pugliese, Sue Johannesson, Deb Hoff, Fred Moen

FINANCE TEAM

Chair - Pete Bergman

Treasurer - Geoff Popham

Financial Secretary – Lori Amundson

Memorial Fund - Karen Stocke Chair; Lois Witzig, Mary Bowker, Shirley Johnson, Pauline Swanfeld, Sally Herstad, Darlene Johnson, Brad Mackinaw

Living Endowment Fund – Shawn Amundson

Counters - Mary Bowker, Michelle Bowker, Pete Bergman, Ken Bergman, Sharon Hanson, Robyn Anderson

Members at Large— Jim Hubal, Deb Hoff, Darlene Johnson

TRUSTEES

Chairs – Doug Kuehl, Jim DeArmond

Class of '18

Linda Morinville

Art Hoff

Jim DeArmond

Class of '19

Rob West

Jack Carlson

Class of '20

Doug Kuehl

STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS

Chair – Marcia Bowker

Class of '18

Mary West

Catharine Larsen

Rob West

Class of '19

Darlene Johson

Brad Mackinaw

Marilyn Melhus

Class of '20

Marcia Bowker

Sara Slotness

LAY LEADERSHIP

Chair – Pastor

Class of '18

Marilyn Melhus

Sally Herstad

Mary West

Class of '19

Class of '20

MINISTRY TEAMS

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WORSHIP AND MUSIC TEAM

Chair – Sally Herstad

Music Director – Liz Raihala, Accompanists – Diane Nast, Meredith Kuehl, Barb Bergman, Nancy DeArmond, Kevin Raihala, Sandy Johnson, Julie Mackinaw, Joanne Hubal

Communion Stewards: Anita Rixe

Sound: Kevin Raihala, Jim Hubal, UMD Students

COMMUNITY CARE TEAM

Chair – Linda Pugliese

At Large - Lois Witzig, Sara Schutt

Prayer Chain – Linda Rolland

Funeral/Events Coordinator - Pauline Swanfeld

Card Ministry – Lois Witzig

Sunday Hospitality Coordinators – Bev Merritt

OUTREACH / MISSION TEAM

Chair – Robyn Christianson

Missions - Linda Rolland, Bev Merritt, Judy Moen, Michelle Bowker, Nancy Sivertson, Lois Newman, Rosemary Tripp, Robyn Anderson, Julie Mackinaw, Brad Mackinaw

TPUMM – Fred & Judy Moen

CHUM – Pastor, Becca Moen, Robyn Christianson

United Campus Ministry—Pastor, Judy Moen

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TEAM

Kids Quest Superintendent –Anita Rixe

Adult Education Opportunities – Mary West

Family/Children's Ministries – Suzanne Kelley

Youth Ministry— Sandy Johnson,

Older Adult Education Opportunities – Linda Rolland

At Large— Sara Schutt, Lori Amundson

HOPE GARDEN/LANDSCAPING

Karen Stocke, Sue Beeman, Rosemary Tripp, Celeste Daw, Chong Dewing

KITCHEN MINISTRY

Chair – Mary West

Sue Beeman, Bev Merritt