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# WORDS OF HOPE



Hope United Methodist Church

## *Celebrating Hope*

As I look back on the last nine years (almost) here at Hope I am astonished at all that has been accomplished in the name of God! When I arrived at Hope I had no idea of the depth and strength of this faith community, and it has been a blessing to me to share these years of the journey with all of you! As we look forward to the transition of pastors in July, this is a great time to celebrate what has been as Hope plans for the future.

On Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, we will be looking back at some of the



wonderful ministries, service opportunities and events at Hope over the past nine years. Do you have a favorite story to share? Or a favorite photo? If so, please email it to the office so we can include it in the celebration! Sometimes we are so rushed going into the future that we forget to stop and celebrate our connections with God, one another, and our

community, so that is what the celebration in May is all about!

Connections made are also to be celebrated. In April we celebrated our shared space and ministry with Grace Korean UMC which continues to be such a blessing! We also celebrated our UMD graduates who have been part of the Hope community over the past several years. They have lent their voices and their presence to enhance worship and bring

music to a higher level.

Hope has also become enriched over these last years with new members, including those from Chester Park and

Lester Park UMC. Being a merged church has given the Hope community a special affinity for those brothers and sisters in Christ who have experienced the same loss and gain in their faith lives. Every time Hope receives new members we also receive new energy and ideas and see the Holy Spirit working in new and wonderful ways!

It has been my honor and privilege to have shepherded four confirmation classes at Hope! It is an adventure to get to know the youth and to bring them closer to God through Jesus so they can decide whether they want to confirm their faith and continue on this journey. It has also been a blessing to have worked with mentors and other Hope community members who have helped the youth along this path. Next month we will welcome another group. Praise be to God!

There is much to celebrate before the work of God's kingdom continues. Let us come together in joy and love as we celebrate Hope!

~ Pastor Laurie

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## *May Worship Schedule*

**Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>**  
*Holy Communion*  
Psalm 98  
John 15:9-17

**Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup>**  
*Mother's Day*  
Psalm 1  
Exodus 2:1-10

**Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>**  
*Pentecost*  
*Spring Festival*  
Psalm 104:24-34  
Acts 2:1-21

**Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup>**  
*Memorial Day Weekend*  
Psalm 29  
Romans 8:12-17

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**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: Cynthia Coffin-Langdon will host a worship service at Pines III on Tuesday, May 1 at 2:00 p.m. Pastor Laurie Boche will host a worship service on Sunday, May 20 at 2:00 pm.**

**June Newsletter Deadline: Tuesday, May 22.**

**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 May 9 at 10:00 a.m. in the Mathison Room. The book is "*The Girl of Hummingbird Lane*" by Lisa See. The book for June is: "*The Wind and the Drum*" by Katharine Johnson. ***New members welcome.*** Contact Anna Allison at 724-5715.

**Thank you to everyone who brought flowers in April!**

**I want to send a big thank you** to everyone for your support, compassion, prayer, and cards during my time of need. I so appreciate the Hope faith family! ~ *Pastor Laurie*

**First Wednesday Worship is done for the summer.** Due to so many things happening at Hope we will discontinue this service until the fall.

**Parents and Pals Playtime** will continue thru May before taking a break for the summer. This event will be offered on Tues and Weds from 9:30-11:30am in the church fellowship hall.

*Thought for the month from the Hope Prayer Group:*

Life is not always fair, but GOD is always faithful.

## *Administrative Council*

Hope's Administrative Council met on April 18th and discussed the following:

- There is still no chair for Ad Council so it will need to be rotating on who will lead the meeting. Marcia Bowker volunteered for April.
- Several people attended the last service at Lester Park and it said it was a lovely service. Lester Park has graciously gifted us their altar Bible and so now it will be proudly displayed on the altar in the sanctuary.
- It was discussed that we need to have some sort of plan for the transition of Pastor Laurie leaving and Pastor Sarah coming to Hope. Robin Christianson volunteered to coordinate a hospitality committee to address both of those transitions through the missions committee. All members of the church will be invited to participate in this transition committee to make sure that we both celebrate all of Laurie's contributions to our faith family while planning our welcoming Sarah The end of July.
- Jim DeArmond and Doug Kuehl discussed the recent activities of the trustees committee, including working on the boiler and the blower motor. There was also discussion about the nursery school's request to have some work done to their area.

## *Finance*

DIDJA KNOW that writing monthly articles for the newsletter can be a taxing thing...pardon the play on words given the time of year....it was intended....

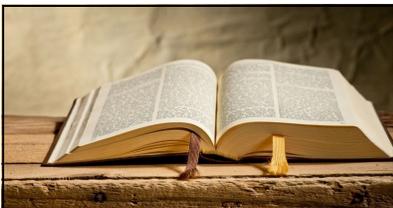
Finding a topic that is important and timely can be a bit difficult. There is always a project, update, or issue to write about. But this month I would like to write about YOU.

Hope UMC is blessed to have folks like YOU... concerned, caring and committed. We continue to have a very solid financial basis and that is due to YOU. We continue to fund many outreach activities and events, again that is due to YOU. I could go on with the many examples but I think the point is easily made...YOU make it all happen. Your are to be congratulated and thanked. God has blessed us with YOU!

*For your Finance Team  
Pete Bergman, Chair*

## **LESTER PARK UMC BIBLE**

Pastor Laurie joined a group of clergy who had the bittersweet task of decommissioning the Lester Park UMC building last month. When the service was complete she noticed that the Bible was still on the communion table. Since a group of Lester Park members have expressed interest in becoming part of the Hope faith community, Pastor Laurie asked for and received the Lester Park Bible. It is now on the Hope communion table as a sign of connection with God and the brothers and sisters in Christ from Lester Park.



## *Hospitality*

Fellowship is an important part of our Sunday Worship. We have ladies who have signed up to make our coffee each week, serve and clean up. But we need your help! I have put some plastic containers in the kitchen, on top of freezer, marked 'fellowship'. If you know that you are going to do some baking think about making a little extra for church. Just bring it to church and put it in the freezer. It doesn't have to be a lot, we like a variety but we must keep in mind that we do have about 75 people who stay for coffee each week. Please be a fellowship provider and fill a container once in awhile. It is all used and greatly appreciated.

Thank you to: Sandy Popham, Rosemary Tripp, Barb Bergman, Helen Stellmaker, Linda Rolland, Deb & Art Hoff, Bev Merritt, Dick Scheibe.

We are looking for 4 men who would take 2 Sundays a month to run the dishwasher. If you are interested please talk to Bev.

Questions? Please contact Bev Merritt at 724-8693.



## MISSIONS

### APRIL MISSION

April was a very busy and fun month for Missions/Outreach from Easter offering, One Great Hour of Sharing, Food Shelf and CHUM dinner. Thank you everyone for all your donations. It is such a blessings to be part of all this.

May will continue to be busy also. We will be collecting shoes for Haiti and Guatemala and be putting together Health Kits for UMCOR. There is a list in the Narthex of items needed for the kits. We plan to will put the Health kits together at the All Church Celebration.

A Love Offering will be taken in May. Both the Health Kits and Love Offering will be taken to Annual Conference at the end of the month.

A celebration lunch-party for Pastor Laurie will be Sunday, June 24th. If anyone is interested in helping the Mission/ Outreach team with this, please contact Robyn.

*Hope, Faith, Love,  
Robyn Christianson*

### CHUM Dinner in April: What a Super Event!

Another CHUM dinner is done, our recipe for baked spaghetti was a great success. We also served candied carrots, fresh baked buns with butter, and desserts to about 80 people, who were very happy with the meal.

Those who cooked were Bev Merritt and Rosemary Tripp with Vince Nieves as cook's helper. Lois Witzig and Judy Moen were our very able sous chefs preparing the carrots for their candied goodness. Donna Manns helped with stirring and took on dish washing in the deep sink.

Desserts appeared from Jill Schutt (cake), Bev Merritt (brownies), Mary Bowker (brownies), Donna Manns (carrot cake with Cool Whip), Sandy Popham's popular pumpkin cookies plus chocolate chip brownies from persons unknown.

At 4:30 p.m. these people showed up to transport the food and serve at CHUM: Fred & Judy Moen, Robyn and Riley Anderson, Vince Nieves, and Jim & Nancy DeArmond. The food was good and everyone was filled up, and all of Hope Church went home feeling ENERGIZED by what we had done in Jesus ' name.

Come on, try it sometime; get out of your comfort zone and fee the less fortunate. You will feel better for it!

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2018

#### Learning with Legos

Plans are developing for Vacation Bible School 2018. This special time will be held June 12, 13, and 14 from 9 AM until noon.

These are some changes from last year. We will be providing Bible centered lessons, crafts, games, music, snacks and fun. Our VBS is open to all children, ages 3 through 6th grade and we encourage Hope children to invite friends.

For a successful VBS program to run efficiently, willing volunteers are needed. We are asking for adults and youth to help us with the endeavor. We would really appreciate your help if just for one day. If you have music you could share with us or a special craft the children would enjoy or a yummy snack they would like, let us know and we would be happy to sign you up. If you have never had the pleasure of working with children in this capacity, really think about giving it a try. You will not regret it. Sharing God's word as well as having fun with them is an amazing adventure. Please pray about it and if God lays it on your heart, let us know.

Thank you so much, ~ Anita

### Adventure Day Camp

Horace Johnson Boy Scout Camp, Island Lake

Transportation Provided

Monday, July 23 – Thursday, July 26

10:00 am to 3:15 pm

*\*\*Eligible campers are those finishing kindergarten through 7<sup>th</sup> grade\*\**

TWIN PORTS UNITED  
METHODIST MINISTRIES  
**ISLAND LAKE  
RAMPAGE**



Registration forms are in  
the narthex. Deadline is July 1.

**Questions Contact Adventure Day Camp**

**Director:** Rev. Joel Certa-Werner, 715-394 9608  
[pastor@superiorfaithumc.org](mailto:pastor@superiorfaithumc.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 May 9 at 6pm and discuss the book: "*Rain Reign*" by Ann M. Martin. Please join us! This event is open to the public, so come and invite your friends!

Check out our 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](mailto:lamundson@hotmail.com) or call at 612-756-3077.

Plan ahead for June! The book is: "*What the Moon Saw*" by Laura Resau. It will be a Mexican-themed evening!

## 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.

**May 15:** "*Skinny Legs and All*" by Tom Robbins

**June 18:** "*A is for Alibi*" by Sue Grafton



## Hope Quilters

Hope Quilters will be meeting on Thursday May 24<sup>th</sup> at 10am in the Fellowship Hall to discuss the groups future projects. There will be no meetings in June, July or August. Since the doggy bed project ended on April 30<sup>th</sup>, no fabric scraps will be accepted.

The quilters - Sue Beeman, Barb Bergman, Mary Bowker, Celeste Daw, Sally Herstad,



## Age Well Memory Café

Tuesday, May 8 from 1:30 - 3:00 pm.

A Memory Café is a group where those suffering from memory loss, as well as their care providers and family members, can find relaxation, fun, and the support of other people who are having similar experiences.

For more info or to RSVP please contact Kim Hileman, the Program Director of Age Well Arrowhead. 218-623-7805.



## Celebration Sunday is May 20th!

Come celebrate spring, Hope and so much more! During worship on Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup> we will be celebrating all that has been accomplished in the name of God over the last nine years here at Hope. There has been so much wonderful ministry, service and growth to celebrate! We will also be acknowledging the Kids' Quest teachers as the year wraps up for them.

After worship the celebration continues! We will have a community meal in the Fellowship Hall as well as lots of fun with our games. This year we will be having a Bible Trivia contest for all ages, as well as other games and of course the cake walk. This is a perfect Sunday to celebrate the Hope community and to show friends and others what we are all about. Grab a friend and plan to spend May 20<sup>th</sup> celebrating the wonder of our faith and fellowship of Hope.

## HOPE STAFF

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Accompanist: Diane Nast  
Kid's Quest: Anita Rixe  
Nursery Attendants: Sara Schutt, Cassidy Kelley

## YOUTH NEWS

A BIG "Thank You" to our youth who helped on Easter Sunday: Glenn Blazier, Jacob Johnson and Macey Kelley who served coffee & juice at breakfast, and Cole Conlin, Lucas Gravelle and Jacob Johnson who ushered during service. You did a great job and your assistance was much appreciated. We also say "Thanks" to your confirmation class who did a terrific job leading service on April 15th and for your creative use of puppets!

There will not be any scheduled youth activities (other than Confirmation) in May; however, I will be in touch about the below summer opportunities!

Please consider **Reading Scripture and/or Ushering** -- Any Sunday: Just sign up in the narthex!

### UPCOMING SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

- **June 3rd:** Come celebrate with our youth who will be Confirmed during service.
- **June 12th-14th:** Help with Vacation Bible School.
- **June 13th-14th:** Fun at Wisconsin Dells' Mount Olympus Theme Park and Water Park with other local UMC youth.
- Leave at 1:00 pm on the 13th and return to Duluth by midnight on the 14th. Friends welcome!
- **July ?:** A fun Hope youth activity; more info to come!
- **July 23rd-26th:** Be a counselor at Adventure Day Camp.

Please contact me at 218-260-7109 and let me know what above activities you will participate in or if you have any questions.

*Thanks! Sandy Johnson*

## CONFIRMATION

We are heading into our last full month together as a confirmation class! Lots of work ahead of us but lots of fun and fellowship as well. Thanks to everyone for the great worship service in April! Thanks also to Robyn Christianson for joining our confirmation team!

### **Here's what's ahead in May:**

- Confirmation meetings on Monday, May 7, 14 & 21
- Individual meetings with Pastor Laurie
- Finishing stoles

See you on the 7<sup>th</sup>!

## Kid's Korner

April was an interesting month in Kids'Quest. On Easter Sunday we did not have an official class time but the beautiful Easter story was shared with all children in attendance between the 2 worship services. Easter treats were also distributed to the children. The sharing of the Easter story is always such a special time and the children are very attentive. We also suspended our regular class time on April 15 so the children could join the congregation for the worship service which was presented by the confirmation class. It was a good time for the younger children to witness the involvement of the youth in the work of the church. The youth did a wonderful job in planning and presenting the service. A big THANK YOU to each of them for a job well done. Lessons on Paul, Timothy and the growing church were shared with the children on the other April Sundays. In May we will learn about Lydia, Paul and Silas and Pentecost.

We welcome **Cassidy Kelley** and her friend to our team. It is such a blessing to have young people realize the importance of the Christian education of our children. Thank you guys so much!!

May 20 will be our last official day of class for this school year. It has been a great year and we look forward to beginning a new school year in September. We will again offer a summer session from June 10 through August 26.

May 20 will also be our annual intergenerational end of year celebration. We will provide a picnic lunch, fun and games for all. Everyone is invited!

We will also be offering Vacation Bible School from June 12-14 for students age 3 through grade 5. Please see more information about this in another part of this newsletter. We would encourage children to join us and bring friends.

### **Dates to remember:**

- May 20 - Last day of class for the school year
- May 20 - Intergenerational celebration
- June 12 - 14 Vacation Bible School

Blessings ~Anita



# May 2018

| Sun  | Mon   | Tue  | Wed   | Thu  | Fri   | Sat       |
|--|---|--|---|--|---|-----------|
|  |   | <b>1</b><br>9:30 am PPP<br>2:00 pm Pines Worship<br>5:00 pm UCM Board, FH<br>5-7 pm PEO Mtg.                                     | <b>2</b><br>8:00 am Men's Breakfast<br>(Caribou Coffee)<br>9:30 am PPP<br>7:00 pm Alanon  | <b>3</b><br>9-2pm Painters<br>12:00 pm Yoga<br>1:30 pm Exercise<br>6:30 pm Qigong                              | <b>4</b>  | <b>5</b>  |
| <b>6</b><br>10:00 am Worship<br>11:15 am Music &<br>Worship Mtg.<br>11:15 am SPRC Mtg.<br>3:00 pm Grace Korean   | <b>7</b><br>6:00 pm<br>Confirmation                   | <b>8</b><br>9:30 am PPP<br>10:00 am Staff Mtg.<br>1-3:30 pm Age Well<br>4:30 pm Mission &<br>Outreach Mtg.<br>6-9:30 pm PEO Mtg. | <b>9</b><br>8:00 am Men's Breakfast<br>(Caribou Coffee)<br>9:30 am PPP<br>10:00 am Page Turners<br>5:00 pm Prayer Group<br>6:00 pm Page Flippers<br>6:30 pm Choir<br>7:00 pm Alanon | <b>10</b><br>9-2pm Painters<br>12:00 pm Yoga<br>1:30 pm Exercise<br>3:00 pm UNS Set up<br>6:30 pm Qigong       | <b>11</b><br>7:30-9:30 am<br>UNS Brunch,<br>FH        | <b>12</b> |
| <b>13</b><br>10:00 am Worship<br>11:15 am Trustees Mtg.<br>3:00 pm Grace Korean  | <b>14</b><br>6:00 pm<br>Confirmation                  | <b>15</b><br>9:30 am PPP<br>10:00 am Staff Mtg.<br>1-3 pm PEO Mtg.<br>5:00 pm UCM Mtg.<br>6:30 pm Book Club                      | <b>16</b><br>8:00 am Men's Breakfast<br>(Caribou Coffee)<br>9:30 am PPP<br>5:00 pm Ad Council<br>7:00 pm Alanon   | <b>17</b><br>9-2pm Painters<br>12:00 pm Yoga<br>1:30 pm Exercise<br>6:30 pm Qigong                             | <b>18</b><br>10:00 am<br>North<br>Country<br>Quilters | <b>19</b> |
| <b>20</b><br>10:00 am Worship<br>11:15 am<br>Spring Celebration<br>11:15 am Finance Mtg.<br>2:00 pm Pines Worship<br>3:00 pm Grace Korean<br>5:30 pm Liz Recital | <b>21</b><br>6:00 pm<br>Confirmation                  | <b>22</b><br>9:30 am PPP<br>10:00 am Staff Mtg.<br><br><i>Newsletter Deadline</i>  | <b>23</b><br>8:00 am Men's Breakfast<br>(Caribou Coffee)<br>9:30 am PPP<br>5:00 pm Prayer Group<br>7:00 pm Alanon   | <b>24</b><br>9-2pm Painters<br>9:30 am Hope<br>Quilters<br>12:00 pm Yoga<br>1:30 pm Exercise<br>6:30 pm Qigong | <b>25</b>   | <b>26</b> |
| <b>27</b><br>10:00 am Worship<br>3:00 pm Grace Korean  | <b>28</b><br><i>Office Closed</i><br><br>Memorial Day | <b>29</b><br>9:30 am PPP<br>10:00 am Staff Mtg.  | <b>30</b><br>8:00 am Men's Breakfast<br>(Caribou Coffee)<br>9:30 am PPP - last event<br>until fall<br><br>MN UMC Annual Conference in St. Cloud through 6/1                         | <b>31</b><br>9-2pm Painters<br>12:00 pm Yoga<br>1:30 pm Exercise<br>6:30 pm Qigong                             |   |           |

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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

**North Shore Estates:** Marj McKee

## *Hold in Prayer...*

Margaret Kline      Pat Eng      Bette Nord

Family of Lois Newman      Jenny Pattison-Lundeen

Lois Newell      Catharine Larsen      Fred Moen

Laurie Boche

Shirley Swapinski

Marj McKee