



JUNE
2018

WORDS OF HOPE

Hope United Methodist Church

Transitions

Transitions come all through our lives. From childhood to adulthood, to marriage, to loss; we regularly face transitions to a new way of life, a new way of doing things. Do you remember when cell phones were huge and had antennas? Going from that to flip phones to smart phones were not easy transitions.

So it is this month as I say goodbye to all of you at Hope. I cannot believe I have been with you nine years as the time has flown by. I have grown in my faith as I interacted with this community, and it has been my honor to serve as your spiritual leader. Over these years we have become a missional church, grown closer to the UMD community, decided how God calls this community to move forward,

and we have grown together in love and openness as we meet our world.

I leave because God has called me to something new. I have been struggling with this decision for almost two years because I want to go where God sends me but I also want to do what is best for Hope. Believe it or not, this is the right time for me to go and for Hope to continue its mission with a new spiritual

leader. Rev. Sarah Lawson will be a fresh, new perspective and she also has a great sense of humor, a deep faith, and two dogs! I think you will be pleased with who God has chosen to be with you on this next stage of Hope's faith journey.

My transition finds me leaving not only Hope but Duluth and all of my friends here to take a year to write and to delve into ways we can heal our spirits and our bodies to lead the abundant life to which Jesus calls us. But I carry with me your love and support for which I have been truly grateful these last months as I battled cancer.

Blessings, my partners in faith! We continue together in the body of Christ, and I know there are wondrous things ahead for Hope.

~ Pastor Laurie

On Sunday, June 24th we will be celebrating Pastor Laurie's nine years here at Hope. There will be a catered meal from Famous Dave's after the service.

All are invited, be sure to sign up in the Narthex. Also, we are looking for volunteers to help set up on Saturday and clean up on Sunday.

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June Worship Schedule

Sunday, June 3rd
Confirmation Sunday
Holy Communion
Psalm 119:9-16
Luke 12:35-40

Sunday, June 10th
Welcoming Sunday
Isaiah 43:18-21
Hebrews 13:1-6

Sunday June 17th
Fathers' Day
Psalm 20
Mark 4:26-34

Sunday, June 24th
Pastor Laurie's Last Sunday
Psalm 8
Acts 20:25-38

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HopeMethodistChurch.com

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, June 5 at 2:00 p.m. **Cynthia Coffin-Langdon** will host a worship service on Sunday, June 17 at 2:00 pm.

July Newsletter Deadline: Thursday, June 21.

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 June 13 at 10:00 a.m. in the Mathison Room. The book is: *"The Wind and the Drum"* by Katharine Johnson. We will not meet in July. ***New members welcome.*** Contact Anna Allison at 343-5643.

Thank you to everyone who brought flowers in May!

Hope Quilters group will not be meeting in June, July or August.

Hymn Sing Sundays will be the 2nd and 4th Sundays, June through August. In place of an instrumental prelude, we will begin worship together these Sundays with a **Hymn Sing**. What are the favorites that speak to your spirit? Bring your requests, and come a little early to set the stage for worship with your singing.

Do you know about the Enews? The Enews is a weekly email sent with updated calendar, opportunities, and prayer list. A printed copy goes out to those who do not use email. Just let the office know if you want it sent to you!

Thought for the month from the Hope Prayer Group:

Dear Lord, thank You for Your Word. Surround me with people who will pray for me, and place people in my life for whom I can pray.

Administrative Council

Hope's Administrative Council met on May 16th:

- Rob West agreed to act as chair for the Administrative Council through December 2018.
- The council discussed transition issues with Pastor Laurie leaving and the arrival of Pastor Sarah later in July.
- A proposal for a new office computer system for the administrative assistants was unanimously approved.
- The council felt a designated welcome for Lester Park members would be welcoming and June 10th was designated .

Welcoming our Brothers & Sisters from Lester Park

On Sunday, June 10th the Hope faith community will be officially welcoming our brothers and sisters from Lester Park UMC who have been worshipping with us. The Hope community was formed through the merger of the Woodland and University UMC faith communities and since then Hope has recognized the sadness of leaving one faith community behind while becoming a blessing to another. We want to welcome all Lester Park UMC members who would like to be part of the Hope faith community on the 10th. Whether or not you decide to become members at Hope it is our blessing to have you with us so June 10th is a time of welcome.

OFFICE HOURS at HOPE

We have significant changes in staffing this summer, with the departure of Pastor Laurie and arrival of Pastor Sarah, and also the departure of Administrative Assistant Cynthia Coffin-Langdon and a new part time Administrative Assistant to be hired soon. We ask that you respect posted church office hours of 9 – 2 weekdays for the Administrative Assistants. They may be present before or after hours for training or to work on projects that require uninterrupted focus.

Don't forget to look at the Hope calendar!

Hope UMC is a busy place. Between church activities, weddings, funerals, and outside groups using our building there is always lots going on! Before you decide to have a meeting or hold an event, or if you would like to know what's happening at Hope just look at the calendars! The calendar is in this newsletter and is also posted on the bulletin board by the parking lot entrance, on the Mathison Room door, and on the Fellowship Hall door. Look and see what's happening at Hope!

Finance

DIDJA KNOW that the United Methodist church sponsors many relief efforts and mission projects in our country and around the world. And **DIDJA KNOW** that our congregation, Hope United Methodist Church, not only supports national and international efforts but also has local projects that earn our support.

Those local efforts take two kinds of support... providing monetary support and providing time and energy. Our history has been rich in both types of support. We can be proud of what we have done and we ask for prayers and contributions in months to come.

*For your Finance Team
Pete Bergman, Chair*

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 everyone who helped in May!

Questions? Please contact Bev Merritt at 724-8693.

MISSIONS

JUNE MISSIONS

A BIG THANKS!

Thank you to everyone who donated shoes and health kit supplies for our May Mission projects. Also thank you to everyone who made a donation for the LOVE OFFERING. We sent \$412 to Annual Conference for this offering and 50 health kits! Way to go Hope members and friends! Your generous contributions truly make a difference. Thank you.

SPECIAL MUSIC FOR SUMMER

Calling all Hope or friends of Hope musicians and singers! I am in the process of scheduling special music for our summer worship services and we need YOU! If you would like to share your musical gift, please contact me. ALL ages are welcome. I am happy to provide accompaniment, find music, etc.!

Also, for Pastor Laurie's celebration Sunday the Hope choir will be singing "Thrive" at Pastor Laurie's request!

I would like to extend an invitation to *anyone interested in singing with us for that Sunday, June 24th!* If you used to sing in choir and would like to sing just that day, that would be wonderful! We will be having a rehearsal Wednesday, June 20 at 6:30 pm and Sunday, June 24 at 9:00 am. The more the merrier!

-Liz Raihala, Hope Music Director
Liz@Raihala.net
218-525-2379



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2018

Learning with Lego Blocks

June 12, 13, and 14 from 9 AM until noon.

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 out. We would really appreciate your help if just for one day.

Please pray about it and if God lays it on your heart, let us know.

Thank you so much, ~ Anita



THANK YOU

The Pastie Committee would like to thank you again for all the hard work given to this year's pastie fundraiser. Return on our efforts was historic. With happy hearts the following distributions were made:

- \$1,000 To UMCOR
- \$500 to Women's Kitchen Fund
- \$500 to purchasing more tables
- \$500 for the Hospitality Fund
- \$250 to Life House, Duluth
- \$250 to Harbor House, Superior
- \$100 for the Parents & Pal program

~Donna Manns, Sue Beeman Helen Stellmaker, Celeste Daw

Adventure Day Camp

Horace Johnson Boy Scout Camp, Island Lake
Transportation Provided

Monday, July 23 – Thursday, July 26 10 am to 3:15 pm
Campers kindergarten through 7th grade

ISLAND LAKE RAMPAGE

Registration forms are in the narthex. Deadline July 1.



Questions Contact Adventure Day Camp

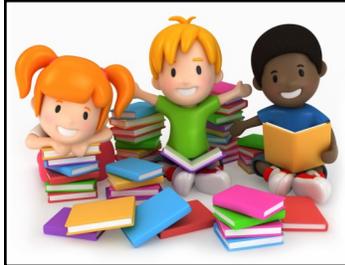
Director: Rev. Joel Certa-Werner, 715-394 9608
pastor@superiorfaithumc.org

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 June 13 at 6pm and discuss the book: "*What the Moon Saw*" by Laura Resau. It will be a Mexican-themed evening! Please join us! This event is open to the public, so come and invite your friends!



Check out our FB page for all current book listings .
<https://www.facebook.com/duluthpageflippers/>

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

The book for July: "*The Birchbark House*" Louise Erdrich.

Garden of Hope Work Days

Hope Gardens need volunteers to weed and water. We will meet on Wednesdays at 9:30. If that does not work for you but you are willing to help at a different time, please call the office.



Age Well Memory Café

Tuesday, June 12 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.



PLEASE SHARE YOUR PLANTS!

One of Pastor Laurie's altar favorites has been the River Garden. So we have planned to recreate it for June 10th and we need your help!

I will be at church the afternoon of Friday, June 8th to set it up. Please bring a potted plant or two and help us create a beautiful garden once again. Thank you! Questions??? Call Barb Bergman at 721-4427.

PS...Please take your plants home after church on Sunday!

Evening Book Club

Our June meeting is on Tuesday June 19th at Hope. The book we are discussing is *James River Destiny*, by Pastor Laurie Boche. She will meet with us to discuss it with us! This replaces the book we had planned to read, *A is for Alibi* by Sue Grafton. *James River Destiny* is available in the church office for \$5, or on Kindle.

Note: The Evening Book Club will not meet in July or August. The book for September will be *A is for Alibi* by Sue Grafton.



Memorial Service for Lois Newman

Our sister in Christ Lois Newman passed away earlier this year and on June 9th we will gather to celebrate her life. The memorial service will be at Hope UMC at 2:00 p.m. followed by a time of fellowship and light refreshments. Lois was very active here at Hope and at Lester Park, and she will be missed. Please join us as we celebrate her life.

HOPE STAFF

Pastor: Laurie Boche, pastor@hopeumcmn.org
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Custodian: Matt Johnson
Accompanist: Diane Nast
Kid's Quest: Anita Rixe
Nursery Attendants: Sara Schutt, Cassidy Kelley

YOUTH NEWS

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 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 23rd-26th:** Be a counselor at Adventure Day Camp.
- **July /August :** A fun Hope youth activity; more info to come!

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 - 218-260-7109

CONFIRMATION

Hope Youth to be Confirmed on June 3rd

For the past year six of Hope's youth have been gathering weekly to learn more about God, about their own faith and about what it means to be part of a faith community. During their time together they worked on mission projects, had fellowship time and planned and led a worship service. The youth also took part in the Christmas program as well as the Children and Youth Sunday as they continued to grow in their faith.

On Sunday, June 3rd, these six young men and women will confirm the vows made for them at their baptism. They have all made the decision to confirm these vows and join the Hope faith community as full members. This is a special time in the life of our church and everyone is encouraged to be part of this important worship service and to welcome our new members.

The six confirmands are: Riley Anderson, Dale Blazier, Cole Conlin, Lucas Gravelle, Ella Karki, and Macey Kelley. Blessing on this next step in your faith journey!

Kid's Korner

May was a great month for our awesome children. Our lessons centered around Lydia, Paul and Silas and the wonderful truths of Pentecost. The children were also excited about a song they learned during children's time on May 20. We are going to incorporate that song into our VBS program.

The summer celebration was a lot of fun. Many activities after a great picnic lunch. And the ever famous "cake walk". I heard there was a family who went home with 3 cakes!!

We will not be having a class time on Sunday, June 3. That is Confirmation Day for 6 of our youth and we would like to have our children witness this special time.

Our summer session will begin on June 10. The curriculum is ready and our teaching schedule is complete. Our June lessons will include some basics; The Lord's Prayer, The Birds of the Air and The Golden Rule. Our summer class time is a little more relaxed so we may come up with some surprises.

Plans are all in place for our special Vacation Bible School. This will be held from 9 am until noon on June 12-14. We invite all children ages 3-12 to attend and **BRING YOUR FRIENDS**. We are excited about this venture.

Special dates to remember:

- June 3 - No class
- June 10 - Begin Summer Session
- June 12-14 VBS

HAPPY SUMMER

~Anita

I want to **thank all the great people who helped make the spring celebration** and picnic a success at a moments notice. I can't begin to name names as I do not even know who all so willingly stepped up to the plate and worked hard to make the day so special. Many thanks to each and every one of you. Your efforts were deeply appreciated. God bless you all. ~ Anita



June 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 10:00 am Worship Confirmation Sunday NO KIDS QUEST 11:15 am Music & Worship Mtg. 3:00 pm Grace Korean	4	5 10:00 am Staff Mtg. 2:00 pm Pines Worship	6 8:00 am Men's Breakfast (Caribou Coffee) 9:30 am Garden Work 7:00 pm Alanon	7 1:30 pm Exercise	8	9 2:00 pm Lois Newman
10 9:45 am Hymn Sing 10:00 am Worship Lester Park Members Summer Kids Quest begins 11:15 am Trustees Mtg. 11:15 am SPRC Mtg. 3:00 pm Grace Korean	11 8:00 am Jazzercise	12 9-12 VBS 10:00 am Staff Mtg. 1-3:30 pm Age Well	13 8:00 am Men's Breakfast (Caribou Coffee) 9-12 VBS 9:30 am Garden Work 10:00 am Page Turners 5:00 pm Prayer Group 6:00 pm Page Flippers 7:00 pm Alanon	14 9-12 VBS 1:30 pm Exercise 3-5 pm UNS Father's Day Picnic, MR	15 10:00 am North Country Quilters	16 8:00 am Jazzercise
17 10:00 am Worship Baptism 11:15 am Finance Mtg. 2:00 pm Pines Worship 3:00 pm Grace Korean Happy Father's Day	18 8:00 am Jazzercise	19 10:00 am Staff Mtg. 5:00 pm UCM Mtg. 6:30 pm Book Club	20 8:00 am Jazzercise 8:00 am Men's Breakfast (Caribou Coffee) 9:30 am Garden Work 5:00 pm Ad Council 6:30 pm Choir 7:00 pm Alanon	21 1:30 pm Exercise Newsletter Deadline	22 8:00 am Jazzercise Wedding Rehearsal	23 1:00 pm Wedding
24 9:45 am Hymn Sing 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Celebration Lunch Pastor Laurie 3:00 pm Grace Korean	25	26 10:00 am Staff Mtg.	27 8:00 am Men's Breakfast (Caribou Coffee) 9:30 am Garden Work 5:00 pm Prayer Group 7:00 pm Alanon	28 1:30 pm Exercise	29 10:00 am Newsletter Folding	30

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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

Rebecka George

Laurie Boche

Shirley Swapinski

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