

Finance & Attendance Update:

Amount needed each Sunday to meet budget (2018):	2,615.00
Amount received last Sunday:	1,709.00
Total received to date this year	90,578.00
Amount received last week for Capital Fund :	335.00
Amount received year to date for Capital Fund :	14,190.00
Attendance last Sunday	N/A

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, September 9

10:00 a.m. Worship – Start of School Year Blessings
Kids' Quest resumes
11:15 a.m. SPRC Meeting
3:00 p.m. Grace Korean Worship
4:00 p.m. CHUM Church @ Peace UCC
Polka Worship!

Tuesday, September 11

1:30 p.m. Memory Café (Age Well)
4:30 p.m. Missions & Outreach

Wednesday, September 12

8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast @ Mt. Royal
9:30 a.m. Garden Work
10:00 a.m. Page Turners

Wednesday, September 12 - *continued*

3:00pm CSA
5:00 p.m. Prayer Group
6:00 p.m. Page Flippers
6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Al-Anon

Thursday, September 13

9:00 a.m. Painters
12:00 p.m. Gentle Yoga
1:30 p.m. Exercise

Sunday, September 16

10:00 a.m. Worship
11:15 a.m. Finance Meeting
11:15 a.m. Trustees Meeting
3:00 p.m. Grace Korean worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***50 Cent Sale, September 29.** Household goods, furniture, books, kitchen items, working appliances, etc. Help a student (or anyone) to outfit their room or apartment and benefit United Campus Ministries. Please do not bring items before afternoon on September 23rd - thanks.

****A Matter of Balance** workshop:** For seniors to develop strength, flexibility and prevent falls. If you are interested in having this workshop at Hope, please sign the sheet in the narthex.

***Gentle Yoga** resumes on Thursday, September 13 at noon. The class is offered in 6-week segments, or you can pay a per class fee. Contact Lynda Parrella at 218-391-6845 or drop in.

Qigong returns Thursday, September 20, 6:30 pm in the Mathison Room. Contact instructor Shelly Raskovich at mmraskovich@gmail.com for info including fee or drop in.

***As we move into a new program year, please consider what NEW thing you might try, to stretch your faith and enable your faith.** Training provided for all roles! Join us in a fresh start!

STAFF

Administrative Assistant: Jennifer Amy-Dressler

Administrative Assistant: Beth Kaiser

Nursery Attendant: Cassidy Kelley, Ella Karki

Music Director: Liz Raihala

Custodian: Matt Johnson

Kids' Quest Director: Anita Rixe



September 9, 2018

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Hope United Methodist Church

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Liz Raihala – Accompanist

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

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 125**

Mountains are not easily moved.

God's people have faith like that!

As mountains gather around a little town, cradling it in the hollow of their valleys,
so God wraps loving arms around children to protect them from abuse now and forever.

Hands of hate shall not touch them;

no guns or war toys will fall into their cribs. They will not be tempted by violence later in life. They will have no desire to make victims of others.

Let it be so, Lord. Let it be so!

Let a good start lead to goodness as an adult. Show us that there is an innate justice in the universe!

Let those who turn from you simply fade out of the limelight.

We who do follow you do not expect fame or fortune—but let there be justice and peace.

***SONG** “Great is the Lord” & “How Majestic is Your Name” #2022-2023

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER

Spirit of God, open our hearts so that the Spirit of your Christ may find a home within us...(silence)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All this we pray in the name of the One who teaches us to pray saying...
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread
and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead
us not in temptation and deliver us from evil for thine is the kingdom and
the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Blessing of the Kids and Teachers!

Austan Amundson, Kaitlyn Amundson, Dale Blazier, Scarlett, Gwen, & Kate
Prescott, Zachary Stratioti, Carson Wrazidlo

Teachers: Lori Amundson, Suzanne Kelly, Caroline Prescott, James Prescott,
Anita Rixe, Linda Rolland

Substitutes: Cassidy Kelly and AJ

Bless all children this day, O God. May all children everywhere be free from suffering and hunger. May every kid know they are loved. Give our kids curious minds and loving, brave hearts! Give us the gift of joy and wonder, too! Amen!

SPECIAL MUSIC “Ashokan Farewell” Ann Anderson, violin & Liz Raihala, piano

PASSING OF THE PEACE

KIDS' TIME

THE OFFERING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY** “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow” #94

BLESSING

Blessing: O God, enlarge our hearts that we may be big enough to receive the greatness of your love. Stretch our hearts to love and care for one another and all creation. Amen.

***HYMN** “Amazing Grace My Chains Are Gone” #3104

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 7:24-37, p. 40

MESSAGE “At Home with God: Beginner's Mind”

***HYMN** “Be Thou My Vision” #451

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**You are invited to stand as you are able*

LARGE PRINT hymnals, bulletins, and Bibles, as well as hearing devices are available from the usher.