

WORDS OF HOPE

Hope United Methodist Church • February 2012

Hope is on the Move! Planning Retreat February 11

Hope United Methodist Church is a congregation on the move! The new year is alive with a number of great opportunities for people to strengthen their faith, gather for support and encouragement, study scripture, worship and serve.

As we move ahead, it is helpful to focus our energy and set priorities. We want to know each other more fully, to have a greater sense of the whole work of the church and to focus our energies for the sake of Christ and the mission of the church. So, on Saturday, February 11, church leaders and other interested members will gather for a day of planning and goal-setting. Plans are for meeting from 9 am to 2:30 pm here at Hope UMC.

The facilitator for the day is Rev. Randy Jessen, pastor at Wilson United Methodist Church in Colorado Springs. He also is on the faculty of Asbury Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky, and is particularly interested in the development of spiritual leadership in the church.

Bishop Elaine Stanovsky has called the whole con-

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Hope Youth Sponsor 'Six Sundays of Sharing' for Lent

Help fill the shelves at Denver Urban Ministries (DenUM) by participating in Hope's Lenten Food Drive. Each Sunday in Lent the people of Hope are asked to bring in a food staple to restock the pantry. Items may be left on the DenUM table in the main hallway.

- February 26 • Cereal
- March 4 • Canned Meat
- March 11 • Peanut Butter
- March 18 • Beans
- March 25 • Pasta
- April 1 • Any of the above

Carol and Walt Hyler Receive Sam Day Award

Congratulations are in order for the recipients of the annual Sam Day Award, Carol and Walt Hyler. The award was presented to the Hylers at the 2012 Church Conference on January 17, for their dedicated service to the Hope Church community. Bill Janssen, who presented the award read this compilation of comments from the congregation.

"Walt and Carol are an example of the most devoted couple, always gentle and kind. This devotion to each other carries over into their circle of friends, including the whole church circle."

"They are the first ones to think of the well-being of others."



"When they came to Hope in November 1980, they became choir members right away and have been faithful for over 30 years."

"Although Walt's eye problems have kept him from singing as much as before, he still attends when he can learn the music easily."

"They not only appear at practice and on Sundays, but Carol has been a primary force in 'looking after' the choir, whether it be making calls when people are absent, keeping track of illnesses and injuries, collecting for flowers or cards or gifts or filing music for Robert."

"They are 'forever' friends, forming deep relationships with people to the point of following former choir directors or ministers in new ventures when they are no longer at Hope Church. They are some

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"At Peace in God's Shalom"

By Dr. Dale Beck

*"Shalom to you now,
shalom my friends.
May God's full mercies
bless you, my friends.
In all your living and
through your loving,
Christ be your shalom,
Christ be your shalom."*

This benediction hymn in our hymnal invites us to remain in God's shalom at all times. Shalom, the well-being of our souls, our relationships, our affections, does not necessarily come when everything is easy. It comes when we pass through troubled waters, when our living demands more courage than

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usual. As a pastor it seems that I am often privileged to hear the stories of those struggles. In these last weeks, I have heard struggles of health, struggles with grief, struggles with pain and stresses in relationships. I've heard some great stories of victory and some stories that have gone the other way. I have seen the victory of hope. I am not speaking of Hope Church (though we have had those at Hope Church), but of hope itself, that great engine of endurance and heart.

I have come to believe that the real secret of peace in our souls and of courage through difficulties is the pervasive experience of hope in our lives. Hope is a gift of the Spirit. It comes through prayer and devotion. It is enlivened as we gather in God's name and worship together. Hope is more than optimism. It is confidence in the goodness of life itself. It senses that it matters how we live our lives, how we treat one another, what we do with our suffering and what we do with our strength. Hope puts us in touch with God and with eternity.

There is a kind of shalom that we know in the days of summer when the earth is full of life and growing things and there is a kind of sha-

lom in the spring when we plant and when the earth is awaking. There is a kind of shalom in the fall when we gather and feel the ripening and gentling of the season. The shalom of winter always seems to me a particular shalom of hope. It is a shalom that is less frantic and allows time for centering. During the month of February, I wish for you to know the shalom of winter. Christ be your shalom.

Dale

Dr. Dale Beck

Year-End Giving Report From Pastor Dale

Thank you GOD! Thank you HOPE! Thank YOU, people of Hope! Your generosity and faithfulness brought a good financial conclusion to the year 2011. We were able to pay all of our bills. That is a good thing.

I am afraid that you had to hear us speak too much about "Wider Mission." That is the share we have in supporting the larger church, our Rocky Mountain Conference and the world wide mission of the United Methodist Church. We were able to pay a tithe of our giving for this important work. That is the report of our Finance Committee Chair, David Stephens.

We also had an enormous outpouring of hats and mittens and diapers and gloves – the largest we have had.

We provided food for Denver Urban Ministries and gifts for people in transition. Your giving for the Pastor's Discretionary Fund (at least the last I heard) was \$1,678.34 and for the Food For Families project was \$1,690.87. The centerpiece of the "Advent Conspiracy" was the Water Project for Kenya. For that you gave \$2,682.79. Well done.

Thanks to God. And thanks to you.





Meet Hope's Newest Member



Melissa Trujillo joined Hope Church on January 13. A native of Pueblo, she attended the University of Colorado. After a career in journalism, and five years in Boston, she decided to return to Colorado, stay at

home and play mom to Harper. She enjoys reading, crafts and skiing. Melissa's phone number is 719-271-0847.

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of the biggest fans of other choir members' outside groups, attending their music performances such as high school and college groups.

"Walt was on the original Art Committee and instrumental in setting up mounts for art work throughout the church and for the wood cross and flame at entrance to the narthex. As a master potter he has made and donated many inspiring sculptures, most especially his "Sophia" sculpture.

"They have served together on the Memorial Garden Committee and the Worship Committee.

"Carol has served on SPRC (Staff Parish Relations Committee) and is currently serving on the Stewardship Committee.

"Walter can still be seen many Sundays greeting at the front door. Someone called him 'Gentleman Walt,' caring and loving and 'always there to help.' 'He can get away with hugging any woman at church and also hugs the sometimes uncomfortable men.'"

"When I was out-of-town for a week, the Hylers invited my husband over for dinner; these are the things they do."

"When Lois Goins was ill and Bert had to go out-of-town, they insisted on having Lois stay with them so they could look after her."

"They are behind the scenes but contribute so much to the good health of our church. I know they have

been in many Adult Bible Study classes and both, but certainly, Walt is always reading for more spiritual knowledge."

"Carol is always sending caring notes to people and often visits. I think she filed music for Robert for awhile and has been a faithful member of the choir for 30 years."

"Carol takes turns in the altar flowers on Sunday morning and has made the Christmas wreaths for the sanctuary. Wanting the best for our church and members is such a heart-warming quality of both of them."

"In this busy world they are always thinking of others."

Walt and Carol, again, congratulations and thank you for the many many quiet ways you serve our Hope family.

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ference to set goals "to grow vital congregations." She urges goal-setting to:

- Give clarity and focus to ministry.
- Move the church forward.
- Create greater accountability.
- Make the congregation better.

Rev Steve Goodier, District Superintendent in the Utah/Western Colorado District of the UMC asked this question, "Does your church have a spirit of high adventure?"

What a great vision—a church with a spirit of high adventure, a church that sets goals, that plans for ministries that extend its reach and blesses its community, and that experiments with the courage to do something bold for Christ. We believe that Hope UMC has a spirit of high adventure in its DNA. Hope began with risk-taking ministries that blessed its neighborhood and drew people together to laugh and pray.

Let's do it again. You are invited to be a part of Hope UMC's leadership event on February 11.



SAVE THESE DATES...

Financial Peace University Informational Meeting Sunday, February 19, Noon-1:00 pm

FPU is a 13-week life-changing program that empowers and teaches you how to make the right money decisions to achieve your financial goals and God's plan for your life. The course includes practical lessons on eliminating debt, building wealth, giving like never before, and much, much more! This course is for everyone...from the financially secure to the financially distressed and includes topics such as 'step-by-step cash flow planning, a debt snowball plan technique to eliminating debt, and how to invest wisely.

Healthy Marriage Project Held February 25

Join us for Within Our Reach, a couples workshop presented to Hope UMC by the Colorado Healthy Marriage Project!

Within Our Reach is a one day workshop that explores strategies to prepare for, improve, or repair your marriage by creating a relationship that is dynamic and satisfying! This workshop is for those who are dating, engaged, or married and also for singles hoping to gain skills for future healthy relationships. **Here is what previous Hope participants have said,** "Very useful information and activities that will help us grow as a couple. We have new tools to help and "old" marriage!" – "This information will help any relationship. They shared personal experience that me and my partner could personalize and relate to." – "Very well done! Without a doubt worth your time."

Cost of the workshop is free, but a \$25.00 holding fee will be collected at the time of registration and refunded upon workshop completion. Sign up at www.marry-well.org. Join us Saturday February 25, 2012 from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch and child care provided, if needed.

Lenten Study Begins February 29

This year's Lenten Study features author and Bible scholar Marcus Borg, who invites us to join him in revisiting Christianity's most fundamental questions: Who is God? What does salvation mean? What place does Jesus hold in contemporary Christian faith? In this five-session, faith-formation resource, participants enjoy the rare privilege of witnessing Marcus in dialogue with a small, diverse group of adults as they honestly – and sometimes painfully – confront the big questions and work together toward authentic answers. Each session includes a 10-minute DVD presentation by Marcus Borg followed by interaction with the group. The program is designed to help each small group "join the dialogue" in your own setting. The study addresses fundamental questions that adults struggle with as faith matures. **The five sessions include:**

- God, • Jesus, • Salvation, • Community and
- Practice.

This study will be offered at various time slots throughout Lent, including Wednesday evenings following the soup supper. Watch for class offerings at other times. Register at the table outside the church office.

Young Adults Night Out Feb 24

Join us on Friday, February 24th for dinner and bowling. We will meet at Smash Burger in Greenwood Village at 6:30pm and then will head over to Arapahoe Lanes for an hour of bowling starting at 7:30 pm. Child care will be available at the church beginning at 6pm for those that need it. Please sign up with Rev. Stephanie at revstephanie@hope-umc.org.

Give Hope, Give Life, Give Blood!

Saturday, February 11, from 8 a.m. to 12 Noon at the LDS Church, 6061 S. Havana. Call 303-363-2300 to schedule an appointment

United Methodist Women to Meet

"Our Faith, Hope, and Love Becomes Action"
Come for a potluck lunch on Tuesday, February 14th at 11:30 to explore, learn, and decide how you can become involved with the women at Hope and at the district and conference levels.

Women's Renewal Retreat April 27-29

All women are invited to a weekend away with Rev. Stephanie Price on April 27-29 at Woodspur Lodge in Winter Park. Theme for the weekend is 'One Woman, Many Hats'. Watch for more information.

Diana Butler Bass at Hope May 12

One of contemporary Christianity's leading trendspotters, Dr. Bass will speak on her newest book, "Christianity After Religion: The End of the Church and the Birth of a New Spiritual Awakening" here at **Hope on Saturday, May 12th from 8:45am to 2:15pm.** Save the date!! Tickets, including lunch are \$50 at the door and \$35 if you register prior to May 4th. To register please call 303-779-1040.

Mile High/Pikes Peak District Conference Saturday, March 3

All are invited to this year's District Conference on March 3. The Conference is being held at Tri-Lakes UMC, 20256 Hunting Downs Way, Monument, CO

Featured speaker Jerre Stead, will speak on on values-driven leadership and the global economy. A workshop on the future of the church is also being offered, led by Hope's very own, Stephanie Price. Learn how we can "BE" the church in the 21st century! If you would like to attend, contact Rev. Stephanie at revstephanie@hope-umc.org or sign up at the registration table outside the church office.

Borderlinks Mission Trip Informational Meeting February 9

An informational meeting regarding an Arizona/Mexico Border Immersion Trip April 12-15, 2012 will be held at St. Andrew UMC on Sunday, February 9 at 7:00 pm. Cost for the trip is \$350 plus airfare. Please contact Erin Swyers with questions at 303-994-5643 or erin_swyers@hotmail.com.

Youth Silent Auction March 13 Raises \$\$\$ For Mission Trips

Their major fundraiser for the year, the Youth are now rounding up donations for their annual Silent Auction Sunday, March 13...glassware and collectibles, sports or other event tickets, condo and cabin rentals, gift cards and services, and just about anything you can think of! Donation forms are on the youth table in the main hallway or contact Rev. Debra at dl_juarez@msn.com for details. Items will be on display all morning on Sunday, March 18 followed by a light lunch after worship. Bidding closes at 1:15 sharp so don't be late. Proceeds benefit Youth Mission projects and trips. This summer, Senior High youth will be working on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota and Middle School youth will be working at a United Methodist Camp in Ten Sleep, Wyoming.

Aurora Singers to Perform "Vacation Getaway" March 3 & 4

"Vacation Getaway" with The Aurora Singers in concert will be held at East Middle School, 1275 Fraser Street on Saturday, March 3, at 7:30 pm and Sunday, March 4 at 2 p.m.. Adults \$12; Seniors/Students \$10; Groups \$8 per person; 11 and under are free. For questions contact Craig or Laurel Laumann, at lau4@comcast.net.

Rocky Mountain Children's Choir at Hope May 4

Don't miss this wonderful event. The concert begins at 7:00 with a reception following in Fellowship Hall. Free of charge.

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Gather With Friends at Hope

WOMEN'S DAYBREAK BIBLE STUDY meets every Wednesday at 6:30 am in the church library.

The **JOURNEY IN PRAYER** meets every Wednesday at 10:00 am in the Church Library. Questions? Call Ann Mangelsen, 303-693-2147.

MEN OF HOPE meet Thursdays at 6:30 am. Please call Bill Fleming, 303-750-7063 (home) or 303-419-9340 (cell) for more information.

THE WHY NOTS social group for singles and couples will have their annual movie night at the Wrights theater complex on Sat., Feb 18th. Stadium seating, popcorn, dessert, and other goodies will be provided. All persons of Hope are invited to attend...we have a great time! Contact Hal and Brenda Wright at 303-662-9674 by February 12th.

3M's (More Mature Members), meets at the church at 11 am on the third Thursday of each month for lunch and a program. For our February 16 gathering, Peggy Beck will be our guest speaker and her topic is "Storytelling-Folk Tales and Favorites". Everyone in the church is welcome to join us for lunch and this wonderful program for only \$5.00. Please call the church office, 303-779-1040, to let us know you are coming so we can plan the menu. We look forward to seeing you.

HOPE CONGENIAL COUPLES will meet Friday, February 17th for dinner at the Palace Chinese Restaurant, 6265 E. Evans Ave. at 6:30. Cost is \$27 per person and includes ta and gratuity. Please RSVP to Cathy Crist, 303-740-9530 by February 10.

Check out **MOMS & MORE (M&Ms)**, where sanity, spirituality and sisterhood prevail! M&Ms meets the 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month. All moms with small children are invited to enjoy a friendly, positive environment in which to build relationships, share ideas, foster caring and grow in the knowledge of God's Word. Child Care is available. For more information, call Melissa Doidge at 303-221-1128 or email at

melissadoidge@comcast.net.

HOPE LADIES BRIDGE will meet Friday, February 10 from 10 am to 3 pm at Cathy Lindauer's home, 2850 Classic Dr., Apt. 2519, Highlands Ranch. Lunch is \$12. Please call Cathy at 303-740-9530 if you plan to play.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP meets the 3rd Monday of the month from 6:30 to 8:00 pm in the Library. People living with a cancer diagnosis as well as people walking with a person who has been diagnosed with cancer are welcome to attend this group.

PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS support group meets the second Sunday of each month from 9:30-10:30. Pray together, share stories and swap resources. Guest speakers are sometimes scheduled. Child care and coffee provided.

Our Condolences to...

...Beth & Ivan Hjort on the death of Beth's sister, Thelma Johnson on December 25.

...to Becky Powell and family on the death of her mother Carolyn Thomas Zerbel.

congratulations

To Paul & Vanessa Hendrickson on the birth of baby Remy on 1/10/12. Proud Grandmother is Lulu Hendrickson.

Thank you!

400 pair of **stuffed socks** were delivered & handed out at the St. Paul Lutheran Church meal site on December 19. Thank you to all who stuffed socks & to those of you who donated toiletries. Our goal for December 2012 is to stuff 425 socks. Thanks again.

Also, thanks to all who donated clothing, gloves and diapers to the **Mitten Tree**. We had our best collection of items ever. The clothing goes to Warren Village and the diapers go to DenUM. Thanks!

Last Fall, the HOPE Memorial Garden Committee decided that it was time to replace the old weathered redwood on the benches in the Memorial Gar-

den. We chose to replace the wood with all weather Trex. Thanks to the volunteer work of Dick Cooper, he was able to rebuild the three Memorial Garden benches before the Holidays. The benches look wonderful and will last much longer without the need for constant refinishing. While Dick was at it, he decided to refinish the bench at the front door of the church. It too looks great and can now serve those who need to sit for a moment. Again, thanks to Dick Cooper for a job well done!

Bert Goins

Job Hunting???

Several of our church family are looking for jobs. If you know of job openings, please contact one of our job professionals, Chuck Fetterolf, 303-689-0524 or Steve Adkison, 303-694-3889.



Miss
Kate's
Korner

As we begin 2012, be sure to mark your calendar for these upcoming children's events!

Saturday, March 31st is our annual **Easter Egg Hunt** at 9:30am - meet in Fellowship Hall

From Monday, June 18 through Friday, June 22 **Vacation Bible School** for 2 year olds through 5th graders will be held (look for registration announcements coming in April).



Reserve these dates for great fun!!!

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| Sun 2/5 | 9:45-10:30 Noon-1:00 3:45-??? | Youth and Parent Sunday School and Confirmation Class <i>Red Sea Band Practice</i> Super Bowl Party at the Scalias All youth grades 6-12 are welcome Bring \$5 for food |
| Sun 2/12 | CONFIRMATION SUNDAY 9:45-10:30 10:45-11:45 Noon-1:00 4:30-5:30 5:30-7:30 | Youth and Parent Sunday School Reception for Confirmands in Fellowship Hall Ten52 Worship in Sanctuary <i>Red Sea Band Practice</i> <i>Bells of Hope Practice</i> Supper and Youth Group Details to be determined |
| Sun 2/19 | 9:45-10:30 Noon-1:00 | Youth and Parent Sunday School and <i>Red Sea Band Practice</i> PRESIDENTS DAY WEEKEND No evening youth activities |
| Sun 2/26 | 9:45-10:30 4:30-5:30 5:30-7:30 | Youth and Parent Sunday School and <i>Bells of Hope Practice</i> Supper and Youth Group Details to be determined |

Here's What's Coming Up For Youth...

SUMMER MISSION TRIPS Deadline to register for summer trips was February 1, however, space may still be available. Senior High youth will be working on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota and Middle School will be working at a UMC camp in Ten Sleep, Wyoming. For more information contact Rev. Debra Juarez at dl_juarez@msn.com.

THE AMAZING RACE HITS DENVER Join youth from all over the Denver area for a combination service project and scavenger hunt. We will meet up at World Vision Headquarters where we'll work for a few hours putting food boxes together. Then teams will follow clues as we race all over Denver to our worship destination. Watch for details.

CLAY M. HILL IV MEMORIAL MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP is now accepting applications. If you would like to be considered for this scholarship, please write a letter of application to the Music Committee c/o Hope UMC. In the past few years, \$1500 has been awarded to each recipient that was selected. Please turn in your application letter to the Music Committee by March 15.





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SUNDAYS

8:30 am • Worship

Children's Sunday School

9:45 am

Fellowship • Sunday School

For Youth and Adults

Children's Sunday School

10:45 • Worship

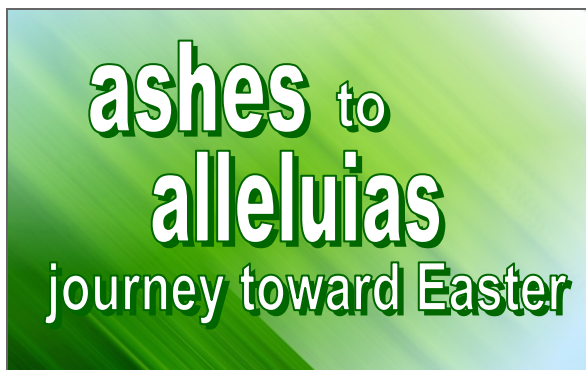
Children's Sunday School

Fellowship Following

Nursery Available

8:15 – 12:00 Noon

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ASH WEDNESDAY

February 22

Soup Supper ▪ 6:00

Worship ▪ 7:00

Wednesdays, February 29

March 7, 14, 21, 28

Soup Supper ▪ 6:00

Lenten Study (See p. 4) ▪ 7:00

CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, March 31

9:30 am—Noon

PALM SUNDAY

April 1

Easter Cantata

8:30 & 10:45 am

Palm Sunday Brunch

9:00-10:30

HOLY THURSDAY

April 5

Soup Supper ▪ 6:00

Worship ▪ 7:00

GOOD FRIDAY

April 6

Worship ▪ Noon

EASTER SUNDAY

April 8

Worship at 8:30 & 10:45