Hope Palm Desert

October Newsletter

Mission Statement

At Hope Palm Desert our vision is to share the free & unmerited love of God in Christ Jesus.

Fall Events are coming! Check it out.

Hope Palm Desert Presents

Trunk or Treat

Saturday, October 29th

5-7pm

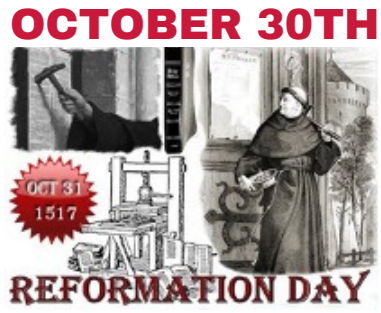
Free Event

CREEPY CORN MAZE

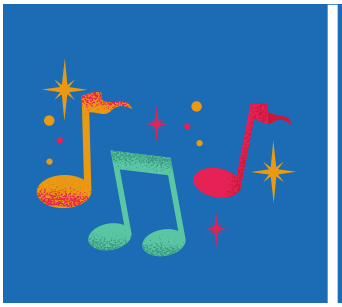
Candy | Games | Prizes | Costume Contest

VISIT HOPEPD.ORG

IN CELEBRATION OF REFORMATION PLEASE WEAR RED TO CHURCH



October 31,1517, a date now considered the start of the Reformation, Monk Martin Luther nailed 95 Theses to the door of All Saints' Church in Wittenberg. On the same day, Luther also sent the Theses enclosed with a letter to Albert of Brandenburg, Archbishop of Mainz. The theses were quickly reprinted and translated and distributed throughout Germany and Europe. They initiated a pamphlet war with the indulgence preacher Johann Tetzel, which spread Luther's fame even further. Luther's ecclesiastical superiors had him tried for heresy, which culminated in his excommunication in 1521. Though the Theses were the start of the Reformation, Luther did not consider indulgences to be as important as other theological matters which would divide the church, such as justification by faith alone. His breakthrough on these issues would come later, and he did not see the writing of the Theses as the point at which his beliefs diverged from those of the Roman Catholic Church.



MUSIC AT HOPE

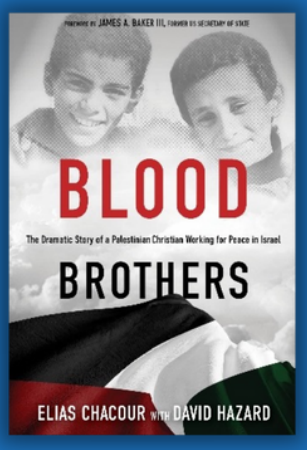
Hope Choir has begun rehearsing again. You are invited to sing with us. Rehearsals are Thursday nights, 6:30pm-8:00pm. No audition necessary. Come and raise a joyful voice to the Lord!

NEW MUSIC AT HOPE

Dana Zahler is starting the Hope Youth Singers. Students from 5th grade through high school are invited to come and sing. Dana will lead the students in a variety of musical styles.

HOPE BOOK CLUB

October the book club selection is “Blood Brothers” by Elias Chacour and David Hazard. As a child, Elias Chacour lived in a small Palestinian village in Galilee. When tens of thousands of Palestinians were killed and nearly one million forced into refugee camps in 1948, Elias began a long struggle with how to respond. In Blood Brothers, he blends his riveting life story with historical research to reveal a little-known side of the Arab-Israeli conflict, exploring whether bitter enemies can ever be reconciled. This book offers hope and insight to help each of us learn to live at peace in a world of tension and terror. Book Club will meet on Tuesday, October 18, 7:00pm. Location of the meeting is in the conference room. Books are available at the Information Center for $15.00.



Blessing Of The Animals

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU TO BRING YOUR PETS
TO THE CHURCH FOR A PASTOR TO BLESS.

October 1st • 5:00pm
Outside in the Courtyard!

Let's DO IT

GRIEFSHARE®

Save the date. Griefshare, grief recovery seminar will begin a new class on January 10, 2023. For more information contact Tootie Killingsworth at 760.340.0524.

HOPE FOOD BANK

Because of generous members of our Hope family, Hope Palm Desert has a food pantry to provide much needed assistance for many in our local community who may be food deficient. Our pantry is available for ALL including members of Hope. For our church volunteers and staff to continue this valuable assistance we need YOUR help. The church office is open Mon-Fri and can accept any and all donations to our pantry.

You may drop off on Sundays too! Our pantry not only provides food, but we also carry socks, winter gloves and hats, and travel sized toiletries. Pop-tops on cans, can openers and grocery bags are appreciated. If anyone is interested in volunteering or touring our pantry, contact gabe@hopepd.org or you can call the office at 760.346.1273. Thank you for all your support!

SOCKTOBERFEST

Hope Lutheran Church has established a food pantry on campus. Since it began, we have determined that our guests coming need additional items for personal dignity and self-respect. As Pastor Carl shared in a recent sermon, SOCKS are one of their primary requests. Many guests have little to no access to laundry facilities. Therefore, they need to replace socks or go without. Difficult and unsanitary when on the street or on the move! During the month of October, we will have baskets available in the Narthex and Hope Center for your donations. Monetary gifts can be marked “SOCKS” and we will purchase items to keep the pantry well “socked” or stocked!! “As you do for the least of these, you do for Me". We will also be sharing our sock donations with the Coachella Valley Rescue Mission.

CHURCH CENTER APP

Are you confused on what groups are meeting at church and which are online? Are you looking for the start time of a Bible study? Wondering who is on the prayer list? Wanting to donate to the church? All of this can be done on our church app.

- Go to the App Store on your phone.
- Search for Church Center App
- Download the App to your device
- Complete the information regarding Hope

You will now have access to make prayer requests, highlights of Modern and Traditional services. Scroll further down and find links to our website, Kids Check-in and links to online events on Facebook, Instagram and TikTok.

QUILTERS

It's time to get back to Quilters! October is a busy month for us, and our first meeting will be October 5th at 9:30am in the Hope Center. We meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month 9:30am-noon and some of us go to Del Taco for lunch and fellowship. We are looking for more people to join in this ministry and I hope you will consider joining us. Come when you can.

Making the quilts takes several steps:

1. Quilts are assembled, which consists of layering the backing, batting and quilt top and then pinning (safety pins) all 3 layers together. No sewing is involved.
2. The backing is trimmed and folded over to form the binding and pinned with straight pins. Again, no sewing.
3. The binding is then sewn down.
4. The last step is to tie the quilts. We use crochet thread to place a tie (square knot) in each square.

Quilt Sunday, October 16th @ 9:30am service when the quilts are put out in the Sanctuary to be prayed over before they are sent off to Lutheran World Relief. The in-gathering is Friday, October 21st. I need someone with a van or SUV to help deliver the quilts to Moreno Valley. If you need information or if you have questions please call Anita Holden 760.408.9681

Sponsor A Quilt
Envelopes to sponsored a quilt will be available at the Information Booth and on the Communion Tables each Sunday.

PRAYER REQUEST

If you have a loved one or friend in need of prayer, or need to make a change to a name on the prayer list, please send that information to doug@hopepd.org.

Remember in Prayer: Robin Boydstun, Carl Caddies, Sharlet Cohen, Marilyn Devalon, Analisa Ebert, Linda Ernest, Leighton Finch, Bruce Fossey, Kylie Gahagan, Debbie Garver, Michael Goodman, Kim Gower, Ruth Gray, Jim and Sue Hancock, Rob Harum, Shirley Hasenyager, Edie Hastie, Mary Kallusky, Gunter and Hanna Kroll, Joe Lowden, Joyce and Paul Muckenfuss, Barb Musgjerd, David Musgjerd, Nancy Nelson, Mark Oeding, Sandy Sapa, Bill Schirding, Barbara Sherman, Stu Spencer, Nancy Stevens, Jon and Barbara Tronowsky, Rick Vickery, Sharon Wolter, Kay Ehrhardt, Carol Beers.

At the end of each month our Prayer List will be updated. If you wish for names to remain on the list, you will need to please re-submit the names to gabe@hopepd.org.

IN LOVING MEMORY

We extent prayers & sympathy to the family & friends of:
M.M. Haeckel who died 9/3/22.
Elouise "DeDe" Wilson who died 9/24/22.

A NOTE FROM YOUR TREASURER RELATIVE TO YEAR END GIVING AND TAX PLANNING

As you prepare for your year end giving to Hope Lutheran Church Palm Desert here are a couple of things to consider.

Many have reached the age of Required Minimum Distributions for either an IRA or a 401K. Gifts to Hope from either IRA's or 401K's are usually tax free from capital gains. This can be a considerable tax saving event for you and allows the church to continue its many outreach missions.

And if you haven't reached the age of RMD's, a gift of your appreciated, stocks, mutual funds or other equities also usually qualify for a capital gains exemption from taxation.
Of course, every member's financial situation is unique so we recommend that you consult your tax professional to be certain that your gift would qualify.

Thanks for your support of Hope!

FAMILY Ministry

Hope Kids Elementary and Early Childhood online at hopepd.org

Follow us on social media and head to hopepd.org for **parent resources** including the devotions that pair with the monthly theme.

HOPE CHILDREN CENTER

Hope Children Center provides a faith-based environment for children to enjoy before and after school. Contact Virginia at virginia@hopepd.org for more information.

CHILDREN CENTER

FAMILY Ministry

Let's DO IT

Read With Me
Volunteer Programs

AT SAUL MARTINEZ ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Registration is now open for new and returning volunteers.
Contact Horst at readwithmehorst@gmail.com

Or visit us online at https://www.readwithmevolunteers.com

Trunk or Treat

We need lots of candy donations!

Candy or Cash Donations Appreciated.

Drop off candy at the church office Mon-Fri or bring with you to church!
Visit hopepd.org to learn more and to donate online.

FAMILY Ministry

Join us in the Hope Center for a Family Movie Night! Bring a blanket and get ready to relax and enjoy a movie with your family and friends!
Friday, October 14th from 6-8pm.

Student Ministry

Middle & High School online at hopepd.org

SERVICES

Middle School Ministry service is from 10:30am - 11:30am in the overflow room. Students will meet in the Hope Center for worship then move to the overflow room.

High School Ministry Sunday service is at 10:30am - 11:30am students will meet in the Hope Center for worship then go to the Hope classroom.

THE LANDING

The Landing will be going on break until January. If you have any questions please reach out to nick@hopepd.org

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Middle & High School online at hopepd.org

Every month third Saturday, October 15th
Every student High School
Adults can volunteer too, contact nick@hopepd.org

HIGH SCHOOL

Student Impact is only for High Schoolers for now. We are searching for a community for our Middle School Students to adopt. Third Saturday of every month we gather in the Hope Center @ 7:30am. This is an event where students are the hands and feet of Jesus in our very own community. Less than a mile up the road from the church on Portola, students go into a community that needs food.

Students go door-to-door handing out food to the families. On top of that, they're reaching out and asking if the families have any concerns that they could pray about together. An amazing event for students to impact the lives of others.

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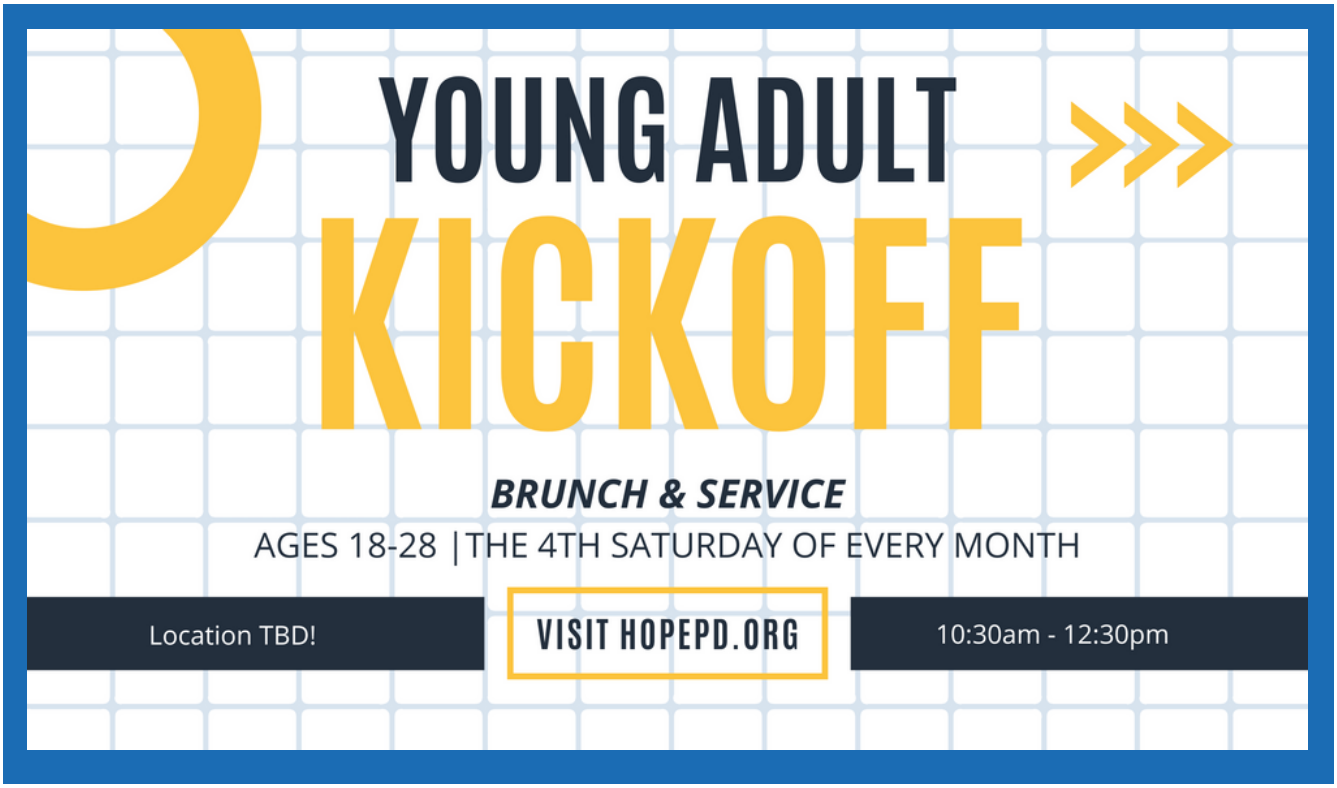

Young Adult Kick Off is **October 22nd** for ages 18-28. This brunch & service will take place the fourth Saturday of every month from 10:30am-12:30pm. Location TBD. Visit hopepd.org to stay updated. **We will not meet in December.**

Confirmation

Stand Firm (Confirmation) is every Wednesday during the school year from 6:30pm-7:30pm in the Hope Classroom.

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Celebrate Recovery

A CHRIST CENTERED Recovery Program

If you've been wondering what Celebrate Recovery is all about, just show up one Thursday night and see what God might do in your heart. Our slogan is "You're worth it!" Because you are! Celebrate Recovery meets every Thursday night from 7:00pm – 9:00pm in the Hope Center.

If you have any questions, would like more information or just talk to someone email or call Gesa Sharon at gesa@hopepd.org or (949)689-9681.

We're looking To hire A Celebration Place TEACHER!

To provide the most consistent experience for the children attending Celebration Place at Hope we're looking to hire someone who's got a heart for sharing with children about the love and grace of God and teaching them tools to deal with real life emotions and experiences at an age appropriate level.

Celebration Place will be going on break until January. If you have any questions please reach out to gesa@hopepd.org.

Please let us know if you're interested or know someone who is. This is an incredible opportunity to make a lifelong difference in children's lives.

Women of HOPE

FOLLOW ALONG

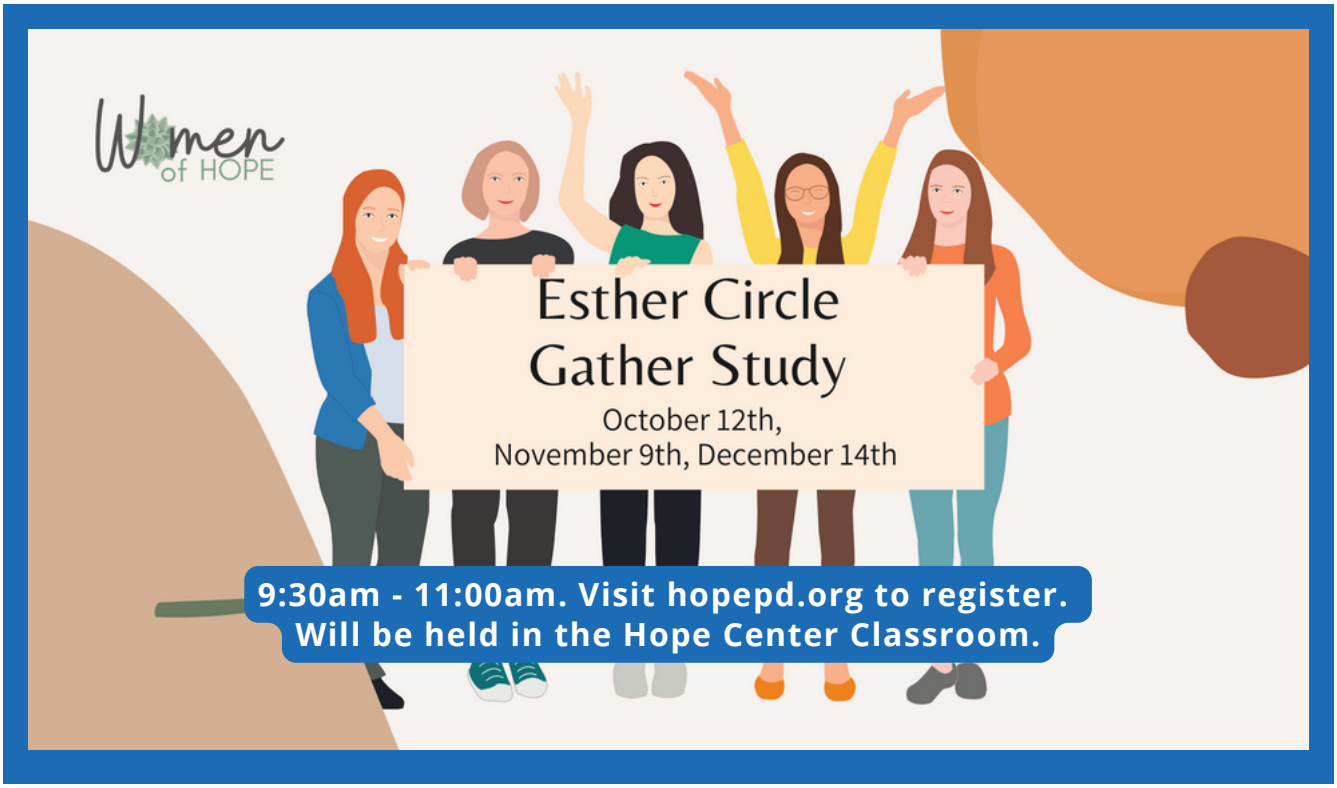
Contact Gesa Sharon at gesa@hopepd.org
949-689-9681

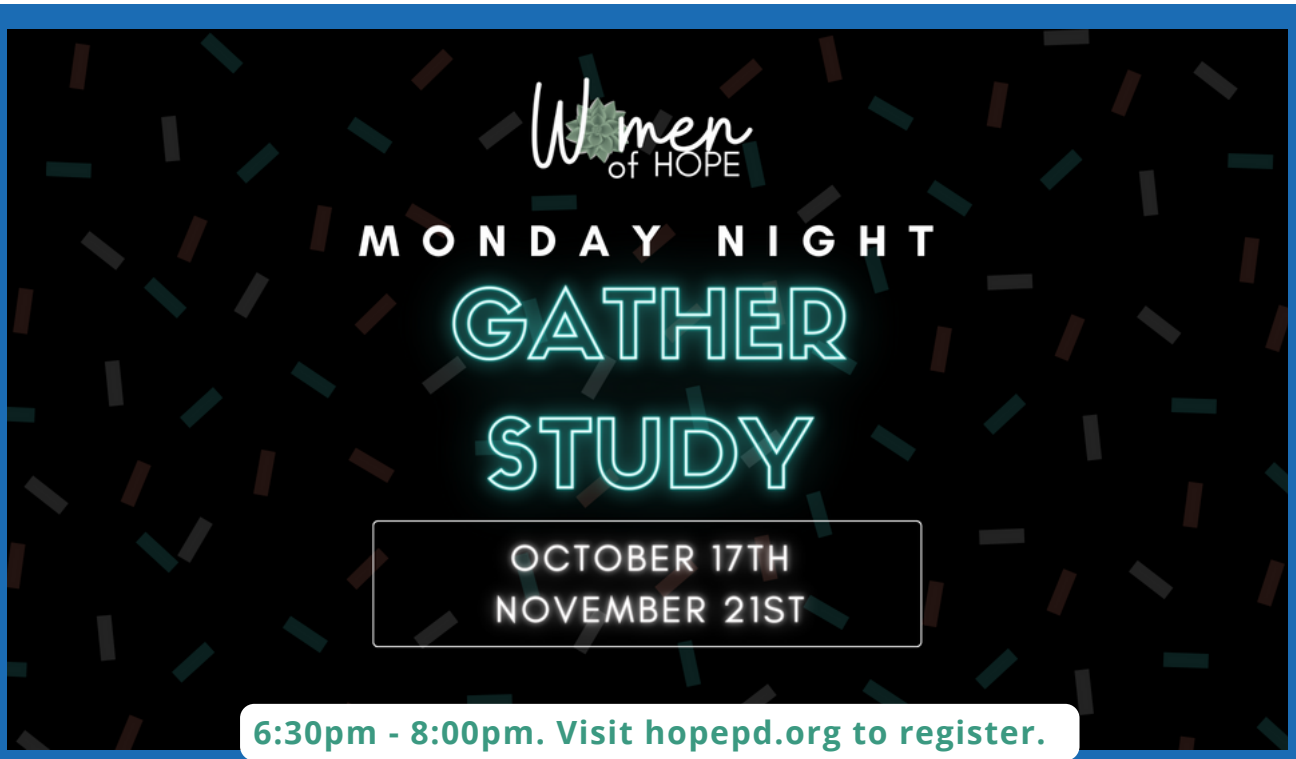
Follow us on Instagram at *"womenofhopepalmdesert"* &
on Facebook at *"Women Of Hope at Hope Palm Desert"*

ESTHER CIRCLE & MONDAY NIGHT TOPIC

Fall 2022: Jesus and nature: Teachers of Faith
by the Rev. Sara Olson-Smith

Jesus often turned to the natural world in teaching, opening our eyes to see creation not just as something to be cared for, but as our teacher and brother. It is no mistake that Jesus, who lovingly spoke of soil and plants, was thought to be a gardener that first Easter morning. This Bible study will shift our perspectives and allow nature to be our teacher, through the words of Jesus and other parts of Scripture. The trees, the soil and the creatures will offer us new perspectives on the character of God and challenge us to deepen our stewardship of God's precious creation.





6:30pm - 8:00pm. Visit hopepd.org to register.
Will be held in the Hope Center Classroom.

Let's DO IT

The Journey by Adam Hamilton
Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month starting November
November 1st | November 15th | December 6th | December 20th
9:30am – 11:00am | Hope Center Classroom | Contact: Julie Fremstad 715-983-2232

Women of HOPE
Girls' Night Out
Candle Making Event
A guided night to create & decorate a set of soy candles event for all ages offering a social, interactive and memorable evening together.
Friday, October 7th
6:00pm - 8:30pm | In the Choir Room
Cost: $20 | Register at hopepd.org
Water, coffee and snacks provided. Feel free to B.Y.O.B !!!
For questions, please contact Gesa at gesa@hopepd.org.
NAUGHTY IS THE NEW NICE

Fall Event
"Welcome Home Coffee"
Introducing Bridges 2 Hope non-profit organization
Bake and bring your favorite coffee cake or breakfast bread and share the recipe.
Women of HOPE
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 5TH
10:00AM - NOON IN THE HOPE CENTER
REGISTER AT HOPEPD.ORG
THE BRIDGES 2 HOPE
CONNECTING PEOPLE TO COMMUNITY AND RESOURCES

STEPHEN MINISTERS OF HOPE

The Stephen Ministry continues to train people to be Stephen Leaders. Currently two Stephen Ministers are in the training process. A new class for Stephen Ministers is starting soon. If you are interested in becoming a Stephen Minister, contact Pastor Derek or Stephen Leaders: Karen Anschell, Bob Kramer, Sandy McGinnis, Susan Sommerfeld.

Tina Gates, Stephen Leader, is moving from the area. We thank her for the time and effort she gave to supporting and leading Stephen Ministry. We also thank Tina for her tireless work with music at Hope, as a soloist and singing in the choir.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Barbara Norman Belinda Solano Georgene Fairbanks James Heil Kay Maselter **John and Paula Marvin**
2 Fernando Hernandez Samuel Mora-Capriles	3 Amayah Nelson Zuri Harris	4 Cathy Mottler Jeanne Mace Kathryn Liddell Mallory Ehlers Lucas Ransom Tissie Jacobs **Bob and Tissie Jacobs**	5 Bruce Nation Craig Wirch Mark Cieslikowski Sean Daly Vince Rodriguez **Dee and Harry Baker**	6 Judy Collins Lindsey Sumner Tianna Goodchild	7 Ann Dew Christian Vertucci Christopher Edwards Kim Buchanan Susan Hanson Thelma Donelan	8 Milt Unruh Richard Gates Toni Timm Winner
9 Dean Whitesell Kay Ehrhardt Leo Lommen	10 Carole Olson Jagger Smith Kelly Owen **Barbara and Craig Wirch** **Annette and Jerry Fragasso** **Al and Jo Gudel**	11 Jan Harnik Jeff Vatter Kai Kang Keyani Kang Kent Schulz Randy Trout	12 Anne Doi Carole Stark Derek Schmalz James Bollinger Vicky Cox Matthew Mendoza **Carol and Sam Meek**	13 Sylvia Thompson	14 Linda King Nathalie Ruiz **Barbara and Bob Liddell**	15 Gia Curci Jamerson Shepard Linda Sterton T.J. Warren Terri Fosselmann
16 Amanda Anderson Chase Hought Justice De La Torre Penny McCreary Reynold Worch Shaun M. Howe **Dave and Pat Ryden** **David Cribari and Laurie Marvin**	17 Johnathan del Campo Hartman Nancy Stewart Demarion Boyd Naiya Pavia **Laurel and Allan Morrow**	18 Austin Ingham Barbara Dixon-Vallat Cathy Wood Dawson Bailard Donna Robinson Janice Barnes Yazmin Baltierra	19 Bill Diedrich Michelle Diedrich Chase Collins Christa Saevke Coby Harris Gary Leach Ryan McCollum Diana Martens Lillian Clark Noah Burdick Joel Burdick	20 Dick Kupskey Kelly Meissner Lois Baumann Molly Preston Rachael Polk Butch Donahue **Anne and James Schaeffer** **Cara and Mike Calhoun**	21 Anita Holden Richard Ellingboe Travis Verdugo **Norman and Sue Miller**	22 Grayson Germany Raul Mendoza **Gabe and Todd Den Hartog** **George and Susan Le Cornu**
23 Lucas McCauley **Liisa and Raul Mendoza**	24 Cali Clausen Ryleigh Dunn Stacie Armendariz	25 Kris Plirto Philip Heberbrand Declan Clerkin	26 Bobbi Bailard Cheryl Hart Joyce Darling Leslie Angone Tom Smith Anita Heggen Ciera Perry	27 Breanna Shondrick Rodney Reed Troy Elder Will Devaney **Rebekka and Terry Voyles**	28 Doug Schmalz Harvey Skov Jim Olson Marguerite Long Rosalie Domingues Sydney Process **Martin and Nancy Frey**	29 Paige Lusso Patsy Huenecke Camp Sherman
30 Pam Meadows Sara Tidd **John and Kathy Klug**	31 Easton Pudis Samantha Laquihon					Let's DO IT

OCTOBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday online services available at hopepd.org *For more information on any events, go to hopepd.org*						1 5:00pm Blessing of the Animals
2 8:00am/9:30am Traditional Worship 9:30/10:30am Hope Kids 10:30am Modern Worship 11:30am Hope Youth Singers	3	4 7:30am Men's Bible Study 9:00am Women's Bible Study Fellowship (BSF)	5 9:30am Quilters 7:00pm Stand Firm	6 6:30pm Hope Choir 7:00pm Celebrate Recovery	7 5:00pm Girls' Night Out	8
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30 Reformation Sunday Regular Sunday Events Brats and Beer	31					

LEGACY

"Even if I knew that tomorrow the world would go to pieces, I would still plant my apple tree today."
- Martin Luther

We invite you to consider extending the reach of your faith with a gift to the Endowment Fund... through an outright gift during your lifetime and beyond your lifetime through your estate plan. Contact Lynn Hendershot, Chair of the Legacy Committee, for more information. lynn.hendershot@yahoo.com

ALTAR FLOWERS/NEEDY PERSON'S FUND

Altar Flowers Given By		Needy Persons Fund Given By
Richard A. Ameny to the Glory of God	October 2	
Richard A. Ameny to the Glory of God	October 9	Jan & Brian Harnik to the Glory of God
Reynold Worch to the Glory of God	October 16	
Janice Barnes to the Glory of God	October 23	Barbara and Stu Spencer to the Glory of God
Monika Hoover/ Memory Jim Hoover	October 30	

"Sharing the Gifts of God"	August 2022
Average Weekly Attendance (including online)	1224
Offering	$64,126.00
Miscellaneous Income	$100.00
Total	$64,226.00
Average Weekly Income	$16,056.00
Mortgage Balance	$1,469,831.00
Monthly Mortgage Payment	$10,264.00
Growing Hope (funds received for mortgage)	$12,131.00
YTD Interest Paid on Mortgage	$49,063.00

ONLINE AND ONCAMPUS WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

WHAT	WHEN	WHERE
Daily Devotional	Monday - Friday, 7:00am	Facebook Live
Traditional Services	Sundays 8:00am & 9:30am	On Campus
Traditional Services Online	Available Saturday evenings	hopepd.org
Modern Services	Sundays 10:30am	On Campus
Modern Services Online	Available Saturday evenings	hopepd.org
Hope Kids	Sundays 9:30am & 10:30am	On Campus
Women's Gather Study	4th Mondays, 6:30pm	On Campus
Men's Bible Study	1st and 3rd Tuesdays 7:30am	On Campus
Stand Firm	Wednesdays, 6:30pm - 7:30pm	On Campus
Hope Book Club	Tuesday, October 18, 7:00pm	On Campus
Esther Circle	2nd Wednesday, 9:30am	On Campus
Quilters of Hope	1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 9:30am	On Campus
Hope Choir	Thursdays, 6:30pm	On Campus
Celebrate Recovery	Thursdays 7:00pm	On Campus
CR - The Landing	Not meeting until January	On Campus
CR - Men's Open Share	Thursdays 7:00pm	On Campus
CR - Women's Open Share	Thursdays 8:00pm	On Campus
Stephen Ministry	2nd and 4th Fridays, 9:00am	On Campus

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