

October

2025 Newsletter

Mission Statement: At Hope Palm Desert our vision is to share the free and unmerited love of God in Christ Jesus.



"CHAMPIONS of HOPE" Spiritual Renewal @ Hope Lutheran Church: Oct. 19-Nov. 16, 2025

Romans 5:3-5 ^[a] And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

Q. What is "Champions of Hope"?

R. A fun, learning and growing 5-week experience for the whole congregation!

Q. What are the highlights of what is happening?

R. In Worship and in Small Groups we will be taking a deeper dive into Ephesians. There will be two All-Church Fellowship events with Beer-n-Brats on Oct. 19th and a Celebration Lunch on Nov. 16th. The weekend of October 25-26 will include the Spooktacular on Saturday and on Sunday a Reformation Festival in worship. Nov. 1st & 2nd will feature our Legacy of Hope ministry and opportunity.

Q. How can I sign up for a Small Group?

R. Sign-Ups begin on the Church Campus on September 28th and on-line beginning October 5th.

Q. Who do I talk to if I have questions?

R. Contact Pr. Tom at tom@hopepd.org anytime.

CHAMPIONS OF HOPE (CONTINUED...)

FIVE-WEEK TIMELINE:

Oct. 19 th Mystery of Hope *Champions of Hope "Beer-and-Brats" kick-off	Ephesians 1:3-14
Oct. 26 th "Revolution of Hope" *Reformation Day Festival	Ephesians 2:1-10
Nov. 2 nd "Hope in the Future" *Legacy of Hope highlight	Ephesians 3:14-21
Nov. 9 th "Harvesting Hope".	Ephesians 4:1-16
Nov. 16 th "Unshakeable Hope" *All-Church Lunch Celebration	Ephesians 6:10-20

LEGACY OF HOPE @ HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Creating a financial legacy for the mission of Hope Lutheran Church beyond our lifetime.

The Legacy of Hope Committee is excited to offer opportunities for gathering and learning about how we can be good stewards of God's blessings beyond our earthly journey through our Estate Planning.

On the weekend of Nov. 1 (All Saints Day) - Nov. 2 we will highlight this ministry opportunity in the following ways:

- Saturday, Nov. 1st, 9:00 a.m. in Room #2, seminar on the power of Legacy Giving and the impact on the future of the Church. Led by Rev. Steve Olson of Olson Advancement. All are welcome! A light Continental Breakfast and Coffee served.
- Sunday, Nov. 2nd, 10:45 a.m. or 11:45 a.m. in Room #2, an informal learning about Legacy of Hope at Hope Lutheran and how I might participate. Rev. Steve Olson will lead the conversation and provide helpful information.

SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Search Committee continues to work hard at finding a new lead pastor for Hope Lutheran. We have looked closely at fourteen people as potential candidates for the lead pastor, unfortunately we either eliminated them from consideration or they chose to withdraw from continuing the call process. We've learned that within the ELCA there exists a shortage of clergy to fill the needs of Lutheran churches across the country. On September 23 we met with Bishop Dave Nagler to hear the challenges that the synod office has had in identifying suitable candidates for Hope. He assured the members of the committee that Hope Lutheran is a dynamic, forward looking church that should be a desirable call for a pastor. However, he also shared that potential candidates are hesitant to move to the desert, some are concerned about the cost of living in California, some do not want to leave extended family at their current location, some have spouses that are also engaged in a career that would be impacted by a major move. We continue to search the country for potential candidates.

The makeup of the committee has also changed. We've welcomed two new members, Tom Clayton and Aubrey Pradetto. Pastor Gerald Sharon will be leaving the committee as he transitions to being the Bridge Pastor for Hope. He will continue to serve as an advisor to the committee, much as Pastor Tom and Pastor Rick have served as advisors. Rick Hart will serve as the new chairperson for the committee, replacing Martha Osborne.

Finally, if you know of a potential pastor that might be a candidate for Hope Lutheran you can confidentially give the name to one of our pastors who will provide the name to the synod office or to the pastoral search firm we are working with. We ask for you continued prayers as we continue this important journey for Hope.



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 michael@hopepd.org.

Remember in Prayer:

Anita Allingham, Vida Besel, Carl Caddies, Kerry Callender, Carol Caragher, Felicity Campbell, Wendy Clark, Frank Deniz, Marilyn Dichsen, Shirley Diers, Carolyn Gottlieb, Finn Layton, Charlotte Larsen, Janice Osborne, Susan Patterson, Mari Rankle, Tom Smith, Dick Swanson, Jennifer Swanson, Dana Zahler

Please resubmit names by email to michael@hopepd.org by the 1st of the month; otherwise Hope will assume the person is feeling better and the name will be removed from the list. Any questions please contact gabe@hopepd.org

HOPE LEGACY COMMITTEE

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



Have you updated your will?

Don't forget to include Hope Lutheran Church Palm Desert!

For further information please contact the Hope office at gabe@hopepd.org.

AFRICAN ASYLUM SEEKERS INITIATIVE

Thank you, Hope Lutheran Church, for all the electronic donations made to African Asylum Seekers Initiative. Countless people have had their lives changed by these donations. One young man who lost his leg, has been able to do graphic design and help other immigrants. He is now currently headed to college to complete his degree and go to law school. Another is a student in Denver on a visa from DRC who can attend his classes in technology with a donated computer. Amazing that old phones find a new life. The tablets and Kindles are a perfect addition to studying English, reading books, and learning to fit into American culture. In Africa the internet opens a world without war. We will be taking devices to Kenya next summer to share with people from Sudan who are in refugee camps. —Pat Leach

*Hope Church will continue to accept electronic donations. Devices will be wiped clean of personal information before they are given to a person in need.



Monday Morning Zoom Study on Oct. 6th and 13th at 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. (Noon). We will continue our conversation around "Forgiveness". All are welcome to join in the conversation. To log on go to www.hopepd.org and go to Online in the toolbar.



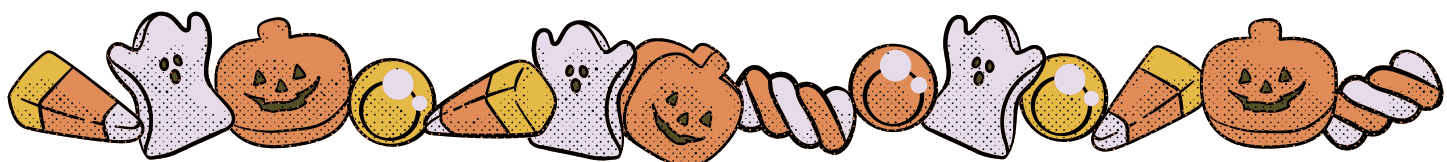
zoom
Bible Study
Online
Four-Week Zoom on "FORGIVENESS" led by Pr. Tom
September 22, 29, October 6, 13
Two Options: Monday at 9am or 12pm
Zoom link at hopepd.org under "Events".
Any questions email Pr. Tom at tom@hopepd.org.



PICKLEBALL fun is growing at Hope. All are welcome, no matter what level of player! All are welcome. We have extra paddles and two indoor courts. Pickleball in October on Saturday, Oct. 11th and Saturday, Oct. 18th, 9:00-10:30 a.m. in the Hope Center.



Tuesday, 7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study continues in October on Oct. 14th and 28th. No experience necessary!



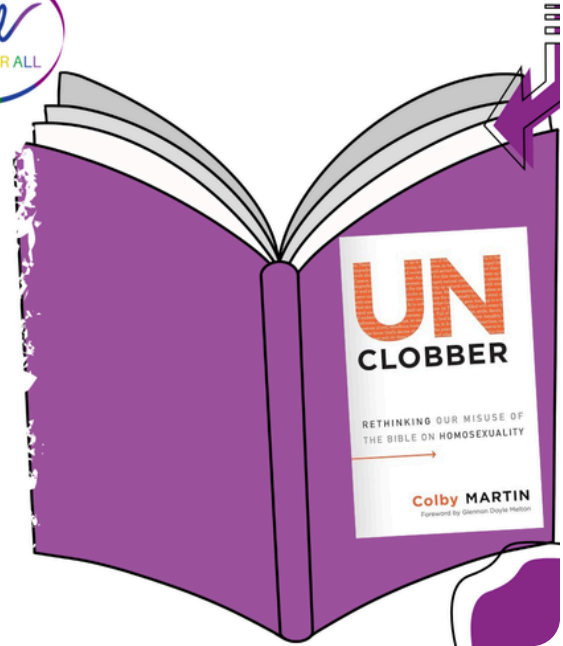
UNCLOBBER: A VIDEO + BOOK SERIES

Based on the book Unclobber
by Colby Martin

Oct 1st & Oct 15th
at 6:00pm at Hope

VISIT HOPEPD.ORG

SIGN UP WITH AMANDA AT
HOPEFORALL@HOPEPD.ORG



Needing volunteers for Palm Springs Pride.

The dates for this are Saturday, November 8th and Sunday, November 9th. Please email hopeforall@hopepd.org if you are interested in volunteering. Shifts will be in two hour blocks, and volunteers will be provided with a Hope For All T-shirt.

HOPE FOR ALL
at Palm Spring Pride!

**VOLUNTEERING FOR
PALM SPRINGS PRIDE**

The goal for Hope For All is we
want people to know Jesus.

NOV 8th & 9th

Email Amanda at hopeforall@hopepd.org
for more information.

Love God, Love People
Hope FOR ALL
Hope Lutheran Church, Palm Desert

The graphic features a large rainbow arching over a landscape with palm trees and mountains. The text is arranged in a clean, modern layout with various fonts and colors. A small logo for Hope FOR ALL is in the bottom right corner.

HOPE BOOK CLUB

The Hope Book Club for October will be reading William Kent Kruger's "Lightning Strike," a pitch perfect, richly imagined story that is both an edge-of-your-seat thriller and an evocative, emotionally charged coming-of-age tale.

We are introduced to Cork a 12 year old boy from Aurora, a small town nestled in the ancient forest alongside the shores of Minnesota's Iron Lake.

When Cork stumbles upon a body of a man he revered hanging from a tree on the Indian reservation at Lightning Strike, it is the first in the series of events that will cause him to question everything he took for granted about his hometown, his family and himself.

"Lightning Strike" explores the tender relationship between father and son. It is written with grace and understanding.

This is a wonderfully laid out crime novel with a message of truth and justice in a coming of age story. Cork and his family, and everyone in this novel must grapple with the battle between their heads and hearts.

Pick up your copy of "Lightning Strike" at the Information Center.
The Book Club meets Tuesday, October 21 at 6:00pm in Meeting Room #1.
Book cost \$10.

WE ASKED, YOU RESPONDED.



HOPE FOOD
PANTRY

THANK YOU! PLEASE CONTINUE TO GIVE.



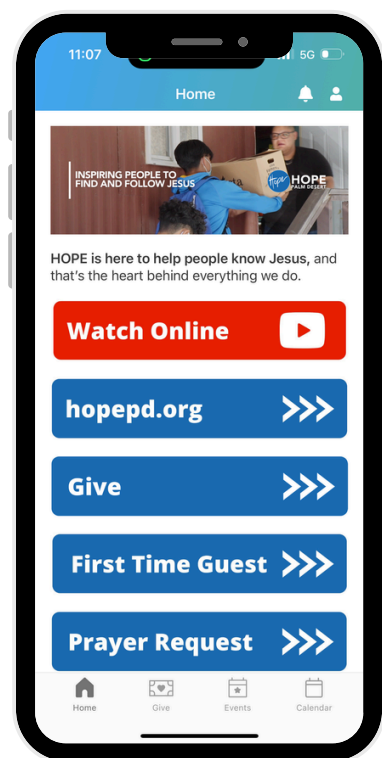
HOPE FOOD PANTRY

Our food pantry continues to grow. On one recent Monday, we gave out 25 bags of groceries. This amount is more than double what we hand out weekly. To be blunt, we got slammed! But, with your generosity we were able to handle this onslaught of need. For this ministry to continue, we need your food donations to continue and if possible, increase. We are meeting the needs of our local community. We are not a food bank with corporate donations. We don't have dozens of volunteers and we don't service hundreds of people.

Our donations come from YOU! We serve our local community. Our volunteers are church members. Our office staff supports church volunteers. We work together to help a few. But the few matter to Jesus, so they matter to us. If you're interested in helping us on Mondays, stop by or contact gabe@hopepd.org.



For those of you who are Thrivent members grants are available. THANK YOU Monika Hoover and Julie Fremsted and other members of Hope who used those funds to purchase food items for the Hope Food Pantry. We have received much support for the pantry. Please continue to support us by checking out the sign at the entrance to see what immediate needs the pantry has or contact Gabe at the church office.



CHURCH CENTER APP

Seeking clarity on in-person and online group meetings? Need Bible study start times or prayer lists? Interested in supporting the church financially? Our church app has you covered! Here's how to get started:

1. **Visit your phone's App Store.**
2. **Search for 'Church Center App.'**
3. **Download it.**
4. **Set it up with 'Hope.'**



With the app, you can submit prayer requests, catch service highlights, access our website, Kids Check-in, and connect with us on Facebook, Instagram, and TikTok. Stay engaged and informed! 📱🙏 #StayConnected"

FAMILY Ministry



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

CHILDREN CENTER



Spooktacular 2025 Halloween Festival!

Get ready for a hauntingly good time at our annual Spooktacular Halloween Festival on October 25th from 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM! Join us at Hope Palm Desert for an evening filled with ghoulish fun and festive activities perfect for the whole family.

HALLOWEEN

FAMILY Ministry

Spooktacular 2025 Halloween Festival!

What to Expect:

- Costume Contest: Show off your creative costumes for a chance to win prizes!
- Bounce Houses: Jump into the fun with our inflatable attractions.
- Carnival Games: Test your skills and have fun!
- Candy, Candy, Candy: Trick-or-treat your way through the festival.
- Creepy Corn Maze: Navigate your way through a spine-tingling maze.
- And more!

Details:

- Location: Hope Palm Desert, 45900 Portola Ave, Palm Desert, CA 92260
- Parking: Plenty of parking available on-site.
- Cost: This is a FREE community event, so bring your friends and family for an evening of spooky fun!

Don't miss out on the best Halloween celebration in town! For any questions, reach out to carlos@hopepd.org.

We can't wait to see your costumes and celebrate with you!



We need volunteers and help! If you'd like to get involved, register at hopepd.org!

We need lots of candy donations. Candy or cash appreciated. Drop off at the church office or bring some bags on Sundays!

Contact Carlos at carlos@hopepd.org for more info.

FAMILY Ministry

Spotlight on Ms. Marla: A Heart Full of Color and Purpose

Ms. Marla brings a joyful energy and gentle spirit to our Hope Children Center community. Her favorite colors—pink and purple—reflect her vibrant personality and love for all things bright and beautiful. She has a deep affection for animals, often sharing stories of furry friends and the lessons they teach us about loyalty, compassion, and unconditional love.

When it comes to sweet treats, Ms. Marla never says no to dark chocolate. It's her go-to indulgence and a little reminder to savor life's rich moments. Whether she's lending a helping hand, offering a kind word, or simply showing up with a smile, Ms. Marla lives by her personal motto: "Keep your eye on the prize." Her faith keeps her grounded, and her determination inspires those around her.

We're grateful for the grace and encouragement Ms. Marla brings to our program. She reminds us that with love, focus, and a little chocolate, we can face each day with purpose.



FAMILY Ministry

Meet Ms. Kirsten: A Sparkle in Our Hope Children Center Community

Ms. Kirsten brings a joyful spirit and creative heart to everything she does. Her favorite color is sparkle—because why settle for ordinary? She delights in movies filled with magical creatures and surprise dance numbers, and she's drawn to books that feature fairy tales, mysteries, and talking animals.

Her sweet tooth leans toward cotton candy, chocolate-covered treats, and anything with rainbow sprinkles. When she's not dreaming up new ideas, you'll find her painting with glitter, repurposing furniture into enchanted objects, or traveling to places full of charm and character. Her happy place is deep in the forest, surrounded by fairy lights and treehouses.

One of her favorite memories is transforming a broken chair into a storytelling throne—a perfect symbol of her belief that every day deserves a little laughter, a splash of creativity, and a whole lot of heart.

We're grateful for the light and imagination Ms. Kirsten brings to our HCC family.



Student Ministry

Middle & High School online at hopepd.org

Sunday SERVICES

Middle School Ministry service is from 10:30am - 11:30am. Students will meet in the Hope Center for worship, then move to Meeting Room 5.

High School Ministry Sunday service is from 10:30am - 11:30am. Students will meet in the Hope Center for worship, then go to Meeting Room 4.



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.

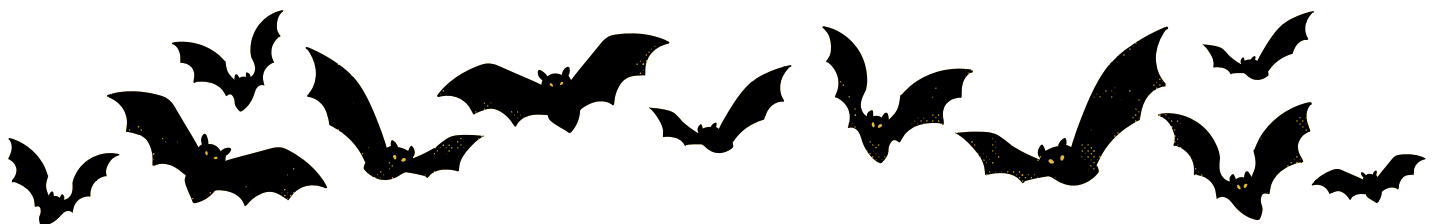
Our high school and middle school students go door-to-door handing out food to the families. On top of that, they're reaching out and asking if the families have any concerns that they could pray about together. This is an amazing opportunity for students to impact the lives of others.

Third Saturday of every month we gather in the Hope Center @ 7:30am.

Every month third Saturday, October 18th, 2025
Every student High School
Adults can volunteer too, contact nick@hopepd.org

PM

**IN HOPE CENTER SUNDAYS FROM 11:30AM-1:30PM
(HIGH SCHOOL ONLY)**



WHERE MIDDLE
SCHOOL STUDENTS

HAVE FUN WITH
FRIENDS AND
DISCOVER
THEIR FAITH.

Wednesday Nights
6:00pm to 8:00pm
Meeting Room 5



Stand Firm

is a Middle School Ministry and will meet every Wednesday from
6-8pm in Meeting Room 5.



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QUILT AND PRAYER SHAWL BLESSING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2025

Mark your calendars for Sunday October 12th!

At all services we will be displaying quilts and prayer shawls. They will be blessed in preparation for sharing God's love.

Prayer Shawls are given throughout the year to anyone needing to feel the warmth of God.

Quilts are distributed during the winter months to our ministry partners and in the spring to our High School Graduates.

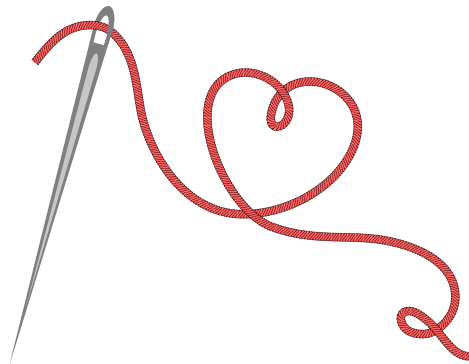
This year our ministry partners are:

- **Bridges2Hope** (www.thebridges2hope.com) – Their mission is to empower the homeless through building trusting relationships, by connecting individuals to resources, and providing support and guidance in order to accomplish lasting change.
- **Hope for All** – outreach to the LGBTQ+ community during Pride Weekend.
- **Lutheran World Relief (LWR.org)** – Their mission is affirming God's love for all people, we work with Lutherans and partners around the world to end poverty, injustice and human suffering.
- **Lideres Campesinas Organization (liderescampesinas.org)** – Their mission is to strengthen the leadership of farmworker women and youth so that they can be agents of economic, social and political change and ensure their human rights.

During all services on October 12th, members and visitors will have the opportunity to give a special thank offering to Quilters of Hope.

Special envelopes will be available and electronic donations can be designated for Quilters of Hope.

This offering is used to cover the cost of materials (approximately \$20-30 per quilt).



QUILTERS OF HOPE



Quilters of Hope will have our regular meetings on Wednesdays, October 1st and 15th from 9:30 to 11:30 am in the Hope Center.

In addition, quilters and other volunteers will be meeting:

Friday, October 10th at 10:00am to place quilts and shawls in the sanctuary

Sunday, October 12th at 11:00am to help pack up the quilts for distribution

We welcome all to join this ministry whenever you are able!

For more information, please call or text Ruth Fikes at 714-642-3773.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



Welcome home to our seasonal friends. Do you need a hug or know someone who does? We have prayer shawls available for you. Please contact either Mary Ellen Peterson (see below) or Gabe Den Hartog in the church office at 760-346-1273.

Would you like to help replenish our prayer shawl supply? We have patterns and yarn available!

Also - If you have yarn gathering dust deep in a closet, we would be pleased to accept your donation.

For additional information please reach out to:

Mary Ellen Peterson at (801) 598-7733

SATURDAY NIGHT LUTHERANS (SNL)

****Saturday Night Lutherans (SNL)** is a social group and we invite everyone to attend.

Our next event is October 18th at 5:00pm.

Barb Oeding will be hosting this event at her home.

The address is 514 Via Assisi, Cathedral City.

Please bring an appetizer to share and a drink of your choice.

If you have any questions, please give Barb a call at

760-413-7143. Be sure to sign up at the Information Center.



MUSIC AT HOPE

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Sunday, October 12, 3:00pm

Masterworks at Hope

**Messiah Part III - Handel
Wachet Auf - J. S. Bach**

LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD!!!

Hope Choir Recruiting



***If You Have A Spirit Of Praise, And A Song In Your Heart
The Hope Choir IS LOOKING FOR YOU!***

Rehearsals are at 6:30pm every Thursday

First Rehearsal is Thursday October 2nd at 6:30PM.

Contact Director Michael Cundari at michael@hopepd.org for more info.

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MUSIC AT HOPE

Mark your calendar for these dates and watch for more information about each concert. All concerts will be held in the Sanctuary except for the Bell Festival which will be in the Hope Center.



October 12, 3:00PM	Masterworks	Bach and Handel
November 2, 3:00PM	Doug Wilson, Organist	Toccata
December 7, 3:00PM December 14, 3:00PM	California Desert Chorale	Holiday Music
January 11, 3:00PM	2 Pianos, 4 Men, 8 Hands	
February 1, 3:00PM	Bruce and Linny	Chamber Music
February 7, 5:00PM	Bell Festival	
February 15, 3:00PM	Coachella Valley Classic Voices	From Opera to Musical Theater
March 8, 3:00PM	Masterworks	Mozart Requiem
March 22, 3:00PM March 29, 3:00PM	California Desert Chorale	Spring Concert
April 19, 3:00PM	Music for Organ and Piano	Doug Wilson and Michael Cundari



✦ Giving Hope to the Houseless ✦

Free Services & Support for Our Community
Oct 6th, Nov 3rd, Dec 1st | 9am - 12pm

Showers



Hygiene Kits



Food



Prayer



Narcan



Medical



Foot Massage



Recovery
Support



Haircuts



Mobile Phones



45900 Portola Ave, Palm Desert, CA 92260.

All are welcome. Come receive support, care, and hope.
More information contact carlos@hopepd.org.

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BEER & BRATS

Sunday, October 19th

Come join the fun after each service for our annual Beer and Brats celebration held in our Hope Courtyard on October 19th.

STEPHEN MINISTRY



Christ caring for people through people

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Your Hope Stephen Ministry team welcomes four new trained care givers. Our congregation is fortunate to have enough care givers ready to help those in our congregation and those in our community. All meetings of a care-givers and care-receivers are held in confidence.

Jesus' mission is to share the love of God with others through meeting face to face, listening, loving unconditionally, and caring for the needs of others without judgment.

We welcome our new team members to this mission.

If you or someone you know needs the listening ear of a care giver, please contact Pastor Tom: tom@hopepd.org, Deacon John: johnb@hopepd.org or Laurie: laurie@cribari.com.

Blessing Of The Animals

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

Saturday, October 4th
9:00am
Outside in the Courtyard!





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 or email with someone, contact Gesa Sharon at gesa@hopepd.org or (949)689-9681.



**A SAFE PLACE FOR STUDENTS
TO PROCESS LIFE AND THE
STRUGGLES THAT ACCOMPANY IT.**

THE LANDING FOR MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL

EVERY
THURSDAY

7PM

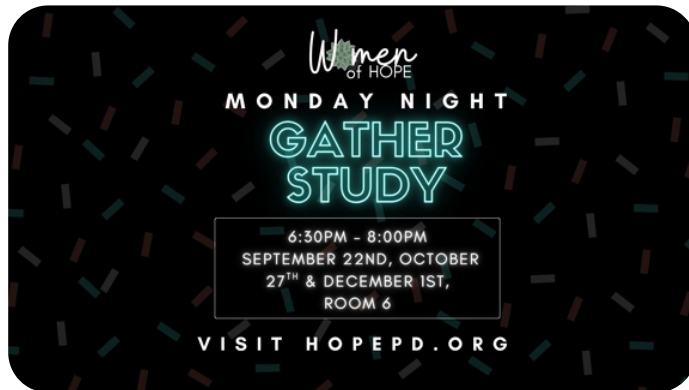
Hope Center

hopepd.org



The Celebrate Recovery ministry leadership and volunteers enjoyed a fun and uplifting bowling outing, strengthening friendships and celebrating their shared service together.





Money, Stewardship and Generosity" by the Rev. Christa von Zychlin

Esther Circle: Second Wednesday of the month 9:30am to 11:00am Classroom 4

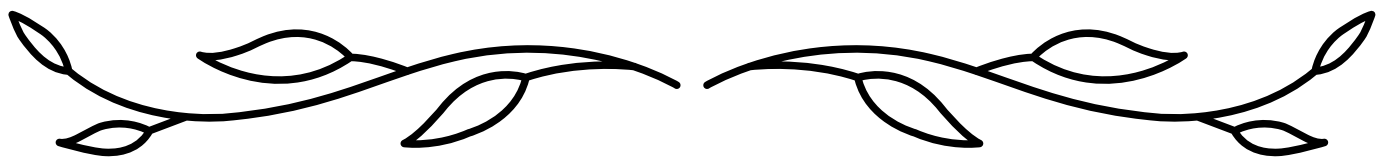
Monday Night Study: September 22nd October 27th and December 1st, 6:30pm to 8:00pm in Room 6

(October) Session Two: Stewardship – How do we tend our treasure

God madly, beautifully, entrusts human beings with the care of all creation, including time, talent and material wealth. Moses needs help with his time management. The practice of tithing could be considered a class in Material Management 101. Jesus confronts his disciples with disturbing words about God's high expectations for tending treasure.

(November) Session Three: Generosity – A wideness in God's mercy

God loves a cheerful giver, because our cheer in giving reflects God's own cheerful mercies. Can the biblical practice of gleaning be considered a class in Generosity 101? We will consider the enemies of generosity: Pharoah, the stingy boss, and the "religion" of Mammonism. Finally, we will turn to the little-noticed women who were generous with Jesus, and the wild generosity of the first Christian churches.



WOMEN OF HOPE FALL GATHERING



Women of HOPE

Fall Gathering

WORSHIP, FELLOWSHIP & A POTLUCK BREAKFAST

REFLECTIONS, INSIGHTS AND GRATITUDE
FROM SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER JEANNE GREVLOS

10AM - 12PM **15** HOPE CENTER
NOVEMBER

Register at hopepd.org
Contact gesa@hopepd.org

Worship, fellowship, and a potluck breakfast

Reflections, insights, and gratitude from Jeanne Grevlos on her 40-year journey of ministry alongside her husband Pastor Tom—while also parenting, pursuing a professional career, and serving the church in many ways.

November 15th | Hope Center | 10am - 12pm

For questions, contact gesa@hopepd.org.



TAIZÉ SERVICE



OCTOBER 1ST, AT 6:30PM
HOPE SANCTUARY

A CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE OF PRAYER,
MEDITATION, AND CALM. ALL ARE WELCOME
TO COME AS YOU ARE—WHETHER YOU'RE
SEEKING PEACE, GRIEVING, ANXIOUS, OR
SIMPLY NEEDING A PLACE TO BE STILL.



John Baynton

Taize Service October 1st 6:30pm Sanctuary.
Contact: johnb@hopepd.org for further information.

Taize is a service of contemplation, meditation, and prayer. It is a place where all are welcome to come together to express emotions and find a place of calm and centeredness.

If you are feeling overwhelmed, worried, or anxious; If you are experiencing grief, sadness, or loss; If you are looking for a place of calm, a place of centeredness, a place to be; come to the Taize service. Taize is a service of contemplation, meditation, and prayer. It is a place where all are welcome to come together and find a place of calm and centeredness. Taize is a place where you are welcome to just be.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Barbara Norman Belinda Solano Georgene Fairbanks James Heil John and Paula Marvin	2 Fernando Hernandez Samuel Mora-Capriles Connor Jones	3 Zuri Harris	4 Cathy Mottler Jeanne Mace Kathryn Liddell Mallory Ehlers Lucas Ransom Tissie Jacobs Bob and Tissie Jacobs
5 Bruce Nation Craig Wirch Sean Daly Vince Rodriguez	6 Judy Collins Lindsey Sumner Allyson Sanchez	7 Christian Vertucci Kim Buchanan Susan Hanson Thelma Donelan Eli Watson Nancy Spencer Angelina Palmer Christ Edwards	8 Daisy Dorris Milt Unruh Toni Timm Winner	9 Kay Ehrhardt Melody Schneider	10 Carole Olson Annette and Jerry Fragasso Al and Jo Gudel	11 Jan Harnik Jeff Vatter Kai Kang Keyani Kang Kent Schulz Randy Trout
12 Carole Stark Derek Schmalz James Bollinger Matthew Mendoza Aurora Cortez Carol and Sam Meek	13 Sylvia Thompson	14 Maddox Conway Linda King Nathalie Ruiz Jayleen Galvez Delilah Galvez Barbara and Bob Liddell	15 Gia Curci Jamerson Shepard Linda Sterton Terri Fosselmann	16 Chase Hought Justice De La Torre Penny McCreary Reynold Worch Shaun M. Howe Dave and Pat Ryden David Cribari and Laurie Marvin	17 Nancy Stewart Demarion Boyd Naiya Pavia	18 Barbara Dixon-Vallat Cathy Wood Dawson Bailard Donna Robinson Janice Barnes Yazmin Baltierra Camil Lopez
19 Bill Diedrich Michelle Diedrich Chase Collins Christa Saeveke Coby Harris Gary Leach Ryan McCollum Diana Martens Lillian Clark Noah Burdick Joel Burdick Lily Rodriguez Hunter Sheehan	20 Dick Kupskey Molly Preston Rachael Polk Butch Donahue Henry Marner Alyssa Bray Cara and Mike Calhoun	21 Richard Ellingboe Travis Verdugo Lincoln Sheehan Heather Smith Norman and Sue Miller	22 Lillian McWey Raul Mendoza George and Susan Le Cornu	23 Lucas McCauley Lisa and Raul Mendoza	24 Ryleigh Dunn Stacie Armendariz Gabe and Todd Den Hartog	25 Declan Clerkin
26 Bobbi Bailard Cheryl Hart Joyce Darling Tom Smith Anita Heggen Ciera Perry Maverick Harrer Danalyn Amador	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 Patsy Huenecke Camp Sherman Maddie Kalmbach	30 Pam Meadows Gracie Smith Sara Tidd John and Kathy Klug	31 Easton Pudis Samantha Laquihon Calvin Sheller	

OCTOBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9:30am Quilters 6pm Stand Firm 6pm Hope for All Book Study 6:30 pm TAIZE SERVICE	2 6:30pm HOPE CHOIR 7:00pm Celebrate Recovery	3	4
5 8:00am/9:30am Traditional Worship 9:30/10:30am Hope Kids 10:30am Modern Worship	6 9:00am ZOOM Bible Study 9:00am HOPE Outreach	7 8:30am BSF	8 9:30am Esther Circle 6pm Stand Firm	9 6:30pm HOPE CHOIR 7:00pm Celebrate Recovery	10	11 9am Pickleball w/ Pastor Tom 10am Desert Viking
12 8:00am/9:30am Traditional Worship 9:30/10:30am Hope Kids 10:30am Modern Worship	13 9:00am ZOOM Bible Study	14 7:30am Men's Bible Study 8:30am BSF	15 9:30am Quilters 4:30pm Theology on Tap 6pm Hope for All Book Study 6pm Stand Firm	16 6:30pm HOPE CHOIR 7:00pm Celebrate Recovery	17	18 7am Student Impact
19 BEER & BRATS! 9:00am Start 8:00am/9:30am Traditional Worship 9:30/10:30am Hope Kids 10:30am Modern Worship	20 9:00am ZOOM Bible Study	21 8:30am BSF 6pm Hope Book Club	22 9:30am Quilters 6pm Stand Firm	23 6:30pm HOPE CHOIR 7:00pm Celebrate Recovery	24	25 6:00pm SPOOKTACULAR
26 REFORMATION SUNDAY 8:00am/9:30am Traditional Worship 9:30/10:30am Hope Kids 10:30am Modern Worship	27 9:00am ZOOM Bible Study 6:30pm Monday Night Gather	28 7:30am Men's Bible Study 8:30am BSF	29 6pm Stand Firm 6pm Hope for All Book Study	30 6:30pm HOPE CHOIR 7:00pm Celebrate Recovery	31	



ALTAR FLOWERS/NEEDY PERSONS FUND

Altar Flowers Given By		Needy Persons Fund Given By
Elvira Ebert To the Glory of God	OCTOBER 5	Reynold Worch To the Glory of God
Reynold Worch To the Glory of God	OCTOBER 12	Jan & Brian Harnik To the Glory of God
Available Contact gabe@hopepd.org	OCTOBER 19	Janice Barnes To the Glory of God
Monika Hoover To the Glory of God	OCTOBER 26	Reynold Worch To the Glory of God

Sign-up sheets available at the Information Center or call the office at 760.346.1273.

"Sharing the Gifts of God"	June 2025
Average Weekly Attendance (including online)	585
Offering	\$126,611
Miscellaneous Income	\$2,712
Total	\$129,323
Average Weekly Income	\$25,864
Mortgage Balance	\$385,272
Monthly Mortgage Payment	\$4,204
Building Mortgage(funds received for mortgage)	\$1,824
YTD Interest Paid on Mortgage	\$4,744

ONLINE AND ONCAMPUS WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

WHAT	WHEN	WHERE
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	Monday, October 27, 6:30pm	On Campus
Men's Bible Study	2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30am	Conference Room
Stand Firm	Wednesdays, 6:00pm - 8:00pm	On Campus
Hope Book Club	Tuesday, October 21, 6:00pm	On Campus
Esther Circle	Wednesday, October 8, 9:30am	On Campus
Quilters of Hope	1st and 3 rd Wednesdays, 9:30am	On Campus
Hope Choir	Thursdays 6:30pm	Choir Room
Celebrate Recovery	Thursdays 7:00pm	Hope Center
CR - Men's Open Share	Thursdays 8:00pm	On Campus
CR - Women's Open Share	Thursdays 8:00pm	On Campus
Stephen Ministry	2nd and 4 th Mondays, 5:00pm	On Campus

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FRIDAYS 9AM - 2PM

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