DECEMBER 2026
NEWSLETTER

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



Hope Christmas Eve Wonderland Candlelight Services
Christmas Eve | December 24th

Step into the magic of Christmas at Hope!
Join us for unforgettable worship and holiday joy with:

✨ Modern Services: 3:00pm & 5:00pm
✨ Traditional Services: 4:00pm & 6:00pm

Then explore our Christmas Eve Wonderland overflowing with festive fun:
Santa Photo Booth
Snow
Interactive inflatables
Hot Cocoa
Cookies
Candlelight service at every service.

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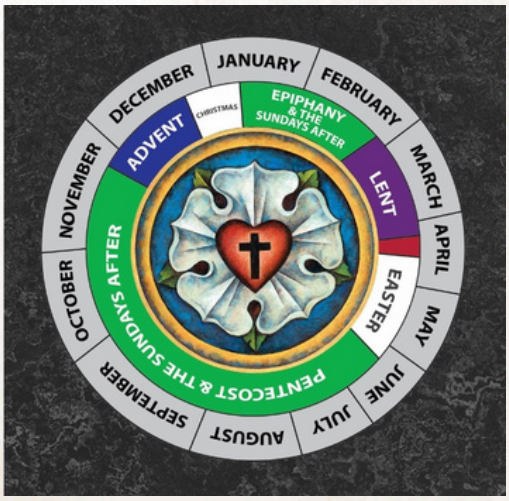
Hope Palm Desert, 45900 Portola Ave, Palm Desert, CA 92260

PASTOR TONY

“Are we there yet?” The four words every parent on a long road trip dreads to hear but cannot avoid. There is nothing wrong with the question, but when that question has been asked more than twenty times in the last hour it begins to weigh on any driver or copilot. Advent is a season where we ask, “Lord, are we there yet?” We raise this question not out of impatience, or out of boredom, but from a spirit of hope and anticipation. Joyful anticipation! Joyful because of where we long to arrive. Just like children who can’t wait to get out and experience the place their parents are so eager to show them, we long to experience the fullness of what God has for us and for all creation.



Every year at Hope we follow the liturgical calendar to rediscover the life and story of Christ. We begin that trip with Advent, waiting upon the coming of Christ with joyful anticipation under the dark night sky as the light of the world draws near to us. Then on Christmas Eve we gather to celebrate the wonder and mystery of Christ’s birth, the inbreaking of the Light of the World. After Christmas we slow down to take in all the joy of the coming of Christ with twelve more days of reflection that lead to Epiphany.

Then we move into Lent, when we remember the beginning of Jesus’s public ministry and the trials he faced which leads us to Holy Week. During Lent we are invited to consider our own struggles to follow the way of Jesus in all our relationships. In Holy Week we remember Christ’s surprising entrance into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, his last meal on Maundy Thursday, his death on a dark Good Friday. We keep prayerful vigil at his tomb on Holy Saturday. Finally on Easter Sunday we celebrate Jesus’s resurrection.

After Holy Week we journey with Christ through Eastertide as we move toward Pentecost Sunday. This is a season when we remember Christ’s final days, his encounters with his followers after his resurrection, and his final ascension. On Pentecost Sunday we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit who fills and empowers to the Church for faithful witness. After Pentecost we enter what is called Ordinary Time where we continue to follow Jesus’s story as he journey’s with the people of God across time and space, stopping to celebrate particular stories and groups of Christ’s followers. In older Christian traditions many of the “Saint’s Days” would fall in this part of the liturgical calendar.

PASTOR TONY (CONTINUED)

My friends, as you ride the backseat of God's car and say to God, "Lord, are we there yet?" I want to offer you some resources for the ride. Four short books that I turn to each Advent season. (1) The Catholic Priest, Henri Nouwen, has a very well written Advent devotional called, Advent and Christmas: Wisdom from Henri J.M. Nouwen. (2) The Protestant German Reformer, Martin Luther, has a small booklet of portions of his Advent sermons called, Martin Luther's Christmas Book. (3) Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the famous German Christian who returned to Germany during World War II to resist the Nazi regime, ultimately giving his life in that work, has a collection of daily devotional reflections called, God is in the Manger: Reflections on Advent and Christmas. Finally, (4) Hebrew Bible scholar, Walter Brueggemann, has a series of wonderful devotionals that reflect on God's promises called, Celebrating Abundance: Devotions for Advent.

May each of you experience the joy and wonder of God, may the frenetic pace of the world around you not steal the peace and beauty that the season of Advent brings. Remember to slow down, to take some time to look out the window, so you can take in all that God is doing around you. Merry Christmas!!!



MERRY CHRISTMAS


VOLUNTEERS FOR
CHRISTMAS EVE
SERVICES
Visit hopepd.org to make an
impact this Christmas season.
Sign up at the Info Center.


CHRISTMAS
Donate
COOKIES
FOR CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES!
VISIT HOPEPD.ORG
Can be dropped off at the office by Dec 23rd.
Any questions contact gabe@hopepd.org.
Sign up at the Info Center.

ORDER Poinsettias

HELP DECORATE OUR SANCTUARY FOR THE HOLIDAYS

PURCHASE A PLANT THAT WILL BE PLACED
IN MEMORY OF, IN HONOR OF A LOVED ONE
OR TO THE GLORY OF GOD

$15 EACH & DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 20TH
ORDER FORM AVAILABLE AT THE INFO CENTER OR ONLINE AT HOPEPD.ORG

Staff CHRISTMAS GIFT

Help us thank our pastors and staff this Christmas.

Place your donation in the offering plate or donation containers in the Hope Center. Please mark your gift "Staff Gift."

PLEASE GIVE BY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20

SCAN TO GIVE
OR VISIT HOPEPD.ORG

Select "Staff Gift" when giving online.



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, Marilyn Atchue-Zuill, Robert Barranco, Vida Besel, Cindy Bjerke, Aaron Castleberry, Scott Fasano, Pearl Den Hartog, Marilyn Dichsen, Bonnie Dixon, Susan Dubbs, Jo Engel, Michael Ebert, Richard Gormley, Steve Gregory, Joanne Held, Kathy Holt, Ginny Horner, Mary Frances King, Jeff & Chris Lane, Jerry Lincoln, Jeanne Mace, Karen Martin, Daniel Mongillo, Mary Ellen Peterson, Lee Pinnow, Pam Ramirez, Deanna Moorehead, Sephora Murray, Redford Sergent, Sara Sergent, Svenja Stodiek, Vera Wall, Annie Whittlesey, Dana Zahler

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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.

I believe most of us would like to leave a legacy. Legacy giving necessarily involves leaving a charitable donation to a non-profit organization. Please consider Hope Lutheran as a means to establish your legacy. You may choose to have your conversations and charitable plan remain anonymous.





A Heartfelt Thank You

We wish to thank a selfless member of our congregation for generously giving their time and talents to repair and beautify our Columbarium.

We are grateful for this thoughtful act of service and care for our church campus.



AFRICAN ASYLUM SEEKERS INITIATIVE

Give Your Old Electronics a New Purpose!

Did you know your unused electronics could make a life-changing difference for someone in need?

Through the African Asylum Seekers Initiative, donated laptops, phones, tablets, and other electronic devices are helping immigrants, asylum seekers, and refugees access education, learn English, complete important paperwork, apply for jobs, and build a better future.

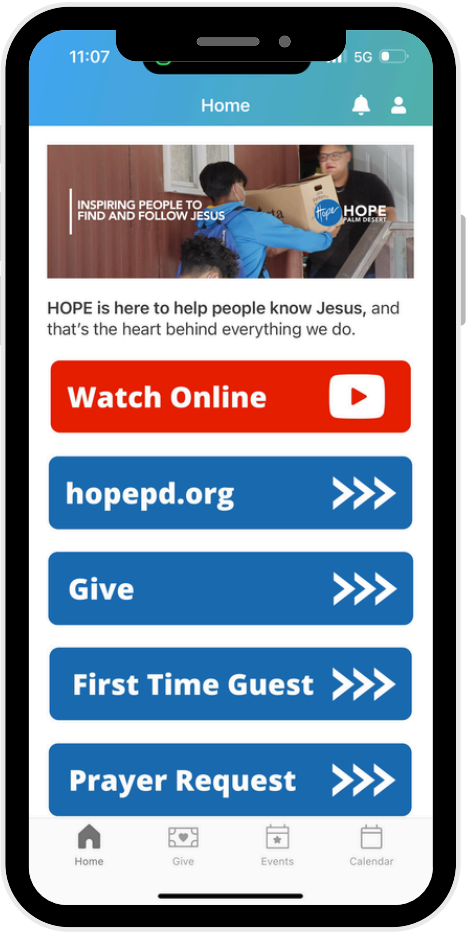
Thanks to the generosity of Hope Lutheran Church and other supporters, more than 100 laptops, along with numerous phones and tablets, have already been distributed to individuals in need, both in the United States and abroad. These donations have made an incredible impact! One young man who lost his leg has been able to use a donated computer for graphic design and to help other immigrants. He is now pursuing his education with plans to attend law school. Another student from the Democratic Republic of the Congo has been able to continue his technology studies in Denver thanks to a donated computer.

The need continues! Currently, 20 laptops are needed to support individuals here in the United States. Hope Lutheran Church will continue accepting donations of unused laptops, phones, tablets, and similar electronic devices. Donated computers are prepared for reuse, with personal data removed and operating systems reinstalled as needed. Apple computer owners should erase their personal data before donating. Your unused electronics could open the door to education, opportunity, and hope for someone else.

Thank you for helping make a difference!







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



Parents' Night Out (Christmas Edition)

Drop off your K - 6th Graders for a magical evening on December 11th from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Parents—enjoy a well-deserved date night or get a head start on your Christmas shopping! ✨ Kids will enjoy games, music, a movie and food!❤️ Let the festive spirit and joyful moments commence!

Raffle Prizes too!!!

Thank you for this opportunity to get to know your child and provide you with a relaxing evening. We are honored to serve you and your family.

Donate here: https://hopechurchpd.churchcenter.com/giving/to/children-ministry

FAMILY Ministry



Serving in Hope Kids is so much more than watching kids.

It's an opportunity to help children know and follow Jesus while creating a safe, fun, and welcoming place where they can experience God's love. As a Hope Kids volunteer, you might laugh and play games, worship together, share Bible stories, and get to witness those incredible moments when a child begins to understand who Jesus is.

And serving doesn't just impact the kids. It's an opportunity to grow in your own relationship with God, discover the gifts He's given you, build relationships with other volunteers, and be part of a ministry that impacts entire families.

We currently need volunteers for both our 9:30 AM Traditional and 10:30 AM Modern services, serving with children from infants through 5th grade.

You don't have to be a Bible expert or have all the answers. You just need a willing heart and a desire to make a difference.

If your heart is stirred by the thought of helping children discover Jesus, we'd love to talk with you!

carlos@hopepd.org
Children's Ministry Director
(760) 485-3328

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.

Student Impact

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 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, December 19th, 2026
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)



Stand Firm

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

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New Year's Eve Laser Tag!

Ring in the New Year with an exciting night of laser tag! Middle and high school students are invited to join us for an evening of fun, friendly competition, and time with friends at the Hope Center.

Date: Thursday, December 31
Time: 5–9 PM
Location: The Hope Center
Who: Middle & High School Students

Important: A parent or guardian must sign a waiver at drop-off for students to participate.

Come ready for an awesome night of laser tag as we celebrate the end of 2026 together!

For questions contact nick@hopepd.org



QUILTERS OF HOPE

The Quilters of Hope will meet on **Wednesday, December 2nd from 9:30 to 11:30 am in the Hope Center.** This will be our only meeting in December due to Holiday festivities. We will be back to our normal schedule in January (1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month).

For more information please call or text Ruth Fikes at 714-642-3773 or email to candrfikes@gmail.com

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry has many beautiful and blessed prayer shawls just waiting to be shared. If you know of anyone who needs a reminder of Jesus' love and a warm comforting hug, please contact any of the Pastors, Deacon John, Stephen's Ministry, or Mary Ellen Peterson and a prayer shawl will be delivered.

For additional information please contact me: Mary Ellen Peterson at (801) 598-7733 or marymelon50@hotmail.com.



Thank You, Palm Springs Pride Volunteers!
A heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone who volunteered at our Hope For All booth during Palm Springs Pride! Your willingness to give your time, share your smiles, and welcome everyone with open hearts made a difference. Through the many conversations, connections, and invitations, you helped share the message that God's love is for ALL people and that everyone has a place at Hope. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus and for helping us put our message of love, acceptance, and inclusion into action. Your Hope For All Leadership Team.

MUSIC AT HOPE



STEPHEN MINISTRY

You Can Play an Important Role in Our Stephen Ministry…

Stephen Ministers show Christ's love through their caring, listening, comforting, and of course, confidentiality. We all face crises in our lives from time to time. A Stephen Minister is your brother or sister in Christ who is there for you— to feel your pain, listen without judging and share God's love. If you or someone you know is struggling right now, please contact Pastor Tony, Deacon John or Jim Barger to talk about a Stephen Minister to help.



Going through the process of grief can feel very isolating and lonely. But, you do not have to walk this journey alone. GriefShare is a place where you can talk, share, and learn about grief together with others who are or have experienced this journey of grief. Everyone's walk with grief is their own, but it does not have to be done alone.

This will be an 11-week course starting January 13th and ending on March 24th. The meetings will be on Wednesday afternoon from 4-6pm. Grief is a difficult process, let's walk through it together.

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.

We will not be meeting on Christmas Eve and on New Years Eve we will have Open Share Groups only at 7pm.





29th Annual Tour de Palm Springs in the Coachella Valley
Saturday, February 6th, 2027

EVERYONE CAN PARTICIPATE! Choose from four different ways.

1) Join Pastor Gesa as she's leading a team for the 64-mile ride through our beautiful Valley. Along the ride there will be snack stops, water stops, and a lunch stop with pasta, burritos, wings, pizza, PB&Js and more. E-Bikes are welcome.

2) Ride any of the other distances. There are rides that go 16, 32, 64 (Metric Century), 77, 88 and 101 miles.

3) Walk/Run 1-3 miles or a 5K.

4) If you're not able to participate the day of the event you can still participate by donating to support the team at www.PledgeReg.com/5621/hopelutheranchurch or directly through the church designated for Women of Hope.

When registering online www.tourdepalmsprings.com you will select Fundraising Team: Hope Lutheran Church. When you do that…100% of your registration fee will go to support programs and projects of the Women of Hope ministry.

Questions? Email gesa@hopepd.org

Looking forward to seeing you at the event!


Angels of Hope
Christmas Gift Outreach
This Advent season, help us bless 300 children from six local elementary schools with Christmas gifts!
PICK UP ANGELS
Sunday, November 22
Angels will be available at Hope for pick-up.
PURCHASE A GIFT
Choose an angel and purchase a gift for that child with a suggested value of $30.
Return wrapped gifts: Sunday, December 13, with the angel securely attached.
Please, no battery-operated toys.
Together, let's share the joy and love of Christmas with children in our community!
Women of HOPE


Parking Lot
SALE
Love God, Love People
Hope FOR ALL
Hope Lutheran Church, Palm Desert
SATURDAY, JANUARY 23
8:00AM TO 12:00 PM
IN THE HOPE
PARKING LOTS
SUPPORT THE HOPE FOR ALL MINISTRY AND FUTURE OUTREACH EVENTS
SELLER REGISTRATION FEE: $25 (1 SPOT) | $35 (2 SPOTS) WHICH ALL WILL GO DIRECTLY INTO THE MINISTRY FUND.
PROCEEDS OF YOUR SALES ARE YOURS AND HANDLED INDIVIDUALLY WITH YOUR PREFERRED PAYMENT METHOD.
REGISTER FOR THE EVENT AT HOPEPD.ORG OR THROUGH OUR CHURCH CENTER APP.
EMAIL AMANDA AT HOPEFORALL@HOPEPD.ORG FOR QUESTIONS.

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

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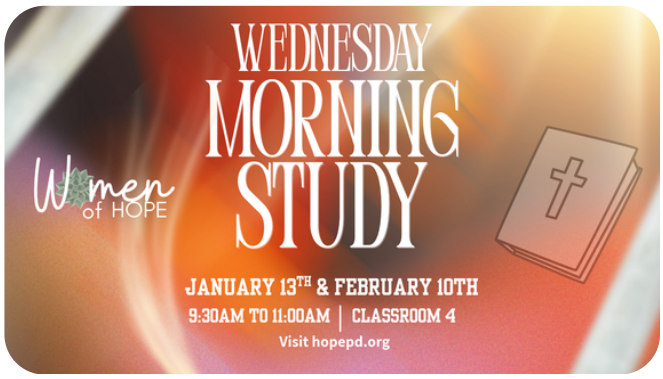

In December only the Wednesday Morning Study meets on Wednesday, December 9th.

Advent Devotional:
"The anchor I choose: Hope," by Kristina Diaz Rivera
What happens when hope becomes a choice?

Sometimes, choosing hope is an act of courage; sometimes, singing is an act of resistance; and sometimes, when we allow ourselves to be fully present in the darkness, beautiful things can be revealed.

Advent is an invitation into a time of waiting and preparation. Let us explore, through Scripture and practice, ways we can remain engaged—approaching hope, peace, joy, and love as choices rather than feelings.

In January both groups continue with this two session study:

"Amos & Micah: Prophets of grief and amazement," by the Rev. Heidi Haverkamp

Session one: Amos of Tekoa
What can we learn from the prophets? Amos was a simple farmer speaking uncomfortable truths to his nation: to lament their sin and greed, but also to joyfully return to amazement at creation and to God's love. What is Amos saying to us today? How are we also called to be prophets?

Session two: Micah of Moresheth
The prophet Micah's words are gentler than the harsh words of Amos, but he was a fierce truth teller: a small town guy prophesying to the big city of Jerusalem. His most famous words are about what God wants: that we do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God – not easy to do, but not brutally demanding or impossible. How could we make these three things part of our lives and churches?

Wednesday Morning Study meets: January 13th and February 10th.
Monday Night Study: January 25th, February tbd

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 David Sommerfeld Billie Intong John Bunge	2 Jeanette Jaime Malia Costello Nick Glover Sally Lynum-Lee Rebekka Voyles Sergio Guzman Aaron Hibler Lilyann Budd Cooper Yeager	3 Sara Gelhaus Helen Pingel Shawn Merlez	4 Dylan Hawke Jon Karr Lisa Pulice Stephanie Roberts Nancy Frey	5 Brenda Kay Renbarger Jana Livingston Shari Arias Jade Aguirre Ethney Amador **VAL and BUTCH DONAHUE**
6 Paul Meinhold Alana Jones Jayne Strelecki Debbie Barger Timothy Herrera	7 Rachel Hudgens George Peterson	8 Jordan Costello Lu Ann Beckloff Stephanie Erickson Juan Guiterrez Avery Abubo Joah Prather Jessica Abubo	9 Susan Sommerfeld Leah Sellers	10 Micaela Cespedes Ruby Mullendore Jennifer King Kevin McJilton Ashley Aguera Blake Borate **JAYNE and EVELYN STRELECKI** **RONALD and JOYCE DORELL**	11 Eugene Kuebler E. Diane Smith Gerald Sharon Sebastian Mandarano Tom Hart Aidan Pinal	12 Carolyn Gottlieb James Kotz Avery Wynne Bethany Marinez Harper Wynne Lauren Wynne Jonathon O'Donnell Wyatt Bell Cade Ransom
13 Patricia Lee Elaine Roze Bill Stark Fisher Harvey Joel Lindstrom Alisa Cloe Nancy Weber DENNIS and JACKIE HART	14 Barbara Alford Carl Lee Gabriel Strange	15 Craig Michaels Edie Dodd Karsen Middleton Taelyn Rabb Gavin Himler	16 Nate Karr Rosa Zingg	17 Lexy Clay Mario Apodaca Deanna McLaughlin **BOB and LINDA STERTON**	18 Lenor Jones Evie Middleton Joey Bock	19 Chris Backeberg Heather Van Meeteren Leah Mahery Michael Smith Debera Ellingboe Carol Tiffin **RICHARD and DEBERA ELLINGBOE** **RICHARD and CAROL SAVAGE**
20 Marcia McAfee Pam Bowman Skylaire Cabrera Leah Tohlchinsky	21 Jack Bjerke Emily Johns Adelen Blandon Mary Welcome Barbara Savery BARBARA and BILL SAVERY	22 Susan Le Cornu Megan Dolan Amber Tanner Jack Tanner Sean Poe Silas Vizcarra	23 Brian Nealy Richard Wolsky Connie Anderson Mark Sasueda Alex Arellano	24 Liz Biller Corinne Bjerke Jerry Bucklin Cheryl Spanbauer Simon Hughes	25 Sandy McGinnis David Robinson Samara Rodriguez Shashi Canterberry	26 Charlotte Larsen Kimberly Moon Pat Ryden Holly Thackrah Taylen Christensen
27 Robert Christensen Lyn Sabin Dr. Monte Russell **JOHN and WALLI WEITZ**	28 Lou Ann Henkens Isaiah Rodriguez Laila Estrada ROBERT and JUDY REED	29 Gracie Zahler Mackenzie Bristow Rick Mclees Sofia Benjamin Lucas Newell Gotham Viak	30 Joshua Renner Aidan Lopez Bob Randall Debbie Scott Tanya Lee Jim Allison Joseph Pollard	31 Arlene Bengston Michael Mortenson Ollie George Sam Villaita Elijah Smith		

DECEMBER 2026

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6 8:00am/9:30am Traditional Worship 9:30/10:30am Hope Kids 10:30am Modern Worship Desert Chorale Concert 3PM	7 9:00am Hope Outreach	8 9:00am Bible Study Fellowship (BSF)	9 9:30am Women of Hope Study 6pm Stand Firm 6pm VIBES	10 6:30pm Hope Choir 7:00pm Celebrate Recovery	11 6:00pm Parent Night Out	12 10:00am Desert Viking
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20 8:00am/9:30am Traditional Worship 9:30/10:30am Hope Kids 10:30am Modern Worship	21 6:00pm Longest Night Service	22 3:00pm Hope Book Club	23 6pm Stand Firm 6pm VIBES	24 Office Closed Christmas Eve: MODERN: 3PM & 5PM TRADITIONAL: 4PM & 6PM 4:00pm Winter Wonderland	25 CHRISTMAS DAY!	28
27 8:00am/9:30am Traditional Worship 9:30/10:30am Hope Kids 10:30am Modern Worship	28 Office Closed	29	30 6pm Stand Firm 6pm VIBES	31 NEW YEARS EVE Office Closed 5:00pm Laser Tag 7:00pm Celebrate Recovery		

ALTAR FLOWERS/NEEDY PERSONS FUND

Altar Flowers Given By		Needy Persons Fund Given By
Given by: **Scott & Sheri Bartholomaus** In Memory of **Helen Bartholomaus**	DECEMBER 6	Given by: **Jan & Brian Harnik** To the Glory of God
Given by: **Barbara Spencer** In Memory of **Stu Spencer**	DECEMBER 13	Given by: **Reynold Worch** In Memory of Husband, Donald Foster
Given by: **Richard & Debera Ellingboe** In Memory of father Charles	DECEMBER 20	Given by: **Janice Barnes** To the Glory of God
Given by: **Reynold Worch** To the Glory of God	DECEMBER 27	Given by: **Janice Barnes** To the Glory of God

Sign-up sheets now available for 2027 at the Information Center
or call the office at 760.346.1273.

"Sharing the Gifts of God"	October 2026
Average Weekly Attendance (including online)	633
Offering	$99,314
Miscellaneous Income	$834
Total	$100,148
Average Weekly Income	$25,037

ONLINE AND ONCAMPUS WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

WHAT	WHEN	WHERE
Traditional Services	Sundays 8:00am & 9:30am	On Campus
Modern Services	Sundays 10:30am	On Campus
Online Service	Available Sundays at 8:00am	hopepd.org
Hope Kids	Sundays 9:30am & 10:30am	On Campus
Women's Gather Study	December 9th	On Campus
Men & Nonbinary Group	Wednesday Dec. 2nd & 16th at 9:00am	Conference Room
Stand Firm	Wednesdays, 6:00pm - 8:00pm	On Campus
Hope Book Club	Tuesday, December 22 3:00pm	On Campus
Quilters of Hope	Wednesday, December 2nd, 9:30am - 11:30am	Hope Center
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

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