

## ***WELCOME GUESTS***

Please sign the attendance slip at the end of the pew and pass it on.

Please join us for refreshments in the Fellowship Hall following worship.

Interested in learning more about Hope UMC? Would you like a visit? Would you like to join? Please contact Pastor Russ, Pastor Jan Redman, or the church office.

**Hearing Devices:** Hearing devices are available in the tech booth at the back of the sanctuary. The tech volunteer will be happy to assist you.

**Transportation Ministry:** If you need a ride to a Sunday service, please call the church before Friday noon.

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**Bulletin announcements due Wednesday by noon.**  
**Newsletter items due the 17<sup>th</sup> of the month**



Hope United Methodist Church  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Worship Celebration for May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Greet One Another**

**\*Responsive Call to Worship**

Liturgist: We gather together to worship our loving, nurturing God, who, like a mother, knows us intimately, loves us unconditionally, teaches us the way we should go, and comforts us in times of need.

**All: Praise God, the Source and Sustainer of life!**

**\*Responsive Opening Prayer**

Liturgist: Gracious God, as a mother loves her child so you love us.

**All: We praise and thank you.**

Liturgist: We owe our very lives to you.

You have watched over us from our birth,

tenderly nurturing us, showering us with love.

When we have needed you, you have been there.

**All: We praise and thank you.**

**\*Song of Praise**

*“10,000 Reasons”*

**Old Testament Reading**

*Isaiah 49:15-16*

**Song of Praise**

*“For the Beauty of the Earth” Hymn #92 Verses 1, 4, 5, 6*

**Unison Congregational Prayer on Mother’s Day**

**On this day when we acknowledge the importance of motherhood among us, we first give thanks that you are a loving parent to us all. From your being all life was born, and in your bosom all creation is nurtured. We celebrate your divine love, reflected in human expressions of motherhood. We give you thanks for the mothers among us, and ask that you strengthen them in their daily tasks. May they be given the honor and thanks they deserve but often do not receive.**

**We thank you for all motherly figures: grandmothers, aunts, sisters, wives, step-mothers, foster mothers, guardians, babysitters, teachers, health care providers, neighbors, friends, loved ones, and many others, who practice self-sacrifice and embody compassion to all who are privileged to be in their influence. Grant them vigor to carry on their work, and the satisfaction that the holy privilege of their task affords.**

**Sharing of Joys & Prayer Requests**

**Pastor’s Prayer**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Children’s Message**

*Gathering Song*

*“Children of the Heavenly Father” Hymn #141 Verses 1, 2, 3*

**Janelle Jacobsen**

**Unison Prayer of Dedication**

**God of Great gifts,**

**we give you these gifts today**

**knowing that you are the Father of gifts.**

**You mother us constantly**

**providing for us, caring for us.**

**As we have been abundantly provided for,**

**so we give abundantly to the work that you give us to do,**

**the work of the church,**

**the care for those who are poor.**

**Accept these gifts in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

**Offering**

**Offering Hymn**

*“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”*

*Hymn #384*

**\*The Doxology**

**New Testament Reading**

*Galatians 5:13-26*

**Message**

*“The Fruit of the Spirit: Love, Joy, Peace”*

**Pastor Russ Jacobsen**

**\*Response**

*“Loving Spirit”*

*The Faith We Sing #2123*

**\*Benediction**

May God, who gave birth to all creation, bless us:

may God, who became incarnate by an earthly mother, bless us:

may God, who broods as a mother over her children, bless us.

May almighty God bless us, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

now and for ever. **Amen.**

Technology: David Sparks

Liturgist: Jenny Lewis

Accompanist: Staci Thompson

Greeters: Marilyn Anderson & Family

Ushers: Steve & Mavis Scheid,

Reta Steele, Nancy Cole

## ***PRAYER MINISTRY***

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- Helen Allen
  - Muriel Hanna
  - Jerry Henke
  - Merre Kivlin
  - Peter Ochs
  - Lonny Schmidtke
  - Michael Schuster
  - Maggie Johnson & Family
  - Gerald Schutrop
  - Newt Toland
  - Jim Whitney
- In the service of our country: Tucker Bottin, Aron Goshorn, Bryce Hanson, David Miller, Cole Steinke, Terry Keithahn, Kenneth Torgerson, Michael Wohlrabe, and Brett Sandum.
- Armed Services personnel and their families.
- Members and Friends in Health Care Centers and those at their homes including: Mary Fenske, Mae Hove, John Karels, June Scheid, Betty Swant, and Caroline Whitney.

## ***BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES***

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- May 12<sup>th</sup>: Jessica Eckmann  
May 13<sup>th</sup>: Robin Parsons, Gordy Bruellman  
May 14<sup>th</sup>: Kathy Anderson  
May 15<sup>th</sup>: Doug Richards  
May 16<sup>th</sup>: Judy Bailey  
May 18<sup>th</sup>: David Berndt, TJ Lewis, James Whitney, Lisa Frommie

- May 14<sup>th</sup>: Nicholas & Crystal Uecker  
May 17<sup>th</sup>: Tim & Sue Perrizo

### **Announcements**

There will be a congregational informational meeting on Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm to discuss some upcoming support staff transitions and a general emphasis on trimming our local church budget in light of recent giving trends.

Shirley Sackett is looking for help to help pack her apartment as the moving truck will be here May 15<sup>th</sup> and is also looking for a home for some items. Please call her at 526-2195

## ***MAY MISSION OPPORTUNITIES***

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### **UMCOR Health Kits**

During April and May the Mission Committee will be collecting money and the following items for health kits; hand towels, wash cloths, combs, nail clippers, adult toothbrushes, band aids, & bath size soap bars.

### **LOVE Offering**

Each year, churches in the Minnesota Annual Conference take a Love Offering for missions. The offering is brought to annual conference session—a gathering of United Methodist clergy and laity from across the state.

Donations to the 2018 Love Offering totaled \$106,000. They went to Puerto Rico Hurricane Recovery Trips (65 percent), Park Avenue UMC Children’s Defense Fund Freedom Schools Program (20 percent), and NUMAS Haus (15 percent).

The theme of the 2019 Annual Conference session—taking place June 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> in St. Cloud—is “Dare to Reach—Love Boldly!” This year’s Love Offering will include two parts—a financial offering and an offering of names.

The funds from this year’s financial offering will go to three projects: Lao Samphan Methodist Church, Volunteer Lawyers Network, and Volunteers in Mission Scholarships. The second part of the Love Offering will be an opportunity to offer our prayers, witness, and relationships to God in service to the Great Commission.

### **Lawn Mowing!**

Please consider seeing the sign-up sheet in the Narthex to volunteer for mowing the church lawn.

### **VBS**

Mary is in search of old maps for a VBS project this summer.

## ***SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS***

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**This morning's Hope Radio Broadcast on KBEW, 1560 AM, is being sponsored by Audrey Brod in Memory of Laurie Erichsrud whom passed away 43 years ago today.**

Our Administrative Assistant Brandi Markey has given us notice that she and her family are moving to Michigan at the end of the month. We are sorry to see them leave! Brandi and Clint have been filling three distinct roles for Hope: Administrative Assistant, Bookkeeper, and Janitor.

The SPRC met on May 6 to discuss handling this change. We also took into consideration that our local church giving has not been keeping up with expenses the last 16 months. Therefore, the SPRC gave careful consideration as to how we can potentially reduce budget and developed a proposal to reduce expenses by nearly 20%. The proposal will be forwarded to proper committees for review and possible approval. You will be hearing more about proposed budget cuts in the weeks to come.

Our immediate task is to find ways to cover the three tasks mentioned above. Here is the SPRC's specific proposal:

Bookkeeping duties (i.e. writing checks, financial statements) be contracted out to Rollenhagen.

Approximate cost: \$300 per month.

Janitor: We recommend experimenting with a rotation of volunteers.

Administrative Assistant: Hope hire an Administrative Assistant for 11 hours per week (plus 2 more hours per week each for Elmore UMC and Winnebago UMC for a total of 15 hours per week.) The specific qualifications we are looking for are listed below:

The basics of the position are: 15 hours a week. There is a possibility of expanding those hours.

You can imagine the qualifications needed:

Ability to represent Christ and our congregation to our guests, members and others

Self-starter and ability to multi-task

Computer skills and ability to handle varied office equipment

Financial record keeping experience helpful (for maintaining donor records)

Pleasant interpersonal skills in person and on phone

Ability to maintain confidentiality, Detail oriented, Flexible, able to take direction

Anyone interested in the Administrative Assistant position should contact Pastor Russ.

Summary: These steps are somewhat experimental. We believe that it will be hard to find a qualified volunteer to handle our church bookkeeping. We already have a relationship with Rollenhagen as a congregation . . . We might not be able to get volunteers to cover all the janitorial duties, but we can at least try. And even if we can get volunteers to do SOME of the duties, we can save money . . . 15 hours a week might not be enough to handle the office duties. If we need to add more hours, we can do so in the future. But at this time, we are trying to be aggressive in making prudent cuts to the budget while maintaining the ministries and functions of the congregation.

## ***UPCOMING EVENTS***

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**May 12<sup>th</sup> – May 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>**

*Happy Mother's Day*

9 AM: Worship

10:10 AM: Last Day of Sunday School

**Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup>**

7 PM: Congregational Information Meeting

**Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>**

1 PM: UMCOR Work Day

**Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>**

7 AM: Men's Breakfast @ Mc Donald's

5:45 PM: Meal

6:30 PM: Worship Service & Confirmation

**Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup>**

9 AM: Faith Circle

9:30 AM: Rachel Circle

**Office Hours**

**9 am – Noon; Monday, Wednesday & Friday**

**Next Week: May 19<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**

*Confirmation*

*Volunteer Recognition*

9 AM: Worship

5-7:30 PM: Church Reserved

**Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup>**

5 PM: SPRC

**Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>**

2 PM: Interfaith Caregivers Memory Café

**Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>**

5:45 PM: Meal

6:30 PM: Worship Service & Confirmation

**May 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Liturgist:** Barb Hanson

**Greeters:** Steve & Beth Core

**Ushers:** Lisa Peterson, Diana Porter, Gordy Miller, JR Hanson

**Accompanists:** Gail Keck 19<sup>th</sup>, David Murray 26<sup>th</sup>