

## UPCOMING EVENTS

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Monday, August 19<sup>th</sup>

6 PM – Finance

7 PM – Administrative Council

### Wednesday, August 21<sup>st</sup>

6:30PM Mid-Week service

### Thursday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>

6:30 PM Prayer Shawl

### Friday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>

End of Summer Bash!

6:00PM Outdoor games,  
campfire, s'mores, & more!

7:30PM showing of the movie  
*Breakthrough*

### Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>

**Liturgist:** Doug Richards

**Accompanist:** Gail Keck

**Greeters:** Jean Nelson,  
Betty Fenske

**Ushers:** Daryl & Judy Murray,  
Tim & Jodie Murray

No UMCOR work day on  
Sept 10<sup>th</sup>.

**During August, the Mission Committee will be collecting items for school kits.** They will be used locally, nationally, and internationally. There will be a basket and bulletin board with the items we will be needing. Cash donations are always welcome. Just note on your check that it is for School Kits. One or two items from each of us will make a major impact.

The **Lord's Acre** signup sheet is now up on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Together, we can do great things! Those who are willing to pledge the income from one acre of crop or rent from this 2019 year, sign up as a Farmer. Those who are willing to pledge \$70 under a Farmer's name, sign up as a Renter. These contributions can be placed in the offering plate – memo line "Lord's Acre". This past year, we aimed the collected funds to our Christmas Cantata music, Riverside Cemetery, Habitat for Humanity-Faribault County and our Midwest Mission Distribution Center. Thank you to all who so graciously give to help those who are in need.

Please keep Gail Keck in your prayers as she will be traveling to **Sierra Leone on a Medical Mission Trip** September 9th-22nd, 2019. Gail has paid her own way, so any money donated will go to Africa Uplifted to be used for their ongoing projects. **Africa Uplifted** is a charity whose mission is to enrich the lives of the people of Sierra Leone by promoting basic wellness, removing barriers to education, satisfying essential physical needs, nurturing spiritual development, and creating economic opportunities. You can find much more about Africa Uplifted at their website at [www.africauplifted.org](http://www.africauplifted.org). If you'd like to assist in monetary donations for Sierra Leone please put "Africa Uplifted" in your check memo in Sunday's offering.

**Technology:** David Sparks

**Liturgist:** Jenny Lewis

**Accompanist:** Staci Thompson

**Greeters:** Jean Nelson, Betty Fenske

**Ushers:** Daryl & Judy Murray, Tim & Jodie Murray

**This morning's Hope Radio Broadcast on KBEW, 1560 AM, is sponsored by Bob & Carol Grapevine in honor of all August birthdays!**



## Hope United Methodist Church

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Church office hours are 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM; Tuesday & Thursday

## Worship Celebration ~ August 18th

### Prelude

### Announcements

### Greet One Another

### Gathering God's People

**\*Contemporary Gathering Words** *Ephesians 5* (from Ministry Matters)

**Time slips away like water in the hand, or a balloon lifted into the sky. We think there is plenty, but then it is gone, wasted. So it is the will of God that we invest our time wisely in the divine work of worship. Today we lift our voices and raise our hands, seeking to be filled with the Spirit, in the name of Jesus Christ.**

**Hymn** ~ *"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"* H#133

**\*Unison Opening Prayer** (1 Kings 3)

**O Lord our God, though we are as little children, not fully able to discern the spiritual forces coming in and out of our lives, you have chosen us as your people. Give your servants understanding minds to discern between the good and evil surrounding us each day, that we may choose what is good and pleasing in your sight. Amen.**

### Hope Choir Anthem

**Time for the Children** *"Jesus Loves Me"* v. 1 H#191

### Sharing of Joys & Prayer Requests

**Prayer Hymn** ~ *"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"* v. 1, 2, 5 H#500

**Prayer of Confession** (Ephesians 5, John 6, Psalm 111)

**Lord, we have lived as unwise people. God, forgive us for wasting time. We have been foolish. Jesus, forgive us for not understanding your will. We have filled ourselves with the wine of worldliness. Holy Spirit, forgive us for not being filled with you. We have forsaken your spiritual food. Great Triune God of grace, forgive us for not drawing our strength from your bread of heaven. Almighty God, please add to your mighty deeds by forgiving our transgressions.**

Please remain in silent prayer...

## Words of Assurance/Pastoral Prayer/The Lord's Prayer ~ H # 895

The Lord is gracious to us and gentle.

The Lord heals our souls with love.

The Lord is merciful, providing spiritual food for the hungry.

Be healed in your hearts and be fed in your souls

by the forgiveness found in Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Hearing God's Word

**Old Testament Lesson** ~ 1 Kings 3:4-5, 9-14 (The Message)

**Epistle Lesson** ~ Ephesians 5:15-20 (Common English Bible) – Jan

**Message** ~ *"It's the Lord's Will..."* - Pastor Jan Redman

### Responding to God's Word

Giving Back to God Through Our Tithes and Offerings

### Offertory

**\*The Doxology** H#95

**\*Offering Prayer**

**O God of abundance, what you shower upon us is more than we need! We gratefully give back a portion of our blessings to be blessed, allowing us to follow your will for us, that we will live our lives in generous giving. We lift these gifts to your honor and glory, that they may be multiplied to minister to the world. Amen.**

### Sending Forth God's People

**Hymn** ~ *"O Spirit of the Living God"* v. 1 H #539

**Benediction** (1 Kings 3)

**Grant us, O Lord, understanding minds, that we might know how to live. Grant us discerning hearts, that we might know the difference between good and evil, and how we might live to please you. Grant us, O Lord, peace and prosperity all our days, to the glory of your name.**

**Response** ~ *"O Spirit of the Living God"* v. 2 H #539