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# WORDS OF HOPE

*May and June 2017*

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## Bird's Eye View



In life we've often used the phrase, "It didn't turn out as I had planned." That can certainly be said for the start of 2017 at Hope. As is shared in this newsletter and through other mediums at Hope, our ministry staff is in the midst of a lot of transitions. By the middle of June, Hope will have said goodbye to three staff members. It is a sad occasion when those we love leave and we find ourselves in a new season of life together.

The disciples experienced a difficult transition after Jesus' death and resurrection. They had to learn how to continue in ministry without His physical presence with them. They had a choice. They could run away and disconnect from each other and Jesus' commission upon their lives. Or, they could come together, provide support to one another, and live into their new season with hope and courage.

Sometimes we can experience so much transition that we become weary and anxious, wondering what change we will have to endure next. But, transition does not have to be met with resistance. Growing churches are always in transition. From building programs to classroom changes to staff adjustments to flexible schedules to added ministries, growing churches must constantly prepare for the transitions that come with growth.

Transitions are not easy. Within the life of the church they involve people and relationships, which are more delicate than facilities and schedules. Nevertheless, the church is called to learn to adapt to the transitions of ministry life together.

In my experience, transitions can be incredibly beneficial and wisely handled, or disastrous and poorly planned. There are some elements to our continued transition of which I would like to remind us:

**Allow God to Work:** Sometimes we can work too hard through our transitions that we do not leave room for God to work. Throughout my years in ministry, I am learning how to let God work in and through the heart of everyone. God is at work, even when I am not. I have learned to remind myself of the truth that God loves the church, even more than we do! It is important to trust that love and give God the space to work. We need to be careful to not complain, or gossip, or rebel against the movement of God in the midst of transition. When we create the "what if" scenarios, we bind God and it keeps us from fully living into God's promises. Sometimes God uses transitions to mold us and remind us that He is "working for the good of those who love him" (Romans 8:28).

**Affirm One Another:** Transitions are difficult periods of adjustment for everyone. It is important to express encouragement and support to one another. It is important to love each other, even when we do not agree. If transition is to create a stronger and healthier church, our encouragement of one another and our affirmation of each others' gifts and talents is critical to being the church at its best. Remember, there is no law against loving one another!

**Accept Responsibility:** It is not only important to accept responsibility for the things we say we are going to do and the commitments we make to one another in the midst of our life together, but it is just as important, if not more, to accept responsibility for the needs of others. During transition, it is easy for people to disconnect or fall through the cracks. These are times when we are all called to be sensitive to others and go the extra mile in bearing the burdens and sharing in the joys of one another.

**Anticipate Blessings:** Transition is often a part of growth, and that is certainly the case here at Hope. Difficult as it may be, it is a part of the bigger picture. As we are faithful to God and to one another in transition, God blesses our life together in ways that are often not measurable. God desires to bless His people and the way we journey through transition together will allow us to experience blessings we have not even imagined.

Our transition continues. Can we embrace it? Can we commit to allowing God to work, affirming one another, accepting responsibility, and anticipating the blessings of God? Knowing the hearts and lives of the people who make up Hope Church, I am confident that this season of transition will allow us to live into the "new" that God is creating all around us!

Grace & Peace,

Pastor Don

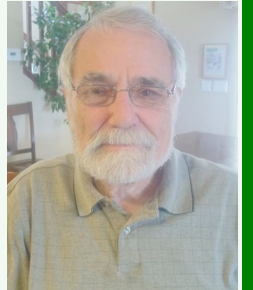
## SUMMER PASTORAL CARE

With Pastor Don away on Renewal Leave, Hope is presented with the extraordinary opportunity to use the gifts of Hope members to meet the needs of its members. This Summer, Rev. Pat Johnson and Dr. Jerry Brewster will be assisting Pastor Stephanie with pastoral care needs in the congregation.

Rev. Pat Johnson is a retired ordained elder in the United Methodist Church and is also a Licensed Clinical Social Worker. Jerry Brewster has been a lifelong Methodist, serving as a lay pastor prior to beginning his career as a dentist.

Both Pat and Jerry have a gift for bringing a smile to the face of the other through acts of kindness. We are blessed to have both of them on our team this summer making pastoral calls and hospital visits. Thank you, Pat and Jerry!

If you have a pastoral concern or need, we would love to know. Please call the office at 303-779-1040 and Donna Brady will connect you to a pastoral care provider.



## *"Leave a Legacy of Hope!"*

Sponsored by Hope UMC Endowment Committee

WHY WE REMEMBERED HOPE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IN OUR WILLS:

*"We recently completed our estate planning which included two wills, medical and financial powers of attorney, and a statement of our thoughts about medical treatment if we become terminally ill. Our instructions for the disposition of our estate include a gift to Hope United Methodist Church. Part of this analysis and process helped us identify what is important to us – family, personal dignity during medical treatment, prized possessions for our loved ones, and our church. Hope UMC has supported us spiritually, emotionally, educationally, and socially. We hope our gifts can help spread that support to others long after we are gone."*

Statement from a married couple, current members of Hope UMC.

## LIVING INTO BELOVED COMMUNITY: Food & Water Insecurity and Justice

Thursday, June 15 - 18, 2017

Marriott Hotel-Ballroom

Denver Tech Center

4900 S Syracuse St, Denver CO 80237

With Annual Conference just down the street this year, Hope members have a wonderful opportunity to participate in Annual Conference Worship Services!

**Communion and Memorial Service** at 7PM on June 15, 2017

**Ordination and Commissioning** with Bishop Karen Oliveto Preaching) at 8:30AM on June 18, 2017

# Faith Fair 2017 - Confirmation Projects!!



**Starting Point** is an opportunity for you to discover more about the ministries of Hope Church and how you can become more deeply connected to the life of the church or become a member of our community of faith!

Our next gathering will be on Wednesday, **June 7, 6:00-8:00 p.m.** Childcare is provided. Please email Pastor Don Bird at [don.bird@hope-umc.org](mailto:don.bird@hope-umc.org) or go online to sign-up, or just stop by!

Please join us in saying farewell our amazing District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Melanie Rosa! A Conference-wide reception will be held in her honor on Sunday, May 7 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Hope UMC. Cards would be a lovely gesture as we gather to show our appreciation for a District Superintendent who has guided Hope UMC with such wisdom and grace over these past six years.



## Celebrate ALL WOMEN on Mother's Day!



Hope invites you to join us as we celebrate all the women who surround and care for us this Mother's Day, May 14. The Funky Brewster Coffee Cart Company will be in Fellowship Hall from 9:15 a.m.-10:45a.m. to serve up a free special drink to any women present. Drinks will be created upon request by a trained barista and are available hot or cold, caffeinated or caffeine-free!

## SPRC Update: Staff Transitions

The Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) is responsible to the congregation for ensuring that the staffing needs of Hope Church are met. The SPRC has been busy this year as Hope undergoes three different staffing transitions. We would like to communicate these changes with you.

In April, SPRC received resignation letters from our Director of Communications, Lauren Boyd, and from our Director of Youth Ministries, Colin Armstrong. We are sad to see them leave their roles at Hope, but we know that "for everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven" (Ecclesiastes 3:1). Lauren has been appointed ¾ time at Montclair UMC and Be3 and Colin is pursuing new endeavors in ministry. We will create opportunities to celebrate their ministry with us and SPRC is currently exploring how their ministry responsibilities will be covered until new leadership is found.

As has already been communicated, SPRC continues the search for our new part-time Music Director. We have received resumes and will be conducting interviews in early May. We hope to have a decision to share with the congregation soon!

On a happy note, our Treasurer, Matt McGarrity, will not be leaving his position at Hope! His family decided not to move and we are blessed he is able to remain on our staff team.

We will keep Hope updated as we journey through our transitions together. Please pray for Lauren and Colin as they enter into new seasons in life and pray for the Music Director search team. We are grateful for the faithfulness of our Hope community as we continue our journey together.



Pastor Stephanie has planned a wonderful summer worship series beginning with a four week sermon series, “A Simple Summer” focusing on slowing down and embracing all our lives have to offer. We will use the next four weeks to enjoy the sermon series, “Potluck Preachers,” featuring amazing local guest preachers!

To focus on the simplicity of summer and to intentionally deepen the sense of community at Hope Church, from **July 2 – September 10 we will have ONE worship service at 10:00 a.m.**

Our “Simple Summer” sermon series will feature a 4-week all church study, led by Paul Grossman. “A Life of Simplicity” bible study will meet from 8:45-9:45 a.m. on Sunday mornings from July 16 - August 6. Everyone is welcome to drop in on any or all of the four gatherings.

## THE SUMMER PATH

Join the over 75 Hope members who have deepened their connection to one another and God by signing up for a Path Session! The Path is a meaningful way to grow spiritually while forming lasting relationships with others.

### Monday Morning Path Gathering

Facilitator: Pastor Stephanie

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

June 12, 26; July 10, 24; August 7, 21

### Sunday Evening Path Gathering

Co-Facilitators: Mary Jane Harmony and Pat Johnson

5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

June 11, 25; July 9, 23; August 13, 27

## THE FAMILY PATH

Are you looking for a way to feel more connected to your children or grandchildren? Do your children or grandchildren have tough faith questions that sometime leave you wondering what to say next? When it comes to everyday life, faith can be an amazing resource for children growing up in a world that often feels chaotic and unpredictable.

This Summer's Family Path Session is designed to introduce spiritual practices that will help you and your children grow closer to God and one another while equipping you to incorporate faith into your everyday lives. Each gathering will last just over an hour and will include a meal and hands-on activities that will help you 'practice what you preach' all through the week.

### The Family Path Sessions will run twice this Summer:

#### Session 1

Wednesday Evenings

5:00 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

June 14, 28; July 12, 26

#### Session 2

Wednesday Evenings

5:00 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

July 19; August 2, 16, 30

To register please email Pastor Stephanie at [stephanie.price@hope-umc.org](mailto:stephanie.price@hope-umc.org) or call 303-779-1040 (x20).

Registration will close for the first Session on May 30, 2017.

Each Path Session is limited to six families. Cost due at registration is \$25 and will help cover the cost of craft supplies.

## Kate's Korner

VBS - Vacation Bible School is June 19-23. We will be looking for donations for food and decorations. To donate food, please sign up here: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044fa8a728a1fa7-vbssnack>. A complete list for decorating donations will be done by the middle of May. Please watch the bulletin or Hope Happenings for further information on how you can help! Contact Kate at [kate.stapleton@hope-umc.org](mailto:kate.stapleton@hope-umc.org) with questions.



We have a new camp coming to Hope this summer -- Cooking with Faith! This camp is for kids who are currently in K-5th grade and will be July 10-14 from 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. It will combine cooking with professional caterer Leabeth Pohl and art and Bible stories. We will eat what we make every day for lunch and host a lunch for parents on Friday. Forms are available at the Welcome Center at church or email Kate for a form.

Contact Kate Stapleton at [kate.stapleton@hope-umc.org](mailto:kate.stapleton@hope-umc.org) with any questions.

## SUMMER CAMP at Buckhorn Camp: Jul 14-16, 2017

It's BACK! Every year Hope participates in Family Camp at Buckhorn United Methodist Camp in Bellvue, Colorado. Family Camp is special chance to get away and reconnect! We pack as much (or as little) fun as possible into this short weekend. Along the way we have a whole range of activities including hiking, shooting archery, challenging your kids to carpetball, rock climbing, balancing on our low ropes course, frisbee golf, 9 square in the air, fishing at the pond or just relaxing in a hammock.



If you aren't careful all the kids will disappear into the Gaga pit (ground based dodgeball) and you'll be left to kick back with other parents over coffee. It is all there at Buckhorn's Family Camp! The cost for the camp is only \$80 per person and includes four meals and a cabin with a private bathroom for each family. For questions or to register, please email Pastor Stephanie at [stephanie.price@hope-umc.org](mailto:stephanie.price@hope-umc.org).

## Worship on The Land

840 S. Powhaton Rd. Aurora, CO For driving directions go to [www.thelandumc.org](http://www.thelandumc.org)

Join us as we gather to worship and bless this budding faith community in Aurora, Colorado. Worshipers are invited to grab a lawn chair and head on out to the plains of Colorado as we gather under tents for communion, prayer, and community. If you would like to bring a snack for the potluck picnic, coming together for food and fellowship is also a tradition we are continuing out at the Land. Please remember to bring your water bottle. It's recommended that you also wear jeans and sturdy shoes, sunscreen and a hat.

### Upcoming Worship Dates:

Saturday, May 13, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. and Saturday, August 12, 2017 at 10:00am



Our "Preacher Potluck" sermon series will feature amazing guest preachers outlined below. During this series, we will offer hospitality and build community through weekly potluck/picnic on the lawn of the church!

### August 13: Rev. Dr. Tezenlo Thong, District Superintendent

Rev. Dr. Tezenlo Thong grew up in Nagaland as a Baptist. Prior to coming the United States, he served a number of churches in India and Korea. Eunjung Han, his wife, grew up in the Presbyterian tradition and is Korean. Their three children were born in three different countries. As Tezenlo notes, "Our family is not only international but also ecumenical." Tezenlo and his family arrived in Kansas City, KS, in August 2001, where Tezenlo completed his MA in Religious Studies at Central Baptist Theological Seminary. In 2009, Tezenlo earned a PhD degree in Religious and Theological Studies (Social Change) from the University of Denver and the Iliff School of Theology. Tezenlo was commissioned as a provisional elder in the Rocky Mountain Conference of The United Methodist Church in 2008 and ordained an elder in 2010. Tezenlo is currently serving as the pastor of Simpson United Methodist Church in Arvada, Colorado, where he has served since 2012. He served the Vineland United Methodist Church in Pueblo, Colorado from July 2008 to June 2012.

Tezenlo is the author of two books: *Progress and Its Impact on the Nagas: A Clash of Worldviews (Vitality of Indigenous Religions)* (2014) and *Colonialization, Proselytization, and Identity: The Nagas and Westernization in Northeast India* (2016).

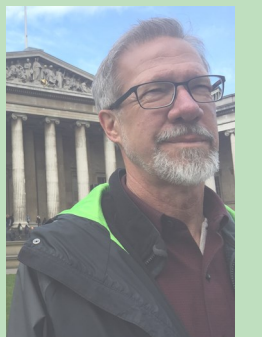


### August 20: Rev. Jasper Peters, Pastor at Belong UMC

Rev. Jasper Peters serves as the Lead Pastor of the new United Methodist faith community, Belong located in Denver, Colorado. Belong is a Christian community committed to valuing, welcoming, and affirming the full diversity of all people. Rev. Peters is a graduate of The Iliff School of Theology and an ordained elder in the United Methodist Church. He lives in Denver with his wife, Kimberly, and two sons.

### August 27: Rev. Vern Rempel, Pastor of Beloved Congregation

Rev. Dr. Vern Rempel has been a Mennonite pastor for 31 years, in three congregations. He has also studied family systems with Ed Friedman and Courage and Renewal facilitation with Parker Palmer. His Doctor of Ministry degree is from Iliff School of Theology where he focused on poetry and preaching. Vern is married with two adult children and their spouses, and one grandson, who lives in England.



### September 3: Rev. Margaret Gilikin, District Superintendent

Rev. Margaret Gillikin serves as the Superintendent of the Trinity District of the Rocky Mountain Conference, headquartered in Pueblo, covering 55,000 square miles of southeastern Colorado. She experiences deep connectedness with God in many forms of creative expression, including ministry experiments, collaborative leadership, singing and pastel painting. Given that no one is gifted in all things, don't ask her to dance as she is lucky to walk and chew gum simultaneously without tripping.

## HOPE GARAGE SALE/FLEA MARKET

We are preparing for our second annual Hope Garage Sale/Flea Market which will be held on Saturday, June 10.

Ways you can be a blessing:

- get the word out to your friends and family and neighbors
- buy spaces to sell your own goods starting May 1
- save items to donate
- volunteer the day of the sale and the week before
- make baked goods to sell



Parking spaces are available for \$25 for one, \$45 for two, and \$60 for three or more. Tables will be available to rent for \$10 a table. Set up will begin at 7:00 a.m. on June 10, and we will close at 3:00 that afternoon. A donations truck will arrive at 4:00 to remove any unsold items. We will be selling cold drinks and baked items again, too.

Fellowship Hall will be available to start receiving your donations on Tuesday, May 30. We will accept anything except fire arms or car seats.

For questions, please call Mary Jane Harmony at (303) 638-3889, or Pam Lee at 303-946-6787, or e-mail us at [hopegaragesale@gmail.com](mailto:hopegaragesale@gmail.com).

### Hope PDO and Preschool Scoop

Hope PDO has been busy from September through May! There has been much activity going on downstairs. What a wonderful year it has been... so much love, laughter, and growing! What a blessing it is working with these young children for us all.

School will be over soon... Our last day of school will be Wednesday, May 24, with graduation happening at noon on that day.

### VBS TRAINING!

If you are in middle or high school and would like to help at VBS, we are asking you to attend one training session before VBS so we can run through expectations with you. Please email Kate at [kate.stapleton@hope-umc.org](mailto:kate.stapleton@hope-umc.org) and let her know which session you will attend. All meetings will be at Hope.

Wednesday, May 31: 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 4: 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Monday, June 12: 5:00-6:00 p.m.

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### Director of Communications

Hope UMC is seeking a part-time (12hr/wk) Dir. of Communications responsible for external and internal communications of church events through multiple mediums including print, website, and social media platforms. Ideal candidate would have at least three years' experience, exhibit exceptional editorial abilities and display a high level of interpersonal skills. Graphic design experience required. Basic video editing skills a plus. Technical expertise required in programs including WordPress, Publisher, and MailChimp. Cover letters and resumes should be sent to Rev. Stephanie Price at [stephanie.price@hope-umc.org](mailto:stephanie.price@hope-umc.org). Resumes should include a sample of candidate's work in the form of a brochure, flier, or pamphlet created by the applicant. Deadline to apply is May 15, 2017.

### Director of Hospitality

Hope UMC is seeking a warm and outgoing individual to serve as our part time (8hr/wk) Director of Hospitality. This position is responsible for creating and overseeing systems which connect guests and newer members to the wider life of the church community. The ideal candidate will have an ability to train and equip volunteers, exemplify a passion for cultivating welcoming environments, and have exceptional organizational skills. Sunday morning participation required to ensure guests are greeted and volunteers are receiving necessary support and direction. Cover letters and resumes should be sent to Rev. Stephanie Price at [stephanie.price@hope-umc.org](mailto:stephanie.price@hope-umc.org). Deadline to apply is May 15, 2017.

## SEPTEMBER LA PUENTE MISSION TRIP

September 1 is the last day to signup for this mission trip to La Puente in Alamosa, CO leaving on Sunday, September 24 and returning on Friday September 29. Anyone 16 years old or older may participate but we can only take 12 people. Total cost will be \$180 which includes transportation, lodging, most meals and supplies. A planning meeting of the team will be set for mid September.

The tasks to be undertaken won't be known until closer to the departure date but we will probably be working in several different programs including meal preparation/serving for shelter, food bank, thrift store, PALS children's program, or others. Accommodations are in a local church "dormitory" type space with bunk beds, showers & bathrooms. The church also allows use of the complete kitchen for our breakfast meals. Other meals will be taken in the shelter a couple blocks away.

This is an opportunity to get involved in a mission event without needing a passport or 2 weeks off. We will use the Hope UMC church van for transportation. The application is available by contacting Barbara Herbel Hendricks (303-770-5799) or [bjherbel@gmail.com](mailto:bjherbel@gmail.com).

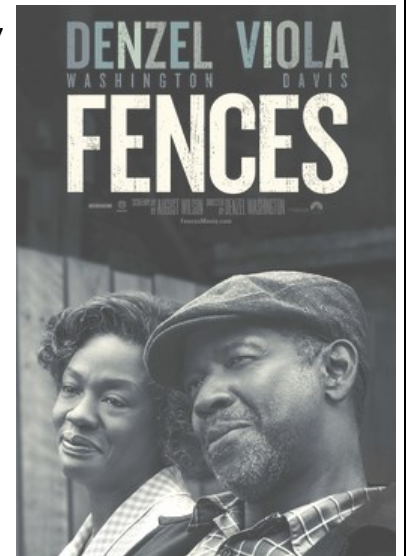
## UMW MEETING

The UMW meeting will be at 9:30-1:00 p.m. in room L1. A caring community with a focus on racial justice will be the program for May with the showing of the award winning film "Fences" starring Denzel Washington and Viola Davis.

"Some people build fences to keep people out—and other people build fences to keep people in." a quote on the back cover of the CD.

Coffee and rolls will be served during intermission.

Don't forget to turn in Campbell Soup Labels for Education for McCurdy Ministries in New Mexico. Envelope on UMW Board in Fellowship Hall. For more information contact True Morgan, [true.morgan@comcast.net](mailto:true.morgan@comcast.net).



## Community Blood Drive at Hope Church

Saturday, May 6, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. in our Fellowship Hall



Did you know...  
a single blood donation can save up to 3 lives?

For more information or to schedule an appointment contact:

Lulu Hendrickson at 303-770-2260  
or Bonfils at 303-363-2300 or online  
at [www.bonfils.org](http://www.bonfils.org)  
using the site code E025.