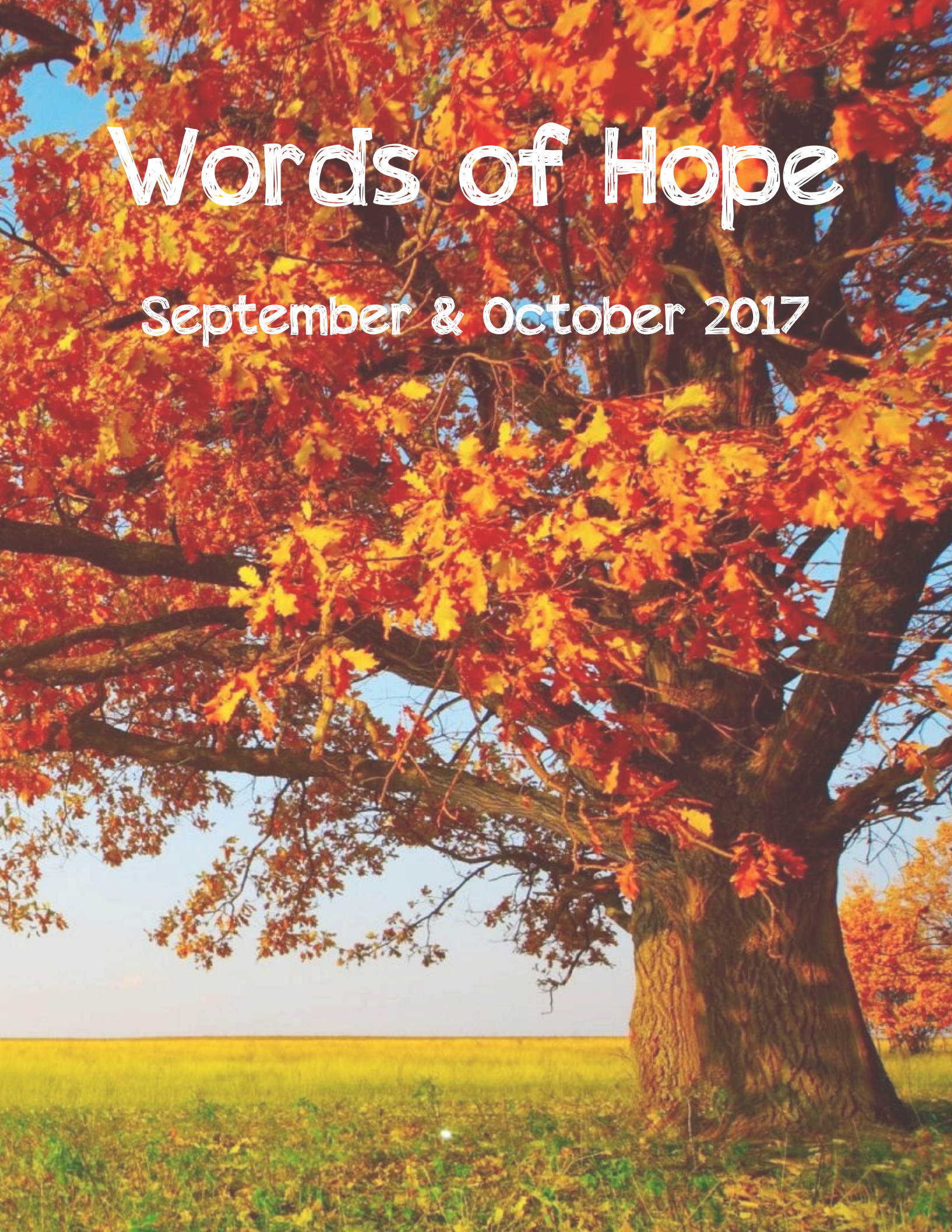


# Words of Hope

September & October 2017



# Activities at Hope that You Should be a Part of!

Are you looking for a way to bring yourself closer to Hope Church? Or to strengthen your connection to Jesus Christ and his work? Hope UMC has a plethora of programs that you could be a part of.

Below is a list of the programs we offer at Hope Church as well as volunteer opportunities that are always available. Included with this list are meeting times and the point of contact for each group. What better way to kick off the fall season than to open your heart to a missions group, prayer group or volunteer on Sunday mornings.

## Opportunities for Spiritual Growth

**Bible Basics - Sunday Mornings 9:45-10:30 a.m.**  
Hal Wright at [letsgonow9674@msn.com](mailto:letsgonow9674@msn.com)

**Come Alive Spirituality - Sunday Mornings 9:45-10:30 a.m.**  
Margaret Hankins at [Rvhankins@aol.com](mailto:Rvhankins@aol.com)

**Faith Says - Sunday Mornings 9:45-10:30 a.m.**  
John Antonacci [johnantonacci23@gmail.com](mailto:johnantonacci23@gmail.com)

**The Path Discipleship Process - Days and times vary each session**  
Pastor Stephanie Price at [stephanie.price@hope-umc.org](mailto:stephanie.price@hope-umc.org)

**Women's Daybreak Bible Study - Wednesdays 6:30-7:45 a.m.**  
Name Binning at [ngbinning@yahoo.com](mailto:ngbinning@yahoo.com)

**Journey in Prayer Group - Wednesdays 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.**  
Ann Mangelsen at [annmangelsen@comcast.net](mailto:annmangelsen@comcast.net)

**Men's Early Morning Bible Study - Thursdays 6:30-8:00 a.m.**  
(Off-site)  
Bill Fleming at [craftwoodbuildersd@comcast.net](mailto:craftwoodbuildersd@comcast.net)

**Tuesday Men's Group - Dates TBA 7:30-9:00 a.m.**  
Pastor Don Bird at [don.bird@hope-umc.org](mailto:don.bird@hope-umc.org)

## Missions Opportunities

**Making PB&Js for Homeless - Fridays 10:00-11:00 a.m. making sandwiches. 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. delivering them to homeless downtown.**  
Penny Dwyer at 303-810-3582  
Look for sign-up genius in Hope Happenings

**Hope United Methodist Women (UMW) - The second Tuesday of each month. Except: June, July, August & December**  
True Morgan at [true.morgan@comcast.net](mailto:true.morgan@comcast.net)

**Sew Many Blessings - The third Thursday of each month they are active, contact to confirm.**  
Donna Ralston at 303-549-1932

## Social Groups

**Ladies Bridge - Generally, one Friday a month. Varies month to month.**  
Diane Bregenzer at 303-770-0622

**Why Nots Social Group - Varies month to month.**  
Hal and Brenda Wright at 303-662-9674

**Congenials Social Group - Varies month to month.**  
Janet Staats at [janetkstaats@aol.com](mailto:janetkstaats@aol.com)

## Children and Youth

**Children's Pageant - December 3, rehearsals in Sunday School in November**  
Kate Stapleton at [Kate.stapleton@hope-umc.org](mailto:Kate.stapleton@hope-umc.org)

**Santa Shop - December 9, Sign-up in mid-November**  
Kate Stapleton at [Kate.stapleton@hope-umc.org](mailto:Kate.stapleton@hope-umc.org)

**God and Life for high school Seniors - Sunday Mornings at 8:30 a.m. Please register for class ahead of time.**  
Bob Oursler at [wesewrail@comcast.net](mailto:wesewrail@comcast.net)

**Kairos Youth Group - Sunday Evenings 5:30-7:30 p.m.**  
Tiffany Malone at [tiffany.malone@hope-umc.org](mailto:tiffany.malone@hope-umc.org)

## Music

**Chancel Choir - Thursday Evenings from 7:30-9:00 p.m.**  
Larry Meerdink at [larry.meerdink@hope-umc.org](mailto:larry.meerdink@hope-umc.org)

**Children's Choir - Sunday Mornings 9:45-10:30 a.m.**  
Larry Meerdink at [larry.meerdink@hope-umc.org](mailto:larry.meerdink@hope-umc.org)

**Chancel Bell Choir - Thursdays from 6:30-7:30 p.m.**  
Craig Laumann at [lau4@comcast.net](mailto:lau4@comcast.net)

## Volunteer Opportunities

**During Sunday Worship**

- Scripture Readers
- Ushers
- Sound Booth Team - Training Provided
- Greeters
- Acolytes (3rd through 5th graders) - Training Provided
- Projection Team - Training Provided
- Communion Servers
- Vocal and Instrumental Soloists

**Sunday School & Activities**

- Sunday School Helpers for Children
- Sunday School Helpers for Youth
- Parent Volunteers for Children's Activities
- Parent Volunteers for Youth Activities

**Fellowship, Missions and Office**

- Coffee Crew
- One-Time or Short-Term Projects
- Office Volunteer

For more information on volunteer opportunities at Hope Church contact our church office at 303-779-1040

# Kate's Children's Ministry Corner



Let the little children come...  
Matthew 19:14

## Third Grade Bibles

We will present our 3rd graders with Bibles on Sunday, September 17. If your child or grandchild is in 3rd grade and has not received a letter in the mail from Kate, please email her at [kate.stapleton@hope-umc.org](mailto:kate.stapleton@hope-umc.org).

## TRUNK OR TREAT

Trunk or Treat will be held on October 15 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. in the Hope parking lot. Watch for sign-ups in Hope Happenings and the bulletin. We will need decorated cars, donated candy, and baked goods for the cake walk.

## Mission Opportunity at Trunk or Treat

This year we will have a collection for a kid's mission group that Hope member Renee Tahja has started at Mission Viejo Elementary School. They will be putting together kits for UMCOR and for families who live in the hotels along Colfax. Items needed: Hygiene items (any size) such as soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, personal products, and razors. They will also be looking for items like new socks and underwear for kids and adults, diapers and laundry soap (powdered preferred and to help with ease of transport, 24 oz. or smaller is best).

More info will be in Hope Happenings and the bulletin in September, but please contact Kate at [kate.stapleton@hope-umc.org](mailto:kate.stapleton@hope-umc.org) with questions.

## Mark your Calendars for Children's Christmas Activities

The Christmas Pageant will be performed on Sunday, December 3 at the 10:45 a.m. service, with a dress rehearsal at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, December 2nd. We will rehearse during Sunday School in November. The Santa Shop is Saturday, December 9 from 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Sign-ups will go up in mid-November. If you have questions, contact Kate Stapleton at [kate.stapleton@hope-umc.org](mailto:kate.stapleton@hope-umc.org).

## Hope PDO & Preschool Scoop

We are gearing up for the new school year to begin! We are excited about the upcoming school year and all the learning, love and fun that will be going on. The first day of school will be Tuesday, September 5th. School hours are 9:00 a.m.-1:00p.m. We will be having a visit from the Police and Fire Department in early October. Our Halloween Sing Along will be Monday and Tuesday, October 30 and 31. We will also be having our bi-annual Book Fair the week of

**Play, Learn and Grow... Together!** November 6 -10. If your King Soopers card has expired, please see us to get a new one for \$5. It has \$5 already on it, you reload it, and our school benefits greatly!

Thank you for your support!



# United Methodist Women

The UMW would like to invite all Hope UMC Women to join them  
for the events listed below.

## Hope UMW Calendar for the Fall

**Tuesday, September 12 from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Program and Salad Luncheon**

Program: Sue Ricker, "Restoring Innocence" A mission project supporting the "Restoring Innocence" Project for 2017-2018.

**Tuesday, October 10 from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Complete Holiday Items and Lunch**

Mission Project supporting the "Restoring Innocence" Project. Complete holiday items to sell on Nov. 26 and Dec. 3. Bring a small casserole for lunch.

**Tuesday, November 14 from 9:30-11:00 a.m. - Annual Sock Project**

Annual sock project for Grant Avenue Street Reach Program. Coffee and Breads will be served.

**Tuesday, December 12 from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. - Christmas Lunch**

Christmas Luncheon for UMW, location to be announced on a later date.

## Mile High Pikes Peak UMW District Calendar for the Fall

**Friday and Saturday, October 20-21 - Rocky Mountain Conference of United Methodist Women**

Annual meeting and celebration of the RMC of United Methodist Women.

Located at Hilltop UMC, 985 E 10600 S., Sandy, Utah.

Registration forms can be found on the website at [www.rmcmw.org](http://www.rmcmw.org)

## Fall Missions Opportunities with UMW



### Soles For Mission

UMW members are encouraged to count the number of pair of shoes she has. For every pair of shoes, she would contribute \$.50. The funds received from the Soles for Mission will be donated to the UMW Pledge to Mission. A check can be placed in the UMW box in the office. Linda Ferrari will forward funds to the District Treasurer and she in turn to the UMW Rocky Mountain Conference Treasurer. Make checks payable to Hope United Methodist Women.

### McCurdy Ministries in New Mexico

Campbell Soup labels are no longer being collected. **Box Tops for Education** are being collected instead. See a list of products that have Box Tops for Education tabs on them on UMW bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. Clip box tops and place them in the envelope on the bulletin board. This is a worthwhile mission project for which to donate.

## Sew Many Blessings

The Sew Many Blessings group has begun their yearly project of making baby layettes for UMCOR. Their first gathering was on Thursday, September 6 from 9:00 - 3:00 p.m. Future sewing dates are generally on the third Thursday of each month, with their next meeting being held on Thursday, October 19 from 9:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m.

Bring your sewing machine, serger, scissors and lunch to join the fellowship and fun. We provide the fabric, thread and patterns. New folks are always welcome! For any questions, please contact Donna Ralston at 303-549-1932



**We Bring the Farmer's Market to You!**

Did you know that the High Plains Food Co-op delivers right to Hope Church the 3rd Thursday of every month? The High Plains Food Co-op offers something unique for the customer who is particular about where their food comes from. They bring the farmer's market to you. HPFC helps connect members who want fresh, natural, and organic foods to people who produce them. It's wonderful to know where your food is coming from, and if you have questions about a product, you can't talk to the producer. For more information on HPFC please visit their website at [www.highplainsfood.org](http://www.highplainsfood.org) or grab a brochure from the welcome center at Hope.

## The WHY NOTS Social Group

The WHY NOTS social group has been having a blast this past year, and more is yet to come! After some great activities last fall, in December, we attended a free concert of the Denver Brass. In January, we went to *Sip and Paint* and created master works in oil paint! In February, we went to the Wrights "Home Movie Theater" for supper and a movie called *Hunt for the Wilderpeople*. In March, we headed up to Boulder for another free event, a tour of the Celestial Seasonings Tea Factory and then on to the Leaning Tree Western art museum. In April, we attended a play at the Aurora Fox theater called *Chinglish*. Then in May we went up to Boulder again to a dinner theater to see *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. .... And finally, in June, we ended up our terrific activity schedule with a game night at a member's home.

Sound like fun? You bet it is! Guess what? You are also invited! We ALWAYS welcome new folks to our fun group, either singles or couples. For information on the 2017-2018 calendar contact Hal and Brenda Wright, they can be contacted at 303-662-9674.

## Recycle Your E-Waste at Hope Church to Help Raise Funds

Hope United Methodist Church is a recycling site for Planet Green Recycle. Planet Green Recycle helps organizations raise funds by paying for their e-waste. Once they receive recyclables they either remanufacture them or appropriately recycle them through their US-based certified recycling partners. So, clean out your closets, basements and garages and bring your e-waste to Hope. For more information on this program or if you have any questions, please contact Bob Hartley at [rdh1027@comcast.net](mailto:rdh1027@comcast.net).

Here is a list of the items accepted by Planet Green Recycle:

- Inkjet Cartridges
- Cell Phones/Pagers & Accessories
- GPS & Radar Detectors
- Mobile Hot Spots
- Calculators
- eBook Readers
- iPods/MP3 Players
- Digital/Video Cameras
- PDAs
- iPads/Tablets
- Video Game Consoles & Handhelds
- Video Games & Accessories



# From Potluck Preachers...



Welcoming Rev. Dr. Tezenlo Thong

&

The Youth Mission Appreciation Brunch





**Rev. Jasper Peters  
&  
The Blessing of the Backpacks  
and Back to School Bash**



# From Potluck Preachers...



Rev. Dr. Vern Rempel  
&  
The Baseball Bonanza

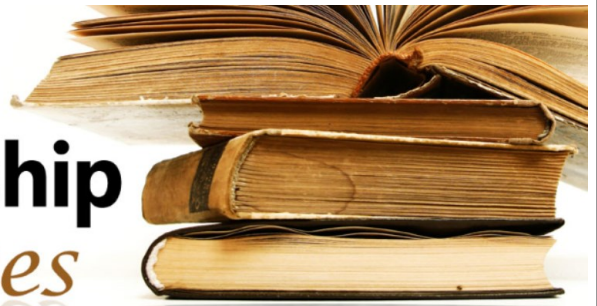




Rev. Margaret Gillikin  
On Communion Sunday  
&  
Kimmy Laumann's Presentation on  
the World Race



# Discipleship Classes



## Come Alive Spirituality Sunday Morning Adult Class

This Fall's Theme: *Seeing God in the Face of Each Other.: An exploration of racism, power and the transforming love of God.*

The spiritual journey is a journey into wholeness, a journey that calls us to an honest self-examination of those things in our own lives that separate us from God, from others, and from our own True Self.

The gospel of Jesus calls us to seek God in the face of others, the outcast, the stranger, the neighbor, the "other." Utilizing a title from an Episcopalian study course, *Seeing God in the Face of Each Other*, we will explore personal, interpersonal, institutional and systemic levels of racism in our own lives. We do not do this work alone and can only do it with God as our companion and guide. Join us on a transformative walk every Sunday morning beginning September 10, at 9:45 a.m. in room L3 with the Rev. Margaret Rush Hankins and John Morrison as class facilitators. No book is assigned, but handouts will be distributed throughout the course, supplemented by videos and other materials. The class is a welcoming, open, dialogue-based environment, for adults of all ages.

For more information or any questions, please

## Bible Basics

### Sunday Morning Adult Class

Have you been thinking about taking one more step in your faith journey? Hal Wright has a suggestion for you to consider. Attend an adult Sunday School class between services!

There are several to choose from; but we (the class) would like to invite you to attend our Bible Basics class, held every Sunday at 9:45 a.m. We study various books that are mostly Bible studies, including several from Rev. Adam Hamilton. We always have wonderful, thought provoking discussions. Our next book is *Creed, What Christians Believe and Why*. We will have a class discussion based on this book and a video on the Apostles Creed which we will utilize in our class. The study is over a 7-week period that started on August 13. If you would like to attend, just do so! And if you would like to continue, we will order a book for you. Each class is independent of the others, so you can join anytime. We meet in room L1 at the bottom of the front stairs. For more information or any questions, please contact Hal Wright at [letsgonow9674@msn.com](mailto:letsgonow9674@msn.com).

## Faith Says..

### Sunday Morning Adult Class

Faith Says.. is an ongoing Sunday morning adult forum that takes contemporary issues happening in the world around us and poses the question, "What should our faithful response be?" Join John Antonacci, for facilitated discussion as the group prayerfully examines critical political issues through the lens of scripture, tradition, reason and experience. This class meets Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m. in the library. For more information, please contact John Antonacci at [johnantonacci23@gmail.com](mailto:johnantonacci23@gmail.com)

## God and Life

### Sunday Morning High School Senior Class

Again, this year Hope UMC is offering the God and Life course for Senior High School students. This is a separate course of study that explores the students' faith, relationship with each other, the Church, their families, and with God. We will also discuss being active in their faith beyond high school. The course will meet once a month from November through May at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings and will last approximately one hour. Sign up will be in October. Workbooks will be provided. While this course is facilitated by Boy Scout affiliated Bob Oursler, you do not have to be involved in Scouting to participate. If you have any questions, please contact Bob Oursler (Mr. o) at 303-344-0254 or email at [wesewrail@comcast.net](mailto:wesewrail@comcast.net).

# Notes From Larry,

## Hope's Director of Music Ministries

### Music Touches Lives...Sacred Music Changes Lives

Almost everyone can remember a moment when music changed the mood of an event, softened a heart, or brought us to tears. Consider the milestones in your life, such as weddings, or even funerals, and the role music served to make them memorable. Even something like that tingle up and down your spine when something about a musical moment touches you. As a listener or as a musician, music touches lives.

As active worshipers, all must endeavor to not only lift up our voices, but to open our ears and our hearts.

For music is a means of worship, and a blessing to the worshiper. Consider J.S. Bach's words:

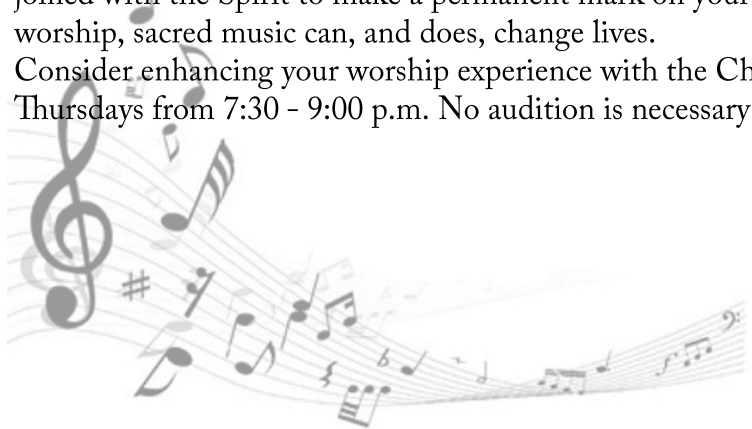
*The aim and final end of all music should be none other than the glory of God and the refreshment of the soul.*

I'm sure many of you can testify there have been moments when music has transcended temporal space and joined with the Spirit to make a permanent mark on your heart. When the final desire for all participants is worship, sacred music can, and does, change lives.

Consider enhancing your worship experience with the Chancel Choir. Rehearsals began August 31 and are on Thursdays from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. No audition is necessary.

### A special thanks to...

Nancy Duncan and Judy Sauerteig who have completed entering the entire choral library! What a monumental task, consisting of 1000 titles and taking two years to complete. Please heap praise on them at every occasion! There is now a binder with a copy of the library on the choir room worktable that you are welcome to peruse at your leisure.



### Celebrating Forty-Two Years of Hope

In September, Hope UMC celebrates forty-two years of worship, community, and service. What better way to celebrate this legacy than to designate a portion of your estate to Hope UMC?

Having a Last Will & Testament ensures that your wishes are met. Some consider a pledge or 'tithe' to their church as part of one's estate planning. Each of us has the opportunity to make a gift or bequest to our endowment fund that can strengthen Hope United Methodist Church for future generations. Our endowment fund is permanent; we only use the interest or earnings to further Hope's mission and purpose.

The principal is never spent. Such a gift serves Hope in perpetuity.

If you would like more information about this exciting part of our ministry, please contact the church office or Charlie Ledbetter, Chair of the Endowment Committee at [charlieled143@gmail.com](mailto:charlieled143@gmail.com).

### Leave a Legacy of Hope



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