

# Words of Hope

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# Begin 2018 committed to learning *The Language of Love*

If you’ve ever had trouble communicating with your spouse, your child, or a co-worker, this message series is for you! Your love language may be as different from your loved one as Portuguese is from English. Each person has a primary way of expressing and receiving love. To communicate love effectively, we must learn to speak and understand new languages of love. Beginning January 7 thru February 11, we will explore all five love languages through the lens of how Jesus lived and apply them to our personal relationships, our communities, and our service to others. In the meantime, take the quiz to learn your love language ([www.5lovelanguages.com](http://www.5lovelanguages.com)) and join us for worship! Let’s put more love in the world! (This message series is based off Gary Chapman’s book, *The Five Love Languages*)

**Jan. 7:** Epiphany Sunday; *The Language of Love*

**Jan. 14:** *The Language of Love: Words of Affirmation*

**Jan. 21:** *The Language of Love: Quality Time*

**Jan. 28:** *The Language of Love: Physical Touch*

**Feb. 4:** *The Language of Love: Acts of Service*

**Feb. 11:** *The Language of Love: Gifts*



## Starting Point

**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 Sunday, **January 21 from 12:00-3:00 p.m.** Lunch and childcare are provided. Please email Stefanie Limas at [stefanie.limas@hope-umc.org](mailto:stefanie.limas@hope-umc.org), go online to sign-up <https://www.hopechangeslives.org/events/class-sign-up/>, or just stop by!

## Welcome to the Body of Christ Maya!

As a community of faith, we celebrate the fullness of God’s grace when it is remembered in the act of Holy Baptism. On November 26, our family of faith made room for **Maya Johnson** as she committed her life to the way of Jesus. Maya is the daughter of Courtney John and Jody Johnson. We are honored to be on this journey of life and faith with Maya and each other!

## Pastor Don's Bird's Eye View

My wife and I survived our first semester of having a college student. It was full of adjustments and letting go. There were many times we found ourselves wondering how our children have grown-up so quickly. I'm coming to understand that thought will likely not go away any time soon. Our children change and grow. We change and grow. And, in the midst of it all, time flies by until one day your standing eye-to-eye to that precious child you held so dear.

The time between Christmas and Lent is not much different. A week ago we were celebrating the birth of Jesus, and seven weeks later we journey with Him to the cross. We move so quickly from His birth to His death, but when we are present in the journey, we find ourselves changed and transformed. We find ourselves loving whom Jesus loves and concerned about the issues that breaks Jesus' heart.

During this season of Lent, Hope Church will be embarking on a journey that will open our eyes to the realities of human trafficking in the Denver area. This is not a subject that is easy to talk about, but as people who follow Jesus, it is one that we feel compelled not to ignore. While nobody stood with Jesus as a witness to His innocence, we are committed to stand with the innocent lives who have been forced into human trafficking and shed light on this darkness that lurks in the shadows of our communities.

I am grateful to True Morgan, Lisa Griffin, and Melissa Trujillo who have brought this issue to our attention. I am grateful to the United Methodist Women who made restoration bags for survivors during Advent. I am grateful to the Ministry Design Team who has decided to create opportunities throughout 2018 for Hope to engage our community and each other in learning more about human trafficking and doing what we can to make a difference in the lives of the survivors while not forgetting those who are currently enslaved.

I encourage you to read the article that is in this newsletter explaining more of what we hope to do during the Lenten season. I encourage you to join us for the special speakers during our Wednesday night Soup Suppers (appropriate programming will be made available to children) and to invite your friends and colleagues to join us. To make lasting change, it takes a whole community, not just the church! I encourage you to participate in our Lenten mission as we make restoration bags for survivors. I encourage you to pray, pray, pray – for those who are trafficked and abused and for the church to rise-up to be a witness for the light and life of Jesus in the midst of the darkness and brokenness around us.

**Let's make 2018 count for something! Let's live into our mission as disciples of Jesus at Hope, to transform our world with the love of God and Jesus within us.**

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Don



# United Methodist Women

All women are invited to be a part of Hope United Methodist Women. The 2018 calendar provides the dates and times that our unit meets in Fellowship Hall. UMW Mission projects and programs will be printed in Hope's weekly "Hope Happenings" and Sunday bulletins as well as the bi-monthly issues of *Words of Hope*.

## 2018 Hope UMW Meeting Dates

Tuesday, January 9, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 13, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 13, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 10, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 8, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 11, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 9, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 13, from TBA FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

Tuesday, December 11, from TBA

Special Date: Saturday, January 20, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at First UMC Castle Rock will be the "Mile High Pikes Peak" District Mission, Mentoring and Celebrations.

## UMW Mission Projects

- The annual sock project for Grant Avenue Street Reach was very successful with 350 homeless men, women and youth receiving a pair of socks filled with useful items for their use. Thanks to all who donated items throughout the year.
- Weekly donut sales support a variety of UMW missions for women, youth and children.
- Box Top coupons are collected for the McCurdy School Ministry Program. Please use the envelope on the UMW board in Fellowship Hall to deposit your coupons.
- A successful UMW Holiday Sale was held to raise funds to purchase items for human trafficking victim's "Restoration Bags." A special thanks to those who purchased a jar of cookie mix, Russian tea and/or a Christmas ornament.
- There is a special article in this edition of *Words of Hope* about the mission project for the 2018 Lenten season from the Hope United Methodist Women and the Hope Ministry Design Team.

For more information regarding Hope's UMW please contact  
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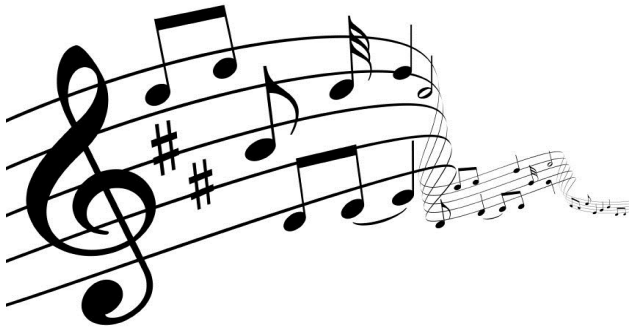
# Notes from Music Ministry

The Chancel Choir begins rehearsals for winter on Thursday, January 11 at 7:30 p.m. and Children's Choir begins rehearsals at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday January 14. Please consider joining us.

For more information please contact Larry Meerdink, our Director of Music Ministry at [larry.meerdink@hope-umc.org](mailto:larry.meerdink@hope-umc.org).

Interested in joining Hope's Chancel Bell Choir? Contact Craig Laumann, Hope's Handbell Director, at [lau4@comcast.net](mailto:lau4@comcast.net)

Know a musically gifted youth member? Contact Anne Rowland, our Red Sea Youth Band Director, at



# Kate's Children's Ministry Corner



We are just getting into winter, but we want you to be able to mark your calendars for Vacation Bible School at Hope! This year, VBS will be June 18-22, and the theme will be Rolling River Rampage. Look for more announcements about registration, donations and how you can help in the months to come. Contact Kate Stapleton at [kate.stapleton@hope-umc.org](mailto:kate.stapleton@hope-umc.org) with questions.



## Hope PDO & Preschool Early Registration Information for 2018-2019

**Early Registration for children of church members only will be for one week only, beginning on Sunday, January 7, and ending on Sunday, January 14.** Registration forms are available online under the PDO & Preschool Menu online. Please turn forms into the PDO office, or put them in the PDO mailbox in the church work room prior to January 14.

**Eligibility:** Children who are 1 & walking by July 31, through children in Junior Kindergarten.

**Fees:** A registration fee of \$125 per child (for church members only), plus September tuition, is due at registration and is **Non-Refundable** for any reason.

Tuition rates are: 1 day-\$110, 2 days-\$220, 3 days-\$330, 4 days-\$440, 5 days-\$550.

Registration for children currently enrolled, siblings, and alumni families will be on Wednesday, January 17. Open registration will begin on Thursday, January 25, in the Fellowship Hall. The registration fee for alumni and open registrations is \$130 per child. If we do not have room available for a child, they may be put on a waiting list at no charge, and will be called as space becomes available.

Information can be found on the Hope website: <https://www.hopechangeslives.org/hope-pdo-preschool/> or in the PDO newsletter.

If you have any questions, please feel free to stop in the office or call Robyn or Courtney at 303-741-1073.

# 2018 Season of Lent

## Ash Wednesday Worship Service

This year's Season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14. All are invited to join us for an Ash Wednesday service at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. We will participate in the disposition of ashes. What a wonderful way to celebrate Valentine's Day than by remembering the amazing love that Jesus has for us.

For the remainder of Lent, we will explore the last words of Jesus and gain a deeper understanding of who He was and who He calls us to be. We invite you to join us on our Lenten journey and take advantage of the opportunities to deepen your faith and partner with God to transform our world.

## 2018 Lenten Mission Project

### Shining Light on a Hidden Problem – Human Trafficking

*Human Trafficking – A form of modern slavery where people profit from the control and exploitation of others.*

For the 2018 Lenten Season, the Hope UMC Congregation is shining a light on the problem of human trafficking and preparing "Restoration Bags" for survivors.

According to the Polaris Project and FBI Innocence Lost Task Force, Denver is the second most active and lucrative area for sex trafficking in the United States, behind only Atlanta. While girls are mostly affected, boys are also victimized, and trafficking affects many vulnerable populations, including homeless teenagers and immigrants. In October, Rocky Mountain PBS reported that sex trafficking children in Colorado reaches every corner of the state. In five years, prosecutors found probable cause to charge 369 people with crime related to sex trafficking of children.

To learn more about this pervasive issue, Hope's weekly Wednesday night Lenten soup suppers will feature speakers, panel discussions and video presentations on human trafficking. These opportunities will begin on February 21 and end on March 21.

We are also asking the congregation to help fill "Restoration Bags", which are shipped to the FBI to be distributed to people who are rescued out of human trafficking. These survivors often have only the clothes they are wearing, so providing the bags of toiletries, clothing and other necessities brings them comfort and helps connect them to law enforcement. As of December 2016, more than 2,500 bags were given to law enforcement in 42 states. A list of items needed and a sign up will be printed in "Hope Happenings" in January and February.

-Submitted by True Morgan, Lisa Griffin, Melissa Trujillo and the Ministry Design Team.

## Wednesday Lenten Soup Suppers

You are invited to join us on Wednesday nights from **February 21 – March 21 from 6:00-7:30 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall for our Lenten Soup Suppers. Our Fellowship Team makes wonderful soups and salads (food options for children are also available), and we will have speakers join us to talk about the issue of human trafficking.

Please watch Hope Happenings and other Hope communications for more details about the themes and speakers for each evening.



# Youth Ministry Update

## Fall Retreat Recap

In November we enjoyed our Fall Retreat at Buckhorn United Methodist Camp. During our time together, we really focused on what it means to show up in our families, churches, and community with a desire to love and serve one another. We don't have to go too far to show the love of Christ and it starts within our own home.



## Youth Christmas Party

Our Christmas party was a great time of fellowship as we played games, participated in a gift exchange and had an ugly Christmas sweater contest.



## Schedule Changes that are Effective in January:

- Sunday Night Kairos Youth Group will be from 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
- High School Sunday School will take place during the Second service, and will not meet on Family Worship days which are generally the first Sunday of the month.
- The Wednesday Gathering place will not take place this semester.



## Visioning Session January 28, from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Attention Parents, Youth, and Volunteers of the Youth Ministry!

You are invited to join us for a visioning session on January 28 from 12:00 p.m. -2:00 p.m. The goal of this visioning session is to come up with a shared "vision" that is followed by 8-10 measurable goals for the next 3 years. It is important that the vision is shared by the parents and youth of the program, because then we can all work together to make sure these goals are accomplished. There will be a pre-session worksheet that attendees will need to fill out. You will be emailed this worksheet in January via the weekly parent update. Please communicate with your students and have them fill out the worksheet as well if they plan to participate. Lunch will be served at this meeting.

## Winter Ski Retreat: Feb 2-4, 2018

Grades 6-12 are welcome to attend. Come ski or snowboard with us as we refocus on God through nature, small groups, and fellowship. We will be going to Ski Cooper and staying at a cabin in Fairplay, CO. The cost for the Winter Ski retreat is \$150 plus rentals and lessons.

Discover God through the outdoors, connect with the Body of Christ and grow deeper in to your relationship with Jesus.

Email Tiffany at [tiffany.malone@hope-umc.org](mailto:tiffany.malone@hope-umc.org) for more details.





# Photos from Hope's 2017 Children's Christmas Pageant



## Sign Up For Altar Flowers

Do you have an anniversary, birthday, or other event that you would like to have remembered with flowers on the altar? Everyone is welcome to sign up to have flowers on Sunday for your occasion. The cost is \$30 for a beautiful bouquet that you are welcome to take home after the second service (please return the vase the following week or two). The sign-up sheets for altar flowers for 2018 are now posted in the Fellowship Hall near the kitchen.

Please contact the Office Manager if you have any questions:  
303-779-1040.

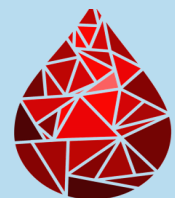


## Blood Drive - Feb. 10, 2018

The next Bonfils Blood Drive will be hosted at Saint Peter Lutheran Church, located at 9300 E Belleview Ave, Greenwood Village, CO 80111, on Saturday, February 10, 2018. More information regarding signing up for time slots will be included in Hope Happenings and at our Welcome Center.

The next Blood Drive hosted by Hope UMC will be on Saturday, May 5, 2018

**Give Life  
Give Blood**







Thank you to all that helped and participated!



## High Plains Food Co-Op

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.

### Annual meeting Coming Soon!

Mark your calendars so you can be sure to join us for our 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting coming to the west side of town this year.

January 27, 2018

1:00-3:00 p.m.

Green Mountain Methodist Church

12755 W Cedar Drive

Lakewood, CO 80228

Along with the opportunity to get to know you HPFC producers and ask questions, great samples of their products will be offered so you can experience how good food SHOULD taste.

Elections will be coming in January as well. If you (or someone you know!) would be interested in joining our Board of Directors, please contact us for more information. We would like to add more representation on our Board from the Denver metro area. What a great chance for you to share your ideas and have some input on the direction of your Cooperative.

affordable food quality local fresh organic sustainable  
healthy Community



## Adult Education Opportunities

### **Sunday Morning**

#### **Bible Basics**

**Sundays 9:45–10:30 a.m. - Room L1 (downstairs)**

Bible Basics classes study various books that are mostly Bible studies, including several from Rev. Adam Hamilton. They ALWAYS have wonderful, thought provoking discussions. Every class is independent of the others, so please come and join us for one, several, or all of the weeks. Contact Hal Wright at, [letsgonow9674@msn.com](mailto:letsgonow9674@msn.com) for more information.

#### **Come Alive Spirituality**

**Sundays 9:45-10:30 a.m. - Room L3 (downstairs)**

Join our lively discussion group with Rev. Margaret Hankins serving as facilitator. Please contact Rev. Hankins with any questions at, [rvhankins@aol.com](mailto:rvhankins@aol.com).

#### **Faith Says...**

**Sunday 9:45-10:30 a.m. in the Library.**

Faith Says.. is an ongoing adult forum that takes contemporary issues happening in the world around us and poses the question, "What should our faithful response be?" Join the facilitator, John Antonacci, for discussions as the group prayerfully examines critical political issues through the lens of scripture, tradition, reason and experience.

### **Weekdays**

#### **The Path Discipleship Process**

In The Path we strive to learn to be with ourselves without embarrassment or harshness in hope that we may expand our ability to love ourselves and the world around us. For more information email Pastor Stephanie at [stephanie.price@hope-umc.org](mailto:stephanie.price@hope-umc.org).

#### **Journey in Prayer**

**Wednesdays 10:00–11:30 a.m. in the Library**

This group comes together each week to deepen their experience with God in prayer. They pray for others, and they practice listening prayer (contemplative), listening for God to speak to them. Anyone is welcome to attend.

For more information, contact Ann Mangelsen at 303-693-2147 or [annmangelsen@comcast.net](mailto:annmangelsen@comcast.net).

#### **Women's Daybreak Bible Study**

**Wednesdays 6:30-7:30 a.m. in the Library**

For more than a decade, this group has met at 6:30 a.m. on Wednesday mornings in the church Library for study and fellowship. Studies focus on the Bible and/or books of interest to the group. Group members take turns leading the discussions and there is always time for connecting with each other. For more information, call Name Binning at [ngbinning@yahoo.com](mailto:ngbinning@yahoo.com) or 303-789-2858.

#### **Tuesday Morning Men's Group**

**Every other Tuesday 7:30-9:00 a.m. in the Library**

**Check calendar for future dates.**

All men are invited to join the Tuesday morning Men's Group facilitated by Pastor Don Bird. We will come together on **January 9, January 23, February 6, and February 20** from 7:30-9:00 a.m., and meet in the Library. If you would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact Pastor Don at [don.bird@hope-umc.org](mailto:don.bird@hope-umc.org).

#### **Men's Early Morning Bible Study**

**Thursdays 6:30 - 8:00 a.m. (Offsite)**

**At The Perfect Landing Restaurant at Centennial Airport**

This group engages in a wide variety of biblical, spiritual, historical, and contemporary religious study, discussion, and fellowship. For more information, contact Bill Fleming at 303-750-7063.

# Children & Youth Education Opportunities

## **Sunday School for Children**

**Sunday's during worship services,  
except for Family Worship Sundays**

For ages 3 and older, Children's Sunday School meets downstairs in Friendship hall after the Message for Our Young Disciples. Students can be picked up there after worship.

For more information please contact Kate Stapleton at [kate.stapleton@hope-umc.org](mailto:kate.stapleton@hope-umc.org).

## **Sunday School for Youth**

Middle school and High School classes meet during the second service after the Message for Our Young Disciples in room L31.

For more information please contact Tiffany Malone at [tiffany.malone@hope-umc.org](mailto:tiffany.malone@hope-umc.org)

## Music

### **Chancel Choir and Chancel Bell Choir**

Join the Chancel Choir or Bell Choir to be a part of our joyful sound during worship services. Chancel Choir practice is on Thursday evenings from 7:30-9:00 p.m. and Chancel Bell Choir rehearses on Thursday evenings from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Please contact Larry Meerdink at, [larry.meerdink@hope-umc.org](mailto:larry.meerdink@hope-umc.org) for chancel choir inquiries, and Craig Laumann at [lau4@comcast.net](mailto:lau4@comcast.net), for chancel bell choir inquiries.

## Mission & Fellowship

### **Congenials**

This is a Social group at Hope that enjoys football and fellowship! Meetings vary from month to month. For more information contact Janet Staats at [janetkstaats@aol.com](mailto:janetkstaats@aol.com)

## **WNYNOTS**

The WHY NOTS is a church social group for singles or couples that plans and attends a variety of activities from September to May. Contact Hal and Brenda Wright for more information on upcoming events at [letsgonow9674@msn.com](mailto:letsgonow9674@msn.com).

## **Ladies Bridge**

Ladies Bridge meets once a month to play bridge and share a salad. The next Hope Ladies Bridge will be at the home of Ann Fort on **Friday, January 12 from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.** Cost is \$1.10 plus fixings for the salad.

Co-hostess is Judy Sauerteig. Please respond no later than Monday, January 8 to Ann at 303-220-0840. February's Bridge will be held at the home of Linda Weber on Friday, February 9. More information to be provided in Hope Happenings in coming weeks. For further information about our group, please contact Diane Bregenzer at 303-770-0622.

We're always looking for new members.

## **United Methodist Women (UMW)**

Find more information regarding UMW projects for January and February on page 3 and 4 of this edition. Don't forget to collect Box Top tabs for the McCurdy School in New Mexico. An envelope is on the UMW board in Fellowship Hall. Additionally, donuts are for sale each Sunday morning which help support Hope UMW projects. For more information regarding the Hope UMW please contact True Morgan at [true.morgan@comcast.net](mailto:true.morgan@comcast.net).

## **Sew Many Blessings**

Join us for our monthly sewing days on **Thursday, January 18 and Wednesday, February 14** from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

We need sewers, cutters and anyone else who can assist with making baby layettes for underdeveloped countries. The layettes include diapers, receiving blankets, washcloths, jackets, and gowns from flannel, cotton and stretch material.

Contact Donna Ralston at 303 850-7587, or [donna@mngmntplus.com](mailto:donna@mngmntplus.com) with any questions.

## Need Help Connecting?

If you are reading a hard copy of this edition of Words of Hope, sign up online to receive an electronic copy of Words of Hope and our weekly email newsletter, Hope Happenings. Both will give you the most up-to-date information about Hope Church as well as in-depth information about Hope's Ministries and opportunities for you to partner with Hope to live into our mission of "transforming the world by making disciples of Jesus Christ."

Sign up to receive either publication at the bottom of the homepage on our website, [www.hopechangeslives.org](http://www.hopechangeslives.org).

You may also contact Leabeth Pohl if you need assistance at 303-779-1040 ext. 23.



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