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OBSERVATIONS FROM THE DECK BY PR. TOM GREVLOS, INTERIM SENIOR PASTOR

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God...and the Word became flesh and dwelt among us... ('and moved into our neighborhood' is the delightful paraphrase of Eugene Peterson's Message Bible). John 1:1,14

Let's face it, the world didn't see that coming! Nobody saw that coming! Herod responded to the perceived threat to his power through terrible violence.

The wonderful author Anne Lamott, who came to her faith in Jesus kicking and screaming, writes about a little girl who was afraid to go to sleep. She hated the dark and being alone. She asked her mommy to stay with her. Her mom said to her, "You're not alone; God is with you." The little girl replied, "I know, but I need somebody with skin on." Jesus is God with skin on! "The Word became flesh..."

The Scripture from John is not poetry, or a metaphor, or just a wonderful idea. It happened. It matters! It matters because God, the Artistic Director of the cosmos chooses to come to us, to be our friend, advocate, teacher, healer and Savior. On December 26th you likely noticed many Christmas trees out on the street, signaling that Christmas is over for another year. Deflate the yard art and carefully pack the nativity.

See you in 2025!

Jesus, the baby born in Bethlehem, is not the end of the story, it actually is the beginning... a new beginning for humanity filled with hopeful imagination and possibilities. The Word became flesh to reveal the kingdom of God "on earth as in heaven".

God is all about 'new beginnings', a 'fresh start', a 'second chance mulligan'. We call this a gift of grace. The first words of the Bible are "In the beginning" and we hear the story of God's marvelous artistry. St. Paul writes of the new beginning of Jesus' resurrection, "In Christ, you are a new creation" (II Corinthians 5:17).

The season of Advent and Christmas has concluded, but the meaning and impact of Jesus' birth is just beginning. It is a new beginning, not just because the calendar flipped, but because God has skin on. His name is Jesus! For the weeks ahead, until our Lenten journey begins, we will be en-lightened on who Jesus is and why Jesus matters. In John 14 we hear Jesus say, "I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life".

The season of Epiphany shines light on what this means. May this be a "new beginning" for us all as we deepen our discipleship in following Jesus. May this be a New Year's resolution for us all! Blessings to you in your "new beginning".

Thank you for reflecting the light of Jesus in your generosity to the Angel Tree and "Hope for Christmas". You were Jesus with "skin on" to so many in our community and beyond.

Peace + Gratitude, Pr. Tom Grevlos

PRAYER REQUEST

If you have a loved one or friend in need of prayer, or need to make a change to a name on the prayer list, please send that information to michael@hopepd.org.

Remember in Prayer:

Mara Atkins, Klara Bacher, Steve Bowman, Linda Brake, Dana Casey, Felicity Campbell, Wendy Clark, Marilyn Dichsen, Fournier Family, Jim Fauth, Barbara Foreman, Kylie Gahagan, Debbie Garver, Ashley Gidel, Susan Hayward, Melissa Huettel, Merry Knapp, Dean Kwetcher, Bob Leach, Nancy Leach, Karen Martin, Marcie McIntosh, Jim Reitz, Marilyn Reitz, Duane Rommereim, Jaxon Wilhite, Barbara White

Please resubmit names by email to <u>michael@hopepd.org</u> by the 1st of the month, otherwise Hope will assume the person is feeling better and the name will be removed from the list. Any questions please contact <u>gabe@hopepd.org</u>

HOPE LEGACY COMMITTEE

"Even if I knew that tomorrow the world would go to pieces, I would still plant my apple tree today." Martin Luther



Have you updated your will? Don't forget to include Hope Lutheran Church Palm Desert! For further information please contact the Hope office at <u>gabe@hopepd.org</u>.

SEARCH TEAM UPDATE...

Dear Congregation,

We feel very blessed to be back on track interviewing and evaluating two new candidates for the Senior Pastor at Hope. These candidates have been vetted through the headhunter and the Bishop's office, both of which agree that they seem to be strong and interesting candidates. Rest assured that we will try to keep the delays minimal during the holidays and back on track in the new year. As with all of you, the search committee are praying that the Holy Spirit works through us to bring Hope a Senior Pastor that can take the church into new and exciting ministries. Please continue to keep us in your prayers as we search for a new Senior Pastor. On behalf of the Search Team we want to wish everyone happy and joy filled holidays!

Peace and Joy, Martha Osborne

ADDITIONAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FACILITATED BY PR. TOM



PICK-UP PICKLEBALL in January at the Hope Center Saturday, January 4th & 18th at 9:00 a.m.

*We have two courts, one for newcomers to the game and one for more seasoned players

> *There is fun and fellowship with some nice exercise *Ouestions? Talk to Pr. Tom at Tom@hopepd.org







GOING DEEPER Bible Study... for the season of Epiphany "WHO is Jesus? WHY does Jesus Matter? WHAT is his Message Today?" *Sunday Mornings, 10:45-11:30 a.m. Jan. 12, 19, 26 and Feb. 9, 16 in the Overflow/Choir Room *BYO Bible! Or, we will have extras at church (there are Bible Apps for free or minimal cost) *Bring a friend and be open to encountering Jesus, the "Word made flesh", in a fresh and new way!



ZOOM Bible Study is moving back to Mondays at 9:00 a.m. Led by Pr. Tom. We gather online to explore God's Word and engage in conversation as we sip on a cup of coffee! (The "third" sacrament in the Lutheran Church) *We will resume on Monday, Jan. 13th , 9:00 a.m. *Our Bible Study topic will be Jesus' Sermon on the Mount", Matthew 5-7. *You will find the Zoom link at Hopepd.org under Online and Online Bible Study*

SATURDAY NIGHT LUTHERANS (SNL)

Saturday Night Lutherans (SNL) is a social group and we invite everyone to attend. Our next event is January 18th at 5:00pm at the home of Bonnie & Bill Riesen. 21 Corte Del Sol. Rancho Mirage. Their gate code at La Terraza is #6675. Please bring an appetizer to share and a drink of your choice.

If you have any questions. please give Bonnie a call at 760-219-6564. Be sure to sign up at the Information Center.

MUSIC AT HOPE PRESENTS:

The New Year brings more music in our Music at Hope Concert Series. On Sunday, January 19th, 3:00pm, enjoy an afternoon of chamber music, music written specifically for flute, piano & cello. Three talented local artists, Linny Smith, flute, Bruce Mangum, piano and Richard Treat, cello, will present selections ranging from the charm of German composer, Josef Haydn to French composer Philippe Gaubert. In addition, they will perform contemporary works by Czech composer, Bohuslav Martinu and American flutist and composer, Gary Shocker. Come and enjoy an afternoon of delightful chamber music



HOPE FOOD BANK

Our Hope Food Pantry with generous donations from our congregation responds to this challenge by handing out cold water, sunscreen, food and of course a friendly smile and place to rest while they visit with us.

We continue to see an increase in the number of people who we serve each week. Your generous donations have increased to meet this demand and all of us working in the pantry are very grateful.

Please continue to support this ministry as best as you can. Every dollar given to the pantry is used to stock food items needed. We can still us plastic bags. Thank you for your continued support.

QUILTERS 😹

Due to the New Year's Holiday, Quilters of Hope will only meet once in January. Mark your calendars to join us on <u>Wednesday, January 15th at 9:30 am</u>.

All are invited to participate and join in the fellowship. No sewing experience is needed. If you've ever tied a knot, ripped out a seam, or ironed a sheet, we can use your talents either in person or at home. We also have quilt top kits with sewing instructions for any home sewers. It takes a team to create and distribute quilts!

The Quilters of Hope were blessed with another donation of fabric. Some of the fabric we cannot use for quilting, and include colorful remnants of polyester silk, polyester satin, linen, cotton lining, rayon, lace, trimmings, and various home decorating fabrics. The fabric remnants are perfect for making doll clothes or home craft projects and are available for free.

For more information about quilters or fabric remnants, please call or text Ruth Fikes at 714-642-3773.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry spreads the love and comfort of Jesus through the giving of handmade shawls along with a wooden cross and a special prayer. This is an ongoing ministry and prayer shawls are continuously created and distributed.

In addition to the Prayer Shawls, the ministry offers additional ways for knitters and crocheters to share the warmth and love of Jesus. Baby blankets are available to give to parents or grandparents in celebration of a new child of God. Beanies and slippers are shared with our food pantry and the Coachella Valley Rescue Mission.

For additional information please reach out to Mary Ellen Peterson at (801) 598-7733



AFRICAN ASYLUM SEEKERS INITIATIVE

Thank you, Hope Lutheran Church, for all the electronic donations made to African Asylum Seekers Initiative. Countless people have had their lives changed by these donations. One young man who lost his leg, has been able to do graphic design and help other immigrants. He is now currently headed to college to complete his degree and go to law school. Another is a student in Denver on a visa from DRC who can attend his classes in technology with a donated computer. Amazing that old phones find a new life. The tablets and Kindles are a perfect addition to studying English, reading books, and learning to fit into American culture. In Africa the internet opens a world without war. We will be taking devises to Kenya next summer to share with people from Sudan who are in refugee camps. —Pat Leach

*Hope Church will continue to accept electronic donations. Devices will be wiped clean of personal information before they are given to a person in need.

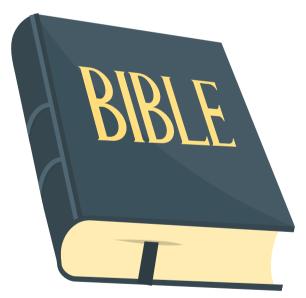
MEN OF HOPE BIBLE STUDY

Men of Hope Bible Study is a great time of conversation about the Word of God as well as fun and fellowship.

We meet on the First and Third Tuesday morning of each month, 7:30 a.m., in the Conference Room at Hope.

All are welcome!

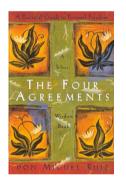
No Ph.D required!



PUZZLE EXCHANGE SUNDAY

JANUARY 26TH

Swap your old puzzle for a New To You puzzle! Grab yours at the Info Center all morning.



"THE BOOK THAT CHANGED MY LIFE" PASTOR WITT JANUARY 22, 29 FEBRUARY 5, 12

The Four Agreements[™] was published in 1997 and has sold over 15 million copies in the United States alone. It has been on the New York Times Bestselling list for over a decade and is published in 52 languages worldwide. Everything we do is based on agreements we have made – agreements with ourselves, with other people, with God, and with life. But the most important agreements are the ones we make with ourselves.

In The Four Agreements, don Miguel Ruiz reveals the source of self-limiting beliefs that rob us of joy and create needless suffering. Based on ancient Toltec wisdom, The Four Agreements offer a powerful code of conduct that can rapidly transform our lives into a new experience of freedom, true happiness, and love.

If you would like to join me, you will have to agree that you will read one chapter each week. It will amaze you as you look at your life and how you deal with the people around you. Yes, it changed and freed my life in ways I never expected. All for the good!

"The four Agreements" signup sheet and book will be available at the Information Center. The Cost is \$8.00 starting January 5, 2025



HOPE BOOK CLUB SMALL THINGS LIKE THESE BY CLAIRE KEEGAN

It is 1985, in an Irish town. During the weeks leading up to Christmas, Bill Furlong, a coal and timber merchant, faces into his busiest season.

As he does the rounds, he feels the past rising up to meet him - and encounters the complicit silences of a people controlled by the Church.

The long-awaited new work from the author of Foster, Small Things Like These is an unforgettable story of hope, quiet heroism and tenderness.

BOOK CLUB MEETS TUES. JANUARY, 6:00pm BOOK COPIES ARE \$10 available at info center







Hope Children Center provides a faith-based environment for children to enjoy before and after school. Contact our Director, Virginia at virginia@hopepd.org for more info.

CHILDREN CENTER



Middle & High School online at hopepd.org

Sunday SERVICES

<u>Middle School Ministry</u> service is from 10:30am - 11:30am in Meeting Room 5. Students will meet in the Hope Center for worship, then move to the Meeting Room 5.

<u>High School Ministry</u> Sunday service is from 10:30am - 11:30am. Students will meet in the Hope Center for worship, then go to Meeting Room 4.



This is an event where students are the hands and feet of Jesus in our very own community. Less than a mile up the road from the church on Portola, students go into a community that needs food.

Our high school and middle school students go door-to-door handing out food to the families. On top of that, they're reaching out and asking if the families have any concerns that they could pray about together. This is an amazing opportunity for students to impact the lives of others.

Third Saturday of every month we gather in Hope Center @ 7:30am.

Every month third Saturday, January 18th, 2024 **Every student** High School Adults can volunteer too, contact nick@hopepd.org

PM

IN HOPE CENTER FROM 11:30AM-1:30PM (HIGH SCHOOL ONLY)





FROM 6-7:30PM; THIS EVENT IS FOR HIGH SCHOOL AND YOUNG ADULTS. IN THE HOPE CENTER.



Stand Firm is a Middle School Ministry and will meet every Wednesday from 6-8pm in Meeting Room 5.



Vibes is a High School Ministry and will meet on the second Saturday of every month in the Hope Center at 6:00pm.

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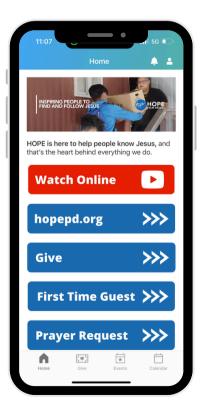
Hope Choir Recruiting

If You Have A Spirit Of Praise, And A Song In Your Heart The Hope Choir IS LOOKING FOR YOU!

Rehearsals are at 6:30pm every Thursday in Meeting Room 3. Contact Director Michael Cundari at michael@hopepd.org for more info.

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<u>Please join us as we preapare</u> <u>NEW repertoire in the New Year!</u>



CHURCH CENTER APP

Seeking clarity on in-person and online group meetings? Need Bible study start times or prayer lists? Interested in supporting the church financially? Our church app has you covered! Here's how to get started:

- 1. Visit your phone's App Store.
- 2. Search for 'Church Center App.'
- 3. Download it.
- 4. Set it up with 'Hope.'

With the app, you can submit prayer requests, catch service highlights, access our website, Kids Check-in, and connect with us on Facebook, Instagram, and TikTok. Stay engaged and informed! * # StayConnected"



If you've been wondering what Celebrate Recovery is all about, just show up one Thursday night and see what God might do in your heart. Our slogan is "You're worth it!" because you are!

Celebrate Recovery meets every Thursday night from 7:00pm – 9:00pm in the Hope Center. If you have any questions, would like more information, or just talk or email with someone, contact Gesa Sharon at gesa@hopepd.org or (949)689-9681.





This is a picture of the whole leadership team at our last leaders meeting.



STEPHEN MINISTERY

The Story of Stephen Ministry is based on a story in the Book of Acts about a group of apostles who were appointed to look after or care for the needs of the poor and needy.

There are many ways we can fulfill this appointment. One is to train to become a Stephen Minister. This is a ministry of loving, caring and listening to another person who is going through a particularly tough time. The difficulties that might lead someone to want a Stephen Minister is varied. It can be grief. It can be a health crisis. It can be any situation that could lead a person to extreme sadness or despair. It could be that your child, even adult children, are in trouble and you don't know how to help.

Stephen Ministers are called to provide a time each week with a care receiver that is for listening, praying, providing encouragement and support.

People are often reluctant to ask for a Stephen Minister because they underestimate the toll their situation is taking on themselves and their families.

Stephen Ministers are people who have a natural God-given gift of caring for others to help them solve their situations with grace and love.

WE ARE HERE FOR YOU!

Contact Pastor Tom if you would like a Stephen Minister at tom@hopepd.org.

If you think you might have the gift of caring and would like to explore that please contact Linda Benson-Spencer or Bob Bateman by contacting gabe@hopepd.org. God just might be calling you to join this ministry.





The dates for the Monday Night are... January 6th February 10th March 10th April 14th From 6:30pm - 8pm



"Faithfulness in these days" By Denise Rector

January 2025

Ruth and Naomi

Ruth chooses to remain part of Naomi's family, even after Naomi has lost everything – including her husband and sons. This intergenerational story of faithfulness during emptiness and sorrow helps us learn how to rely on God in bleak times.

February 2025

Psalm 22

David testifies that God is God and worthy of praise, even as David is in despair. It's no wonder that Jesus cried out to God during the crucifixion using these very words. In our worst times, this psalm gives us a way to contemplate God's holiness.

March 2025

Acts 10-11: Peter and Cornelius

We do not always see eye-to-eye with our neighbor. And yet, we are called to love our neighbor. Peter's experience with someone different gives the Holy Spirit an opportunity to teach Peter, the church and us to see others as God sees them.

April 2025

Mark 5:21-43: Jairus and The Woman Who is Bleeding Both Jairus and The Woman Who is Bleeding reach out in their pain and disappointment, and Jesus meets them with compassion. Jesus is also present in our actions when our listening and grace makes us stand out from the world around us.





Follow us on Instagram at *"womenofhopepalmdesert"* & on Facebook at *"Women Of Hope at Hope Palm Desert"* Contact Gesa Sharon at gesa@hopepd.org 949-689-9681



Starting January 7th we will be studying the book BEFORE AMEN by Max Lucado. This is a study about our prayer life and how we can learn to pray more effectively.



HELP EMPOWER THE HOMELESS BY BUILDING TRUST AND PROVIDING RESOURCES

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28TH, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM RAMONA TIRE PARKING LOT, 78018 COUNTRY CLUB DRIVE, PALM DESERT, CA 92211

WE'LL SERVE DINNER & DISTRIBUTE BAGS OF HOPE HYGIENE KITS

CONTACT GESA@HOPEPD.ORG OR REGISTER ONLINE TO LET US KNOW YOU'RE COMING!





Follow us on Instagram at "womenofhopepalmdesert" & on Facebook at "Women Of Hope at Hope Palm Desert" Contact Gesa Sharon at gesa@hopepd.org 949-689-9681



Saturday February 15th 10:00am to 12:00pm in the Hope Center Special Guest Speaker from the Ophelia Project:

Ophelia Project; a program of the John F. Kennedy Memorial Foundation, a non-profit charitable organization located in the Coachella Valley of California who's passion is to empower young teens to increase their sense of self-worth and maximize their potential contribution to society through mentoring and sponsorships.

"Empowering young teens to increase their sense of self-worth and maximize their potential contribution to society"

We will be doing our annual Prayer Partner Exchange and share a Potluck Breakfast. Register online at <u>hoped.org</u>, at the Information Center on the Patio or email <u>gesa@hopepd.org</u>





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Today we're inviting you to participate in a Thankoffering in support of the Women of Hope ministry. As we make our Thankofferings today, we share in a tradition that goes back to the 1800's or even earlier within Lutheran communities.

Each year, in thousands of congregations, Thankoffering services like this are held to support the life changing ministries of Women.

In the past, besides sending a portion to the worldwide organization, the Women of Hope ministry were able to help support Mama's House, Safe House of the Desert, Cantleberry Missionaries, Team Rubicon, International ELCA Women leaders and to other local needs. With the help of the generous people of Hope we were able to accomplish the Angels of Hope Christmas Gift Outreach and the Bags of Hope hygiene kits for the homeless all throughout the summer. In addition, we supported individuals and families in need in our congregation, plus we held studies and events that created community within our church, and our surrounding communities.



Save the Date

27th Annual Tour de Palm Springs in the Coachella Valley Saturday, February 8, 2025

EVERYONE CAN PARTICIPATE! Choose from three different ways to get involved.

You can walk 1-3 miles. Or, choose another distance to ride. There are rides that go 7, 24, 36, 85, and 102 miles.

If you're not able to participate the day of the event you can still get involved by making a donation at tourdepalmsprings.com or directly through the church designated for Women of Hope.

<u>When registering online you will select Fundraising Team: Hope Lutheran Church</u> and then use the Non-Profit Code: HOPE25 under "Additional Information." When you do that...100% of your registration fee will go to support the programs and projects of the Women of Hope ministry.</u>

Questions? Email geraldsharon@gmail.com



For those seeking help after the death of a person close to you.

Register online at hopepd.org. For questions, contact Tootie at jemark2@aol.com.

CLASS BEGINS JANUARY 7 AT 9AM - 11AM IN THE HOPE CLASS ROOM #4. CLASS MEETS WEEKLY UNTIL MARCH 18.

Hope Lutheran Church will be offering a Grief Support Group -- Help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member or friend. GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life after losing a loved one. Our group is led by caring people who have experienced grief and want to help you through the difficult days ahead. Hope Lutheran's group will begin on Tuesday January 7, 2024 at 9:00am until 11:00am and ending March 18, 2025 -- a total of 11 sessions.

The group will be led by Tootie Killingsworth. GriefShare flyer are available at our Informational Center. Do sign up -- invite a friend and join us on January 7th. Cost for individual workbook is \$20.00. Enroll on www.griefshare.org. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Tootie at jemark2@aol.com or 760-340-0065 or Gabe Den Hartog at Church Office at gabe@hopepd.org.



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Cristie Bateman Tyler Cantu David Wilcox Leah Ayala Cynthia Kawai Bella Ayala Eoghan Gonda Helen Posadas Noah Pschuendorf Kimberly Posadas Janae Hernandez Noah Condon Kaitlyn Peterson Luna Lazcano Larry Aguirre Sam Smalley Brooks Scott	2 Malia Christensen Nikolas Merced Sharon McCreary Genesis Fulson Samantha Moya JIM and CAROLE OLSON	3 Charmaine Rudek Christine Arban David Darling George Bock Samantha Belous Sharon Carmona Ron Johnson Robert Reed Rodriguez Zoila Logan Budd AJ Strotcher	4 Angel Landesman Bob Pirtle Jeannine Manthey
5 Katherine Teasley	6 Amani Nyallu Bob Jacobs Christine Althouse John Wilson	7 Travis Hammer Betty Schwankl	8 Adam Nielsen Charlene Clark Fran Standley Jasmine Pinson Tinyee Shells Drew Hudgens Sue Miller Anika Selberg Annette Wacker Dave Patterson	9 Gavin Foley Jeannine Lurie Katrina Bengston GERALD and JULIO BEHLING	10 Gesa Sharon Patricia Greaves Guadalupe Beltran	11 Loletta Nation Madie Buckley Gianna Morales Bernice Muller
12 Bella Zarate Chelsea Zarate Elaina Main Evelyn Main Jack Broomfield Matilda Broomfield Sara Hansen Frank Kawai	13 Austin Hoelzer Brittany Harrington Jake Brandea Bob Kramer Harper Downham- Bristow Rylie Downham- Bristow	14 Clayton Christensen Jim Cook River Ruiz Paul Hext	ELLA and MIKE DOKA 15 Aviana Hernandez Viviana Hernandez ANDY and CYNTHIA TEASLEY	16 Ketahno Hudson Will Gallegos Gerd Eng	17 Jackson Austin	18 Angel Gutierrez Jake Emery Monika Hoover Jeannie Morris
19 Nicole Kelly Rocco Borrud Andrew Kuroki John Kuroki Addison Dryden	20 Janice Hart Mary Ellen Foster Emilia Borst ROBERT and DONNA CHRISTENSEN	21 Maleena Calvillo Marie Hughes Mia Porcho Rosalie Pfizer Erna Nelson Jo Ann Verhey	22 Isabella Matcharu Margaret Ruffolo Mercy Coe Sandra Kassity Cindy Tanner Willenburg Nolan Nishi Cameron Nishi Cameron Bryant	23 Isaac McCauley Jaime Dinsdale Lucas Muzzonigro Maeomia Brown	24 Katelin Gossman Marjorie Albrecht- Hass Samuel Marinez Ann Daniel	25 Vickie Raines Nels Regan
26 Asher Kerrigan Chris del Campo Hartman	27 Nicole Hay Tommy Robinson Lorraine Danson Carol Meek Martha Happel Martha Curtiss	28 Joy Johnson Logan Jewett Nolan Smith Meredith Foster Paul Muckenfuss Bruce Antunez	29 Blake Busanovitch Lucy Lilly Trenten Weiss- Alexander John Carmona IV Ryan McMartin Norm Trentmann	30 Ainsley Forsyth Hallie Wright Susan Tichler Manny Martinez	31 Marilyn McLead Masten Glover Reg Dodd Teresa Fontana Perise Ofisa PAUL and CAROL JOHNSON	





JANUARY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 New Years Day! Office Closed	2 7:00pm Celebrate Recovery	3	4 9am Pickleball w/ Pastor Tom
5 8:00am/9:30am Traditional Worship 9:30/10:30am Hope Kids 10:30am Modern Worship	6 5:30pm Men's CR Step Study	7 7:30am Men's Bible Study 8:00am BSF 9am GriefShare 9:30am Sister in Christ	8 9:00am Zoom Bible Study 9:30am Esther Circle 6pm Stand Firm	9 6:30pm Hope Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Celebrate Recovery	10 6pm Parents Night Out	11 10am Desert Viking VASA 6pm Vibes
12 8:00am/9:30am Traditional Worship 9:30/10:30am Hope Kids 10:30am Modern Worship	13 5:30pm Men's CR Step Study 6:30pm Monday Night Study	14 8:00am BSF 9am GriefShare	15 9:00am Zoom Bible Study 9:30am Quilters 6pm Stand Firm	16 6:30pm Hope Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Celebrate Recovery	17	18 7am Student Impact 9am Pickleball w/ Pastor Tom 1pm Women, Winter, Wine
19 8:00am/9:30am Traditional Worship 9:30/10:30am Hope Kids 10:30am Modern Worship	20 5:30pm Men's CR Step Study Office Closed	21 7:30am Men's Bible Study 8:00am BSF 9am GriefShare 9:30am Sister in Christ	22 6pm Stand Firm	23 6:30pm Hope Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Celebrate Recovery	24 9am Stephen Ministry	25 10am Sons of Norway
26 8:00am/9:30am Traditional Worship 9:30/10:30am Hope Kids 10:30am Modern Worship	27 5:30pm Men's CR Step Study	28 8:00am BSF 9am GriefShare 6:00pm Book Club	29 6pm Stand Firm	30 6:30pm Hope Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Celebrate Recovery	31	

Sunday online services available at hopepd.org For more information on any events, go to hopepd.org



ALTAR FLOWERS/NEEDY PERSONS FUND

Altar Flowers Given By		Needy Persons Fund Given By
Evon, Jeff & Justin Miner In Memory of Robin Miner	JANUARY 5	Reynold Worch To the Glory of God
Paul Brauneck In Memory of Mom	JANUARY 12	Serita Brokaw To the Glory of God
(open)	JANUARY 19	(open)
(open)	JANUARY 26	(open)

Sign-up sheets available at the Information Center or call the office at 760.346.1273.

"Sharing the Gifts of God"	September 2024
Average Weekly Attendance (including online)	747
Offering	\$133,418
Miscellaneous Income	\$800
Total	\$133,218
Average Weekly Income	\$33,554
Mortgage Balance	\$410,510
Monthly Mortgage Payment	\$4,204
Growing Hope (funds received for mortgage)	\$3,099
YTD Interest Paid on Mortgage	\$21,067





ONLINE AND ONCAMPUS WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

WHAT	WHEN	WHERE
Traditional Services	Sundays 8:00am & 9:30am	On Campus
Traditional Services Online	Available Saturday evenings	hopepd.org
Modern Services	Sundays 10:30am	On Campus
Modern Services Online	Available Saturday evenings	hopepd.org
Hope Kids	Sundays 9:30am & 10:30am	On Campus
Women's Gather Study	Monday, January 6, 6:30pm	On Campus
Men's Bible Study	1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30am	Conference Room
Vibes - High School Ministry	Saturday January 1114, 6:00-8:00pm	On Campus
Stand Firm	Wednesdays, 6:00pm - 8:00pm	On Campus
Hope Book Club	Tuesday, January 28, 6:00pm	Conference Room
Esther Circle	Wednesday, January 8, 9:30am	On Campus
Quilters of Hope	Wednesday, January 15, 9:30am	On Campus
Hope Choir	Thursdays 6:30pm	Choir Room
Celebrate Recovery	Thursdays 7:00pm	Hope Center
CR - Men's Open Share	Thursdays 7:00pm	On Campus
CR - Women's Open Share	Thursdays 8:00pm	On Campus
Stephen Ministry	2nd & 4th Fridays, 9:00am	On Campus





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