



January 14 & 15
2012

HOPE'S News in the Pews!



Ministry Fair Postponed

Good News:

We had 1,402 worship with us last weekend. We have over 50 ministry teams.

Bad News:

We are postponing the Ministry Fair!

As we were finalizing the placement of displays for the Ministry Fair we realized -- **we just don't have room to "show-off" all the hard work of these teams during our "peak" season.**

We are sorry for any inconvenience this has caused. Please watch for information as we reschedule the fair this Fall.

At the annual meeting on February 5th be sure to pick up "Echoing 2011", our Annual Report, that captures the hard work of our ministry teams.



**Pastor Paul &
Pastor Ellen Mickelson**

**We warmly welcome our new
part time commissioned
Pastors for Pastoral Care**

Welcome

Pastor Ellen and Pastor Paul have served together as co-pastors for over 30 years in three parishes in Midland, South Dakota; Hartford, SD and Billings, Montana. They were part-time chaplains at Sanford Hospital in Sioux Falls, SD. Pastor Ellen was a part-time chaplain at RiverStone Health Hospice Services in Billings, MT. They have two children: Joel in Salt Lake City, Utah and Monica in Hanover, New Hampshire.

They both have a Master of Divinity degree from Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa. Pastor Ellen also has a Doctor of Ministry in Pastoral Counseling from the Graduate Theological Foundation that was in South Bend, Indiana.

They both enjoy bicycling, golfing and swimming. Pastor Ellen also relaxes with tatting, making cards and scrapbooking. Photography is another interest. Pastor Paul and Pastor Ellen moved to The Village of St. James last April.

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...in the villages



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Let's start re-stocking their shelves now! Ladies, we ask you bring something from one of the items listed below to our meeting: .

For the Food Pantry: canned fruit, canned pasta, spaghetti sauce, toilet paper,

For the Soup Kitchen #10 size cans fruit, vegetables, and beans



The next regularly scheduled (light) breakfast meeting will be **Thursday, January 19 at 9:00 am**. We will be collecting \$2 to help defray the cost. Please sign up in the narthex so we know how much food to prepare.

The program is titled Seeds of Hope and will feature our own Donna Ford Vierow. She will share information about the upcoming Seeds of Hope concerts. Concerts are scheduled at several churches and synagogues in the area, including Hope. While the concerts are free they will be collecting food and money to provide for the Wildwood Soup Kitchen and Pantry.



Please feel free to bring family and friends to the breakfast. Wear your name tag so that we can call you by name when we say "Hi". Submitted by Margaret Furlong, 2012 WoH President.



2012 CONCERT SERIES
Presented by: Hope Lutheran Church

Cost: \$15



Tickets on sale in the church office!

Sunday, FEBRUARY 12, 2012 CONCERT
at 4:00 p.m.

TOGETHER AGAIN

Chris Horn
and

Sean Stork



Mary Ann Rockenbach (piano)

Finding a Home for your Old Computer!



One of the functions of The Villages Computer Club is to refurbish old computers. All information is deleted from the hard drives and a new operating system is installed on the refurbished computers.

If you have a computer or computer equipment that doesn't work, or needs a new home, please call Art Fenn (member of Hope and the VCC) at 430-0252 to schedule a pick up.

This refurbished equipment is then donated to needy residents of our area. (Last year the VCC gave away over 300 refurbished computers.)

If you need to dispose of any other electronic equipment, please recycle it. Contact your local municipality, such as the Town of Lady Lake if you live in Lake County or your own county government offices to learn about specific recycling programs that may be available to you.



Did you know..... that the Hope Decorating Team purchased the beautiful poinsettia plants that

beautified our sanctuary this Christmas from the Rotary Club of The Villages? Including our order they sold more than 2,100 plants this year. The money raised by the Rotary Club goes to a program to help eradicate polio worldwide.



Neighborhood Care Team News **NCT # 46**



If you attend Hope and live in or are moving into the villages of St. Charles, Pennecamp, Buttonwood, Tamarind Grove or St. James you are invited to attend our next "let's get acquainted" gathering on Tuesday, January 24th from 5-8 pm at the Sterling Heights Rec Center.

We will be having a potluck dinner with fellowship time afterwards. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know the many members of Hope who live in our area.

For more information, please call Marge Hopkins



For years our good neighbors at Fairway Christian have shared their parking area with us (the grassy area between our churches). Since they have begun a new building project we can no longer use that area.

Now might be a good time to consider driving your golf cart to church!



February Dining Out



The restaurant for **February** will be Nancy Lopez Country Club (or restaurant of your choice). Deadline will be January 29th.

Any questions about the Dining Out program, call **Linda Lambie** or **Deanna Stranghoner**

The January Monthly Golf Scramble Schedules are available in the information hallway



Love INC Benefit Concert, Thursday, January 19th @ 6 pm at the Church on the Square. Tickets are \$10 and are available at The Villages Box Office. All proceeds benefit Love INC who mobilizes local churches to transform lives and communities in the name of Christ.

Funeral Reception Team needs volunteers



The Funeral Reception Team at Hope provides a meal for the family after a funeral or memorial service at church.

Last year we provided 16 meals. There is no cost to the family but is provided by members of the Funeral Reception Team.

We have six (6) teams with 7-9 members each that take turns making sandwiches, salads, relish trays, chips, desserts. We also need help to set-up and clean-up for the lunch. (Training provided).

We need some new volunteers from the church membership. Because of illness and members moving we need to add to the names we have at this time.

If you would like to volunteer to help out with this worthwhile service to your church or have questions please call Karen O'Brien or sign up in the narthex.



...from the Wildwood Food Pantry

Thanks to all who have regularly donated food or money throughout the past year to the food pantry. During 2011 we distributed nearly 210,000 pounds of food to eligible families living in the North Sumter County area. Two-thirds of that total came from donated food or funds. Our challenges continue to be how to deal with the rising number of households needing food, and making the best choices in the purchases of food as food prices continue to increase. We do obtain some food from area Food Banks, but because of the cost of transportation, it is almost as easy for us to purchase needed food products in the local area. Your regular donations help make that possible, and of course the dedication of our volunteers who keep it running smoothly. Our volunteers gave over 4,500 hours of their time to help the needy of North Sumter County. May God continue to lead and direct us in this vital community outreach.

Don and Marlene Huggins, Coordinators, .

Annual Congregational Meeting
SUNDAY, February 5th at 12:30 pm

Chair Yoga will continue on Fridays, from 10:15-11:30 am. Please sign up!

January 23rd from 10:30-12 noon
Join us to learn more and pick up your material for The Walk to Jerusalem for Easter. This is a 12-week "imaginary" walk/exercise wellness program which will take us on a journey to increase physical activity, spiritual growth and cultural awareness through a virtual tour to Jerusalem. Please sign up in the narthex.

“What My Plate Has to Offer and Supermarket Savings”

The holidays are over and it is now time to become more aware of our eating and grocery shopping habits. The Health Care Ministry has invited Martha Maddox on **January 26th** from 1:30-3:00 pm to talk about healthy eating and grocery shopping. Martha has a B.S. in Agricultural Education and a M.S. in Home Economics. She has worked with UF/IFAS for 8 years and as a County Extension Agent in Arkansas for 13 years.

Free Hearing Screening on **January 27th** from 9:30-3:30 pm. Sign up in narthex.



The Health Care Ministry and Respite Care teams will be joining the American Cancer Society, Relay for Life-The Villages of Hope. The American Cancer Society Relay for Life is a life-changing event that gives the communities across the globe a chance to celebrate the lives of people who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, and fight back against the disease. This is a time to find healing, comfort, and support from others who have faced cancer or who have lost a loved one to the disease. With every step you take, you help the American Cancer Society save lives. If you want to be part of the team please sign-up in the narthex. The Relay will take place April 13th and 14th. Our next team meeting will be on Wednesday February 8th at 6 pm. (details to follow soon).

Debbie Marsich, R.N., Faith Community Nurse. If you have any questions please call Debbie at the church (750-2321).

"pennies from heaven"



Outreaching to Community



from.....

Neighbor to member to family
to pastor to church
staff to
congregation to
local families in
need

A year ago a neighbor of a Hope member wanted to HELP a family in need and asked our member to help him find a family. Our member was spirit-led to a family in need and was able to reach out and help that family. A bond was created. Our church staff was so touch by the story they have decided to donate their spare change weekly to the "pennies from heaven" jar to help this family. It is a family of six (mom, dad, 2 boys and 2 girls). The parents work multiple jobs to support their family.

Would you (the congregation) like to share in the giving? The "pennies from heaven" jars will be located each Sunday at the sanctuary exit doors.

This is an ongoing ministry and the pastors will identify local families in need in the future.

RIGHT TO PRIVACY LAWS

Even though HOPE is a community of faith, we are still required to comply with federal privacy laws.



This compliance is difficult for us in the church office since our members are such a caring family of believers. Therefore, we are reminding our members that in order for us to place someone's name on our prayer list, permission must be obtained from the person being added.

Please help us respect everyone's right for privacy by asking for permission from the person needing prayers before requesting that the office add them to the prayer list. Also remember we cannot give out information on anyone unless they have granted us permission to do so.

The same privacy laws prevent health care facilities from contacting us when you are admitted—help us help you by keeping us informed by calling the church office when you are hospitalized.

H.O.P.E. University

Honoring Our Priority to Education

Where Learning is:

Gospel of Mark (now through February 8th)
Tuesdays @ 6 pm (no class 1/31)
Wednesdays @ 9 am

The 2012 Prediction (Discussion Leader: Pastor Piper)
Tuesdays @ 6 pm February 14, 21
Wednesdays @ 9 am February 15, 22

(Discussion Leader: Pastor Piper)

Identical Classes

Tuesday Evenings @ 6pm *repeated on* Wednesday Mornings @ 9 am

An Adventure in Healing (now through February 15th)
Wednesdays (only) @ 10:30 am

Discussion Leader: Pastor Luoma

Complete list of class at the H.O.P.E. University table in the narthex.



**2012 Florida SeniorFest
Is Monday, February 13th
Pick up registration forms
in the narthex.**

In order to prepare the right amount of materials for these classes, we ask that you sign up at the event table in the narthex. Thank you.



**Join us on Monday, January 16, at 4 o'clock in the HLC Fellowship Hall.
ALL WIDOWS & WIDOWERS ARE MOST WELCOME!**

The program for this gathering will be "Storytelling with Pat." We will have a pot-luck supper and relaxed general conversation before the program.

Please use the guideline below and bring a dish with you which will serve 8-10 people:

Monday,
January 16th
at 4 pm
potluck

Last name begins with	A-G	Dessert
Last name begins with	H-O	Salad or Vegetable
Last name begins with	P-Z	Main Dish

**Next gathering:
Thursday,
February 23**

RESERVATIONS NOT REQUIRED ...JUST BRING A DISH TO SHARE AND COME

Hope Begins!



As you read this newsletter, Hope Live BEGINS! What's that? All five of our services are being streamed LIVE to the internet on our web site, www.hope2all.org. This new technology allows seasonal residents an opportunity to worship at Hope at the regular worship times when away. It also allows for people unable to travel to Florida for a memorial service, funeral service, or wedding service of loved ones to participate from afar as the service is happening. It affords the sick and infirm to be part of the community when confined to their home.

The pastors want to affirm that this new technology is NOT an opportunity to avoid coming to Hope to worship! The blessing of our faith community gathered in worship is a gift and regular worship attendance is crucial to growing in faith, love and obedience to God. We simply want to offer another means of being present for those who need it most in difficult times.

We pray this new ministry is a blessing! In Christ, Pastor Huntteman

Bible Study

Mondays
February 13 thru April 2nd (9:00 am -11:30 am)
or Thursdays
February 16 thru April 5th (6:00 pm to 8:30 pm)
held at New Covenant UMC



The women from the New Covenant United Methodist Church have again invited the women of Hope to join their Bible study of “**James: Mercy Triumphs**” by Beth Moore.

James, Jesus' own brother, started out as a skeptic. See how one glimpse of the resurrected Savior turned an unbeliever into a disciple. James more closely resembles the Book of Proverbs than any other New Testament book. Topics in this study include: joy, hardship, faith, reversal of fortunes for rich and poor, wisdom, gifts from above, single-mindedness, the dangers of the tongue, humility, and prayer.



Beth Moore

The cost of the workbook is \$18. A sign up sheet is in the narthex. **Checks should be made payable to: 'NCUM Church'**, and placed in the mail slot outside the church office door. Placing them in an envelope marked Beth Moore Bible Study/Attn: Phyllis Kron would be helpful. If you have any questions, please call Phyllis Kron .

Deadline to sign up for this Bible Study is Sunday, January 22nd.

Welcome seasonal guests!!!!



Local Mission Project



Inscription in paperback New Testaments for Leesburg Pregnancy and Family Services Center.

Will you copy a Bible verse and message of encouragement for women, young girls and families who come to the Pregnancy and Family Services Center at the First Baptist Church in Leesburg?(This is an "equal opportunity" mission project! Men as well as women can volunteer.)

All you need is:

- * to write or print neatly the verse and message provided on the instruction sheet. (Find the display in the information hallway.)
- * Sign the clipboard so we know who has the Testaments.
- * Take home a bag which has Testaments and a direction sheet.
- * When you have finished writing, return the Testaments and the signed sheet to the Mission hallway shelf. We reuse the bags.

All who come to the Pregnancy and Family Services Center for assistance are required to attend Bible Study classes as part of the help they receive. Many do not have a Bible. They are moved by the message of encouragement and Bible verse written in the front of the Testament by our volunteers.

As we move in Christ, he moves in us! Since 2003 we have donated over 1800 English and 180 Spanish inscripted New Testaments. Thank you for your help as we spread God's word.

Project originator: Donna Durian, who volunteers each week at the Center. Call Bea Livingston, 259-3160 for more information.



Prayers Needed



PRAYER LIST UPDATE - Permission to place names on the lists is required.

Please e-mail the church at hopelutherancrch@comcast.net or call 352-750-2321 to add/remove a member from the prayer support list. Names submitted after Tuesday will be on the printed list the following week. Names will be left on the prayer list for eight (8) weeks unless notified.

Friends and loved ones of members will be listed on the prayer chain for four (4) weeks. If a longer period of time is needed, please call the church office (750-2321.) Please obtain permission in order for us to publish their names

Please continue your prayers for all members and friends and loved ones of members on the prayer list..



Willis E & Karen Meyer

"Will Meyer"

On January 10th **Will Meyer** died in the resurrection promise. He was preceded in by his wife Karen (NCT # 29). Please keep their family in your prayers. Will and Karen joined our Hope family in June 2002. A celebration of life memorial service was held here at Hope this Saturday.

January 10, 1934—January 10, 2012



Do not be afraid, for I have reclaimed you. I have called you by name; you are mine. Isaiah 43:1



"Curt Johnson"

Also on January 10th Charles Curtice Johnson went to meet the Lord. Please keep his wife BJ (Betty Jane), his brother Max and Rose Johnson, and their families in your prayers.

February 4, 1936 to January 10, 2012

Throughout our lives we are sent precious souls...meant to share our journey, however brief or lasting their stay, they remind us why we are here.



Worship Attendance

We count people, because people count.

Saturday, Jan 7

4:00 pm = 322
6:00 pm = 93

Sunday, Jan 8

8:00 am = 275
9:45 am = 493
11:30 am = 219

Total: 1,402

Looking for a church home?

We welcome you.....

Call the church office (750-2321) for information on our next new member classes.

Membership Instruction

Class # 1

1/25 @ 6 pm

Class # 2

2/1 @ 6 pm

Class # 3

2/8 @ 6 pm

New members will be received on: Sunday, February 12 @ 11:30 am

HAPPENING at HOPE

Monday, January 16, 2012

- 8:00 am Walk Away the Pounds (FH)
- 9:00 am Strong Bones (FH)
- 10:00 am Library Team (FR)
- 11:00 am Cruise Meeting (1/29/12 cruise) FH
- 1:30 pm Spirit Singers (SANC)
- 3:00 pm Spirit Ringers (SANC)
- 4:00 pm Widow/Widower Potluck (FH)

Tuesday, January 17, 2012

- 8:15 am Church Council (FR)
- 9:00 am Hope Crafters (FH)
- 10:00 am Capital Choir Planning (SANC)
- 2:00 pm Long Range Planning Team (FR)
- 6:00 pm H.O.P.E. University-Gospel of Mark (FH)

Wednesday, January 18, 2012

- 9:00 am H.O.P.E. University—Gospel of Mark (FH)
- 10:00 am New Member Prep Team (FR)
- 10:30 pm H.O.P.E. University—An Adventure in Healing (FH)
- 12:00 pm LWR Quilters (FH)

Thursday, January 19, 2012

- 9:00 am Women of Hope (FH)
- 11:00 am Funeral Reception Team (FH)
- 6:00 pm Brotherhood of Harmony
- 7:00 pm Voices of Hope

Friday, January 20, 2012

- 8:00 am Walk Away the Pounds (FH)
- 9:00 am Strong Bones (FH)
- 10:15 am HCM Chair Yoga (FH)
- 1:00 pm Steeple People (FH)

Saturday, January 21, 2012-Global Mission Weekend

- 2:30 pm "SonShine" Team
- 4:00 pm "SonShine" Celebration Contemporary Worship-Communion
- 6:00 pm Traditional Worship-Communion

Sunday, January 22, 2012Global Mission Weekend

- 8:00 am Traditional Worship
- 9:45 am Traditional Worship
- 11:30 am Traditional Worship-Communion



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Looking Ahead

- January 23 HCM Health & Wellness support group @ 10:30
- January 23 HCM Walk to Jerusalem begins
- January 24 NCT # 46 @ 5pm
- January 26 HCM Nutrition presentation @ 1:30 pm
- January 27 HCM Hearing Screening
- January 31 Primary Presidential Election (no HOPE U)
- February 5 Annual Congregational Meeting @ 12:30 pm
- February 5 Souper Bowl of Caring
- February 8 Hope Diamond Singles @ 12 noon
- February 9 Men of Hope Breakfast @ 8 am
- February 12 Power of Praise Worship @ 11:30 am
- February 12 Concert # 2 @ 4 pm
- February 13 SeniorFest (see Hope University table for info)
- February 15 Seeds of Hope Concert with Lenny Wilson Trio @ 6 pm

