



January 21 & 22
2012



Spotlight on Missions

Welcome Bishop Benoway



We feel honoured that Rev Benoway is with us this weekend. Please extend a friendly Hope welcome to him.

The Rev. Edward R. Benoway was elected third Bishop of the Florida-Bahamas Synod, of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, in May 2001. He was re-elected to a second term in 2007. Born in Zanesville, Ohio, Bishop Benoway was raised and attended schools in Tampa. He graduated from Newberry College and Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary. Following his ordination in 1973, he served parishes in Winter Park, Florida; Tampa, Florida; Oak Ridge, Tennessee; and Pompano Beach, Florida. In January 2000, Bishop Benoway was called to serve as Assistant to the Bishop for Bishop William B. Trexler, until his election in May.

Bishop Benoway has served his church in local, regional, and Church-wide capacities. His gifts include stewardship, evangelism, worship and youth ministry.

Bishop and Mrs. Linda Benoway live in Lutz, Florida. They are also the parents of married children, Lisa, Steve, Chris, and Carrie, and proud grandparents of nine grandchildren.



Hope's Mission Outreach Team

2011

Through the generosity of our Hope Lutheran family of members and visitors we were able to provide these services:

Guests: Pastor Charles Lindquist (World Mission Prayer League). Pastor Nijhar Ekka from Ranchi, India, Pastor Livenson Lauvanus (ELCA from Haiti), Pastor Kevin Jacobsen from Suriname.

Seeds of Hope Concert held here at Hope for the Wildwood Food Pantry & Soup Kitchen.

Members of team went to Nitra & Martin Slovakia to work at a Bible School.

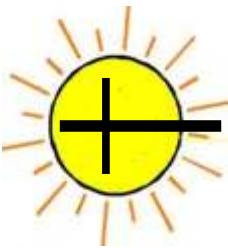
Financial support for WMPL, Dawn & Ken Bishop missionaries in Albania, Resurrection House in Dade City, Carver Heights Ministries in Leesburg, ELCA Malaria initiative, Sold Fair Trade coffees.

2012 we hope to add

- Kids Against Hunger
- Operation Homebound
- Continued Financial Support to mission in Ranchi, India (after school snack, purchase computers)
- Financial assistants to Medical Mission team, Dr. Dave Cromer.

News in the Pews!

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Lead Pastor:
Pastor:

People of God
P. Barry Huntman
Jon-Marc MacLean



Council Corner



The Church Council met on January 17, 2012 with Pastors Hunteman and MacLean, Karen Barnes, Susan Blomenberg, Pete Frano, Linda Gray, Marion McClarin, Bill Mitchell and Diane Kupchak in attendance. We had two guests at today's meeting: Len Robertson and

John Manske.

Pastor MacLean opened the meeting with a prayer.

The items on this month's consent agenda follow; they were approved as presented without discussion:

- Minutes from December 20, 2011 Council Meeting, Minutes from December 4, 2011 Spending Plan Approval Meeting, Pastor Hunteman's Report, Pastor MacLean's Report, Mission Outreach Team Report
- Worship & Music Report, Health Care Ministry Report

Marion McClarin reported on the January 10th meeting of our Disaster Immediate Response Team (D.I.R.T.) The team has agreed that it is time to disband this group and add the funds resulting from the sale of the trailer/equipment to the already - existing DIRT Fund at Hope. At a later date, it will be decided what to do with all funds in this account. Should another disaster occur in the future, a new group could be formed at that time.

Linda Gray, Treasurer, gave council the following financial standings at year end:

Financial Information for Period Ending December 31, 2011:

Year 2011 Total Current Operating Income	\$1,407,971
Year 2011 Total Current Operating Expense	\$1,239,544
Building Fund	\$ 551,939
Mortgage	\$ 733,909

The next council meeting is February 21st



Linda presented a summary of the proposals Hope has received from the following lending institutions: Mission Investment Fund, Community Bank, Regions Bank, and Share Financial Sources. A final decision to determine which lender is the best fit for Hope's proposed new building project will be made at the next council meeting on February 21st.

Pastor Marc reported that in addition to his regular day-to-day activities, he is currently working on two major projects: small-group formation and the restructured new member classes. The ultimate objective of both endeavors is to form connections for new and existing members.

Pastor Barry was excited to report that attendance is up over last year. We are averaging slightly more than 1,400 per weekend -- and this is likely to increase even more. Pastors Paul and Ellen Mickelson have jumped right into their new pastoral care duties at Hope with perfect timing!

We were all sorry that the Ministry Fair needed to be cancelled; however, all overflow space is needed for worship at this time.

Pete Frano informed us that the ice machine has stopped working; because of its age it is prudent to replace rather than incur expensive repairs. A new machine will be purchased as quickly as possible.

Council approved the new co-team leaders for the Steeple People, Hope's Clown Ministry. They are Carol Furlong and Marie Cardinal. A heartfelt thank you to Marge and Wayne Marschel as they step down from the leadership of this team.

Susan Blomenberg was pleased to inform us that Hope has two new Altar Angels. Please give some thought to joining this wonderful ministry group.

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Council Corner continues....

Bill Mitchell presented the recommendations received from the Nominating Team. They are as follows:

Council Members:

- Bill Mitchell Congregation and Council President
- Pete Frano Congregation and Council Vice President
- Linda Gray Congregation and Council Treasurer
- Karen Barnes Congregation and Council Secretary
- John Manske Council Member At Large
- Len Robertson Council Member At Large
- Susan Blomenberg Incumbent Council Member At Large



Delegates to 2012 Synod Assembly:

Pete and Sonja Frano, Pastors Paul and Ellen Mickelson (serving as Lay Delegates)

Following the recommendations of the Nominating Team, Council voted and unanimously approved the following committee appointments: **Ian Webb** Audit Team (3-year appointment), **Bob Pagel** Endowment Legacy Program Team (3-year appointment).

Pastor Barry thanked both Marion McClarin and Diane for their years of service to Hope as members of the Council. A delightful lunch and cake followed the meeting and was enjoyed by all.

The meeting adjourned with a prayer by Pastor MacLean.

Diane Kupchak, Congregation and Council President

P.S. On a personal note, this is my final Council Corner. I want to thank the Pastors, Staff, Team Leaders and Council Members for their support and help over the years. My four years on Council have been a personal blessing for me in many ways. I am truly thankful to have been able to serve you, and I look forward to continuing to work with you in various ways as we all attempt "to know Christ and to make Christ known."



Pastor's Page



WHY ATTEND the Annual Congregational Meeting?
(February 5th @ 12:30 pm)

Why attend? Many think and feel...It's boring. It's held on Super Bowl Sunday. I can read a report of all Hope's Ministries at home, instead. Most of the info I need is in the newsletter or at the web site. All the decisions are made before the meeting anyway!

Growing up, my father and mother designated Friday night as "Family Night." We gathered for a wonderful meal, caught up on the week's activities with one another and popped popcorn and watched TV together. Our family went through a lot of popcorn through the years! So much so, that when we lived in Princeton, Indiana, at harvest time we went out to Princeton Farms and gleaned popcorn from the picked fields.

Think of the Annual Congregational Meeting like a family night. We get caught up on what others are doing in the community for the mission of the Lord. We look forward to new opportunities in mission. We even see people we never see because we go to a different service than they do. Hope is a very big family.

This year's annual meeting will include our 2012 focus on our resurrected building plans to provide helpful physical tools for our many ministries. Soon, even more conversations will begin among us at forums to fully inform the Hope family about the plans, cost, and financing for our Ministry Center. Every person of Hope is an important family member. Give it your best to ATTEND! Do you think we should serve popcorn?

In Christ,
In Grace,
P. Barry Huntzman, Pastor



Neighborhood Care Team News

NCT # 38



POTLUCK for CARE TEAM #38
(Sable Chase, Largo, and Bonita)

Friday, February 17 (5:00 - 7:00 pm)

Hope Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall

A - H Salad

I - P Main Course

Q - Z Dessert

B.Y.O.B. Plates & Utensils Provided

Speaker: To Be Announced. To sign-up please call
Sally Maronde



NCT # 46

Neighborhood Care Team will meet on Tuesday,
January 24th from 5-8 pm at the Sterling Heights
Rec Center. We will have a potluck dinner with fellow-
ship time afterwards. For more information, please call
Marge Hopkins .



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**)

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,
the meal 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.



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)



Hope Lutheran Couples Social Bridge



We will play at the Church on Sunday,
February 12, at 7 pm. Please sign up in
the narthex by February 5th.

It was decided to play at the Church the months of
February, March, April and June 2012. Snacks will be
provided by the hosts for each month.

We welcome new members and hope you will consider
joining us.

More info, call Ellen Miller
Couples Social Bridge Coordinator



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.



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) .



Hope is a Stephen Ministry Church.

**Men of Hope Breakfast
2/9/12 @ 8 am**



HCM nurse needed



The Health Care Ministry is growing. We are looking for a Registered Nurse or Licensed Practical Nurse. You must have a license in Florida.



This is a part time faith community nurse position. We would like to give the opportunity to our Hope family before we seek help from our community.

If you are interested in the position, please call the church office (750-2321) and ask for Debbie Marsich.



...inviting all women

Celebrate National Wear Red Day

Join us on
Thursday February 2, 2012
11 am-12:30 pm
for a

Luncheon

Sponsored by: the Health Care Ministry and the Women of Hope

Heart disease is still the No. 1 killer of women, causing 1 in 3 deaths each year. This means women just like you — mothers, sisters, friends — are dying at the rate of one per minute. In fact, in the time it takes to read this, another woman will die from heart disease.

Come and join us and learn about health risk factors and more.

Let us ALL WEAR RED (even a hat) and have a great time. A prize will be given to the best hat.

Sign up in the narthex.

(We are looking for volunteers to bring a salad.)

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

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.

We're ...streaming!!!!



Can't attend worship in person?—watch LIVE

Want to share worship with friends and family that aren't living in our area? Watch LIVE.

Know someone who doesn't have a church and you would like to share HOPE? They can watch LIVE

Want to see what our Saturday contemporary worship is like? Watch LIVE



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 Huntman



Prayers Needed



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

Please e-mail the church at [hopelutherancrch@comcast.net](mailto:hoperlutherancrch@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..

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.

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 259-8936.

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

help needed



Hope will help celebrate Souper Bowl of Caring on February 4th & 5th.



We will be collecting and cash/check donations at the door after each service. Would you be willing to help collect the donations at the door? If so please call Bob Snyder @ 753-6171. The money is to support the Wildwood Soup Kitchen and Food Pantry. That weekend is also our regularly scheduled food collection.



Worship Attendance

We count people, because people count.

Saturday, Jan 14

4:00 pm = 306
6:00 pm = 63

Sunday, Jan 15

8:00 am = 296
9:45 am = 514
11:30 am = 241

Total: 1,420

Looking for a church home?

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

Classes needed for membership will be held on:

Class # 1
1/25 @ 6 pm

Class # 2
2/1 @ 6 pm

Class # 3
2/8 @ 6 pm

Call the church office (750-2321) to register

HAPPENING at HOPE

Monday, January 23, 2012-Walk to Jerusalem starts

- 8:00 am Walk Away the Pounds (FH)
- 9:00 am Strong Bones (FH)
- 10:30 am Wellness Support (FR)
- 1:30 pm Spirit Singers (SANC)
- 3:00 pm Spirit Singers (SANC)

Tuesday, January 24, 2012

- 9:00 am Hope Crafters (FH)
- 6:00 pm H.O.P.E. University-Gospel of Mark (FH)

Wednesday, January 25, 2012

- 9:00 am H.O.P.E. University—Gospel of Mark (FH)
- 10:30 pm H.O.P.E. University—An Adventure in Healing (FH)
- 1:00 pm Building Committee (FR)
- 6:00 pm New Member class # 1 (pictures at 5:30) (FH)

Thursday, January 26, 2012

- 1:00 pm Buildings & Grounds (FR)
- 1:30 pm Nutrition Presentation (FH)
- 6:00 pm Brotherhood of Harmony
- 7:00 pm Voices of Hope

Friday, January 27, 2012

- HCM Hearing Screening (by appointment)
- 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 Peeple (FH)
- 1:30 pm Stephen's Ministry

Saturday, January 28, 2012

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

Sunday, January 29, 2012

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



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Looking Ahead

- January 31 Primary Presidential Election (no HOPE U)
- February 2 HCM National Wear Red Day Luncheon @ 11 am
- 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 12 Couples Bridge @ 7 pm
- February 13 SeniorFest (see Hope University table for info)
- February 15 Seeds of Hope Concert with Lenny Wilson Trio @ 6 pm
- February 16 Women of Hope @ 9 am
- February 17 NCT # 38 Potluck @ 5 pm
- February 19 Mission Outreach "Koffee Klatch" @ 3 pm
- February 22 Ash Wednesday
- February 23 Widow/Widower Potluck @ 4 pm
- February 26 Seeds of Hope Concert with Mary Jo Vitale @ 6 pm

