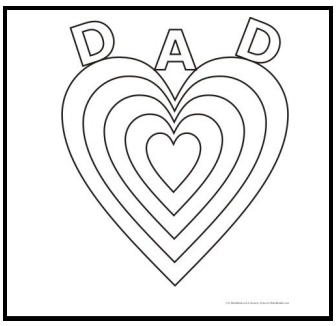

HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Hope Scope

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Pastor's Pen by Rev. Dr. Candace Adams

A significant change will soon take place within the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). I first mentioned the possibility of this change last July, after I returned from the General Assembly Meeting. The change I am referring to is in regard to the ordination standards within our denomination. The amendment will officially be ratified in July; however, the proposed change has received enough votes to pass.

As with any change, there will be some who are excited about this modification and others who are very disappointed and possibly angered by it. I think it is essential that we understand what has changed and what has not changed. I begin with the actual wording of the current Book of Order and the new language:

"Those who are called to office in the church are to lead a life in obedience to Scripture and in conformity to the historic confessional standards of the church. Among these standards is the requirement to live either in fidelity within the covenant of marriage between a man and a woman (W-4.9001), or chastity in singleness. Persons refusing to repent of any self-acknowledged practice which the confessions call sin shall not be ordained and/or installed as deacons, elders, or ministers of the Word and Sacrament."

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and replaces it with

"Standards for ordained service reflect the church's desire to submit joyfully to the Lordship of Jesus Christ in all aspects of life (G-1.0000). The governing body responsible for ordination and/or installation (G.14.0240; G-14.0450) shall examine each candidate's calling, gifts, preparation, and suitability for the responsibilities of office. The examination shall include, but not be limited to, a determination of the candidate's ability and commitment to fulfill all requirements as expressed in the constitutional questions for ordination and installation (W-4.4003). Governing bodies shall be guided by Scripture and the confessions in applying standards to individual candidates."

"An executive presbyter recently said that 10-A's change of ordination standards will have the effect of an earthquake, but the sensation you feel will be very dependent on your location: some will feel shaking that rips apart the building, others will only notice dishes falling off the wall, still others may feel nothing beyond what they read in the newspaper. Your context may well determine your response, but all of us are impacted by this seismic change." (continued)

Pastor's Pen continued . . . . . .

I acknowledge that within our congregation there is diversity of opinions and perspectives on this matter. Some who have anxiously awaited this change and others who are very disheartened that people they love and respect could even consider such a change. Both sides appeal to Scripture and God as their guide; all eagerly seeking to do God's will. There are those who question whether or not they can remain in the Presbyterian denomination. I pray you will be led to stay - not because you agree with the Presbyterian's position on this one issue, but rather because you believe God has called you to be a member of this body – Hope Presbyterian Church. Moreover, you are convinced that together we are fulfilling God's will. Many have expressed their commitment to see our church live out our mission to our community and beyond.

In all reality, I expect very little change to occur at Hope Presbyterian Church. I anticipate this congregation to continue to examine candidates based on his or her conviction to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. The Book of Order retains the following language: "Christ's ministry is the basis of all ministries; the standard for all offices is the pattern of the one who came 'not to be served but to serve' (Matthew 20:28) [Book of Order G-6.0101]." The congregation has the authority to choose who will and will not serve as their pastor.

There will undoubtedly be media coverage of this issue; remember that the media does not always understand our polity. If you have questions or concerns, please speak to me. I will tell you the truth.

May we be a people of prayer. I offer the following prayer given to the church by Gradye Parson, Stated Clerk of the General Assembly; Cynthia Bolbach, Moderator of the 219th General Assembly (2010); Linda Valentine, Executive Director of the General Assembly Mission Council; and Landon Whitsitt, Vice Moderator of the 219th General Assembly (2010).

Almighty God, we give thanks for a rich heritage of faithful witnesses to the gospel throughout the ages. We offer gratitude not only for those who have gone before us, but for General Assembly commissioners and presbyters across the church who have sought diligently to discern the mind of Christ for the church in every time and place, and especially in this present time.

May your Spirit of peace be present with us in difficult decisions, especially where relationships are strained and the future is unclear. Open our ears and our hearts to listen to and hear those with whom we differ. Most of all, we give thanks for Jesus Christ, our risen Savior and Lord, who called the Church into being and who continues to call us to follow his example of loving our neighbor and working for the reconciliation of the world. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

God Bless, Candace Adams

Session Highlights from May 9

- Approved to accept as members of Hope Presbyterian Church the following confirmands: Austin Adams, Ellie Geer, Wyatt Jackson, Jenna Oie, Nick Plucker.
- The session discussed the Easter schedule and noted the tight time constraints, especially for Maggie Harp and anyone involved with music. However, attendance was at least double that of past years for the early service and many people stayed for both services. At this time, the schedule for next Easter will remain the same. (continued)

Session Highlights continued . . . . .

- Approved to grant Pastor Adams, June 12 for continuing education and July 23-30, 2011 as vacation.
- Approved therapeutic harpist, Tami Briggs, to give a concert on Saturday evening, June 18, 2011, and to play for special music the next day at both worship services. Briggs will be paid $200 expense fee, if she requests it and/or a free will offering and product sales. Because Briggs provides a needed ministry from which the Session believes Hope members will benefit, the church will intentionally provide a place where CD's of her music can be purchased. The Deacons will be asked if they can help offset the expense fee of $200 and, if they cannot, the funds will be paid from general funds.
- Approved the baptism of Kayden Schulenburg, son of Stacie Schulenburg, for June 19, 2011, at the second service.
- Approved holding Vacation Bible School at Hope Church on June 20-22, 2011, with a camp-out on the night of June 22.
- Approved allowing the Big Give for 4th—6th graders to include the following: a June bake sale, a July car wash and a mission project of delivering Meals on Wheels in August.

HPW (Hope Presbyterian Women) by Jonelle Foreman

Posted on the bulletin board by the kitchen is the information to register for the Spring Gathering. Take and fill out a copy if you are interested in Attending. Date: June 7, 2011, Litchfield Presbyterian Church. Contact: Shirley Books. Theme: GOD'S EXPECTATION IN OUR STREAMS OF LIFE; Guest Speaker: Cyndi Bighorn, Dakota Presbytery. Lunch fee is $6.00

Upcoming Summer Events

June 7th - 7:00 p.m. Craft Night - Kathy Duke

July 11 - 7:00 p.m. Craft Night - Janet Barber

August 1 - 7:00 p.m. Craft Night - Kelli Haglund

We will be making more of the scarfs like we made last year for the Bazaar. Please bring what yarn, funky or fancy yarns, colored yarns, ribbons and scraps you might have available for use. It was really fun and easy to put these together and it would be great to get a good selection for this year as they went so well and we have so many positive comments on them.

Thank you:
The Spring Brunch was a complete success with delicious food being offered, meaningful devotions followed by a delightful showing of Aprons by our Guest Speaker Mildred Zaske. Mildred brought close to 150 different aprons and had a story for just about all of them. Thank you so much for a wonderful Spring Brunch. Thank you also to all the ladies who attended to support the HPW's scheduled events. It is good to be able to visit and connect with one another throughout the year. Plan to attend the September meeting; guest speakers are Don and Sue Anderson telling about their visit to the Galapagos Islands.

Deacons

Over thirty years ago, wishing to show donors appreciation for making St. Jude's Ranch for Children in Boulder City, Nevada possible, the idea was conceived for turning the previous year's Christmas cards into "new" cards for the coming season. The recipients were so delighted with their unique "thank you," they requested the children sell them the special cards. And so, the St. Jude's Ranch Recycled Card Program was born.

Since then, the program expanded to include all occasion greeting cards...just about anything that starts with a used greeting card. People from all over the world have sent them their used cards!

Operated by Kids' Corp., a program for the children at St. Jude's Ranch to learn entrepreneurship skills, the children participate in making the new cards by removing the front and attaching a new back. The result is a beautiful new card made by the children and volunteers. The benefits are two-fold: customers receive "green" holiday cards for use and the children receive payment for their work and learn the benefits and importance of "going green".

Card Donating Tips:

* All types of greeting cards, including Christmas are used.
* Only the cards front can be used (check to be sure the back side is clear of any writing, etc.).
* They can not accept Hallmark, Disney or American Greeting cards.
* 5" x 7" size or smaller is preferred.

Please place your donated cards in the designated box in the Narthex and the Deacons will mail them to the Ranch. They currently have an increased need for both Birthday and Thank You card submissions.

Cards are also sold in packets of 10 for $10.00 and are available in the following categories:
* General Christmas Cards
* Religious Christmas Cards
* Easter Cards
* Birthday Cards
* Thank You Cards
* All Occasion General Greeting Cards

Orders may be placed by calling them at 1-877-977-7572
or through the mail, sending your request and donation to:

St. Jude's Ranch for Children
ATTN: Donor Office
P.O. Box 60100
Boulder City, NV 89006-0100

Graduation Open House Update for Ashley Plucker!!

If there is severe weather or down pouring rain, Ashley's party will be held in the River of Hope Youth Center, instead of her home. For any weather related questions, phone Ashley at 320-220-0636.

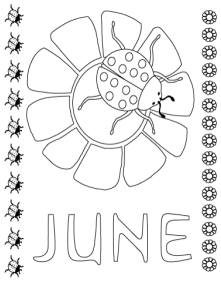
June Volunteer Schedule

	Lay Readers:	Screen Operators:	Sound Operators:
June 5:	Gloria Benson	Stephanie Bents	Harold Foreman
June 12:	Nancy Birkeland	Ashley Plucker	Pete Bratberg
June 19:	Darlene Bratberg	Allison Bratberg	Dan Fischer
June 26:	Barb Morris	Ruby Knopps	Duane Taatjes

Nursery Care: A quiet room is available in the Christian Education hallway. If you need assistance, please visit with one of the ushers.

Coffee Servers:

June 5: Nancy & Rod Gjerde; Sharon & Elroy Jones
June 12: Carole & Bob Sietsema; Laura Peterson
June 19: Marlys & Dale Flickinger; Kelli & Matt Haglund
June 26: Kari & Jason Steele; Mary Beth Dubord



Ushers:
5th & 12th Early: Bob & Julie Ehrlich & Kyle
19th Early: Elroy & Sharon Jones
Judy Block
26th Early: Bev Jones; Jim Gloege

Late: Jerry & Karen Bents & family
Steve Barney & Nic

Acolytes: Mariah Adams; Jacob Oie
Communion Servers: (To be determined at next session meeting.)

Prayer Requests

Prayer requests for those with Health Concerns, Grieving or Other Concerns will be included in the bulletin for one month. If you or your loved one continues to need prayer, please contact the church office to remain on the list.

Health Concerns: Auston Miller, Gloria Benson, Mary Lou Swart, Joanne Ryks, Don Kennedy, Marge Carver, Gloria Fostervold, Barb Barney, Riley Lindahl, Sharolyn Lind, John Wassenaar

Other Concerns:

For those affected by natural disasters: Ty & Pam Schurman & family
For those experiencing a time of transition: Joanne Ryks,
For all those who struggle with addiction

Grieving: The Family of Marlys Turner, The Family of Jennifer Norbie

Military Serving in Iraq & Afghanistan: Brandon Dean, Jeremy Gehrke, Roman Wippert

Shut-ins/Nursing Home Residents: Jack & Dee Anderson, Val Johanson, Dorothy Jones

Hospice Care: Elsie Walquist

Children & Families

The Big Give Bake Sale

As a part of the 4th-6th grade Big Give mission project there will be a bake sale between services on June 26th. The class decided to grow their Big Give dollars by selling Mother's Day flowers, having a bake sale and putting on a car wash in July. The Mother's Day flower sale went very well and they grew their money. Each family of the 4th-6th grade class will be bringing plates of goodies for the bake sale on June 26th. Plan on looking over the goodies and bringing a plate or two home with you. The class will be using their Big Give funds for a day of mission sometime the end of July or beginning of August. Thank you for supporting the children and youth of Hope Presbyterian Church.

"Ranch Rally" Vacation Bible School

This year's theme for Vacation Bible School is "Ranch Rally".

"Ranch Rally" will be June 20th-22nd from 5:30-8:30 p.m.

The children will get a chance to participate in all kinds of fun activities all while learning about how much God loves them. They will learn about Hannah, Simon, Paul and Silas while listening to our storyteller and playing fun games outside. They will learn verses from Philippians, John, and Matthew.

In crafts they will be making prayer roundup cans, fleece pillows and a church birdhouse. They will travel to missions where they will be making teddy bears for at risk children and doing a project for our shut-ins. Supper and some tasty snacks will also be a part of Vacation Bible School. There may even be a special visitor this year too. This year the children will get a chance to stay overnight at our Ranch Camp Site on the last night. A bonfire and camp songs will be a part of the overnight experience. The children are encouraged to bring a friend or two; a special prize will be given to those who bring along their friends.

If you would like to help at this year's "Ranch Rally" Vacation Bible School, please contact Cathy. We will be having a VBS planning meeting on June 13th at 6:30 p.m.

Youth Ministries & The River of Hope Youth Center by Cathy

TAG youth group, Teens and God, came to a close on May 11th with a fun game of outdoor volleyball and wonderful conversation. It was a beautiful night with these beautiful youth. I can't say it enough, I love spending time with the youth. This has been a great year at the youth center. We have had laughter and tears throughout the year during our time together. This group has remained faithful on Wednesday evenings, showing up even when their schedules were hectic, and yes, teens have very hectic schedules.

A great group of seniors will be venturing on to new things in their lives, but they will carry with them the times they spent together in God's Word. The moments that I have spent with this group of youth will always be in my heart and I will continue to care for them through prayer. The invitation is always open for them to stop on up at the center and as I have said many times, my phone is always on day or night for them. (continued)

Youth Ministries & The River of Hope Youth Center continued . . . . . .

The seniors are leaving youth group and a great group of 8th graders are moving up to senior high. I am excited to have these wonderful youth join TAG next Fall, and also get involved in this year's summer activities. My hopes are that the youth group remains as strong and devoted as it has been throughout this last year. A big thank you to the parents for encouraging your youth to remain involved in the life of the church after Confirmation.

Besides the Wednesday evening TAG, The River of Hope Youth Center was used again by some outside groups. Two separate Confirmation celebrations, a Girl Scout Ceremony, and a child's birthday party took place during the month of May. Joppa is also looking into holding a young adult Bible study in the youth center during the summer months each week. I will be contacting our graduating seniors about attending this wonderful ministry during the summer.

We are going to be planning some special events to stay connected to the youth over the summer. These events will be planned each month for those entering 9th grade all the way through the graduating seniors. The events will take place either on a Wednesday or Sunday night. Information will be sent out to them via postcard, text, and phone calls.

GOD BLESS THE YOUTH!!

Graduate Recognition

On June 5th, during the early service at 8:30 a.m., Hope Presbyterian's High School Seniors, along with their parents, will be recognized. The service will be in the outdoor chapel, unless it rains, then it will be held in the sanctuary.

Bowling

Missions by Cathy Plucker

Meals on Wheels

We are scheduled to help with Meals on Wheels in Spicer for the month of July. There are four weeks that you can choose from to sign up and two routes each week that need to be filled. Meals on Wheels is such a wonderful ministry that our church can be involved in. It takes only about 1/2 hour of your day, but the reward it brings is endless. This is a mission that anybody can be involved in, young and old. If you would like to sign up for the whole week, that is wonderful; but you can sign up for just one day if you like. There will be a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall. If you have any questions, please contact Cathy.

Give to Grow, Grow to Give Mission Campaign

As of May 4th we have received $1,829.50 back from the Give to Grow Campaign. We still have 78 of the 150 envelopes still out there. If you are a member and haven't received your Give to Grow envelope, please contact Cathy. We have grown our mission dollars already, just imagine once all the envelopes are turned in what the end results will be.

There is a progress chart in the fellowship hall if you would like to see where the dollars are being put. We have even had some people grow their money in different ways. One way was that a beautiful bookshelf was made for the silent auction and sold to grow money and someone else grew their money by making and selling homemade dog biscuits. Thank you for making the Give to Grow, Grow to Give Mission Campaign a huge success.

Hope to Home Update

The Hope to Home cooks continue to meet in the kitchen every third Monday at 4:00 p.m. Besides the wonderful food that is made we have such a wonderful time together. Hope to Home is a mission that you can plan on attending just once if you like. We are always looking for new recipes to try so if you have a recipe we could use, bring it to the kitchen. In May our menu was meatballs, mashed potatoes and coleslaw- chicken noodle soup- cucumber pasta salad and fresh fruit- banana bread and bars for dessert. We ooh and ahh over how beautiful the dishes look after we are done and think maybe we need to make our own cookbook. Come join the fun on Monday, June 20th at 4:00 p.m.; there is always room for you. If you are aware of someone who could use a home baked meal, please contact Cathy.

2011 Pentecost Offering

The Pentecost Offering is traditionally received on the day of Pentecost (June 12, 2011). It provides a direct way to meet the needs of children at risk, youth, and young adults. Congregations are encouraged to keep 40% of the Offering to support ministry with children at risk in their communities. The mission team at Hope Presbyterian Church will be determining how the 40% will be used with at risk youth in our community.

The General Assembly's portion (60%) provides leadership development opportunities for Presbyterian youth and young adults and supports children-at-risk programs at the national level. Since 1998, Presbyterians of all ages have raised over $7 million for these ministries that benefit younger members of God's family.

Family Bio

Name: *Rick Lee*
Children and ages: no children

Tell us about yourself, can include place of employment, hobbies, interests, etc.:

I work at Jennie-O Foods in the shipping department. Enjoy golfing, fishing, going for walks with my wonderful wife, Sandy, and Square Dancing, a very fun activity.

What brought you to Hope Presbyterian Church?

My friend, Sandy, who is now my wife. Plus it's a wonderful, friendly parish. Rev. Dr. Adam's has very meaningful messages.

Tami Briggs

The Link

Health Ministry by Jan Saulsbury

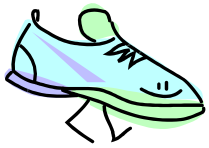
Blood Sugar & Blood Pressure Screening

The Health Ministries Committee is checking your sweetness again in another blood sugar screen. This screen is a blood sugar and blood pressure screening and will be in the fellowship hall on Sunday June 12 from 9:15 until 10:00 am. Please join us in keeping an eye on these important numbers.

North American Walk

This is the Exercise Equivalent Conversion Chart for the Walkers participating in the Walk around central and Western North America.

Activity	Actual Miles/Minutes	Recorded Miles
Walking, stroll (2mph)	30 minutes =	1 mile
Walking, typical pace (3mph)	30 minutes =	1.5 miles
Walking, brisk (4 mph)	30 minutes =	2 miles
Running (5.5 mph)	1 mile =	1 mile
Cycling/Mountain Biking (13mph)	7 miles =	1 mile
Spinning	30 minutes =	2 miles
Aerobics (moderate intensity)	30 minutes =	1 mile
Stairmaster (moderate intensity)	15 minutes =	1 mile
Roller Blading	3 miles =	1 mile
Swimming (30 yards/min)	1 mile =	1 mile
Garden, digging	30 minutes =	2.5 miles
Garden, push mowing	30 minutes =	2.25 miles
Garden, raking	30 minutes =	1 mile
Garden, planting	30 minutes =	1.5 miles
Dancing, moderate to rapid	30 minutes =	1 miles



The exercise equivalents were developed so participants who enjoy activities in addition to walking can log credit for those different activities. These are estimates. You may log 1 mile for 20 minutes of any exercise that makes you breathe hard and sweat.

You may log 1 mile for 15 minutes of any continuous exercise that makes you breathe very hard and perspire heavily.

Thank You Notes

Thank you from the Session to:

- those who participated in Service for a Day; and
- the Confirmation Class for leading the early service Easter Sunday and also a congratulations note to the Confirmands from the Session for completing their confirmation study and being confirmed as members of Hope Church.

I would like to thank the people who attended my confirmation at Little Melvin's. It was a wonderful day! Thanks again,
Ellie Geer

I truly want to thank you for the prayers for Auston Miller for the surgery as it went good. He's still recovering slowly, but he's good. Also, thank you for the prayers as I went to Texas to be with my mom, Louise Miller, as she went through the testing for cancer. She is cancer free. Her spleen is taking all her blood platelets so she'll have her spleen removed. Again, thank you.
Nancy, Louise & Auston Miller

Thank you to River of Hope Youth Center for letting me have my 7th birthday party up there. My friends had a great time.

Thank you to *Happy The Clown* for making my special day one to remember.
Trevin O'Malley

Thank you....."Thank you, Gracias, Assante, Danke, Spassiba, Merci...a world of Thanks"! Many thanks to my Hope Family for cards, calls, and prayers you sent when I stupidly fell and broke my wrist and my "pride". Just knowing you are being prayed for lifts the level of pain. So, Thank you and many blessings to you all, *Kathryn Frazee*

Hope Church Easter Egg Hunt Committee,
Thank you so much for the Community Easter Egg Hunt. You did a great job! The grandkids enjoyed it a lot. Carter won one of the bikes. What a great prize for him to have received! Thanks for all the time, donations, planning and setting up. We truly appreciate it!
Thanks & God Bless, *Tami Thein*

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Summer Worship Schedule

8:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship ~ Hopewood Chapel

9:30 a.m. Fellowship ~ Fellowship Hall

10:00 a.m. Indoor Worship ~ Sanctuary