



**HOPE PRESBYTERIAN  
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# Hope Scope

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## **Pastor's Pen by Rev. Dr. Candace Adams**

The longer I am a part of the body of Christ, the more aware I become of the challenges of unity. Unity is not easy to achieve. There are many obstacles that stand in its way. Nevertheless as Christians, we are called to strive for unity.

In John 17:23 we read, "I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me." Psalm 133:1 has a similar message, "How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!"

Unity does not suggest or demand that every person think alike; rather, it does call us to respect one another. We must operate from a place of commitment to the whole. We must consider what is in the best interest of the group. Sometimes this requires a person to set aside his or her personal agenda in order to work for the common good.

I am the first to admit that there are times when my personal desires get in the way of reaching unity. Frankly, I want what I want and I assume that is what everyone else should want. There have been numerous occasions when I have had to stop and reflect on a situation from another person's point of view. Moreover, I needed to seek the Lord for guidance and direction. My selfish desires usually have absolutely nothing to do with God's will.

The next time you are in a group and there appears to be a division or lack of unity, I invite you to do the following three steps: humble yourself, pray and seek God. This may result in your sacrificing for the betterment of the group. This may change how you perceived the situation. The more we walk with the Lord the more we will discover unity in unexpected places.

Typically, something I thought was extremely important is not. Moreover, I find great joy when the body of Christ can work through difficult issues and bring honor and glory to God.

I write this article not because there are significant divisions in our congregation, quite the contrary. Rather I think this is an important issue that should always be at the forefront of our minds. The book of Philippians ends with these strong words of appeal: "Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!" Friends, may we seek our unity in Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **Service of Remembrance**

Tuesday, November 1st is All Saints' Day. We will be holding a Service of Remembrance on Sunday, October 30th, to honor the people who passed away this past year.

## Session Highlights from September 12, 2011

- ⇒ Accept into membership of Hope Presbyterian Church Amanda Titus and Wallace Titus by transfer and Sheri Bierman by reaffirmation of faith.
- ⇒ The Session discussed Chapter 4, “The Practice of Risk-Taking Mission and Service,” of the book *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations* by Robert Schnase. Session members had the following comments:
  - not everyone needs to be interested in the same missions
  - don't let various mission be a divider
  - the length of time it takes to get approval for a mission project can be frustrating
  - celebrate how members live out their faith through community organizations/missions
  - do not put yourself above those who receive the mission work
  - missions that challenge our comfort level include soup kitchens/Care Pantry/Sharing & Caring Hands
  - we need to reach out and let others experience the heart of the people
- ⇒ Clerk Nancy Birkeland distributed a PowerPoint presentation from a webinar she attended on the new Form of Government and highlighted the following:
  - the Session should review its mission and determine how it matches Jesus' mission
  - the Treasurer's and Clerk's terms are no longer limited to one-year terms
  - inactive members can be included as other participants
  - the church must have a manual of operations that will contain all of the church's policies, such as creating committees, building use policy, etc.; it is an ongoing manual that will continually be developed
  - is the church being intentional in receiving new members? An example given was a church with a fellowship friends program where current members take new members under their wings and help them get to know the ins and outs of the congregation and introduce them and get them active after about six months
  - governing bodies was changed to councils of which there are four: Session, Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly
  - members are encouraged to be more involved in the Presbytery level
  - the Session can no longer elect one of its own members to moderate a Session meeting—it must be a pastor or someone who has the authority to moderate, such as someone on the Presbytery level
  - the Session is a gathering of the spiritual leaders of the congregation and not a gathering of the corporate board of directors; the Session should become a discerning body
- ⇒ Approved hosting the February 2012 Presbytery meeting and allowing the Alaska Mission Trip participants to serve the meal as a fundraiser.
- ⇒ Approved allowing the Senior High youth group to travel to the Twin Cities for a mission trip at various organizations and attend a Christian conference at Bethel University on November 5-6, 2011, with the expenses to be paid from the youth budget.
- ⇒ Approved using 25% of the Peacemaking offering to support a local community agency that helps those who are struggling with poverty.
- ⇒ Approved having mission donation cans on the Fellowship Hall tables for spare change on the fourth Sunday of the month, September through December.

## Thank You Notes



Thank you to all of the volunteers who mowed the lawn this summer; all of the volunteers who painted the Christian Education wing and Cathy Plucker for the extra hours she put into the Christian Education wing refurbishing.  
*The Session of Hope Presbyterian Church*

To my Church family -

A special thanks to you for all your kind expressions of sympathy, prayers, visits, food, cards and memorial gifts. We appreciated the delicious meals Hope to Home brought to us at our home.

Thank you, Pastor Candace, for being there with us at the hospital, your comforting words, scriptures and prayers.

To Maggie for her special musical tribute for Warren who loved most kinds of music. From gospel to 40's and jazz. Thank you.

Thanks to the ladies of the church for preparing and serving lunch.

We give thanks for the Saving power of Jesus Christ for all who believe in Him. May God Bless You.

*Marlene Johnson & family*

WOW - What a caring family we have here at Hope Church. I was over-whelmed by the cards you sent and prayers that have been said for me. Also, all the food, the flowers, the prayer shawl and Hope's Teddy Bear. What a comfort. And I can't forget the many visits by Candace and others. Thank you so very much. What a blessing you all have been! *Gay Gloege*

Thank You to everyone who came to Clearwater Forest Work Camp. Not only were the docks taken in, electric projects worked on, but a patio was installed close to Eagle Lodge and another almost finished up where the old garden was laid out by Eagle Lodge. Our willingness and hard work is very much appreciated. *Harold & Jonelle Foreman*

## Youth Ministries by Cathy Plucker

### TAG (Teens and God)

TAG has begun and the year ahead looks great. Not only do we have some fantastic youth, but we have a brand new adult youth team formed. Sharon Johnson, Jaime Lindahl, Howard Jones, Ida Knopps, Laura Moore, Gaylord Lind, Robin Mulder, Sheri Bierman, Mary O'Malley and Dawn Oie have graciously stepped forward to help lead the youth group. This team has already shown their passion for youth. We had our first Hope Amazing Race on September 21st at the apple orchard. Our great drivers were Sharon, Jaime, Gaylord and Robin; and Howard was our lead person at the apple orchard. The night was filled with laughter, team building, clues and the youth getting to know their drivers by playing a game. We ended the night with a prayer ending with the words that God looks at them as being "the apple of His eye." And this is just the beginning of a great year!

## Youth Mission Trip

On November 5th and 6th the youth will be heading to the cities to work at Mary's Place on Saturday. Mary's Place is a shelter in Minneapolis that helps the poor and less fortunate, assisting the families and giving hope to the children. We will work there all day on Saturday and then head to a motel to get rested up for church in the morning at First Baptist Church. Our youth will be joining their youth before the service for a youth group. We will have a time for homework after church and will be doing something fun, hmm. Then we will be going to Bethel University for a youth mega-rally featuring Jason Strand and Superchick. This will be a rewarding weekend for 9th-12th graders. Mark it on your calendar. More details on departure times will be coming out in a postcard.

**There will not be youth group on October 19th.**

**Enjoy your MEA weekend with your family and at the NLS football game, go Wildcats!!**

## Children and Families by Cathy

### Bible Club

Our first Bible Club will be on October 5th. Children, Kindergarten-8th grade, can ride bus #2 to church directly after school. This year our theme for Bible Club will be The Fruit of the Spirit. In October we will be focusing on the un-failing power of Love. They will be having a snack with things that are red, making a friendship collage, and their memory verse will be, "Love one another," John 13:34. They will learn that God blesses their lives by giving them loving friendships such as the one experienced by David and Jonathan.

Supper will be served at 5:50 pm, super nacho bar and apples and dip, yum! They are encouraged to bring along a friend.

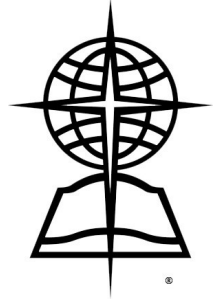




## Missions by Cathy

### Jack Anderson Alaska Mission Trip

Wow, what a response for the trip. We have filled our 20 slots with ease for this trip. We have had two meetings already and have spent this time with devotions from Celia Evenson, travel plans, fundraising ideas, food costs, possible work while there and just getting to know each other. Please keep this group in your prayers; it is a big undertaking to send a large group on a mission trip, always keeping in mind why we are going, to do God's will.



Celia has had some wonderful devotions and I wanted to share one of them with you so you can experience some of this trip with us. Her first devotion came from Psalm 40:5-11. "You have done many things for us, O Lord our God, there is not one like you. You have made many wonderful plans for us. I could never speak of them all—their number is so great! You do not want sacrifices and offerings; you do not ask for animals burned whole on the altar or for sacrifices to take away sins. Instead, you have given me ears to hear you and so I answered, 'Here I am, your instructions for me are in the book of the Law. How I love to do your will, my God! I keep your teaching in my heart.' In the assembly of all your people, Lord, I told the good news that you save us. You know that I will never stop telling it. I have not kept the news of salvation to myself; I have always spoken of your faithfulness and help. In the assembly of all your people I have not been silent about your loyalty and constant love. Lord, I know you will never stop being merciful to me. Your love and loyalty will always keep me safe."

Celia ended with some of her own words, "We are wondering what God's plans for this project are and what is God's will for us and especially for these plans, but for sure His will is that we never stop telling the good news that Jesus saves us. And His promise is that He will be merciful and keep us safe. Celia said that Jack really came to her mind while she was preparing for this night.

If you have any questions about the trip, please contact Cathy.

### Spare Change Sundays

Each 4th Sunday from September-December those going on the mission trip will be having a spare change fundraiser. Dig deep into the pockets and bring in your spare change on these Sundays. You can put it in the basket in the narthex when you leave the sanctuary or in the cans on the tables in the fellowship hall. The Alaska mission group would like to thank you for your support during the next year of planning.



## Missions (continued)

### Give to Grow, Grow to Give Mission Challenge

It is already October; where has the year gone? The mission challenge for 2011 has been met with a wonderful response from the congregation. The Grow to Give dollars keep coming in and it has been such a blessing to see how much our mission dollars have grown. We started out with \$1,500.00 and to date have grown it to \$2,830.75 and that amount continues to grow. I wanted to share an idea that just came in on how to grow a pledge. Glen and Sheri will be married soon and they said they will be growing their \$10.00 during their dollar dance at their wedding. Sheri said that this idea came from the kids; that is wonderful.

We will be wrapping up the Give to Grow, Grow to Give mission challenge in a couple of months so if you haven't turned in your \$10 Give to Grow pledge, be thinking of a fun and unique way to grow it. Contact Cathy if you have any questions and take a look at the standing bulletin board by the library to see where other people have designated their gift.

### Care Pantry

The Care Pantry continues to be a blessing to many families in our community so it continues to need your prayers and support. Please pray for the many families who visit the Care Pantry. Loss of jobs, addictions, mental illness, and living paycheck to paycheck are some of the reasons why these individuals need to visit the Care Pantry.

Recently an individual returned to the Care Pantry for a visit. I had not seen her for several months. She originally began coming to the Care Pantry when she was going through treatments for cancer. After many months she needed to make another visit; her health is returning, but she struggles catching up and she said that it is a true blessing to be able to come here and fill her cupboards with the necessary hygiene items for herself and for her children.

Some of the items that seem to jump off the shelf fast and that we could really use your help filling are: shampoo and conditioner, 32 loads of laundry soap, garbage bags, feminine products, toilet paper and toothpaste. If you find a good sale grab a few extra items for the Care Pantry. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry for over three years. If you are interested in volunteering in the Care Pantry, we take appointments for Tuesdays and Thursdays; any extra help would be appreciated.

### New Mission Committee Meeting Time

To our wonderful mission team: Darlene Bratberg, Shelly McGee, Glenyce Gulbranson, Audrey Dean, Steph Bents, MaryBeth Dubord and Sharon Jones, a new time has been set for our meeting. We will continue to meet on the 2nd Monday of each month, but have chosen a new time. We will meet at 4:00 pm. Our meeting will be filled with prayer and discussion on the various mission ministries of Hope Church. A big thank you goes out to all of you for all that we have accomplished already.



## Health Ministry by Bev Jones

This is the time of the year to get a flu shot. There is plenty vaccine available. The vaccine is available at your clinic, drug store, or even some grocery stores that will have vaccination clinics. The flu and cold season means over the counter medications will probably be taken. It is important to look at the labels and the drug interactions.

Some drug interactions can have serious side effects. Acetaminophen or Tylenol is contained in some of the cough and pain medications. The recommended amount of Tylenol is not over 4000 milligrams in 24 hours. Taking more than that can put you at risk of liver damage.

NSAID's (non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug) such as Advil, Ibuprofen, and Motrin can cause bleeding if taken with aspirin, Coumadin, or if there is a history of bleeding ulcers. Do not take more than recommended on the label.

Tums has calcium and if taking more than the recommended amount or using longer than 2 weeks can cause decreased kidney function.

Dietary supplements such as St. John's Wort can interfere with Lanoxin and cholesterol lowering drugs such as Mevacor and Altacor. Vitamin E taken with Coumadin can increase bleeding.

Whenever you get a new medication, be sure to receive the information about the drug from your pharmacist. ALWAYS READ LABELS. Use only one pharmacy for your drugs as the pharmacist knows what medications you are taking, and will know if it is safe to take with other drugs or food. Keep your health care professional (doctors, nurses, home care staff) aware of what you are taking including supplements and over the counter medications.

Blood pressures will be taken on the third Sunday each month. The next one will be October 16.

Hospice has training on October 10 and 12th. See the bulletin board for information.

## Hope Walkers by Jan Saulsbury

The Hope Walkers are on the last leg of their journey. We have walked through Dallas which was 4,886 miles and are now on our way to Kansas City, Kansas which is 5,441 miles. We have walked 5,032 miles as of 9-20-11. Great job everyone!!!! This is a record setting walk.



## Library News

Check out the new book in the library: Julie Beck, local author and daughter of Marybeth Dubord, has written a delightful book entitled *Hangin' Out with Russell*. The book tells the story of how Beck helps a poor little robin and how the robin brings so much joy into her life. Beck names him Russell, and with her help, the little bird practices flying, learns to hunt for bugs in trees and gardens, and even makes friends with a couple of crazy little dogs. Russell loves his time with Beck, but he keeps in touch with his mother always. Eventually, his mother tells him that it's time to leave Beck's house and fend for himself. Has Russell learned enough to survive on his own? Find out in the humorous, adventure-filled, and touching story of Beck's time *Hangin' Out with Russell*.

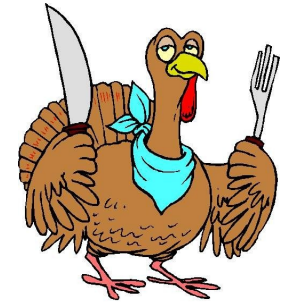
### Hope Presbyterian Women (HPW) by Jonelle Foreman

Thank you to Don and Sue Anderson who told us about their trip to the Galapagos Islands and Peru. It sounded like they had a very enjoyable time. Thank you, Stephanie Bents, for manning the screen projector so all of us could see the pictures. Devotions were given by Sue Block and lunch was served by Clara and Hazel. A short HPW meeting followed.

October 1st - FALL BAZAAR 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Be thinking of what you might or will make to bring to the craft areas, bake sale or even newly discovered items to bring to Grandma's Attic.

October 3 is a COORDINATING MEETING at 7:00 p.m. Devotions by Shar Williams. We need to review where the committees are and plan to update our HPW books and new members.

Put November 3rd on your calendar for the ANNUAL TURKEY SUPPER.



### Clearwater Forest Fall Women's Retreat

Ladies, the Fall Women's Retreat at Presbyterian Clearwater Forest sign-up sheet is hanging up in the fellowship hall; it would be wonderful if more of you could join us for this very meaningful weekend. We do have a guest speaker; she is Michelle Oie and she is going to be talking about making your life meaningful. If you haven't joined us before, it is a full weekend of getting to know one another better, singing, crafting, prayer and bible study, walks in the woods and trails, eating, resting, and enjoying the great outdoors. The weekend is November 18, 19, and 20th. If you have an e-mail address, please include it on the sign-up sheet. Again, we would love to have more of you there. *Sue Block*



**Hope Presbyterian Church**  
**Fall Cleanup Day**  
**Sat., October 15th**  
**8:00 a.m. - noon**

## Announcements

### Volunteer Lay Readers Needed

Starting in November, we are changing our system for recruiting Volunteer Lay Readers. To save time we will not be calling volunteers.

There will now be a sign-up sheet on the easel in the fellowship hall for you to pick a date that works best for you. We appreciate our loyal consistent lay readers; however, we are always looking for new volunteers. If you forget to sign up while in church, give the office a call or send us an e-mail and we will write you in.

If you think you might be interested, the following may help you in your decision:

- We phone the lay reader for that week with the scripture readings on Wednesday.
- We also e-mail the bulletin and lay reader introduction for the service to you on Thursday of that week. This way you are able to review it before Sunday.

**If no one signs up for a Sunday, we will not have a lay reader!** *Sandy Lee, Church Secretary*

### Hope Church Website

Make sure to check out our website: <http://hopechurchspicer.org>

If you are looking for a previous bulletin, sermon or Hope Scope Newsletter, they can all be found on the website! Thanks to Stephanie Bents for keeping it up to date!



### Community Announcements

**Willmar MOPS** are hosting an "Antiquities Spotlights" Fundraiser on Oct. 28-29th. The cost of a sitting is \$15 and you will receive a free 8 x 10 photo of YOUR FAVORITE POSE (yes, you get to choose which picture you like best!) These photos are now in color and feature new backgrounds and outfits. Feel free to contact Becky Jasa if you are interested in reserving a sitting. 402/310-3093 or [rjasa@live.com](mailto:rjasa@live.com).



### Habitat for Humanity Fundraiser Event

Invitations are now going out for the 1st Annual Habitat Harvest Breakfast: One Family's Journey Home to raise funds for Habitat for Humanity of West Central Minnesota. The event will take place October 29, 2011 from 9:15-11am at the Willmar Conference Center. The program will include testimonials from a homeowner, a volunteer, and Habitat staff. Roger Madison, Bremer Bank, will be the keynote speaker with music provided by CTI Music Ministries. If you have not been contacted, and are interested in attending, contact Charline at 320.231.2704 or [charline@habitatwcm.org](mailto:charline@habitatwcm.org)!

## October Volunteer Schedule

	<b>Lay Readers:</b>	<b>Children's Church Teachers:</b>
<b>October 2:</b>	Myron Ficek	Cathy Plucker
<b>October 9:</b>	Kathryn Frazee	Kari Steele
<b>October 16:</b>	Greg Mulder	Kim O'Malley
<b>October 23:</b>	Jean Bauer	Alisa Taatjes
<b>October 30:</b>	Pam Lindahl	Kari Steele

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

	<b>Coffee Servers:</b>	<b>Sound Operator</b>
<b>October 2:</b>	Brenda & Pete Bratberg; Patty & Tom Wall	Harold Foreman
<b>October 9:</b>	Jeanette & Jerry Gault; Liz & Danny Fischer	Pete Bratberg
<b>October 16:</b>	Leslie & Mark Radabaugh; Kathryn & Terry Frazee	Dan Fischer
<b>October 23:</b>	Kathy & Daryl Taatjes; Shirley Kidd	Duane Taatjes
<b>October 30:</b>	Victoria & David Wohnoutka; Sue & Tim Block	Daryl Taatjes
<b>October Ushers:</b>	2nd: Pete & Barb Lindahl; MacKenzie Peterson & Lauren Bratberg 9th: Pete & Barb Lindahl; Tim & Sue Block 16th: Tim & Sue Block; MacKenzie Peterson & Lauren Bratberg 23th: Jason & Kari Steele & family 30th: Pete & Barb Lindahl; Jason & Kari Steele & family	

**October Acolytes:** Jayden Christensen; Ashton Engelke; Kennedy Haglund

**Communion Servers:** Deb Ficek, Brenda Bratberg, Bob Sampson, Nancy Birkeland, Sharon Jones

## 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.*

**Joys:** Baptism of Sophia Rogalski, Marriage of Nick & Heidi (Duke) Wuertz

**New Prayer Requests:** Don Grosklags, Dave Wohnoutka, The Family of Charles Chapin (son of Elsie McLaughlin)

**Health Concerns:** Ethel Haakenson, Derald Schneider, Albert Hookom, Hazel Jones

**Other Concerns:**

**For those affected by natural disasters:**

**For all those who struggle with addiction:**

**Grieving:** The Family of Marjorie Dickman; The Family of Earl Swanson

**Military Serving in Iraq/Afghanistan/Korea:** Lael Zwiefel, Adam Peterson, Brandon Dean, Josh Gehrke

**Shut-ins/Nursing Home Residents:** Elsie Walquist, Val Johanson, Dorothy Jones

**Hospice:** Ann Christensen, Dee Anderson

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## HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### FALL BAZAAR

*Saturday, October 1st*

*8:00 AM to 1:00 PM*

*Handcraft Creations & Holiday Crafts*

*Granny's Attic*

*Wood Crafts & Garden Harvest*

*Cookie Walk & Bake Sale*

*Afghan Raffle*

*Morning Coffee & Noon Lunch Served*