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We are excited to announce our  
official web site!

**LET US KNOW WHAT YOU THINK**



Keep up to date on events, worship changes, and access newsletters. We will be adding more information and photos, archiving past newsletters, and linking with our facebook page (hopeucccochrane) in the coming months. Let us know what you think.

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# Sunday Worship

## Sundays

Come as you are. God reaches out to us in many different ways and times in our life. We welcome all those seeking to nurture their faith and understanding of God's teachings as we navigate this complicated, and sometimes harsh, world together. Communion is observed the first Sunday of each month unless otherwise noted. We observe Open Communion: all are invited to share in this sacrament. Come dressed to your preference! It is not uncommon to see Green Bay Packer attire on game days or festive sweaters during the holidays. Bring the kids! We have a toy bin and activity books in the entryway at the back of the church. The children are invited up front for a short children's message near the beginning of worship. But if you choose, the fellowship hall downstairs is equipped with a speaker to listen in on worship and is always available to quiet a little one or provide a break. Fellowship hour immediately follows worship. We gather downstairs to enjoy coffee, homemade food, and conversation.

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Starting 10:00pm

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# Children's Christian Education (God2L)

## Wednesdays - September/May

Children and youth from 5 years old to 12 years old (and some older) meet weekly during the school year on Wednesdays after school. Each week they play, enjoy a snack, pray, study a Scripture lesson aided by our "Picture the Bible" materials and make a craft project. This year we have twenty-one children enrolled, and most attend each week. Marilyn Bollinger, Jenny Ehlenfeldt, and Pastor Colleen provide lesson leadership, with Audrey Holien and Donna Halling as helpers.

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3:45pm - 5:15pm

# Our Mission

## **Creative Worship**

We take our faith seriously and love our community. We like to laugh and have fun and do not take ourselves too seriously! We currently have a part time pastor here three Sundays a month. Other Sundays we are taking the opportunity to get creative. You may hear a traditional lay led message or guest speaker at worship, or participate in a Bible Study or a Music only and Reflection themed service, or may even see us out on a community service project. There are many ways to worship and we believe in being the church.

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# About UCC

## **The United Church of Christ (UCC)**

The United Church of Christ (UCC) is a distinct and diverse community of Christians that come together as one church to join faith and action. With over 5,000 churches and nearly one million members across the U.S., the UCC serves God in the co-creation of a just and sustainable world. The UCC is a church of firsts, a church of extravagant welcome, and a church where “...they may all be one” (John 17:21).

Since 1957, the United Church of Christ has been the church of firsts, weaving God’s message of hope and extravagant welcome with action for justice and peace. Together, we live out our faith in ways that effect change in our communities. The UCC’s many “firsts” mean that we have inherited a tradition of acting upon the demands of our faith. When we read in Galatians: “There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus”—a demand is made upon us. And so we were the first historically white denomination to ordain an African-American, the first to ordain a woman, the first to ordain an openly gay man, and the first Christian church to affirm the right of same-gender couples to marry. We were in the forefront of the anti-slavery movement and the Civil Rights movement. Our response to the demands of our faith is woven into the history of our country.

# Think Tanks

## Project Update

Hope UCC has three groups working together to brainstorm creative ideas in these areas:

### 1. Weird Church

What will “the Church” look like in 30 years? How can we live out Christ’s call to be advocates for those in need, to welcome the stranger, to worship God, to join in celebrating life and share in the sorrows of others in a way that brings us all closer to God’s Love and Power?

- What kind of worship services will help that cause?
- What kind of outreach to the community is needed and how can we effectively be helpful?
- In what ways can we live our faith that is life-affirming and inclusive of all of God’s people?
- What will Hope UCC do and be to respond to the situations of God’s people in Cochrane, Buffalo City, and the surrounding area?

If you would like to join in this brainstorming Think Tank please contact Rose Cyert at [rosecyert@gmail.com](mailto:rosecyert@gmail.com) or give her a call at 608.248.2986. We will be trying out some of our ideas throughout the year!

### 2. 100 year Celebration Think Tank

How shall we celebrate 100 years of being a congregation? This happens in 2025. You don’t have to serve in this group all that time! Just get some ideas going so the consistory can plan ahead...

### 3. Building Accessibility Think Tank

There are new ideas, technologies, and funding possibilities! How can we move into the space in our hearts and minds where we believe that ALL people should be able to worship at Hope UCC and then make it happen! We need to be able to get persons into the building who want to be here, no matter what their physical abilities. Will it be ramps? New rooms? An addition? A new entrance? Elevator or something else?

If you hope to attend the 100 year celebration, you may need to plan ahead for that accessibility you may be needing by then!