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Letters From The Church:

Greetings Hope members and friends,

Even though we clearly are in a difficult time, we at Hope praise God and thank Him for our many blessings. Even though it has been almost a full year since being in some form of limited contact with others, we at Hope have tried various ways to be together in worship and fellowship. We have done outdoor services. We are doing in-building services using masks and social distancing. We continue to live-stream our weekly worship services on our Hope United Church of Christ Facebook page. With the increased availability of the Covid-19 vaccine we are looking forward to some form of normalcy.

As you read through this newsletter you will see that your consistory and membership planned events for our spring.

Please participate as you feel comfortable. We look forward to spring because it is easier for us to be together outdoors.

We have hosted some Open House events for people who do want to "be" in their church but not in a group setting. We will plan an Open House for Good Friday, April 2.

We are in the season of Lent. We are journeying with Jesus toward Jerusalem. We will celebrate Palm Sunday, Jesus's triumphant entry into Jerusalem with the crowd cheering and waving palm branches. We will weep on Good Friday remembering Jesus's sacrifice for us.

He bore our sins with His crucifixion. We will rejoice on Easter Sunday celebrating His resurrection! He is Alive! He lived among us, he served us, teaching us how we to serve others. He arose! His Holy Spirit

abides in us! We at Hope church are encouraged for our future, more people vaccinated, more warm days making it easier to be together outdoors, more planned events for our church's fellowship and community outreach.

We at Hope are encouraged about our future with our Shared Ministry Agreement with St. John's UCC in Fountain City. Our joint search committee is encouraged to be working together to find a minister.

Here at Hope we celebrate our founders with respect for the strong foundation they have built for us. And we celebrate our bright future serving the Lord through our work in our church and community!

Blessings,
Marilyn Bollinger,
Lay Team Member

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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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Message from Consistory President

Hope UCC Update

I wanted to start off by saying THANK YOU to Marilyn Bollinger for her years of service on the consistory and work in other church areas. We will miss her leadership and spunk at the meetings but look forward to seeing her lead Sunday services in our interim.

We elected officers at our first 2021 consistory meeting on February 15, 2021. I, Sarah Kramer, was asked to be President and accepted the nomination. Deb Knutson was elected Vice President and Dawn Holien as Secretary. We had a busy meeting discussing upcoming fundraisers, church budget, God2L, and pastor search updates.

The consistory would like to remind everyone if you are interested in setting up an automatic deposit for your offering it only takes 2 simple steps!

- 1.) Please call Sarah Kramer at 715.497.5222 to get Hope's account information.
- 2.) Contact your bank and fill out a form to set up the transfer at whatever interval and amount you choose. It can be a great way to regularly contribute to church without having to remember your checkbook!

We have safely kept our doors open and gotten our message out in new ways through the pandemic and will continue to do so. We are an active, creative church body and I am excited to see what this year brings!

Blessings,
Sarah Kramer
President
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The Old Red Barn

by Karen Auer

Down the road next to a meadow
A weathered old red barn stands.
Its paint is chipped and faded,
Yet it still remains noble and grand.

It was there when it was needed
And it served its owner well.
Through wind and rain and snowstorms
Its protection would never fail.

In past years it held possessions.
Perhaps livestock, grain, or straw.
A desirable useful workplace
Back then is what you saw.

Some can't see its beauty
It remains hidden from their sight.
So many years have come and gone
Now its value might seem slight.

Though it seems to be abandoned,
But if you take a closer look,
You'll find that little critters
Remain hidden in every nook.

Every time I look at that old barn
The smile widens across my face.
Perhaps it's lost some splendor,
But I'll always love that place.

Lifting Up Hope For All

Update - 2021 Pledges

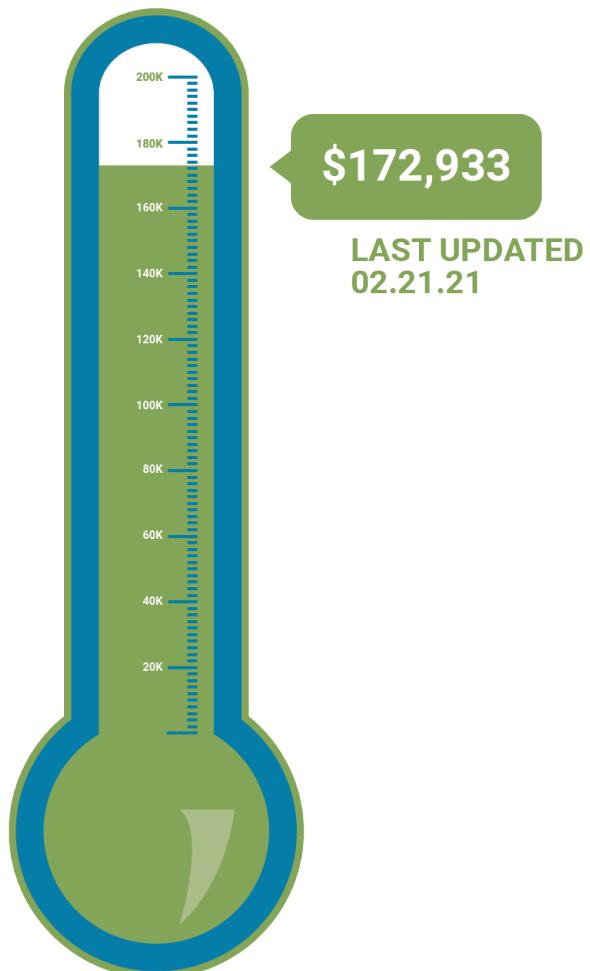
Our beautiful addition and lift are now complete. I hope many of you have had the opportunity to see or use it by now. We are immensely proud of what our Hope family has accomplished in these trying times of Covid-19.

Now that the job is complete, we are in the process of making payments on our project loan. I would like to encourage members to consider sending in their pledge (or any part of it) for 2021 at any time so that we can apply it to the loan balance. Any interest that we can save by timely or early payments will be a plus.

Thank you so much for your continued support. I believe we all look forward to when we can return to our friendship time and celebration events. If anyone has any questions, please feel free to contact me.

On behalf of your Hope consistory,

Debra Knutson
Consistory Vice President
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Food Drive

Now Through Easter

Lent is a great time for giving and Hope UCC is hosting a Food Drive now through Easter Sunday for the Fountain City Food Shelf located at St. John's UCC Church. The Food Shelf is open the 1st and 3rd Saturdays from 9:00am-11:00am and the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 3:00pm-5:00pm. They offer non-perishable food items, frozen meats and toiletries. Cash is always welcome. Here are some needed items, toilet paper, paper towels, feminine hygiene products, toothpaste, toiletries, cereal, cake mixes, frosting, canned chili/stew and microwavable meals. Items may be dropped at Hope UCC on Sundays before or after services 9:30am-10:00am or a volunteer can pick up your donation.

PICKUP OPTIONS

Wednesdays | Call Lori | 608.418.8215 Saturdays | Call Dawnnette | 319.480.5725

One Great Hour of Sharing

Theme: Let Love Flow

In the next few weeks, you will be provided with a bulletin insert and donation envelope so that you can participate in this collection. We will be taking final contributions on Sunday, March 14, 2021. There is also Cube Coin Offering Box next to the weekly Sunday bulletin by the office. Our gifts are combined with other UCC churches and enables them to respond to a variety of global and local concerns. The COVID-19 pandemic, wildfires, earthquakes, hurricanes, and flooding have ravaged communities in the U.S. and worldwide, leaving families and communities in desperate need of assistance. I would like to encourage all of you to help in any manner you are comfortable with. I am sure small or large, whatever we do as Hope UCC will be appreciated.

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Consistory Meeting

Monday, March 15, 2021

HOPE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Starting 6:00pm

Roast Beef Fundraiser

Saturday, March 27, 2021

Hope UCC will be holding a Roast Beef Dinner Fundraiser on Saturday, March 27, 2021 at the church from 4:00pm-6:00pm or until gone. Takeout sales only. Meal includes roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, dinner roll/butter and dessert. Cost is \$12.00 per person. Advance orders may be placed by calling Debra at 715.495.5085 or Rose at 507.450.8312. Curbside pickup will be available upon request. This would be a great time to bring an item to add to the food drive collection!

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4:00am-6:00pm

Takeout or Curbside

210 Michaels Street

Palm Sunday Worship

Sunday, March 28, 2021

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Starting 9:30am - Live Facebook Stream

Good Friday Service

Friday, April 02, 2021 - Open House Event

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Waiting...

Easter Sunday Worship

Sunday, April 04, 2021

EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP

Starting 9:30am - Live Facebook Stream

God2L Outdoor Event

Wednesday, April 28, 2021

SPECIAL EVENT

Starting 3:30am - Outside Pavilion (Next to Church)

Live Facebook Stream

Sunday Worship & Special Events

hopeunitedcochrane.org/video.html
facebook.com/hopeucccochrane

Pizza Fundraiser

Pre-Order Today!

Hope UCC FAMOUS pizzas will be on sale! All pizzas will be made fresh and packaged. We will again be offering the deluxe pizza option with sausage, pepperoni, mushrooms, onions, green, red, yellow peppers. This is one of our BIGGEST fundraisers that helps support activities at Hope UCC. All orders must be turned in early and you can pay ahead or during pickup.

facebook.com/hopeucccochrane
hopeunitedcochrane.org/pizza.php
Call 608.863.3491

Sunday, April 4, 2021 - Orders Due
Saturday, April 17, 2021 - Packaged

COCHRANE VFW - PICKUP

Sunday, April 18, 2021
10:30am - Noon
100 Michaels Street, Cochrane, WI



16" PIZZAS - \$12.00/EA					12" PIZZAS - \$8.00/EA				
CHEESE	PEPPERONI	SAUSAGE	PEPP/SAUS	DELUXE*	CHEESE	PEPPERONI	SAUSAGE	PEPP/SAUS	DELUXE*

**DELUXE: CHEESE, PEPPERONI, SAUSAGE, MUSHROOMS, ONIONS, GREEN, RED, YELLOW PEPPERS.
ALL PIZZAS ARE THIN CRUST AND COME SHRINK WRAPPED FOR FREEZING.**

100 Mile Garage Sale

Outdoor Event

The well known 100 Mile Garage Sale is being planned for May 6-9, 2021 and they are promising there is no way it will be cancelled this year! Your Hope Consistory is making plans to participate in the huge sale on Friday, May 7, 2021 and Saturday, May 8, 2021 in the church parking lot. As the event gets closer, the sale committee will be reaching out to members and friends for canopies and tents, tables, assistance with set up and sales, and take down. If you would like to donate any items to the sale, we will begin collecting items April 1, 2021. Just contact Debra Knutson knut1129@gmail.com or 715.495.5085 and pick up will be arranged. All proceeds from the sale will go to the Lifting Up Hope for All project.

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Friday, May 7, 2021

8:00am-4:00pm

Saturday, May 8, 2021

8:00am-3:00pm

Online Calendar

Keep Informed During Covid-19

Visit us online for up-to-date information on special events and Hope UCC news.

hopeunitedcochrane.org/calendar.html