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We are excited to announce our
official web site!

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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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Lifting Up Hope

Project Update

Accessibility has been researched a number of times over the years but the consistory is taking it on again as we were unable to find any details about prior plans. We researched construction options to make all parts of our building accessible to all ages and are having plans drawn up so all can visualize the option. There is a group researching grant options to help with financing. The consistory plans to make a complete presentation, including construction option, cost information, and funding options, this fall to get feedback from the congregation.

Blessings, Sarah Kramer
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Chinese Banquet Success

Project Update

What began as a crazy dream resulted in an evening of beauty, laughter, exclamations of thanks and “will you do this again?”

The Chinese Dinner team led by Lori McCammon, Orlin and Kathy Brommer, Chef Peter Kwong, and Jeri Baures, and assisted by a cast of thousands (well at least dozens), pre-sold 200 dinner tickets and provided a delicious Chinese dinner in an elegant atmosphere. Thanks to all of you who organized, assisted, or attended!

The event resulted in over \$3000 of profit. Half was given to the Scenic Valley Swimming Pool and half to the Hope UCC Accessibility Fund.

Who knows what next year will bring?

Hope UCC Memorial Day

Project Update

Members of Hope UCC requested we celebrate Memorial Day for members and the public at the flag memorial on Sunday May 27, 2018. Marilyn Bollinger developed and conducted the celebration. Neighbors Jim and Terri Lorenz provided electricity and joined us on their patio as we celebrated. Neighbor Adam Grable also had an extension cord for our use.

We began by putting out the flags and placed memorial flowers at 9:00am. Next Noah Ehlenfeldt played God Bless America, and Marilyn gave readings and a Memorial Day message. Orlin Brommer gave a brief history of the flag memorial that began on site in 2005.

A light lunch (that needed four or more tables) was enjoyed by all. Jim Lorenz asked that we make the activity in the Lorenz yard an annual event.

UCC Annual Meeting

Project Update

Rose Cyert and Sarah Kramer attended the UCC Annual Meeting in Green Lake, WI, on June 9, 2018. We had fun seeing what other churches are doing and sharing our own creative ministry story at the Share Fair. The Share Fair provided an opportunity for congregations to share their story about shifting from maintenance to mission and what they are doing to impact those around them. We titled our board Stepping Out in Faith and it was about how we got to where we are now and some of our successes.

We talked with a lot of meeting attendees and have more ideas for our church as we move forward. I learned there are a lot of churches our size thriving and doing good in their communities. It is uplifting to talk with other people who are invested in their churches and communities and on a similar path as us.

UCC Annual Meeting (Continued)

Project Update

The key note speaker, Rev. Traci deVon Blackmon, was very enlightening. Her address focused on race and privilege. I've been hearing the term "white privilege" a lot the last couple years and I will admit I had not done much reading about it beyond the media hyped stories and was anxious to hear her speak. I cannot do her words justice and am awful at remembering quotes so don't have a lot of specifics, but I know that throughout her address I felt overwhelmed, sad, and refreshed by her closing message. Calling out one's privilege is not an attack or placing blame but is something that our society needs to address. The politicians will not be the ones to lead this. We need to listen to each other and build relationships with one another and together our country and its people can begin to heal. Her address will be published on the WI UCC web site in a few weeks and I urge you all to watch it. The Annual Meeting had more to offer as well. There were short workshops on various topics and speakers throughout the weekend. Hopefully our congregation can participate more in the future.

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Hope In Action Creates Connections

Project Update

In Acts 2:42-46, the early church shared in breaking bread as part of their fellowship: "And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers." To engage similarly, Soup and Stories of the Spirit was held on April 4th. The purpose of this type of fellowship was to fulfill the church's mission to love one another, find connection through shared experience and see the spirit of God in our lives while enjoying soup and homemade bread. Attendees brought personal stories, news articles, stories from books, etc., and reflected on them together. It was a moving experience for many and created deeper connections among those who participated.

Hope In Action (Continued)

Project Update

“For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me” (Matthew 25:35).

It was brought to the attention of members of the Hope in Action Committee that some children in the area may be in need of meals and a supportive adult during summer daytime hours. Although it was the last week of school, the Hope in Action committee responded by creating a students through the CFC school counselor, and 7 hungry boys attended the first Wednesday on June 6, 2018. Interested volunteers can 1) sign up to make lunches (takes less than an hour) on Tuesdays, 2) offer to hand out lunches to kids from Noon to 1:00pm at the park shelter across from the pool, or 3) donate food or money to support the program. Sign-up sheets along with a list of needed food items are posted on the bulletin board in the UCC basement. Thank you to those who already donated their time or money to support kids in our area!

The committee would also like to thank the Consistory and Pastor Colleen for their support and guidance of this work. Please contact Dawnette Cigrand, Rose Cyert, Lori McCammon or Pastor Colleen if you have questions about either program or are interested in joining the committee.

Soup & Stories of the Spirit

Wednesday, September 12, 2018

Once again, the Hope in Action group will offer Soup & Stories of the Spirit in the church basement. We invite church and community members to share experiences in which God has been a part of our lives.

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6:00pm - 7:30pm

