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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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Pastor's Letter:

November 2022

Where have the last 10 months gone? Thanksgiving (and Deer Hunting Season) are at the end of this month. Then it's off to the Holiday Season, Christmas, and New Year's Eve. These all bring beloved traditions, gathering with friends and family, and celebrations.

Except, these past few years. Some were canceled, and others were limited the number of attendees and activities due to health concerns as the result of the pandemic. Others might have changed because friends or family are divided politically to the point that they cannot be in the same room. Of course, there are the changes that are part of life: people grow older, children turn into teens then adults who get married and have their own children, people move away for work or retirement, and more. It's just as true today as when Greek Philosopher Heraclitus thousands of years ago said, "change is the only constant in life."

Yet there are still reasons to be grateful as Thanksgiving approaches. Your celebrations may be bigger or smaller, quieter or louder, than years past. Yet within all changes, especially the negative ones, there are gifts of God's grace. They may not be easy to see at times. But they are still there. For God promises us wherever we are, God's love and presence is there. And that will not change.

So, what will you be grateful for this Thanksgiving? I'd love to hear.

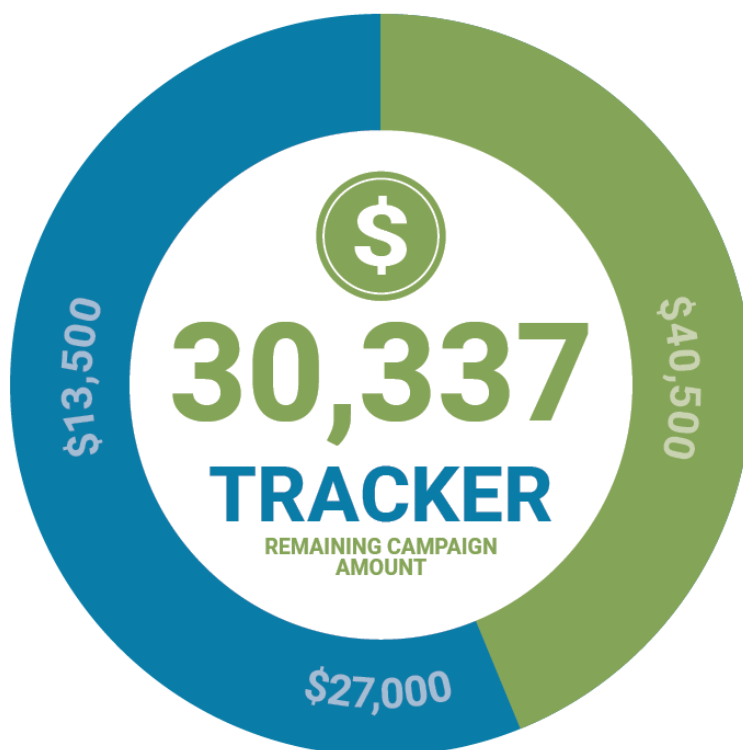
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Lifting Up Hope For All

Here Is Your Chance To Help

While the Capital Campaign has ended we are still working to pay for Lifting Up Hope for All accessibility addition. If you are interested in helping any donation amount is appreciated for this ambitious undertaking.



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Soups & Chili Supper

Friday, November 11, 2022

All you care to eat. Serving a variety of soups, chili, breads and pies. While supply lasts. Dine-in or Carryout Available. In honor of Veterans Day all Veterans eat FREE. Thank you!

\$12 Adults

\$5 Kids 6-12

Age 5 & Under - Free

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Starting @ 4:00pm



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4:00pm to 7:00pm
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Book Study

Light of the World: A Beginner's Guide to Advent

Pastor Deb will be offering a joint four-week Advent Book Study for both Hope United Church and St. John's Church. If you would like to participate and this time does not work for you, please let Pastor Deb know at debrev2002@aol.com or 239.994.2528. Zoom Access has been made available if needed.

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Tentatively at 4:00pm

Hope United Church

Cochrane, WI

Tuesday, November 29, 2022

Tuesday, December 06, 2022

Tuesday, December 13, 2022

Tuesday, December 20, 2022

Meeting ID: 839 5311 3583

Passcode: 261452

The book is Amy Jill Levine's "Light of the World: A Beginner's Guide to Advent." The book is described as "author, professor, and biblical scholar Amy-Jill Levine explores the biblical texts surrounding the story of the birth of Jesus. Join her as she traces the Christmas narrative through the stories of Zechariah and Elizabeth, Mary, the journey to Bethlehem, and the visit from the Magi. These stories open conversations around connections of the Gospel stories to the Old Testament, the role of women in first-century Jewish culture, the importance of Mary's visitation and the revolutionary implications of Mary's Magnificat, the census and the stable, and the star of Bethlehem and the flight to Egypt. While reading the chapter in the book each week is not required, it will enhance the experience. Copies of the book will be available from Pastor Deb starting November 13. A donation to cover the cost is appreciated. (If you prefer, it can also be purchased as a Kindle or Audio Book from Amazon.)

Christmas Fund Offering

Sunday, December 18, 2022

The Christmas Fund has been caring for active and retired clergy and lay employees of the United Church of Christ for over 100 years, providing emergency grants, supplementation of small annuities and health premiums, and Christmas "Thank You" gift checks each December to our lower-income retirees. This year we will take up the offering on Sunday, December 18, 2022.

United Church of Christ congregations and members have blessed the Christmas Fund with their generosity for many years.

This year, your care and compassion will be especially appreciated by those servants of the church who are facing a time of need, expressed in thank you messages sent to the Pension Board such as this one.

"I loved working in small churches. I remember a day in seminary when I overheard a couple of students talking, saying that the thing to do was get a small church to start and then that's your stepping-stone to a bigger church. That's when I decided I would always serve small churches. They deserve people with experience. But I didn't stop to think about the tiny annuity I would have at the time I made the decision to work with small congregations. Help from donations to the Christmas Fund has been a Godsend. Thank you!" - Pastor Deb

Please prayerfully consider your support of this offering for the wider United Church of Christ. And Thank You!

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During Sunday Worship

Christmas Eve Worship

Saturday, December 24, 2022

Hope United Church will be having a Christmas Eve Worship on Saturday, December 24, 2022

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Starting @ 4:00pm

Christmas Day Worship

Sunday, December 25, 2022

Since Christmas Day is also a Sunday, Hope United Church and St. John's Church will combine their worship services into one. This year St. John's Church will travel to Cochrane, Wisconsin. After the presents are open and before the "feast", come hear a retelling of the Christmas Story by Pastor Deb. She'll invite those who wish to provide the appropriate "sound effects" for the story, sing Carols, and take time to pause as we rejoice that there is "Joy to the World". PJs, ugly Christmas sweaters and other casual attire are encouraged.

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Joint Worship @ 10:00am

Online Calendar

Keep Informed

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

hopeunitedcochrane.org/calendar.html