

HOPE
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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THE HOPE BUILDER

A monthly newsletter
supporting the members and
friends of
Hope United Church of Christ

January 10, 2018

Two Great Ways to Start the year of 2018

WELCOME BACK, REV. JODY CLEGG! We are delighted to share the news that the Rev. Jody Clegg, who served as our summer sabbatical pastor, will be returning to Hope as our part-time pastoral care minister. This position, originally held by our former student pastor Josh Gibson, includes approximately 10 hours per month of pastoral care support, supplementing Pastor Sarah's role in hospital and homebound visits. In addition, Pastor Jody will serve as substitute pastor and preacher when Sarah is out of town.

As you may already know, Jody Clegg is a 2016 M.Div. graduate of Eden Theological Seminary. Last January, he was ordained into pastoral ministry in the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship through Kirkwood Baptist Church (Kirkwood, MO), where he is a member. Jody served as an active lay leader, adult education teacher, and church pianist at KBC before starting seminary in 2013. In the summer of 2016, he served as Sabbatical Pastor at Affton Christian Church (Affton, MO), where he completed his contextual education as an Eden student. He is a Georgia native who moved to St. Louis to attend Washington University Law School- and stayed! He enters professional ministry as a second career, having served as a compliance officer for 13 years before starting seminary. He lives in Affton with his wife Kathy and their two children, Aidan (14) and Lily (11). Welcome back, Jody and family!

MEMBERSHIP CLASS . . . Are you a frequent visitor to our worship services? Know someone who is? Pastor Sarah will be offering an "Exploring Membership at Hope" class in February. This class will be held one Sunday after the 10:30 service, and the date will be decided based on availability of those interested in attending.

Please contact Pastor Sarah (smccann@hopeucctl.org or 314-353-2288) by January 21st to sign up and/or ask questions. All are welcome!

Our Church Family

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MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS: Dick Cannon, Gayle Cannon, Michael Grady, Lonny Davis, John Eckhoff, Jo Ann Sletten, Darren Nelson, David Hazel, Chris Clark, Marilyn Heine, Sue Casey, Joan Aud, Betty Huch, Judy Huff, Carole Brueggjenjohann, June Franks and Ilsa Simpson.

Thank You...

- ◆ Thanks to the generosity of the Hope family and friends, **thirty-six gift cards totaling \$585** were donated to the mothers and children at **Lydia's House**. Cards from Aldi's, the Dollar Store, Schnucks, Shop'n Save, Walgreen's, Walmart, and Target are sure to have been a great blessing to the families. Lydia's House and the Hope Outreach ministry are most grateful for your support!

Outreach Ministry

- ◆ Thank you to all! We sold **20 Lydia's House pins, so this totals \$360.00**. In addition, **donations totaled \$54.00**. Thus the grand total raised to support the programs of Lydia's House at the Alternative Gift Market in **2017 is \$414.00!!!**

Outreach Ministry

Christian Sympathy...

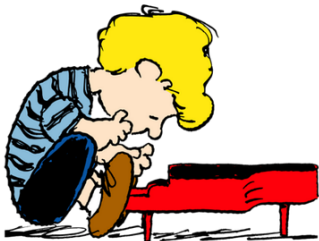
- ◆ To family and friends of **Judy Owens** on the recent death of her sister, Joan Sherman.
- ◆ To the family and friends of **Donna Weber** on the recent death of her father, Donald Gregg.
- ◆ To **Drew Florian and Ed Noud** on the death of their beloved dog, Zoe.
- ◆ To the family and friends of our Coordinator of Youth and Children's Ministries, **Linda Aranda**. Linda had joined our staff in October, and brought creativity and dedication to her ministry here at Hope. Most of all, Linda was committed to her family, and we hold her two sons, their spouses, and Linda's three grandchildren in our prayers. A memorial service will be held for Linda this coming **Saturday, January 13th at 11am at John Knox Presbyterian Church**, where she was a long-time active member. The church's address is **13220 New Halls Ferry Road in Florissant, MO**. Visitation will be held prior to the service beginning at 10am. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Tenth Life Cat Rescue in her memory. If you would like to send a condolence card to Linda's family, or make a donation to the Cat Rescue at P. O. Box 63187, St. Louis, MO 63163.

Events and Opportunities



Did you know there is a preschool located right here at Hope? HopeMark Preschool was founded as a community outreach by Hope UCC and St. Mark's Episcopalian Church in 1971. Since then, we have proudly educated thousands of children in the St. Louis Hills area and beyond! We are holding an open house on **Saturday, February 10, from 9:00 – 11:00 am**. Please come visit us, meet our teachers, and see all the wonderful things our school has to offer! We hope you'll stop by with your child and see why thousands of kids proudly say, "I'm a HopeMark Kid!"

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Opportunity for a piano player: As you may or may not know, we are blessed to have a rotation of volunteers who play the piano for our 8:15 worship service each month. We are looking for an additional pianist to help with this ministry of music. If interested, please contact the church office. Thanks for sharing your gift!

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BIBLE
STUDY

Parables: Stories for Life in God's World

"A parable can help us comprehend God better, know ourselves more realistically, change what we value, and deal with people in healthier relationships. Parables show us what it means to forgive, or fail to forgive; to show compassion or withhold it; to act decisively or allow the moment to pass. These are potentially life-changing stories."

-author Richard J. Henderson

Our final session in this series will be January 23rd at 7pm in the Chapel Narthex. We will also discuss possibilities for our next series at this session. Questions? See Pastor Sarah

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Each month members of Hope UCC and Kirkwood UCC gathering together in fellowship and prayer alongside knitting and crocheting. Each prayer shawl is created to provide someone God's love and comfort and a prayer of blessing. All are invited to join this joint ministry with Kirkwood UCC, whether you know how to knit or crochet: we'll teach you! Our next meeting will be on Sunday, January 14th here at Hope UCC (12:30pm-2pm). If interested, please contact Pastor Sarah for details, or just show up!



LUNCH BUNCH RETURNS IN FEBRUARY!

All are welcome!

We will gather at Michael's Restaurant (7101 Manchester Rd.) on Tuesday, February 13th at 11:30 a.m.

If carpooling, please arrive at church by 11:15. A sign-up sheet will be posted later this month. Please sign up in advance so we can make an accurate reservation.

February 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4 <u>8:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.</u> Worship Services with Sacrament of Communion	5	6	7 <u>7:40 a.m.</u> Serve at Epiphany UCC <u>9:00 a.m.</u> Quilters	8 Articles due to the office for the Builder <u>7:00 p.m.</u> Ministry Team Leadership Meetings	9	10
11 <u>8:15 & 10:30 a.m.</u> Worship Services	12	13	14 <u>Ash Wednesday</u> Service at 7:00 p.m. Hope Builder published and emailed	15 <u>7:00 p.m.</u> Hope UCC Council Meeting	16	17
18 <u>8:15 & 10:30 a.m.</u> Worship Services	19	20	21 <u>9:00 a.m.</u> Quilters	22	23	24
25 <u>8:15 a.m.</u> Taizé Worship Service <u>10:30 a.m.</u> Worship Service	26	27	28 <u>9:00 a.m.</u> Quilters			

Special Announcements



Birthdays

- 1 Donna Heinemann
- 3 (Marian) Lorraine Ecker
- 6 Tom Mennerick
- 8 Jacob Sanderson
- 11 Martha Robertson
- 13 Charles Mennerick
- 14 Diane Muehlenbeck
- 15 Kay Thurman
- 18 Richard LaFaver
- 21 Norman Bodicky
- 23 Emily Kavanaugh
- 26 Laurie Eisenbach
- 27 James Neiswander



Anniversaries

- 14 John & Martha Whitacre
- 16 Susan & Fred Meyer



Spring Co-ed Adult Volleyball Schedule

Jan. 14th	6:00 p.m. at St. Johns
Jan. 19th	9:30 p.m. at St. Johns Hope vs. St. Martin #1
Jan. 26th	7:30 p.m. at St. Johns Hope vs. St. Martin #2
Feb. 2nd	7:30 p.m. at St. Johns Hope vs. Eden Seminary
Feb. 11th	7:30 p.m. at St. Johns Bethesda vs. Hope
Feb. 16th	5:00 p.m. at St. Johns St. Johns/Joan vs. Hope
Feb. 23rd	BYE 7:30 p.m. at St. Johns Hope vs. Bethesda



Dartball Schedule

Jan. 16th	7:30 p.m. St. Lucas vs. Hope at Hope UCC
Jan. 23rd	7:30 p.m. Grace vs. Hope at St. Paul Oakville
Jan. 30th	7:30 p.m. Mt. Tabor vs. Hope at St. Paul City
Feb. 6th	7:30 p.m. St. Paul City vs. Hope at Hope UCC
Feb. 13th	BYE
Feb. 20th	7:30 p.m. St. Lucas vs. Hope UCC at St. Lucas
Feb. 28th	7:30 p.m. Grace vs. Hope UCC at St. Johns

Council, Staff and Lay Leadership

2018 Church Council and Ministry Liaisons

Andy Karcher	
Erik Hazel	
Jennifer Taylor	Stewardship Ministry
Amy Kavanaugh	Evangelism and Communications Ministry
Robbie Van Nest	Worship Ministry
Tiffany Beardslee	Open and Affirming Ministry
Emma Aughinbaugh	Pastoral and Staff Relations Ministry
Bethel Hale	Youth and Children's Ministries
Dan Emerson	Finance and Insurance Ministry
Rande Lodes	Outreach Ministry
Ron Zimmer	Building and Property Ministry
Kathy Swaller	Special Events Ministry

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Ministry and Lay Leaders for 2018

TBA	Building and Property
TBA	Evangelism and Communications
TBA	Finance and Insurance
TBA	Hospitality
TBA	Open and Affirming
TBA	Pastoral and Staff Relations
TBA	Special Events
TBA	Stewardship
TBA	Worship
TBA	Youth and Children's Ministries
TBA	Outreach Ministry

Church Staff

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Hope United Church of Christ Statement of Welcome and Mission

No matter where you are on life's journey, you are invited to enter the big red doors of Hope United Church of Christ. We are an open and affirming congregation. We believe that every person is a child of God and all are welcome, regardless of race, economic background, marital status, gender or sexual orientation, age, physical or mental ability, nationality or faith history.

It is our mission, inspired by God's Holy Spirit, to engage persons in living out the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Please come, for all things are ready.

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