

# Hope United Methodist Church



November 24, 2024

Let's Talk About Sin & Salvation

Reverend Jeff Rainwater



**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2024**  
**10:00 A.M. WORSHIP**

**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**PRELUDE**

*Now Thank We All Our God (Chorale from Cantata No. 79)*  
*Fanfare on 'Kremser'*

J.S. Bach  
Michael Burkhardt  
Cheryl Saborsky, CAGO, organist

**WELCOME AND INVITATION INTO GOD'S PRESENCE**

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Jane Uylaki

L: Rejoice in the Lord always, again I will say, Rejoice!

**P: Today we choose to rejoice. Today we choose to worship and give thanks.**

L: Seek the peace of God that will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

**P: Today we choose God's peace; today we place our trust in God.**

L: Turn your hearts away from the distractions and disappointments.

Set your affections on things above and worship the Lord who loves you and cares for you.

**All: We come to worship God who alone is excellent and worthy of praise!**

Adapted from Discipleship Ministries

**\*OPENING HYMN**

*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

UMH 694

**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**ANTHEM**

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

John Rutter  
Chancel Choir

## SCRIPTURE READING

I Thessalonians 5:16-24  
Philippians 4:4-9

Jane Uylaki

## MESSAGE

**Why? Let's Talk About Sin & Salvation**

Rev. Jeff Rainwater

## RESPONSIVE HYMN

*Grace Greater than Our Sin*

UMH 365 vv. 1, 2, 4

## MISSION MOMENT

Worship Design & Communion

Stacey Hilzer

## OFFERTORY

*In The Bleak Midwinter*

Gustav Holst  
Aurora Singers  
Tanner Kelly, director

## \*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH 94

## \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## PRAYER CONCERNS

## PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## \*CLOSING HYMN

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

UMH 139

## \*BENEDICTION

**\*MUSICAL BENEDICTION** *God Be with You till We Meet Again*

UMH 672

## POSTLUDE

*Come, Ye Thankful People Come (St. George's Windsor)*

Charles Callahan  
Cheryl Saborsky, CAGO, organist

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### STARTING POINT

today at 11:30 a.m.

Join the conversation to learn more about Hope UMC.



Join the conversation via Zoom tomorrow at 7:00 p.m. Registration link in Hope Happenings and on our Facebook page.



# WORDS FOR THE BEGINNING



December 1 - 1st Sunday of Advent

## **YOU ARE A BLESSING**

Communion



December 8 - 2nd Sunday of Advent

## **WE CAN'T GO ALONE**

Children's Christmas Pageant



December 15 - 3rd Sunday of Advent

## **DO THE GOOD THAT IS YOURS TO DO**

Chancel Choir Cantata - *Morning Star*



December 22 - 4th Sunday of Advent

## **HOPE IS WORTH THE RISK**



December 24 - Christmas Eve

## **LOVE KNOWS YOUR NAME**

Services with Carols & Candles

3 pm - Wiggle Friendly Service & Red Sea  
live streamed - childcare provided

5 pm - Chancel Choir & String Quartet  
childcare provided

7 pm - Chancel Choir, Bells, & String Quartet  
live streamed  
childcare not available, children of all ages are welcome  
in the Sanctuary

11 pm - Meditative Service with Communion



December 29 - Sunday After Christmas

## **DON'T FORGET TO LAUGH**



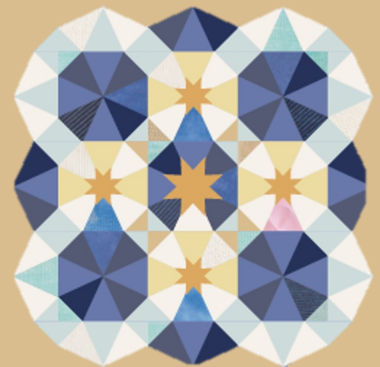
January 5 - Epiphany

## **THE ROAD ISN'T STRAIGHT**

Communion

Advent is a season of endings and beginnings. As the calendar year comes to a close, a new church year rushes in. Christ's birth ushers us into new ways of living and loving—and yet, we feel the weight of many things coming to an end. The world as we know it spins madly on.

In many ways, pregnant Mary was surrounded by endings—large and small, personal and political. And yet, Mary proclaimed hope in a God who was and is making all things new. As we also move through new personal and political chapters, may these words for the beginning renew us and remind us of the ways we are called to live out our faith. No matter what you are facing, no matter what this new day brings, let love be your beginning.



Please consider signing up to assist with our services. Ushers, Liturgist, Sound, Live Stream, Slides, and Communion Stewards are needed.

## Poinsettia Orders

In Honor or In Memory of loved ones will be collected at the Narthex Welcome Table today, Sunday, November 24 to Monday, December 16

## Trim Hope



Come help decorate the church for Advent on Saturday, November 30, from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. or until we are done.

With many hands helping, we will probably finish early. Jobs for all ages and abilities will be available: outside décor, decorations, pew bows, Sanctuary Christmas Tree, banners, wreaths, etc.

## Ways to Give This Christmas - Collections begin December 1

### Ministry Design Advent Collection

to support families facing homelessness at Tamarac Family Shelter

Requested items:

- ◆ larger sized diapers (5 or 6)
- ◆ Pull-Ups (any size)
- ◆ wipes
- ◆ \$10 - King Soopers, Shell or Visa gift cards for gas



Items will be collected in the Memorial Garden Narthex and ends Christmas Eve

### Hope United Women in Faith Mitten Tree

Items needed for migrant families in the area:

- ◆ winter hats
- ◆ blankets
- ◆ scarves
- ◆ mittens
- ◆ gloves
- ◆ diapers
- ◆ baby items



Items will be collected by the Hope Narthex entrance and ends December 30

### Youth Gingerbread Build

\$1 donation per vote to support Habitat for Humanity

Plan to vote online or at the church December 1, 8, & 15. "Builders Choice Award" will be announced on the 19th. Prizes awarded for most votes in each category!



## ADVENT PHOTO-A-DAY CHALLENGE

This Advent, we invite you to share the good news of this season through a photo-a-day challenge. For each day of Advent, we invite you to take a photo inspired by the word of the day. Share your daily photos on social media – Facebook, Instagram, Pinterest -- along with the words that inspired them. Please be sure to include two hashtags: #hopechangeslives and #sanctifiedart. Finally, if you feel bold, invite your friends and followers to join you in this activity, either in general or by tagging particular people in your posts.

DEC.1 <b>BEGIN</b>	DEC.2 <b>BLESS</b>	DEC.3 <b>COURAGE</b>	DEC.4 <b>POSSIBILITY</b>	DEC.5 <b>REMEMBER</b>
DEC.6 <b>MARVEL</b>	DEC.7 <b>GO</b>	DEC.8 <b>TOGETHER</b>	DEC.9 <b>EMBRACE</b>	DEC.10 <b>JOURNEY</b>
DEC.11 <b>PEACEMAKER</b>	DEC.12 <b>CONNECTION</b>	DEC.13 <b>ENOUGH</b>	DEC.14 <b>GOODNESS</b>	DEC.15 <b>WORTHY</b>
DEC.16 <b>REPAIR</b>	DEC.17 <b>MAGNIFY</b>	DEC.18 <b>MERCY</b>	DEC.19 <b>DREAM</b>	DEC.20 <b>HOPE</b>
DEC.21 <b>RISK</b>	DEC.22 <b>GRACE</b>	DEC.23 <b>JOY</b>	DEC.24 <b>Love</b>	DEC.25 <b>AMAZEMENT</b>

# Hope United Women in Faith Bake & Craft Sale

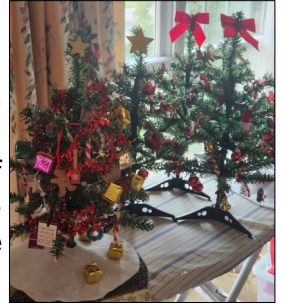
## Sundays - December 8 and 15 - Fellowship Hall

beginning at 9:00 a.m. to before Worship and after until 12:30 p.m.



We have been working since July and will have many baked and craft items for sale.

New this year, place an order for homemade Ice Cream Pies to pick up on sale dates. Made with Oreo cookie crusts in a variety of flavors. Please preorder at the Doughnut Table before the sale. We can't wait to see everyone there!



## Santa Shop

Saturday, December 14 - 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Our Santa Shop allows children to shop for Christmas presents in a safe environment and have surprises under the tree for family.



**Sign up to Shop** - Children must be signed up in order to shop, so please check Hope Happenings for the sign up link that will be posted soon.

**Sign up to Volunteer** - We need adult and youth volunteers to help wrap presents and youth to be personal shoppers with the kids. A sign up link will be posted soon.

**Collection for Santa Shop through December 3** - donations from the congregation are used as gifts and we really appreciate your help! If you have items that are new or gently used that would make great gifts for men, women, teens or children of all ages, please consider donating them to us. We also accept wrapping supplies -- especially gift bags and tissue paper and shopping bags with handles.

If you have any questions, please contact Kate at [kate.stapleton@hope-umc.org](mailto:kate.stapleton@hope-umc.org).



## Denver Interfaith Messiah Sing-Along

with orchestra and soloists

Friday, December 20, 2024 - Hope Sanctuary - 7:00 p.m.

Join us as we celebrate the Christmas season through the music of Handel's *Messiah*. Come listen, sing-along, or join the interfaith choir that will support the singers. Please stay afterward for some Christmas cookies and fellowship. Donations of \$10/person or \$30/family can be made online or at the event. Proceeds will benefit the Village Resource Center. For more information, visit [denvermessiahsing.org](http://denvermessiahsing.org).



If you have an **Individual Retirement Account (IRA)** and are age seventy (or getting close), you should know about a way you can give to your local church that will strengthen the church's ministry and produce tax savings for you! Here are some important facts you should know.

**1. Individual Retirement Accounts Have Come of Age (Middle-Age).**

IRAs have been around since 1974, though in the beginning, they were only for folks who didn't have any other pension coverage. A bill in 1981 made all workers and their spouses eligible for these accounts. That's a solid forty-plus years that people have been putting money away without having to pay federal taxes on it. (That part is important.)

**2. You Can't Take It With You or Leave Your Money There Forever.**

The understanding was that those folks could access that money without a penalty as early as when they turned fifty-nine and a half, but when they reached seventy and a half, they were required to start taking at least a minimum amount out each year—"required minimum distributions" or RMDs. In response to the coronavirus pandemic, the age for these RMDs was gradually raised: now it is seventy-three. Since participants didn't pay tax on the money when they put it in their IRAs, they are required to pay tax on it when money comes out. RMDs can push some people into a higher tax bracket. That can be avoided...

**3. Give It to the Church; Avoid Paying the Taxes.**

In 2006, pension protection legislation allowed for tax-free use of RMDs for charitable contributions, saving the tax that people would have had to pay when they took this money out of their IRA accounts. These are called "qualified charitable distributions" or QCDs. Here's an important distinction: these are NOT tax deductions. They do not provide a charitable deduction regardless of whether you itemize deductions. The tax benefit is the ability to exclude the donated distribution from taxable income! Here's an example: If you were planning to give \$1000 per month to your church, you don't qualify for more than the standard deduction amount, and you are at the 12% tax bracket—giving that amount from your IRA (as a QCD) will save you \$1,440 in taxes! If you are in the 22% tax bracket, the savings will be \$2,640!

**4. From Ira to "My UMC"—Never In My Pocket!**

With a qualified charitable distribution (QCD), a check goes directly from your IRA to your church or the charity you select. Many people who are facing RMDs that will have tax implications could pay all their annual tithe or offering at one time, hopefully early in the year, through their QCD and never have to show it as income.

**5. You Don't Have to Wait For 73 to Do the QCD!**

While Congress recently raised the age for RMDs to seventy-three, QCDs can happen for anyone who has reached the age of seventy and a half. Retirees who are over that age and want to continue to be generous to their local church should consider a qualified charitable distribution.

**6. Most Taxpayers No Longer Get a Tax Break for Charitable Giving.**

The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act that went into effect in 2019 and 2020 included an increase in the standard deduction—it nearly doubled. That standard deduction is the threshold that your itemized deductions have to exceed to make itemizing worthwhile. It left many people better off, but with 90% of taxpayers taking the standard deduction (which does not require any evidence of charitable giving), it eliminated a tax-incentive regarding charitable donations for most of us (not to say that this is the main reason people give to the church). Inviting retirees in the seventy-plus group (who use the standard deduction) to consider using the qualifying charitable distribution may reduce or eliminate the tax that they might have to pay on RMDs. Yet many will not know of this option unless your church makes the invitation!

We encourage everyone to discuss this with a financial planner, tax consultant, or attorney—and be sure to let your family know! It could be a savings for you and a blessing to your local church!

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**We would like to express our extreme gratitude to those who help, before, after and during worship. We could not do this without you!**

**Coffee**

**Jerry Brewster**

**Greeters**

**Ruth & Terry Shroyer**

**Liturgist**

**Jane Uylaki**

**Ushers**

**Lead - Tom Vinsh Marvin Becker Chris Brooks**

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