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Folk/Spiritual Musician, Sara Kay of Iowa City in Concert at Hope!

Sara Kay performs soulful, spiritual music with a progressive edge. And she's agreed to give our friends and us a concert on September 25th! Sara Kay will sing during 10:30am worship on the 25th, which will be followed by a potluck in the fellowship hall. She will grace us with a free concert at 1pm that same afternoon. Refreshments will follow the concert. Invite your friends and neighbors! It's sure to be a fantastic day with Sara Kay!

REMEMBER!

**Worship time changes
to 10:30 a.m. on
September 11, with
fellowship to follow!**



The congregations of the Eastern Iowa Association of the Iowa Conference of the United Church of Christ are called to our

FALL ASSOCIATION MEETING

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2011

At Peace United Church of Christ

410 E. Cherry, Monticello, Iowa

Registration will begin at 2:30 p.m.
Meeting called to order at 3:00 p.m.

Program:

**"It's Sunday Morning –
Where is Everybody?"**

1. Please encourage members of your church to attend the IRMS Conference on September 17th in Des Moines with Paul Nixon speaking on "Innovation and Invention in Mainline Churches" and Scott Hibben speaking on "The Future of Your Church is Out There". These topics will be discussed at our meeting.
2. The question "How do we model who we say we are in the community?" will also be discussed at our meeting. Please bring examples of things that have worked in your setting.

A meal will be served following the discussion.

Cost is \$7.00 and the menu
will be sent at a later date.

Reservations are required, please contact Pat Mundell no later than September 19, 2011 at pmundell@machlink.com OR 563-263-5979.

Dear Friends and Family of Hope UCC,

As I write this letter, I see children leaving school and going home for the day.... where has the summer gone? Someone told me once that reflections like that are a sign of age, I wonder. Vacation was nice and relaxing. Though I was gone two weeks some of that time was driving to Missoula Montana and to the ranch an hour away. On the ranch is a cabin that has an out house, no electricity, no running water and a wood stove that is needed even during the summer. A couple of the mornings I was at the cabin there was frost on the windshield. Anyway, I enjoyed using the camp stove to cook and the relaxing beauty of the horses in the pasture, coyotes' serenade on occasion, and the "no pressure" feel of life where you get back to some essentials. Though I wouldn't want to live that way all the time, I enjoyed having to walk up the hill to the out house to take care of nature's call. Strange, I know.

Back to life at Hope UCC. This morning I came into the office to discover our office computer is dead. It isn't very old and it is my hope that the information stored on it can somehow be retrieved, but the word I got is that it did more than crash, it burned. Karen was gracious enough to bring in her lap top and try and do the bulletin from it. Mary Nus has taken on this newsletter, Thank you Mary. Your patience is appreciated as we continue to have these technological issues at church (phones, internet, and now computer). On the mountain, no electricity, no phone, no internet ... well a person gets the opportunity for a more simple, basic way of living and I discovered that life continued without these things. OK enough of the day dreaming of being away from those kind of hassles.

September holds many special times plus the usual meetings. The Rev Bob David (First Congregation UCC new pastor) will be installed on September 3rd at 11 a.m. If you can help celebrate this event ... join us for this special service and meal afterwards.

We have our second Faith Retreat (September 9th and 10th). Though the overnight is for the youth ... from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. is for all ages. The theme is the Bible - the opening presentation is for all ages on "How to Read the Bible".... Perhaps this will contain some new ways to study the scripture, read the bible, or even understand this work of centuries. Bring a bible or just use one we have here already... interact with our youth and each other around this treasure chest (the holy scriptures) as we find the treasure within. The youth are invited to come at 5:30 to share supper together and then leave at 1 after lunch.

The Iowa Religious Media Center is sharing their annual educational event on September 17th in Des Moines: "Techniques and Technologies for Tomorrow's Church". If you have any interest in going to this event contact me and let me know.

September 18th, we will be talking to those who are willing to be acolytes about this special ministry they can do in the church.

September 25th, we have special music in worship, potluck after, and a concert at 1. Sara Kay is from Iowa City. She is a performer and is described as: "It's music that combines spiritual depth, thoughtful theology, and acoustic soulfulness. The songs focus on topics such as grace, healing, lament, peace, social justice, images of God, hope in the battle against breast cancer, etc. They were inspired by Scripture, stories from people I have met, and authors such as Walter Brueggemann, Harold Kushner, Monica Coleman, etc. The hope is that these songs help listeners to experience a deeper spirituality in their daily lives." I hope you can join us for this event.

In Christ,
Pastor Sue



Fully Rely On God

MISSION MOMENTS FOR AUGUST

It's coming! It's coming! Attention to parents of teenagers. There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex for **Generation Change**. "What's that?" you say. Generation Change is a financial program designed for young people to teach them how to spend or/ save money wisely. The program will run for 4 weeks. Check it out.

Fall cleaning? Are you tired of tripping over that basketball in the garage or looking at sports equipment that your children have outgrown? There has been a request for used sports equipment from the Little Eagle Reservation at Standing Rock, SD. Don't have any stuff? These people wouldn't mind if the sports equipment was new.

Do you feel ready to pop your "cork" some days? Plans are being made to have someone available to take blood pressure at the Fellowship time after church on Sundays.

Kudos to the church congregation. Many thanks to the congregation for continued support of the Linn County Food Bank. Donations of 14 bags and 2 boxes were delivered to the food bank in the month of July.



Get your teams together for the

1st Annual Hope UCC Trivia Night!!

The proceeds from this event will benefit Hope Christian Ed. This event will be held **Friday, November 4th** with social hour at 6:30 pm and trivia beginning at

7:30. What is a trivia night? It is a gathering of teams comprised of 8 adults (18+ please)

working together to answer questions related to any topic on the planet. Our event will be hosted by Andrew Buck & John Nus and is sure to be a lot of fun!

This is an event for all adults, so invite your neighbors, friends, coworkers, and family members to be part of your 8 person team. If you wish to participate as a couple or individual, we will assemble a team for you.

Cost is \$10 per person (please pay that evening) which includes a sandwich, games, payouts for the top 3 teams and a donation. Please bring a snack to share and beverages of your choice (wine and beer are welcome). There is a **pink** signup sheet in the narthex for teams and individuals – space is limited, so sign up today! If you have questions, talk to Andrew or Kayla Buck.

Answers to last month's sample questions:

How many blank "tiles" are there in a standard game of Scrabble? 2

What brand name was on the world's first patented pneumatic tire? Dunlop

What does the acronym NASA stand for? National Aeronautics & Space Administration

What is the largest province in Canada? Ontario in population, Quebec in terms of geographical area

Its time for Sunday school again! YIPPEE!

*Join us for the kickoff to the Sunday school year
9 am Sunday, September 11th.*

There will be crafts, games, snacks, music and much more fun!

Fast facts about Sunday school:

- Hope's Sunday school is available for all children ages 3-5th grade.
- Sunday school goes from 9am-10:15 am each Sunday. All are welcome!
- Hope also supports an active and exciting middle school group during Sunday school time.
- Sunday school offering is used to support a mission project that the students choose at the end of the year.
- Each Sunday, kids get "Music with Emily", which sometimes includes drums and chimes!
- Kids attending Sunday school get a snack every week!

*Come and Join the fun!
See you Sunday the 11th!*



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Thanks to Pam Winn (See Matthew 4:6) 03-18-2005

THINGS EASED UP ON GUARDIAN ANGELS AFTER
AIR BAGS WERE INVENTED

HOPE'S NURSERY

Our nursery is attended by at least 2 adults, and available for all children ages infant through Kindergarten every Sunday during worship.

A BIG THANK YOU to all of the angels who willingly staff the nursery at Hope. If you would like to be added to the nursery staff, contact Karen in the office.

Membership Enrichment Committee Revs Up This Fall!

The Membership Enrichment Committee will be meeting on Thursday, September 15th at 5:30 pm at church. Membership is a great committee on which to serve – we plan congregational breakfasts, help support new members with the mentoring program, recognize membership milestones and have several new ideas in the pipeline. If you are interested in serving on the committee, please join us for this meeting or contact Kayla Buck.

**HOPE UNITED
CHURCH OF CHRIST
MISSION STATEMENT**

As members of Hope United Church of Christ, affirming our Statement of Faith, we seek to be joyful participants in the mission of God in our world and to follow Jesus Christ in all that we do. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, believing that all will be provided, we commit ourselves:

- ✦ To help our children, ourselves, and the community know a loving, accepting and healing God.
- ✦ To be welcoming and open to all people as we actively care and support each other.
- ✦ To provide for the needs of our community by supporting programs that feed people, nourish spirits and seek justice.
- ✦ To find creative ways to celebrate our hope in God, to gather joyfully each week and proclaim with courage the challenge of God's word to all who seek fullness of life.

Friendship Committee Report

We will be helping with "Desserts with Hope" on Sunday, August 28th from 6:30-8pm. There will be a concert on Sunday, September 25 at Hope with musician Sara Kay at 1pm; a potluck is planned for after worship, and after the concert, refreshments will be served. On Saturday, October 1st we would like to get a group from Hope to go to an Open House at Dreesman's Buffalo Farm in Tama County. Watch for a sign up sheet with all the details. October 16th we are planning a lunch at Gwen's in Lisbon, watch for further details on this, too!

Friendship Chair,
Betty Hohensee

*You are invited!
Steve and Connie Wright will renew their vows after 35
years of marriage!*

*Saturday, September 17
Meadowlark Shelter
Squaw Creek Park, Marion.
11am- Refreshments
12pm-Ceremony
12:30 Luncheon*

*RSVP via email to :
SteveandConnie35th@hotmail.com
or 954-881-4374*

Fellowship, Boston Pops, and Rockapella!

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, November 27th, 2011**, to join other Hope members and friends for a night of great food and fantastic holiday music. The group will meet at church around 4:30 pm and carpool to The Vine in Coralville where we can dine as a group. After dinner, we will head to Carver Hawkeye Arena for the performance of the Boston Pops Holiday Concert along with vocal group Rockapella! This concert promises to be unforgettable, as one of the greatest orchestras in America joins a premier acapella group to present an evening of holiday

favorites. Tickets for the concert are \$25, and there is a **green** sign-up sheet in the narthex. **Money is due to the church office by September 20th.** Questions? Talk to Andrew Buck.

Hope Cook Book News

Name the Cook Book Contest!

Do you have a catchy name for Hope's Cook Book? Submit your idea for a great title and you can win not only the bragging rights for the name but a free cookbook. Place your entry in the recipe collection box in the Narthex by September 9th. We will announce the winning entry at Church and soon you will see your award-winning title in print!



Advertise your business in Hope's Cook Book

- Stretch Your Advertising Dollars
- Reasonable Rate

Support Your Church by advertising your business in Hope UCC Cook Book. See Julie Ludovissy or Nancy Kotalik ASAP for more information.

"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." (Epehsians 4:32)

Hope Church Vision Committee will continue work on Hope's goals on Tuesday, Sept. 6th at 7pm.

Christian Ed Committee will be asking for donations for Sunday school snacks! Watch for more information coming soon! Thanks in advance for helping to feed the Hope kids!



Worship & Music is working on storage solutions for worship "equipment," creating a catalog system for our wonderful array of banners (we welcome anyone interested in creating new or repairing old banners to contact us!), and coordinating worship services to be a meaningful space in our faith walk. The past month we had

the new challenge of being more directly involved in bulletin building. Thanks Greg & Mindy for taking on the lion's share of work over the past several weeks! And thanks to Karen for much patience with a committee not accustomed to so much hands-on with the bulletin process! :)

Karla Grauberger, Worship and Music Committee Chair

Meet Hope's New Secretary----Karen Seltrecht

Karen Seltrecht was hired this summer and began working at Hope mid -July. She has had lots of challenges already, including a first day with no phone and repeated days without internet or a working computer. It seems Karen is going to get all the hard stuff out of the way in the beginning! At least we hope that's true! Get to know Karen a little better on this page dedicated to her!

A little about Karen's family

Carl and Karen celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in April. Karen, in spite of all the challenges you've had at Hope so far, tell us something that has gone well!!

They have met son and a niece/daughter . They are also blessed with two granddaughters, ages 20 and 13. All live in Iowa.

The Seltrecht's are from this area. Before retiring, Carl taught school and was a carpenter. He also worked for Linn County as a building inspector.

Karen's most important and favorite "job" has been being a mom and homemaker.



Karen's favorites:

Karen's Hobbies and Interests:

Movie: Man on Fire
Photography is a great one. Shooting nature, abstract, and flowers. And of course the family.

Restaurant: Mexican
Pickleball, hiking and watching sports. Iowa Hawkeyes, Arizona Diamondbacks, and the Cubs.

Card Stamping and digital scrapbooking has been a long time favorite.

Playing board games and cards.

Place to visit: Antelope Canyon, AZ
I have been a volunteer for the American Cancer Society for years. Working with Relay for Life, ACS advocate and Reach to Recover.

I am also a Mary Kay Consultant.

I love being with people and making them feel good about themselves.

"Everyone has been so helpful and encouraging. I am anxious to get the "new" behind me and do the same for Hope."

Karen's motto:
Smile,



15th Annual

*Catherine's
 Tea Party*

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 Sunday, September 18, 2011
 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.
 Hallagan Education Center
 Mercy Medical Center
 701 10th Street SE, Cedar Rapids

*Proceeds benefit the Adult Basic Education and
 Transitional Housing Programs at the Catherine McAuley Center.*

*Reserve your spot soon as seating is limited.
 Individual event tickets are \$25 per person. Doors open at 1 p.m.
 Reservations must be made by September 9, 2011.
 Payment is required at time of reservation.*

Questions?
 Please call the Catherine McAuley Center at 319.363.4993
 or email anna@cmc-cr.org.



Forms to sign up for the Catherine McAuley Center 15th Annual Tea Party are available on the bulletin board in the narthex.



**Shop the
 Cedar Valley Habitat for
 Humanity ReStore
 on September 1st from
 9am-6pm
 for the 50% off sale!**

The ReStore is located at
 350 6th Avenue SE
 There, you will find: windows, cabinets,
 fixtures, doors, furniture and bunches of other
 things for your home improvement!

Save More. Recycle More. Build More.

*Remember that everyone you meet is afraid of something,
 loves something and has lost something. ~H. Jackson
 Brown, Jr.*

Lighting Candles at Hope

Calling all youth 3rd-8th: you are invited to light candles for worship at Hope! Please plan to attend Acolyte Training on September 18th. A pizza lunch will be served after worship with a short training session to follow.

Please RSVP by September 15 by either calling or emailing the church office (393-2400 or hopeucc@q.com).



A New Sign for 10th Avenue!

Hope formed a sign committee in the fall of 2010 with the hopes of making our presence known in the community with a new sign on 10th Avenue. With a new LED, lighted sign on 10th, we would be able to communicate Hope events with our neighbors and passersby, just by typing it on a computer in the office. With just a few strokes of the keyboard, we could tell people about Once Again Christmas, special services, Boutique, Financial Peace and the many, many other fantastic things that go on at Hope!

There is a lot said about importance of a church having clear, up-to-date signage, inside and out. It is a way to show we are alive and kickin'! An old, worn out sign, with missing letters, faded paint and no landscaping around it says, "Here is a church that isn't doing much. We don't even care enough to update our sign". And nothing could be further from the truth about Hope!

Back to the sign committee from last fall. The committee got some quotes from various companies and wonderful designs for a new sign were drawn up. We were so excited about the possibilities! Then we saw the price tag. OUCH! The committee came to a stand still. What to do?

While the committee is working on finding an answer to that question, I proposed to Council that a sign be created to put up over the current sign. By using plywood and paint and some letter tracking and letters I found on the internet, I was able to make signage for 10th Avenue with very little cost.

I have been working on the signs all week (see photo that Kate took). I am waiting for the letter tracking and letters to arrive, but with any luck, the new signs will be up by Sunday, in time for "Desserts with Hope", and to advertise Financial Peace and the start of the Sunday school year to our community.



I thank the Hope's Council for trusting me with this project and hope that these signs can be a great substitute until we decide what to do about up-to-date signage around Hope. –Mary Nus

Hope Family Photos- *Share Your Smiles!*

Its time to spiffy up the bulletin boards! One bulletin board will show off our Hope families! You are invited to please submit a family photo (casual or professional, no larger than 5" x 7") to be posted on our "Hope Family" Board. You can mail your photo to Hope, or turn in a hard copy to the office. No digital photos, please, hard copies only. We will post them together in a loving way on one of Hope's bulletin boards! Thanks in advance for helping to make Hope Church more like home!

PRESENT: guest Marti Garrison, Betty Hohensee, Cathy Evers, Adrian Evans, Ruth Vial, Kayla Buck, Jim Wooldridge, Denise Mineck

Guest: Marti Garrison came to the council asking if she could help in the visitation either hospital, care center, hospice, to help alleviate some of visitation for Pastor Sue. Discussion followed. Adrian will be calling her, with the decision of her doing this on a part time basis, thru the time Pastor Sue is here. Will be starting the discussion again after we get a new pastor, and see if they want or need this service.

OPENING PRAYER: Adrian Evans

COMMUNITY BUILDING:

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: motion/2nd/approved by vote

TREASURER'S REPORT: motion/2nd/approved by vote to accept after discussion

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

WORSHIP/MUSIC: Bulletin mostly done for this coming Sunday. Are having e-mail meetings.

BUILDING/PROPERTY: An outside door knob is/was missing for the fellowship hall. John's Lock and Key came and put a new handle on. Fran Henderson has joined the committee.

C/E: Desserts with Hope is Aug. 28, please come for the music, friendship and dessert!! Signup sheets in hallway to help with goodies. Hoping to have a couple of interviews for the C/E position. WE are in need of teachers. Trivia night for adults is coming Nov. 4. Get your teams together and come have fun. Watch for updates on this event.

MISSION: Financial Peace University starts Sept. 11 from 3-5 this is a 13 week long session. Also a new one is starting called Generation Change for Teens which also starts Sept. 11 from 12-2 and is 4 weeks; this is open for any teenagers 8th grade thru college. Please see Denise Mineck for information. Not much interest in the Share Program, will keep working on it. The group has been asked (by Deb Wooldridge) to gather used sports equipment that can be donated to the Indian Reservation she is affiliated with. Blood pressure screening has started.

MEMBERSHIP: No report, in need of a chair

STEWARDSHIP: No report, in need of chair

FRIENDSHIP: Working with C/E for Desserts with Hope. On Sept 25 there will be a concert at church at 1 p.m. by Sara K. Will have a potluck dinner beforehand. Please come and enjoy, Eden and First Congregational have been invited for the concert. Refreshments will follow. Oct. 9 we have been invited to join Eden at Jones Park for service and potluck. The council decided to have our own service and if you wish you can join Eden or go for the potluck.

OLD BUSINESS: nothing to report

NEW BUSINESS: 1. Search Committee- the council has gone thru the list of names, phone calls will be coming by the end of this week to see if those we have chosen will be a part of this committee.

2. What are we going to do about our financial situation; we are struggling to pay the weekly, monthly bills again. If your pledges aren't up to date, please try and get them updated.

3. Confirmation for this year, who is going to be doing this?

4. Pre-School contract is up at the end of this year. We are looking into having them sign a 6 month lease thru the end of May 2012. We are in need of space for our own kid and adults, how and what are we going to do?

FOR THE GOOD OF HOPE

NEXT MEETING SEPT 13, 2011 (a week earlier due to conflicting schedules)

Motion/2nd approved by vote to adjourn

Hope Happenings and Thank You Notes



Dear Hope Members,
 Thank you so much for the crystal bowl, it's beautiful. It makes a great centerpiece for our dining table. :)
 With Love,
Reed & Angie

Newlyweds **Reed and Angie Thompson** are expecting their first child in February! Congratulations you two! We are all excited about more babies at Hope!

We want to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and memorials during Mom's (**Rosie Vondracek**) illness and passing. Also, many thanks to Pastor Sue for her visits. We are blessed and very happy to be members of a loving congregation.

-Bob and Marilyn Simon

Thank you to **ALL HOPE MEMBERS** who pulled a weed or two, cut back branches, trimmed the lawn and made everything look super nice at Hope! Building and Property committee and lawn mowers, you've done terrific work this summer!

Kate and Laura Nus competed in the United States Track and Field Junior Olympic meet in Wichita, KS on July 28th. It was 111° in Wichita that day, and you could see the heat take a toll on all the athletes. Kate ran the 800-meter run and finished 35th in her age division, with a time of 2:50.7. Laura threw the shot and with a throw of 22'8" finished 10th. We are very proud of both of them! **-John and Mary Nus**

The **Graubergers** are busy celebrating 3 months of kids' birthdays. **Michael's** juggling act got rave reviews at the 4-H Share the Fun Show at the State Fair last weekend & then he learned some new tricks from a gentleman in the Varied Industries building later that afternoon. We were relieved & **Michelle** was excited to be able to continue in French at school, now in her 3rd year, and to continue playing tenor saxophone in band.

Alex Evans started high school this year at Kennedy and is participating on the golf team.
Zayna Evans participated in several swim meets and won some heat ribbons in back stroke.
Zoey Evans became the first member of our family to ski at age 6 in the Mississippi River.

This spring **Tom and Pat Linder** walked/ran in their first 5-K. Pat got a silver medal and Tom got a bronze in their age groups. In July, Tom rode 2 days of RAGBRAI and Pat rode one. Pat had a couple of the counted cross-stitch items she entered at the State Fair win ribbons - and a premium check as well! Way to go Linders!!!!

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO SUBMITTED ITEMS FOR "HOPE HAPPENINGS"

PLEASE DON'T BE SHY ABOUT SUBMITTING ANECDOTES FOR HOPE HAPPENINGS! WE ALL LOVE IT!

Serving Hope on Sundays in September 2011

	Liturgist	Friendship	Nursery	Scrip
9/4	R. Grauberger	Strother	S. & E. Cordes	Lander
9/11	A. Buck	Monska/Garrison	A. Thompson & J. Moretz	Krause

9/18	L. Toomsen	N. Lehman	D. & S. Hatfield	Lander
9/25	D. Evers	Hohensee	J. & S. Sherbon	Krause

Head Usher: Gary & Karen Classon

Communion Preparer: Marti Garrison

Ushers and Greeters: Gary & Karen Classon, Marti Garrison, Jane Buck, Reed & Angie Thompson, Gwen Klima, Mitch & Regan Bloomquist, Paul Monska, Margaret Mann, Bev Daws, Bob & Faye Cieslek

Serving Hope on Sundays in October 2011

	Liturgist	Friendship	Nursery	Scrip
10/2	M. Grauberger	Moretz	C. & D. Struck	Lander
10/9	D. Willhite	Eden	D. Wooldridge/M. Abernathey	Krause
10/16	J. Nus	Duffy	A. & K. Buck	Lander
10/23	N. Kotalik	N. Lehman	J. & M. Meier	Krause
10/30	R. Feuss	W. Mayer	K. & J. Grauberger	Lander

Head Usher: Jack and June Wittwer

Communion Preparer: Bob & Marilyn Simon

Ushers and Greeters: Jack & June Wittwer, Bob & Marilyn Simon, Lee Howren, Austin Shaffer, Tyler Shaffer, Ken & Wendi Shaffer, Adrian, Amy & Alex Evans, Kevin, Ruth & Jake Vial, Rusty & Lori Schlake

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Worship 9:30AM

Beginning September 11

Sunday school 9 AM

Worship 10:30 AM

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God is still Speaking....