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Baptism, Confirmation, VBS and New Members! *Hope Church never sleeps!*



Grayson Gregory Wooldridge (left with Pastor Sue) was baptized on June 26 at Hope. One year old Grayson is the son of Peter and Olivia Wooldridge and grandson of Jim and Deb Wooldridge.

On July 14, Rachel Thompson was confirmed and Rachel and Mallory Abernathey were welcomed into membership at Hope!

Watch "The Window" and the Hope's website, hope-ucc.com for more pictures of VBS, new member induction and confirmation!

"Desserts with Hope"

**Sunday, August 28, 2011
6:30-8pm**

**Featuring live music
by Jeffrey C. Capps**

Join us in the yard on August 28th for delicious desserts and ice cream.

Jeffrey C. Capps, Executive Director for Cedar Valley Habitat for Humanity, and singer/songwriter will perform live music! This is a free community event! Invite your neighbors and friends.

This event is sponsored by the Friendship and Christian Education Committees.

Ladies lunch at Green Leaves Restaurant

Nearly 20 Hope Ladies met at Green Leaves Restaurant in the Twixt Town Mall in June. Watch the midweek news, the bulletin for future lunches!



From the Pastor...

Dear Members and Friends of Hope UCC,

August brings for me vacation and for many of our families a time of back to school activities. We also will be having our second congregational conversation about worship. William Green said, "Speaking the truth in a spirit of love is not soft-pedaling. It's remembering that when your views upset me, or mine upset you, it's because they trigger something in our respective experiences that runs deeper than reason and logic. We're the best critics, and the best receivers of criticism, when we remember that our differences cry out for respect before they can be resolved." Worship has the potential to stir us deeply inside and cause us to hold firm to our own thinking and not necessarily listen to others. We can criticize each other rather than acknowledge we may just have differences. We will practice sharing our own thoughts and our own feelings about our worship services, whether or not to have a second service, the music we plan, and all those kind of topics. We will work at not being critical but at sharing what we like or don't, what we want or don't, and what we feel.

Since coming to Hope UCC, you have been very gracious and shared your appreciation for sermons or encouraged my making changes in worship. I have appreciated your comments. I also know that there may be some unspoken ones of discomfort because of the changes. There are some changes some of you have expressed to me that you still want, this will be a chance to have others hear them too.

William C. Green also shared in a Stillspeaking Daily Devotional, "Like the fable of the blind men and the elephant, each of us can believe we've got hold of the real thing. How different the world feels to each of us! Arguments miss the point and persuade no one when this isn't taken into account. We get hung up on what seems logical to us. We look at the world through the lens of our own experience." Come join us for this conversation where we continue growing in faith together. I want to thank Greg Sohl for taking notes at our last conversation. Included in our newsletter are his notes for that conversation with a couple of additions for clarification.

We have a new church secretary, Karen Seltrecht. She is delightful. Stop by and introduce yourself to her. CE committee is working at finding a CE Coordinator. Hopefully they will find someone in August. Those are staff changes that Hope is going through. We have some leadership shifts too. We are needing someone for the Stewardship Committee (a chair) and for Membership Enrichment. We are needing additional help on worship and music committee. We will actively recruit (phone calls and in person requests) if we have to, but we would love it if you have an interest, ability, willingness to be a part of any of these you would let us know or just show up at our next meeting.

Some of you may have noticed that I have been including in the bulletin a copy of our Hope Church Statement. If we affirm this as a church, it becomes the information the new pastor gets. If we need to it a bit, then now is the time. Any thoughts? Let me

God's love and peace be with you!

Pastor Sue



Mission
part of
change
know.

Fully Rely On God

Christian Ed News

Galactic Blast VBS Big Success!



Hope and First Congregational churches...

teamed up to present Galactic Blast Vacation Bible School on July 14-17. Roughly 25 'cadets' ages preschool – fifth grade attended. The Sanctuary was turned into Mission Control with an impressive display! Our cadets started out the day with Starship Galactic Praise from our Mission Commander and Galileo the Gorilla. They also sang fun songs in 'Moons and Tunes'. Then each group rotated to different activity stations including: Storytelling (with special guest storytellers!) in the Good News Gallery, Science Experiments in the Orbital Observatory, Games at Rocket Rec, yummy snacks in the Astro Bistro and craft projects in Cosmic Crafts. The preschool kids followed their own schedule, but did many of the same activities. Saturday also included lunch and a trip to the Splash Pad at Guthridge Park. Sunday, the cadets performed a few songs in church and closed VBS with a program for family and friends. The cadets and commanders (staff) had a great time. Thanks to everyone who taught, assisted, created decorations, provided supplies and brought your kids!



Sunday School starts September 11th from 9 – 10:15 am!

If you're interested in becoming a teacher, please contact Kayla Buck or Julie Ludovissy.
Its lots of fun and you only have to teach once every 5-6 weeks!

2011-2012 Important CE Dates to remember (tentative):

August 28th – Desserts with Hope, 6:30 – 8:00 pm

September 11th – Sunday School begins, 9 am – 10:15 am

October 28th – Halloween Party, 6:30-8:00pm

December 18th – Christmas Program during worship

December 25th and January 1st – Holidays - No Sunday School

April 8th – Easter – No Sunday School

Women's Fellowship

Attention Ladies...Note the calendar for August 15th 7:00 pm at church. We need to start making plans for "Once Again Christmas", Thanksgiving Dinner and all the other happenings.

See you then.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE



Lighting Candles at Hope

The process of scheduling candle lighters (acolytes) has changed a number of times over the years, adjusting with the ebb and flow of things. As we again have a significant number of appropriately aged youth, the Worship and Music committee would like to return to scheduling youth as acolytes.

To get started, we would like those youth, 3rd grade and up who are interested in candle lighting, to let us know by either calling or emailing the church office (393-2400 or hopeucc@q.com). We will hold a candle lighter training session on a Sunday after church, and have a little pizza for lunch to boot, on the 3rd Sunday in September. Because we are having food, can you RSVP by September 15th so we can have the pizza on the 18th. Until then we will continue with the current program of having the Ushers either light the candles themselves or find someone on Sunday morning interested in doing it.

9:30 Worship
August 7th through September 4

MISSION MOMENTS - August 2011

What fun to see a picture of our "adopted daughter" Reynasul Sarne in her graduation gown as she completed a level of schooling. Please check out the Mission table to see her picture. Your Mission coins help pay for her education. Thank you!

Don't have a child or a grandchild attending school this year? YOU can still have FUN shopping for school supplies for the Harrison school children. School will be starting within a month.

Guest speakers on Mission outreach programs in August will be:
August 14thHarrison School
August 21stGreen Square Meals.

Vision Committee Meeting, Tuesday August 2 at 7pm.

Time magazine recently interviewed Story Musgrave who is 75 and a veteran of six shuttle flights. They asked him what he thought of the President's plans for NASA.

His answer: "Obama has no plans. Neither has NASA Washington. They don't have the courage. NASA should create a great vision, communicate it artistically and then ask Congress to execute that.

Obviously Mr. Musgrave speaks from a personal viewpoint of his participation in the shuttle flights. But his response about creating a vision, communicating it and executing it has some real validity.

The Vision Committee is working to create a statement or vision for Hope's future and will be asking your help. Looking again Musgrave's response, hopefully we will create a strong vision statement, one that can easily be understood and successfully communicate to all--and most importantly--a vision statement we can all work together to "execute," to make it come true.

Peace, Glenn

The article below was published in the Camp Courageous Newsletter this summer. Congratulations and way to go Monday Morning Quilters! You are making a difference in the world!



Bev Daws with Hope UCC Quilters and the local Cedar Rapids VFW Auxiliary delivered a wonderful donation of ten beautiful quilts and 5,700 card fronts. The quilts will be welcomed by the campers on chilly nights and they will also enjoy making crafts with the card fronts. Many thanks to Bev and Hope UCC quilters and Cedar Rapids VFW Aux. who worked countless hours on these projects.

Have a concern at Hope?

Hope Church is committed to being solution seekers. A Parish Relations Committee is available for all members, with the purpose of helping members solve problems. Issues from “anonymous” are not considered. Please be willing to seek solutions. Parish Relations Committee members are: Adrian Evans, Andrew Buck, Marlene Hunt, Mary Nus, Dan Evers, and Ken Shaffer.



Mark your Calendars for Trivia Night!



**How many blank "tiles" are there in a standard game of Scrabble?
What brand name was on the world's first patented pneumatic tire?
What does the acronym NASA stand for?
What is the largest province in Canada?**

Now is the time to start building your 8 person teams for the first EVER **Hope UCC Trivia Night** to benefit Hope Christian Education! Save the date for Friday, November 4th, social hour begins at 6:30 pm with the competition starting at 7:30 pm. What is a trivia night? It is a gathering of teams comprised of 8 people working together to answer questions related to any topic on the planet! The questions listed above are samples from the game – the answers will appear in the September newsletter. Join your hosts John Nus and Andrew Buck for a great night of fun, drinks, snacks, and prizes! The cost is \$10 per person, and includes a sandwich, games, payouts to the top 3 teams, and a donation to Christian Education. Please bring a snack to share, and this will be a Bring Your Own Beverage event (wine and beer are welcome)! 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. Space is limited, so be sure to reserve your spot quickly!! Watch for a sign up soon in the narthex.

Friendship Committee Report

Our committee took the month of July off. We are looking forward to helping Christian Ed. with an all-church/all community Family Fun Night on August 28th. This will be held at church from 6:30 – 8:30 in the 'backyard' for “Desserts with Hope”.

We have a concert scheduled on Sunday, September 28th. Be sure to watch for further details.

Betty Hohensee
Friendship Committee Chair

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 4:00 pm and carpool to a restaurant in the Iowa City area 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. There is a possibility transportation will be provided depending on the number of people going. Tickets for the concert are \$25, and a sign up will be posted in mid-August. Questions? Talk to Andrew Buck.



PITCH IN AND PULL A WEED!

Let's spiffy up the grounds at Hope Church! On Sunday, August 28, we'll host friends from the neighborhood with "Desserts with Hope". If you see some weeds that need pulled and removed, flowers that need deadheading or bushes that could be shaped up, bring your garden tools to church and clean up a little corner of our Hope World. The weed job is too big for one person or even a small group. If everyone pulled, say 30 weeds, it'd be done in no time!

Green Square Meals Volunteers

August 23-Lois Bennett & Linda Toomsen

September 26- Bev Daws & Irene Fay

October 25- Irene Fay & Lois Bennett

November 22-Sally Davis

Lawn Mowing Schedule:

July 31-Aug. 6	Gary Toomsen
Aug. 7-13	Kevin Vial
Aug 14-20	Bob Cieslek
Aug 21-27	Dan Evers
Aug 28-Sept 3	Charles Struck
Sept 4-10	Jim Wooldridge
Sept 11-17	Alex E. & Lavern Hines
Sept 18-24	Andrew Buck

**First Congregational Church-UCC of Cedar Rapids
would be blessed by your presence at the installation
of**

REV. BOB DAVID

as our pastor

**Ministers, church members and all are welcomed to
attend as our guests.**

**The installation service will be held at
First Congregational Church - UCC**

361 17th Street SE

Cedar Rapids, IA 52403

on

Saturday

September 3, 2011, 1:00 a.m.

A luncheon for all will follow in Fellowship Hall.

Hope UCC invites

First Congregational Church - UCC and Eden UCC to a concert on September 25th at 1 p.m. The concert will be for an hour and then refreshments will follow the music.

Come join us for this time of fellowship and music!

Here is a quote from her e-mail:

My name is Sara Kay and I perform music from a UCC perspective. 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.

This is her web page if you want to listen.

<http://www.reverbnation.com/sarakay>

YOUTH

Please save September 9th and 10th. Our Faith Retreat theme will be on the Scriptures. The overnight time is for the youth with the exception of our volunteer guardian adult angels that will stay with us in case of an emergency. If a youth wants to bring a friend, non Hope person that is fine, but let me know (Pastor Sue). I will have to have a release filled out by parents for all youth. We will begin at 6:30 p.m. Friday with pizza. Youth will want to bring their own snacks and drinks. We will end after lunch on Saturday.

HOPE HAPPENINGS

Cathy, Dan and Andy Evers and Scott Cordes participated in the Dam to Dam 20K race in Des Moines on June 4th. We had a great time—we all finished!! Three of us had our personal best times for this race—of course it was our 1st time to run the race!

Dan and Cathy Evers took their grandchildren, **Kate and Aiden** to Grandparent Camp at Pilgrim Heights July 5th & 6th. They had a great time swimming, fishing, playing games and making crafts! The only thing Kate and Aiden would change about the whole experience is that they “want to stay longer next time”! In fact, Aiden thinks we should all move there!

Kate Nus qualified for the USA Track and Field National Meet in Wichita, KS in the 800m run. **Laura Nus** qualified throwing the shot put. Both will compete at the end of July. **The Nus family** will vacation in the Ozarks with Mary's brother and family, the first week of August.

Andrew & Kayla Buck will also vacation in the Ozarks during the first week of August – watch out Missouri, Hope is coming your way! ☺

Margaret Debner and family gathered at Whitbey Island, WA for their annual all-family reunion. It was a multi-faceted celebration because it is just one year since daughter Jennifer survived a massive brain aneurysm, grandson Ben has finally found employment, and Wendell turned 71. The grandchildren serenaded him with an original rap song and funny memories.

On May 25th **Laura Ogreen** traveled to Annapolis, MD. To visit her son, **Kyler Ogreen** and celebrate the graduation of Morgan A. Baldwin (we call her "Mo") from USNA. Mo will marry Kyler in Sept. 2011, in her home state of Vermont. Laura's mom, Kathleen Young, joined Laura on this road trip and they both had a great time with Kyler, Mo, and all the family and friends Mo had there with her. They did a short driving tour through DC as well, and traveled through 7 states—including a quick stop in Morgantown, PA...inside joke there! The whole family was very proud of Mo!! Currently, Mo is working for the summer at the USNA in the music department-getting incoming midshipman ready for their future endeavors. She will continue her naval career in Pensacola, Florida, in Sept. as she attends Flight school the next two years. Kyler will be transferring to West Florida University and completing his BAS, and starting a new path as a 'husband'. He is excelling in school and Laura has spun a friendly competition with him as she celebrates being on the Dean's List for 2011 while attending Mt. Mercy University - she too, is working on her BAS.

We had great older youth helpers for VBS! Big thanks to **Rachel & Kendra Thompson, Kate Nus, Kendal Meier, Jake Vial & Michelle Grauberger**. You were incredibly helpful and set a great example for the younger kids. Way to go!

Jodi and Steve Moretz were married at Hope on July 9th. Steve says "The wedding went very well and we received numerous comments about how beautiful the church was. We spent a sweltering week in Myrtle Beach for our honeymoon! It was great to spend a week relaxing! Had some great food and some much needed R&R. The heat must have followed us back home!"

Our sympathy is extended to the family of **Rosemarie Vondracek** who died July 28, 2011, at age 94. (Marilyn Simon's Mom).

COMPUTER NEEDED!

Please, Please, Please!!!



Do you have a used, good condition laptop or desktop computer that could be donated to the church? Hope is in desperate need of one! The computer would be used by:

- ♦ Committees when meeting at church who would like to research information to plan.
- ♦ Hope folks, who don't have computers at home,- to view the website.
- ♦ By Hope kids, who are "held hostage" here at church while their parents are in late night meetings and they need to finish their homework!

Having a community computer available for Hope friends, we avoid using the office computer- which is reserved for business only.

Please contact Karen in the office or Paul Nus to donate.

*Thank
You*

Thank yous and HOPEful Accolades....

Bob and I would like to thank each and everyone who sent cards and came to our 50th Anniversary celebrations. It warmed our hearts and deeply touched us. We had a wonderful time and we hope you did too. We are deeply honored to have you as friends and church family.

Love to you all always,
Faye & Bob

Serving Hope on Sundays in August, 2011

	<u>Liturgist</u>	<u>Friendship</u>	<u>Nursery</u>	<u>Scrip</u>
8/7	J. Wooldridge	Barnes	K. & M. Graubeger	Lander
8/14	B. Daws	Abernathey	B. & R. Thompson	Krause
8/21	G. Toomsen	D. Mayer	M. & R. Bloomquist	Lander
8/28	J. Barrington	R. Hatfield	G. Klima & B. Adams	Krause

Head Usher: Denise Mineck

Communion Preparer: Greg Sohl

Ushers and Greeters: Denise Mineck, Greg Sohl, Jim & Deb Wooldridge, Lester & Yolanda Hasler, Ericka Zanka, Angie Fogle, Dick & Lois Gladson, Fran & Barb Henderson, Dennis Klink, Mallory Abernathey

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9/4	R. Graubeger	Strother	S. & E. Cordes	Lander	(no Sunday school)
9/11	A. Buck	Monska/Garrison	A. Thompson & J. Moretz	Krause	Evans
9/18	L. Toomsen	N. Lehman	D. & S. Hatfield	Lander	Neumann
9/25	D. Evers	Hohensee	J. & S. Sherbon	Krause	Gersema

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

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