

Hope News



The 80/20 Principle

We are blessed at Hope to have a core group of volunteers and leaders who help us realize our mission and ministry at Hope. They often work quietly, behind-the-scenes on our behalf making sure that Hope is a warm, inviting place for us to encounter God and grow in our faith.

Who has the gift of toilet cleaning? The gift of picking up trash? The gift of cleaning up after a child has spewed his breakfast all over the floor? I'm not sure anyone (or very many!) has those gifts. Nevertheless, just like at our homes, these jobs must be done at the church.

We want people around Hope to spend 80 percent of their time doing what God created them to do. If you are created to invest in the lives of youth, you should spend most of your time doing that. If the greatest fulfillment you get is from planting and pruning flowers, I would hope you would spend 80 percent of

your time working around the church grounds.

The remaining 20 percent of the time should be spent fulfilling "roles." As one wise leader said, "I may not have the gift of picking up trash, but as a Christ-follower and as a member of Hope, it is my *role* to pick up trash when I see it. I may not have the gift of cleaning a room or setting up chairs or putting tables away, but many times it is my *role* to do these things to serve my church and my God."

How are you living out the 80/20 principle here at Hope? Are there things you could do to help?

When you see trash, please pick it up. When fellowship or lunch is over, please help clean up. See if Joan needs help putting up banners. Check with Walter to see if there are tables to put up or take down or flowers that need TLC. See if Sunday school

teachers need a hand in their classrooms or if Scott could use any help with youth group.

These are all some of the ways we can live this principle out and serve God with joy. My hope and prayer is that you will see this place as not a place where you come and take, but rather where you can't wait to come and share!

Rev. Erika

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information:

Dine out: June Thompson 310-973-1587

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meetings & upcoming events



February Meetings

Feb. 7	6:00 p.m.	Dine Out Group
Feb. 18	8:30 a.m.	Conference Mid-Winter Event
Feb. 19	1:00 p.m.	Monthly meeting
Feb. 27	12 noon	Bookworms
Feb. 29	5:00 p.m.	Drop off for Mar. 2-3 UMW Rummage Sale

February Meeting

February meeting is Sunday, Feb. 19th at 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Dine Out group will be hosting. The program, Prayer & Self Denial, will be presented by Laurice Ison. Come and enjoy the fellowship.

Dine Out: Join us Tuesday, Feb. 7th, 6 p.m. at IHOP, Crossroads Center, Crenshaw Blvd. and Lomita, 24631 Crenshaw Blvd. Contact June Thompson for details.

Bookworms: will meet Mon., Feb 27th in the Beedon Bldg

February Birthdays and Anniversaries

2/1 Hannibol Sullivan

2/3 Eddie Martin

2/11 Richard Jones

2/12 Joyce Kang
Tracy Mullikin
George Geary

2/13 Amy Jackson
Don & Elizabeth Hsu

2/14 Gerry & Cheryl McDaniel

2/22 Tony Mullikin
Sally Lamb

2/24 Pat Perkins

2/26 Cameron Jones

2/27 Fran Harrison

2/28 Ashley Martin

Upcoming:

Saturday, Feb. 18th: **Conference Mid-Winter Event**, 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Bell Memorial UMC. 1747 S. Nogales St., Rowland Heights. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Program is entitled "Partnering with Others in Mission, with a panel focusing on Women's Division Top 4 Initiatives: Climate Change, Domestic Violence, Human Trafficking & Immigration. Registration fee is \$12 which includes. Late fee of \$15 if postmarked after Feb. 4th.

Hope UMW Spring Rummage & Bake Sale, Fri. and Sat., March 2nd and 3rd, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Drop off is Wed., Feb. 29th 5-7 p.m. and set up is Thurs., March 1st at 9 a.m.

Saturday, March 24th: Long Beach District UMW Spiritual Retreat 2012, at Redondo Beach 1st UMC.

Hope UMW's new officers: President Patty Valencia; VP Carmen Curti, Sec. Laurice Ison, Treasurer Sheila Franklin.

Hope UMW Spring Rummage/ Bake Sale

It's coming soon!

Clear the clutter and go through those closets and donate those good resalable items to Hope's UMW Rummage Sale. The proceeds go to UMW's annual mission commitment, both locally and through our Conference.

When? Friday and Saturday, March 2nd and 3rd, 8 a.m. to noon
Where? Alondra Hall.

Drop off? Wednesday, February 29th from 5-7 p.m.

Needed? Good, resalable items. Please, no large items.

Help needed? LOTS! Set up Thursday, March 1st at 9:00 a.m., baked goods, clean up, any help you can give.

Thanks so much for your participation!



Children's Ministry

Kids matter to us!

Our weekly Sunday school is taught by trained, caring teachers who share with our children stories of faith, hope and love.

There are different offerings based upon the age level of your child.

1. Newborn to Pre-school

Our nursery is staffed by a loving, screened caregiver. You are welcome to have your children in worship with you, if you prefer. We have a cry room wired for sound in the back of the sanctuary.

2. Pre-school through 5th Grade

We offer Sunday school for children pre-school to 5th grade every week during both worship services. We also offer special activities.

3. 3-4-5 Group

We now offer a once-a-month group for our 3rd, 4th and 5th Graders. It meets on the third Sunday of the month at 1PM. For more information, talk with Daune Miron or Chrissy Heath.



For More Information

Children's Ministry:

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Ongoing Opportunities



Worship @ Hope

We worship Sunday mornings:

•9AM- Relaxed Traditional

•11AM- New Music, Emergent

No matter who you are, or where you have been, you are welcome at Hope!

YOUTH MINISTRY @ HOPE

Our weekly youth ministry program meet
Wednesday evenings

• Grades 6-12 meet from 6-8:30 PM

• Youth Group is a place to hang and learn. Snacks provided
On Sunday mornings, the youth Sunday school class meets on
the 2nd & 4th Sundays during 9AM & 11AM services.

Our youth also have special activities.



February Announcements and Opportunities



SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR ANNUAL
TEACHER APPRECIATION LUNCH: SUNDAY,
FEBRUARY 5th at 12 Noon

Our teachers are true gifts to our church community. They commit time and wisdom to helping all ages grow in their faith. That's why we celebrate them once a year! Join us this year for a Baked Potato Bar and desserts! We'll provide the spuds and invite people to sign up to bring the yummy toppings for baked potatoes or a dessert we all love!

Hope Game Day! February 4th!

All ages welcome!

Ready for some fun and games? All ages are welcomed to Hope's Family Game Day on Saturday, Feb. 4th, from 1:30-4:30pm in Alondra Hall. See you there!



Why are they smiling?

Because they just fed about 40 hungry, grateful youth! You too, could help with this important feeding ministry. Talk to Scott Jackson or Tien Vo-Doan with questions of how!

Upcoming Worship

Opportunities:

- 2/19: Women's Sunday- UMW will lead worship at both services
- 2/22: Ash Wednesday- watch for options to begin the Lenten Season
- 2/26: The first Sunday of Lent
- 4/1: Palm Sunday
- 4/8: Easter

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