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The Newsletter for Hope Presbyterian Church of Winter Haven, Florida 33884-1556
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the oft told story

A funny, musical story about the birth of Jesus
told through the eyes and voices of the animals in the stable.
Experience it for yourself, and bring your family & friends.
It's fun for all ages!

December 10 & 11
7:00 pm

Love Offering

For groups of 20 or more,
please call the Church office
to reserve seating.

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“THE CHRISTMAS LIGHT”

A Cantata by the Hope Chancel Choir

Sunday, December 18 — 8:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Worship Services



HOPE CREATIVE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Tuesday, December 13 — 11 a.m. — McGrath Hall



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS ORDER FORM



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS will be available to beautify our Sanctuary during the Christmas season. The cost is \$10 each. If you would like to order a poinsettia either ***In Memory Of, In Honor Of, In Gratitude For, or any Special Occasion***, please return the completed order form with your check (*made payable to Hope Presbyterian Church*) to the Church Office or place it in the offering plate before **Monday, December 5**. A complete listing of donors and the persons being memorialized, honored or other will be printed in the Sunday bulletin **December 18**. Poinsettias will be taken to members and friends of the congregation at Health and Rehabilitation facilities or at home.

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Number Ordered _____ Amount Enclosed _____

IN MEMORY OF _____

IN HONOR OF _____

IN GRATITUDE FOR _____

SPECIAL OCCASION FOR _____

Rudolph needs your help during this Christmas Season!

The Christian Education Committee is sponsoring the **Rudolph Round-Up Toy Drive** for children in the foster care system. As you enter the sanctuary, you will see the huge box for you to place your toys and gifts. There is a green brochure on the Narthex tables that suggests ideas for our toy drive. Please help us celebrate this season by giving to children here in our community. Toys and gifts are due by **Sunday, December 4**. Your support is genuinely appreciated.



WE WANT TO THANK EVERYONE for the wonderful response to the Basket Raffle at the Fellowship Thanksgiving Dinner. The baskets were lovely and proceeds of \$1,402 have been added to the Deacon's Fund to benefit those from our church community having need of assistance. Please let us know if you or someone you are aware of has a special need.

Thank you to all the individuals and groups who contributed to the baskets and to all participants who purchased tickets for the raffle. Congratulations to all the winners of the baskets!

Marsha Long, Chairperson/ Board of Deacons

GIFT CARDS FOR CHRISTMAS!



Consider gift cards for Christmas this year or have them ready to use when you go to the store to purchase your gifts. By buying the gift cards in advance to favorite establishments, Hope Church will receive from 1% to 25%! Our Scrip volunteers are available **TODAY** to assist you at the Scrip table. We are now set up to take credit cards for Scrip purchases!



DRUM ROLL, PLEASE! Announcing Hope's newly redesigned website!



Our original website was developed by Phoenix Graphics over 12 years ago. At the time, the site was a very state-of-the-art design. Our current Webmaster took over managing the site about 9 years ago, and she kept it as current as possible. But as you know, technology changes rapidly, and our web site has looked rather "dated" for several years. Our Webmaster spent the last 2 months completely redesigning the web site, including making it *responsive*. That means you can view our web site on your computer, on your tablet, and on your smartphone, and the web pages will adjust to fit your screen! How cool is that? (VERY cool!) The address for our new website remains the same, so you don't even have to change your bookmark: www.hopepreswh.org Thank you to our Webmaster, Ava Vanyo for creating our wonderful, new website!

CHRISTMAS FELLOWSHIP DINNER

Wednesday, December 14—6 p.m.—McGrath Hall

Menu: Champagne Pear Salad, Whole Steamship Round of Beef,
Roasted potatoes, winter vegetable medley, dinner rolls, coffee, iced tea.

Dessert: Red Velvet Cake

Program: Join us for our “*Annual Christmas Carol Sing-a-long!*”

Cost: \$10 (Adults); Kids 12 and under — Free!
But everyone needs a ticket!

Dinner tickets must be purchased in advance to facilitate food purchases.

Tickets available Sunday, December 4 and 11.



NOTE: FELLOWSHIP DINNERS AND LUNCHEONS—If you would like to help set up, serve or clean up at the dinners or luncheons, please contact Joyce Snively (863) 324-6074 or e-mail: joycesnively@yahoo.com. Thank you!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

All women are invited to join any or all Circles.

MORNING GLORIES CIRCLE — Tuesday, December 6 — 11:30 a.m.

Olive Garden — Please RSVP: Lynne Maxwell (863) 291-3819 or (863) 280-0185.

CIRCLE OF HOPE — Wednesday, December 7 — 1 :30 p.m.

Home of Lea Hullender — Questions? Please call Lea (863)662-5048

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS — Monday, December 12 — 6 p.m.

Home of Zella Sheplee — Please RSVP: Jeanie Madaus (863) 326-6056

HOPE'S BOOK CLUB — Monday, December 19 — 10 a.m.

Christmas Brunch at Perkins Restaurant — Please RSVP: Marsha Long (863) 324-6307

Hope's Annual Ladies Christmas Tea

Saturday, December 10
12:00 noon

The Bells of Christmas

Guest Speaker:
Joy Sims

Special Music by
The Bells of Hope

Prepaid Reservations:
\$10 per person
Girls under 5
eat free



December 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 7 pm Contemporary Worship Service McGrath Hall	2	3
4 2nd Sunday of Advent 8:15 & 10:30 am Worship Communion 9-12 Bloodmobile 4 pm Officer Training	5 5:30 pm Joint Elders and Deacons Meeting McGrath Hall 6:30 pm Girl Scout Leaders Multipurpose Rm	6 11:30 am Morning Glories Circle at Olive Garden 7 pm Beth Moore Series McGrath Hall	7 1:30 pm Circle of Hope Lea Hullender's	8 Set up for Tea McGrath Hall 7 pm Contemporary Worship Service McGrath Hall	9 Set up for Tea McGrath Hall	10 12 Noon Ladies Christmas Tea , McGrath Hall 7 pm The Oft Told Story Sanctuary
11 3rd Sunday of Advent 8:15 & 10:30 am Worship 7 pm The Oft Told Story Sanctuary	12 6 pm Circle of Friends Home of Zell Sheplee 7 pm Boy Scout Court of Honor, McGrath	13 9 am Property Meeting 11 am Hope Creative School Christmas Program , McGrath Hall	14 6 pm Christmas Fellow- ship Dinner , McGrath Hall, "Sing-a-long"	15 7 pm Contemporary Worship Service McGrath Hall	16 6 pm Office Angels Christmas Party Home of Zell Sheplee	17 11 am-2 pm Swanny Seirup McGrath Hall
18 4th Sunday of Advent 8:15 & 10:30 am Worship – Cantata YOH Caroling	19 10 am Hope Book Club at Perkins	20 7 pm Beth Moore Series McGrath Hall 6:30 pm Ruby Lake HOA Parlor	21	22 7 pm Contemporary Worship Service McGrath Hall	23 Church Office Closed	24 5 pm & 7 pm Christmas Eve Services Communion (7 pm only)
25 Merry Christmas! 10:30 am Worship Communion	26 Church Office Closed	27	28	29 No Contemporary Worship Service	30 Church Office Closed	31



Merry Christmas