

HANDS

My mother always loved to farm. She was happy whether growing flowers or food. Running her hands through the dirt to raise things was a great joy for her. But we didn't have a farm.

Fortunately when I was growing up in Michigan my Uncle Kelly had a house that sat on seven acres not far from us. He would let friends, family and neighbors use the land each summer. So Mother would get an acre from Uncle Kelly. Then the whole family would have to pull weeds, hoe the land, and plant vegetables. I hated the work and would try my best to trade it for other chores.

I remember that there was a black family who would plant a garden next to ours every year. I must say they all worked hard and their garden really prospered. I remember talking to the father of the family about how well his gardens did. He said the garden's success was due to hard work and timing.

I had noticed one of his hands, which was all gnarled and appeared stiff. I asked him how his hand got so bad. He said it was mostly from working in the mines when he was younger. His whole family had to work hard to be able to buy food. One day a rail car came off the track at the mine and crushed his hand. There was almost nothing done to help repair the damage, so his hand just healed naturally. It was painful at times but he said he still really felt blessed.

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HOPE PRESBYTERIAN FAMILY NEWS

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES!

Three of our Hope youth are graduating from high school in the coming weeks! Please join us in congratulating them on this accomplishment.

Javier Alberto Nuñez is graduating from Dunedin High School. He loves movies, music, and video games, and he plans to attend Job Corps after graduation, where he plans to receive training that would lead to a fulfilling career.

Kaylie Elisabeth Parker is also graduating from Dunedin High School. She was on the golf team her senior year, participated in AP/ dual enrollment classes, and was a member of the National Honors Society. She is not sure where she's attending college yet, but UNF, UCF, or SPC are all possibilities.

Reese Wayne Wyatt is graduating from Osceola Fundamental High School. He was on the varsity football team for the past 3 years and was on the Pinellas County All Star Team this year. He was also the Seminole Elks Lodge Senior Student of the Month. He will be attending Florida Atlantic University next year, where he plans to major in Business/Marketing.

FAMILY RETREAT – Our retreat will be next Sunday May 26 - Monday 27 (Memorial Day Weekend). Come spend time with friends: swimming, rocking on the porch or walking in the woods. Come after church for the day, spend the night or

I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:14

I asked him how he felt blessed with all his obvious pain. He told me that if he had not been injured he would have remained in the South. Instead he moved to Michigan. On the first day off the bus, he met his wife-to-be. She helped him get more schooling, showed him how to apply for jobs, and took him to her church.

He had never been involved in church life before but came to feel loved, called to be one with church people. So his life since his move to Michigan had been one where he felt the love of the church and the love of God, all because of the damage to his hand.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God. Romans 8: 28

Chris Howard



come Monday for the day. We're setting up car pools. Pick up the insert for more information. We turn in a count soon.

CEDARKIRK CHECK – for the current (various) giving opportunities, help us by being specific on your intentions. Make checks out to Hope Church, write “for retreat”, “for day camp” or “for Cedarkirk Capital Campaign”. Our counters and bookkeepers will thank you.

DAY CAMP - June 3-7: Tell your neighbors, friends and family to register. We are also looking for volunteers to help through the day. We will be creating a schedule please let me know if you will be able to help out at all even if just an hour or so. Thank you. – Amy Belden

SUMMER MUSIC - Handbells and Children's Choir will soon take a break for the summer. We need your help to fill our Sunday services with music. If you would be interested in singing or playing any instrument or making music in any way, please sign up in the narthex. If you know a date you'd like to participate, there is a sheet there for that too. *"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness: come before His presence with singing."* - Psalm 100:1-2

MEN OF HOPE - We will have an appreciation lunch for the ladies at Mount Moriah where the men will cook and serve the ladies. This will be on the last Saturday of the month, May 25th. We will meet at the Church for a 11:30 a.m. departure and carpool down. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

PER CAPITA – Envelopes are available for you to help us out with our per capita apportionment. The church will pay \$32.20 per active member. To cover your share, just put cash or a check in the envelope. Checks should be made out to Hope Presbyterian Church.

CHURCH EVENTS COMING UP

Sun.	05/19	11:30 a.m.	Deacons, B&G, Worship meetings
Mon.	05/20	05:30 p.m.	PNC meeting R5
Wed.	05/22	05:45 p.m.	WNA
		06:30 p.m.	Adult, children and youth studies
		07:00 p.m.	Bells practice
		07:30 p.m.	Choir practice
Sun.	05/26	11:30 a.m.	Family retreat Cedarkirk

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