



November 24, 2019

WELCOME BACK

WELCOME BACK! We are glad to be seeing some of our Sun-catchers as you return to Florida! You have been missed! (We've been busy. How do you like our new look?) Let us know how your summertime up north went.... and Welcome Home!

TODAY

Come down to Hambley Hall and join us as we thank Rev. Ginny Simmons Ellis for her leadership here at Hope from August 2017 to now.

GUEST PREACHERS

For December: Tim Larance will do the sermon on **December 1 and 8**, Miguel

Santamaria on **December 15**, Amy Santamaria on **December 22** (with communion). Clem Street will lead our Christmas Eve service at 6:00 on **Tuesday 12/24**. The children and youth are planning and will lead the service for **December 29**. It will be a wonderful month at worship at Hope.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

It's around the corner! **DECORATE** - We invite you to help decorate the sanctuary on **Saturday November 30** from 9:00 to 12:00. We'll be hanging wreaths, decorating the tree(s), setting up the Advent wreath and hanging the banners. Come help! **GIVING** - The Angel Tree will be ready soon for you to take tags and bring gifts for children living at Grace House, the RCS homeless family shelter. Gifts will need to be wrapped and brought back to the church by **December 15**, when they will be delivered to the parents. **ACTIVITIES:** Please make plans to join us for our Advent Kick-Off Event after worship on Sunday, December 1st. Bring cookies (store-bought or homemade) to share, and come and enjoy our Hot Cocoa Bar (as well as coffee and other beverages) as we make Advent Wreaths, listen to Christmas music, and enjoy some Hope

Family time together. The kids and youth have also made some Christmas crafts you can purchase! It's sure to be a wonderful time!

COMMUNION IN DECEMBER

During December, instead of the 1st Sunday, Hope will celebrate communion on the **4th Sunday, December 22**. It will be the 4th Sunday of Advent, along with special music by the choir and a nativity tableau by our children.

FROM GINNY ELLIS

My last Sunday here, is today. Please know how glad I am that I was able to be part of this ministry for these two years and more.

What is next for Hope? The PNC continues faithfully working on the search for your next pastor; they will bring you a pastor candidate when they find the "exactly right" one! God loves this church and will care for it, even as you pray for the church and for one another.

PACK-A-SACK

If you haven't worked at Pack-a-Sack and want to give it a try, let Patti Wyatt know and she can put you on the schedule. Packing is every other

Monday evening; delivery is on Wednesday mornings. **SPECIAL NEED:** We need someone to deliver the PAS bins to Belcher Elementary on Wednesdays: **December 4, 11, and 18.** If you have questions or want to help, please let Patti know, or call the church office.

A CALL FOR DONATIONS

Will you help the CE team provide easy, nutritious meals for our students on Sunday evenings? If so: please see Beth Walley or Amy Belden. Dinners are a vital part of our Student Ministry. Any help (food or donation) you can give would be extremely welcome!

CE NEEDS YOU!

To build our programs and to provide our current students with the best experience possible, we need more input and more hands! We would love for you to join us to discuss: amping up our adult faith formation, a New Year's Eve Lock-in, a kid-produced worship service, and more!

CHILDREN, KFC/CAYA CALENDAR

There will be **no Sunday School** for our children and youth after worship today. Enjoy some extra time with your family and have a wonderful

Thanksgiving! Classes will resume on Sunday, December 8th after worship.

No KFC or CAYA 11/24; classes will resume 12/1

KFC/CAYA Christmas Party: 12/15 11:30 until 3:30 (going to go to a movie; We'll get you more info as we get a little closer)

No KFC/CAYA 12/22 or 12/29

No Kid or Youth Sunday School 12/29; classes will resume 1/5/2020.

BARBERSHOP SHOW

The Barbershop Christmas Show will be 2 PM Sunday **December 22** at the Largo Community Center. Tickets for the Lunch and Show are \$16 available from Barb or Jim Greiner until December 8.

CHURCH EVENTS COMING UP

Wed. Nov. 27 NO WNA or choir/bells

Thur. Nov. 28 Thanksgiving.
Office Closed

Fri. Nov. 29 **Office Closed**

Sun. Dec. 01 Tim Larance preaching. Advent/Christmas kick off in hall after service

Sat. Dec. 07 Hope fellowship supper at Perkins 5:30 p.m.

Sun. Dec. 08 Tim Larance preaching

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