

Hope News



Is Deepening your discipleship on your resolution list for 2012?

There will be a variety of opportunities this year to deepen your faith and your understanding. One opportunity will be to participate in the 21 week "Living the Questions" Study. This will be broken down into three, seven week pods over the next fourteen months. The first pod begins Wednesday, January 18th at 7PM in the Side Room. It will conclude, Wednesday, March 7th. (There will be no class on Wed., February 22nd).

This class is part DVD study, conversation, spiritual practice and bible study. It is designed to ask questions of faith and allow for interesting discussion and study. The DVDs contain teachings by the top bible scholars today. Each

class will begin promptly at 7PM and will conclude at 8:30PM. Class study materials will be given out each week. *You will be asked to make a commitment to be at all seven classes when you sign up.*

Rev. Erika will be teaching this course.

Here is some information from the study material:

"People know that at its core, Christianity has something good to offer the human race. At the same time, many have a sense that they are alone in being a "thinking" Christian and that "salvaging" Christianity is a hopeless task. What is needed is a safe environment where people have permission to ask the questions they've always wanted to ask but have been afraid to voice for fear of being thought a heretic."

Did this pique your curiosity? Join us as we explore good questions together. Sign up on the Message Center board. Please talk to Rev. Erika if you have any questions!

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If you are interested in joining one of the UMW Small Groups, contact one of the people below.

UMW Group Contact information:

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meetings & upcoming events



January Meetings

Jan. 3	6:00 p.m.	Dine Out Group
Jan. 4	12 noon	Monthly meeting
Jan. 24	12 noon	Bookworms
Jan. 28	8:00 a.m.	District Local Training @ Rolling Hills UMC

January Meeting

January meeting is Wednesday, Jan. 4th at 12 noon in the Beedon Building. There will be a light lunch served. We will have our installation of 2012 officers. Our own Tien Vo-Doan, UMW District Vice President, will be doing the installation. Come and enjoy the fellowship

Dine Out: Join us Tuesday, Jan. 3rd, 6 p.m. at Tony Roma's, 24301 Crenshaw Blvd. Contact June Thompson for details.



January Birthdays and Anniversaries

Date	Birthdays and Anniversaries
1/3	Luke Smith
1/8	Tony Cordato Joel & Rev. Erika Gara
1/11	Mary DelRosso
1/13	Lily Van Camp
1/18	Gail Watson
1/19	Joan Marks Jared Lamb
1/21	David Mock
1/27	Scott Perkins Adib Zakaria
1/30	Mary J. Hill

Upcoming:
Saturday, Jan. 28th: **Local Leadership Training** at Rolling Hills UMC, 26438 Crenshaw Blvd., Rolling Hills Estates. Registration is 8:00 a.m. until 8:45 a.m. with the training sessions from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The Santa Ana District will join us. The cost is \$5.00.
Saturday, Feb. 18th: **Conference Mid-Winter Event**, 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Bell Memorial UMC.

UMW THANK YOU
 Thank you for your support of our Dec. Bazaar/Bake Sale. It was very successful. Proceeds from this sale, as with all of our fund raisers, go to our mission commitments locally, nationally and around the world.



Here are some words of thanks:

Olive Magnan sends grateful thanks to her Hope Family for all the prayers, cards, and support during her recovery.

Jim and Fran Harrison wish to thank their Hope family for all the loving care and support during Fran's illness.

Cheryl Groff thanks to her Hope for family for their loving support.

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

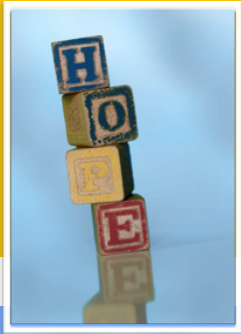
Our nursery is staffed by a loving, screened caregiver. You are welcome to have your children in worship with you, if you prefer. We have a cry room wired for sound in the back of the sanctuary.

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:

Contact Director of Children's Ministry,
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Youth Ministry:

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reverikag@verizon.net

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.



January Announcements and Opportunities

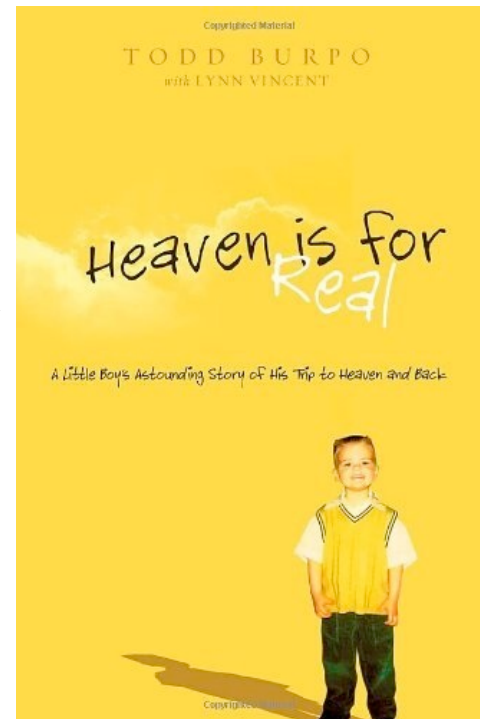
Thank you!

Thank you to the choir, children, staff, Marshall Jones, Wayne Lamb and the many volunteers who helped to make our annual Family Christmas Sunday a HUGE success!



Book Study with Dr. Jake on Sunday, January 29th at 1PM

Join Dr. Jake and others in a discussion of the book, "Heaven is for Real," by Todd Burpo. It is a book about heavenly experiences a four-year old boy had and shared with his dad. You will need to purchase the book at a local bookstore or online and read the entire book prior to the discussion. Please sign up on the Message Center.



Wishing you a
happy and healthy
New Year!



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 we all love!

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for: * church info

* helpful links

* sermon audio files

* and more!!!

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