



Hope

To Love God and Love Our Neighbors



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Thanks to all of you who have been praying for Hope Presbyterian - Portland, OR. We are grateful for your prayers and support. Here are some highlights of what is happening in our congregation.

Worship and New Members

Recently, I finished preaching through the book of James. We were challenged as a congregation to genuine faithfulness, seeing that our identity as Christians is rooted in Christ's finished work and expressed in our faithful works of service and love. While as a congregation we sometimes lurch in fits and starts, and definitely have our own spiritual struggles, the direction of our "lurching" is on the path following Christ.

We have also been grateful to receive several new families as members at Hope, and continue to see visitors come through our doors. Pray for our ability as a community help both new members and visitors feel

welcomed and challenged to grow in holiness and serve God by faith.

Leadership Training

In mid- September we began a Leadership Training class, that will last into early Spring 2012. The class is primarily an exposition, discussion, and application to ministry of Scriptural teaching on various topics, as articulated in the Westminster Confession of Faith. The class will also function as officer training, with the happy intent that by late Spring 2012, Hope will install elders and become a particular church.



Marty Marquis headlines one of the Piano Fort concerts organized and pulled off by folks from Hope to raise money for local organizations serving various constituencies of socially marginalized and needy people.

Flourish Events

Our current budget is lean. So lean, that we are not able to directly give money to other ministries and organizations. However, realizing that this is not an option for God's people, some folks at Hope took the initiative of fusing outreach and justice ministry by organizing and hosting several benefit concerts. A family at Hope regularly donates space (dubbed the "Piano Fort") to host the concerts, and local bands are asked to play for free to benefit different organizations and ministries in Portland. The money raised has gone to help serve homeless people, minister to sex workers, and advocate for children in poverty.

Thank You

Please continue to remember us in your prayers and giving. Our internal giving has increased significantly, but we will still not make our modest budget this year.

Grace & Peace - Pat