

Tell us something you appreciate about Hope?

We love everything about Hope. The worship is great, the preaching is solid, Bible-based and inspiring.

Is there something you find challenging about Hope?

Each Sunday we're challenged to live a life that is pleasing to Christ.

Are you currently serving at Hope Fellowship and in what roles?

Vinnie is a deacon; (and helps with the Men's breakfast) Lois volunteers at Threads of Hope. We both occasionally serve as Closers (volunteers who tidy up after the worship service) and are on a food service team.

What encouraging message would you like to leave behind for others?

Cleave to Jesus!



A team of forty-three went to Guatemala.

LITTLE LAMBS TRIP AN EYEOPENER

On February 18, I went with a group of forty-three people, eighteen of them from Hope, on a mission trip to Guatemala. The trip was an eye opener

for me and many others who went.

Over the course of eight days, the group and I were able to do a lot. The main thing that our group worked on was a wall. This masonry block wall was 600 ft long and 10 ft tall. We also finished the lay out for the entire village and the road inside of the village. Some people didn't work on the wall, they were working with the horses. These horses were used as therapy for the orphans, and by the end of the week each one of the nine kids had ridden a horse.

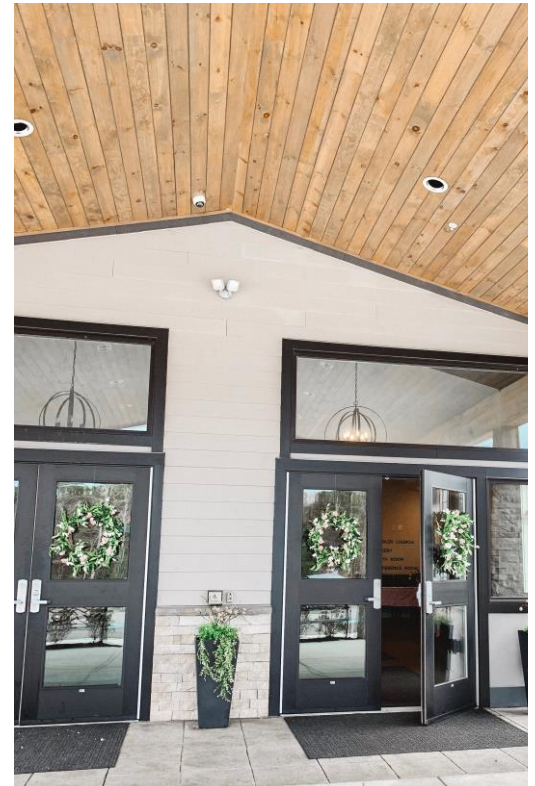
Every day a group taught and helped at the vacation bible school. Children and mothers from the community would come to the VBS and do a craft, game, and lesson. The kids were split up by age and the mothers would stay in one big group. The kids were so excited and just loved being there. It was a little difficult having a language barrier even with translators, but we made it work and it added a little challenge to the trip.

My favorite thing about the whole trip was being with the kids and being able to help. It made me feel like I was a part of something bigger, a new experience for someone living in a small, New Hampshire community. I recommend going on this trip and am hoping to go again next year. It was a great experience that helped me to grow closer to Christ. I was blessed to be able to go.

Jade Traffie, age 13



HEARTBEATS AT HOPE
secretary@hfcnh.org



HEARTBEATS
AT HOPE

MARCH-APRIL 2019

HFCNH.COM



Stacey Olson and Robin Farnsworth

REVIVAL OF THE WOMEN'S RETREAT

In February 2018, Stacey Olson recognized that God was stirring up an interest in bringing back the local women's retreat. Word got out; soon a committee comprised of ladies from area churches began meeting and they planned the retreat in less than five weeks.

Over one hundred forty women attended the first women's retreat held at Hope Fellowship. Keynote speaker, Mary Kangas, a pastor's wife from Stacey's hometown of Hancock, Michigan, shared stories about the "Hills and Valleys of Life." Other local ladies spoke on topics of anger, shame, grief and fear.

Stacey understood the benefit of bringing area Christian women together

because she says, "We are all the church. I moved to N.H. in 2010 with my husband and kids. I don't have family from my side here, so it was important to me to find a church family to do life with. It took a lot longer than I thought it would." A retreat is a valuable way to help ladies meet, develop friendships and to give them a time to have their hope restored through Bible-centered teaching and worship.

A second women's retreat occurred this year on March 8th and 9th. "We prayed a lot before committing to planning another one. We're learning not to run ahead and to let God lead." Robin Farnsworth of Cape Cod, MA, author of "The Greater Weight of Glory" came as the keynote speaker and her story of forgiving her son's murderers was incredible. Phyllis Phelps from "House of Hope" in Keene, Amanda Kinnunen and Sierra Sauvola of Rindge, and Ruth Ann Moody of Dublin, N.H. shared messages that challenged and encouraged the one hundred seventy ladies present. A few games were played to lighten the mood, add a little fun and a ton of laughter!

The consensus is that the retreat has been a blessing. "To have it here at Hope with financial support and guidance and the help of the Hope church family is huge." Stacey said. The willingness of people to pitch in and share their gifts in setting up, running and taking down the event was amazing. She's praying about a retreat for next year and sees a need for women to learn how to feed themselves with the Word of God.



GET TO KNOW A HOPE FAMILY VINNIE & LOIS VERDUIN

Where did you grow up?

Vinnie: Midland Park, New Jersey

Lois: Wyckoff, New Jersey

How did the two of you meet?

When we were teenagers, we worked for a local business.

What is your occupation?

Vinnie is retired and he worked as a computer programmer.

Lois was the church secretary at Trinity Evangelical Church for many years and now does some retail sales.

What brought you to Hope Fellowship?

We tried a few local churches, but we couldn't find one that was a good fit for us. One evening, Don and Linda Cramb invited us to Hope. We attended a service and at the end, looked at each other and said, "This is the place for us."