



## Final Sleep Mat Workshop

**Saturday, April 9 from 9 to noon**

The final sleep mat workshop is this Saturday. **We need your help!** Thanks to you, we have hundreds and hundreds of bags that need to be flattened and cut into strips so that our worker bees can keep making mats this summer. Please join us for any part of this 3-hour session. There will be coffee and tea!

**No more bags are needed.** We will begin collecting bags again in November.





## Rummage Sale to Benefit HOPE Garden!

**Preparation:** Friday 7-9 pm, May 6 **Sale:** Saturday 6:30 am to 3 pm, May 7

We need your help for the spring Rummage Sale! Clean out your closets, basement, garage, even under your bed! Watch the bulletin for more details on donation dates plus a sign up sheet to help us get organized the night before and to **sell, sell, sell** on the day of the sale.

You can begin bringing items to church on **Sunday, May 1**. Leave them in the Fellowship room and label as "donations." Contact Mary Pauza with any questions.

## Church Bulletin Board

**Music Director Search:** The search committee is in the final stages of arranging for a permanent music director. Please pray for the committee and the future of our music!

**Chancel Flowers:** Sign up to donate flowers in memory of a loved one or a significant event such as graduation or an anniversary. The sign up sheet is on the hallway bulletin board.

**Vacation Bible School:** VBS is coming June 27 through July 1. We will be going on a "Deep Sea Discovery" from 9 to noon each day. Registration forms are available on the hallway table or you can register online at [www.vacationbibleschool.com/faith](http://www.vacationbibleschool.com/faith).

## Adult Sunday School: GIVING

**Join us to learn about GIVING: Unlocking the Heart of Good Stewardship**

GIVING demonstrates how good stewardship is more than a responsibility – **it's an adventure**. As you study the connection between your wallet and your heart, you'll learn how giving is part of spiritual growth. You'll learn about the rewards of cultivating a generous heart. Above all, you'll find out how a lifestyle of giving reflects the **heart of God**, who freely gives his best to you. The class is based upon a discussion guide authored by John Ortberg, Laurie Pederson and Judson Poling. The class will be led by Jonathan and Pat Cohill and Nathan Buurma.



## Touched By a Stone

By Jonathan Cohill

### *A Reflection on Good Friday*

Today I held a stone.

At a noon multi-denominational church service we were asked to pick up a stone from a bowl as we entered the sanctuary.

In the bulletin we were encouraged to hold the stone during worship. I did.

I felt all of the edges. The surfaces. The texture.

I thought of many things including; Peter, living stones, strength, smooth, rough, unbending, love, grace, compassion, courage.

Soon I realized as that stone traveled between my fingers that it was warmer than when I first picked it up. This impenetrable stone changed. It was warm.

Following a "Litany of Penitence" we were invited to place all of our transgressions on to that stone, bring it to the front and place it at the foot of the cross in a bowl of water. I did.

I actually miss touching that stone. But, I know where it is and because of the cross I know where I'll be one day.

The Father's grace. The Son's love.

Touched by a stone.







## HOPE Garden Work Day

**Saturday, April 9 from 10 to noon**

Some of the chores include:

- Putting the fence back together
- Checking out the overall fence
- Spreading chips on the path
- Rototilling the HOPE Garden

Please bring garden tools, gloves and newspapers.

Contact Mary Pauza with any questions.



*Flowering Fruit Trees and Fragrant Wood Chips - Beautiful!*