



Highlights

February 18, 2018

Calendar for the Week

- TODAY**
- Choir Practice, 8:15 a.m.
 - Morning Worship with Pastor Dan, 9:30 a.m.
 - Meet your Elders, during coffee time in the Fellowship Hall
 - Mission of the Month Offering: Chris & Angie Walker
 - Sunday School led by Pastor Dan, 10:50 a.m. (info on back)
 - Journey High, 5:30 p.m.
- Monday**
- Beth Moore Group, 6:45-8:45 p.m.
- Tuesday**
- Young at Heart, 9:30 a.m. at Michelle's
 - Deacon Meeting, 6 p.m.
 - Consistory Meeting, 7 p.m.
- Wednesday**
- Prayer Group, 9:30 a.m.
 - Midweek Classes, 6:15 p.m. (including Journey Mid.)
 - Journey Service Hours Due!
- Thursday**
- Pastor Dan on Vacation, 2/22-3/1
 - WMU International Student Luncheon
- Next Sunday**
- Choir Practice, 8:15 a.m. (choir sings)
 - Morning Worship with Pastor Kevin, 9:30 a.m.
 - Sunday School, 10:50 a.m.
 - Journey High, 5:30 p.m.
 - Final Spring Hill Payments Due!

Coming Up @ Hope Church

TODAY, right after service and before Sunday School, the 2018 Elders are providing special treats for the families under their care! You will find them in the Fellowship Hall at labeled tables. This will also provide the opportunity for you to briefly meet your Elders in case you haven't had the chance to yet.

Upcoming Sermon Themes: We will launch a Lenten series entitled "Close Encounters with Jesus" next week!

Prayers and Praises

Our sympathy to Jim (Sue) Johnson as his brother, Todd, passed away on Wednesday morning.

Karen Otten had knee surgery this week.

Continued prayers for: Irene Fraaza, Jake Zuidema, Mary Anne Schiedel, Ev Van-Donselaar, Arlene Doot, Don DeWolf, June Schaap, Julie Bos, Jim Loedeman, Helen Roglic, Chuck Harmon, Becky Nap, Dave Collison, Gideon Schripsema.

Weekly Volunteers

Greeters

N: Pat & Harold Block
S: Jack & Gayle DeYoung

Greeters Next Week

N: Don & Bev VL, Sr.
S: Volunteers Needed

Ushers

Matt Bronsink, Steve Thomas,
Bob Durian, Dave VanderStelt

Elder Greeters

Angie Vreeman, Mike Klepser,
Steve Hellenga, Don Van-Landegent, Sr.

Nursery

Sue VanderMeer, Jena
Nooney, Lily Offringa

Nursery Next Week

Heather Offringa, Amelia
VanderMeer, Jenelle Poth

Children & Worship

Angie Vreeman

Children & Worship Next Wk.

Ann Charles

Giving Report for: 2/4

General/Mission Fund

Received

\$3,143.00

Budgeted

\$7,035.60

Mortgage Retirement

Received for the Week

\$975.00

Needed for Next Payment

(March 15)

\$5,468.85

Monthly Payment

\$5,468.85



Announcements

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Nursery News: The nursery has been a busy and vibrant ministry over the past several months! Did you know that the infants and toddlers are taught a specific truth from God's Word each week? Did you know that our amazing volunteers are singing with the children and teaching them how to worship God? The Bible teaches in Psalm 8:2, "You have taught children and infants to tell of your strength..." Do you have a passion to see the next generation fall in love with Jesus? Do you love to nurture and care for the littlest ones? If so, God may be calling you to join our nursery team! We would love to welcome you to the nursery ministry and equip you with the tools needed to teach the love of Jesus to the youngest saints. The commitment is minimal but the reward is great! Please see Heather Offringa if interested! Or contact her at heatheroffringa@aol.com or 269-779-5871.

The Gifts for Jesus offering collected \$3,099.00.

Camp Geneva Registration: Please contact the church office for the PROMO code!

New Members Class: Pastor Dan will be offering this class in March to anyone who is interested in learning more about church membership here at Hope. We are calling it our "Essentials Class" because it will cover the essential material needed to assist people in making this important decision.

The class is made up of two separate 2-hour long sessions. Depending upon the schedule of those interested, the class will be offered on Sundays, March 11 & 18 from 5 -7 p.m. or Mondays, March 12 & 19 from 7 - 9 p.m. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Dan at dan@hoperca.org, or call the church office, or make a note of it on an Interest Card in the pew and place it in the offering plate.

We will be printing a new Church Directory for 2018 soon. If your information has changed and needs to be updated, please email Allison in the office (office@hoperca.org) or call (349-9788).

Great Learning Opportunity for All: Over the next several months, Pastor Dan will be leading the Sunday AM Adult Class covering a number of different topics pertinent to our ministry here at Hope. Two weeks ago, his address was entitled "Change Dynamics and Our Emotional Response to Them." If you were not present, the elders strongly encourage you to listen to the presentation posted on our website and download the printed material, or stop by the library and ask for a CD and printed material.

The **next two sessions** (starting this week) will be specifically addressed to the senior (60+) members of Hope – but all are encouraged to attend. We will be meeting in the fellowship hall and discussing important information together that you won't want to miss. The remaining schedule is as follows:

*February 18 "My Address to Hope Seniors"

*March 4 "Five Things Hope Church Desperately Needs from its Seniors"

March 18 "Generational Differences and their Impact on Church Life"

April 15 "Understanding Millennials to Reach Them"

April 29 "Looking at Worship Through Various Lenses"

*sessions specifically targeting seniors (60+)

On the alternate Sundays, the regular format of sermon discussion will continue. The purpose is to learn and grow together as a congregation to become a more effective church for the glory of God. So you are encouraged to carve out some time and make as many of these sessions as possible.

New Elder Groups for 2018:

Elder Team	Congregational Group (last name)
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Angie Vreeman & Mike Klepser	A-F
Rick Wielopolski & Don VL, Sr.	G-M
Shauna Collison & Scott Poehlman	N-S
Steve Hellenga & Heather Offringa	T-Z