



HighLites

February 26, 2017

Calendar for the Week

- Today**
- Choir Practice, 8:15 a.m.
 - Morning Worship with Rev. Curry Pikkaart, 9:30 a.m.
 - Sunday School, 10:50 a.m.
 - Newsletter Deadline
 - Journey High, 5:30 p.m.
 - Small Groups, 5:30 p.m.
- Tuesday**
- Church Office Closed (Classis Meeting, 2-5 p.m.)
- Wednesday**
- Ash Wednesday
 - Prayer Group, 9:30 a.m.
 - NO Mid-week Activities/NO Journey Mid.
- Thursday**
- Exec. Meeting, 12 p.m.
- Next Sunday
- Choir Practice, 8:15 a.m. (Choir sings)
 - First Sunday in Lent
 - Morning Worship with Pastor Art, 9:30 a.m.
 - Mortgage Retirement Offering
 - Communion
 - Sunday School, 10:50 a.m.
 - Small Groups, 5:30 p.m.
- Coming up*
- Worship Committee Meeting, 3/7 at 5:45 p.m.
 - Elder Meeting, 3/7 at 7 p.m.
 - Blood Drive, 3/10 from 12:30 - 5:15 p.m.
 - Congregational Town Hall, 3/12 at 11:30 a.m.

Prayers & Praises

Laura Rozek is scheduled for surgery on Wednesday, March 1 at Bronson. They will plan to stay there for 2-4 days after the surgery. Pray for comfort and courage for the family as they prepare.

Continued prayers for: Arlene Doot, June Schaap, Ron Stolk, Irene Fraaza, Maci VanderMeeden, Mary Kornoelje, Julie Bos, Terry Block, Pat Block, Jim Loedeman, Helen Roglic, Sarah Bradford, Chuck Harmon, Becky Nap, Jerry Waalkes, Dave Collison, Gideon Schripsema.

Please remember those who are shut ins or those in assisted care: Mariana Hellenga, Janet Roberts, Helen DeWinter, Ruthie Pearl Burch, and Marjorie Kelly.

Volunteers

Greeters

N: Randy & Angie Vreeman
S: Offringa Family

Greeters Next Week

N: Jim & Dorothy Hettinger
S: Don & Sue VanderMeer

Ushers

Matt Bronsink, Bob Durian,
Dave VanderStelt, Steve T.

Elder Greeters

Shauna Collison, Angie Vreeman,
Steve Hellenga,
Paul Witteveen

Nursery

Amelia VanderMeer

Nursery Next Week

Laura Cousineau

Children and Worship

Angie Vreeman

C & W Next Week

Pat MacQueen

Giving Report for: 2/19

General/Mission Fund

Received

\$ 4,657.00

Budgeted

\$ 5,507.57

Mortgage Retirement

Received for the Week

\$ 260.00

Needed for Next Payment

(March 15)

\$ 2,813.70

Monthly Payment

\$ 5,468.85



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Announcements

From the Mission Committee: Thank you to everyone who brought food items for the WMU International Student Luncheon. Special thanks to Ed and Larry for their time to keep things warm and package food for transport. The lunch was a success, everyone had enough and several commented on how good the food was.

SAY CHEESE! In an effort to update our church's website with some new pictures of our vibrant congregation, there will be a few folks roaming around and getting some candid shots!

The deadline for the Spring edition of the Hope Within Newsletter is today. Submissions need to be placed in the Hope Within mailbox by the elevator or emailed to laura.strunk@yahoo.com.

Meal ministry coordinator needed! And you don't even have to cook, just make occasional phone calls. Contact Gayle DeYoung (269-382-2688) to volunteer or for more information.

Ash Wednesday: Since we are in transition, HRC will not be conducting an Ash Wednesday Service this year. However, we are cancelling other activities that evening (3/1) to give you the opportunity to attend local services at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, the First United Methodist Church or Threads Church. First Reformed Church of Portage will be open to the public from 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. for reflection and prayer.

SAVE THE DATE! On Sunday, March 12, there will be a Congregational Town Hall meeting following morning worship. More information to come next week. Lunch will be provided! You won't want to miss it!

During this time of transition at Hope, please remember to contact your caring elder if you need to communicate any shepherding needs.

Last Name Elder Team

A - F	Paul Witteveen & Angie Vreeman
G - M	Kathy Rozek & Rick Wielopolski
N - S	Steve Thomas & Shauna Collison
T - Z	Ed Moore & Steve Hellenga

Church Directories are still available for those who haven't gotten one. Families that attend are welcome to a copy! They are available in the church office.

Prayers for our Search Team

- 1) As consistory works on developing the job description for the pastor profile based on the identified needs of the church, pray they will have clarity as to the characteristics, goals, and key result areas that should be included in the job description for the next pastor. Pray that these people would not settle for too little, nor aim too high, making the job description unreasonable or unattainable. Pray that everyone involved in this process would agree upon the background and experience needed in the next pastor.
- 2) Please pray for the process of updating the new church profile and website, pray both of these tools will accurately reflect who we are as a congregation and will catch the eye (and heart) of the pastor God is drawing to us.
- 3) Continue to pray for the encouragement and unity of the Consistory, Search Team and the entire congregation as we strive to serve faithfully in the roles God has called us to. Pray we will remember the words of Galatians 6:9, "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we