



## Highlights

### March 25, 2018

### Calendar for the Week

- TODAY**
- Choir Practice, 8:15 a.m.
  - Morning Worship, 9:30 a.m.
  - Sunday School, 10:50 a.m. (in Sanctuary)
  - CPR/First Aid Training Session, 10:50 a.m. (in Fellowship Hall)
  - Journey High, 5:30 p.m.
- Wednesday**
- Prayer Group, 9:30 a.m.
  - Midweek Dinner, 5:30 p.m. (no need to sign up!)
  - Pinewood Derby, 6:15 p.m.
- Thursday**
- Maundy Thursday Service, 7 p.m. (communion)
- Friday**
- Good Friday Service, 6:30 p.m.
- Next Sunday**
- Easter Sunday
  - Choir Practice, 8:30 a.m. (choir sings)
  - Community Pancake Breakfast, 9:30 a.m.
  - Easter Worship, 10:30 a.m.
  - No Sunday School
  - No Journey High
- Coming Up*
- Elder Meeting, 4/3 at 7 p.m.

### Coming Up @ Hope Church

Please come and celebrate the final midweek evening of the year with us THIS Wednesday! At 5:30 p.m., a baseball themed dinner will be served. Wear your favorite team jersey! At 6:15 p.m., the Cadets and G.E.M.S. will be racing their pinewood derby cars. All are invited!

Hope Church invites all of you, your family, friends and neighbors to join us for an Easter Celebration on April 1st! The Easter Worship Service will begin at 10:30 a.m. following a Community Pancake Breakfast at 9:30 am. Please spread the word, all are invited!

On Easter Sunday our sanctuary will be filled with beautiful flowers! Be aware that this might affect those with allergies. Please plan accordingly.

### Prayers and Praises

**Continued prayers for:** Families of Joe Mejeur and Arlene Doot, Karen Otten, Irene Fraaza, Jake Zuidema, Mary Anne Schiedel, Ev VanDonselaar, Don DeWolf, June Schaap, Julie Bos, Jim Loedeman, Helen Roglic, Chuck Harmon, Becky Nap, Dave Collison, Gideon Schripsema.

#### Weekly Volunteers

##### Greeters

N: Steve & Amy Vlietstra  
S: Craig & Dara Bosker

##### Greeters Next Week

N: Mike & Stephanie Klepser

##### Ushers

Rob VanderWeele, Ken Larsen,  
Tom Musk, Don VanDonselaar

##### Elder Greeters

Shauna Collison, Heather Offringa,  
Rick Wielopolski, Don VanLandegent

##### Nursery

Becca Gillam, Jenelle Poth,  
Sue VanderMeer

##### Nursery Next Week

Heather & Lily Offringa,  
Becca Gillam

##### Children & Worship

Meg Sanders

##### Children & Worship Next Wk.

BREAK - Easter

Giving Report for: 3/18

#### General/Mission Fund

##### **Received**

\$5,593.92

##### **Budgeted**

\$7,035.60

#### Mortgage Retirement

##### **Received for the Week**

\$180.00

#### **Needed for Next Payment**

*(April 15)*

\$5,288.85

#### **Monthly Payment**

\$5,468.85



## Announcements

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**Hope Church Family,** Thank you to everyone for the kind words and expressions of sympathy we have received. Your thoughts and prayers are very much appreciated. Thank you for all the cards, prayers on our behalf and the beautiful floral arrangement at Dad's memorial service. Seeing so many of you and having a chance to visit felt like being home again. A special thank you to everyone who helped provide such a fitting tribute to Dad's kind and generous spirit. Blessings, Gail Kane for the family of Joe Mejeur

**TODAY, immediately following the Sunday morning service, there will be an Infant CPR/First aid training session for all nursery volunteers and anyone else who would like to join us in the Fellowship Hall.** The class will be taught by Laura Strunk. This is not a certification class, but the information will be very important to anyone who cares for infant/toddlers in any setting. Come join us!

**Hope Church will be holding a Maundy Thursday Service on Thursday, March 29 at 7 p.m. called "Walking the Road to Calvary."** Communion will be served.

**Hope Church will be hosting a Good Friday Service led by other area churches, North Bridge, City Gate, and Good Shepherd on Friday, March 30 at 6:30 p.m.** All are invited to attend. It will be a traditional service.

**Journey Mid** - Though Midweek is coming to an end for the year, Journey Mid will continue to meet on Wednesdays through the end of May! We will be meeting from 6 p.m. - 7 p.m. every other week. The dates are as follows:

April 4 - No Journey (spring break)

April 11

April 25

May 9

May 23

**The CROP Walk is taking place on Sunday, April 29. The Rev. Don DeYoung is being honored as the Grand Marshall!** If you'd like to donate to the CROP Walk in his name, visit [crophungerwalk.org/kalamazoomi/friendsofdondeyoung](http://crophungerwalk.org/kalamazoomi/friendsofdondeyoung).

**You'll notice in your Consistory Connection that the Hope Within (the newsletter) will no longer be published.** We want to thank Laura Strunk for her many years of faithful editing and coordination! We appreciate you, Laura!

**A Special Sunday Adult Class is scheduled for Sunday, April 15 at 11 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.** Pastor Dan will do a brief presentation entitled "*Understanding Millennials to Reach Them.*" This will be followed by a panel of "younger" Hope members who will be sharing their thoughts and feelings regarding our church and its ministry, as well as their hopes and dreams for its future. You are encouraged to set aside an hour for this critically important dialogue that you won't want to miss.

**The Congregational Care Team is looking for volunteers to assist in meeting the needs of our church family.** If you can occasionally provide a meal, transportation to an appointment, help with house cleaning/laundry, yard work, occasionally baby sit, offer pet care, or have other 'skills' you can share, please fill out the "Interest" card in the pew and drop it in the offering plate or box at the Connection Center.

**Young at Heart** will meet next month at Old Mill Brewpub in Plainwell (717 West Bridge Street) on Tuesday, April 17 for lunch at 11:30 a.m. Sign up at the lobby table to join the fun!

**A West Michigan Prayer Summit will be held on April 20 and 21, at Hillside Community Church in Grand Rapids.** This will be an opportunity for the people of West Michigan to gather in prayer for our lives, churches, communities, and country. If you would like to know more about this event, go to [joinprayersummit.org](http://joinprayersummit.org) for a preview. Cost is \$25 per person.

**You are invited to Grace CRC at 7 p.m. on April 15 for a Community Hymn Sing celebrating the person and work of Jesus Christ through scripture and song.**