



HighLites  
April 9, 2017

**Calendar for the Week**

- Today**
- Choir Practice, 8:15 a.m. (Choir Sings)
  - Morning Worship with Pastor Kevin, 9:30 a.m.
  - No Sunday School
  - No Congregational Care Meeting (will take place 4/23)
  - Journey High Youth Group, 5:30 p.m.
  - Small Groups, 5:30 p.m.
- Tuesday**
- Ruth Circle, 1 p.m. (more information on back)
- Wednesday**
- Prayer Group, 9:30 a.m.
  - Journey Mid, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
  - Search Team Meeting, 6 p.m.
- Thursday**
- Executive Team Meeting, 12 Noon
  - Maundy Thursday Service at North Park, 6:30 p.m.
- Next Sunday**
- Choir practice, 8:15 a.m. (Choir Sings)
  - Easter Worship with Rev. Dr. Doug McClintic, 9:30 a.m.
  - Mission of the Month Offering: Wycliff Bible Translators
  - No Sunday School
  - No Journey High
  - No Evening Worship
- Coming Up**
- *Worship Committee Meeting, 4/18 at 5:45 p.m.*
  - *Deacon Meeting, 4/18 at 6 p.m.*
  - *Consistory Meeting, 4/18 at 7 p.m.*
  - *Fibers of Faith, 4/20 at 9:30 a.m.*
  - *Young at Heart to Blue Gate, 4/20 (Leaving at 10 a.m.)*

**Prayers & Praises**

**Laura Rozek** will have her stents taken out on April 10th. Pray for a quick and full recovery.

**Continued prayers for:** Don DeWolf, Del Fraaza, Fred Gould, Arlene Doot, Linda DeGraaff, June Schaap, Ron Stolk, Irene Fraaza, 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 with a card or note of encouragement and your prayers:** Marianna Hellenga, Janet Roberts, Helen DeWinter, Ruthie Pearl Burch, and Marjorie Kelly.

**Volunteers**

Greeters

N: Ken & Mary Anne Schiedel  
S: Harold & Rose Marie Langeland

Greeters Next Week

N: Jay & Jerry Waalkes  
S: Jerry & Lana Loedeman

Ushers

Steve Hellenga, Jack DeYoung,  
Denny Collison

Elder Greeters

Kathy Rozek, Rick Wielopolski,  
Steve Thomas, Steve Hellenga

Nursery

Wayne & Jena Nooney

Nursery Next Week

Amelia VanderMeer

Children and Worship

Ann Charles

C & W Next Week

Easter Break

Giving Report for: 4/2

**General/Mission Fund**

Received

\$ 10,069.00

Budgeted

\$ 5,507.57

**Mortgage Retirement**

Received for the Week

\$ 4,448.00

Needed for Next Payment

(May 15)

\$ 4,865.20

Monthly Payment

\$ 5,468.85



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## Announcements

Thanks to all of you who sent cards and have been praying for me for my recent surgery. My Hope family is such a blessing to me. In Christ, Linda DeGraaff

Praising God and thanking my Hope family for their prayers for my sister, Kate. God provided her an amazing turnaround, she returned to the nursing home, and is doing very well. - Gayle & Jack DeYoung

**Ministry Gathering:** Our first Ministry Gathering will take place on Sunday, April 23rd after church. There will be no Sunday School that morning to allow adequate time. More details to come!

**Volunteer Opportunity:** We are in need of volunteers who are willing to provide meals to those in our church family who may be experiencing some challenges in their lives (medical issues, death in the family, new baby). If you are interested, please call Margie Stolk at 373-9013.

**Recently, you received a letter from the Kalamazoo Division of Bible League International Volunteers.** PLEASE prayerfully consider supporting their "God's Ambassadors With Africa" project to provide Bibles, biblical resources, and training to waiting believers in Africa through new translations. Please respond by April 16. Together, we can strive to end the global Bible Famine helping people meet Jesus and changing lives for Him! Thank you for making an eternal difference!  
- Lana Loedeman

**The sign up sheet for the Bethany Christian Services Geranium Sale is on the narthex table.** Flowers come in red, pink, salmon and white and cost \$3.50 each. Pick up at Westwood Fire Department is May 10 from 2-7 p.m. and at Portage Chapel Hill UMC (Corner of Oakland and Romence) on May 11 from 9-12 noon. Questions? See Nancy VanDonselaar

**DIRECTORY UPDATE:** In the new picture directory, Gayle DeYoung's cell phone number is incorrect. This is the correct number: (269) 598-1781.

**Ruth Circle will meet at Loretta Moore's on Tuesday, April 11th at 1 p.m.** PLEASE NOTE that next month's meeting will be on the 4th Tuesday, May 23.

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

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Elder Team</u>
A - F	Paul Witteveen & Angie Vreeman
G - M	Kathy Rozek & Rick Wielopolski
N - S	Steve Thomas & Shauna Collison
T - Z	Ed Moore & Steve Hellenga

**Desert Streams Christian Counseling is available and may be helpful in the absence of a lead Pastor.** For more information, please visit their website at [www.desertstreams.org](http://www.desertstreams.org) or call them at 345-0909.

## Prayers for our Search Team

Here is how you can pray for us now:

- 1) Pray that the team will hear God's voice with great clarity and feel peace as we discern who we should interview, and who we should not. Pray that as we read resumes, listen to sermon samples, and review candidates' profiles, we will place the church's needs and desires before our own, and "rightly discern" for the church.
- 2) Pray the candidate who God is calling to us will respond in obedience to the prompting of the Holy Spirit.