



HighLites  
May 7, 2017

### Calendar for the Week

- Today**
  - Morning Worship with Pastor Art, 9:30 a.m.
  - Mortgage Retirement Offering
  - Communion
  - Sunday School (last one!), 10:50 a.m.
  - Evening Worship with Rev. Dave Armstrong, 5:30 p.m.
  - Journey High, 5:30 p.m.
  
- Wednesday**
  - Prayer Group, 9:30 a.m.
  - Journey Mid, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
  - Search Team Meeting, 6 p.m.
  
- Next Sunday**
  - Happy Mother's Day!
  - Morning Worship with Pastor Kevin, 9:30 a.m.
  - No Sunday School (will resume in September)
  - Small Groups, 5:30 p.m.
  - No Journey High
  
- Coming Up**
  - *Deacon Meeting, 5/16 at 6 p.m.*
  - *Consistory Meeting, 5/16 7 p.m.*
  - *Mission of the Month: Youth for Christ, 5/21*
  - *Ministry Gathering, 5/21 after worship*
  - *Final Evening Worship until fall, 5/21 at 5:30 p.m.*

### Prayers & Praises

**Ruth VandeGiessen passed away on May 1.** Services were held this past Friday. Continue to pray for God's peace and comfort for her family.

**Gabriel Rybarski** (son of Tinesha and Bill Rybarski) continues to gain weight in the NICU at Bronson. He may be there for up to six more weeks. Little Gabe needs to learn how to coordinate his breathing, sucking and swallowing. Pray for him to learn these things well enough for him to be able to come home.

**Don DeWolf's** surgery to replace his pacemaker went well. Pray for a full recovery and wellness.

**Continued prayers for:** Gabriel Rybarski, Laura Rozek, Don DeWolf, Del & Irene Fraaza, Fred Gould, Arlene Doot, Linda DeGraaff, June Schaap, Ron Stolk, Mary Kornoelje, Julie Bos, Terry 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:** Janet Roberts, Helen DeWinter, Ruthie Pearl Burch, and Marjorie Kelly.

#### Volunteers

##### Greeters

N: Don & Nancy VanDonselaar  
S: Tom & Sally Drenth

##### Greeters Next Week

N: Brian & Kris Nap  
S: Nooney Family

##### Ushers

Fred Gould, Lee Blanchard,  
Rick Wielopolski

##### Elder Greeters

Kathy Rozek, Paul Witteveen,  
Steve Thomas, Angie Vreeman

##### Nursery

Laura Cousineau

##### Nursery Next Week

Kenna & Jenelle

##### Children and Worship

Angie Vreeman

##### C & W Next Week

Ann Charles

Giving Report for: 4/30

#### General/Mission Fund

##### Received

\$ 3,622.00

##### Budgeted

\$ 5,507.57

#### Mortgage Retirement

##### Received for the Week

\$ 4,400.00

##### Needed for Next Payment

(May 15)

\$ 125.20

##### Monthly Payment

\$ 5,468.85



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## Announcements

**Young at Heart - May: Oops! We changed our date (because of our travels) and so did Ruth Circle!** So we're changing again. Our May activity will be Thursday, May 25th. We will have brunch at Angela's in Galesburg at 9:30 a.m. followed by a visit to the Galesburg Museum (just down the street, behind the library). The museum will be open from 10:30 - noon. There are also several antique shops in Galesburg, if that interests you. Sign up on the sheet in the narthex to join! - Jerry & Lana

**Bethany Christian Services Geranium Sale:** 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

**Park Village Pines** invites you to their campus on Saturday, May 20 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. for their annual Flower Sale. Enjoy great prices on all types of flowers and free coffee and donuts! All proceeds will help provide our residents with the highest quality Christian senior care and facilities.

### CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATES:

Lee Blanchard has a new cell phone number, 269-598-4810.

Sarah Bradford has a new address, 3951 West Milham Road, Apt. 111, Portage 49024

**If you desire to attend the Evening Worship service tonight at 5:30 p.m. but need a ride,** please contact Nancy Schripsema. Her phone number is in the Church Directory.

**VBS is right around the corner!** Mark your calendar for July 31-August 3 (Monday - Thursday) from 6-8 p.m. Please consider volunteering to help at VBS. We will be taking a trip to first-century Rome with the kids and learning directly from the Apostle Paul! We can't wait!

**Attention Nursery Volunteers!** Please check your mailboxes for some important updates to our nursery program here at Hope. Thank you for being such wonderful volunteers!

**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

**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

Please continue to pray for us! Here's how you can pray:

1. Please pray for the coordination of schedules as we set up phone interviews.
2. Please pray for successful and meaningful contacts with the references supplied by the candidates.
3. Please pray we will know the right questions to ask as we represent the church through the interview process. Pray that we will represent the church accurately and attractively. Pray that we will have clarity and discernment as we interview candidates, eliminate some candidates, and move forward with others throughout the interview process.
4. Please pray we will have unity of thought and purpose within the team and the congregation.