



# HighLites

## December 17, 2017

### Calendar for the Week

- TODAY**
- Choir Practice, 8:15 a.m.
  - Morning Worship with Pastor Dan, 9:30 a.m.
  - No Sunday School (begins again in January)
  - No Journey High (begins again in January)
- Tuesday**
- Young at Heart, 12 p.m. (information on back)
  - Deacon Meeting, 6 p.m.
  - Consistory Meeting, 7 p.m.
- Wednesday**
- Prayer Group, 9:30 a.m.
  - No Midweek Classes
- Next Sunday**
- Choir Practice, 4:45 p.m. (no a.m. practice)
  - Christmas Eve Services (information on back)
    - 9:30 a.m. - Abbreviated Service
    - 5 p.m. - Special Candlelight Service

Today during coffee time, we will be wrapping Angel Tree gifts so they may be distributed before Christmas. Please lend a helping hand if you're able!

### Upcoming Events @ Hope!

There will be a Consistory Leadership Retreat on January 12 and 13. It will be Friday evening and Saturday morning, and will be a highly valuable experience where they tackle the topic and theme of "Navigating Change." The Consistory and spouses will together seek to learn, grow, and prepare for this next season here at Hope. Please be in prayer for our leadership as they seek to follow God's leading through this important time!

On March 2, 3 & 4, Journey High and Journey Mid will be going to Spring Hill for a retreat. More information to come! Mark your calendars!

### Prayers and Praises

**Irene Fraaza** is home from the hospital and doing much better.

**Continued prayers for:** Nancy VanDonselaar, Roger Tuinier, Ken & Mary Anne Schiedel, Ev VanDonselaar, Arlene Doot, Don DeWolf, June Schaap, Julie Bos, Jim Loedeman, Helen Roglic, Sarah Bradford, Chuck Harmon, Becky Nap, Dave Collison, Gideon Schripsema.

Please remember our shut-ins and those who are in assisted care with a card or note of encouragement and your prayers during the holiday season.

#### Weekly Volunteers

##### Greeters

N: Ron & Margie Stolk  
S: Rick & Mari Wielopolski

##### PM Greeters Next Week

N: Jerry & Jan DeBoer  
S: Ann & Doug Charles

##### Ushers

Doug Charles, Jeff Offringa,  
Jack DeYoung,  
Don VanLandegent, Jr.

##### Elder Greeters

Kathy Rozek, Ed Moore,  
Paul Witteveen,  
Steve Thomas

##### Nursery

Sue VanderMeer, Becca  
Gillam, Lily Offringa

##### Nursery Next Week

**AM:** Stephanie K., Becca G.,  
Johanna V.  
**PM:** Sue V., Elaine & Katlyn B.

##### Children & Worship

Donna Harmon

##### Children & Worship Next

##### Wk.

Break

Giving Report for: 12/10

#### General/Mission Fund

**Received**  
\$8,608.00

**Budgeted**  
\$7,035.60

#### Mortgage Retirement

**Received for the Week**  
\$105.00

**Needed for Next Payment**  
*(December 15)*  
\$772.85

**Monthly Payment**  
\$5,468.85



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## Announcements

**ATTENTION:** Please check the Kitchen for a couple of Crock Pots and Plastic Containers that have been left from previous events.

This Christmas Season we will gather together to celebrate the coming of our Savior Jesus Christ at 5 p.m. on Christmas Eve. This is sure to be a rich and meaningful worshiping experience for Hope regulars and newcomers alike. You will find 2 personal invite cards in your mailbox to hand out to those you'd love to join you for the service, and if you need more, they are located at the Connection Center. If you are unable to make the evening candlelight service, we will have an abbreviated service with the same message at 9:30am.

**Help Wanted:** According to Buddy the Elf, the best way to spread Christmas cheer is to sing loud for all to hear! Please come help us spread Christmas cheer before the Christmas Eve service. We will be gathering at 4 p.m. before the Christmas Eve service in the parking lot to sing Christmas hymns, enjoy hot chocolate and cookies, and engage in fellowship at the 1st ever 'Hope Reformed Christmas Eve Tailgate Extravaganza.' We want the entire neighborhood to share in the joy of Christmas and we need your help.

**Help Wanted:** We need help creating an awe inspiring entrance and sanctuary for our Christmas Eve Service. 75 luminaries will be guiding people to the two entrances so help is needed to fill the bags with sand and placing them around 4 p.m. Christmas Eve afternoon. We also need help getting the candles ready inside the sanctuary. Your time will be rewarded by the beauty it will create! Come join the fun! Also, if you have battery operated candles you'd be willing to let church borrow, let Susan Williams know.

**Young at Heart will be having a Christmas Lunch on Tuesday, December 19th at noon at church.** Lunch will be catered, and is \$12.50 per person. Please sign up on the Connection Center. Please bring a \$5 gift or a 'White Elephant' gift.

**Clarification from the Nursery:** Thank you so much for entrusting your children to our care! For the safety of our youngest children, the nursery ministry is intended for ages 3 and under. On Sundays when there is no Children in Worship, we ask that children 4 years and older remain with their parents during the service. Thank you for your understanding and thank you for partnering with us to help keep the children safe!

**Hope Church collected two offerings for hurricane relief in September and November.** The total for both collections was \$6,247.00.

**A big "Thank you" to the Journey High School and Middle School kids who helped decorate the Christmas trees in the Sanctuary and in the Fellowship Hall!** Your bravery with ladders, your discerning eye for bulb placement and the excellent idea of using a laser pointer to help find the empty spots made the whole event fun and rewarding! Thank you again...the whole congregation is enjoying the fruits of your labor!

**Women of Hope:** The Safi family is expecting a baby girl in early February and we would like to sprinkle them with needed baby items. This will take place on Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at about 11 a.m.. Please visit the table in the lobby to let us know if you can come and if you are willing to contribute a light appetizer or dessert. As there is no baby registry and the family has specific needs, we are trying to coordinate gifts/funds as best as possible. Please indicate on the sign-up sheet what gently used baby items you plan on gifting or if you plan on purchasing a gift, please let us know what that will be so we don't double our efforts. We will also pool funds together to purchase larger items, such as a car seat, so indicate if you would like to contribute to that. See Stephanie Klepser or Julie Dintaman with questions.