



HighLites

December 24, 2017

Calendar for the Week

- TODAY**
- Morning Worship with Pastor Dan, 9:30 a.m.
 - 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
- Wednesday**
- Prayer Group, 9:30 a.m.
 - No Midweek Classes
- Next Sunday**
- Choir Practice, 8:15 a.m.
 - Morning Worship with Pastor Kevin, 9:30 a.m.
- Coming Up**
- Elder Meeting, 1/9 at 7 p.m.
 - Consistory Leadership Retreat, 1/12-1/13

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. A \$50 non-refundable deposit is due by no later than January 7th. Please make the check out to Hope Reformed. More information to come! Mark your calendars!

Prayers and Praises

Continued prayers for: 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

AM: Doug & Ann Charles

PM: Jerry & Jan DeBoer

Greeters Next Week

N: Denny & Shauna Collison

S: Jack & Gayle DeYoung

Ushers

Doug Charles, Jeff Offringa,

Jack DeYoung,

Don VanLandegent, Jr.

Elder Greeters

Kathy Rozek, Ed Moore,

Paul Witteveen,

Steve Thomas

Nursery

AM: Stephanie K., Becca G.,

Johanna V.

PM: Sue V., Elaine & Katlyn B.

Nursery Next Week

McKenzie Bronsink, Eli

Brown, Stephanie Klepser

Children & Worship

Break

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Wk.

Break

Giving Report for: 12/17

General/Mission Fund

Received

\$5,093.00

Budgeted

\$7,035.60

Mortgage Retirement

Received for the Week

\$410.00

Needed for Next Payment

(January 15)

\$5,468.85

Monthly Payment

\$5,468.85



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Announcements

Thank you Hope Church family for your cards, calls, visits and more so, all your prayers for me during my recent surgery and recovery. I can certainly feel God's presence, thank you again! - Roger Tuinier

This Christmas Season we will gather together to celebrate the coming of our Savior Jesus Christ at 5 p.m. this evening. This is sure to be a rich and meaningful worshiping experience for Hope regulars and newcomers alike. Invite your friends!

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. this evening 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!

Help Wanted: We need help creating an awe inspiring entrance and sanctuary for our Christmas Eve Service tonight. 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. 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!

Ladies, are you looking to start the new year with a fresh start ? We will be starting a Beth Moore Bible study for ladies 50 and younger. Beth Moore has been leading women in studies for 20+ years. She shares her studies with lots of knowledge, wisdom and a special bond with women. We will be studying James for 7 weeks. The study will start, January 8 and meet every other Monday, in the evenings, from 7-9 p.m. We will meet in the Consistory room, with a small group time, watch a video and develop friendships with other ladies/moms. If you are interested or have questions, please email Gloria Jongsma at gloriajongsma@gmail.com or call 313-570-1494.

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 7th 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. See Stephanie Klepser or Julie Dintaman with questions.

Estate Planning and Planned Giving Made Easy! There is an estate planning seminar on Thursday, January 25, 2018, between 6-8 p.m. at the Kalamazoo Country Club (6:00 Hors d'oeuvres and refreshments start, presentation starts at 6:30 pm). Our speaker this year is Attorney Michael Willis (class of 1992), recognized as an expert in the legal field of trust and estates, listed in the Best Lawyers in America. More details will be available soon. Bring your questions! Reservations are required. We only have 30 seats available - first come first service basis. If you would like to attend this event, have any questions, or would like more information, please contact Larry Stehouwer at 269-760-4711 or lstehouwer@kcsa.org.