



Hope Within

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“A Christmas Story”

*presented by
Hope’s Sunday School Kids*



Come hear the story about the night Jesus was born, as told by our pre-school - 5th graders, from the perspective of all those involved that very first Christmas night!

*Sunday, December 17
(at the beginning of morning worship)*

** Please join us for Christmas cookies & refreshments in the fellowship hall immediately following the service**

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Sunday School Calendar for Upcoming Weeks

Dec. 3 --- Classes meet
 Dec. 10 – Classes meet
 Dec. 17 – Christmas Program in a.m.
 (Classes do not meet afterwards)
 Dec. 24 – Jan. 7 – Christmas break
 Jan. 14 – Classes Resume

Looking ahead:

April 1 – Easter – No SS classes
 April 8 – Spring Break – No SS classes



Severe Weather Policy

In case of severe weather, Sunday morning services and other activities will be canceled. A closing announcement will be posted on AM 590 WKZO and its affiliates as well as WWMT 3. We will also send out a mass email and post on our Facebook page. Please be safe and use your own best judgement before heading out through the snow.

Mid-Week Gatherings Begin on January 10, 2018



Come for one night or every Wednesday evening through March 28! It's a great way to beat cabin fever!

Classes for all ages – 6:15 – 7:15 p.m.

- Adult Classes begin in sanctuary
- Journey Mid with Julie Dintaman, Pastor Kevin Sanders and Kris Nap
- CADETS with Jerry Loedeman and Larry Gillam
- GEMS with Sue VanderMeer, Megan Dreier and Mackenzie Bronsink
- God's Kids with Elaine Breur
- Nursery for the little ones

Midweek Program– Adult Schedule

Winter 2018

Date	Leader	Topic
1/10/18	John Beeman	Growing Young
1/17/18	John Beeman	Growing Young
1/24/18	Mike Klepser	Why Worry: Coping With Stress And Anxiety.
1/31/18	Al Apotheker	Music and Art Appreciation 201
2/7/18	Al Apotheker	Music and Art Appreciation 201
2/14/18	Al Apotheker	Music and Art Appreciation 201
2/21/18	Mike Klepser	Are You Too Righteous?
2/28/18	Heather & Lilly Offringa	India Mission Trip
3/7/18	Heather & Lilly Offringa	India Mission Trip
3/14/18	John Beeman	Philippians Chapters 1 And 2
3/21/18	John Beeman	Philippians Chapters 3 And 4
3/28/18	Cadets	Pinewood Derby

Growing Young

“Churches are losing members and vitality as increasing numbers of young people disengage. Based on ground-breaking research with over 250 of the nation’s leading congregations, *Growing Young* provides a strategy any church can use to involve and retain teenagers and young adults. It profiles innovative churches that are engaging 15 to 29-year-olds and as a result are growing spiritually, emotionally, missionally, and numerically. Packed with both research and practical ideas, *Growing Young* shows pastors and ministry leaders how to position their church to engage younger generations in a way that breathes vitality, life, and energy into the whole church.”

Music and Art Appreciation 201

How familiar are you with some of the world’s masterpieces? Beginning in the New Year we will enjoy becoming more familiar with, for example, Isaac Watts song, “When I Survey The Wondrous Cross”. That and several other masterpieces will capture our attention.

Why Worry: Coping With Stress And Anxiety.

We will talk about stress and anxiety, whether they serve a purpose, and how to cope with them in a productive manner. Relevant scripture passages: Philippians 4:6, 1 Peter 5:7, and 2 Corinthians 12:10.

Are You Too Righteous?

We will discuss how some Christians’ behavior is a hindrance to reaching those who do not know Christ. Relevant scripture passages: Luke 18:9, Proverbs 16:2, Matthew 23:23-24, Luke 16:15, Philippians 2:3, Luke 18:9-14.

New Members



Roger and Marsha Tuinier are now members of Hope Church, arriving at this decision after visiting many other churches. Previously they were members of Fourth Reformed. Roger is part of the Tuinier Brothers Greenhouse, a family company with roots going back to the early 1900s. As an outside interest he has served as the Kalamazoo Commissioner of District 7 for the past 5 years. Marsha has a nursing background but is currently a homemaker. One of her outside ministries is serving as a Children's Supervisor for Bible Study Fellowship.

The Tuiniers enjoy traveling which includes time at the Silver Lake campgrounds in Ludington. Other fun activities involve fishing, working in the yard and most importantly, spending time with family. Marsha and Roger have 3 children and 4 grandchildren with another (boy) on the way. Church plays an important place in the Tuiniers lives. They have found Hope to be a Bible believing church and the people to be warm and friendly. They are also optimistic about Hope's future.



Meg and Kevin Sanders and son Miles have transferred their membership from the Voyage to Hope Reformed. Kevin became a part time staff member in August of 2016 for the purpose of redesigning Hope's youth ministry. In April of this year his responsibilities were expanded to full time becoming the Minister of Family and Community Life. Meg works part time for Bethany Christian Services as an Adoption Specialist. Kevin received his Master of Divinity degree from Western Seminary in 2014 after obtaining his English and Elementary Education degree from Grand Valley State. Meg also received a Bachelor of Science degree from Grand Valley State majoring in Social Work.

Fun activities for the Sanders center around family times. Much of this is focused on fun things for Miles (now 2 years old) including special events for children, camping and long walks. They also enjoy board games and reading, especially novels and thrillers. The Sanders love being a part of Hope and in particular, the youth, who have become like their extended family.

Young at Heart

Young at Heart will have our annual Christmas get-together on Tues. Dec. 19th at church. We plan to have a catered lunch at noon. There will be a "white elephant" or under \$5 gift exchange (no Bingo), time to visit and relax. Cost will be \$12.50 per person. Watch for more details in HighLites. Contact Loedemans if you have questions or comments.



Missionary Update—February 11, 2018

On February 11, 2018, Chris Walker of New Tribe Missions (now Ethnos 360) will be with us at our Sunday morning worship service to share briefly about their work in Papua New Guinea and the local tribes there. He will also spend time during the Sunday School hour with the adult class to go into more detail and answer questions.

The Mission Committee met with Chris in September and we were amazed at the effort required to be part of the Mission of God's church on that island. Please try to attend to hear from one of our missionaries about the work we support through one of our Special Monthly Offerings.

Library News

Donated: Three books by David Platt: *Radical, Radical Together, Follow Me*
Wes Stafford of Compassion International writes “David Platt challenges Christians to wake up, trade in false values rooted in the American dream and embrace the notion that each of us is blessed by God for a global purpose to make Christ’s glory know to all nations!”

New Books:

“Momsense” by Jean Blackmer—A common-sense guide to confident mothering.

“The Daniel Prayer” by Anne Graham Lotz—Radio Host, Janet Parshall writes “America is in trouble because we have turned our back on God...”
The Daniel Prayer” is an essential and timely read for a world on the eve of destruction.”

“Grace Behind Bars” by Bo & Gari Mitchell—“Surprised by a baffling criminal charge after helping some friends with a business loan, Bo Mitchell...wound up in federal prison. At the same time his wife, Gari, struggled with a sudden brain illness...”

“Present Over Perfect” by Shauna Niequist—She writes “A few years ago, I found myself exhausted and isolated, my soul and body sick...but over the last few years, I’ve learned a new way to live. Marked by grace, love, rest, and play...”

2 new hardcover toddler books by Hannah Hall: *God Bless My School* and *God Bless My Boo Boo*

*New
in the
Library*



Our Mission

We are a community of believers called to live like Jesus, share his transforming love with neighbors, and boldly proclaim salvation through Christ alone.

Our Vision

Equipping believers to grow Christ's Church and bring HOPE to the world!

Teams and Leadership

If you're interested in participating in the life of Hope Church, please check out our next Ministry Gathering event. Our current Ministry Teams are Church Life/Outreach, Congregational Care, Education, Missions, Property, and Worship.

Current Consistory

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