



HOPE CHURCH NEWS

"...A living hope..." | Peter 1:3

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- *November Calendar*
- *Lectionary*
- *Restorative Circles Facilitator List*

The deadline for the December newsletter is Sunday, November 15.

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday:
9:00am - 5:00pm
Friday: Closed

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Thanksgiving Offering to Support Kids' Food Basket

Community Ministry



This year the Thanksgiving offering will be given to the Kids' Food Basket. Kids' Food Basket is a national organization recently expanded to Holland, and their goal is to ensure that lunch is not the last meal of the day for local

children. At the present time 600 sack suppers are given out each weekday to children at 2 local schools, but there are 6 more schools on the waiting list to have these sack suppers. A \$1 donation equals one sack supper. Kids' Food Basket is also looking for volunteers to help prepare, pack and deliver the food. If you are interested in getting involved, visit <http://www.kidsfoodbasket.org/about-us/holland-location>.

Cran-Hill Ranch

Fellowship Ministry

Are you lamenting the end of those warm sunny days of summer? Then cheer yourself up by planning ahead for next summer. Our all-church family campout weekend at Cran-Hill Ranch will be July 15-17, 2016. Bring your tent, trailer or reserve a spot in the Retreat Center. A variety of activities will be planned for kids from 1 (or under) to 100 (or over)! Reservations need to be sent to Cran-Hill by **November 9** so if you haven't already signed up, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the gathering area or call the church office. Dreams of camp will help you get through the winter!

**Thanksgiving Eve
Worship Service
Wednesday, November 25
7:00 p.m.**

We will gather together to ask the Lord's blessing and to give thanks. Come join in a service of song, prayer, and communion as we remember the goodness of God.

ministry HIGHLIGHT

This series of highlights on ministries at Hope Church is intended to be sure our members are aware of how things happen and their opportunities to engage with the ministry of the church.

Communications Task Force

Megan Arevalo, Communications Task Force member

The Communications Task Force focuses on supporting the Outreach and Hospitality Ministry with efforts in creating, writing, and placing strategic advertising and marketing messages. They also research and suggest additional communication vehicles for use within and beyond Hope Church. The original goal of the Communications Task Force was to develop a cohesive and strategic approach to all communications within and beyond Hope Church to be more effective in sharing the mission of our congregation and inviting

people to be engaged in the life of our church.

The Task Force has been up to a lot in recent months, including: a redesign of the large print bulletin to make it easier to read for the vision-impaired, redesign of brochures, helping to plan and design the Pictorial Directory, purchasing new fellowship pad holders for the sanctuary, designing new posters for use downtown, holding a focus group discussion for the 20/30 demographic, and researching and starting to roll out a new group texting

service (see article below for more info).

The group was originally pulled together but is open to others joining. Members currently include Lois Maassen, Michael Kolk, Pastor Gordon Wiersma, Pastor Jill Russell, and Megan Arevalo. If you are interested in learning more about the Communications Task Force, please contact Megan in the church office to discuss the ways in which you can serve Hope Church in this way.

The next Ministry Highlight will feature the Hope & Grace: College and 20/30s Steering Force.

Text Reminders: Fish Club, High Hopes, and 20/30s

Youth, Parents, and Sponsors, would you like to receive texts with last minute schedule changes for Fish Club or High Hopes events?

To subscribe to these messages for High Hopes, simply text **@highh to 81010**. To receive the messages via email instead of text, you can also send an email to: highh@mail.remind.com.

For Fish Club, simply text: **@fishclub77**

to 81010, or email: fishclub77@mail.remind.com. You can opt in or out of the groups at any time by replying "unsubscribe @highh or @fishclub77."

Please note: the texting service uses the language of "classes" for groups, because it's mainly used by teachers.

You can also subscribe to receive text reminders about Hope & Grace: College and 20/30s Ministry events.

Simply text **@thursnites to 81010**. Or to receive the messages via email instead of text, you can send an email to thursnites@mail.remind.com. You can opt in or out of the group at any time by replying "unsubscribe @thursnites."

Stay tuned for more texting groups to be started in the near future for things like cancellations, service time changes, etc.!

Save the Date: January 25, 2016

MONDAY January 25, 2016
6:30 p.m. at Hope Church

Ways to Help Children Face and Overcome Fears by Candace A. VanderWeide
(a hands on workshop using Bible Stories)
for all Christian Educators and School Teachers

Presented by Journey at Western Seminary and Hope Church

December, January & February Greeters

The Outreach & Hospitality Ministry

The following list reflects the households assigned to greet for the next three months (**Please note: the schedule for the entire year is also now posted** on a “Greeter Schedule” poster in the gathering area):

December

06 Scott & Stephanie Parrott
13 Karen & Mark Pearson
20 Paul Pearson & Tim Pennings
27 Terry Pott & Becky Schmidt

January Greeters

03 Jim & Dee Dee Piers
10 Anne Saliers & Joyce Proechel
17 Wendy & Kevin Rebhan
24 Cindi Veldheer DeYoung & Terry DeYoung
31 Mark & Susan Rhoades

February Greeters

07 Gary & Ellen Rizner
14 Daina Robins & Kaija von Websky
21 Stan & Nancy Rock
28 John & Barb Roe

If you are unable to greet on your assigned Sunday, you are invited to either switch with someone or find your own substitute. You can communicate this change by marking the change on the Greeters Schedule poster in the Gathering Area, or by calling the office and a staff member will mark the change for you. If you prefer to have a member of the Outreach and Hospitality Ministry assign a substitute greeter, contact the office. ***If you are willing to volunteer as a substitute greeter or greet more often than once a year, please contact the office.***

Adult Education: November

Sundays, 9:40–10:40 a.m. in Commons I

November 1–15: Avodah – Exploring the Christian View

What is our calling from God and how do we discern it? In what ways do all kinds of work—paid, unpaid, pre-retirement, post-retirement—provide us with the opportunity to serve the world? Led by **Dr. Tracy Brower**, Global VP of Workplace Vitality for Mars, Inc., and author of *Bring Work to Life by Bringing Life to Work*, and **Rev. Keith Derrick**, recently retired Director of Journey: Center for Continual Learning at Western Theological Seminary, we will explore this intersection in our session.

Nov 1: Creating God – We will explore how God as the creator also calls us to create in the world and how we discern all that God intends for us.

Nov 8: Relating Christ – We will discuss how Christ sets an example for our relationships with each other and the ways in which relationships offer precious opportunities for contribution and impact in the world.

Nov 15: Transforming Spirit – Week three will be focused on how the spirit works within us and the ways that we manifest our giftedness in the world – honoring the spirit in ourselves and in others.

November 22–29: The RCA and Us: Is There Room for Hope?

Nov 22: Don Luidens, retired professor of sociology at Hope College, will present the current state of the RCA. He will show membership trends and discuss their implications.

Nov 29: A panel, moderated by **Milt Nieuwsma**, will discuss Hope Church’s relationship to the RCA. **Judy Parr** and **Lynn Japinga** will discuss the history of our congregation’s relationship with the denomination. **Larry Schuyler** and **Marlin VanderWilt** will discuss the present status and speculations about the future.

Washington School Neighbors

Andrew Spidahl, Neighborhood Connector



You have probably heard the story of the traveler that taught the village how to make stone soup. One day she wandered into a village after a long hard day's hike and needed something to eat, but couldn't find anyone willing to share what they had. "Sorry," she kept hearing, "there's only enough for me and my family." After several unsuccessful attempts, she had a bold idea. She set up her cooking equipment in the center of the square, put on the water to boil, and began to look about on the ground and poke along the hedges. Curious, some of the children approached her to ask what she was doing. "I'm looking for

the perfect stone for stone soup," she replied. "Can we help?" they asked. "Certainly," she said. So together they kept looking. By and by one of the children found what they were looking for - a round stone, slightly larger than a chicken's egg. "Perfect!" she cried.

By now they had gathered a few more curious onlookers, so as she carefully set the stone into the boiling water and began to stir, she mentioned, "Now stone soup is good by itself, but it's even better with some onion." "I have an onion!" exclaimed one of the onlookers, "I'll get it!" "Fantastic!" she said. "And what would

make it even better is some carrots." "I have a couple carrots we could put in!" said another.

And so, little by little, out of their curiosity, the villagers brought what they had to share for the stone soup. By the time it was ready, it was very tasty indeed! And everyone got a bowl.

Washington School Neighbors recently had a small stone soup moment at our Salsa Garden party in September. We were making the salsa fresh and had forgotten garlic, so one of the neighbors said, "I'll bring some." Another neighbor across the street saw our bowls of chips and asked if we liked guacamole. We did. She disappeared, and a few minutes later came back with a bowl of freshly made guac. Their contributions made the evening that much better, we all enjoyed the salsa and guacamole, and as we were preparing to pack up to leave I heard these two neighbors, who lived across from each other, finish up their conversation by saying, "Well, it was nice to meet you!" The good will and the gifts are there-- sometimes they just need a platform to be discovered and shared.

WashingtonSchoolNeighbors.com

Facebook.com/WashingtonSchoolNeighbors

Organ and Flute Concert

Rhonda Edgington, Organist and Associate Director of Music

On Sunday, Nov 22 at 3pm, Hope Church will be hosting a concert with Rhonda on organ and three flute ensembles - Hope College Flute Choir, Flutes Soli (a pre-college student group) and Great Lakes Flutes (made up of members of the West Michigan Flute Orchestra). The flutes will be playing pieces by themselves, and there will be three ensemble pieces

with flutes and organ - an arrangement of Albion's Adagio for Strings, a movement from Guilmant's Organ Concerto, arranged for flutes instead of orchestra, and a piece written especially for Rhonda and Julie Sooy (director of the West Michigan Flute Orchestra), titled Whistling Thirds. Whistling Thirds was written by Barry Jordan, distinguished organist and

cathedral musician in Magdeburg, German. Jordan hails from South Africa, and is an accomplished composer as well as organist. He has written a fun, jaunty piece for flutes and organ that shows off many characteristics and idiomatic sounds of both instruments. Come out for an afternoon of great music!

Talons Out Honor Flight

Kurt Hopkins, Hope Church Member



On September 26th I had the privilege of escorting my father, Clarence Hopkins, on a Honor Flight to Washington D.C. Talons Out, an organization based out of Kalamazoo, flies WWII veterans to see the World War II memorial at no cost to the veteran. Our flight consisted of 84 men and women veterans plus their

Vietnam memorials. At the Vietnam Memorial I found Spencer Freestone's name. He was a classmate at Holland High and a good friend. He will not be forgotten.

We then traveled to the Woman in Military, Iwo Jima and Air Force

guardians and support staff.

After arriving in D.C., we went to Arlington Cemetery to see the changing of the guard and the laying of a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. It was a moving experience. Next was the WWII memorial where a group photo was taken. The outpouring of "thanks for your service" was unbelievable. We then visited the Korean and

Memorials before boarding our flight back to Kalamazoo for a welcome home party. A long day but the experience was well worth it. To see these veterans who never knew each other until the night before our flight become friends, it was truly amazing.

I would like to thank my dad and all the other WWII veterans for their service. To see them get the welcome back they deserved was quite emotional.

WGVU is doing a documentary on the Honor Flight and interviewed Dad and I. They were looking for some human interest and Talons Out gave them our name since we were Father-son and WWII-Vietnam veterans. They traveled with us and shot video throughout the day. The documentary should air around Veterans Day.

If you know of a WWII veteran that would like to go or would like more information on Honor Flights, you can contact Talons Out at talonsouthonorflight.org or google Honor Flights. There are organizations all over the country that send WWII veterans to D.C. It was a wonderful experience that I was proud to share with dad.

Clarence Hopkins died on October 19 at the age of 95, one day shy of his 96th birthday. He was surrounded by his loving family at the time of his death. Clarence "Hoppy" Hopkins was a life-long member of Hope Church, and we give thanks to God for his faithful life. A memorial service was held on October 31 at Hope Church.

Details Coalescing for Living Hope

Lois Maassen, Project Team Leader

October saw a continuation of the Design and Development phase of the Living Hope facility renovation project. We've submitted our application for a Certificate of Appropriateness from the Holland Historic District Commission, and are in process for the site plan that enables us to get

other required approvals.

The architect, engineering (civil, structural, mechanical, lighting, and sound), and interior design team members have been collaborating on details of the implementation; Elzinga & Volkers as our construction

manager is keeping us apprised of cost implications and has begun planning to accommodate our activities during construction.

The team looks forward to sharing the results of this work on November 15 and 22 in the Gathering Area.

Youth Ministry

Beth Jarvis, Youth Ministry Director



\$1100. This is what you all contributed to our High Hopes 50's Drive In, last month. After the food costs, our High Schoolers netted about \$500, which is enough to send almost two youth on a mission trip. Thank you so much for participating in the fun!

Next up is our annual Fish Club Apple Pie sale! We will be peeling apples, mixing filling and rolling out

pastry dough the weekend of November 6-7. Each pie is \$12 and can be picked up in time for all of your holiday events Sunday, November 8. This fundraiser supports our Appalachian Trail trip each summer. We can always use volunteers to help make pies too. Even if you are not a Fish Club youth or parent, consider

spending a couple hours that weekend helping us bake. Check out the sign up sheet for details, which is right next to the pie order form on the "apple pie" table in the atrium.

Please also note that there is a new text reminder service for Fish Club and High Hopes - read more and learn how to sign up on page 2!



Children's Ministry

Jocelyn Van Heest, Children's Ministry Director

Family Church School

On November 8th, children and their families are invited to spend the church school hour exploring the importance of stewardship. We are greatly blessed by God and God expects us to share those blessings with others. We can do this by sharing not just our money but also our time and the gifts given to us by God. Even the youngest of children can make a difference in their community, church and the world.

During the family church school, families will be given some ideas that they may want to adopt to help them share their blessings with others. Make this a special time to make a better faith connection with your family.

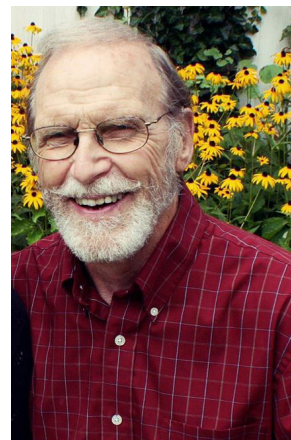
Hope Church Members Receive Awards



Maxine DeBruyn was presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Dance Education Organization (NDEO) on October 10th during the group's 17th Annual National Conference in Phoenix, Arizona. She was honored for making a difference in dance education locally, regionally, nationally, and internationally across a career spanning more than 50 years.

To read more about Maxine's award, please visit: <http://www.hope.edu/news/2015/campus-life/maxine-debruyn-to-receive-lifetime-achievement-award-in-dance.html>.

Earl Laman was named volunteer of the year at Community Kitchen this year! This is Earl's 24th year of working at Community Kitchen. Community Kitchen is a program of Community Action House. Delivered through a partnership with Western Theological Seminary, the Community Kitchen provides a place to identify the needs and struggles of our most vulnerable neighbors while providing them with a free meal.



Kids Hope

Anne Duinkerken and Barbara Joldersma, Kids Hope USA Co-Directors



We are heading into our second month of mentoring students at Vanderbilt Academy. We have 12 returning mentors, and one new one. Barb Blauw will be starting with us in November.

We are so pleased to be partnering with Third Reformed Church this year. They have brought us 10 new mentors! Right now we are blessed to be able to meet the needs of all the students who have been referred to us.

The teachers at Vanderbilt have assured us that if we have more mentors, they have more students who would be helped by a mentor. So if you have been considering being a mentor, we would love to hear from you. Just contact Anne Duinkerken or Barbara Joldersma and we will be happy to make arrangements to join this ministry!

Events and Announcements



Daylight savings ends at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 1. Remember to turn your clocks back an hour!

Circle 1 is meeting at Ann Anderson's home on Wednesday, **November 4**, at 9:30 a.m.

Circle 2 will meet on Wednesday, **November 4** at 9:30 a.m. in Commons II.

Coffee Time at Warm Friend

This is a caring outreach and fellowship opportunity for residents and their friends at different locations to meet with the pastors and other congregation members and staff. The next Coffee Time will be at the **Warm Friend on Tuesday, November 10, 2015, 10:30 a.m.** Mark your calendar, and come for an hour, all are welcome!

Hope Church Readers

Hope Church Readers will be meeting on Wednesday, **November 18**, at 1:00 PM in Commons 1. The book to be discussed is **THE THINGS THEY CARRIED** by Tim O'Brien with Audrienne Hill leading. The group welcomes visitors and new members.

The church office will be closed on Thursday, November 26 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Note: There will not be a **Pizza Sunday** in the month of November.

Apple Pies

Fish Club will be making and selling delicious apple pies again this year! Order yours for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and all year! Orders are being taken now in the Gathering Area.

The cost is \$12 per pie. They will be available the first week in November (starting November 8). Help support our youth in this fundraiser.

Flowers in Worship



The floral arrangements in the chancel enhance our worship environment on Sundays. Thank you to all who have contributed to the flower fund

by designating a Sunday in memory, honor, or celebration of a loved one or special occasion. Check the flower calendar in the Gathering Area and sign up for your special week. The 2016 calendar will be available soon. \$50 is the amount for each week – make checks payable to Hope Church. You can make additional donations to the Worship Flower Fund if you wish. In the summer and fall months, Joyce Stempfly shares the beautiful flowers of her garden and we appreciate her artistry. The other months of the year the chancel flowers are provided by Pat's Flower Market in Holland. On occasion, the flowers are taken from the church gardens and arranged by David VanHeest or he shares with the congregation one of his orchids that is in bloom. Many thanks to Joyce Teusink for overseeing the flower calendar and making arrangements for bulletin inserts and with the florists.

Early Worship Welcomes You

Early Worship begins at 8:30 a.m. on Sundays in Commons I. This service offers informal and interactive worship, and encourages people of all ages to participate through music, story, art, drama, and weekly Holy Communion.

Photo Disclaimer



We continue to update photos on the website (HopeChurchRCA.org) throughout the year. We won't identify the people

in the photographs used on the website except in the staff directory. **If you do not want pictures of yourself or your children to be displayed on the website**, please contact Megan at (616) 392-7947 or marevalo@hopechurchrca.org.

Nativity Scene Needed

Are you willing to lend Hope Church your nativity scene to help decorate the gathering area for the season of Advent and Christmas? Regardless of size, whatever you have, we will use! Contact Kathy Sheridan (616-396-9673) if you are willing to share your nativity scene for this season. You may also include a short statement about the meaning of your nativity scene (how long it's been in your family, etc.).

Haiti Mission Trip Informational Meeting: Nov. 22

A mission trip to the Haiti Foundation Against Poverty's base in Port-au-Prince is scheduled for April 4-11, 2016. The focus of the trip will be working on finishing details of a new "forever" orphanage building (partially funded through our Living Hope campaign) and remodeling of the existing orphanage building to repurpose it as a nutritional center. It will also include visits to other parts of the HFAP mission in Haiti. To learn more about this trip, please come to an informational meeting on November 22 in the Garden Lounge at 12:15 pm or contact Ben Sikkink.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

04	Nelis Bade Care Group: 8
10	Donald Buteyn Care Group: 1
12	Trudy VanderHaar Care Group: 9
27	Rowland VanEs, Jr. (missionary) Care Group: 7

If you are 75+ years old and would like to be listed in the birthday column, please contact the church office at (616) 392-7947 or office@hopechurchrca.org

Thank Yous

*Dear Hope Church members,
Women's Service Day 2015 was a huge success this year! We so appreciate your generosity in letting us hold our networking lunch in your space, which is an ideal location for our volunteers to meet and connect and share about their day. Thank you so much for your support during our event.
~Women's Service Day Team (Kallie, Carrie, Marcia, Cheryl, Sue, Lois, Cindy, and Angie)*

*Hope Church,
Thank you for the many and amazing ways you support Washington School Neighbors! Please enjoy some blooms from the community garden as a small token of thanks.
~WSN Board and Kate Bolt*

*Many thanks to those who have contributed packages of socks to the Pamper and Prayer Foot Clinic at the Holland Free Health Clinic. Our patients are most grateful.
~With much appreciation,
Ann Piet Anderson
Coordinator*

*Dear members of Hope Church,
Thanks so much for sending me the Hope Church News again! I know I say this every time I get a copy, but it means so much to me. At 94, I can no longer travel, but the News helps me stay informed. Thanks again!
~Ruth Vrieling*

*To all the Saints at Hope Church,
Don and I would like to thank you for all of the care, love, and prayers you have given us. We felt that Don would be coming home from Resthaven after he healed but that is not happening. We are grateful he is getting good care and thank you so much for cards, visits, supportive information and presence at critical moments.
~Love and Blessings,
Don and Suzanne Buteyn*

"...And What Matters at the End"

Earl Laman, Health Ministry Member



Well, that seems like a dreary title for a Health Ministry article. We try to champion that "The Glory of God is a person fully alive". Here's the whole title of a book some of us have read and believe is a landmark for being "fully alive" while aging and being cared for:

"BEING MORTAL: Medicine and What Matters at the End"

This book was written by a very dissatisfied and awakened physician, Dr. Atul Gawande, a compassionate son of a prominent physician, who was startled to learn what his parents and patients were headed for in aging.

He writes: "I find that neither I nor my

patients find our current state (of care for the aging) tolerable." And then: "I have the writer's and scientist's faith, however, that by pulling back the veil and peering in close, a person can make sense of what is most confusing or strange or disturbing."

"I wrote this book in the hope of understanding what has happened"....."Lacking a coherent view of how people might live successfully all the way to their very end, we have allowed our fates to be controlled by the imperatives of medicine, technology, and strangers."

This is a human story really, not a text, but a tracing of very personal concerns well illustrated by family and personal experiences. Not morbid, not dreary, it is very readable and filled with relatable stories.

You will find it an eye-brow raiser, a mind-opener, a heart-warmer, and a hope-instiller that will arouse many "Amen!" moments.

Dr. Gawande saw that the three "afflictions" of aging were "boredom, loneliness and helplessness" and that "institutionalized routines and safety" were key priorities rather than "making life worth living."

We are mortal, but totally human all our days. Dr. Gawande became keenly aware of the "inner person" in the aging who needs to be recognized, regarded, listened to, and treated as a feeling, needful, desiring, deciding, belonging being.

Dr. Gawande's personal expression: "I never expected that among the most meaningful experiences I'd have as a doctor- and, really, as a human being- would come from helping others deal with what medicine cannot do as well as what it can."

If you aren't concerned about aging or about anyone else who is, you need not open this book. However.....

Thanksgiving Turkey Drive

The Community Ministry



IT'S COMING! - THANKSGIVING - NOVEMBER SUNDAYS
TURKEYS!! - OUR TABLE - THEIR TABLES
VIA COMMUNITY ACTION HOUSE - OUR LOVE & CARE

and finally

Bounded Set/Centered Set

"Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith..." -Hebrews 12:2

One of our members Curtis Gruenler recently passed along an article written by one of his friends and colleagues which touched on an important image of faith I'd like to share. It's actually two contrasting images of how we might approach faith.

Picture for the first image a circle in the middle of the page. Inside and outside of this circle all over the page are small dots representing people. This is "bounded set" faith. It is defined by who is in or who is out, and the focus is on the line-not crossing the line, getting other people to cross the line, watching to see if others cross the line. Faith in this image is making sure we are inside the circle, and seeing if we can get others to come in with us.

The second image is a dot in the center of page. The smaller dots around it are the same as in the first image, but this time there is no circle in or out, but rather arrows showing which direction these dots are facing and moving. This is a "centered set." In this image the center is Jesus, and the smaller dots represent people in motion. As Curtis's friend Dave says, "There is no 'in' or 'out' because there is no circle."

These images challenge us to consider where we are fixing our eyes. Are we fixing our eyes on dividing lines, hedges, and moral regulations to discover who belongs? Or are we fixing our eyes on a most beautiful center, a Savior, irresistibly attractive who might even be captivating someone else's gaze who knows him by a different name?

Depending on where we are fixing our gaze, our "important" questions might be vastly different. As Dave notes, "The stakes of centered-set faith...are pragmatic (are we finding actual life and encouragement in Jesus? Are our lives getting better?) rather than moral (are we succeeding in keeping a list of religious rules? Do we hold the right religious opinions?)"¹

Concerning ourselves with who is in or who is out, or whether we are in or out is not life-giving, and sounds like the Pharisees Jesus criticized. My hope for faith echoes that of the writer of Hebrews: Let us fix our eyes on Jesus.

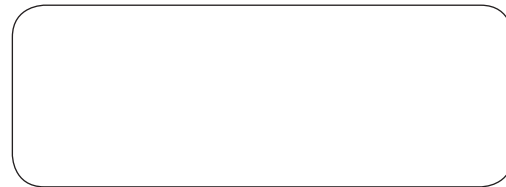
Peace,
Andrew

1. ("Centered Set Faith is the Absolute Greatest," theblueoceanblog.org).



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First Sunday of Advent: November 29

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| 8:30 am | Early Worship |
| 9:40 am | Adult Education |
| 11:00 am | Worship |
| 4:15 pm | Jubilate Rehearsal |
| 5:00 pm | Advent Activities |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Children: Crafts</i>• <i>Youth: Cookie Baking</i> | |
| 5:30 pm | Advent Evensong Service |
| 6:00 pm | Soup Supper & Lighting of Advent Candles |

More information regarding Advent services and activities can be found in the **2015 Advent Brochure** which will be available mid-November on the Hope Church website and in the Gathering Area.

November 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:30 am Early Worship, <i>Judith Boogaart</i> 9:40 am Church School (adult, children, G.I.F.T. - field trip to Maple Ave.) 9:40 am Chancel Choir 9:40 am Sex + Faith Class 10:45 am Nursery 11 am Worship, <i>Gordon Wiersma, preaching (communion)</i> 11:15 am Children in Worship 6 pm High Hopes Bonfire at Teusink's	2 5 pm Executive Committee 6:15 pm Stewardship & Finance 7 pm Community	3	4 6:15 am Men's Breakfast 9:30 am Circle 1 9:30 am Circle 2 5:45 pm Carillon Choir 7 pm Chancel Choir	5 1:30 pm FLEX 2-4 pm Hope Church Nurse 6:30 pm Health 7 pm Reconciliation 7 pm 20/30s at Grace	6	7 <div>Fish Club Apple Pie Baking</div>
8 8:30 am Early Worship, <i>Alyssa Anten</i> 9:40 am Church School (adult, children, G.I.F.T.) 9:40 am Family Church School 9:40 am High Hopes 10th-12th 9:40 am Chancel Choir 10:45 pm Nursery 11 am Worship— <i>Carol Bechtel, preaching</i> 11:15 am Children in Worship 11:15 am 6th & 7th Sunday School 12:15 pm New Member Luncheon	9 11 am REST Support Group 7 pm Consistory	10 10:30 am Coffee Time at Warm Friend	11 6:15 am Men's Breakfast	12 10 am Disability Concerns Task Force 1:30 pm FLEX 2-4 pm Hope Church Nurse 7 pm Personnel 7 pm 20/30s at Hope Church	13	14
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22 8:30 am Early Worship, <i>Kay Hubbard</i> 9:40 am Church School (adult, children, G.I.F.T.) 9:40 am High Hopes 10th-12th 9:40 am Chancel Choir 10:30 am Blood Pressure Clinic 10:45 am Nursery 11 am Worship, <i>Carol Bechtel, preaching</i> 11:15 am Children in Worship 11:15 am 6th & 7th Sunday School 12:15 pm Blood Pressure Clinic	23 11 am REST Support Group 7:30 pm Worship, Prayer & Spirituality	24	25 6:15 am Men's Breakfast 7 pm Thanksgiving Eve Service	26 Thanksgiving - Office Closed	27	28
29 8:30 am Early Worship, <i>Andrew Spidahl</i> 9:40 am Church School (adult, children, G.I.F.T.) 9:40 am Chancel Choir 10:45 am Nursery 11 am Worship, <i>Gordon Wiersma, preaching (communion) - First Sunday of Advent</i> 11:15 am Children in Worship 5:00 pm Advent Activities (Children: Crafts, Youth: Cookie Baking) 5:30 pm Advent Evensong Service 6:00 pm Soup Supper	30					