



HOPE CHURCH NEWS

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

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- *June/July Calendar*
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The deadline for the
August newsletter is
Sunday, July 17.

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

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Living Hope Construction Launch Celebration: June 12

Please join us to celebrate the beginning of construction that will provide facilities that are more welcoming, flexible, accessible, and sustainable! We'll have refreshments, reflections and a musical commemoration, and the opportunity to make your mark on our new construction. Mark your calendar for 11:15 a.m. on Sunday, June 12; we'll gather on 11th Street outside the sanctuary.

On the project front, the May newsletter from Elzinga & Volkers is now available; see

theLivingHopeRCA.wordpress.com website or contact the office if you've missed it. The construction timeline calls for renovation to begin in the Commons immediately after Memorial Day; and before the next Hope Church newsletter, the parking lot will also be re-excavated and repaved.

Watch bulletins, emails, and Facebook for ongoing pointers on how to avoid inconvenience and volunteer to pitch in!

A LIVING HOPE
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN for FACILITIES REVITALIZATION

Construction Launch Celebration
Sunday June 12
11:15 AM

Join us in front of Hope Church
on 11th St. for refreshments
and festivities!

Living Hope Renovations Pun of the Month

Pastor Jill: "Pastor Gordon, were you surprised to see the new carpeting in the renovated CDS office?"

Pastor Gordon: "I was floored!"

Hope Church Welcomes New Members

These new members were welcomed into the fellowship of Hope Church on May 1 during the 11 a.m. worship service. Please take the time to welcome these individuals into the family of Hope Church.

The Hoekman Family



Peter and Anne Hoekman join by transfer from River Terrace Christian Reformed Church, East Lansing, MI, but most recently lived in Cincinnati, OH, for five years. Peter is an otolaryngologist in Holland and Anne is a managing editor of academic journals. Their two-year-old son Hendrik will be baptized at Hope Church, and he is an expert on cars, construction equipment, and colors. The Hoekmans enjoy reading, cycling, and walking outside. They are sponsored by Scott and Stephanie Parrott.

Jared and Erica Duimstra



Jared and Erica Duimstra join by transfer from Covenant CRC in Appleton, WI and the Presbyterian Church of Traverse City, respectively. Both are graduates of Hope College. Jared writes short fiction in his free time, while Erica knits and crochets. Both enjoy reading, watching anime, and playing various types of games. They are excited to be a part of the Hope Church community! They are sponsored by Brian and Carol Carder.

Will and Lisa Walker



Will and Lisa Walker join by reaffirmation of faith. Will and Lisa have four grown children and one grandson. Will works at his own scrap metal recycling business and enjoys running and gardening in his spare time. Lisa is currently working on getting an MTS degree. She enjoys reading, writing and cooking. The Walkers are sponsored by David DeBlock and Kristen Gray.

Kia and Elizabeth Weeldreyer



Kia and Elizabeth Weeldreyer join by transfer. Kia joins by transfer from Kalamazoo First Presbyterian Church in Kalamazoo, MI, and Elizabeth joins by transfer from Chicora Country Chapel in Gobles, MI. Kia works for Meijer as an Internal Auditor, and they both love to travel, have adventures, and experience new things. They are sponsored by Kevin and Kim Rosenau.

David and Rayetta Perez



David and Rayetta Perez join by transfer from Fellowship Reformed Church in Holland, MI. David is an engineering technician at Haworth and Rayetta works as executive assistant to the president at Western Theological Seminary. They enjoy reading, cooking, PBS, walking their wire fox terrier, Molly, and time with family and friends. The Perez's son, Dylan (26) is a collaborative pianist studying in London, and daughter, Tessa (24) is a yoga instructor and yoga studio manager in Ann Arbor. David and Rayetta are sponsored by Mark and Laurie Baron.

The Bredow Family



Andrew and Carrie Bredow join by reaffirmation of faith, along with their twin daughters, Ellery and Alexis (5). Carrie is an Assistant Professor of Psychology at Hope College. Andrew is a Software Developer at Collective Idea. Ellery and Alexis will be starting kindergarten at Waukazoo Elementary this fall. They are sponsored by John and Pam Koch.

Terry DeYoung



Terry DeYoung joins by transfer from Beechwood Reformed Church in Holland, MI which has held his membership since Haven Shores Community Church in West Olive ended its ministry two years ago. Terry is married to Cindi Veldheer DeYoung, a member of Hope Church since before the two of them met at Western Theological Seminary in 1986. Terry is a minister of Word and sacrament and member of Holland Classis who has served the RCA as a pastor, as managing editor of the Church Herald, and currently as coordinator for Disability Concerns. He has been part of the men's breakfast for nearly 30 years and enjoys traveling, spectator sports, and all things Chicago. He is sponsored by John Schmidt.

Liz Talsma



Liz Talsma joins by transfer from Faith Reformed Church, Zeeland, MI. Liz lives on the north side of Holland and works as a safety engineer. She enjoys reading, writing, cooking and baking, and knitting. She is sponsored by Kyle Vohlken.

Children's Ministry

Jocelyn Van Heest, Children's Ministry Director

Summer Church School

Children ages 3 through those that have completed 2nd grade will leave the 10:00 a.m. worship service after the Word with the Children and meet in Room 204. The children will be learning more about the fruit of the Holy Spirit. God plants seeds in us so that as they grow, others see God in our lives. The children will learn to nurture the fruits of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control by choosing to exercise them in their lives.

Nursery Care

Nursery care will continue to be provided during the service during the summer. We have been so privileged to have Margaret Buckley as the main caregiver during this past year. We would appreciate some other people to take the opportunity to enjoy the youngest members of our congregation during the 10 a.m. service this summer. There will be a signup sheet in the Gathering Area or you may contact Jocelyn Van Heest if you have any questions. What a wonderful way to meet and enjoy the young families of Hope Church.

Teachers and Leaders

Hope Church celebrated the dedication, commitment and faithfulness of our teachers, music and youth leaders on May 22. Thank you to all the people who gave of their time and talents this past year. Also, thank you to those who attended the reception to show your appreciation and to those who took the time to write notes of thanks to the leaders. It is wonderful that these dedicated teachers are able to receive the satisfaction of walking together in faith with their classes and are so lovingly supported by their faith community.

Save the Date: Church Picnic at Moran Park on July 31 at 5 pm

Watch for details in the bulletin and on the Hope Church website and facebook!

Caring for Creation Corner

Joe Arevalo, Caring for Creation Coordinator

Check out these upcoming Caring for Creation opportunities for the summer:

- **June 4** at 709 Pine Avenue at 10 a.m. (\$10) - Holland Backyard Chicken Tour by 8th Day Farm
- **July 9** at Windmill Island Gardens from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. - 2016 Macatawa Water Festival hosted by the Macatawa Area Coordinating Council and Outdoor Discovery Center Macatawa Greenway
- **July 16** at 709 Pine Avenue at 10 a.m. (\$10) - Bee-keeping Basics Workshop by 8th Day Farm
- **August 20** at 709 Pine Avenue at 10 a.m. (\$10) – Communal Canning 101 Workshop by 8th Day Farm
- **September 17** at 709 Pine Avenue at 10 a.m. (\$10) – An introduction to Aquaponics by 8th Day Farm
- **September 24** at Window on the Waterfront from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. - 10th Anniversary Fall Macatawa River Cleanup hosted by the Outdoor Discovery Center Macatawa Greenway



Andrew Spidahl, Joe Arevalo, Jacob Roe, David VanHeest and Dan Joldersma helping to plant a tree last month for Earth Day Sunday!

Kids Hope

Anne Duinkerken



Thirteen years ago, Larry and Karen Mulder encouraged our congregation to join them in starting up a Kids Hope program in our church. In the past 12 years I have mentored 5 children at Vanderbilt Academy. Eloise Van Heest

has been my faithful prayer partner for all of those years. For the past 5 years I have also been co-director with Barb Joldersma.

Over the years I have been so

thrilled to work with students, staff at Vanderbilt, and most especially, the mentors, prayer partners, and substitute mentors from Hope Church. To see so many people caring for and giving of their time to touch the lives of children has been inspiring.

I finally had to make some hard choices of how I use my time. I have a great job at Benjamin's Hope, and 6 grandchildren (with another on the way) that I spend time with each week. So this is my last month as co-director of the Kids Hope Program.

Barb Joldersma has been a delight to work with! Vicki Rumpsa will be taking my place, and I know this program is as dear to her heart as is mine.

I want to thank all of Hope Church in supporting this program so enthusiastically, and I will continue to pray for Kids Hope.

Connect with the Life of Hope Volunteer Blog

Communications Task Force



Summer is a great time to sign up to receive email alerts for the Life of Hope Volunteer Blog. If you have not yet joined this growing rank of connected Hope Church members and friends, you can sign up today by going to

lifeofhopechurch.wordpress.com

On the homepage, type your email address into the email subscription box on the right side of the page. You will receive an email each time

there is a new post so that you can stay connected to opportunities to volunteer both in the community and in the ministry at Hope Church.

And don't forget to use the blog to promote volunteer opportunities. Just contact the church office with the information you would like posted including the email contact for those interested in helping.

Wisdom of the Wounded

Karen Mulder, Hope Church member

The word of God speaks to the fact that we are all wounded and broken. It is also true that every one of us is tasked with encouraging and supporting those who are hurting. Yet very few of us feel confident to do so.

Wisdom of the Wounded is a perspective on how to support those who are hurting with love. It has been Karen Mulder's passion to listen. To listen and give time and space to those who are suffering, those who have suffered and those who desire to offer their support and care. Wisdom of the Wounded is a place. A place where this perspective can be shared.

To be able to meet someone in their suffering is challenging – to know what to say to them and to know how to be present with them in it. It is a gift to be in a position to care for someone. Through Wisdom of the Wounded, Karen Mulder is a guide to help you with this gift.

Visit WisdomoftheWounded.com for information and stories from individuals who have been wounded which will help you become a more compassionate and caring friend.

How Congregational Care and Pastoral Care Happens

Have you ever wondered how the pastors and congregational care ministry members learn about people's needs for care? The very simple answer is they know what people tell them.

So here is a request from your pastors and congregational care group leaders: please let the office know if you are facing a hospitalization or any other time in life when you might appreciate some outreach and care.

We welcome those calls. If you know of someone going through something and have their permission to pass it along to the pastors, please call and let them know. They

much prefer to be told the same thing 15 times than to miss an opportunity to reach out in love to someone in a time of need.

One final note: **if you are ever hospitalized tell the hospital staff to call your pastors if you would like them to know.** This should be asked of you during intake. It doesn't always happen so don't hesitate to bring it up yourself. If you ask them to call the church, they will do it. If you want only the pastors to know and not the church office, ask for a chaplain and pass along this request to them. They will then handle the request discreetly and contact the pastors directly.

Music Ministry Summer Opportunities

Brian Carder, Director of Music

Thank you, Student Brass Musicians!

Thanks for all the brass players during the Sundays of Eastertide: It's a joy hear you play and amazing to see how quick you can learn hymns and worship songs. Thanks go to Aaron Yost, Evelyn VanderVelde, Kyle Rosenau and Liam Morrison.

Summer Choir

Looking for an opportunity to sing in a choir? Our summer worship choir will sing for worship on June 12, July 10 and August 14. We welcome all singers to the Sunday 9:10 a.m. rehearsal. We learn one anthem and a few musical responses, ones that we will sing in the 10 am worship that same day. It's fun to sing in a group and learn worship music in depth. Childcare will be available during the rehearsal time as well as worship.

The Choral Scholars to sing at Hope Church 10 a.m worship on June 24.

One of West Michigan's premiere chamber ensembles, the group has performed in concert series and festivals throughout the region, recorded several CDs and sung several of its own concerts each year. You'll be amazed at the sound and musicality of this 12 voice ensemble. Thanks to Stephanie Parrott, Hope Church member and Choral Scholar singer, for organizing their participation in our worship life.

Washington School Neighbors: Neighborhood Gardens Grow

Lois Maassen, Washington School Neighbors Board Chair

We hope you've noticed the community garden on Hope Church's property, between the church building and the day-care playground. Washington School Neighbors began the project as a place where neighbors can come

together and cross paths with others in the neighborhood. We've hosted a variety of events there, from potluck dinners to children's reading and play groups.

Our neighbors across 10th Street, First United Methodist Church, have joined the Washington School Neighbors effort, making space available for additional raised beds. We invite you to take a stroll around the neighborhood and see what's growing!



There are herbs you're welcome to snip to accent your cooking in the southside garden; just look for the sign explaining what's available. And if you live nearby and have an itch to grow some of your own vegetables or flowers, contact the Washington School Neighbors garden guru, Gary, to see if there are still beds available for adoption.

WashingtonSchoolNeighbors.com

Facebook.com/WashingtonSchoolNeighbors

Youth Ministry

Beth Carroll, Youth Ministry Director

I turned this job down when it was first offered to me. I was reminded of this turn of events, when a parent of a Fish Clubber pointed this out in a lovely thank you note. Two years ago, I was both drawn to the idea of connecting and mentoring younger people and frankly frightened by my limitations. I don't play guitar. I am not a twenty-five year old. I don't wear

skinny jeans. Ok, maybe that last part isn't true. But Christian pop-culture seemingly has a specific idea as to who should pastor our young people and frankly I don't have that sort of aesthetic. In the last two years since those initial fears, I now realize how ridiculous those insecurities were. As if an "aesthetic" was something our youth even need from the church.

engage the world even harder. From us their church, our teens need less guitar skills and more spaces where they are affirmed to be themselves, as they intelligently engage and question the world around us. What a gift it has been to be a part of a church that has understood this, even before I did. Hope Church, you are a gift to these young people. I encourage you to seek out ways to connect with them. Ask them about their summer plans in the gathering area. Invite them to babysit your kids. Ask a couple of them to coffee. Even consider volunteering your time as a youth sponsor this coming fall! No skinny jeans required.

If there is anything I have come to learn regarding our younger church members these past two years it is how much depth they have and how easily they smell inauthenticity when they confront it. Our teens think. Our teens care. Our teens ask honest questions. Our teens laugh hard and



Events and Announcements

Women's Circle Meetings

Circle 1 will meet Wed. June 1st, 9:30 a.m. at Nancy VandeWater's, daughter's lake home. They will not meet in July and August.

Circle 2 will meet June 1 at 9:30 am in the library at Hope Church.

Circle 4 will hold their wind-up salad potluck on Wednesday, June 8. Annamae VanderWoude will be the host.

Hope Church Readers

Hope Church Readers will meet on Wednesday, June 15, at 12 Noon at the home of Jean McFadden, 4455 N. Lakeshore Drive. The program will be a salad luncheon followed by the choice of next year's book list. It will help the hostess if you will let us know if you plan to come. Phone either Ruth Donaldson or Jean McFadden.

Blood Drive - June 12

The next blood drive will be held at First United Methodist Church (FUMC) on June 12 from 8:30 am - 2:15 pm. As always Walk-ins are welcome.

Summer Brunch with the Pastors The Pastors will be hosting brunch after worship on four summer Sundays. There are 2 ways to sign up: online at <http://goo.gl/forms/Rkb9ojmtsO> and on the sign up sheets in the gathering area. The dates are June 19, July 24, August 21 & 28 from 11:45-1:00. This will be a time of informal conversation and fellowship over brunch at Pastor Jill & Andrew's home.

Juneteenth Celebration: June 18

The African American Awareness & Development Organization (AAADO) of Holland presents the 16th Annual Juneteenth Celebration, at Kollen Park on June 18 from 1 - 8 pm. The Festival will provide a celebrative atmosphere that brings people together from all cultures and backgrounds across West Michigan. The Juneteenth Festival will provide a day of unity

and peace. Come and enjoy the fine food, excellent entertainment, and fascinating conversation! Hope Church is a sponsor of this event.

Pick Up Coed Softball: June 24 & August 5

Save the dates: On **June 24** and **August 5**, we are going to have Friday Night "pick up" coed softball games at **6 pm**! We have reserved the new Laketown Township ballfield, located at 4338 Beeline Road in Laketown Township on the south side of Holland. Bring your softball gloves, and we'll provide the bats and balls! Spectators should bring chairs. Our goal is to have at least 20 people sign up for each game so we can field two teams! Children are welcome to join us! After the game we will go to the south side Village Inn on Washington Avenue for "refreshments." If it rains, we'll meet at Village Inn instead of playing ball. We hope to see you there!

PRIDE Film Festival: June 24 & 25

This year marks Holland's Twelfth Annual PRIDE event. The Holland PRIDE Film Festival this year is being brought to you by "OUT on the Lakeshore". This organization is a new collaborative formed by Holland Pride, Holland is Ready, and PFLAG Holland/Lakeshore. The indoor PRIDE Film Festival for 2016 will take place on Friday, June 24 at the Park Theatre and Saturday, June 25 at the Civic Theatre. The focus this year is on fulfilling the dream of a Holland area LGBTQ Resource Center, which is hoped to open this fall. Four films will be shown: *Prodigal Sons*, *Matthew Shepard is a Friend of Mine*, *La Mission*, and *The Imitation Game*. Check out hollandpride.org for more information. Hope Church is a sponsor of this event.

Summer Pizza Sunday: June 26

Pizza Sunday will be held on **June 26** after 10 a.m. worship, **outside in a**

section of the parking lot. There will be no Pizza Sunday in July or August due to construction. Please sign up in the Gathering Area if you are willing to serve as host in the future months.

Camp Sunshine 5k - July 13

Join Camp Sunshine for their 6th Annual Run for the Sun on Wednesday, July 13, 2016 at Hope College! The 1 mile walk/run will be held at 6:00 PM, and the 5K timed race at 6:30 PM. The evening event will include live music, random prizes, and delicious snacks! Free massages, fresh blueberries and Starbucks coffee make this event very special. All proceeds benefit the mission and vision of Camp Sunshine. For more information or to register, go to CampSunshine.info.

Cran Hill Weekend - July 15-17

Summer is here – and we need you! Grab your camping gear, or stay in the lodge for the Hope Church weekend at Cran Hill Ranch. There are still spots available! The weekend is always a wonderful inter-generational event, with something for everyone to enjoy: horseback riding, tubing down the Muskegon River, target shooting, strolling through the grounds, relaxing on the beach, rowing down the lake, taking a hayride, or just sittin' 'round the campfire. The cost is \$45 for the weekend. Please call the church office or contact Joyce Teusink for more details or to sign-up by the end of June.

Teusink's Farm Picnic - Aug. 19

Save the date for the Hope Church picnic at Teusink's Pony Farm on Friday, August 19, 6-8:30 p.m. More details to come!

Thank You

*People of Hope Church,
Thank you for your constant support and your delicious snacks! We truly
appreciate it. You make us feel so loved and accepted!
Your Friends from GLOBE (LGBTQ group) at Hope College*

*Dear members of Hope Church's knitting ministry,
Thank you so much for the cozy prayer shawl Jill delivered to me when she
called. It's my turn to receive one now, after years of giving them. :) I'll enjoy it
and feel surrounded by your caring prayers and love. I'm at peace and waiting
for God's good time. Many thanks and love to each one.
~Libby Hillegonds*

*Thanks to the many volunteers (especially the kitchen crew and auction
organizers), donors, the church staff who put in extra energy, and, of course,
all those who participated in the Build Hope event on April 30th! Whether
or not you learned new dance moves, we hope you enjoyed the fellowship,
food, and music. From our collective efforts, we raised \$6,300 to contribute
to our Living Hope building renovation fund, especially recognizing the many
community groups who make our facility a lively place week in and week out.
~Community Ministry*

*Our many thanks to the Hope Church congregation who supported us during
Bob's illness and passing. Your caring, love and prayers were very important
to us. Particular thanks to Gordon and Jill, to Congregational Care ministry
members, to Ginger and the REST group, and to Brian and the choir members
who sang so beautifully at Bob's Memorial Service.
Thanks again to a wonderful, caring body of Christ.
Judy Bos and family*

JUNE & JULY BIRTHDAYS

June 30	Ruth Green Care Group: 2
June 30	Betty Gordon Care Group: 8
July 14	Lois Boersma Care Group: 2
July 17	Dorothy Sherburne Care Group: 12

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

Promoting Health and Fitness

Ginger Clark, RN, Parish Nurse



While Celebrating Pentecost- the gift of the Holy Spirit, I was reminded that I am not my own. 1 Corinthians 6:19 says "Do you not know that your bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you have been bought with a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies." I was created by an awesome God to love, live and serve. I have a Helper in my soul to accomplish all the things I was gifted to do therefore worshiping God. Our desire to be healthy and glorify God with our body will bring us satisfaction and the peace of the Holy Spirit who helps us. Let us discover the benefits of physical fitness and a greater productivity for God's work through us.

The model for Healthy Living includes Movement as an important component. We know the benefits of exercise include increased strength, flexibility, endurance, stamina, better sleep, increased bone density, a more healthy weight, improved cognition and learning ability, and more positive and happy mood. Another important key factor is disease prevention- such as hypertension, diabetes, heart disease and falls.

We were created to move. Look at how are bodies are designed. Whatever your level of movement you can enjoy successful body and spirit connection and reap the benefits! Be practical- schedule your exercise, make it realistic and individual. Pray for success, strength and perseverance. You will be blessed!

Hope Church Summer Fitness Initiative

Beginning Sunday, May 29th you can start participating in our summer fitness program. Please pick up a fitness card at the Health Ministry table. You will see there is a place to document your individual goal and what you accomplished on a daily or weekly basis. You will receive encouragement and a gift for making your commitment! Find additional information on how to convert your choice activity to miles. The program runs for 13 weeks- through the summer. If you did not get in on the initial start date- you can begin anytime!

Hope Church Member Paul Elzinga Wins Engineer of the Year Award



Hope Church member Paul Elzinga was named 2016 Engineer of the Year by the Western Chapter of the Michigan Society of Professional Engineers this week at Riverfront Hotel in Grand Rapids!

Read more about the awarded here: <http://www.grbj.com/articles/85282-construction-veteran-wins-engineer-of-the-year-award>.

We are so grateful to Paul for how generously he has shared his gifts with the church and community.

and finally

My Doctor of Ministry program has begun! I thought I'd share some of the structure and content of my DMin study with you, and I'll continue to update my progress as I pursue this degree. I had my first course at McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago (located by the University of Chicago campus) during the first week of January and I'll have another week-long intensive course from June 13-17, followed by a week in October. Having three 1-week courses during a year is the basic pattern of the program for three years, with some initial "core" courses that all participants take on current issues in ministry, theology, and leadership and then some elective courses on areas of personal ministry interest. The DMin program moves toward a final thesis project which is on an area of interest that I will choose and research, and the course work in the final year turns more fully toward the thesis project. For my thesis I am considering developing liturgical resources that reflect the theology of Rene Girard and James Alison, who offer a language of non-violence and freedom for Christian faith.

I am making my way through the DMin program with a cohort of students who all began in January, and interacting with these colleagues and other students along the way is an important and enjoyable part of the DMin process. My cohort is a total of 8 students in various setting of ministry, and almost all younger than me! 6 of them are from the Chicago area and 1 is from Grand Rapids, Minnesota! 1 is Presbyterian and 6 are in various Baptist and Free Church denominations in the African-American church tradition. 5 are women, 1 is a chaplain, 5 are in an associate pastor roles and 1 is a solo pastor.

The support of Hope Church is an essential part of my DMin studies, and I'm grateful for the church leadership, congregation, Pastor Jill and staff, in providing the time and resources for me to be in the DMin program. An additional part of Hope Church support is the formation of an "Advisory Group on Ministry" to be in dialogue with me throughout my DMin program. McCormick includes the AGM as part of the DMin process as a way for there to be intentional support, feedback and collaboration within my ministry setting. I have 5 people who have agreed to be on my AGM – Laurie Baron, Keith Derrick, Josh Bochniak, Cindi Veldheer DeYoung, Curtis Gruenler – and we will meet periodically both to discuss the content of my DMin courses and to collaborate on my ideas for a final thesis project. I'm grateful to these AGM folks and to all of you for the interest and support provided as I work on my DMin.

To close I'll just share a quick note about the first course that I completed in January (FYI: I passed!). The course focused on the dynamics present among groups as a part of a congregation and the role of a leader in promoting health within those groups. At Hope Church in recent years we've used the concept of Polarities as a way of understanding congregational dynamics (i.e. the interplay of Tradition and Innovation), and this course helped to build on that for me. A particular insight was to emphasize for me the language of "paradox" in dealing with polarities. This means that in the example of Tradition and Innovation that it is not only that there needs to be a balance between them but also to acknowledge that there is an inherent tension present between them that is never completely resolved. To recognize the paradox of such co-existing dynamics opens the way to engage tensions creatively, not as problems to be solved but as opportunities to better know what is alive in the people and ministry of Hope Church.

Thank you for supporting me in my Doctor of Ministry!

Peace,
Gordon





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Summer 2016 Preaching Schedule

For the past six summers, the consistory approved an adjusted summer preaching schedule that would provide our pastors, Gordon Wiersma and Jill Russell, some increased workload flexibility for the summer. Adjusting the schedule gave our pastors the time and space for reading, planning for the coming program year, professional exploration and growth as well as accommodating the impact on both pastors' schedules when one pastor is engaged in two different week long youth trips. In addition, it gave Hope Church the unique opportunity to invite guest preachers who brought to our congregation a range of diverse voices. With the recommendation of the Personnel Committee, the consistory has approved a similar preaching schedule for the summer of 2016. We are pleased to share that preaching schedule with you.

JUNE

- 5** Gordon Wiersma
- 12** Veda Gill, Director of the Presbyterian Education board in Pakistan
- 19** Duane Loynes, Faculty Fellow Professor at Western Theological Seminary
- 26** Jill Russell

JULY

- 3** Gordon Wiersma
- 10** Angel Lopez, Classis Minister of Multicultural Diversity
- 17** Beth Carroll
- 24** Jill Russell
- 31** Kama Jongerius, Minister of Spiritual Formation and Liturgy at Third Reformed Church

AUGUST

- 7** Rowland VanEs, RCA Missionary in Kenya
- 14** Gordon Wiersma
- 21** Jill Russell
- 28** John Schmidt

June 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:15 am Men's Breakfast 9:30 am Circle 1 9:30 am Circle 2 6:30 pm Early Worship Task Force	2 1:30 pm FLEX 2-4 pm Hope Church Nurse 6:30 Health 7 pm Reconciliation 7 pm Volleyball (FUMC Gym)	3 10 am Disability Task Force	4
5 <i>Ordination/Installation of Elders/Deacons</i> 9:40 am Nursery 10 am Worship, <i>Gordon Wiersma</i> 10:15 am Summer Church School 11:15 am Reception for Andrew Spidahl	6 4 pm Outreach & Hospitality 6:15 pm Stewardship & Finance	7	8 6:15 am Men's Breakfast 7 pm Circle 4	9 1:30 pm FLEX 2-4 pm Hope Church Nurse 7 pm 20/30s BBQ 7 pm Volleyball (FUMC Gym)	10	11
12 8:30 am - 2:15 pm Blood Drive at FUMC 9:15 am Summer Walk-In Choir Rehearsal 9:40 am Nursery 10 am Worship, <i>Veda Gill</i> 10:15 am Summer Church School 11:15 am Construction Launch Celebration	13 11 am REST Support Group 6 pm Consistory Orientation 7 pm Consistory and Board of Elders and Deacons	14	15 6:15 am Men's Breakfast 12 pm Building & Grounds 1 pm Readers	16 1:30 pm FLEX 2-4 pm Hope Church Nurse 7 pm Volleyball (FUMC Gym)	17	18 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <i>Fish Club Appalachian Trail Trip: June 18-24</i> </div>
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July 2016

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3 9:40 am Nursery 10 am Worship, <i>Gordon Wiersma</i> 10:15 am Summer Church School	4 Fourth of July Office Closed	5	6 6:15 am Men's Breakfast	7 2-4 pm Hope Church Nurse 6 pm 20/30s Beach Night @ Tunnel Park 7 pm Volleyball (FUMC Gym)	8	9
10 9:15 am Summer Walk-In Choir Rehearsal 9:40 am Nursery 10 am Worship, <i>Angel Lopez</i> 10:15 am Summer Church School 3:00 pm Beth Carroll Ordination	11 11 am REST Support Group	12	13 6:15 am Men's Breakfast	14 2-4 pm Hope Church Nurse 7 pm Volleyball (FUMC Gym)	15 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <i>Cran Hill Ranch Camping Weekend July 15-17</i> </div>	16
17 9:40 am Nursery 10 am Worship, <i>Beth Carroll</i> 10:15 am Summer Church School	18	19	20 6:15 am Men's Breakfast	21 2-4 pm Hope Church Nurse 6 pm 20/30s Game Night @ Arevalos 7 pm Volleyball (FUMC Gym)	22 6 pm Pick Up Softball Game	23 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <i>High Hopes Summer Trip: July 23-30</i> </div>
24 9:40 am Nursery 10 am Worship, <i>Jill Russell</i> 10:15 am Summer Church School 11:45 am - 1 pm Brunch with the Pastors @ Pastor Jill's House	25 11 am REST Support Group	26	27 6:15 am Men's Breakfast	28 2-4 pm Hope Church Nurse 7 pm Volleyball (FUMC Gym)	29	30
31 9:40 am Nursery 10 am Worship, <i>Kama Jongerius</i> 10:15 am Summer Church School 5 pm Church Picnic @ Moran Park						