



HOPE CHURCH NEWS

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

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Inserts:

- November Calendar
- Lectionary
- Restorative Circles Facilitator List

The deadline for the December newsletter is **Wednesday, November 16.**

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

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Thanksgiving Offering: Refugee Welcome Fund

Community Ministry

The Community Ministry has designated the 2016 Thanksgiving Offering to create a fund to support the work of the Refugee Welcome Group. The Refugee Welcome Group has had great interest from Hope Church since last Spring, but it has taken time to begin work with families. In collaboration with other churches it has been determined that the most effective way for Hope Church to provide support is to assist other congregations in the hospitality they are providing to refugee families. That support is now underway, and this fund will make available resources for transportation, household, and personal needs in support of the refugee families. Your support for this work of hospitality is appreciated.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service Wednesday, November 23 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.

Small Group Sign Up

If you are interested in being part of an ongoing small group, please sign up in the gathering area. You can also sign up online using the google form at this link:

www.goo.gl/2pTXYX. Each group once formed will decide on the frequency of meeting (weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly). We are in need of people to serve as "conveners" of each small group. This is an organizing function to pull a group together, arrange for a first meeting, and help to keep the group organized during the year. Pastor Jill will work with those willing to convene a group and provide suggestions and support throughout the year.

Kids Hope

Vicki Rumpsa, Kids Hope USA Co-Director



Just a little over a month ago I stood in front of church asking you to consider being a Kids Hope volunteer. Thanks to a great response we now have 9 new mentors, 1 substitute mentor deciding to become a regular mentor and 1 new substitute mentor. Praise the Lord for so many hearing His call to be a part of caring for at risk children through the Kids Hope program.

The following members of Hope Church have undergone 3 hours of

required training this past September and October and are now all actively visiting Vanderbilt Academy each week to mentor their assigned students: John Beyer, Stephanie Beyer, Steve Berry, Andrew Bredow, Bob Luidens, Sandi Mulder & Connie VanderVelde (co-mentors), Rhonda Edgington, and Brad Bright. Marge DeBlaay is our new substitute mentor. In addition to these names we have 8 returning mentors which we will feature in a later article.

All of our mentors have met their student at least 2 times and during these first few visits they have used their time together to get acquainted with each other and figure out how they will spend their 45 minutes. Kids Hope recommends some time for conversation, some time spent helping with homework and hopefully some time left to play a game or do another fun activity. Already we have seen mentor progress reports coming back telling of time spent sharing about family as well as time spent reading and writing. It is always fun to read the reports and see their relationships grow as well as keep up on their academic progress and to note what games they played or what they talked about. At each one of these visits a difference is being made in a child's life by the mentor just being there and showing they care enough to prioritize one hour a week just for that one child. To each of our new and returning mentors, thank you, you're the best!

Still thinking about mentoring? It is never too late to sign up. Contact Barb Joldersma or me and we will get you started.

Season of Reconciliation Book Discussion - Advance Notice!

Reconciliation Ministry

Life is the path that we walk. For most, that path is heavily influenced by where it begins. During the Season of Reconciliation coming up in January, the Reconciliation Ministry invites all readers to explore two distinct origins to see where they converge and where they split. This year there will be two books discussed over the course of three weeks. **We are inviting the congregation to read the two books in advance, so we are making the books available now.** It's a tall order, but there will be food!

- The two books are: [Between the World and Me](#) by Ta-Nehisi Coates & [Hillbilly Elegy](#) by J.D. Vance
- The dates/times are: Thursday evenings Jan. 19, Jan. 26, and Feb. 2 from 5:45-7:30 pm with a light supper.

The books will be available for purchase starting in November in the Gathering Area. You will be able to sign up for the group in January.

Adult Education: November

Sundays, 9:40–10:40 a.m. in Commons I

November 6-13:

Our Brother Dan: Families in the Crossfire

In the last decades, few issues have wrenched the thinking and feeling of our society as much as sexual orientation. When this issue intersects with terminal illness, persons and their families are in the crossfire of society's conflict and their own pain. Twenty-three years ago, Hope Church member David Blauw was a hospital chaplain in Princeton, N.J., where he met Dan Spence, a patient dying of AIDS. Moved by Dan's struggle to cope not only with his terminal illness but the stigma associated with it, David decided to tell the young man's story—on film. The result is a poignant 27-minute documentary, *Our Brother Dan: Families in the Crossfire*. Unfortunately the struggle of persons continues. In each session of this two-week series, we will see a portion of the documentary and reflect on the dynamics and issues at play today.

November 20:

Presentation on Haiti Foundation Against Poverty

Mallery Neptune, a Midland, Michigan native and founder and director of the Haiti Foundation Against Poverty, will be here to tell us of her life and work in Haiti, which she describes as "beautiful, frustrating, miraculous, and difficult all at the same time." Members of Hope Church have traveled to Port-au-Prince to participate in this work and we have supported their work in various ways through the blueberry pie sales. In addition, products from the HFAP Gift of Hope women's sewing and craft program will be available for purchase.

November 27, December 11 & 18:

Advent Series

In Isaiah 9:6, we hear four royal titles—Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace. Names for the Messiah, by Walter Brueggemann, ponders each royal designation and how the people understood it then, how Jesus did or did not fulfill the title, and how Christians interpret Jesus as representative of that title. Here is a listing of the weekly Advent study emphases and facilitators:

Nov. 27: Wonderful Counselor led by Beverly Zell

Dec. 4: St. Nicholas Intergenerational Breakfast

Dec. 11: Mighty God led by Cindi Veldheer DeYoung

Dec. 18: Everlasting Father & Prince of Peace led by Beverly Zell

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 on the music room windows):

December

04 Mary VanAndel & Ben Sikkink
11 Tony & Melissa VanderArk
18 Charlie & Laura VanderBroek
24 5:30 pm: Marlin & Judy VanderWilt
24 11 pm: Jim & AnnaMae
VanderWoude
25 Trudy VanderHaar

January Greeters

01 Connie Vander Velde
08 Nancy VandeWater
15 David VanDoorne & Jane Pettinga
22 Karen Anderson VanDoorne
29 Fred & Lori VanDoornik

February Greeters

05 Bill VanDyke
12 Phil VanEyl
19 David VanHeest & Doug Abell
26 Jerry & Eloise VanHeest

If you are unable to greet on your assigned service, 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 on the music room windows, 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.***

New 11th Street Doors in Progress

Lois Maassen, Project Team Leader

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CAPITAL CAMPAIGN for FACILITIES REVITALIZATION

While evidence of our construction project is all over the facility, this month we'll see change in the "face" we present to 11th Street. The doors and frames outside the narthex are in need of replacement, since they've suffered some deterioration over time.

Since the sanctuary is the oldest part of our facility, the Design Team looked back to find the original door design so that what we installed would be historically accurate. By including glass in the upper panels, we'll gain light in the narthex and the safety of being able to see any incoming visitors before doors are opened!

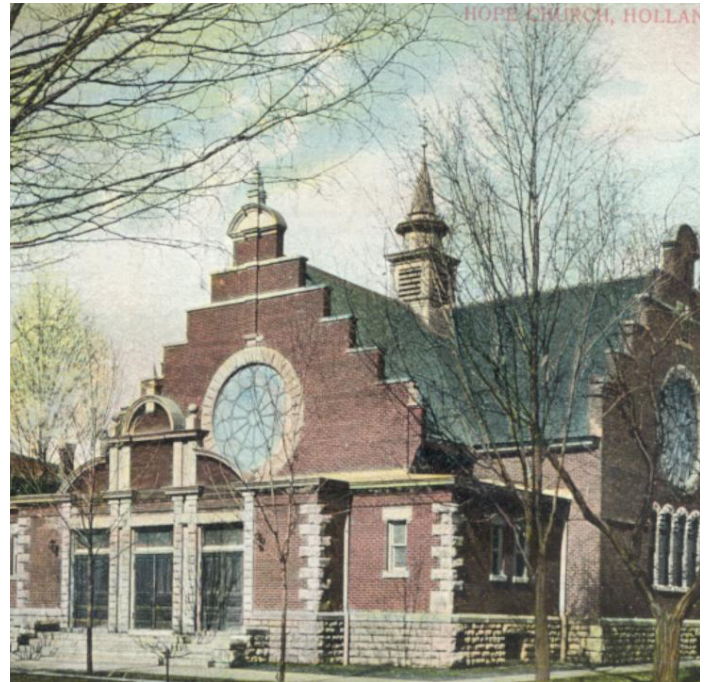
The doors and frames are being replaced in pairs, to keep the narthex useable on each Sunday during the work. The first week of November, all of the doors are planned to be complete and the concrete stairs at that entrance will also be repaired.



Planned Door Replacement



Front of Hope Church under construction in about 1900



Hope Church c. 1910

Living Hope Renovations Pun of the Month

Pastor Gordon: Pastor Jill, why was the design team uncertain about whether to include the cost of the youth room partition as part of the renovations?

Pastor Jill: Because they knew it was a separate expense!

Caring for Creation Corner

Joe Arevalo, Caring for Creation Coordinator

Creation has been in the news frequently over the past several weeks as major progress has occurred on the Paris Agreement. The main aim of the Paris Agreement is to keep a global average temperature rise this century well below 2 degrees Celsius and to drive efforts to limit the temperature increase even further to 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels. For the agreement to take effect it needed to be ratified by over 55 parties representing over 55% of the Global Greenhouse Gas Emissions. As of October 18, 81 parties had ratified the agreement, including the US and China, which alone represent 38% of global emissions. India, Brazil, and Canada have also ratified.

The agreement taking effect triggers the launch of a governing body, and locks each country's climate plan, which can be strengthened but not weakened, and obliges the countries to work toward the agreement's temperature goals. Several major countries have yet to ratify the agreement, such as Russia and the UK and there are yet to be enforcement mechanisms. Nonetheless, this a major milestone in the global community's efforts on climate change. "This is a truly historic moment for people everywhere. The two key thresholds needed for the Paris Climate Change Agreement to become legal reality have now been met," said Patricia Espinosa, Executive Secretary of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change.

Stay tuned as efforts ramps up around the world for meeting the goals set forth. The goal of the United States is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 17% of 2005 levels by 2020, and by between 26-28% by 2025. To accomplish this, the EPA & President Obama created the Clean Power Plan which tasks each state with creating a plan for reducing carbon dioxide emissions. Each state is assigned its own goal, and Michigan's is 21.8 million tons, or 31 percent below 2012 levels, by 2030. Currently the Attorney General of Michigan, along with 19 other states, has appealed the legality of the EPA's plan. A decision is awaited after District Court heard the case September 27, 2016.

Source: <http://newsroom.unfccc.int/unfccc-newsroom/landmark-climate-change-agreement-to-enter-into-force/>.

Upcoming events:

- **November 1 (6:00-9:00PM) Video:** Racing Extinction at Graves Hall, Hope College hosted by the West Michigan Creation Care Group, Hope College's Green Team, and the Holland-Hope College Sustainability Institute
- **November 3 (7:00-8:30PM) Lecture:** Occidental College's 1 MW Solar Array – The challenge that brought out the best of a liberal arts college at Graves Hall, Hope College
- **November 11 (6:30-8:00PM) I didn't know I could recycle that?:** hosted by Living Sustainably Along the Lakeshore and the West Michigan America Recycle's Planning Team.

Communication Sign Ups

Communications Taskforce

Congregational Emails

Sign up to join our congregational email list by calling the church office or signing up online at this link: <https://goo.gl/xCUceB>.

Hope Church Volunteer Blog

To receive email notifications of Volunteer Opportunities, go to our Volunteer Blog at: <https://lifeofhopechurch.wordpress.com/>.

Then, on the right side of the page under "Follow Blog via Email", enter your email address and hit "follow".

Text Reminders

To receive texts about Hope Church cancellations, service time changes, and special events, text "@hoperca" to the number: 81010. To receive via email rather than text, send an email to: hoperca@mail.remind.com.

You can also sign up to receive texts or emails for:

- **Campus Ministry:** Text @hopegrace to 81010 or email hopegrace@mail.remind.com

- **High Hopes (High School Youth):** Text @highh to 81010 or email: highh@mail.remind.com
- **Fish Club (Middle School Youth):** Text @fishclub77 to 81010 or email: fishclub77@mail.remind.com

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.

Building and Grounds Ministry

Duane Kooyers, Building and Grounds Ministry chair

The Building and Grounds Ministry is responsible for the care and maintenance of the physical facilities of Hope Church. It oversees repair and replacement of systems and equipment, the purchase of expendable supplies, and the payment for utilities and services. This ministry keeps the physical plant functioning smoothly so that all the other ministries can operate efficiently, taking seriously the commitment to be good stewards of our church resources, while remaining mindful of and maintaining the historical beauty of our place of worship.

Provide provisions for the journey

1. Stream service over internet for radio broadcast by WHTC and listening via internet.
2. Record sermons, select hardware and software to allow editing and burning of CDs.
3. Set up wireless internet access throughout the church.
4. Run sound for Sunday service, classes and meetings in Commons and new chapel.
5. Maintain and regulate heating and cooling in church spaces.

Welcome all

1. Signage: Parking lot, building and rooms.
2. Facilities Maintenance: snow removal, lawn care, sprinklers, gardens, recruit gardeners, floor cleaning, lighting.
3. Handicap access ramps and doors
4. Meeting spaces for community activities and groups – Tulip City Camera Club, Audubon Society, family reunions, weddings, etc.

Connect with and witness to the community

1. Maintain space for CDS Child Development Services.
2. Arrange web hosting service for our website and e-mail service.
3. Provide support for the rain garden, community garden, and other environmental projects.

Engender deep engagement

1. Assist with hanging art displays, banners, etc.
2. Make available space for groups and activities – kitchen, nursery, choir room, offices, worship space, Sunday school rooms
3. Provide mobile sound for season

start celebration, quiet garden benches, etc.

We also want to celebrate and thank the many volunteers who help with caring for our facility and grounds. We'd like to make special mention of David VanHeest and Doug Abell for their leadership with the gardens and Peter Boogaart for his leadership with the rain garden. Special thanks also to our staff. They do great work, and they give of time that goes far beyond our budget numbers.

If you have any talents or interest in any of these areas that you'd like to share, we welcome you to join us. We meet at noon on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Contact any of the Building and Grounds Ministry members: Duane Kooyers (chair), Ben Sikkink, Leon Knoll with support from David Hawley and staff support from Megan Arevalo, Gordon Wiersma, and Ric Beltran.

The next Ministry Highlight will feature the Caring for Creation Task Force.

Children's Ministry: Children's Stewardship

Jocelyn Van Heest, Children's Ministry Director

We are greatly blessed by God and God expects us to share those blessings with others. We can share not just our money but our time, talents and especially our willingness to make a connection with others. Even the youngest of children can make a difference in their community and world. The children will be bringing home a pledge form that your family can discuss with them and fill out. They will be given some ideas that they may want to adopt to help them share their blessings with others. There is also an opportunity for your family to add other ways you may already serve or new ideas you may have. On November 13th the pledges should be brought back to their Children in Worship centers or they can fill out another one in the center. The children will be bringing them down to the sanctuary to add them to the congregation's collection of pledges.

Washington School Neighbors

Gary Benson, Community Gardens Coordinator

At the WSN Community Gardens we're winding down a successful 2016 season. As gardeners clean out weeds and dead plants they continue to harvest tomatoes, peppers, kale, carrots, mustard greens, and many other vegetables. Nasturtiums, calendulas, and marigolds continue to blossom despite the increasing frost warnings. A few families are even attempting fall and winter crops!



This year eighteen neighborhood households cared for plots in our two community gardens--the original site on land owned by Hope Church and our new site on land owned by First United Methodist Church. In addition to exercise and healthy food we've also reaped the rewards of a number of social and educational events in the gardens: workshops, potlucks, and volunteer days.

We look forward to growing in 2017!



WashingtonSchoolNeighbors.com

Facebook.com/WashingtonSchoolNeighbors

Events and Announcements



Daylight savings ends at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 6. Remember to turn your clocks back an hour!

Women's Circle Meetings

Circle 1 will meet Weds., Nov. 2, 9:30 A.M. at Ann Anderson's.

Circle 2 will meet Weds. Nov. 2 at 9:30 am in Commons II at Hope Church.

Circle 4 will meet on Thursday evening, Nov. 10 at 7:00. Judi Boogaart will host the meeting and Lauren Heyboer will lead the discussion on Lesson 10.

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 Warm Friend on Tuesday, November 8, 2016, at **10:00 a.m.** Mark your calendar, and come for an hour, all are welcome!

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 third week in November (starting November 13). Help support our youth in this fundraiser.

Hope Church Readers

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 16 at 1:00 pm in Commons II. (Please be aware that you may need to use the 10th Street entrance due to construction.) We will be discussing the book White Dog Fell From the Sky by Eleanor Morse. Our leader will be Char Leaske, and the hostesses will be: Nancy Rock & Ruth Donaldson. New members are always welcome.

Gift of Hope Sale: Nov. 20

Products from the Gift of Hope women's sewing program of the Haiti Foundation Against Poverty will be offered for sale on November 20. Sales of these products allow these women to "keep their babies" by providing income to them for food, shelter and clothing.

The church office will be closed on Thursday, November 24 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

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

Cleaning Up the Church Gardens

This task needs to be completed soon! If you or a group you belong to have "adopted" a section of the church gardens, we need you to clean up your plot for fall. City curbside pick-up (of leaves only) will be from October 1 through November 19. Please bring your own clippers, rakes, etc. If you love to rake leaves, please feel free to share that gift with Hope Church. If you are uncertain about what needs trimming, please contact David VanHeest.

Big Read November 2016

You are invited to join in The Big Read Holland Area's 2016 program featuring the book Brother I'm Dying by Edwidge Danticat. The Big Read is a month-long community-wide reading program consisting of book discussions, lectures, art workshops, film screenings and more around the book, taking place during the month of November 2016. Information and details about all Big Read events can be found at: <https://blogs.hope.edu/thebigread/>.

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 on the music room window

and sign up for your special week. The 2017 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.

The church office will be closed on Monday, December 26 for the Christmas holiday, and on Monday, January 2 for the New Year's Day holiday.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

*Hope Church staff,
Thank you so much for your participation and support of the 15th Women's Service Day! The event was a huge success. Here's to the next 15!
~Women's Service Day*

Thanksgiving Turkey Drive

STRUGGLING PEOPLE MATTER!

WE SUPPORT COMMUNITY ACTION HOUSE with our annual gift of TURKEYS for Thanksgiving tables of the many in our community who need help to have one!



WHEN: Sundays from Oct. 30 thru Nov. 20!

WHERE: At the legendary TURKEY TABLE in the Gathering Area. Turkeymaster Gerry Van Heest will preside aided by Fish Club helpers. OR mail in gifts to Hope Church noted for "turkeys".

COSTS: will run from \$10 to \$12.50 each.

CAN WE do "Wonderfully well" again?

Your Body: Fantabulous “....awesomely and wonderfully made....”

Does Your Liver Quiver?

Earl Laman, Health Ministry member



A patron at a meat counter stared at some beef livers, said sourly, “I can’t stand to think that I’ve something like those just laying around inside my gut!” I should have said to him. “It’s not laying around, it’s quivering! All day! Every day! Lifelong!”

Not so you can feel it like an iphone set on “vibrate” in your pocket! However, if it didn’t, you- well, read on: “It’s a veritable ‘factory’ totally vital to survival as it supports all other organs of the body.”

But if the heart can claim, “I don’t get no respect!” - well, the liver can scream, “You just think I’m an ugly blob!- if you think of me at all!”

Let’s think about “it”.

“It” is the largest internal organ in the body (surprise!) Also, the largest gland (Thus a grand gland!) “It” weighs about 3 lbs (average) and is located in the upper right side of the abdomen under the right rib cage- through which pours 1500 milliliters per minute!

Why? Because “it” has wondrous double-barreled powers to take in and to put out. Like what?

“It” is like a control board for the stomach’s digestion, reading what is needed and sending apropos chemical tools for the job. “Its” bile surrounds, breaks down, separates and stores- super smart! “It” then warehouses many vitamins and minerals- plus non-functional energy/sugar- and changes them into functional entities upon demand- super-ready!

“Its” toughest job is to purify the body from harmful substances! “It” regulates the immune system’s response to foreign cells- and finds and kills immune cells- a real crusading detective! “It” seizes damaging toxins in various forms and old spent red blood cells and dumps them through the wall of the little intestine- a first-class garbologist!

More: “It” has self-regenerative powers when damaged or a portion is surgically removed, thus can be totally restored!

“It” quivers constantly to sustain daily living. Once again we come face-to-liver with the Creator’s evolved handiwork right within our own skin! Does “it” not ignite our awe and wonder? Provoke a gratitude that wants to respect even our blobby liver?

For “It” is vulnerable! - to a plethora of damaging influxes - mostly from what we allow or take into our bodies. Genetically inherited factors can be worked with, but damage control is heavily in our purvey.

Healthy livers have healthy livers- which can make us long livers.

and finally

"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, and rudeness." Rudeness? What on earth might I mean by that? You might be wondering if I was actually paying attention in seminary. I mean, I certainly was never mistaken for a Greek scholar in school, but even the most language inept seminary student can generally deduce that "rudeness" is not a word that fits that passage and that she should probably go back to her lexicon to correct her exegetical work.

But you see, I've noticed that we have the best problem imaginable here at Hope Church. We have an excess of friendliness! Let me explain what I mean. You might have noticed that we have had a lot more college aged visitors lately, which is so exciting! I have been amazed at how welcoming and caring you have been to all of them. As I have met one on one with a number of them, I have asked them what they noticed during their visits to Hope Church. Each time, their answer is the same. "I can't believe how kind and welcoming they are!" You have engaged them over coffee during fellowship time. You have sat by them during the church service. You have embraced them during the passing of the peace. You have sat by them on pizza Sunday and introduced them to your friends. You have exemplified all of the fruits of the spirit (minus the one from my bad translation) and it has been very touching to the young adults in our midst.

So what about my mention of rudeness and being too friendly? Well, this is where things get a little awkward. Its me. The problem is me. You see, as we have these new faces, I am quickly learning how valuable and brief my time is before, during, and after church services. There are college aged adults, teens, and other young adults who come to services on Sunday, but otherwise would never come to an evening or mid-week activity. This means as a Pastor of Youth and Young Adults, I have to rely on those precious 5-20 minute windows to connect with people. While I adore all of you, my priority is with teens and young adults. And you are all so kind in pouring some of your abundant friendliness onto me during those windows, which complicatedly means I have less interface time with young people. So moving forward, I might need to do what feels rude to me by cutting my face time with you, in order to help welcome those who are new among us.

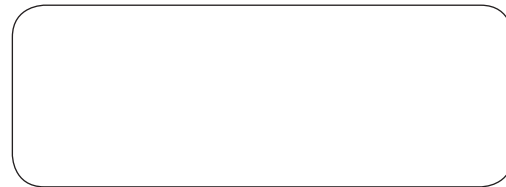
Will you help me with this problem? There are a few ways we can all take our welcoming spirit to the next level. First, give me grace if I cut our conversation short in order to introduce myself to a visitor. I feel rude when I do so, but as I mentioned before, time is of the essence on Sunday mornings. Second, if you have met someone new and you suspect they haven't met me yet, introduce us! Especially if I see that a visitor is already talking to one of you, I don't want to interrupt your conversation, but I do also want to meet them. Third, let's meet for coffee! The truth is I love this church and all of you; it is my church home. While I have gotten to know many of our younger people, I still would love deepened friendships with more of you. I would love nothing more than meet you for a latte at JPs or even a meal some time during the week. We could even use that time to strategize ways for me to up my rudeness game to you on Sunday mornings. Thanks in advance for your help!

~Pastor Beth



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First Sunday of Advent: November 27

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| 8:30 am | Early Worship |
| 9:40 am | Adult Education |
| 11:00 am | Worship
Gordon Wiersma, preaching; <i>Communion</i> |
| 4:15 pm | Jubilate Choir Rehearsal |
| 5:00 pm | Advent Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children: Crafts
Preschool* through 5th grade will make crafts for the Advent and Christmas season. *<i>Young children should be accompanied by an adult or an older sibling.</i>• Youth: Cookie Baking
Fish Club and High Hopes will make cookies to deliver while Christmas caroling on Dec. 18. |
| 5:30 pm | Advent Evensong Service
Advent Evensong is a candlelight service of evening prayers incorporating song, prayer, and scripture. We begin the season of Advent mindful of the longing in our hearts for the healing of the world and for those we love. |
| 6:00 pm | Soup Supper & Lighting of Advent Candles
A simple meal will be provided after the Advent crafts and activities. |

November 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 6:15 am Men's Breakfast 9:30 am Circle 1 9:30 am Circle 2 4 pm Adult Education 6 pm Carillon Choir 7 pm Chancel Choir	3 1:30 pm FLEX 2-4 pm Hope Church Nurse 6:30 pm Health 7 pm Reconciliation 7 pm Hope & Grace 7 pm Volleyball (FUMC Gym)	4	5 9:30 am - 12 pm Fish Club Raking
6 8:30 am Early Worship, <i>Kari Miller Fenwood</i> 9:40 am Church School (children, adults) 9:40 am Chancel Choir 9:40 am G.I.F.T. Class 10:45 am Nursery 11 am Worship, <i>Gordon Wiersma</i> 11:15 am Children in Worship 4:15 pm Jubilate Choir 6 pm High Hopes Bonfire	7 5 pm Executive Committee 6:15 pm Stewardship & Finance 7 pm Community	8 10:00 am Coffee Time at Warm Friend	9 6:15 am Men's Breakfast 6 pm Carillon Choir 7 pm Hope & Grace Steering Force	10 1:30 pm FLEX 2-4 pm Hope Church Nurse 4 pm Renovations Open House Committee 7 pm Circle 4 7 pm Personnel 7 pm Hope & Grace 7 pm Volleyball (FUMC Gym)	11 6-8:30 pm Fish Club Apple Pies	12 8 am- 3 pm Fish Club Apple Pies
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