



# Hope Christian Reformed Church

Hull, Iowa

### GREETERS, COFFEE, CARE VISITING

Dec 16: 1A- Marlo & Viv Covey  
Dec 23: 1B- Nate & Allie Van Kley  
Dec 25: 2A- Mike & Jackie Covey

### SOUND SYSTEM AND PROJECTOR

December 16: Jerry V & Dave E  
December 23: Mark S & Dwight B  
December 25: Craig V & Justin H

### SONG SERVICE

December 16: *none (Program)*  
December 23: *none (Lessons & Carols)*

### CHILDREN & WORSHIP

December 16: Sunday School Program  
(no Children & Worship)  
Dec 23: Leader: Lindsey Van Otterloo  
Helper: Allison Van Otterloo

### NURSERY SCHEDULE

Dec 16: AM: Mandy H, Emily Z,  
Olivia H, Matthew VO  
**5PM:** Kristi S, Kayla Z, Maggie F, Trista TP  
Dec 23: AM: Sarah W, Allison VO,  
Miles B, Ella B  
PM: Lavonne B, Ariana VG  
Dec 25: Paula O, Summer V,  
Logan W, Kaily VH

### OFFERING SCHEDULE

December 16: AM: 1st: General Fund  
2nd: Sam & Karen Keyzer  
PM: Habitat for Humanity  
December 23: AM: 1<sup>st</sup>: General Fund  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Benevolent Fund  
PM: Western Christian  
December 25: Benevolent Fund

### THIS WEEK AT HOPE

SUNDAY: 9:30 AM ~ Morning Worship Service  
10:45 AM ~ Coffee Fellowship (SS Program Practice til 11:45)  
5:00 PM ~ Sunday School Christmas Program  
TUESDAY: 6:00 AM ~ Men's Bible Study  
WEDNESDAY 10:00 AM ~ Coffee Break

### **5 DAYS-5 MINUTES-GOD'S PEOPLE PRAY**

*Please send an encouraging card, letter, or e-mail to the missionary who appears after your name.*

MON: Nate & Allie Van Kley, Braxton, Bentley, Kadence..... (The Broeks)  
TUES: Dennis & Audrey Van Maanen..... (Van Ees)  
WED: Art & Margaret Van Otterloo ..... (The Ribbens)  
THURS: Dave & Lisa Van Otterloo ..... (The Keyzers)  
FRI: Loren & Shelly Van Otterloo ..... (The Crulls)

### **Hope Council Members 2018-2019**

Elders: Arlyn Boon, Mike Broek, Steve Haveman, Tim Lammers, Craig Stiemsma, Jamie Van Voorst, Jerry Verhoef,  
Deacons: Nathan Bakker, Scott de Boom, Shawn De Stigter, Matt Roetman, Mark Steiger, Scott Westra

## Our Morning Worship Service

\*Please stand if you are able.

### God Gathers and Greets Us

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle (Jim & Sylvia Eekhoff): Zephaniah 3:14-17

The Lord spoke through the prophet Zephaniah promising mercy and forgiveness.

We rejoice in Him, and He rejoices over us. We praise God for the joy we can have in Jesus.

\*Song of Praise: *“Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”*

\*God’s Greeting & Mutual Greeting

*(Greet those around you with words and a handshake or simply a smile.)*

### We Confess & God Forgives

Call to Confession: *words on screen*

Words of Assurance: Philippians 4:4-7

Song of Assurance: *“Hark the Herald Angels Sing”* PH 345: All

Prayers of God’s People

### God Speaks through His Word

\*Song of Preparation: *“On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”* PH 327:1,2,4

Scripture: Luke 3:7-18

Sermon: *“Expecting and Wondering”*

Prayer of Application

### In Gratitude We Share & God Sends Us to Serve with His Blessing

Offering & Offertory: 1<sup>st</sup>: General Fund

2<sup>nd</sup>: Sam & Karen Keyzer

\*Song of Application: *“Hark, the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes”* v1 & 3

\*Parting Blessing

\*Closing Song: *“Hark, the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes”* v4

\*Postlude

**Accompanist:** Diana Dykstra  
**Leading Us in Worship:** Pastor Todd Zuidema

### Sermon Notes:

AM

### **“Expecting & Wondering”**

\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_?

Dead \_\_\_\_\_ or good \_\_\_\_\_?

It is not choosing between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_;

it is the \_\_\_\_\_ pointing to the \_\_\_\_\_.

The Good \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The “SHARE” group:** for widows/widowers will meet on Thursday, Dec. 20, at noon at Homestead Commons. We will enjoy Pizza Ranch and a side salad for lunch. You are invited to bring your favorite Christmas dessert to share. We also ask that you bring \$5 to help offset the cost of ordering pizza. Following our meal, we will sing a few Christmas carols to get us in the holiday spirit. Call Deanna (439-2229) with questions.

**Sing:** Bring a friend! All are invited to sing with the Sioux County Oratorio Chorus as we sing Handel’s “Messiah” for our upcoming season! Weekly rehearsals begin Tuesday, January 15, 7:30-9:30 in Dordt College’s choral rehearsal room. The performance with orchestra, Dordt and NWC choirs, and professional soloists will be in the BJ Haan Auditorium on Saturday, April 27. Find us on Facebook or email Mike Ochsner at mkchsnr@gmail.com.

**Save the Date:** CORNERSTONE PRISON CHURCH Faith Fellowship Weekend is Friday, Jan. 25 – 6:00-8:00p and Jan. 26&27 7:15a-4:00p each day. The theme for the weekend is “Year of Reconciliation” based on 2 Chronicles 7:14. Join us for worship, large group talks and small group discussions. The deadline for signing up is Monday, Jan. 7. We would be happy to have you join us for part of the weekend or all of it. If you would like more information or would like to sign up, contact us at office@cornerstonepcsd.org or call 507-215-3670.

**Justice For All:** JUSTICE FOR ALL is planning the **2019 Service and Learning Opportunities** and would love to have you join one of the teams! These weeks are wonderful opportunities to serve others but also to experience and understand God’s Kingdom in new and important ways! **Dates and places are:** Harvest Hands Ministries, Juarez, MX – January 18-26 (must have passport); JVMPerkins Foundation, Jackson MS – February 9-16; Voice of Calvary Ministries, Jackson, MS - February 17-23; Grace Reigns, Colorado City UT – March 16-23. **For more info please call Luke Grooters at JFA 712-476-2804 or email [lukeg@jfa-nwiowa.org](mailto:lukeg@jfa-nwiowa.org).** You can also check out the JFA website: [www.jfa-nwiowa.org](http://www.jfa-nwiowa.org).

**High School Students:** Crossroads Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) is accepting applications for Friday, Feb. 15-Sunday, Feb. 17, 2019 at the Reformed Church in Steen, MN. TEC is an interdenominational 3 day Christian retreat/lock in designed to help high schoolers learn more about their faith and their community. If you would like to learn more or to register, please visit [www.CrossroadsTEC.com/apply](http://www.CrossroadsTEC.com/apply) or email [CrossroadsTEC@gmail.com](mailto:CrossroadsTEC@gmail.com). The cost is \$50 and includes a t-shirt, meals and other special gifts. Scholarships are available upon request.

## *Welcome to Hope Christian Reformed Church!*

- ❖ *Large print Bibles are available; please request one from an usher if needed*
- ❖ *Nursery is available, as well as a quiet room in the northeast corner (Classroom 9) where the service can be viewed on the TV.*
- ❖ *Please join us for coffee fellowship after the morning service.*
- ❖ *You may also view our church service on Channel 77. The morning service will be played at 1:00pm on Sunday and the evening service will be played at 10:00am on Thursday.*
- ❖ *Please send your bulletin announcements to [hopecrchullsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:hopecrchullsecretary@gmail.com) or you may place them in the Secretary mailbox by Thursday at noon.*
- ❖ *If you have any prayer requests you may email them to [hopecrchull@gmail.com](mailto:hopecrchull@gmail.com) or you may call Pastor Todd at (712)439-1201.*

### WORSHIP NOTES

Welcome to Hope CRC! This morning we remember the joy we have as we anticipate the coming of Jesus. John the Baptist prepared for the coming of Jesus. In Luke 3:7-18 he called the people to prepare their hearts. We are reminded to do more than go through the motions. Our faith is not just for show. We are to live in a way that shows we have been transformed by Jesus. This evening, please join us at **5pm** for the Sunday School Christmas Program. We give thanks as we hear them tell the story of the King. Let us worship God today!

### CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Sunday School:** (3 year olds-5th grade) We will be starting Christmas program practice immediately following the morning service; no Sunday school classes (for those ages). Plan on picking your kids up at 11:45am instead of 11:30am. The program is tonight at 5pm.

**Lessons and Carols Service:** What gifts do you have to share with the King? On Sunday evening, December 23, we will hold a Lessons and Carols service. You are invited to share your gifts of reading, or musical gifts of singing or playing. If you would like to participate please contact Pastor Todd by Wednesday at noon. Christ is born!

**Students preparing for ministry** in the Christian Reformed Church from Classis Heartland may apply for aid to assist them in their study for the 2019-2020 academic years by contacting Rev. Loren Kotman; 1111 5th Street, Hull, IA 51239; (712) 439-1123; pastor@hull1stcrc.com. The deadline is February 1, 2019.

**Secretary Note:** Please have next week’s announcements in by **Wednesday** evening.

### **Hearts & Hands Notes:**

- First of all thanks to 3A with Mike & Angie as Care Leaders for organizing the service at Pleasant Acres on Nov. 18. 3B was used earlier for a service at Pleasant Acres.
- Thanks also to 4B for helping out with the lunch for the family prior to the visitation of Wilma Heynen. Jerry & Lavonne are Care Leaders of that group. Thanks also to Jerry & Lavonne for generously helping out in the kitchen the day of the funeral. Thanks to others who offered to help. The committee did not need extra help from a care group for the funeral.
- 4A with Brad & Nancy as Care Leaders will be charge of drink/bar/cookie after the morning service on Dec. 23 when Michael Ribbens will be preaching.
- And, 5A with Mark & Dar as Care Leaders will serve the morning of Jan. 13 when the Valley Male Chorus will be will with us.

### **Thank You:**

Thank you for your prayers, visits, food and concern during my recent hospitalization. Thankful to belong to God's family here at Hope.

Pete and Jennifer Steiger

It is such a blessing to belong to a church family! We thank God for each one of you, for the prayers and support while Wilma was battling cancer and then her home coming into glory. We want to thank Pastor Todd and Leah, our care groups and all of you who sent cards, visited, brought food, gifts, who helped us celebrate her life and said so many kind and comforting words. It is so hard to express in words what that has meant to us! Thank you!! *"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."* (Philippians 1:3-6)

The Heynens  
Bill  
Bruce, Kim & Maria  
Drew, Tricia & Sawyer

### **HOPE CRC FAMILY PRAISE AND PRAYER CONCERNS**

- ❖ Piper De Kam, infant daughter of Matt and Cacey De Kam, was hospitalized earlier this week for RSV. We pray for healing for Piper and for Matt and Cacey as they care for her.
- ❖ We express our sympathy to Nella Driesen and family in the passing of her brother-in-law, Donald Driesen, 79, of Rock Valley, IA. He died Wednesday, December 12, at Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls. Funeral services will be held Saturday, December 15, at 2:00 PM at Trinity Christian Reformed Church of Rock Valley. Visitation, with the family present, will be held Friday, December 14, from 5:00-7:00 PM at Trinity CRC. We pray for the Lord's comfort for the family at this time.
- ❖ We pray for the continued recovery of those who recently had surgery or have been hospitalized.
- ❖ Cruise De Groot continues his deployment to the Middle East. Cruise's address has changed, and his parents will provide his address if you'd like to send him a note. You may also message him through Facebook. Please pray for his safety and encouragement.
- ❖ We remember our members who reside in care facilities: Marv Boon at Prairie Ridge Care Center in Orange City and Evelyn Dykstra in Byron Center Manor in Byron Center, MI. We also remember those who reside at home but aren't able to join us from week to week. We also pray for their families as they support them.

### **FIRST CRC FAMILY PRAISE AND PRAYER CONCERNS**

- ❖ Duane Hilary Van Hill had outpatient surgery on Thursday to determine the cause of pain in her stomach. Pray for better health.
- ❖ Give thanks that Duane Vande Griend is improving from his pneumonia. Pray for him as he continues with treatment. Pray for his father, Ed Vande Griend, a former member of this church, as he receives physical therapy and settles into a nursing home in Garretson, South Dakota.
- ❖ Continue to remember Lisa Wiersma in your prayers. Pray that the blood clot with shrink. She will begin radiation in early January.
- ❖ Heath Stoker will undergo follow up testing tomorrow, December 17, in Sioux Falls, to evaluate the success of his Stem Cell Transplant. Please pray specifically for peace of the upcoming tests and continued health, as Heath now starts to rebuild his immune system.
- ❖ Matt De Wild was in the hospital from Sunday through Wednesday with a UTI. The plan is for Matt and LuAnn to return home today, the 16<sup>th</sup>. Remember them and their needs in your prayers.
- ❖ Continue to remember Esther Rozeboom in your prayers as she has a lot of pain due to a compression fracture in her back which cannot be treated with medication or surgery. Pray for relief from the pain and for healing. She appreciates calls and visits.
- ❖ Pray for our shut ins: PA: Chuck & Darlene Kroese, Sally De Groot, Florence Kroese; Aspen Heights: Joyce De Vries, Julianne Kats, Harry Klay, Goldie Veldman; Fieldcrest in Sheldon: Verne Huisman, Esther Rozeboom: in her son's home; Good Samaritan Society in George: Wilma Altena; Ardelle Westra: S. City.