



Hope Christian Reformed Church

Hull, Iowa

GREETERS, COFFEE, CARE VISITING

Dec 23: 1B- Nate & Allie Van Kley
Dec 25: 2A- Mike & Jackie Covey
Dec 30: 2B- Pete & Jennifer Steiger
Jan 1: 3A- Mike & Angie Broek

SOUND SYSTEM AND PROJECTOR

December 23: Mark S & Dwight B
December 25: Craig V & Justin H
December 30: Kent Z & Drew H
January 1: Jerry V & Dave E

SONG SERVICE

December 23: *none (Lessons & Carols)*

CHILDREN & WORSHIP

December 23: *none (Lessons & Carols)*

December 30: Leader: Dar Fenchel
Helper: Olivia Hulstein

NURSERY SCHEDULE

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
Dec 30: AM: Faye DK, Bailey B,
Kyra B, Nathan VO
PM: Lora V, Zakiah VDZ
Jan 1: Leandra H, Linzie B, Rachel C, Ian DB

OFFERING SCHEDULE

December 23: AM: 1st: General Fund
2nd: Benevolent Fund
PM: Western Christian
December 25: Benevolent Fund
December 30: AM: 1st: General Fund
2nd: Hope Education Fund
PM: Dordt College
January 1: General Fund

THIS WEEK AT HOPE

SUNDAY: 9:30 AM ~ Morning Worship Service
10:45 AM ~ Coffee Fellowship
6:00 PM ~ Lessons & Carols
TUESDAY: 9:30 AM ~ Christmas Day Service

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: Mike & Marideth Van Otterloo, Micah, Caleb, Jacob, Matthew. (The Broeks)
TUES: Jerry & Pam Van Roekel (Van Ees)
WED: Betty Van Schepen..... (The Ribbens)
THURS: Marion & Jan Van Soelen (The Keyzers)
FRI: Jamie & Gwen Van Voorst, Jacob (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 Greet Us

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle (Jeremy & Leandra Hulstein Family): Micah 5:2-5a

The Lord showed the prophet Micah that from the tribe of Judah there would come a great Shepherd who would stand and gather the flock with the power of the Lord.

We know at that great Shepherd. His name is Jesus and He gathers us in love.

*Song of Praise: *“O Come, All Ye Faithful”* PH 340:1,2, & 3

*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: Psalm 80:1-7

Song of Assurance: *“O Come, O Come, Immanuel”* PH 328: 1,4

Words of Assurance: Hebrews 10:5-10

We Affirm God’s Promises

The Profession of Faith of Elijah Vande Griend

Offering & Offertory: *“Jesus, I Believe”*

1st: General Fund 2nd: Benevolent Fund

Prayers of God’s People

God Speaks through His Word

*Song of Preparation: *“O Lord, How Shall I Meet You”* PH 331:1,3

Moment for Missions: Video from the Ribbens’

Scripture: Luke 1:39-56

Sermon: *“What Are We Expecting for Christmas?”*

Prayer of Application

God Sends Us to Serve with His Blessing

*Song of Application: *“Song of Mary”* PH 212:1,3,5

*Parting Blessing

*Closing Song: *“Angels from the Realms of Glory”* PH 345:1,5

*Postlude

Accompanist:
Cacey De Kam
Leading Us in Worship:
Pastor Todd Zuidema
Rev. Michael Ribbens

Sermon Notes:

AM

“What Are We Expecting for Christmas?”

- 1) God makes promises to the most unlikely.
- 2) We would rather choose.
- 3) God is the promise-keeping Deliverer.
- 4) God uses a small community to deliver the unexpected.

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.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.** You can also check out the JFA website: 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 or email 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 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 or you may call Pastor Todd at (712)439-1201.*

WORSHIP NOTES

Welcome to Hope CRC! On this fourth Sunday of Advent, we remember the Love of God the Father who sent His Son, Jesus, to us, so that we may be saved. As we gather together, may we experience God's love for all of us as we worship and walk through our lives. This morning, we welcome Michael Ribbens, who serves in missions with his wife, Megan, and family, in the country of in South Africa. Michael's sermon text is Luke 1:39-56 and his sermon is titled, "What Are We Expecting for Christmas?" Please give Michael a warm welcome as he joins us today. In the evening, you are invited to worship in service of Lessons and Carols. As we sing, listen to ministry of music, and hear from God's Word, we remember that Jesus is the Light of the World. Let us worship God today!

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Children & Worship: no Children & Worship tonight due to the Lessons & Carols service.

Hearts & Hands Notes:

- 4A with Brad & Nancy as Care Leaders will be charge of drinks/bars/cookies after the morning service on Dec. 23 when Michael Ribbens will be preaching.
- 5A with Mark & Dar as Care Leaders will serve the morning of January 13 when the Valley Male Chorus will be will with us.

Thank You:

Thank you to Pastor Todd, our care group and visitors and members of the congregation for your cards, food, prayers and words of encouragement during my recent hospitalization in Sioux Falls. It's great to be part of the Hope family.

Dennis & Jean Calkhoven

FIRST CRC FAMILY PRAISE AND PRAYER CONCERNS

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- ❖ Kristi Ten Pas submitted to surgery this past Monday to remove a growth on her thyroid. We give thanks that the surgery went well. We praise God that tests have come back showing that the growth was benign and that there were no cancer cells. Please pray for Kristi's complete healing and recovery.
- ❖ Cody Bauer is dealing with some infection related to his recent back surgery. We pray for his relief and healing.
- ❖ We pray for the continued recovery of those who recently have 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.
- ❖ We extend our Christian sympathy to Dave & Kay Kroese, Eric & Bobbie Kroese and family, Scott Kroese, Alison Kroese, Belle & Ken Draayer and Gerald & Harriet Kroese in the passing of a father, grandfather, and brother, Hilmore Kroese, on Friday, December 7. May God comfort them in their sorrow.
- ❖ Congratulations to Jacob & Abby Koedam on the birth of a daughter, Raelyn Beth, born on Thursday, December 13.
- ❖ Congratulations to Cody & Shelby Kiers on the birth of a daughter, Abigail Rose, born on Wednesday, December 19
- ❖ Recent outpatient surgery for Hilary Van Hill revealed a flareup of acid reflex which is being treated with medication. Pray the medication will be effective in keeping things under control. Hilary also had a cyst removed. Give thanks that it was benign.
- ❖ Duane Vande Griend continues with cancer treatment. Pray for relief from the side effects from cancer meds. Pray for better health.
- ❖ Continue to remember Lisa Wiersma in your prayers. Pray that the blood clot will shrink. She will begin radiation in early January.
- ❖ Heath Stoker's testing on Monday, December 17, went well, but the complete panel of results won't be available until after the first of the year. Please pray for peace as they wait on the results and as Heath's immune system rebuilds.
- ❖ Give thanks that Matt & LuAnn De Wild returned home from Denver last Sunday and things are going well. Remember them in your prayers as they adjust to a new normal and as plans are made to better accommodate Matt's needs.
- ❖ Give thanks that Esther Rozeboom has experienced some relief from the pain. Pray for continued healing. She appreciates phone 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.