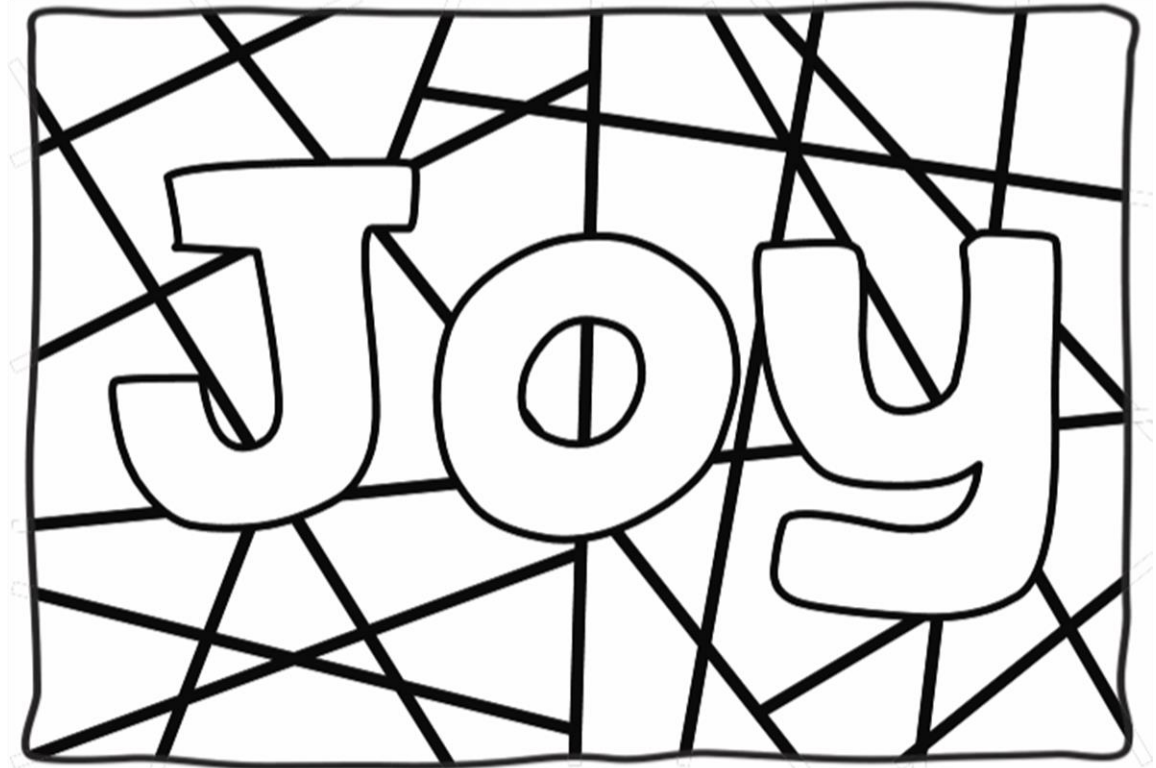




Hope Christian Reformed Church Hull, Iowa



GREETERS, COFFEE, CARE VISITING

December 15: 5A- Mark & Dar Fenchel
Dec 25: 5B-Art & Margaret Van Otterloo
December 22: 1A- Marlo & Viv Covey

SOUND SYSTEM AND PROJECTOR

December 15: Elijah VG & Trey S
December 22: Craig V & Justin H
December 25: Kent Z & Drew H

SONG SERVICE

December 15: Christmas Program
December 22: Lessons & Carols Service

CHILDREN & WORSHIP

Age 3 (potty trained) through 2nd grade may leave for Children & Worship during PM services after the creed
Dec 15: Christmas Program
Dec 22: Leandra Hulstein/Aralyn Hulstein

USHERS

Brian Fykstra, Doug Bonestroo, Dave Hoekstra

NURSERY SCHEDULE

Dec 15: **AM:** Katie, Jacob VO, Trista TP,
Ariana VG
PM: Vanessa V, Ian dB
Dec 22: **AM:** Mindy B, Macy W, Teigen DK,
Landon DS
PM: Gina VL, Nathan VO, Ella B, Addi C
Dec 25: Gina VL, Nathan VO, Ella B, Addison C

OFFERING SCHEDULE

December 15: 1st Building Fund
2nd Hope Education Fund
PM: none
December 22: 1st General Fund
2nd Paradise Bound Orphanage
PM: Love INC
December 25: World Renew

THIS WEEK AT HOPE

SUNDAY: 9:30 AM ~ Morning Worship Service
10:45 AM ~ Coffee Fellowship, Program Practice
5:00 PM ~ Christmas Program
TUESDAY: 6:00 AM ~ Men's Bible Study



5 DAYS-5 MINUTES-GOD'S PEOPLE PRAY

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

MON: Virgil & Joan Horstman The Broeks)
TUES: Dan & Carla Hulstein (The Crulls)
WED: Glenn & Marj Hulstein..... (The Ribbens)
THURS: Jeremy & Leandra Hulstein (The Zuidemas)
FRI: Josh & Kaylee Hulstein (Paradise Bound)

Hope Council Members 2018-2019

Elders: Arlyn Boon, Mike Broek, Mark Fenchel, Pete Steiger, Craig Stiemsma,
Stewart Vander Stoep, Jamie Van Voorst,
Deacons: Nathan Bakker, Scott de Boom, Brad De Kam, Mark Steiger, David Van Lingen, Scott Westra

December 15, 2019

Pastor's Office: 439-1201
Church Office: 439-1279
www.hullhopecrc.org

Morning Service 9:30 AM
Evening Service 6:00 PM
Pastor Todd Zuidema

Our Morning Worship Service

*Please stand if you are able.

God Gathers and Greets Us

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle (*Kyra Bakker & Macy Westra*)

Reading: Luke 2:8-12

*Song of Praise: *“Joy to the World/Unspeakable Joy”*

*God’s Greeting

*Song of Praise: *“What a Glorious Night”*

We Confess and God Forgives

Call to Confession: Philippians 2:1-11

Prayer of Confession (*Unison*)

God of salvation, in Christ you have done great things— our hearts are filled with joy. By your power you lifted us out of the wasteland of sin and brought us with joy and laughter into your kingdom. Salvation is your gift to us. But we confess that often we try to replace your gift with our own efforts. We try to complete what is already perfect; we try to add to what is already full; we try to earn what we already have. Forgive us for our foolishness. Help us to focus on your grace. Help us to live grateful lives in return. For Jesus’ sake alone, Amen.

Song of Assurance: *“Silent Night”*

Prayers of God’s People

God Speaks through His Word

*Song of Preparation: *“This Is Jesus”*

Scripture: Matthew 11:1-18

Message: **“Unexpected Joy”**

Prayer of Application

In Gratitude We Share Our Gifts

Offering and Offertory (*Allison Van Otterloo*):

1st Building Fund 2nd Hope Education Fund

Song of Application: *“You Shall Love the Lord”*

God Sends Us to Serve with His Blessing

*Parting Blessing

*Closing Song: *“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”*

PH 354: 1 & 4

Postlude

Sermon Notes

“Unexpected Joy”

God’s _____ is _____; our _____ isn’t.

Have _____ and _____ that Jesus is the _____.

What proves that Jesus is the _____? _____

Worship Team:

Tyson Boer

Mike Covey

Rachel Covey

Austin Faber

Craig Verhoef

Kaily Verhoef

Allison Van Otterloo

Lindsey Van Otterloo

Shelly Van Otterloo

Leading Us in Worship:

Pastor Todd Zuidema

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The SHARE group for widows and widowers will meet on Thursday, December 19th at noon at Homestead Commons in Hull. Melissa Beyer will be catering lunch. Please RSVP to Deanna Tiedeman (712-439-2229) by December 16th and bring \$10 for the cost of our meal. Following lunch, we will sing a few Christmas carols to get us in the holiday spirit. Call Deanna or Pastor Aaron Deutsch (605-742-4469) with any questions.

Cornerstone Faith Fellowship Weekend: Friday, January 17 – 6:00-8:00pm & January 18 & 19 – 7:15am-4:00pm each day. The theme for the weekend is “Year of Grace” based on Titus 3:3-8. Join us for worship, large group talks and small group discussions. The deadline for signing up is Monday, December 30. 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 to sign up, please contact us at office@cornerstonepcsd.org or call 507-215-3670. Thank you for considering this wonderful ministry opportunity!

JUSTICE FOR ALL JFA is planning the 2020 Service and Learning Opportunities and would love to have you join one of the teams! For more information or to sign up, call Nick Leloux at JFA 476-2804 or email nickl@jfa-nwiowa.org. An informational meeting will be held on Tues., Jan. 7, at 7:00p at the JFA Ministry Center.

JFA is excited to invite you on a Discovery Bus Tour! The dates for this trip are April 21-28, 2020. If you are interested or want more information, contact Joel De Wit at JFA, 476-2804 or joeldw@jfa-nwiowa.org

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Western Christian Music Department will present their annual Christmas Concert on Monday, December 16 at 7:00 in Western's Event Center. Please join us in celebrating the birth of our Savior. In addition to great music, we will have a bake sale that evening to help support the arts at Western.

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 third Sunday of Advent we remember the Joy we have that the Messiah has come. In Matthew 11:1-19, we read that John the Baptist was in prison and wondered if Jesus was truly the promised Savior. Jesus answered by showing how he was fulfilling all the words of the prophets. Jesus came to bring joy to world that needs hope and peace. Join us again this evening at 5 PM as our Sunday school kids remind us of the joy of Christmas. Let us worship God today!

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas program: Practice for the program will be until noon. The Program will be at 5:00pm. For those playing prelude please be at church ready to play by 4:30pm.

Lessons and Carols: Sunday evening, December 22, we will be having our Lessons & Carols Service. If you would be willing to read a passage from Scripture, or have a song to sing or play, you are invited to participate. Please contact Pastor Todd by Tuesday, December 17. Let's offer our gifts to the King!

Thank you: We would like to thank the Hope CRC for all their prayers, words of encouragement, cards, food, and gifts after our recent surgeries. Recovery has gone very well. Thank you again.
Jennifer and Kaysha Steiger

Thank You to everyone who helped me celebrate my birthday by attending the open house, sending cards and personal well wishes! It is so great to belong to such a wonderful church family!
Bill Heynen

Thank you: We would like to thank the Hope congregation for the many ways you showed your concern for Marv during the past years. Thank you for your prayers, cards and all expressions of sympathy following his recent passing. Special thanks to our care group for the beautiful flower arrangement. We're grateful to be part of such a caring church family.
Joan and Virg

Thank you, Hope CRC, for your sharing your gifts of Thanksgiving for families in need of housing. We thank God for the many hands and hearts He uses to share His love with others through this ministry. Blessings as you continue to give thanks and celebrate Jesus Christ this time of year.
~ Siouxland Habitat for Humanity

HOPE CRC FAMILY PRAISE AND PRAYER CONCERNS

- ❖ We express our sympathy to Marty Kiers and family as they remember their father, Henry Kiers, who passed away on Thursday morning. May the Lord provide his comfort and encouragement to family and friends at this time. We give thanks for our hope in Jesus and His resurrection.
- ❖ We express our sympathy to Kathy Hulstein and family as they remember Kathy's mother, Minnie Wallenburg, 82, of Rock Valley, who passed away yesterday. We pray for the Lord's comfort and peace at this time.
- ❖ Don Boer was released from the hospital earlier this week. We pray for his continued strengthening.
- ❖ We pray for those dealing with illness, recovering from surgeries, and for those who may be struggling emotionally. May God provide healing and wholeness.
- ❖ We pray for Lyla Boer at Pleasant Acres and Don and family as they support her. We also remember those at home who 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

- ❖ We extend our Christian sympathy to Wilma Grevengoed and family in the passing of her sister, Arlene Meerdink, of Hartley who passed away on Friday, December 6. We extend our Christian sympathy to Jarvis and Shari De Wild and LuAnn De Wild and families in the passing of a brother-in-law, Merlyn (husband of Lonna) Smeenk, of Harrisburg, South Dakota who passed away unexpectedly Wednesday morning. We also extend our Christian sympathy to Joyce Vande Griend and Sally De Groot and families in the passing of a sister-in-law, June (wife of Al) Woudstra, of Orange City. Funeral services were held on Saturday. We extend our Christian sympathy to Rick & Eleanor Kiers and Cody & Shelby Kiers and family in the passing of their father and grandfather, Henry Kiers on Thursday morning. Henry was a long time member of our church. May God comfort these families in their loss.
- ❖ Remember Belle Draayer in her ongoing challenges in life.
- ❖ Liz Schmith went to Pleasant Acres on Tuesday, recovering from recent knee replacement surgery. Pray for healing.
- ❖ Norma Kotman had surgery on Tuesday at Avera and returned home on Wednesday. Pray for a good recovery.
- ❖ Remember Ed Scholten in your prayers as he continues to recover. Give thanks that he has experienced a good measure of relief from pain.
- ❖ Give thanks that physical therapy is going well for Shirley Rens. Continue to pray for Shirley as she recovers from surgery.
- ❖ Sandy Starkenburg was scheduled for a muscle test on the muscle around her esophagus this past Friday at Dakota Dunes. Pray for wisdom for the doctors and better health for Sandy.
- ❖ Berdena Bylsma had a pacemaker inserted on Tuesday. She was released on Friday to Pleasant Acres for rehab. Pray this will give her better health.
- ❖ Continue to remember Jarvis De Wild in your prayers. His next chemo treatment is Monday. Pray that the eating process will continue to improve and for overall healing.
- ❖ Give thanks that the shot that Lou Krommendyk received for her back pain is giving her relief. Lou appreciates visits.
- ❖ Continue to remember Ted and Lois Salazar in your prayers. Lois's next chemo treatment is scheduled for December 19. Pray that the chemo will be effective and that Lois will get the rest that she needs. Visitors are still welcome but please call or text first.
- ❖ Duck Lokhorst was released from Unity Point Hospital in Sioux City and is continuing her recovery at Pleasant Acres.,
- ❖ Pray for our shut ins: PA: Verne Huisman, Chuck & Darlene Kroese, Sally De Groot; Aspen Heights: Joyce De Vries, Harry Klay, Goldie Veldman; Sheldon Care Center: Julianne Kats; Rick Rozeboom's home: Esther Rozeboom; Sioux City: Ardelle Westra.