

Hope Lutheran Church Announcements – November 30, 2008

"To be a living example of the love of Jesus Christ"

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INVITING people to connect with God

Welcome to Hope Church! If you are a guest this morning, please notice the staff and lay leaders wearing identification badges. They will be able to assist you with any concerns. For the hearing impaired: place your hearing aids on the "T" switch for direct audio input during the service. Join us in the Lounge between services this morning for fellowship and refreshments.

· During worship today, please make sure that cell phones and pagers are in their silent mode or turned off.

SEEDS OF HOPE RESOURCE CENTER Please stop in the lounge and check out the Christmas and Advent table. You also might want to consider a Bible or another gift with a message. All items can be purchased with our simple "open anytime" process. Instructions for purchasing items and leaving payment are available. **Haitian coffee** is for sale, \$10/bag. Proceeds to benefit Haiti Missions.

ENCOURAGING PEOPLE TO CONNECT WITH EACH OTHER

LUNCHES with LUTHER is now on holiday break for the month of December.

JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH YOUTH are selling poinsettias to raise funds for the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans and the mission trip to Biloxi. Pick up an order form from an usher or the bulletin board. Drop off orders in the offering plate or return to the church office. Deadline: Today!

SPECIAL SUNDAY EVENTS:

Dec. 7 The *Messiah* will be performed by the Choir at the 8:00 and 11:00 worship services
Dec. 21 Traditional worship at 8:00 am. Children's Program will be presented at **10:00 am.**

ANNOUNCEMENT FLIERS are now being handed out by the ushers after the worship services. Copies are also available on the table outside the Lounge. This reduces the number of inserts in your bulletin.

YOGA is being offered at Hope on Wednesdays (beginning Dec. 3) from **8:15 to 9:15 pm** in the Lounge. See the flier for more details.

2009 EL SALVADOR mission trip plans are underway. See the separate flier for details or contact John Wagoner, 419-536-8274.

2009 YOUTH GATHERING is in New Orleans on July 22-24. Information available on the mission flier.

DISCIPLES IN TRAINING donated \$175.85 to World Hunger. Their offering boxes were brought forward during the service on Hunger Sunday.

EQUIPPING PEOPLE TO LIVE THE GOD LIFE

UPCOMING PREACHING SCHEDULE

Today	1 st Sunday of Advent Pastor Bill preaching
Dec. 7	Messiah at both 8:00 and 11:00 services Pastor Bill preaching at 9:30
Dec. 14	Pastor Tom preaching
Dec. 21	8:00 Worship, Pastor Bill preaching 10:00 Service Children's Program
Dec. 28	Pastor Bill and Pastor Tom preaching



Authentic props are still needed. Please pick up the flyer listing the items needed. If you have an item to donate, bring to the church office as soon as possible. If you loan the item, it will be catalogued to ensure the return after the event.

Dress rehearsal for all those involved is Tuesday, Dec. 9 at 6:30 pm.

Questions? Call Diane Barnes, Minister of Student Ministry, 419-536-8383 or dbarnes@hopetoledo.net

HOPE'S CHANCEL CHOIR will present Handel's Christmas Messiah featuring soloists and chamber orchestra on Sunday, December 7 at the 8:00 and 11:00 services. Come and experience the joy of our Savior's birth through this inspiring music.

THANKS to those who have turned in their pledge cards. Only 171 of the 327 cards mailed have been received. This is only 53%. If you have not turned in your card, please return to the Church office as soon as possible.

ADVENT STUDY - The Connections Small Group invites you to an Advent Study. Advent is a time of preparation for Christmas. All are welcome to join us to learn more about this special time. We will meet in the Nursery, Thursdays, Dec. 4, 11 and 18 from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Leader: Bob Beers

BLUE CHRISTMAS SMALL GROUP—Is Christmas time difficult for you? You are not alone. Join together with other people in a safe environment to learn coping strategies for the holidays. This will be a time to relax, share and learn alternatives for facing the challenges of the season. Join us Thursdays, Dec. 4, 11 and 18, 7:30 to 8:30 pm in the library. Leaders: Bonnie Kinschner and Dean Meinke. Call the church office to register 419-536-8383.

HAITI Mission Team members will be selling gift certificates to Calvino's Restaurant, a yummy, casual, family owned Italian restaurant at Cricket West. For every \$10 certificate sold the team will earn \$5.00 which will be used for supplies and /or projects for their March mission trip.

PRAYERS

PRAY for those hospitalized: (*released this week)

Toledo: Isaac Reichert, Carl Lease, Mary Beth Wilson, *Lori Mohn, Virginia Eisenbrandt

→ Please notify the church office when you or a family member is hospitalized. (419-536-8383)

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS to be prayed for this week: John Collier, Molly Henry, Jakob Wenman

ALTAR FLOWERS have been given to the Glory of God by Kathryn Vadas in memory of loved ones and by Jean Vosdoganes in memory of a beautiful friendship.

SCHEDULE

THIS WEEK AT HOPE - NOV. 30 - DEC. 6

TODAY 8:00, 9:30 and 11 am Worship
 9:30am Disciples in Training & SS

MON 1:00pm Bible Study at Woodlands
 6:30pm Healing Ministry in Library
 7:00pm Alanon in Nursery

TUES 6:45pm Pursuing Spiritual Transf. in S Lounge
 8:30pm A.A. in basement

WED 7:15am Men's Bible Study at Uncle John's
 5:15pm Be Still in Library
 5:15pm Rejoicing Ringers
 5:40pm Joyful Ringers
 6:00pm Children's Choir
 7:00pm Finance Team in Lounge
 7:00pm Chancel Choir in Choir Room
 8:00pm Handbells in Sanctuary
 8:15pm Yoga Class in Lounge

THURS 7:00am Pastor Bill's Bible Study in Lounge
 9:30am Women's Bible Study in S Lounge
 6:30pm Advent Study in Nursery
 7:00pm CRHP Women in Lounge
 7:30pm Blue Christmas in Nursery

FRI 8:00pm AA in basement

SAT 9:30am Altar Care Ministry in Sanctuary
 10:00am Praise Team in Sanctuary
 11:00am Trumpets in Choir Room

CHILD CARE for preschool children is provided during the 9:30 and 11:00 worship services. The Nursery is located outside the Sanctuary.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

4:00 pm Family Worship with drama of St. Francis and the Children's Choirs
 7:00 pm Candlelight Worship with Communion, Carols and Brass; Pastor Tom preaching
 11:00 pm Traditional Candlelight with Communion and Adult Choirs; Pastor Bill preaching

LADIES CRHP (Christ Renews His Parish) Weekend retreat is scheduled for January 31, beginning at 8 am and will conclude on February 1, by 4 pm. The retreat will take place at Hope Church. If you are interested in attending or have questions, contact Dana Imbrock, 419-824-3151.

MEN'S CRHP weekend retreat will be held Feb. 21 and 22, 2009. Please contact John Eby (419-344-5732) or Bill Kinschner (419-873-4633) for reservations or to answer any questions.

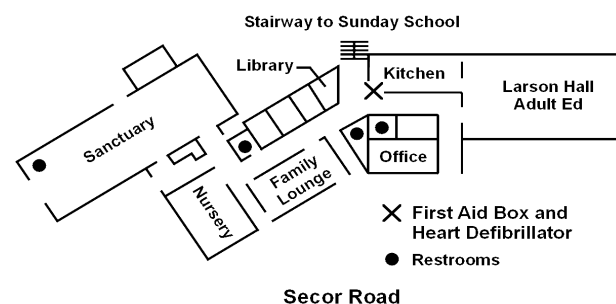
MINISTRY

TODAY'S MINISTERS

PROCLAIMERS OF	8:00	Paul Peters
THE WORD	11:00	Barbara Schlatter
ACOLYTE/CRUCIFER	8:00	Alex Mitchell
	11:00	Tommy Rudolph
WELCOME TEAMS	8:00	Don and Marian Mulligan
	9:30	Greg and Barb Whetstone, Jean Sapon, Paul Ravas
	11:00	Mike and Linda McEachern, Sandra and Dick Melton

HOPE'S MINISTRY TEAM

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DRIVERS are needed for those persons wishing to attend Sunday worship but have no transportation. Please call the church office 419-536-8383 if you are willing to help.

DONATIONS of regular and decaf coffee needed for Sunday fellowship. Please mark the can for Sunday fellowship and drop off in the kitchen.

FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY is collected the third Sunday of every month. The grocery cart receives offerings of canned goods and non-perishable items at all three services.

INDIAN ROAD entrance doors are locked during the week for security purposes. Use the Secor Road doors unless other arrangements have been made.

RECYCLE inkjet cartridges with proceeds benefiting the Romanian orphanage. Container is located just inside our kitchen door. Cancelled postage stamps are collected in the church office to benefit Heifer International.