

Hope Lutheran Church Announcements – December 14, 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 table. You also might want to consider a Bible or another gift with a message. The Center will be open next Sunday. All items can be purchased with our "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.

ANNOUNCEMENT FLIERS are available on the table in the narthex and the table outside the Lounge. This method now reduces the number of inserts in your bulletin.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM will be next Sunday at the 10:00 service. Traditional worship will be held at 8:00 am.

SALEM GIFTS from the stars on the tree in the Lounge will be delivered to Salem Church on Tuesday morning. Thanks to all those who purchased items!

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.

HAITI TRIP MARCH 7-15 We still have spaces available for doctors, RNs, pediatric specialists, anesthesiologists, dental specialists, and people willing to do **small construction and plumbing projects**. Call Karen Roman, 419-973-7803. Sign up deadline is Jan. 10, 2009.

WEBSITE SUBMISSIONS (i.e. pictures, news, updates to missions or other events) should be sent to info@hopetoledo.net.

EQUIPPING

PEOPLE TO LIVE THE GOD LIFE

UPCOMING PREACHING SCHEDULE

Today	Pastor Tom preaching
Dec. 21	8:00 Worship, Pastor Bill preaching 10:00 Service Children's Program
Dec. 28	Covenant Service with Pastor Bill and Pastor Tom preaching

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

4:00 pm	Family Worship with St. Francis of Assisi as he creates the first Christmas crèche. Children's Choirs will perform.
7:00 pm	Candlelight Worship with Communion, Carols and Brass; <i>Good News in Bad Times</i> —Pastor Tom
11:00 pm	Candlelight, Communion and Adult Choirs; <i>The Shack—The Original Story</i> —Pastor Bill

A Night in

BETHLEHEM
December 13 & 14, 2008

Stop by today between 1 and 6 pm to experience first century Bethlehem. Take in the sights, smells and sounds of the marketplace. See the baby!

CALLING ALL STRONG MEN AND WOMEN!!

We need help with taking down the sets and moving them to a storage area. We need help putting the donated props in boxes for storage. We plan to do this on Saturday, Dec. 27th starting at 9:00 am. If we get as much help tearing down as we got for set up, it won't take long to make it happen.

THANKS to those who have turned in their pledge cards. Only 185 of the 327 cards mailed have been received. This is only 57%. If you have not turned in your card, please return to the Church office as soon as possible.

Please help us live our vision by completing your 2008 pledge.

Total committed pledges for 2008	\$626,921
Received Pledges to date	\$585,875

ADVENT STUDY - The Connections Small Group invites you to an Advent Study. Advent is a time of preparation for Christmas. Join us to learn more about this special time on Thursday from 6:30 to 7:30 pm in the Nursery. 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 is a time to relax, share and learn alternatives for facing the challenges of the season. Join us on Thursday, from 7:30 to 8:30 pm in the Nursery. Leaders: Bonnie Kinschner and Dean Meinke.

PRAYERS

PRAY for those hospitalized: (*released this week)

Toledo: Carl Lease

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

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS to be prayed for this week: Hayden Henningsen, Collin Duffey, Tom Rudolph

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to John and Nancy Salsbury on the death of his mother, Mary Salsbury, who died on December 6. Cards can be sent to them at 2220 Birch Run Ct., Sylvania, OH 43560.

SCHEDULE

THIS WEEK AT HOPE - Dec. 14 - Dec. 20

TODAY	8:00, 9:30 and 11 am	Worship
	9:30am	Disciples in Training & SS
	1-6pm	Night in Bethlehem
MON	1:00pm	Bible Study at Woodlands
	7:00pm	Prayer Warriors in Lounge
	7:00pm	Alanon in Nursery
TUES	6:45pm	Pursuing Spiritual Transf. in Library
	7:00pm	Vision Team in 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 in Choir Room
	5:40pm	Joyful Ringers in Choir Room
	6:00pm	Children's Choir in Choir Room
	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
	9:00am	Christmas Give-Away at Salem
	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	Praise Team in Sanctuary
	10:30am	Children's Program Rehearsal in Sanctuary
	4:00pm	Serving at Cherry St. Mission

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

LADIES CRHP (Christ Renews His Parish) Weekend retreat at Hope is January 31, beginning at 8 am concluding February 1, at 4 pm. To register or if you have questions, please 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.

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

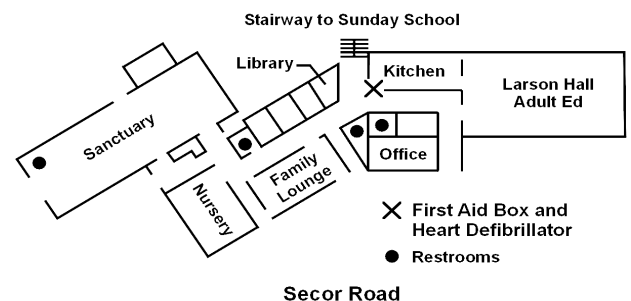
MINISTRY

TODAY'S MINISTERS

PROCLAIMERS OF	8:00	John Drowatzky
THE WORD	11:00	Jim Hodges
ACOLYTE/CRUCIFER	8:00	Jakob Wenman
	11:00	Susi Martinez
WELCOME TEAMS	8:00	Glenn and Molly Pocock
	9:30	Susan Coleman, Joyce Michalski, Al and Jackie Mercer
	11:00	Margaret and Fred Bretzloff Carol and Phil Meuser

HOPE'S MINISTRY TEAM

Ministers.....	The Members of Hope
Senior Pastor.....	Bill Roman (Home 419-531-7803) broman@hopetoledo.net
Discipleship Pastor.....	Tom Fraser (Home 419-382-9669) tfraser@hopetoledo.net
Minister of Organizational Life.....	Nancy Kile nkile@hopetoledo.net
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Minister of Communications.....	Amy Rowe arowe@hopetoledo.net
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Resident Psychologist.....	Dr. Dean Meinke dmeinke@hopetoledo.net 419-536-8100
Custodian.....	Steve Bowerize
Weekend Custodian.....	Lyndon Lee



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.

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.