

Hope Lutheran Church Announcements – December 21, 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 The Center is open today for your shopping pleasure. 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. 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

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

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.

MUSIC NOTES: There will be no choir rehearsals on Wed. Dec. 31, or Wed., Jan. 7. Choir rehearsals will resume on Wed., January 14.

5:15pm Rejoicing Ringers

5:40pm Joyful Ringers

6:00pm Children's Choir

7:00pm Chancel Choir

8:05pm Handbell Choir

The Handbell Choir will meet at 9:30 on Sun., Dec. 28 in the choir room and play for the 11 am service. The Chancel Choir will meet at 10:30 am on Sun., Dec. 28 and Sunday, Jan. 4, and sing for the 11 am service. The Chancel Choir will have Sunday, Jan. 11 off.

EQUIPPING

PEOPLE TO LIVE THE GOD LIFE

UPCOMING PREACHING SCHEDULE

Today	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

All services will be Candlelight Communion 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 Festival Worship with Carols and Brass;
God's Backstage Entrance—Pastor Tom

11:00 pm Traditional Service with Adult Choirs;
The Shack—The Original Story—Pastor Bill

The sanctuary will remain open for one hour following the conclusion of the 11:00 service for those wishing to spend time in silent meditation.



What an awesome experience! We thank the many, many, many volunteers who worked so hard putting this all together. Over 1,700 people visited Bethlehem last weekend. We thank Jeff Braatz for the video being shown on the hallway monitors.

CALLING ALL STRONG MEN AND WOMEN!!

We need help with taking down the sets and moving everything to a nearby storage area. 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.

HEALING SERVICE will be held on Sunday, Jan. 4 at 4:00 pm. This service includes anointing, prayers and laying on of hands with Holy Communion. Jim Oedy, founder and President of New Hope Christian Community Foundation and New Hope Institute, will be our guest speaker. Jim is Facilitator of Transform Toledo, an emerging Christian Leadership Foundation transforming our city via Toledo Area Ministries.

THANKS to those who have turned in their pledge cards. Only 189 of the 327 cards mailed have been received. This is only 58%. 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	\$592,904

PRAYERS

PRAY for those hospitalized: (*released this week)

Toledo: Carl Lease; UMCO: John Hageman, Kimberly Hageman

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

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS to be prayed for this week: Susi Martinez and Christa Henry

SCHEDULE

THIS WEEK AT HOPE - DEC. 21 - DEC. 27

TODAY 8:00 & 10:00 Worship
7:00pm CRHP Men in Lounge

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

TUES 8:30pm A.A. in basement

WED 4:00pm Family Worship
7:00pm Festival Service
11:00pm Traditional Worship

THURS CHRISTMAS DAY

FRI OFFICE CLOSED

SAT 8:00pm AA in basement
9:00am Packing up Bethlehem in Larson Hall
9:30am Praise Team in Sanctuary

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

CHILD CARE for preschool children is provided during the 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. Today, the grocery cart will receive offerings of canned goods and non-perishable items at all three services.

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

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

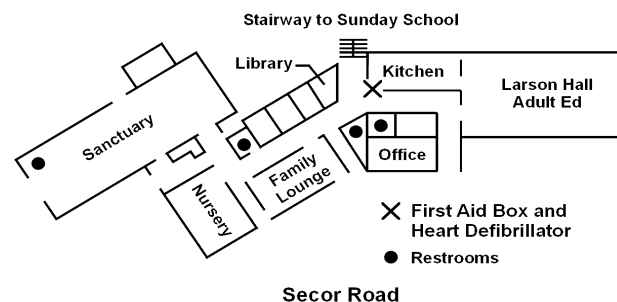
MINISTRY

TODAY'S MINISTERS

PROCLAIMERS OF	8:00	Steve Collier
THE WORD	10:00	Becca Mitchell
ACOLYTE/CRUCIFER	8:00	Jakob Wenman
	10:00	Tommy Rudolph
WELCOME TEAMS	8:00	Glenn and Molly Pocock
	10:00	Zachary Mercer, Emily Davis, Sara Martin, Matthew Bules

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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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.

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. Be sure to save all the stamps from your Christmas cards!