



HOPE *happenings*

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Love Wins

A Reflection from Pastor Shawn

As I write this I am packing up for a quick family trip to Florida. My sister-in-law just had a baby, so we decided to visit. Naturally, while we are there we are going to the most magical place on earth. No, not Disney World. The actual most magical place on earth: Harry Potter World.

In the spirit of that, I invite you to hear with me a brief conversation from the end of the very first Harry Potter book, The Sorcerer's Stone. After defeating Quirrell/Voldemort, Harry heard this from his school's headmaster, Dumbledore, concerning just how the 11 year old wizard prevailed against the most powerful wizard of all time:

Dumbledore said, "Your mother died to save you. If there is one thing Voldemort cannot understand, it is love. He didn't realize that love as powerful as your mother's for you leaves its own mark. Not a scar, no visible sign ... to have been loved so deeply, even though the person who loved us is gone, will give us some protection forever." (emphasis mine)

When Harry Potter came out many churches were concerned about children's books about magic. They feared it would lead children down the path of sorcery and away from God. And to the extent that, in a fantastic and make-believe sense, that happened, there can be no doubt. People of all ages love diving into the world of Harry Potter, but few expect the actual incantations to work.

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JANUARY WORSHIP NOTES

Worship with us..

8:30am: Band Led

10:30am: Piano & Organ Led

Sunday, January 6– Epiphany of our Lord

Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Sunday, January 13– Baptism of our Lord

Readings: Isaiah 43:1-7 & Acts 8:14-17

Gospel: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Installation of Officers & Committees

Sunday, January 20– 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

Readings: Isaiah 62:1-5 & 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Gospel: John 2:1-11

Sunday, January 27– 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

Readings: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 & 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Gospel: Luke 4:14-21

Discover Hope Breakfast



BAPTISM
OF THE
LORD

*In Our
Prayers*

We pray for Matthew Nourse, Carmon Becker, Sharlie Mullin, Curt Emery, Myrtle Rammacher, Luke Fries, Ben, Jeannette, Greg Kent, Chris Winkleman, Jaysen Bray, Kyler Limburg, Dave Carr, Paul Sanders, Bill Washburn, Betty Offhaus, Traci, Harold Staffehl, Joan Taylor, Amber Kilmer, John Kossow, Norma Siegel, Roger Day, Ron Martin, Keith Stromsoe, Dakota Miller, Fred Lee, Bob Vossler, Maria, Brooke Offhaus, Linda, Irene Lander, Matt Weaver, Darlene Cummings & Erin Hammell.

We also pray for all those who are struggling with drug and alcohol addictions and also pray for the victims of all forms of abuse. We continue to keep our Servicemen and women, who are serving at home and overseas, in our prayers.

Love wins cont...

Instead, what Harry Potter can teach us is not an alternative to the gospel, but a parable of it. An illustration of the power of love. The baby Harry Potter—the boy who lived—defeated the deadliest wizard the world had ever seen... through love. The same boy 11 years later armed only with a handful of spells triumphed yet again. And he would continue to triumph over he-who-must-not-be-named 6 times by the series end. Each time he was 'out-gunned, out-manned, out-numbered, and out planned,' but he had one thing the dark wizard couldn't understand and repeatedly underestimated: Love.



In 1 Corinthians, Paul famously describes the power of love. Smack dab in the middle of his explanation he says, "Love bears all things, love believes all things, love hopes all things, love endures all things. Love never ends" (1 Cor. 13:7). In Jesus, as we remembered just recently, love was born, and on the cross that love will be poured out for the life of the world. Love always wins.

Harry Potter hasn't taught anyone actual magic, *SPOILER ALERT* because magic is make-believe. But it can remind us that there is a force God has given this world more wonderful and powerful than any spell. A force with the ability to heal, to reconcile, to bring peace, and to save. A force that cannot and will not be stopped. A force that will always prevail. Love.

In the new year, my prayer for us is simple: that we will always remember that God's love has been poured into our hearts (Romans 5:5), and that we will embody that love and share it in all we do.



THANKS BE TO GOD

OUR CONGREGATION!

We wish to give our heartfelt thanks to the entire congregation for their thoughtfulness over the Christmas season. We were all so overwhelmed with the outpouring of your love and gifts. From the Christmas Cards, to the sweet treats and your very generous donations towards our Christmas Bonus, we thank you. We are all so blessed to do God's work at Hope and to be surrounded by such incredible people.

Thank you, Pastor Shawn, Julie, Margie, Carol, Paul, Chris, Katie, Wendy & Michelle

DIANE GIBBS

for her help in removing wall paper in the social hall

PAUL FEHRINGER

for making the beautiful snowmen and trees that were sold to benefit A Future with Hope

BOB VOSSLER

for 4 years of leadership as our Council President

CAROL BOLDT & JIM ALPIN

as their term comes to an end, we are thankful for their leadership on Church Council

THE CLUBHOUSE AT TURKEY RUN

for being very accommodating and hosting our very first "Beer & Hymns" fundraiser for A Future with Hope.

EVENTS at a GLANCE

- January 3** Friends of Night People Volunteering: 3-9pm
- January 6-** Sunday Services: 8:30am & 10:30am
- January 8-** Quilting: 10am-2pm
Youth Group: 6:30-8:00pm
- January 9-** Hope Respite: 10:30-2:30pm
- January 10-** Ladies of Hope Fellowship Night: 7pm
- January 13-** Sunday Services 8:30am & 10:30am
Installation of Council Officers & Committee Members (both services)
- January 14-** Church Council: 6:30pm
- January 15-** Quilting: 10am-2pm
American Red Cross Blood Drive: 11:30am– 5:30pm
Youth Group: 6:30-8:00pm
- January 20-** Sunday Services 8:30am & 10:30am
- January 22-** Quilting: 10am-2pm
Youth Group: 6:30-8:00pm
- January 23-** Committee Coffee House: 6:30pm
- January 27-** Sunday Services 8:30am & 10:30am
Discover Hope Breakfast: 9:30am
Confirmation: 5-7pm
- January 28-** Ale House Church: 7pm
- January 29-** Quilting: 10am-2pm
Youth Group: 6:30-8:00pm
- January 31-** Valentine Card Making Class: 6:30pm



OPPORTUNITIES

to Give & Serve

- **WINTER YOUTH RETREAT CAMPERSHIPS**— Our youth are headed for a weekend of spiritual learning and reflection, team building and fun at Camp Pioneer in Angola. The cost is \$110/child. To keep it affordable we are charging youth \$75 to attend which includes 2 nights of lodging and 4 meals. If you would like to sponsor a youth group member to attend and/or help to offset the cost difference in some way, please see Pastor Shawn.
- **HOPE PRESCHOOL**— The preschool is looking for donations to offset the cost of their program. They have started a “wish list item of the month” which features specific donations for their activities. Check out page 7 for more information.
- **RESPIRE PROGRAM OPPORTUNITY:** Starting January 9th, Hope will be offering a once-a-month respite program for caregivers of memory impairment individuals. We are always looking for people, or groups to prepare snacks and or lunch for the program. We would also welcome individuals to share their talents with the groups from time to time to provide entertainment, services (hair styling, nails) or activities. We would appreciate donations of magazines and picture books for the program and small knick-knack items to give as prizes for Bingo. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer please see Julie Tingue for upcoming volunteer training opportunities.
- **AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE** — The American Red Cross will be hosting a blood drive at Hope on **January 15 from 11:30am-5:30pm**. Please consider donating blood and/or serving as a volunteer to help check-in donors or host the canteen area.
- **SPROUTING HOPE TEACHERS:** We are looking for adult leaders to serve our Sprouting Hope Ministry. The curriculum is provided and involves teaching lessons and leading activities for children ages 2-4th grade, during one or both Sunday morning services. Please sign-up on the bulletin board.

2018 4TH QUARTER FINANCIAL UPDATE

October 2018

Weekly Giving: \$2,674
Average Attendance: 139
October 2017 Weekly Giving: \$2,317

November 2018

Weekly Giving: \$2,414
Average Attendance: 151
November 2017 Weekly Giving: \$2,545

December 2018

Weekly Giving: \$2,939
Average Attendance: 148
December 2017 Weekly Giving: \$2,502

MINISTRIES

YOUTH

YOUTH GROUP NIGHTS:

Tuesdays
6:30-8:00pm

CONFIRMATION:

Sunday, January 27
5-7pm

YOUTH WINTER RETREAT-

Our 7th- 12th graders are invited to attend a winter retreat March 15-17 at Camp Pioneer in Angola, NY. Pastor Shawn and our college students will lead the retreat. Cost: \$75 per youth. If your family needs financial assistance with this trip, please see Pastor.

COMMUNION INSTRUCTION:

Attention 2nd graders and those interested in communion instruction. Classes are set for Sundays: March 10, 17 & 24 at 11:30am (lunch will be provided). Communion Celebration will take place on Sunday, March 31. All classes are for children AND their parents. . If your child is in 2nd grade or has not yet gone through communion instruction at Hope and would be interested, please let pastor know.



ADULT

LADIES NIGHT-

The holiday hustle is behind us so lets get the ladies together for a fun and restful evening at Hope! Come for fellowship, snacks, devotion, creativity & pampering. Just bring yourself this **Thursday, January 10 at 7pm!**

COMMITTEE COFFEE HOUSE –

Our new church committees will have their first meeting of 2019 on **Wednesday, January 23at 6:30pm.** Committee planning will involve fish fry planning, VBS selection, outreach projects for 2019 and more. If you have been selected to be on one our committees, please make every effort to attend..

DISCOVER HOPE BREAKFAST-

A Discover Hope Brunch will be hosted by the Church Council and Committees of Hope at **9:30am on Sunday, January 27.** This is a wonderful way for us to celebrate God's work among us as we connect with one another. Those newer among us will be our special guests that morning as we discuss what Hope believes and how we live it out in the work of our ministry teams.

ALE HOUSE CHURCH –

Ale House Church will take place at Main Street Grille on **January 28 at 7:00pm.** Come raise a glass, no experience necessary. Topic to be announced soon!

VALENTINE CARD MAKING-

We are bringing back our art nights in 2019! Betsy Craft, joined by Jennifer Blackwell, will be kicking things off **Thursday, January 31 at 6:30pm** hosting a card making class. The theme will be Valentines Day and will include making 4 cards. It is for all ages, just bring \$10 and fine tip markers. Sign-up on the bulletin board so we can have enough materials!

HOPE PRESCHOOL



In December our kiddos did a great job in their Christmas pageant. Thank you to all that attended! A big THANK YOU to Bob & Jodi Buchhardt for playing Santa & his helper and to Ed & Ellen McCarthy for their help in securing gifts for Santa to pass out, they were a big hit! Now that the busyness of the Christmas season is behind us we will be slowing down a bit. We're looking forward to spending some time outside (hopefully playing in some snow)!

Our preschool will be hosting a Pampered Chef Party Fundraiser on **Friday, February 1 at 6pm**. All are invited to come learn how to get dinner on the table easy and economically through a fun freezer meal demo. Childcare will be provided during the party. If you can't make the party, no worries a pampered chef catalog is on the shelf in the parish hall. Profits from the party will support our Preschool.

As always we appreciate your generous support of our preschool— through prayer and financial giving. We have a new way that you can give to our program this year. We are going to feature a wish list item of the month that we could really use in the Preschool. This month kicks it off with:

PRESCHOOL WISH LIST ITEM OF THE MONTH:

Valentines Day Craft Materials

(examples: foam hearts, small wooden hearts, dollies of various shapes and sizes, etc.)



SAVE
the
DATE...

February 1: Preschool Pampered Chef Party

February 11: Church Council

February 13: Hope Respite

February 15: Fish Fry

February 24: Confirmation

February 25: Ale House Church

February 27: Committee Coffee House

March 6: Ash Wednesday

March 15: Fish Fry

March 31: Communion Celebration

April 14: Empty Bowls Fundraiser

April 21: Easter Sunday

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5,000 meals packaged by over 90 people at Hope and shared with Arcade, Delevan, Chaffee, Franklinville and Springville communities. Thank you to all involved!



What a night! The first ever Beer & Hymns brought 100 people together to join in song, share holiday cheer and in doing so made \$500 for A Future with Hope.

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◀ Welcome to the body of Christ! December brought the baptism of both Summer Daugherty & Sophia Kossow.

▶ Youth Group in December featured an awesome Christmas Party & Lock-In!



Our youth did an outstanding job telling the Christmas story last month in their production of "A Play In A Manger."



CELEBRATIONS

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 3- Cecelia Titus
- 4- Karen Monin
- 4- Brenda Schmidt
- 5- Susan Dressel
- 6- Albert Noble
- 8- Alfred Ackerman
- 10- Mary Dell
- 12- Brandon Carter
- 12- Heather Petrillo
- 13- David Carr
- 14- Mark Cordz
- 14- Kelly Thomson
- 15- Jacob Offhaus
- 16- Graham Milks
- 17- Scott Rimbey
- 20- Myles Carter
- 20- Leonard Dressel
- 20- Kim Offers
- 21- Caroline Neamon
- 23- Marilyn Pirdy
- 26- Paul Blackwell
- 28- Ron Ashworth
- 28- Beverly Hallock
- 29- Clara Gross
- 29- Amanda Metzger



Congratulations to Jim Vitale and Eric Masden! Both are past interns that served at Hope. They have recently been approved for ordination to be pastors and are awaiting their assignments.

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 1- Paul & Jennifer Blackwell
- 2- Marc & Heather Petrillo
- 13- Kim & Pat Wittenrich
- 27- Bob & Margie Webster

SERVING IN WORSHIP

	January 13	January 20	January 27
Acolyte 8:30 am	Cora and Connor Fleischman	Eric Rautenstrauch Cody Smith	Megan Boldt
Acolyte 10:30am	KristoferBurfield	Kole Hammell	GavinHammell
Altar Guild	Margie Rung Carol Staffehl	Carol Boldt	Sue Dressel Judy Strobele
Assisting Minister 8 :30 am 10:30 am	Tracey Wood Julie Tingue	Margie Webster Bob Vossler	Mary Alpin Stephen Struckmann
AV Tech 8:30 am 10:30 am	Cora Blackwell Cindy Struckmann	Trevor Bley Stepehn Struckmann	Jim Alpin Scott Rimbey
HC Assistant 8:30am 10:30am	Margie Webster Dale Deahn	Jacob Offhaus Kathy LaScala	Ernie Floyd Bob Vossler
Council Rep 8:30am 10:30am	TBD	TBD	TBD
Greeters (10:30)	Len & Sue Dressel	Bob & Sharlene Vossler	Kim Offers
Lector 8:30am 10:30am	Monica Reding Matt Rung	Ashley Bartz Kim Offers	Janet Campana Dale Deahn
Prayers 8:30 am 10:30 am	Marcy Sonner Sharlene Vossler	Mike Campana Matt Rung	Carol Hannon Paul Rigerman
Children's Church 8:30am 10:30am	Ashley Bartz Sue Dressel	Megan Titus Tracey Wood	Ashley Bartz Sue Dressel
Ushers 8:30am	Diane Gibbs Joanne Offers	Jim & Mary Alpin	Tim & Marcy Sonner
Ushers 10:30 am	Al Boldt Kim Offers	Len & Sue Dressel	Kathy LaScala Jodie Buchhardt
Coffee Hour 9:30-10:30am	Tracey Wood	Jen Blackwell	Margie Rung
Counters	Mike Sonner, Jr. Anna Sonner	Joanne Offers Kelly Thomson	John Kossow

In everything there is hope.



Tim Sonner created this beautiful manager using the alter railing that was removed last year in the sanctuary. Let it be a reminder to you of Christ's never ending LOVE for you! Many blessings to you and all those you love

in 2019!

*"O give thanks to the God of heaven, for his steadfast LOVE endures forever."
- Psalm 136:26*

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