



HOPE *happenings*

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A man and a friend are playing golf... A Reflection from Pastor Shawn

There's a joke that goes: "A man and a friend are playing golf one day at their local golf course. One of the guys is about to chip onto the green when he sees a long funeral procession on the road next to the course. He stops in mid-swing, takes off his golf cap, closes his eyes, and bows down in prayer. His friend says: "Wow, that is the most thoughtful and touching thing I have ever seen. You truly are a kind man." The man then said "Yeah, well we were married 35 years.""

I often think about that joke when I find myself driving in funeral processions, and unfortunately it does not come to mind because I see people doing the most thoughtful and touching things I have ever seen. Very little awareness or respect remains for funeral processions today. I've seen things from blatant disregard for the procession to full on road rage.

And I do not think this is specifically about the procession. In general, American culture is moving away from a solemn and serious recognition of death. We've traded church sanctuaries and funeral homes for local restaurants and halls. We schedule it for weeks or months in advance so that the death is less of an interruption (as if we can actually control that). We gather around soda pop and pizza instead of the body of our loved one. If we do anything at all. We silence our grief in claims of pure celebration.

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WORSHIP NOTES

Sundays at 8:30am: Band Led Worship

Sundays at 10:30am: Piano & Organ Led Worship

Sunday, March 1

First Sunday in Lent
Reading: Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7
Romans 5:12-19
Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

Wednesday, March 4

11am Community Lent Service & Luncheon

Sunday, March 8

Second Sunday in Lent
Readings: Genesis 12:1-4a
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
Gospel: John 3:1-17

Wednesday, March 11

11am Community Lent Service & Luncheon

Sunday, March 15

Third Sunday in Lent
Readings: Exodus 17:1-7
Romans 5:1-11
Gospel: John 4:5-42

Wednesday, March 18

11am Community Lent Service & Luncheon

Sunday, March 22

Fourth Sunday in Lent
Readings: 1 Samuel 16:1-13
Ephesians 5:8-14
Gospel: John 9:1-41

Wednesday, March 25

Community Lent Service & Luncheon

Sunday, March 29

Fifth Sunday in Lent
Readings: Ezekiel 37:1-14
Romans 8: 6-11
Gospel: John 11:1-45
Communion Celebration at 10:30am Service

In addition to preaching at Hope, Pastor Shawn will also be preaching at Arcade UCC on Sundays March 1 & 15 at their 9:30am service. The UCC church is currently without a Pastor and is paying Hope \$250 a month for Pastor to fill in for them in this time of need. Thank you for your understanding.

IN OUR PRAYERS:

We pray for Matthew Nourse, Curt Emery, Ben, Dave Carr, Paul Sanders, Betty Offhaus, Joan Taylor, Roger Day, Matt Weaver, Mary Ann, Mary Dell, Doug Lavery, Carrie Ruffin, Suzanne Struckmann, Ken Babbitt, Catherine, Jay May, Ed Cole, Wade, Sandy Semans, Ryley Green, Roxanne, Ally Conrad, Becky, Erin Hammell, Rick Lewis, Lloyd Neamon, Randy Cady, Greg, Mary Ellen, Sharon Brown, Jane Kruse, Cory Weaver, Dennis Rung, Jerimiah Conde, Angie Arnold, Serena Nourse, Aaron Root, Andy Root, Barb Boyer, Jerry Hartel.



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.

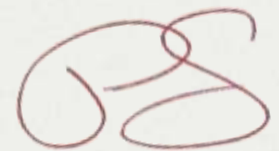
“A man and a friend are playing golf”...cont.

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And what I notice is 2-3 years after a death many individuals are still deeply grieving it (or perhaps finally grieving it).

We are in a season of the church year where avoiding death is not so simple. As I write this, I still have ash under my fingernails left over from services where I reminded individuals from 2-96 years old that they were dust, mortal, and surely going to die. We're headed to a Friday where death yet again will be undeniable as we remember our Lord's crucifixion. And giving those realities voice and recognition doesn't hurt us as we presume, but gives us hope and life.

I cannot change the tide of culture around the American funeral, so let me go back to where I started. Take off your cap for funeral processions. Pull over. Sit at green lights while a family burying their dead drives through the intersection. When you do, do not think about the places you have to be, but for the family driving to the last place they want to go. Let death interrupt you and acknowledge it. And who knows, with a healthier and more respectful view of death and for those who grieve, you may be more ready when it happens to you.



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THANKS BE TO GOD

Zach Wiedemann

for his commitment and dedication to Hope's Youth as our Youth Director for the last few years. We wish him well in his next chapter.



EVENTS at a GLANCE

- March 1:** Sunday Services: 8:30am & 10:30am
- March 3:** Quilting: 10am-2pm
Youth Group: 6:30-8pm
- March 4:** Community Lent Service & Luncheon: 11am
- March 5:** Fish Fry Prep: 9am
Ministry Morning: Turning T-Shirts into Reusable Bags: 9:30am
Friends of Night People Volunteering– Men's Group: 3:15pm
- March 6:** Fish Fry: 4:30pm– sold out
- March 8:** Sunday Services: 8:30am & 10:30am
Empty Bowls Planning Meeting: 9:30am
Communion Instruction: 11:30am
- March 9:** Church Council: 6:30pm
- March 10:** Quilting: 10am-2pm
Youth Group: 6:30-8pm
- March 11:** Community Lent Service & Luncheon: 11am
- March 12:** Hope Respite
Book Club #1 at Rachel Kittleson's Home: 7pm
- March 15:** Sunday Services: 8:30am & 10:30am
Communion Instruction: 11:30am
- March 17:** Quilting: 10am-2pm
Youth Group: 6:30-8pm
- March 18:** Community Lent Service & Luncheon: 11am
- March 19:** Life Line Screening at Hope
Book Club #2 at Carol Boldt's Home: 7pm
- March 20-22:** Youth Retreat
- March 22:** Sunday Services: 8:30am & 10:30am
Communion Instruction & Chalice Painting: 11:30am
- March 24:** Quilting: 10am-2pm
American Red Cross Blood Drive: 11:30am-5:30pm
Youth Group: 6:30-8pm
- March 25:** Community Lent Service & Luncheon: 11am
Committee Coffee House: 6:30pm
- March 29:** Sunday Services: 8:30am & 10:30am
Communion Celebration at 10:30am service
- March 31:** Quilting: 10am-2pm
Book Club #3 at Hope: 2:30pm
Youth Group: 6:30-8pm



HOPE YOUTH

Youth Group: Every Tuesday from 6:30-8pm for middle and high schoolers. Bring a friend and a few dollars for pizza!

Middle & High School Winter Retreat: Sign up to participate in Hope's 2020 Winter Retreat, themed "Surrounded," that will be held at Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center in Bemus Point, NY. The weekend will include games, worship, team building, bible study and winter fun! A complete packing list and itinerary will be shared after signing up. The cost to attend is \$75 (scholarships are available). The cost includes all meals and lodging. Contact the church office at 585-492-2530 or office@hopearcade.org with any questions or for more information. Registration is online [HERE!](#)

***NEW* Youth Contact Forms & Code of Conduct:** All youth are asked to fill out the 2020 contact information form and code of conduct by the end of March. Copies are available on the shelf.

February's Youth of the Month:

Timmy Sonner



HOPE PRESCHOOL



We kicked off the month of February with a new student, Everleigh, which brings our class to 22 students. This month our dramatic play area turned into a post office and we spent time sorting and sending mail. We also read some fun books about magic mailboxes and letter writing animals!

We had a special visit from Mrs. Fran Senko, a local dental hygienist, who shared with us the importance of brushing and flossing. We celebrated Valentine's Day by making special Valentines for our parents and our friends. We had a party on February 14 which included games, crafts and treats!

On Ash Wednesday Pastor Shawn visited our class with ashes. He taught our kids that the cross is a symbol of God's love for us. Our friends that were interested were able to get ashes on their hands or foreheads.

Registration is open and online for our 2020-2021 class of 4 & 5 year-olds. Applications are online or in the church office. We can accept 24 students for the next school year and already have 6 signed up!

Wish List Item of the Month: Silk Flowers & Voss Water Bottles

OPPORTUNITIES

TO GIVE & SERVE:

Friends of Night People: The men of Hope are volunteering on March 5 at Friends of Night People in Buffalo. Duties include serving dinner and drinks, cleaning trays and helping in the clothing closet. We will carpool from church at 3:15pm, will serve from 5-7:30pm and then go out to dinner before returning home to Arcade. We are looking for 10-12 men to participate. You can sign up on the church bulletin board.

Ministry Morning: T-shirts to Bags: Starting March 1, plastic bags will be banned in New York State which will be troublesome for our local food pantries. On **March 5 from 9:30-11:30am**, Hope will be turning old t-shirts into reusable shopping bags for our local food pantries. We welcome donations of old t-shirts or volunteers to join us in this project!



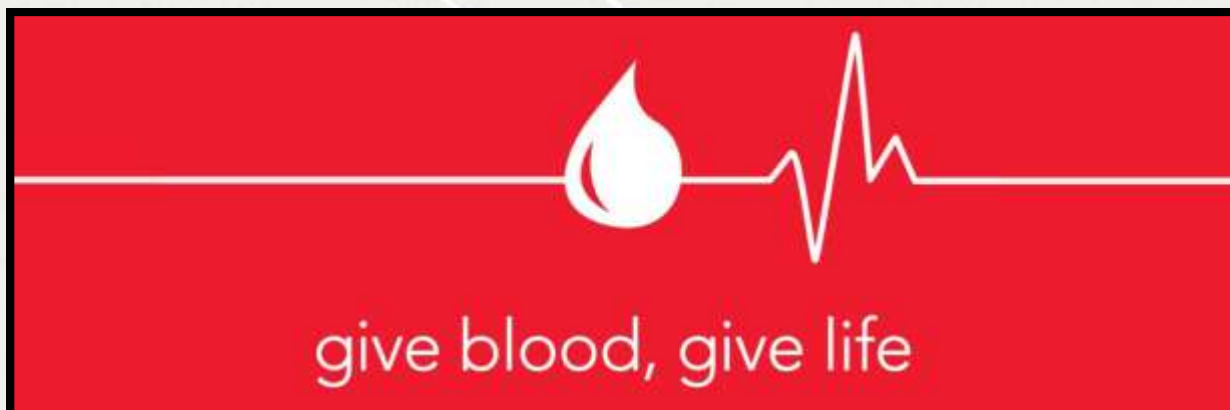
Empty Bowls Project: Plans are in the making for the 4th Annual Empty Bowls Soup & Bread Luncheon on April 26 at 11:30am. Guests come to the event and purchase a hand-made pottery bowl and enjoy soups of different kinds during the Luncheon and then get to take home their bowl. The event raises awareness of hunger with 100% of funds going to support local, national and international hunger efforts. There are several ways, in addition to attending, that you can offer assistance for this event:

- **Make Soup:** Sign-up to bring your favorite Soup to the event. All kinds welcome, please sign-up on the shelf.
- **Basket Raffle Donation:** We have an exciting basket raffle in collaboration with this event that also benefits hunger efforts. Baskets can be dropped off in Julie's office any time from now until the event.
- **Volunteer:** Wash dishes, assist with the basket raffle, serve soup, serve drinks, etc. There will be lots to do and many hands needed for a successful event! A volunteer sign-up sheet is on the shelf.

Winter Youth Retreat Campships— Our youth are headed for a weekend of spiritual learning and reflection, team building and fun at LCLC in Bemus Point. The cost is \$125/ 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 please talk to Pastor Shawn or visit the church office.

Blood Drive: Hope is hosting a blood drive on March 24 from 11:30am-5:30pm.

We have learned about a specific request for a Direct Donor Opportunity. A direct donor is someone that donates their blood for a specific person. Our Hope member, Dan Osgood, is a direct donor for a boy named Kyle. Kyle's parents are searching for more direct donors to help save his life. An ideal direct donor would have the blood type of AB or A, is in good health, lives a healthy lifestyle and can donate at the Cheektowaga blood center. For more information on how to find out if you can help Kyle contact Dan Osgood or Tracey Wood at Hope.



HOPE GIVES: *Lenten Discipline*

Hope's Outreach Committee would like you to consider adding Almsgiving this year to your Lenten journey. We are asking you to support the below local and regional charities in March.

Each week during lent we will be suggesting items that these charities are most in need of and will ask you to bring those items on the corresponding Sunday.

Whether you are fasting, giving something up or doing something extra for Lent in your attempts to re-focus yourself on God and his ways we pray that you will fully immerse yourselves in the season so that you will be better able to rejoice on Easter Sunday!

Week #1: March 1:

Monetary Donations for Arcade Fire Department

Arcade Fire Department is one of the busiest fire departments in Wyoming County and responds to over 700 calls a year. The department is home to 85 volunteer members and 20 medical technicians (EMTs) who proudly provide the primary source of fire protection and emergency medical services within the 120 square mile district. We will be collecting monetary donations for the Arcade Fire Department during Lent however the greatest need for the Fire Department are new volunteers of any skill level. Interested individuals can stop by the fire hall any Wednesday night.



Week #2: March 8:

Q-Tips, White Washcloths & Chapstick for Charlotte House

Charlotte House is a new end-of-life Comfort Care Home in North Java. It is for individuals who are terminally ill and wish to live in comfort, receive quality care and support from staff, family and trained volunteers. All services are provided at no cost to the resident and all operating and resident care costs are covered through community support, fundraising, grants and memorials/bequests. At this time they could use donations of Q-Tips, White Washcloths and Chapstick.



Week #3: March 15:

Markers, Construction Paper & Glue Sticks for Holland Boys & Girls Club

The Holland Boys & Girls Clubs provide kids and teens a safe place to develop essential skills, make lasting connections and have fun. Offering things like afterschool programs, sport leagues, leadership programs and life skills it is a great service for the Holland and surrounding communities. They are currently in need of art supplies including markers, construction paper and glue sticks.



Week #4: March 22:

Small Toiletry Items for the Veteran Hospital

The Veterans Hospital in Buffalo is a comprehensive health care service that serves military veterans in Western New York. The centers could not provide many of the services for Veterans if it were not for the generosity of people in the community. Donations of materials help to provide for the increasing needs of the veterans they serve. Donations of small toiletry items such as shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, soap, shaving cream and more are greatly appreciated.



Week #5: March 31:

Juice for Arcade & Delevan Food Pantries

Our local food pantries are in need of juice- both gallon sized and single serving size. The Arcade Food Pantry operates in the Arcade United Methodist Church and the Delevan Food Pantry is located in the Delevan United Methodist Church.



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Our Respite crew celebrated Valentines Day and completed their first service project... turning old t-shirts into reusable bags for our local food pantry!



Youth Group this month included sledding on the Arcade Park Snow hill, pancakes on Fat Tuesday and a special night thanking Zach for his time spent as Hope's Youth Director.



On February 16 we celebrated the baptism of Zoey Frances Malik



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The people of Hope spent two evenings this month volunteering in Buffalo. One of our ladies book club prepared a meal for the families at the Ronald McDonald House and a group of Hopesters served a meal to the homeless at Friends of Night People.



▲ Confirmation this month was centered on Prayer.
▶ During the Ash Wednesday evening service palms were burned for the imposition of ashes.



CELEBRATIONS

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

6- Brent Nowak
8- Leah Woodruff
14- Vern Bliss
15- James Burns
16- Sarah Bennett
16- Paul Fehringer
18- Tomi Cordz
20- Michael Sonner, Sr.
20- Timothy Sonner
20- Pat Wittenrich
22- Tyler Cockle
22- Jane Kruse
23- Bruce Nichols
25- Jamie Kittleson
26- Kathryn Landahl
27- Ryan Merlau
30- Michael Sonner, Jr.
31- Anna Sonner

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

14- John & Melissa Pleace
21- Marisa & Dennis Sanders

Musicals...

Support our Youth in upcoming theater productions in the area...

Holland Central Schools Present:
Leader of the Pack
Fri., Feb 28 @ 7:30pm
Sat., Feb. 29 @ 7:30pm
Sun., March 1 @ 2:00pm

Pioneer Central Schools Present:
Cinderella
Fri., March 6 @ 7pm
Sat., March 7 @ 2pm & 7pm
Sun., March 8 @ 2pm



Lenten Fish Fry: April 3

Lenten Community Service & Lunch: April 1

Palm Sunday: April 5

Maundy Thursday: April 9

Good Friday: April 10

Easter Sunday: April 12

Empty Bowls Luncheon & Fundraiser:
April 26

Ale House Church: April 27

SERVING IN WORSHIP

	March 1	March 8	March 15	March 22	March 29
Sunday Steward: 8:30 am	Cora Blackwell	Tracey Wood	Evan Frazier	Angie Tavernier	Tyler Bley
Greeters: 8:30am	Barb Sonner	Cindy Gaston	Angie Tavernier	Bev Hallock	Betsey Craft
AV Tech: 8:30 am	Ernie & Jacob	Jim Alpin	Cora Blackwell	Ernie & Jacob	Cora Blackwell
Acolyte: 8:30 am	Cody Smith	Cecelia Titus	Grace Tavernier	Makenna Smith	McKenna Krist
Assisting Minister: 8:30 am	Marjorie Webster	Mary Songster -Alpin	Marjorie Webster	Tracey Wood	Mary Songster - Alpin
Children's Church: 8:30am	Jenni Smith	Amy Thomson	Anna Tavernier	Deb Wood	Anna Tavernier
Lector: 8:30am	Janet Campana	Monica Reding	Dale Deahn	Cecelia & Everett Titus	Cora Blackwell
Prayers: 8:30 am	Jen Blackwell	Mike Sonner, Sr.	Brian Tavernier	Marjorie Webster	Julie Tingue
Ushers: 8:30am	Betsey Craft Amy Thomson	Jason Gerhard Terry Reding	Missy Pleace Ashley Bartz	Evan Frazier Tyler Bley	Mike Sonner, Sr. Terry Reding
HC Assistants: 8:30am	Tyler Bley Missy Pleace Brian Tavernier Jenni Smith	Megan Titus Kristin Bley Diane Gibbs Julie Tingue	Mary Songster-Alpin Jen Blackwell Jim Alpin Tracey Wood	Amy Thompson Megan Titus Kristin Bley Julie Tingue	Angie Tavernier Tracey Wood Brian Tavernier Diane Gibbs
Sunday Steward: 10:30 am	Margie Rung	Carol Boldt	Sue Dressel	Bob Vossler	Margie Rung
Greeters: 10:30 am	Margie Rung	Brenda Schmidt	Kathy LaScala	Sharlene Vossler	
AV Tech: 10:30 am	Cindy Struckmann	Stephen Struckmann	Cindy Struckmann	Carol Staffehl	Cindy Struckmann
Acolyte: 10:30 am	Trey Monin	Tyce Monin	Gavin Hammell	Kole Hammell	Kristofer Burfield
Assisting Minister: 10:30 am	Sue Dressel	Bob Vossler	Sue Farris	Stephen Struckmann	Sue Dressel
Children's Church: 10:30 am	Tracey Wood				
Lector: 10:30 am	Jodie Buchhardt	Sue Farris	Sharlene Vossler	Paul Rigerman	Al Boldt
Prayers: 10:30 am	Sandi Bennett	Carol Staffehl	Paul Rigerman	Bob Vossler	Jodie Buchhardt
Ushers: 10:30 am	Ellen McCarthy Kathy LaScala	Sue & Len Dressel	Sandi Bennett Kathy LaScala	Al Boldt Bob Buchhardt	Bob Vossler Len Dressel
HC Assistants: 10:30 am	Sharlene Vossler Sue Farris Stephen S. Rachel Kittleson	BrendaSchmidt Kathy LaScala Ruth Z. Carol Boldt	Carol Boldt Jodie Buchhardt Bob Vossler Rachel Kittleson	Ellen McCarthy Ruth Z. Sue Dressel Sue Farris	Communion Celebration
Altar Guilds:	Diane Gibbs Carol Boldt	Cindy Struck. Tracey Wood	Ellen McCarthy Sue Dressel	Barb Sonner Margie Rung	Diane Gibbs Carol Boldt
Coffee Hour:	Carol Boldt	Jodie Buchhardt	Marjorie Webster	Janet Campana	Ashley Bartz
Counters:	Scott Bley	Mike Sonner Zach Wiedemann	Joanne Offers Kelly Frazier	Ashley Gerhard Sandy Ashworth	Jamie & Rachel Kittleson

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FISH FRY

Friday, March 6 & April 3

4:30 until sold out

In everything there is hope.