

# The R E A C H O U T

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*Through Christ we put God first by teaching reaching and loving all!*

For this year my mind will be meditating on these Scriptures to guide me with the confirmation class, the sermons, the discipleship training, the weddings, funerals, and of course all the other ministries we do here at Good Hope Lutheran Church.

Micah 6:8 8He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Acts 3:1-7 <sup>1</sup>One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, at three o'clock in the afternoon. <sup>2</sup>And a man lame from birth was being carried in. People would lay him daily at the gate of the temple called the Beautiful Gate so that he could ask for alms from those entering the temple. <sup>3</sup>When he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked them for alms. <sup>4</sup>Peter looked intently at him, as did John, and said, "Look at us." <sup>5</sup>And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them. <sup>6</sup>But Peter said, "I have no silver or gold, but what I have I give you; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, stand up and walk." <sup>7</sup>And he took him by the right hand and raised him up; and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong.

We have been very low in attendance for a while now. We can always look for reasons why this is happening, and we certainly have all kinds of reasons for it. My biggest concern is that if we do nothing to change this situation, will the situation change? When I think and ponder that thought I think about a burned-out light bulb. If we keep flipping the switch, will the light come back on? Or do we need to change the light bulb? So, with that in mind, I have been working on what to change. I don't like or want change just for the sake of change! Really! I would love for things to stay the same and get new members, or have the attendance go up. But, is that realistic? I have been praying and pondering the ideas we are starting to implement. My goal is to go back to the basics of Word and Sacrament. I am looking to make our worship more of an experience or experiential. I want to encourage all of us to mean what we say, and say what we mean. That we just don't go through the motions but truly live out our faith. I do need input to make sure we don't run over anyone who cannot keep up. I want to have the steps to help those who find this difficult have the ability to join or be part of the ministry. Another way to say it, lend a hand to help all be able to participate in the worship or the faith experience.

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October 26

So, we have made the sanctuary a place to worship and praise God. We have our social time after worship. I got this idea from you, the people of Good Hope. You have always shared the peace at the end of the worship then that moves to the fellowship time after the worship. The norm is to have the sharing of the peace right before the offering if you look on page 66 in the front of your Lutheran Book of Worship. But you taught me a new thing, and it really makes a statement to everyone that you share the peace and have fellowship. Fellowship is that time to catch up and talk to one another. So, we come in and make our priority praising and worshiping God, then move from the praise, worship, Word and Sacraments, to the practice of what we learned. We greet and care for one another from fellowship together to the rest of the week. We have so much to offer one another.

The third Sunday of the month we all get to participate in taking our gift to the table and offering them to God. We get to feel the actual giving of our gifts to God. I messed up on that one because I didn't think about those who cannot make that trip but have a desire to give. You see I thought we could help each other bring that gift forward and present it just as the men would bring the lame man to the gates of the temple. I need to do more work on that one. We will have ushers help to take up the offering of those who cannot. I am still learning what it means to think of everything. God bless those who talked to me to help me understand. I appreciate that feedback. We all are Lutheran so we should all be working on reforming the church, so all may worship and feel the strength in giving and serving God. I promise you the more you participate in the worship the more you get from it.

I also forget about the strength of fear in change, or that we might not feel comfortable doing things in front of others. We live in a high anxiety world. We are moving at such a fast pace, that we have to develop or learn new things every day. You buy a cell phone and it is outdated the day you buy it. We get updates on our phones and have to learn it all over again about every three to six months. Our computers are the same way, old news the minute we purchase them. Believe me we can worship God at a slower pace than all that has been forced on us in society. But again, if we don't practice here, what can we do out in the community and world??

I really want the worship services to be something you experience! I want to help everyone to experience not only the Love of Christ, but to love like Christ. I want us to grow in reaching out and touching the lives of those around us, and find ways to practice, or out-do one another in serving. I need your help. I do not want to go into survival mode. I want to go into thriving mode, trusting that God is a God of abundance. How do we thrive and show others our pure reliance on God? How do we work on finding ways to show God's love to others that we ourselves feel from God? How can I help you to seek God in the Scripture? How do I help you to experience God in a way that gets you excited to learn more and share to others? Help me to help you be the best Child of God you can be. Let's get excited this year and serve this community with the whole Body of Christ.

Meditate with me. Micah 6:8: 8He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Let us find our gifts and use them to do justice, and let us love kindness, and of course let us walk humbly with God!!!

*Rev. Ralph Edwards*

# Dorcas Circle ~ Hannah Circle

## MONTHLY MEETINGS

**HANNAH CIRCLE:** Second Tuesday at 10:00 AM

**DORCAS CIRCLE:** Second Wednesday at 10:30 AM

## PURPOSE:

As a community of women, created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world.



## HANNAH CIRCLE NEWS

Hannah Circle met at the church September 11th with six members present.

We exchanged names for Prayer Partners and discussed making ornaments for Christmas Eve services.

Loetta Haller presented an interesting Bible Study 4 about the Beatitudes.

Please consider saving aluminum foil and cans for Hannah Circle as it is our only fundraiser. We received \$34 for recycling in July. Thank you, Hallers, for taking the cans to the recycling center.

Next meeting will be at the church on October 9th with Tracey Byler leading devotions.

## DORCAS CIRCLE NEWS

The September meeting was held at SOV on September 12th. The meeting opened with prayer followed by Bible Study, "How do I describe Jesus?".

Annemarie Conklin's program was based on Biblical Research— uses of barley in Jesus' time, and what was a broom tree.

Our October meeting will be our annual outing at Ruby Tuesdays on October 17th. Meet at SOV at 12:30.

The November meeting will be on November 14th at SOV at 1:00pm.

## Stewardship Team

The stewardship team met on September 11th. We discussed information to include in a visitor/ new member packet. We also looked at several ideas for outreach into our community. Sarah is researching the best company to go with for online giving.

New members and new ideas are always welcome!

# Sundays & Seasons Worship Planner

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DATE	EVENT NAME	COLOR	READINGS	INTRODUCTION
October 7th	20th Sunday After Pentecost	green	Genesis 2:18-24 Psalm 8 Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12 Mark 10:2-16	Today's gospel combines a saying that makes many of us uncomfortable with a story we find comforting. Jesus' saying on divorce is another of his rejections of human legislation in favor of the original intent of God's law. Jesus' rebuke of the disciples who are fending off the children should challenge us as well. What does it mean to receive the kingdom of God as a child does?
October 14th	21st Sunday After Pentecost	green	Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 Psalm 90:12-17 Hebrews 4: 12-16 Mark 10:17-31	The rich man who comes to ask Jesus what he should do to inherit eternal life is a good man, sincere in his asking. Mark's gospel is alone in saying that Jesus looked on him and loved him. Out of love, not as judgment, Jesus offers him an open door to life: sell all you own and give it to the poor. Our culture bombards us with the message that we will find life by consuming. Our assemblies counter this message with the invitation to find life by divesting for the sake of the other.
October 21st	22nd Sunday After Pentecost	green	Isaiah 53:4-12 Psalm 91:9-16 Hebrews 5:1-10 Mark 10:35-45	Today's gospel starts with disciples obsessing over who's number one, which leads Jesus to say something about God's take on importance and power. Here Jesus makes it explicit that the reversal of values in God's community is a direct challenge to the values of the dominant culture, where wielding power over others is what makes you great. When we pray "your kingdom come" we are praying for an end to tyranny and oppression. We pray this gathered around the cross, a sign of great shame transformed to be the sign of great honor and service.
October 28th	Reformation Sunday	red	Jeremiah 31: 31-34 Psalm 46 Romans 3:19-28 John 8:31-36	On this day we celebrate the heart of our faith: the gospel of Christ—the good news—that makes us free! We pray that the Holy Spirit would continue to unite the church today in its proclamation and witness to the world. In the waters of baptism we are made one body; we pray for the day that all Christians will also be one at the Lord's table.

# Serving in God's House THE REACHOUT

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE	October 7 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost	October 14 Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost	October 21 Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost	October 28 Reformation Sunday	November 4 All Saints Sunday
Altar Guild	Alice Haller	Kathy Kramer	Donna Haller	Jean Ohlin	Jenny Razo
Acolyte/ Crucifer 8:00am 10:30 am	Stephen Coss Ashlyn Elford	Lauren Coss Nick Haines	Stephen Coss Ashlyn Elford	Lauren Coss Nick Haines	Stephen Coss Ashlyn Elford
Communion Assistant	Sarah Deiger	Andy Tesyk	Kathy Kramer	Loetta Haller	Sarah Deiger
Lector 8:00 am 10:30 am	Nancy Crouse Don Manning	Greg Razo Andy Tesyk	Peggy Manchester Pam Nock	Nancy Crouse Leslie Warren	Greg Razo Sarah Deiger
Liturgy	Andy Tesyk	Kathy Kramer	N/A	Sarah Deiger	Sandy Kuntz
Ushers 10:30 am	Sonny Schneider	Ed Smith	Chuck Haller	Sonny Schneider	Ed Smith
Fellowship After 10:30 am Service	Stephanie Razo	Sandy Kuntz	Leslie Warren	Art & Barb Gray	Ed Ohlin
Chrema Head counter in bold print	<b>Tammy Chuey</b> Ed Smith	<b>Jeff Hum</b> Donna Haller Ruth McMurray	<b>Pam Nock</b> John Nock Loetta Haller	<b>Nancy Barret</b> Sandy Kuntz Sarah Deiger	<b>Tammy Chuey</b> Ed Smith
Anointers	<b>8:00 am</b> Nancy Crouse Marlene Vavrus Peggy Manchester	<b>10:30 am</b> Nancy Barret Robin Marino Sandy Kuntz Andy Tesyk	<b>5 pm</b> Diane D'Amico	<b>Any service</b> Jeff Waldele Sarah Deiger Wendy Edwards	
Communion Bread	Debbie Dulovich	Debbie Dulovich	Debbie Dulovich	Debbie Dulovich	Loetta Haller

If you need to exchange dates with someone else, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE **AFTER** you have made the arrangements with someone to exchange dates with, so that we may change the office calendar. **If you would like to volunteer, please call the office (330-549-2406) and we will add your name to our list. Thank you!**

# October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Office open 9-2	2	3 Office open 9-2 Clean, sober, and saved 7pm	4 Teen Challenge benefit dinner 6:30pm	5 Office open 9-2	6 Worship 5:00pm Blessing of animals 4pm
7 Worship 8:00am & 10:30am Camp Frederick Fall Festival 2-5pm	8 Office open 9-2	9	10 Office open 9-2 Clean, sober, and saved 7pm	11	12 Office open 9-2	13 Worship 5:00pm
14 Worship 8:00am & 10:30am	15 Office open 9-2	16 Council Meeting 7pm	17 Office open 9-2 Clean, sober, and saved 7pm	18 Autumn Praise concert 7pm	19 Office open 9-2	20 Worship 5:00 pm
21 Worship 8:00am & 10:30am Three Wise Men dinner 12-6pm	22 Office open 9-2	23	24 Office closed Trauma impact and research Worship at Teen Challenge 5pm Clean, sober, and saved 7pm	25	26 Office open 9-2	27 Worship 5:00pm
28 Worship 8:00am & 10:30am Reformation Sunday	29 Office open 9-2	30	31 Office open 9-2 Clean, sober, and saved 7pm Halloween			



# Our Prayer List

## NEW PRAYER CHAIN SYSTEM

The One Call system allows us to contact the prayer chain all at once to lift up prayers.

If you would like a One Call sent out please contact: the Church office at 330-549-2406



Joe Kreidler	Arden Sauerwein
Jennifer Ostapiak	Pete Wellman
Catherine Biviano	Jack Schneider
Emily Bluedorn	Judy Dickey
Chris and Julia Karis	Jimmy Waldele
Dale Sheely	Grace Graham
Nora Sabella	Gerald Hostetter
George Anderson	Joan Mayberry
Tsitsi Jaji	Debbie Frost
Walter Kyser	Johnny Schneider
Shirley Cantwell	Terri Lundy
Family of Dwight Pavkovich	Cheryl Green

Serving in the Military: Morgan Ball, Alyssa, Lyndsey Liberty  
Bryce Liberty, Jakeb Fry

Our weekly intercessory prayer for the people of our congregation :

### October 7

Joseph Slifka  
Charles Smith  
Corey Smith  
Emily Smith

### October 14

Ed Smith  
Kim Smith  
Jennifer Stasiak  
Joe Stasiak

### October 21

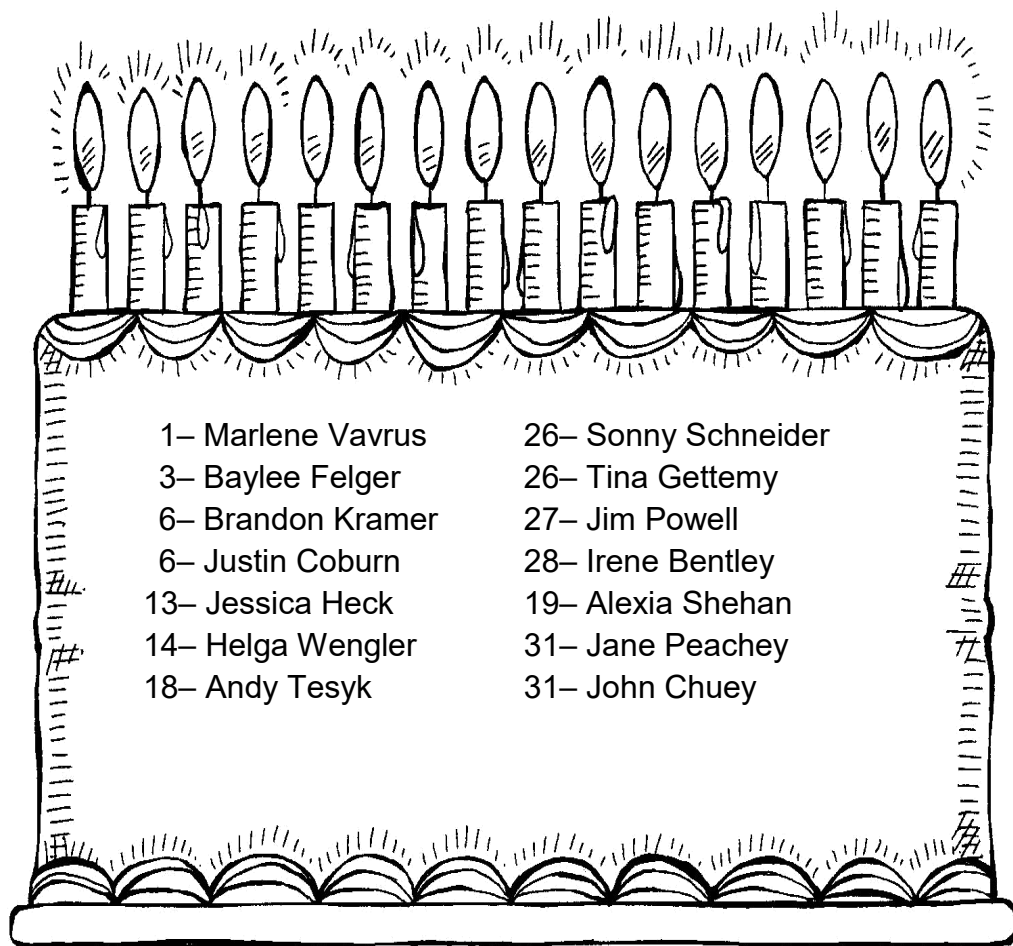
Beth Stricko  
Katherine Roman  
Tanner Stricko  
Ty Stricko

### October 28

Jen Takach  
Neil Takach  
Tim Takach  
Charlotte Tibbetts



15– Alice & Joe Kreidler  
17– Jean & Wally Ketzel



# COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

## COUNCIL MINUTES September 18, 2018

Meeting opens with prayer led by Pastor Ralph.

present: Sarah, Greg, Jeff H., Kelsie, Bryan, Joe, Jeff W., Sandy, Pastor Ralph

excused: Andy

**Treasurer's Report:** Sandy will meet with Kelly next week to sign checks. Kelly will be signing starting October 1st. Kelly asked to have her email passed out to council for financial questions. Due to a previous commitment, she will not begin attending council meetings until January 15, 2019. Pastor Ralph motions to accept the treasurer's report pending audit. Sarah seconds. Motion carried.

**Financial Secretary's Report:** Pastor Ralph motions to accept the financial secretary's report pending audit. Kelsie seconds. Motion carried.

### Team Reports:

**Stewardship:** We are developing a welcome packet for new members and visitors. Sarah is also researching an online giving company.

**Maintenance:** We are writing a list of projects. Greg will start prepping the parking lot next week. Jeff requests help to rebuild the wall around the bell.

**Secretary's Report:** It's been a busy summer. We've had new members, baptisms, weddings, and funerals. In addition to office duties, I've attended trainings, seminars, and camps. The Fall is an exciting time with confirmation starting, a new bible study, and more kids in Sunday school.

### Pastor's Report:

I had 22 counseling sessions and numerous significant contacts with members and others.

1 memorial service: Diann Ross

Many visits to the hospital-Hanna Michalak, Arden Sauerwein, Tom Biviano, Jimmy Waldele

We had our regular number of Saturday night and Sunday morning services

Over the past month, I have presided at 13 worship services and prepared 5 sermons.

Aug 7 National Night out at Wick Park

Aug 11 Family Night at Boardman Park

Aug 12 Church Picnic

Aug 12 Christian concert

Aug 13 staff meeting

Aug 14 Ross memorial

Aug 17 Active Shooter Training at South Range

Aug 18 & 19 Produce sale \$1400 for capital improvement

Aug 19 Chicken and kielbasa dinner \$900 for the general fund

Aug 21 Chief's Association Picnic

Aug 22 Community Health Improvement Forum

Aug 27 Interviews for bookkeeper

Aug 28 We will be dropped by Guide One— started getting quotes

Sept 1 Chelsea and Jared wedding

Sept 4 Funeral for June Waldele

Sept 4 work on joint conformation with Pastor Kari

Sept 4 3C's meeting here at Good Hope, I prayed invocation for them



Sept 5 Teen Challenge Worship

Sept 7 Columbus– Healing Spiritual Abuse

Sept 8 Wedding in Canfield

Sept 10 Bible study for Smith center

Sept 11 I spoke at the Action Clergy breakfast on Social Justice in Theology

Sept 12 to Nov 28 Clean, Sober, and Saved Bible study

Sept 14 Memorial service for Tom Biviano

Sept 16 start of confirmation classes

Sept 18 First responder training

Pastor Ralph motions to accept Stephanie Razo as a new member of Good Hope. Jeff H. seconds. Motion carried.

### **Old Business:**

bell: The striker was replaced and the bell is now operating properly.

parking lot: Jeff H. spoke to Vernal paving and he states they are willing to take a down- payment and same as cash payments for 6 months to cover the balance.

budget: Council members will vote on the proposed budget for 2019 at the October meeting.

congregational meeting: To be held September 30 after the 10:30 worship service. The agenda is the paving contract.

### **New Business:**

employee evaluation: Due to recent hiring, employee evaluations will be tabled until September 2019.

signers for Thrivent, Mission Investments, and church bank accounts: Pastor Ralph motions for Greg to replace Jane as signer. Jeff H. seconds. Motion carried. Signers to be Kelly Ansevino (treasurer), Jeff Hum (council member), and Greg Razo (council member), starting in October.

slate of nominees: Council to prepare a slate of nominees to replace Jane and Bryan. The nominees will be voted on at the November congregational meeting.

insurance: Pastor Ralph presented options for a new church insurance company. Bryan motions to accept Mennonite Mutual. Greg seconds. Motion carried.

Bishop's gathering: Several council members are planning to attend this year. The title of the workshop is Faithful, Adventurous, and Tenacious: Some how-to steps for council leaders.

Bryan motions to accept the August meeting minutes. Kelsie seconds. Motion carried.

Meeting closes with the Lord's Prayer, led by Bryan.

## **Congregational meeting September 3, 2018**

The meeting opened with prayer led by Jeff.

Greg updated us on the paving contract with RT Vernal. The total cost will be \$38,000 with a down-payment and 6 months same as cash. The work will begin the 3rd week of October, weather permitting. Joe, Jeff H., Greg, John, and Jeff W. will move the dumpster and work on the drainage. It is agreed that the balance of the capital improvement fund will be reported weekly in the bulletin and also monthly in the Reachout. The current balance is \$25,173.90. Loetta motions to move forward making the funds available. Tammy seconds. Motion carried.

Meeting closed with Lord's Prayer led by Jeff.

**A note from Pastor Ralph:** In order to take advantage of our paving contract, we need to make a down payment now and then monthly payments to RT Vernal for 6 months. Our contract is to pay \$38,000 total. We have \$25,173.90, so we still need about \$13,000 just to cover the paving. Please help us finish strong with a donation to the capital improvement fund.

### Treasurer's Report Ending July 31, 2018

Negative shown in parentheses	Current	Prior Year	Current Year To Date	Prior Year To Date
Income	\$20,239.31	\$11,005.25	\$106,178.16	\$115,821.62
Expense	\$15,254.15	\$13,873.55	\$125,057.95	\$115,297.79
Total	\$5,075.16	(\$2,868.30)	(\$18,879.79)	\$523.83

**Meet our new treasurer:** My name is Kelly Anzevino and I am a native of Mahoning County. I graduated from Fitch High School and Youngstown State University and currently live in Canfield with my husband, Dan, and two kids. After working in public accounting at Ernst & Young and corporate banking at Farmers National Bank, I started a CPA business helping individuals and small businesses with tax preparation, tax advisory and accounting/bookkeeping services. I am currently pursuing a Master's degree in Taxation at the University of Akron. Although I truly enjoy my work, my favorite job is being a parent to Ariella and Noah. I absolutely love watching Noah play baseball and Ariella dance on stage. If I am not working or chauffeuring my children to activities, I am chasing our puppy around the yard until one of us gets exhausted! Thank you for welcoming me into your church. If you ever have any questions about the church finances, please feel free to contact me at [kelly.anzevino@canfieldtax.com](mailto:kelly.anzevino@canfieldtax.com).

### **"RING THEM BELLS"**

Sue is forming a bell choir for adults. Please see Sue if you are interested.  
We need a minimum of 4 and a maximum of 8 participants. We will debut the bells on  
Christmas Eve!

## MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE TO THE LORD!

## **CARD SHOWER**

We would like to brighten the day of Nora Sabella with as many cards as you can send. Nora is 4 years old and she is suffering from cancer. She has had surgery and chemo therapy. She is getting ready to start radiation. Let's all show her support and love! Please send thinking of you, good cheer, and prayerful cards instead of get well soon. Thank you!

Please send cards to:  
c/o Nora S: Warrior Princess  
Ronald McDonald House of Akron  
141 West State Street  
Akron, OH 44302

## **THE THREE WISE MEN BBQ**

**Good Hope Lutheran Church**

**Sunday, October 21 from 12pm- 6pm**

Your choice of cherrywood smoked chicken, kielbasa, or pork loin. Served with homemade rice pilaf, baked beans, and cookies for dessert.

Only \$12.00 per dinner!

## **AUTUMN PRAISE CONCERT**

**Good Hope Lutheran Church**

**Thursday, October 18 at 7pm**

Join Sue Deutschlander with special guests Rachel Aiken playing violin and Christine Habuda playing percussion.

An evening filled with wonderful music and fellowship performed by local musicians. Cost: love offering.

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