

# Announcements

## April 22nd – April 29th

**EMPTY BOWLS** program is today from 11am to 2pm in the LHS cafeteria. **This was rescheduled from last week due to the icy weather.** For \$15 you get unlimited bread and soup from Crust and The Laundry, plus you can choose a handmade pottery bowl made by an Art Student. All proceeds go to fight hunger here in Genesee County! Get together with your friends from church, and have a nice time of fellowship, while helping the hungry too.

**PRAYER REQUESTS** Please write your prayer requests in the book on the table nearest to the stairwell in the Narthex



### **CELEBRATIONS**

Birthdays: April 27 – Brian  
Norwood; April 28 – Wayne  
Leideker

Anniversaries: April 26 – Debbie &  
Mike Sbiegay

**THANK YOU!** Mike and Carol Stockwell would like to thank the congregation for your prayers, cards and thoughtfulness during both of their surgeries, and recoveries.

**BIBLES AND BASKETBALLS** has begun again on Friday evenings at 5:30 here in our gym. This is a great outreach activity. Grab some players and a water bottle and come on over!

**Next Week at Hope**  
Regular Office Hours are M-  
Thur. 9-2, unless otherwise  
noted.

**Monday, April 23rd**  
Music Rehearsal 7pm  
Transition Team 7pm

**Tuesday, April 24th**  
Women's Bible Study 10AM  
Lions 6:30pm

**Wednesday, April 25th**  
Adult Bible Study 7pm

**Thursday, April 26th**  
Adult Bible Study 9am  
Oasis 2:30-5:00

**Friday, April 27th**  
Bibles and Basketball 5:30pm

**Saturday, April 28th**

**Sunday, April 29th**  
Worship at 8:15  
Sunday School at 9:30AM  
Worship at 10:45

### **COMING UP!**

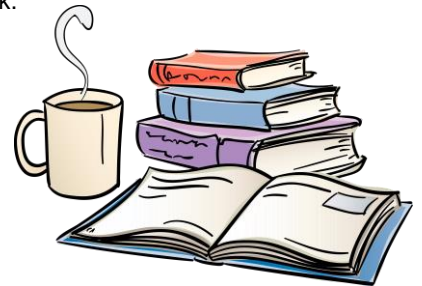
**VBS IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!** We need empty water bottles with the caps on, and we still need someone to help lead Games. Contact Miss Kim for more information at (586)383-5729.



## Help Needed

A sister in our church needs someone for 1-2 hours per week for fellowship, devotion, or help with small errands. Karen McKeachie is going to set up a rotating schedule. Please pray about this opportunity to bless someone. Contact Karen McKeachie at 810-735-5602. Thank you in advance

**THRIVENT NOTE:** We are pleased to let you know that we have made a \$214.00 deposit in your account on behalf of Thrivent Financials Thrivent Choice program. We hope this gift helps to further support your important work.



### **BIBLE STUDIES!**

You have a lot of opportunities to study God's Word! Deacon Paul is leading a new study on 1 Peter Wednesday nights beginning at 7pm. In addition, we have a Sunday Morning Bible Study, a Tuesday Women's Bible Study, and a Thursday Adult Study that will even visit you! Once a month there is a Women's Gathering that will study scripture as well. Don't see anything that will work for you? Talk to Deacon Paul about starting a group that matches your schedule. In the book, "Built on the Rock" by Ted Kober, the author states that healthy congregations have a high percentage of members in regular Bible Study.

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### Serving Next Week

<u>4/29/2018</u>	<u>8:15</u>	<u>10:45</u>
<u>Elder/SC</u>	<u>Kevin Golden</u>	<u>Mike Bickford</u>
<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Len Henzi</u>	<u>Petersons/D. Rebhahn</u>
<u>Greeters</u>	<u>The Arndts</u>	<u>The Norwoods</u>
<u>Prayer</u>	<u>Jim Colmer</u>	<u>Marianna Ziegler</u>
<u>Reader</u>	<u>Joanne Rinke</u>	<u>Laura Cadreau</u>
<u>Sound/Computer</u>	<u>Caitlin Bleuer</u>	<u>Jerry Cadreau</u>
<u>Coffee Hr. Set Up</u>		
<u>Coffee Hr. Snack</u>	<u>McKeachie/Rinke</u>	
<u>Counters</u>	<u>Schulze/Siegwald/ Blackburn</u>	

### ELDERS AND FAMILY ASSIGNMENTS

We encourage you to contact your assigned Elder with prayer requests or concerns. They want to hear from you!

<u>Elder:</u>	<u>Contact:</u>	<u>Family:</u>
Doug Barber	hikerdug@gmail.com (248)705-6749	A – B
Jim Colmer	jcolmer@bbande.com (989)271-9170	C– K
Mike Bickford	michaelsbickford@gmail.com (810)498-8606	L – O
Kevin Golden	kgolden@hodgessupply.com (248)431-6815	P – Sc
Ken Konsza	kkonsza@charter.net (810)208-0854	Sd –Z

**\*\*If you know of a church member that needs a visit from their Elder or Pastor, please let us know by calling the church office at 735-4807.**

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Worship on 4/15/18—Ice Storm  
 8:15.....20  
 10:45.....34

Education this Week  
 Sunday School (K-6).....3  
 Sunday School (7-12).....0  
 Adult Bible Study.....6  
 Wednesday Bible Study.....8  
 Thursday Adult Bible Study.....7

Collections on 4/15/18  
 Givings.....1005.00  
 Back Pack Ministry.....170.00

### PASTORAL CALL UPDATE

We are slowly but surely moving forward on the road to calling our new Pastor. Council and Elders will be meeting on May 1st to form the Call Committee. They will prayerfully consider names from a list of Members over age 18, confirmed, and that have been in attendance in 2018. We will try to give you updates on a weekly basis, and as always, please feel free to bring your questions and concerns to an Elder, or a Council Member. In the meantime, here are some things that YOU can do to get ready for our new Pastor:

**Pray.** Prayer is essential to the call process. God has commanded us to pray in all situations, and even better, He has promised to hear our prayers. We are tempted to become anxious or despair. Prayer teaches us who is in control. It is an exercise of faith and piety. It helps us guard against the evil one. Pray for your congregation, your future pastor, his family, his congregation (if he is currently serving), your District President and Circuit Visitor, your congregational leadership, your vacancy pastor and whoever else is involved in the process.

**Love each other.** The call process can quickly bring up divisions in congregations. Love covers a multitude of sins. Forgive one another as God in Christ has forgiven you.

**Study the Scriptures.** The Pastoral Epistles (1 and 2 Timothy; Titus) are a great resource when thinking about pastors.

**Study the Catechism.** Here two parts are very important. The Fifth Chief part on the Office of the Keys and Confession (absolution), and the Table of Duties on Preachers and Hearers.

**Prepare yourselves to receive your new pastor.** Determine ways you can help him and his family move to the area, or get settled into the congregation. Plan to support your new Pastor by attending Worship services, and Bible Studies.

--adapted from Pastor Joshua Scheer