

# STEEPLE NOTES

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## GOOD HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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 Encouraging **EVERYONE** to use their spiritual gifts

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### DATE CHANGE FOR CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING

**Sunday, February 10, 2019**  
 Time: 9:30 AM between services

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**Town Meetings**  
 February 5 at 4 PM  
 February 7 at 7 PM  
 (See page 2 for full details)



Lent Begins  
 Ash Wednesday  
 on  
 March 6, at 7 PM  
 (See page 3 for full details.)

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Love, Jesus



*“I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”*  
*Philippians 1:3-6*



These words of St. Paul to the church at Philippi are truly heartfelt! They are words that express my love and thankfulness to all of you at Good Hope as you helped me celebrate my 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ordination. It was truly a special event in my life – thanks to you! I appreciate the cards, gifts, hugs and expressions of your partnership in ministry that we share here at Good Hope



### **TOWN MEETINGS AND ANNUAL MEETING**

As with each February, it is time for our annual meeting, adopting a new budget and planning for a new year of ministry. This year we are offering two “**Town Meeting**” times so that everyone has a chance, in a small group setting, to ask questions and to share comments. The Town Meetings will be the week before the annual meeting. They are scheduled for **Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 4pm** and **Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm** in the **church auditorium**. These meetings offer everyone an opportunity to talk with finance and leadership folks in a smaller venue prior to the **annual meeting which is on Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am**.

In several of the congregations I have served, Town Meetings have been good opportunities to communicate with a broader range of people who are interested in the financial and ministry decisions that the church council and treasurer are making. I hope that you find these meetings to be informative and a way to open up communication. Bring your questions, joys and concerns. We are the body of Christ and we want to be fully open and engaged with everyone – especially you!

In His Service,

*Pastor Renee*

### **WE ARE BELOVED... TO BE LOVED BY GOD**

For Jesus' sake, a promise is given to us in baptism, along with a new name, Child of God. It is a promise of love and life, as the Lord creates for us a new beginning. It is a powerful name- Beloved Child- and our new life has new meaning and purpose as we share the light and love of Jesus with those around us.

### Daily Bible Readings and Bible Study at the Pelican

Are you reading the Bible every day? Have you read the creation story? Have you read the story of Joseph and his beautiful coat? Have you been struck by the scandals, the brokenness and the redemption that are themes all through Genesis?

If not, join the readings! Read the Bible in 2019 from cover to cover. You'll need to read approximately 3-4 chapters per day as are specified by the sheet provided in the narthex at church. It's really very interesting!

Then, come and join us in the backroom at the Pelican for coffee, tea, cookies and discussion! There are 10-12 people faithfully coming each week. We laugh together, work through questions and enjoy the week's readings. It's really great fun! Join us!

### Lent is Coming: A Study of Philippians

The season of Lent begins very late this year! Ash Wednesday is on March 6<sup>th</sup> and Easter is on April 21<sup>st</sup>. For the mid-week Lenten worship services, we will focus on Paul's letter to the Philippians. The basis for Lenten themes each week is the book Because of This I Rejoice by Max O. Vincent.

Here are the themes for each week:  
Ash Wednesday – God invites and transforms  
Lent 1 Midweek – Prayer  
Lent 2 Midweek – Sharing the Gospel  
Lent 3 Midweek - Mutual Humility  
Lent 4 Midweek – Hospitality and Service  
Lent 5 Midweek – Practice, Practice, Practice  
Lent 6 Midweek – Think on These Things

It is my prayer that you will draw closer to God as we take a little time out of our normal schedules to reflect and renew ourselves during the season of Lent. This is always a wonderful time to prepare for God's greatest gift – the gift of His Son dying on the cross for all of us.



### Worship Window The Posture of Worship

Have you ever thought about your posture at worship? When the youth went to Quake on the weekend of January 11-13, one of the speakers talked about the posture of prayer. Most of us bow our heads, fold our hands and close our eyes. But...he went on to say that this "habit" is not the only way to pray. You can pray with your eyes OPEN. You can pray with your head looking straight or upward. You can pray with your hands lifted or simply on your lap. God will hear all of our prayers...regardless of our posture.

Worship is similar. Sometimes we stand. Sometimes we sit. Sometimes it seems we bury our heads in our bulletins. One of the goals of having more of worship on the wall is that it helps us to lift our heads and our eyes so that we look up praising God with a posture of openness. As the youth worshiped at Quake, the words to every song were projected on the screen so that they could sing along. Hands were free. There was no paper to hold (or to need to recycle). You could clap, you could embrace your neighbor, you could simply hold your hands at your side and look up.

What is your favorite posture of worship? Some of us are limited by our bodies. We cannot stand. Or we cannot kneel. God fully understands these realities. Our hearts and our lives are still in the right place – whether we worship by listening to the radio service or if we are in worship on Sunday morning.

The posture of worship that is most important is the posture of your heart. Be open to receive the Good News of Jesus Christ – coming in many forms to love and embrace us!



**SUNDAY SCHOOL  
DECEMBER PERFECT  
ATTENDANCE**

|               |            |
|---------------|------------|
| Alan Burkhart | Seth Pope  |
| Owen Sullivan | Lane Weber |
| Aubrey Pope   | Kyle Pope  |
| Carter Weber  | Drew Pope  |
| Luke Craig    |            |

**Begin Each Day with a Smile**

Notes from Rachel Cox's Sermon on Dec. 30

Smile each day as you wake up. Think about who you can make smile with a kindness shown....a smile in the name of Jesus...Jesus, a light you can turn on AND you don't have to pay anything to shine Jesus's light!

**IF: Gathering on March 8, 2019**

Local leaders are hosting a rebroadcast gathering of the If: Gathering held in Dallas, Texas in February.

The event is sponsored by BORN (Bucyrus Outreach and Restoration Network.

Place: Bucyrus Nazarene Church

Time: 8 AM – 8 PM

For more information or to register contact: BORN at 419-56-2150 or [bucyrusborn@gmail.com](mailto:bucyrusborn@gmail.com)

**Isaac's Piggy Bank  
La alcancia de Isaac**

Meet Isaac Schaaf. Isaac is 7 years young. Late last year, Isaac saw an article his mother had printed for a church gathering. The article pictured a boy about Isaac's age and a picture of the aftermath from the earthquakes that devastated parts of Mexico. After asking a lot of questions, Isaac looked at the picture of the little boy again, and said, "Mama we have to do something!" He disappeared to his room and returned with \$12 from his piggy bank, wrote a card and said, "Please send this to Mexico, I bet it will be a big help."

Isaac's mother sent in his gift by way of the Synod Global Mission Board. At a recent Global Mission Board meeting, this act of generosity was lifted-up, and a spontaneous match of Isaac's \$12 gift instantly became \$84. God's math does not "add", it "multiplies"!

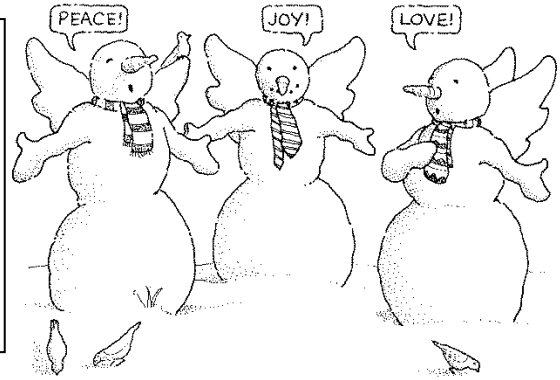
Your Global Mission Board (GMB) is in the process of establishing its third companionship, this time with the Lutheran Church in Mexico. Several of their churches sustained damage in the earthquakes, and a request for help was made.

The GMB is responding to this request by starting a campaign called Isaacs's Piggy Bank asking for a "matching gift" of \$12 to be used to help with the long-term earthquake recovery activities and construction repairs of some of these buildings. The campaign will begin in February and run through the Lenten Season. Let's all do our part by "reaching into our own piggy banks" to help the cause



For more information, please see Pastor Renee or Maggy Everett

# Good Hope Christian Preschool February 2019



## 2019-2020 Preschool Classes

**3 yr.-old class:** 4 days a week

Monday-Thursday 8:30am-11:30am

**Tuition:** \$990.00 for the year or \$110.00 a month

**Registration Fee:** \$50.00

**4 yr.-old class:** 4 days a week

Monday-Thursday 8:30am-11:30am

**Tuition:** \$990.00 for the year or \$110.00 a month

**Registration Fee:** \$50.00

**3 & 4 yr.-old combined class:** 4 days a week

Monday-Thursday 12:30pm-3:30pm

**Tuition:** \$990.00 for the year or \$110.00 a month

**Registration Fee:** \$50.00

## Important Dates

- \*Monday, Feb. 4- Board Meeting 4:00pm
- \*Monday, Feb. 4- 2019-2020 Preschool Registration open to current preschool families and Good Hope members
- \* Thursday, Feb. 14-Valentine's Day parties
- \*Sunday, Feb. 17-Thank You Sunday- 8:30am worship service
- \*Sunday, Feb. 17- Preschool Registration Open House 1:00pm-2:30pm
- \*Monday, Feb. 18 Presidents' Day- No preschool
- \*Monday, Feb. 25-28- Lutheran Schools' Week and special visitors

## Preschool Registration

Registration for the 2019-2020 school year will begin on Monday, February 4-Friday, February 15 for current preschool families and Good Hope members.

Registration forms are available in the church office and

[www.goodhoplutheran.com](http://www.goodhoplutheran.com).

The registration form and a non-refundable registration fee must be turned in to secure a spot for your child.

## Thank You Sunday!

On Sunday, February 17 some of the preschoolers and their families will attend the 8:30am service. During the service they will perform a couple of songs as a thank you to the church for supporting the preschool. There will also be an art display in the narthex.

## Registration Open House

A Registration Open House for new preschool families will be held on Sunday, February 17 from 1:00pm-2:30pm. At that time registration will also be open to the public.

## February 2019 Women of Good Hope Data

**Funeral Lunch Committee:** Sarah Gebhardt, chrm  
Sally Johnson  
Mary Lepley

Joyce Roll  
Bonnie Ley  
Nancy Heiby

**Launder Towels:** Maggy Everett      **Cards:** Marjorie Boudinot

**Faith Circle** will meet on Wednesday, February 6 at 1:30 in the lounge.

**Emmaus Circle** will meet on Monday, February 25 at 7:00 in the Youth Room.

**Ladies, you are ALL welcome at any circle meeting and at all functions of WELCA.**

### Saturday, April 6, 2019.

This is the day of the 2019 Southeast Spring Assembly in Attica.

Dianne Krumnow will be with us to speak about Zentangle.

Don't know what "Zentangle" is? Google it!

And come that day to learn more about it.

### **GIFTS FOR OESTERLEN DELIVERED**

Elwood and I barely had room for our suitcase when we left Bucyrus for a visit to my niece in Glen Carbon, Illinois, on January 6, and Good Hope members are the reason for this. We decided to stop by Springfield to drop off your donations to the children at Oesterlen; they filled up my Kia Sportage! The ladies who received your gifts were overwhelmed and so thankful as was I—**Thankful**—not overwhelmed, because I know how generous and caring my Good Hope Family is. Your support on all WELCA missions is the only way they can be successful. You are a blessing to so many! Sarah

I have placed the Oesterlen Herald for December on the WELCA cupboard in the narthex if you are interested in reading a few articles about this facility.

### **CARDS SENT TO THOSE AT HOME**

Cards sent to some members of Good Hope will be centered around a verse of a well-known hymn. The hymn for the January card was "Rejoice for Christ Is King;" the February one will be "The King of Love My Shepherd Is." Each member on our list will receive one to three cards per year. **If you know of anyone who should be on this list or if you want to check to see if someone has been included, call Sarah (562-9455.)** Our mission is to let members, who can't be with us at worship or who have had a long and difficult time for some reason, know that they are still remembered and loved by us and that God is always by their side.

Highlights of the December 13, 2018 Congregational Council Meeting  
(Full minutes are available in the office upon request.)

**Members Present:** Larry Shutler, Dave McDiffitt, Jim Metcalf, and Terry Spiegel, Doug Foght, Kristi Weber, Joyce Schifer, Doug Foght, Doug Rossman, Dave Wolfe, Mark Milheim, Pastor Renee, Lydia Sullivan

**Communications:**

- Terry Spiegel and Dave McDiffitt are going off Council. Larry presented both council members a plaque for 6 years of service.
- Thank yous were read from Christine Jackson from the ELCA and Joy McElroy from Lutheran Social Service for donations sent.

**Pastor Renee's Report**

1. Jeff Spann will be coming from the ELCA on February 14, 2019. Jeff is an architect who helps congregations sort out priorities with facilities. He will meet with the Property Care committee and the Exec Committee. This is a free Service of the ELCA Mission Investment Fund.

2. Pastor Kent Wilson will be at our Stewardship meeting on February 13<sup>th</sup> Pastor Wilson is the Stewardship Advisor for the NWOH Synod.

**Highlights of Finance Report:**

- A motion was made to give Born \$2000
- Our weekly income coming in is around \$6000 a week; however, our expenses average around \$8000 weekly.
- The work on the furnaces has been completed.

**Outreach/Public Relations Committee:** Outreach gave WOW \$81.00 for Christmas candy.

**Parish Education:**

- The Advent Program is December 23. Cake and hot chocolate were served by Connie Long and Mel McDiffitt.
- The Confirmation class and Youth group are going to the Museum of Art in Toledo on January 20<sup>th</sup>.
- 46 to 61 attend Sunday School. Lydia said the children are excited.
- Dave will reach out to 10 families from the Preschool that are unchurched in February.

**Preschool:** Dave Wolfe and Pastor Renee to do Chapel weekly.

**Property Care:**

Randy said the East alley door will be replaced by the end of the year. The panic buttons are paid for and we have 2 new key fobs. Yoga classes are going forward.

**WOW:**

- Bonnie Wolfe is in charge of cooking in January.
- November report shows we are holding our own on Budget and food.

**New Business:**

- Budget approved under first item of business.
- Sheriff - Goslin Rep. Ben Wise met with Larry and Randy Fischer from Property Care for recommendations about roof repair inspection.

Council meeting will be held at the Retreat January 19, 2019

Respectfully submitted,  
Judy Ehrhart

# FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

## *Birth*

- ♥ Kevin Michael Wilson born December 1, 2018  
Parents: Andy and Laura Wilson  
Grandparents: Debbie and Ron Wilson
- ♥ Lucas Alexander Gill born December 15  
Parents: Leslie Adams and Tyler Gill  
Grandparents: Cindy and Trent Lantz. Great Grandparents: Debbie and Ron Wilson

## *Marriage*

Tyler Gill and Leslie Adams

## Holy Communion

February 3 – 8:30 and 10:45 AM Services  
February 10 – 8:30 AM Service  
February 17 – 8:30 and 10:45 AM Services  
February 24 – 8:30 AM Service

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## **NOTES:**

### **Office Hours:**

- Monday through Friday – 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

### **Newsletter Deadline:**

- The newsletter deadline for submissions is the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. Please email your information directly to Bettie Luidhardt at [bettieluidhardt@gmail.com](mailto:bettieluidhardt@gmail.com)

### **Newsletter Mailings:**

You can receive your Steeple Notes by email and save the church the cost of postage, paper and ink. We currently mail out close to 400 copies each month. Postage alone runs \$1400.00 per year!

Please give your email address to the church office if you want to switch!

### **Memory Verse for this Year**

“Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.”  
Psalm 119:105



## *Please Remember...*

We have listed birthdays of Good Hope members who are homebound along with the addresses of area nursing homes. Hopefully this will encourage more cards and good wishes, not only on birthdays and holidays, but also periodically throughout the year. Please continue to keep all our home-bound members in your prayers.

### **At Home**

Charles Dierksheide (Oct 29)  
Genevieve Evans, 953 W. Beal Ave,  
Bucyrus (July 25)

### **Carlisle Place**

**1721 Whetstone Street**

**Bucyrus OH 44820**

Gale Ruth – Apt 115 (Oct 19)  
Mary Ann Ruth – Apt 115 (Mar 22)  
Virginia Schultz – Apt 102 (Aug 12)  
Miriam Yaussy – Apt 105 (Feb 27)

### **Maplecrest Assisted Living**

**717 Rogers Street**

**Bucyrus OH 44820**

Carol Miers – Room 8 (Feb 4)  
Bob Redman (June 23)

### **The Inn at Orchard Park**

**500 Wedgewood Court**

**Bucyrus OH 44820**

Bill Ross – Room 132 (Mar 8)

### **Kingston Residence of Marion**

**464 James Way**

**Marion OH 43302**

Keith Watts – Room 233 A (Sept 18)  
Maxine Ekleberry – Room 120 (April 1)  
John Green – Room 233 B (Oct 19)

### **Shelby Pointe**

**100 Rogers Lane**

**Shelby OH 44875**

Gene Diller – Room V (June 20)

### **Ohio Living Dorothy Love**

**3003 Cisco Road Room 318**

**Sidney OH 45365**

Jeannette Naufzinger (April 11)

### **1163 Township Road 2156**

**Ashland OH 44805**

Mildred House

(Mildred is living with daughter Ronda  
Werner. Phone number: 419-756-0330)

### **The Inn @Winchester Trail – Room 502**

**6401 Winchester Blvd**

**Canal Winchester OH 43110**

Pastor Harold “Hap” Hasenauer –  
Room 502 (May 30)

### **Heartland of Bucyrus**

**1170 W. Mansfield**

**Bucyrus OH 44820**

Earl Uther – Room 36 (February 13)

### **Kettle Run**

**1780 Whetstone Street**

**Bucyrus OH 44820**

Juanita Young – Room 308 (Nov. 10)

### **Altercare of Bucyrus**

**1929 Whetstone Street**

**Bucyrus OH 44820**

Geneva Ehmann (Jan 19)

### **Fairhaven Community**

**850 Marseilles Ave.**

**Upper Sandusky OH 43351**

Jane Hatcher - Room 220 (Sept. 13)

## February 2019

| Sun                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Mon                                                                                                                                                 | Tue                                                                                                     | Wed                                                                                                                                                                | Thu                                                                                                                                                               | Fri                                                                                   | Sat                                      |
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|                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                     | <br>WORSHIP<br>WITH US |                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                 | 1                                                                                     | 2<br><br>10 AM Sub<br>assembly - kitchen |
| <b>3</b><br>8:30 & 10:45 Worship<br>& Communion<br>9:30 Sunday<br>School/youth choir and<br>bells<br>Noon – Confirmation<br>Class<br>5 Youth Group<br><br>PANTRY SUNDAY                                                   | <b>4</b><br>4 Preschool Board<br><br>7:30 Dartball – home<br>with Peace<br>Lutheran, Galion                                                         | <b>5</b><br>9:30 Bible Study<br>1:15 Staff Meeting<br>4 PM – Town Meeting                               | <b>6</b><br>8:50, 9:20, 1 –<br>Preschool Chapel<br>1:30 Faith Circle<br>5:15 WOW Prayer<br>5:30 WOW Meal<br>6 Praise Choir<br>6:30 Bell Choir<br>7:30 Senior Choir | <b>7</b><br>4 Scripture Study with<br>Pastor Renee at<br>Pelican House<br>6 Youth Committee<br>7 Parish Ed<br>7 Stephen Ministry<br>7 – Town                      | <b>8</b>                                                                              | <b>9</b><br><br>8 AM – Men of Hope       |
| <b>10</b><br>8:30 Worship &<br>Communion<br>10:45 Worship<br>9:30 Sunday<br>School/youth choir and<br>bells<br><b>9:30 ANNUAL<br/>MEETING</b>                                                                             | <b>11</b><br><br>7:30 Dartball away<br>at Scioto Methodist                                                                                          | <b>12</b><br>9:30 Bible Study<br>1:15 Staff Meeting<br>7 Property Care                                  | <b>13</b><br>8:50, 9:20, 1 –<br>Preschool Chapel<br>5:15 WOW Prayer<br>5:30 WOW Meal<br>6 Praise Choir<br>6:30 Bell Choir<br>6:30 Stewardship<br>7:30 Senior Choir | <b>14</b><br>4 Scripture Study with<br>Pastor Renee at<br>Pelican House<br><br> | <b>15</b>                                                                             | <b>16</b>                                |
| <b>17</b><br>8:30 & 10:45 Worship<br>& Communion<br>8:30 Presch. Thankyou<br>Service<br>9:30 Sunday<br>School/youth choir and<br>bells<br>Noon – Confirmation<br>Class<br>1 PM – Preschool<br>Open House<br>2 Youth Group | <b>18</b> President's Day<br><br>NO Preschool today<br><br>6:30 Gifts of Hope<br>7 Outreach<br>7:30 Dartball away<br>at Trinity Lutheran,<br>Galion | <b>19</b><br>9:30 Bible Study<br>1:15 NO Staff Meeting<br>7 Worship & Music                             | <b>20</b><br>8:50, 9:20, 1 –<br>Preschool Chapel<br>1:30 WELCA Board<br>5:15 WOW Prayer<br>5:30 WOW Meal<br>6 Praise Choir<br>6:30 Bell Choir<br>7:30 Senior Choir | <b>21</b><br>4 Scripture Study with<br>Pastor Renee at<br>Pelican House<br><br>7 Stephen Ministry                                                                 | <b>22</b>                                                                             | <b>23</b><br><br>8 AM – Men of Hope      |
| <b>24</b><br>8:30 Worship &<br>Communion<br>10:45 Worship<br>9:30 Sunday<br>School/youth choir and<br>bells<br>Noon New Mbr.Class<br>MISSION SUNDAY                                                                       | <b>25</b><br>7 Emmaus Circle<br>7:30 Dartball – Make<br>up date if needed                                                                           | <b>26</b><br>9:30 Bible Study<br>1:15 Staff Meeting<br>4 Worship-Planning<br>7 Finance                  | <b>27</b><br>8:50, 9:20, 1 –<br>Preschool Chapel<br>5:15 WOW Prayer<br>5:30 WOW Meal<br>6 Praise Choir<br>6:30 Bell Choir<br>7:30 Senior Choir                     | <b>28</b><br>4 Scripture Study with<br>Pastor Renee at<br>Pelican House<br>6:30 Executive<br>Committee<br>7 Council                                               |  |                                          |