

WELCOME TO HOPE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

May 20, 2018

Welcome to Hope Church, especially to all our visitors who may be with us today! If you are a guest among us and would like more information about our church, please contact Pastor William or fill out one of the visitor envelopes available in the pews and place it in the offering bag.

If you wish to contact Pastor William Koopmans- his cell # is: 519-732-4046, work #519-759-7581 or by email: pastorwilliam@hopecrc.ca

Please feel free to join us for refreshments in the Fellowship Hall after the morning service.

This morning we celebrate Pentecost- the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. During our service this morning, the outgoing elders and deacons will draw lots for new elders and deacons. Pastor William will read from Matthew 28 and Acts 2- "Understanding Biblical Imperatives and Blessings- Part 2 The Holy Spirit and the Great Commission".

This evening Pastor William will once again lead us in worship. He will read from Luke 9- "Christ on the Mountaintop and Below".

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS: We continue to uphold **William Vandertuin** in prayer as he remains on the palliative ward of the Brantford General Hospital. May he experience the peace and comfort that only God can give. **Gerry Van Dyk** is now required to be on oxygen. Pray that this treatment will be beneficial to Gerry and make him feel more comfortable. We pray for **Johanna Van Dyk** as well as she struggles with her own health concerns. Let's continue to be in prayer for all those in our congregation who are under doctor's care or undergoing tests for health concerns.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"We rest well when we're in the loving arms and perfect will of God."

Morning Service: 10:00 A.M.

May 20, 2018

PENTECOST

Worship Leader: Pastor William Koopmans
Music Leaders: Cantory Praise Team
Sound/Video: John Winter/Pieter Mazereeuw
Projection: Audrey Roorda
Serving Deacons: Chris Oosterhoff/Ryan Haan
Serving Elders for May: John Hogewoning/Dave Guichelaar

Gathering Song: **“Holy Spirit, From Heaven Descended”**

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Welcome

*Call to Worship: The Spirit gathers us to worship God and builds us up in faith, hope and love...

*Silent Prayer followed with singing: #241: 3 **“This is the Day”**

*Affirmation of Faith and God’s Greeting:

L: The God of the whirlwind and fire sweeps into our presence in this hour”

C: Glory be to God, who strengthens us and blesses all people with peace.

L: God, who called all the world into being, calls forth new life in us today.

C: Glory be to God, in whose creative purpose we are claimed and empowered.

L: God, whose Spirit unites all people in a common language of love, confirms God’s gifts in us as we gather here.

C: Glory be to God, who created light in which we can walk in confident expectation.

L: Grace and peace to you from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit.

C: AMEN!

*Opening Hymns of Praise: #425 **“Creator Spirit, By Whose Aid”**
“Gracious Spirit, Hear our Pleading”

WE CELEBRATE GOD’S MERCY

Call to Confession: Do not marvel that Jesus says to us, “you must be born again.”....

Prayer of Confession: Holy Spirit, you are so full of energy....

Assurance of Pardon

Pentecost Prayer

L: Spirit of God, we have gathered together in this place to pray....give us faith,

C: that when you come like the wind, though we do not see you, yet we may hear what you are saying to us and discern our movement.

L: Give us courage, that we may not fear the tongues of flame

C: let all that is unworthy, impure and sinful be burned from our lives. May we know that is is love that burns so brightly and love that strips away our sin.

L: Give us an open mind, Lord, that the truth you bring may make its home with us;

C: truth to set us free, truth to guide us in the way of your will.

L: Give us an open heart, Lord,

C: that we may seek all people for your realm, and set no limits to the proclaiming of your word.

L: Holy Spirit, with the whole church we wait for you in every place and in every generation.

C: Come, wind, come, fire, come, truth, come, love. In Jesus name. AMEN -- *Michael I. Walker, 20th century English Baptist minister, Chalice Hymnal*

Casting of Lots for Officebearers

Hymn of Commitment: **#419: 1,3-5 "Spirit of God, Who Dwells Within My Heart"**

Congregational Prayer

GOD SPEAKS HIS WORD

Children's Message: Amy VanderWal

Sing: **#201 "Fear Not, Rejoice and Be Glad"**

(children ages 3-10 are dismissed for Sunday School)

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Matthew 28: 16-20, Acts 2: 1-12, 29-41

Text: Matthew 28: 19

Sermon: **"UNDERSTANDING BIBLICAL IMPERATIVES AND BLESSINGS:
PART 2 - THE HOLY SPIRIT AND THE GREAT COMMISSION"**

Prayer of Application

WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE

*Hymn of Response: **"523: 1,2,5 "Lord You Give the Great Commission"**

Thank Offerings:

1. Hope Deacon Fund
2. Friendship Ministries

Offertory: "God's Holy Spirit Came"

Offertory Prayer

GOD BLESSES US FOR SERVICE

* Closing Song: **"Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God"**

* Benediction

* **"AMEN! AMEN! AMEN!"**

* Postlude: "There's No God As Great"

EVENING SERVICE- 5:00 P.M.

Worship Leader: Pastor William Koopmans
Organist: Stephanie Burgoyne
Projection: Audrey Roorda
Prelude: Improvisations on "Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now" - Paul Manz

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Welcome

Gathering Songs: **#104: 1-3, 13 "Your Spirit O Lord, Makes Life to Abound"**
"Be Still For the Presence of the Lord"

Call to Worship:

Song of Praise:

Silent Prayer, concluded by singing- **#625 "Lord, Listen To Your Children Praying"**

*God's Greeting

*Hymn of Preparation: **#504 "Holy God, We Praise Your Name"**

(children ages 5 through grade 4 are welcome to come to Activity Room)

GOD SPEAKS HIS WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Luke 9: 18-45

Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day 13

Sermon: "CHRIST ON THE MOUNTAINTOP AND BELOW"

Prayer of Application:

WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE

*Hymn of Response: **#246 "Come, Thou Almighty King"**

Congregational Prayer (with requests/thanksgivings)

Thank Offerings

1. Hope Deacon Fund
2. Friendship Ministries

Offertory: Meditation on "Christ the Lord Is Risen" - Desmond Ratcliffe

*Confession of Faith: **"The Apostles' Creed" P/H. pg. 813**

GOD BLESSES US FOR SERVICE

*Parting Hymn: **#517 "There's No God as Great"**

*God's Parting Blessing

***AMEN! AMEN! AMEN!**

Postlude: Toccata on "Veni Creator" - Denis Bedard

	Today	Next Week	June 3
Children's Message Leaders	Amy VanderWal	Pastor William	
Ushers	Wilf Hogeveen, Ted Boomsma, Jim Osinga	Arnold Winter, Curt Winter, Jerry Bekendam	Joyce Haanstra, Amy VanderWal, Fred Reitsma
Coffee Fellowship	Aart & Annie Verrips	Ralph & Tammy Hart, Eugene Kruyssen	Ted & Deanna Boomsma
Nursery a.m. Infants Rm. A (0-8 months)	Agnes Hebb Dorothy Oliver Melanie Zylstra	Audrey Reitsma Shirley Schmidt Lena Van Bruinessen	Nadine Vaandering Sarah Statema Cathenia Schat
a.m. Crawlers 8 months- 18 months	Lynda Leeson Melody Hogeveen Leah Hart	Christena Zylstra Hannah Vanderwoerd Jacqueline Jonasson	Joanne Bekendam Mary Ann Koiter Charlotte Hogeveen
Toddler Room B 18 months- 2 yrs. of age	Trish Andree Chris Van Houten Joanna Hart	Jessica Bekendam Valerie Vanderwoerd Kylie Hartman	Sarah De Boer Ryan Haan Zoe Hogeveen
Floater (please check the nursery rooms to see where you are needed)	Rob Hart	Michelle Vaandering	Sarah Joosse- Flikkema
p.m. Nursery (for children 0-5)	Mike Bekendam Jantina Ellens	James Ellens Tiffany Norg	Dan de Vries Helen Hancock
Children's Activity Room	Annette Hart Louise Koopmans	Annette Hart Paige Winter	Kelly Bekendam Kim Eigenbrood
Greeters	David & Michelle Vaandering	Pieter & Jannette Mazereeuw	Ella Stigter Frances Vandertuin
Welcome Centre	Ted & Deanna Boomsma	Jake & Ann Ellens	Gary & Audrey Reitsma
Hall Monitors	Fred Reitsma Gina VanderWal	Eric Norg Jeanette Couperus	Mel Andree Mandy Boomsma
Evening Hall Monitor	Steve Bekendam	George Hart	Jon Mulder
Prayer Room	Helen & Jacky	Theo & Kees	Audrey & Harriett

COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

UPCOMING SERVICES AND MEETINGS

Sunday, May 27: 10:00 a.m.

led by Pastor William Koopmans

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Tuesday, June 12: 7:15 p.m.

Council Meeting

Tuesday, June 19, 7:15 p.m.

Consistory Meeting

Hope CRC Council Meeting – Tuesday, May 8th, 2018 – Summary – The Council meeting was opened with the reading of a devotional, prayer and a song. Pastor Jack Kerkhof and Wayne Visser attended the Council meeting as the church visitors on behalf of Classis Hamilton. There was a question and answer period, with the intended focus as being on the following three areas: blessings, challenges and opportunities. The time with the church visitors was closed with prayer. Pastor William then led a question and answer period with the three profession of faith candidates, being: Mary Ann Skouras, Kara Vandenberg and Bernie Vlietstra. Each of the candidates provided a brief testimony and very moving accounts as to what brought them to this point in their lives. The candidates were approved to make public profession of faith. This would take place on Sunday, May 27th, 2018. Minutes of Council, the Executive, the Administration and the Ad-Hoc Visioning Committee - 2018 (x 2) were reviewed. Pastor William provided a report to Council. A brief update was provided with respect to the basement access, as at the Spring Membership Meeting, the membership had approved with proceeding with the installation of a lift. Further comments were provided with respect to the Spring Membership Meeting, as well as the recently held Faith Formation Ministries Workshop. It was approved that the membership of Johanna Vaandering be accepted. Numerous recommendations from the Administration Committee were reviewed and approved. It was also approved that the evening service start time would remain at 5:00 p.m. year round. Hope CRC and Dundas Calvin CRC were assigned two overtures to address in anticipation of the May 22nd, 2018 meeting of Classis Hamilton. The two overtures were reviewed, being the youth ministry catalyst proposal from CHYMT and the ministry share overture from First Hamilton CRC. The draft initial thoughts and talking points as prepared in response to the two overtures was reviewed and approved. Pastor William was approached to potentially lead a tour group to the Oberammergau Passion Play in 2020. This was explained, discussed and approved by Council. Further pieces of correspondences were reviewed and received for information. Notable upcoming meetings and events were also reviewed. The Council meeting was closed in prayer.

DRAWING OF LOTS: Last Sunday the congregation affirmed the names provided for the upcoming Council season. During the service this morning, we will be drawing names by lot from the affirmed names. Thank you to everyone that let their name stand, please hold the names of those selected in prayer as they enter this new term on Council.

PROFESSIONS OF FAITH: On Sunday, May 27th, we have the privilege of witnessing the professions of faith of Mary Ann Skouras, Kara Vandenberg and Bernie Vlietstra. We give thanks to God for his faithfulness in the lives of these new members.

PROFESSION OF FAITH CLASS-- if you are interested to participate in a class for preparation for public profession of faith please contact Pastor William as soon as possible.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Thanks goes to Ruth Hensen who volunteered to look after Summer Sunday School. We are certain that things will go well and be well planned. Please stay tuned to Ruth's instructions. Our committee had a meeting this week past, and we reviewed the season that is now closing. Thanks to all the

teachers and counsellors that have had some input into the education and inspiration of our children, it works so well when the whole community gets involved. The visits that we made were thoroughly enjoyed. As committee members we were inspired by the love, commitment and dedication of all those involved. Again, thanks for helping out, to lead and teach our children.

It takes 2 people to make a child, but a whole community to lead them.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL is a go! We'll have a program downstairs each Sunday morning. All materials will be provided. The numbers vary greatly thru the summer, usually between 10 - 20 plus. To make it work, we'll have a sign up sheet in the main foyer. We'll want 3 people for each week. If everyone takes a turn, that would be great! Many thanks.. *Ruth Hensen*

VISIONING COMMITTEE INVITATION: The Visioning Committee - 2018 invites you to attend an information evening on Monday, June 4th at 7:30 p.m. This evening will be an opportunity for the Visioning Committee to provide a bit of an overview as to what steps it has undertaken, what information has been gathered as a result and thus, the Visioning Committee's current thoughts moving forward. Importantly, it will also be an opportunity for you to provide further feedback and input in response to the presentation or otherwise. If you are able, please attend. The Visioning Committee looks forward to sharing with you at that time. Please feel free to contact any member of the Visioning Committee if you have questions or would like to share additional thoughts in the meantime. The members are: Kelly Bekendam, Amy Vanderwal, Willem Vos, Pastor William, Peter Karsten, Al Postma, Michelle Vaandering, Karen VanHouten, Helen Reitsma and Rick Schmidt.

UPCOMING DISTRICT LUNCHESES: Districts 5 and 6 (elders Zach Pilling and Kevin Eigenbrood): Luncheon will be held next Sunday May 27th. Please bring either soup/buns or your own choice to share.

Districts 7 and 8 (elders John Winter and Josh Zylstra): Lunch on June 10.

OFFERINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY May 27th

1. Shalom Manor
2. Hope Refugee Fund

Collections received May 13

Budgeted weekly amount: \$ 11,069		ACTUAL RECEIVED INCLUDING PAR:	\$ 6,964.00
Amount received up to May 6: \$167,837.00		AMOUNT BUDGETED TO DATE: (11,069.00* 19 weeks)	\$210,311.00
		(Shortfall)/Surplus for 2018	\$(42,474.00)
		Amount received up to May 6/ 2017	\$189,221.00
Teen Challenge	\$ 683.50	John & Ann Span	\$ 20.00
Back to God Ministries	\$ 568.00		

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT HOPE THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY:

THE PRAYER TEAM meets here at the church every Wednesday evening beginning at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join us! Please continue to pray for the Persecuted Church and the work of our Refugee Committee.

GEMS COUNSELORS: Just a reminder to the Gems Counsellors that we have a meeting this Wednesday May 23rd here at the church beginning at 7:00 pm.

CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENTION ALL GEMS!!!! We are excited to go camping at Braeside Camp in Paris on Friday June 8th (drop off between 6 and 7pm) to Saturday June 9th (pick up at 5 pm). Please check your mailbox for the invitation which has all the information you will need. Let us know if you will be coming! Text or call Counsellor Kelly 519.771.6687 or Counsellor Esther 519.319.8769 or email at gems@hopecrc.ca by May 21st!

Youth of Yesterday Wed. June 6 We meet in the church parking lot at Hope CRC at **11 am** to carpool to **The Windmill Country Market** where each person can purchase their lunch. At 1:15 pm, we will leave for our "Mystery Destination" where you will be entertained, informed and blessed in a special children's program. If you have not already signed the list, please call Gerda Drost (519-302-1012) to ensure that we have enough space for everyone!

Grade 4 Sunday School: Parents: Graduation will be taking place on June 24th. If you have a child who will be graduating this year, please plan to attend!!

2018 Soccer Camp - Seeking Coordinator This camp is set for **July 16-20, 2018**. The camp partners with Athletes in Action and is a great outreach opportunity and ministry for our church to further build God's kingdom. The Mission Outreach Committee is looking for a person that would like to contribute to the success of this ministry. You would be mentored to take on several administrative tasks, as well as learn the planning guide/timeline for the soccer camp the following year. These tasks are to be completed prior to the camp happening, so if you aren't available the week of the camp, that is okay. If this interests you or if you would like to be a volunteer the week of the camp, please get in touch with Kim Eigenbrood via email:

keigenbrood@gmail.com. Thank you for considering! On behalf of the Mission Outreach Committee

ATTENTION HOPE CRC PARENTS: We are excited to once again host our annual soccer camp from July 16th to July 20th for children ages 6-12. Look for our new on-line registration link on the church website- hopecrc.ca We are in need of assistant coaches ages 14 and older. If you are able to help out this year, please email Kim Eigenbrood at: keigenbrood@gmail.com or Lorrie Louwse: louwse@live.com or Nancy Game at: info@hopecrc.ca

4 L Milk Bags Those collecting milk bags for making emergency mats will find a large box on the bottom shelf of the **Resource** (photocopier) room. Please lay them flat in the box.

FOCUS: Come to the Library Resource Centre and check out some new titles!

Near Unto God By Abraham Kuyper. Daily meditations adapted for contemporary Christians by James C. Schaap. 242 KUY

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRANTFORD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL GOLF TOURNAMENT: June 2nd is fast approaching! Grab your clubs and friends and be ready for a wonderful day of fun and fellowship in support of **Brantford Christian School**. It's the 21st annual BCS Golf Tournament at Brant Valley Golf Course with dinner to follow at Bethel Reformed Church. Registration is available on the BCS website and Facebook page. Paper copies can be found at the Welcome Centre and are also available through the BCS office. Unable to attend but want to be a part of the big day? Donations and prizes are always welcome!

Volunteers Needed: Do you enjoy meeting new people? The GEMS Leadership Conference is being hosted in Ancaster, ON at Redeemer University College this summer (July 12-15). We will be welcoming hundreds of women and teens from across North America, and we need your help. If you enjoy transporting people, welcoming attendees, giving campus tours, delivering luggage to dorm rooms, please let us know. Contact Helena Bootsma (bootfam@sympatico.ca 613-398-6597) if you are willing and available. High School students: this would count towards your volunteer hours.

Noon Organ Recital Series The last recital will be performed by American trained freelance organist Joel VanderZee of Kitchener and owner of VanderZee Organs Inc. on May 25th. The concerts will run from 12.15 to 12.45 p. m. at Grace Anglican Church in Brantford. This will be the 13th annual presentation which began at St. Jude's Anglican Church but was moved to Grace Anglican Church (The Mother Church) in 2015.

There is free juice and cookies before and after each recital and everyone is welcome.

Shalom Manor & Gardens MAY SALE: Shalom Manor & Gardens MAY SALE: Join us next Saturday, May 26 from 8 a.m. to noon and get supplied for all your gardening needs – flowers, herbs, vegetables, bushes and more; check out the marketplace vendors & then enjoy something from our pop-up restaurant – this year we are trying something new - a light breakfast will be served 8 to 10 a.m. and BBQ sausage from 10 a.m. to noon! Funds raised will go towards special services, events and programs for the residents. *We hope to see you there!*

Coffee Break/Small Group Workshop: Immanuel CRC in Hamilton invites you to a workshop on Monday, May 28, 9:00 - 3:00pm. Marian Lensink of Global Coffee Break will lead a workshop focused on engaging scripture together, leading a small group well, and praying in and for our groups. Anyone involved in Coffee Break or a small group of any kind is invited to attend. The cost is \$35/person which includes materials, lunch and refreshments. To register please send an email to Rachel at rachelvandendool@gmail.com or call her at 905-745-5060. Please register by Wednesday, May 23, 2018. We look forward to having you join us.

WESTERN UNIVERSITY CAMPUS MINISTRY REUNION - If you were a part of the CRC campus ministry at Western University from 2001 to the present, you are invited to a reunion BBQ and bonfire on Saturday, June 9 from 4-9 pm in Talbotville, ON. Reconnect with former students, share stories about life after Western, mingle with current campus ministry students, and hear exciting stories of what God is doing through this ministry at Western. Questions, further details, or RSVP? Email Dr. Mike Wagenman at mwagenman@uwo.ca or call/text (519) 851-5845.

IS EVERYONE WELCOME AT OUR CHURCH? - SAVE THE DATE: On Thursday, June 14 at 6:45pm, join us at Calvin Christian Reformed Church [424 Hwy #5, Dundas](#), for dessert and continuing conversation about disability and belonging in our faith communities. Building on our previous event in November, Sara Pot will facilitate our evening as we discuss tangible ways that express the inclusive vision of belonging as it relates to disability and church. Whether or not you attended November's "More than Welcome" talk, this promises to be a meaningful conversation for all. We will be referencing Barb Newman's recent article *Everyone Welcome*, featured in the Banner magazine, March 2018. <https://www.thebanner.org/features/2018/02/everyone-welcome>. For more information about this event, visit us at www.orchardhome.faith

UPCOMING CONCERT: The Brant County Singers and Brant Men of Song present a concert here at Hope CRC on June 2 beginning at 7:00 p.m. A free will offering will be taken. Everyone is welcome! Check out the poster on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

PRAYERS FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH: PAKISTAN- There is a mixture of hope and scepticism among Pakistani Christians with the latest development in the case of Asia Bibi who was sentenced to death for blasphemy in 2009. The Chief Justice of Pakistan's Supreme Court, Mian Saqib Nisar, stated on April 21st that Asia's appeal would be heard soon and that he will personally preside over the case. Another time, he mentioned that all appeals before the Supreme Court would be decided by July. This case has been a flashpoint over the past number of years. Those who have taken up Asia's cause have faced threats on their lives. The most prominent were the deaths of a federal government minister, Shahbaz Bhatti, and Punjab governor Salmaan Taseer. Both were assassinated in early 2011 for their outspoken criticism of Pakistan's blasphemy laws and support for Asia Bibi. In anticipation of problems, the Chief Justice has ordered police protection for Asia's lawyer. Pray that the case will proceed quickly and justly, and for the protection of all involved – including the Chief Justice.

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUTH GROUP will NOT meet this evening (May 20th) We will meet here at the church next Sunday, May 27th.

YOUTH AND PARENTS OF YOUTH: Looking for information on what the Youth Group is up to? Everything you need is always available and kept up-to-date at www.hopecrc.ca/youth.