

The Herald Of Hope

Offering H.O.P.E. to the community



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Ministries Fair

As part of our "A Place For You" Sunday, March 6th, we will have many displays. These displays will highlight the wide variety of ministries that we at Hope are engaged in. You will be surprised at the number of ministries you are a part of as a participant in the life of Hope Church. Roger Campbell, the Ministries Fair Coordinator, tells me that there are so many ministries that we may not have space to feature each one separately. So you will want to browse through the displays that have been prepared by volunteers who are active in that ministry. As you become informed of the outstanding work being done, you may find a place for you to join in. Each of us has a responsibility to our Lord to use our time, talents, & spiritual gift (s) in a ministry that will offer H.O.P.E. to the world through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Join us March 6th and find your place in God's work.

Discipleship Sunday

Join us on Sunday, March 13th as we make our discipleship commitments in order to support the many ministries of Hope. This is an opportunity for each of us to grow in another area of discipleship.

Holy Week



Passion Week

Palm Sunday- March 20th

10:30 AM- Message-

Is This The Way To Treat A King?

Holy Thursday- March 24

Meal in the Upper Room according to the Passover Tradition. We will celebrate the Seder or Passover service with all the foods

traditionally served. Pastor Ken will explain the significance of each dish and we will offer traditional prayers. The service runs simultaneously with the meal. We will see how the Passover foreshadowed our Lord Jesus' crucifixion. This Passover meal will be much like the Last Supper our Lord ate with his disciples. The meal will conclude with the breaking of bread & the drinking of the cup. (Holy Communion). The meal will consist of lamb stew over rice, roast chicken, relish tray, traditional foods, such as a special fruit salad, unleavened bread, eggs, nuts, raisins, dates, etc. We need reservations since the room must be arranged according to the number of guests. There will be a \$4.00/person charge for the meal. Children 1-4 are free, 4-8 \$2.00. This is payable at the door. Feel free to invite guests.

We need reservations by Sunday, March 20th. (Palm Sunday) A sign up sheet will be on the table in the lobby. (optional foot washing service included)

Good Friday- March 25

12:00 PM- Service at Kenmore Community Church. Pastor David Watt is Host Pastor. Pastor Ken will participate. Come join with your brothers & sisters in this remembrance of our Lord's passion, that we might better appreciate his resurrection.

Easter Sunday

7:00 AM- Sunrise Service- Youth will be assisting and Pastor will speak on The Sign Of The Tomb. Breakfast will follow in the Fellowship Hall. The men's prayer breakfast will prepare it.

9:15 AM- Bible study for all ages

10:30 AM- Easter Celebration- Special Music

Message- The Empty Tomb

No Evening Service

Trustees Update



Ballfield: Needed-	\$6,000.00
Received-	
as of 2/18	\$ 277.70
Balance	\$5,722.30

Note: Administrative Board has designated special Easter Offering toward the completion of the ballfield project. Our goal is to be able to use the field this summer. Remember, the field will be an avenue of ministry for many years to come.

Mission Of The Month

The mission of the month for March is Akron Pregnancy Services. Some of the services that the APS offers is free pregnancy tests, counseling (short/long term), classes for prenatal, parenting, anger management, Bible studies, childbirth preparation, self esteem, and post abortion. They offer baby material goods to those in need. APS has a boutique with “baby items” that clients earn vouchers for by attending classes. APS asks us to pray for them because on March 19th they will have an outreach to the University of Akron female students at the Zion Luthern Church. The event is right before Spring Break. The title is “How Not To Get Burned”. They will be addressing topics such as, Beach Pilates, skin care, make up, and there will be a presentation by Ric Bowser, who will speak about “Relationships”. Please pray that God will grant them favor with the female students, particularly as they target those in the sorority housing, and that God’s vision will unfold to Ann Brunk, who is

Men’s Breakfast

We meet at 8 AM in the Fellowship Hall for a great breakfast prepared by Tome Gant and company. We share in devotions and prayer as well as continue our study “The Measure Of A Man”. This month’s topic is “Love What Is Good” with Pastor Tony Evans. All men are welcome!



Youth News

We would like to thank everyone who was able to spend a wonderful evening with the youth group at our Sweetheart Banquet. I would also like to thank those who generously donated without being able to attend the dinner.

While March has come upon us quickly, we are preparing for the annual Dessert Auction that will be held on march 19th at 6:00 PM. This has been a favorite fundraiser.fellowship activity for the past several years and we expect this year to be no different. The kids are already working on comedy and entertainment for the evening and are excited to provide an evening of fun and fellowship on march 19th.



Attention Bakers! The dessert action has only been a success in years past because of you and your willing ness to share your favorite desserts with us. We are looking forward to bidding on your favorite pies and treats this year as well. Please sign up on the Dessert Auction sheet in the Narthex.

Please start praying for the youth retreat at Camp Aldersgate from April 8th through the 10th. Please pray that this retreat from everyday life will provide an opportunity for the students to individually deepen their relationship with Christ. Also, please keep in your prayers April 2nd, as we have our Project Shine kickoff event. This is an opportunity for the students to get acquainted with the band, the speaker and each other before the project begins this summer. This kick-off event is also designed for the people of our churches to come and see what Project Shine is all about. If you would like to see the spiritual, praise and worship and fellowship side of Project Shine, then please plan to attend our kick-off event, April 3rd at Park UMC at 6:00 PM.

Looking ahead to the April Herald, we will be featuring our high school seniors.

Thank you for all your prayers and financial support for Hope church Youth Group and for Project Shine!

This Months Teacher Feature- Tom Gant

Tom Gant has been teaching the Bethany class for several years. He enjoys studying God's word and applying God's principles to everyday living. He would welcome you into the class any Sunday that you might decide to visit. Presently the class is studying the book of Romans.

Tom began to attend Hope Church through the Boy Scout Program under the direction of Moe Moore. He continued to attend Hope Church and was active in the youth group under the direction of Durlan & Alice Dumm. He is still close friends with them and their son, Larry, who resides in Nevada, Ohio.

He works at Akron General Medical Center in training and development. He likes to interact with different groups of people. His hobbies include: hiking, backpacking, cooking, and spending time with his family.

What Our Trustees Have Been Up To

The Trustees have been busy recently with the installation of a new drinking fountain in the upstairs hall, new lighting fixtures in the lower hallway, and Fellowship Hall.

The next project is to paint all the classrooms before our April anniversary banquet. The Trustees will be needing help from Sunday School classes, and individuals willing to paint. The Trustees have prepared a master color chart, and gathered equipment. They need your help. See Scott Campbell to volunteer.



Something New This Easter



This year you have the option to choose an Easter lily, tulip, hyacinth, or a daffodil. The last day to order your Easter flowers will be March 20th. Please turn in your order form to Lois Weber or Jamie in the office. Please make your checks payable to Hope UMC. Thank you. Order forms are available in your bulletin or on the table at the rear of the sanctuary.

Help Needed

- ◆ We need a person to provide nursery care during our Sunday evening services. Call Jamie Lebold if you would like to help.
- ◆ We need a person to provide nursery care during our Family Night on Wednesdays from 6-8
- ◆ We need persons who would like to participate in a praise band/orchestra for our worship. See Marcia Oeffner or Pastor Ken. We need persons of all ages.
- ◆ We need persons who would like to participate

Are You Growing In God's Word?

Each Sunday we offer bible study for all ages at 9:15 AM. There is a place for you. Come and enjoy the fellowship, as well as the fine teaching available.

Interested In Joining Hope Church? Interested In Baptism?

We will be having baptisms on March 20th, Palm Sunday. If you are interested, please see Pastor Ken for more information.

Updated Aluminum Cans Project

We received \$57.70 for our first two loads of aluminum cans and we gave 6lbs of tabs to Children’s Hospital. Thank you for your support. Please

VBS Helpers Needed



Anyone interested in helping with VBS, please sign up in the Narthex and let us know which area that you would like to help with. Thank you in advance for your participation.

Prayer Chain

Do you need prayer? Please call the office or Patti Reeves at 330-784-6707

Chapel Prayer

Please make time in your schedule to join us in prayer each Tuesday evening at 7:00 PM in the chapel. We are experiencing God’s anointing power and His blessings, as we lift the congregation, our ministries and those who request prayer.

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 • **SINGLES PLUS** •
 • **March 4** - Meet at noon at the church •
 • for BYOL & B in the overflow. •
 • **March 18** - We will have a Lunch Eat •
 • Out at the Golden Coral at 1:15 PM. •
 • The cost is \$5.19 between the hours of •
 • 1PM & 3PM. The address is 2819 S. •
 • Arlington Rd. 330-645-9740 If you need •
 • a ride, call Genevieve Seibert (330-753- •
 • 1351); Joan Burdeshaw (330-753- •
 • 9207); or Millie Miller (330-745-8272). •
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Worship Opportunities

March 6-A Place For You Sunday

- 9:00 AM- Prayer
- 9:15 AM- Bible Study for all ages
- 10:30 AM- Morning Worship
- 6:00 PM-Evening Service-Hannah

March 13- Discipleship Sunday

- 9:00 AM- Prayer
- 9:15 AM- Bible study for all ages
- 10:30 AM- Morning Worship
- 6:00 PM- Evening Service- Samuel

March 20- Passion/Palm Sunday

- 9:15 AM- Bible study for all ages
- 10:30 AM- Morning Worship
- 6:00 AM- Evening Service-Praise service with prayer for healing

March 24- Holy Thursday

6:00 PM- Holy Communion in Passover Tradition (see article)

March 25- Good Friday

12:00 PM- Kenmore Community Church

March 27- Easter Sunday

- 7:00 AM- Sunrise Service
- Join us for breakfast following the service
- 9:15 AM- Bible study for all ages
- 10:30 AM- Morning Worship
- No Evening Service

Family Night

Please join us for our Family Night every Wednesday. Dinner starts at 6:00 PM and classes start at 6:30 PM. The children will be participating in the Pioneer Club program, the Brigade Program or the youth group. The adult offerings are: Steve Miller continues the study of the parables of Jesus in the Chapel. Alpha continues to examine life questions in Room 5. **Pastor Ken will begin a study of the Gospel according to John. We will meet in the sanctuary. All welcome, especially those not familiar with the Bible message. First session will be March 2nd.**

Happy Birthday!

- 2- Matthew Oyler
- 3- June Fogle
- 4- Dorothy Tucker
- 5- Howard Boatright
- 8- Merleen Campbell
- 11- Ed Leyh
Susan Wilson
Aaron Mellinger
- 13- Tom Fincher
- 15- Eric Walquist
- 17- Jasmine Brady
Pat Kyle
- 19- Dave Black
Julie Fincher
- 20- Jon Goffee
Melinda Kiba
- 23- Shane Meehan
- 24- Diane Tanner
- 26- Kim Goffee
- 27- Benny Griffith
- 29- Carol Heffner
Julia Bresslauer
- 31- Robert Reeves

Please let us know if we missed you on our birthday &/or Anniversary list. Thank you!

Our Sympathies

Our sympathies go out to Linda Bryant and her family at the passing of her mother, Irene X. Morgan.

To My Wonderful Church Family

Thanks for all of your care for me and mine in our time of sorrow. I am so grateful for your prayers, cards, visits, & yummy food. I love you all! In Christ,

Linda Bryant & family



Memorial Gifts help to further the Lord's work, and can be made anytime you desire. If you have questions, see Jamie Lebold or Pastor Ken. Memorial gift forms are available in the literature rack in the Narthex and in the office. Memorial gifts given since the last Herald are given by:

- ◇ Roger & Linda Bryant in memory of Irene X. Morgan.
- ◇ The Sisters of Encouragement Class in memory of Irene X. Morgan.

If you wish to designate a memorial gift for a particular project, please do so on the memorial forms at the time of your gift. A list of suggested memorials is available in the church office.



- 1- Shane & Julie Duty
- 2- Claude & Nancy Debord
- 9- Chad & Jamie Lebold
- 10- David & Myrna Roberts

STEWARDSHIP & GIVING UPDATE

(through February 13, 2005)

Ministry goal YTD	\$ 21,469.56
Received, YTD	\$ 19,245.63
Difference	— \$ 2,223.93
Kincade Received:	\$149.00
Sent:	\$325.00

Pastor's Pen



On Sunday, March 27th, we will celebrate the most important day of the year for Christians. We will celebrate Easter. This day should really be called Resurrection Sunday since we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who on Friday was put to death on a cross to pay the price-penalty for your sin and mine. Then he was buried in a borrowed tomb and on the third day (Sunday)- The first day of the week, was raised from the dead. He was the first fruit of the resurrection that awaits all who believe in Jesus Christ. (John 20:31, Acts 4:12). This blessed Hope that is the inheritance of all who believe in Jesus Christ is the message we proclaim to the world.

The month of March 2005 will be a busy time here at Hope Church, we will have great worship and study opportunities as well as fellowship. I pray that you and all those you love will participate fully in these experiences. This month would also be a great time to bring those friends, relatives, acquaintances and neighbors (FRAN), you have been praying for to church. May we celebrate God's grace (blessings) in our lives and share the joy with the world. I look forward to fellowshiping with you soon.

God Bless You,
Pastor Ken

Out Of The Mouths Of God's Kids

On Easter Sunday, my eight year-old son, Wesley, said to me: "On Good Friday, God should have played the song, "Don't Worry, Be Happy". I asked him why, and he replied, "Because God knows the rest of the story".

Joyful Noiseletter
-Anita Hahn
Whitehall, MI

A Cooking Adventure



Tom & Pam Gant are looking forward to a cooking adventure during the week of Shine. They will be cooking breakfast and lunch during that week. There are ways that you can be involved in that adventure. We will be asking for donations to help defray the expenses of those meals. Thus, we will be collecting monies and donations as July 12th gets closer. Presently, you could provide bottled water in small bottles, pop tarts, and any other snack food that could be easily stored. Also, you could volunteer to help make breakfast. Breakfast is served at 7:00 AM each morning at Goss Memorial Church.

Join Us For A Fellowship Feast

On March 13th immediately following the service, we need all of you soup, chili, and salad makers and eaters to bring your best pot to share! Cornbread, rolls, and beverages will be provided. There will be a sign up in the Narthex to sign up as to what you will be bringing, or contact Angie Veppert at 330-745-2068 with any questions.