

DECEMBER EVENTS

December 9
Advent Choral Service, 11:00 a.m.

December 15
Siberian Solstice, 7:00 p.m.

December 23
Children's Christmas Program

December 24
Christmas Eve Service, 4:00, 7:00, 11:00 p.m.

December 25
Christmas Day Service, 10:00 a.m.

December 30
Lessons and Carols, One service, 10:00 a.m.

LOOKING AHEAD

January 6
Epiphany

January 13
Godparents' Day for DIT

March 6
Ash Wednesday



Hope is a
Stephen Ministry
Congregation.

Advent Choral Service

Our Advent Choral Service will be on Sunday, December 9 at the 11:00 service. Our adult choir will present selections and meditations focusing on Mary, the Mother of Our Lord.



Siberian Solstice

The talented musical group from northwest Ohio once again will be providing an exciting and inspirational Christmas show with music as originally performed by the nationally acclaimed "Trans-Siberian Orchestra."

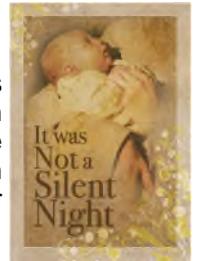
The music format of traditional Christmas music and other classical pieces with electronic keyboards, drums, and guitars is enjoyed by all age groups. "Siberian Solstice" has eight members on stage to accurately reproduce the TSO style and will perform approximately 90 minutes. They will perform at Hope on Saturday, December 15, at 7:00 p.m.



ADVENT ACTIVITIES AT HOPE

Sermon Series: It Was Not a Silent Night

No, it was not a silent night. From his birth to his death, Jesus Christ experienced real pain and conflict in his life. One woman stood at the center of it all. She shaped his childhood, and she wept at his tomb. This simple servant of the Lord watched in awe as God's salvation for the world was revealed through her beloved son.



What was she like as a person? Why was she given her remarkable task? What does the Bible teach us about her, and what meaning does her life have for ours?

Join us as we light the Advent candles, prepare our hearts for Christmas, and study the real life of Mary. It was a life that was neither comfortable nor easy, but it changed the world forever. The series begins on December 2, and the book is available to read along with the series. The suggested donation is \$8.00. You can order on your kindle or contact the church office.

Advent Donations for People in Need

As we explore the Christmas Story through the eyes of Mary, we will faithfully collect items to give to others each week during Advent. There will be a chance in worship each week to bring items up front as part of our Advent journey.

Date	Collection Goal	Donated to
Dec. 2	\$10 Kroger \$ 5 McDonald's food cards (\$2,000 total)	Salem Lutheran
Dec. 9	250 pairs of new children's underwear (size 5-9) and 250 pairs of socks (both children & adult sizes)	Old Orchard Elementary
Dec. 16	200 pairs of hats and gloves	MLK Kitchen for the Poor
Dec. 23	250 rolls of toilet paper or boxes of tissues & 100 containers of Lysol wipes	Redeemer Lutheran

Advent Open House: December 16

Members and friends of Hope are invited by Pastor Kevin and Janice to an advent open house at their home on Sunday, December 16 from 3:00-7:00 p.m. This open house is a great opportunity to gather in fellowship as we prepare for Christmas. Their house is located at 5535 Radcliffe in Sylvania. Maps will be available at Hope, or you can email Pastor Kevin if you would like directions.



Youth Service Project

The High School Youth Group will meet on December 2 & December 9, from 12:15-2:00 p.m. to go shopping for and put together Christmas bags for the families at Old Orchard who receive backpacks during the year. Let Pastor Kristin (pastorkristin@hopetoledo.net) know if youth plan to attend and if any parents/adults are willing to help drive as we go shopping!

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS AT HOPE

Christmas Worship Services

There will be three worship service on Christmas Eve:

- 4:00 Family Service with the Praise Team
- 7:00 Traditional Service with ensemble
- 11:00 Traditional Service with adult choir

Communion and Candlelight will be at all services.

A special Christmas Day service will be held on Christmas morning at 10:00 a.m.

An Invitation to Hope

Research has found that most people without a church home are most interested in worship at Christmas. The biggest factor determining whether they will attend is an invitation. Who might you invite to hear the great news of Christmas? Think of who you can invite to join you as we celebrate as a community on Christmas Eve. High-quality imprinted invitations are available each week in Advent to help in your inviting. Time and time again people comment how great our Christmas Eve services are, and this is your chance to share that with others.



Children's Christmas Program

The Children's Christmas program will be presented at the 9:00 service on Sunday, December 23.



To the angels, Christ's birth meant the arrival of great joy on earth. To the shepherds, He meant hope for all. To the wise men, He represented the greatest gift anybody could ever receive. As we follow the story of Jesus' coming, we will discover what Christmas truly means to them.

Bead for Life Update

Thank you, Hope members, for your generous support of the BeadforLife sale held on Nov. 18. We raised \$1935 to help empower desperately poor women in Uganda and beyond, which is absolutely incredible! If you are interested in more information or future sales, feel free to contact Kim Whetstone at kimbeadforlifevolunteer@gmail.com or (419) 704-1336.

Mission Trip to New Bern, NC

Scott Elston is leading a mission trip March 10-16. For more information contact Scott at (419) 410-4447

2018 YEAR-END GIFTS

As you plan your year-end giving, please note that the last day the office will be open in 2018 is Monday, December 31 **until noon**. You may also place your year-end contribution in the offering on Sunday, December 30. Any contributions postmarked by the 31st will be counted towards 2018 giving.



BAPTISM OF OUR LORD & GODPARENTS' DAY

We will celebrate the Baptism of our Lord on January 13 with a celebration of Godparents. All children of Hope are encouraged to invite their Godparents (or special guest) to worship and join for fun and food at 10:00.

CONSECRATION SUNDAY WAS A HUGE SUCCESS

On Consecration Sunday we celebrated All Saints Day and the many blessings God has given us through worship, candles, and fellowship. Over the past few weeks our emphasis has been "Living Generously." We now have the opportunity to express the generosity which God has given us by completing an Estimate of Giving Card for 2019.

After worship, Larson Hall was completely filled with 150 friends and members who gathered for the celebration



luncheon. Overall, it was an uplifting day of fellowship and interaction. Sincere thanks to ALL of the volunteers whose collective efforts made the day a success!

For all of you who have turned in your 2019 Giving Card, thank you very much! Based on the preliminary results, Hope is extremely blessed! If you have not yet returned your 2019 Giving Card, please do so as soon as possible. Your generosity will change lives, including yours!