

HCC News

Serve

- **Olmsted Falls Food Pantry**-- There is an immediate need for MAC & CHEESE and CANNED FRUIT. Donations of any non-perishable food items are appreciated. We can also re-use your plastic store bags for food distribution. See full list at Welcome Desk.
- **Updated Giving.** Text [insert amount] to 84321. There is a first time only set up required.
- **A Way to support Hope in the new year!** Hope Community Capital Development In 2018 we hope to make some significant capital investments beyond what the budget will permit. By faith we are asking God for \$50,000. This would also be a great year end kingdom investment and give us a running start. You can do this by using a Hope offering envelope; in the other line write HCC Capital Development, or selecting that line item in online giving.

Student Ministries

- **The Way (High School Youth Group)** All High Schoolers are welcome at The Way! We meet from 6:00-8:00PM every Sunday night in the Multi-Purpose Room (Gym) at Hope. We play creative group games, laugh, learn about Jesus, and we're discovering The Way to contagious abundant life together. You're always welcome to bring friends along with you! If you have any questions, feel free to contact Pastor Josiah at josiah.stumbo@hopeolmsted.org.
- **Wildfire (Middle School Youth Group).** Attention Middle Schoolers! Join us at Wildfire every Wednesday night from 7:00-8:30. You'll make friends, play games, eat snacks and grow in your faith—all in one place! And as always, feel free to bring friends with you!
- **WHITEOUT - REGISTRATION DEADLINE JANUARY 21ST:** Winter Youth Camp. Join the 6th-12th graders from Hope and other churches in our region for WHITEOUT at Beulah Beach Camp in Vermillion, OH the weekend of February 16th-18th. The weekend will include top-notch programming and a day at Kalahari Indoor Waterpark. Visit our events page at www.hopeolmsted.org or talk to Pastor Josiah for more info!
- **Student Ministries Mission Trip With Envision Cleveland June 9th-15th:** Current 7th-12th graders are invited to apply for the Summer Mission Team. We're partnering with Envision Cleveland, the Short-Term Missions arm of the Christian and Missionary Alliance. This will not only be an opportunity to serve in Cleveland, but **also** a serious discipleship opportunity for students. Please let Pastor Josiah know if you are interested in learning more. All paperwork and deposits will be **due by March 4th**.



All our events can be found on our website:
www.hopeolmsted.org.
App store: Hope Olmsted
You can also connect with us on social media:
Facebook: Hope Community Church
Twitter: @hopeolmsted



January 14, 2018

Pastor Joel Bubna

6941 Columbia Road, Olmsted Falls, OH 44138
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Sunday 9:00 and 10:45



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Hope Community Church
God, will you really send people to Hell?
Matthew 13: 40-43, 28:10 / Luke 16:19-30

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The notion of hell and the use of the word have become so common place that few understand its gravity. We talk about Hell freezing over and regularly tell people to go there. In truth there is nothing light or amusing about what the Scriptures teach us about Hell.

There is a sentiment in our culture that certainly if God is a loving God how could he accept that someone goes to hell.

You may remember John Lennon's song:

"Imagine there's no heaven; It's easy if you try; No hell below us;
Above us only sky; Imagine all the people living for today"

My job is not to make you feel good. My job is to preach God's word.

"There is no doctrine which I would more willingly remove from Christianity than (hell), if it lay in my power. But it has the full support of Scripture and, specially, of our Lord's own words; it has always been held by Christendom; and it has the support of reason" C.S. Lewis

There is a fundamental idea that is important in all these questions we are asking. Is God's word authoritative?

I. What did Jesus say about Hell? Luke 16:19-30

II. What would make someone worthy of Hell? Romans 1:22-23

"We always turn away from God because we value something else more, which is why it is such a cosmic insult and an infinite outrage. This is the infinite outrage in the universe, that human beings prefer something else to God" John Piper

"Claiming to be wise, they became fools and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images..." Romans 1:22-23

III. Would God be loving if He forced someone to go to Heaven? John 3:17

"There are only two kinds of people in the end: those who say to God, "Thy will be done," and those to whom God says in the end, "Thy will be done." All that are in Hell choose it. Without that self-choice there could be no Hell. No soul that seriously and constantly desires joy will ever miss it. Those who seek find. To those who knock it is opened." C.S. Lewis

IV. Heaven is to die for!

"Resurrection . . . means that every horrible thing that ever happened will not only be undone and repaired but will in some way make the eventual glory and joy even greater." Tim Keller

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• **Visiting Hope for the first time? Welcome!** Please stop by the Welcome Desk in the lobby. We want to say hello and we have a small gift for you.

Connect

- **How to register for classes and events?** On the website calendar www.hopeolmsted.org. Events.
- **Ready to get connected in the new year?** See the full list of Spring Classes at the Welcome Desk.
- **Lunch with the Pastors. DATE CHANGE.** New to Hope in the last six months? Join the pastors and staff for lunch on January 28th at 12:15 to learn more about Hope's staff and mission. Please register online via the website calendar.
- **Women of Hope.** Gathering **tomorrow**, Monday, January 15th, 7 pm in the MP Room. Our topic will be Health! both physical health and soul health. All are invited. Bring a healthy snack to share if you are able.
- **ALPHA. Got questions about life?** Explore life & the Christian faith with ALPHA! We meet for dinner, a talk & conversation around the table. Bring a friend who wants to know more about faith. Register online on website calendar. When: Tuesdays at 6:30pm beginning 1/30 for 11 weeks. Cost: Free.
- **Young Adult Ministry** - Resume meetings January 16th, 7 pm, room 109. Questions? Contact Dave & Jess Flegal at jessicaeflegal@gmail.com.
- **MUMs.** MUMs will next meet January 25th, and will be starting a new book series February 1st. Come join us as we dig into who we really are in order to revitalize our spiritual life and lead us to the fulfillment of our God-given destiny and vocation. We'll use the book *The Gift of Being Yourself* by David G. Benner. Questions, contact Lesley Placeway at jlplaceway@yahoo.com.
- **EPIC (50s+). Potluck and Game Night, Saturday, January 20 at 5:00 (Note earlier time).** Bring a large food dish (not dessert) to share and a favorite box game. Don't like games; just come to talk and fellowship. Time of prayer as well. Please sign up on the church website calendar.
- **EPIC (50s+). District CMA Retreat for Seniors:** March 14-16 in Sugarcreek, OH. Brochures at the Welcome Desk. Reservation/payment due by **February 2**.
- **Men Of Hope (MOH) Bible Study.** Jesus, coffee, and breakfast on January 20th, 7:30-9:00 am. \$5 donation requested for meal. Questions? Email Kris Bosworth at kjbosworth@yahoo.com.
- **2018 FamilyLife "Weekend to Remember."** The marriage conference is coming to Cleveland on March 2-4 and Akron on March 23-25. Please see Scott and Cindy Grove or email them at slgrove@cox.net for more information. **NOTE:** From January 8 -29, the registration fee is half price by registering under our group name, **hopeolmsted**.
- **Prayer meeting.** Thursdays 7-8 pm in room 109. All are welcome!
- **Weekly Prayer Letter/Prayer requests.** If you'd like to be included on the prayer letter distribution list, or have prayer requests, praise reports email to prayer.request@hopeolmsted.org.

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