

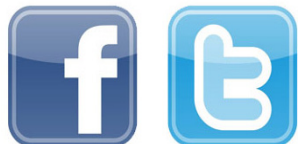
## HCC News

### Christmas 2017

- **EPIC Christmas Party:** (age 50+) **Saturday, Dec. 9th** at 6:00 in the MP room. Reservations with \$10 payment for dinner required by Sunday, **December 3rd**. See church website calendar or see Renee Davis. Bring a white elephant gift.
- **Christmas Eve Children's Choir.** We are planning on having the children, Kindergarten thru 5th grade, sing at the 4pm and 6pm services. We are asking that if you want your child to participate, to sign up for which service you will be attending. Sign up sheets are in the hallway, at the Children's sign in table. Questions? Email [Christine.Grimm@hopeolmsted.org](mailto:Christine.Grimm@hopeolmsted.org).
- **Christmas Poinsettias.** Honor or remember a loved one, or just make HCC look more seasonal with a poinsettia this Christmas. Poinsettias are \$13.50 and may be taken home after the Christmas Eve evening services. Order online **through December 3rd** at [www.hopeolmsted.org](http://www.hopeolmsted.org) Portal, then follow the "Register for an Event button" to find the Christmas Poinsettias "event" and sign up. Questions? Email [Marsha.Copper@hopeolmsted.org](mailto:Marsha.Copper@hopeolmsted.org).
- **Christmas Eve Services.**
  - **Sunday morning 10 am service.** Simple, no hospitality, childcare for nursery and preschool classes only.
  - **Evening services** at 4 pm and 6 pm with hospitality and mingling time after each service. Childcare currently for birth-PreK at 4 pm service (and hopefully will be added to last service).
- **Christmas concerts.**
  - The **Nutcracker Ballet** will be performed at HCC December 8-10th. Sensory friendly performance on December 7th.
  - **Peter Mayer** will be back Friday, December 15th. HCC family may purchase tickets in the office and save fees. \$25/ticket.
  - See **website calendar** for details and ticketing links.

### 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](mailto: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!



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



**November 26, 2017**

**Pastor Joel Bubna**

6941 Columbia Road, Olmsted Falls, OH 44138  
(440) 427-4635  
Sunday 9:00 and 10:45



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## Hope Community Church

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Always be Thankful

November 26, 2017

Mr. Robert Brooks

In his first letter to the Thessalonians, the Apostle Paul encourages the still young in the faith believers to live out their new found faith with the great expectation of the second coming of Jesus. Paul, Silas, and Timothy evangelized the city of Thessalonica despite opposition toward them. Their host, Jason, was taken by the rulers of the city as a peace bound and they let the missionaries leave the city. Concerned with their leaving under pressure and the church having no experienced leadership. Shortly after their departure, Paul sends Timothy back to Thessalonica. Timothy's report back to Paul showed that the Church was healthy but not problem free. Nevertheless, this letter is from a relieved and grateful pastor to his growing flock.

### Focus verse: The recipe for Thankfulness

**1 Thessalonians 5:16-18** - Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, and give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

### Commands:

**Verse 16** - Rejoice always: This is a staple of the Christian faith. It should come from the joy we have in our relationship with Jesus Christ.

**Verse 17** - Pray without ceasing: We are to always have an attitude and mindset focused on prayerfulness.

**Verse 18a** - Give thanks in all circumstances: Being thankful is a way of life to the believer.

### Resolve:

**Verse 18b** - for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. Rejoice always because we have a God that loves and cares for us beyond what we can imagine. Pray without ceasing because God knows what you're experiencing in your life good and bad and wants you to invite His presence and power into your situation. Give thanks in all circumstances. Patience and expectant living is how God wants us to live. Patient in waiting on Him to move and patient in yielding to His will.

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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](http://www.hopeolmsted.org). Events.
- **Women of Hope** next gathering is **December 18th**, 7 pm, MP Room. Register online. See website calendar.
- **Men Of Hope (MOH) Bible Study. Saturday, December 3rd**, 7:30 - 9:00 am. Jesus and coffee! Questions? Email Kris Bosworth at [kjbosworth@yahoo.com](mailto:kjbosworth@yahoo.com).
- **MUMs** Join them November 30th, 10-12 noon. See website for details.
- **Congregational Meeting.** Join us for our first church-wide meeting to discuss the state of our church. Where we've been, where we are, and where we're going. December 7th, 7 pm, MP room.
- **2018 FamilyLife "Weekend to Remember."** The marriage conference is coming to Cleveland on March 2 -4 and Akron on March 23-25. Gift cards to help cover the registration fee costs are available now and make great Christmas gifts for family or friends. Please see Scott and Cindy Grove or email them at [slgrove@cox.net](mailto:slgrove@cox.net) for more information.
- **Prayer meeting.** Thursdays 7-8 pm in room 109.
- **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](mailto:prayer.request@hopeolmsted.org).

### Serve

- **Interested in singing in the Christmas Eve Choir?** Rehearsals 12/9, 12/16, 12/21. Sign up on website calendar for 12/9. Questions? Please contact [worshipteam@hopeolmsted.org](mailto:worshipteam@hopeolmsted.org).
- **ESL Training Seminar January 5-6.** If you are interested in being a part of the new ESL ministry here at HOPE, there will be a training workshop Friday evening and all day Saturday January 5-6. Includes three meals, a 204 page manual, practice DVD's and more. This seminar is \$65, however if you are committed to being a part of our HOPE team, this seminar is free for you. Six other groups and churches will be joining with us for this event. We look forward to a great weekend together! If you haven't been involved to date but would like to be included, contact Jim McDonald for details. Please sign up by December 24th. Questions? Contact Jim McDonald 440-787-5442.
- **Olmsted Falls Food Pantry--** --Praise God, the Turkey Hunt last Sunday was a great success! Thank you to everyone who helped with the collection, and all of you who donated items. The Food Pantry has a good supply of non-perishable food for a while, but can still use paper products, toiletries, and cleaning supplies. The people deeply thank you for all the great non-perishable food, and other items you give them throughout the year.
- **Giving.** Text [insert amount] to 84321. There is a first time only set up required.

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