

HCC News

Christmas / 2017 Year End

- **Christmas Eve Children's Choir.** The children, Kindergarten thru 5th grade, will sing at the 4pm and 6pm services. Practices will be held **today** December 10th and December 17th at 11:30am in the 1st -5th grade classroom. It's not too late to participate. Please let us know in which service they will be singing. Questions? Email Christine.Grimm@hopeolmsted.org.
- **Christmas Eve Services.**
 - **Sunday morning 10 am service.** Simple, with childcare for nursery and preschool classes only.
 - **Evening services** at 4 pm and 6 pm with hospitality and mingling time after each service. Childcare for birth-PreK at both services.
- **Christmas concerts.**
 - **The Nutcracker Ballet.** Last performance is today at 2:30 here at HCC.
 - **Peter Mayer** here Friday, December 15th. HCC family may purchase tickets in the office. \$25/ticket. See website calendar for details.
- **Church Office schedule.** The church office will be closed from Christmas through the new year and will reopen January 2, 2018.
- **New Year's Gift.** Available for everyone at the Welcome Desk are 2018 Bible Reading Guides. Pick one up to prepare to start the year off in the Word.
- **Year-end Gifts** Two great opportunities for a year-end gift.
 1. **CMA Global Mission.** We are part of an Acts 1:8 family that continues to impact the Kingdom of Christ around the world. That impact is supported by all of us who are part of the family. Pick-up a brochure at welcome desk. It will inspire you as well as instruct you how to direct your year-end gift.
 2. **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!



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



December 10, 2017



Pastor Joel Bubna

6941 Columbia Road, Olmsted Falls, OH 44138

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Sunday 9:00 and 10:45



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Portrait of the Savior: The Suffering Servant

Isaiah 53

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Isaiah 40 begins the second part of Isaiah's message. Chapter 40 begins with words from God to Isaiah, "Comfort, comfort my people." The comfort is a person! Isaiah, speaking for God, to God's people, announced the promise of a coming Savior.

Savior = a person who delivers others (often a country or a cause) from peril.

Throughout the book of Isaiah there is an ongoing tension. There is an endemic sickness. God saves his people. They fall into sin. He punishes them. They come back. They fall into sin. It seems to have no answer, no solution. The peril is that there is no solution.

A Savior is coming. The nature of this coming Savior is contrary to anything a human could imagine or invent. Isaiah calls Him the Suffering Servant. He is revealed in a series of songs.

*"God announces His coming;
'Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen one in whom I delight;
I will put my Spirit on him,
and he will bring justice to the nations.'*" Isaiah 42:1

Isaiah 53 is the climax of the song. Its words reveal the striking nature of the Savior.

Who is this servant?

I. He comes as a servant Isaiah 53:1-2

II. He comes to suffer Isaiah 53:3-4

III. He comes to save Isaiah 53:5

IV. He is steadfast Isaiah 53:6

V. He is Sovereign Isaiah 53:10-12

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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.
- **Young Adult Ministry.** Last meeting for this year on **Tuesday December 12th**, Room 109, 7pm. Questions? Contact Jess Flegal at jessicaeflegal@gmail.com.
- **Women of Hope.** Last meeting for this year is Monday, December 18th, 7 pm in the MP Room. Bring a plate of Christmas cookies to share (if you are able) and come and enjoy a night out! Register online on website calendar.
- **Men Of Hope (MOH) Bible Study.** **Saturday, December 16th**, 7:30 - 9:00 am. Jesus and coffee! Questions? Email Kris Bosworth at kjbosworth@yahoo.com.
- **MUMs** MUMs is taking a break for the remainder of December. Watch this space for start up dates in January. Questions, contact Lesley Placeway at jlplaceway@yahoo.com.
- **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 for more information.
- **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 or praise reports, email to prayer.request@hopeolmsted.org.

Serve

- **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. Please sign up by December 24th. If you've not been involved but would like to be included, or have questions, contact Jim McDonald at 440-787-5442.
- **ESL Housing Hospitality Opportunity.** There are 2 older ladies coming from Atlanta for the ESL training above and they are in need of housing for the training weekend. If available, please contact Carol McDonald at carol.mcdonald@hopeolmsted.org.
- **Olmsted Falls Food Pantry--** Thank you to everyone who has donated. 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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