

HCC News

Christmas 2017

- **Christmas Eve Children's Choir.** Last practice will be held **today** December 17th at 11:30am in the 1st -5th grade classroom. 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 ages 0-4.
 - **Evening services** at 4 pm and 6 pm with mingling time after each service. Childcare for birth-PreK at both services.
- **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. 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: 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!



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 17, 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 Gentle Savior

Isaiah 42:1-4 / 43

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It matters how you perceive God. It shapes everything.

“What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us... We tend by a secret law of the soul to move toward our mental image of God.” AW Tozer

Isaiah 43 speaks words of comfort. They can only be perceived as comfort if we perceive correctly who God is.

We should never interpret who God is by our circumstances, rather interpret our circumstances by who God is.

The exhortation of chapter 43 is:

*“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have summoned you by name; you are mine.”* vs. 1

*“I, even I, am the LORD,
and apart from me there is no savior.”* vs. 11

The Messiah, the one who is coming will be a gentle Savior.

Gentle – is often understood as kind but indecisive and un-assertive. Gentle in scripture is the refusal to use power/force to harm, manipulate, or motivate.

Gentleness is a picture of deep fortitude and strength.

I. The Nature of the Savior Isaiah 40:11 / 42:1-4

II. The Message: Do not Fear Isaiah 43:1

God affirms his love and commitment to his people.

God assures his people of his presence.

III. The Response Isaiah 43:16-19

*“Forget the former things;
do not dwell on the past.
See, I am doing a new thing!
Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?”* Isaiah 43:17-18

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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.
- **Women of Hope.** Last meeting for this year is **tomorrow**, 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.
- **Young Adult Ministry.** Restart date will be Tuesday January 16th 7pm. Join us for biweekly gatherings as we continue to study the book of Ephesians together. Stay tuned for game nights and other fun events throughout the year! Questions? Contact Jess Flegal at jessicaeflegal@gmail.com.
- **Men Of Hope (MOH) Bible Study.** Breaking for the holidays. Jesus and coffee resume January 6th, 7:30-9:00 am. Monthly breakfast meetings resume January 19th. 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.
- **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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