

SLCRC MIDWEEK

December 5, 2018

H O P E

You have been my hope, Sovereign Lord, my confidence since youth. – Psalm 71:5
My mother and father were God-fearing people. They read the Bible every day in our home, took us to church every Sunday, prayed for us, and we prayed with them at the dinner table and before going to bed at night. My parents played the piano and sang hymns with us. I remember sitting on the piano bench with my mother when I was a child learning to sing, *“Jesus Loves Me This I Know, for the Bible Tells Me So.”*

That’s where my journey of faith began. It is why today I can testify to the verse in Scripture that says, “You have been my hope, Sovereign Lord, my confidence since my youth.”

I had a happy childhood because it was filled with hope. And that hope gave birth to beautiful dreams. – Robert H. Schuler

THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 9, 2018 – DECEMBER 15, 2018

Sunday, Dec. 9: 9:30 am - Worship
Sunday, Dec. 9: 10:30 am – Coffee Fellowship
Sunday, Dec. 9: 2:30 pm – Services at Grand Pines
Sunday, Dec. 9: 5:00 pm – Bible Study
Sunday, Dec. 9: 6:30 pm - Youth Groups
Wed., Dec. 12: 6:00 pm – Gingerbread House Build
Thursday, Dec. 13 10:00 am – Hannah Bible Study

PRAYER CONCERNS

Remember the following friends and members who have health issues, are in a nursing home, are homebound, or experiencing personal cares and concerns:

Bob & Rhea Teunis – The Hume House at 1244 W. Southern Ave., Apt. 9, Muskegon, MI 49441

Ruth Wierenga, Etta Peterson, Henrietta Laning, - Homebound

George Wierenga is under hospice care and is at home.

Cheryl Rasinske – Harbor House in Jenison

Marshall Teunis – Marshall is back at American House-17387 Oakcrest Parkway.

Henry & Amy Sterenberg – living at Lake Woods, 1684 Vulcan, Muskegon, MI 49442

Mickey Van Andel has returned home following therapy at Riverside Nursing Home

PRAYER REQUEST

George Suchecki had open heart surgery for the repair of a heart valve on Monday, December 3 at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. He made it through the surgery and is recovering nicely. He hopes to return home around December 17.

WOMEN’S CHRISTMAS TEA

Women’s Christmas Tea will be held tonight, December 5, at 6:30 pm, in the Fellowship Hall at our church. Come for coffee, tea and dessert followed by the entertainment which will be provided by the Western Michigan Christian High School Ladies Choir.

60 PLUS

All members of 60 Plus who are going to the Dinner Concert this Friday, December 7 at the Christian Reformed Conference Grounds, meet at church at 5 pm to car pool. Punch bowl begins at 6:00 pm and dinner at 6:30 pm. During dessert, Christmas Praise will begin. The program features Chris Hansen, Dawn Bouman, Marilyn De Mann and several musicians and vocalists from the HarkUp Christmas Event.

GINGERBREAD HOUSE BUILD

Family and friends are invited to the Gingerbread House Build next Wednesday, Dec. 12 at 6 pm. Also check the podium for products needed for building the Gingerbread Houses.

CONNECT

Connect will not meet this Wednesday, December 5 or Wednesday, December 12. Connect will meet again on Wednesday, December 19. Come for pizza, followed by Christmas Caroling to our homebound and shut-ins.

SOUND SYSTEM FUND DRIVE

As you are aware we recently have been experiencing sound system failures. The sound board is old and needs to be replaced. A new mixer sound board along with a new pastor's head set and additional wireless hand held will cost around \$6,100.00., we have a little over \$4,700.00 in the sound system fund. To assist with the shortage and to avoid depleting the sound system fund totally, Council is asking the congregation to participate in a Sound System Fund Drive in the amount of \$3,000.00. This would be over and above the regular budget. We would like to complete this by December 31, 2018. Therefore, we are asking the congregation to prayerfully consider helping us reach this goal. Please place your gift in an envelope and mark it as "Sound System" and place it in the offering plate or give it to one of the deacons by the end of December, 2018. Thank you for your financial gift.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE

First Christian Reformed Church of Grand Haven has invited us SLCRC to join them for their Christmas Service on Christmas Day, December 25 at 10 am and we have accepted their invitation. First CRC is meeting in the Grand Haven Christian School Gym, 1102 Grant St.

KATHIE WOLF'S ADDRESS

The address for Kathie Wolf is 17420 Warrior Drive, Howard City, MI 49320.

FROM LOVE IN ACTION

Love in Action announces that their new Executive Director is Josh Bytwerk. Josh has been our guest speaker a few times at our Faith Promise Dinners. He is thrilled to be serving a ministry that he has cared about for many years. Love in Action is having a Christmas Open House this Saturday, December 8 from 2 – 4 pm at their location at 326 N. Ferry, Grand Haven. Bring your favorite cookies or treat to share, and they will provide coffee, eggnog and punch. Also bring one of the needed items listed and exchange it for a special gift. Items needed are toilet paper, box of Kleenex, paper towels, trash bags (all sizes), dishwashing liquid, scrubbing sponges. In their recent newsletter, they reported that 269 pieces of furniture was provided to clients so far this year!