

# In Touch with Hope

919 Grand Ave

HOPE REFORMED CHURCH

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May 28, 2009

We are one church worshipping in two locations. Join us Sundays at 9:00 a.m. at 919 Grand Ave. or at 10:30 a.m. at the Spencer School Administration Building (23 E 7<sup>th</sup> St) for The Junction.

Living the Adventure. . .

## The Right Seat on the Bus

**It's that time of year again: Vacation Bible School is coming. VBS is one of the signature things Hope Church does. We will have nearly 200 children in our building the week of June 8-12. It is a great opportunity for us to build relationships with families in our community, to have a lot of fun, and (most importantly) to introduce kids to Jesus.**

**VBS also takes a lot of volunteers. For us to do VBS well, we need a lot of people. So for our Newsletter Article this week I've asked Kim Smith, our Director of Children's and Family Ministries, to write about her philosophy of volunteer recruitment.**

**--Pastor Russell**

We sometimes joke around church about people running from me in the halls during certain "high recruiting" times of the year! Although it's true that some ministries require a large number of volunteers, I'm not just interested in finding "warm bodies" to fill positions.

At Hope Church, we also often talk about being in the "right seat on the bus." The idea is that, first of all, we want the people of our church going in the same direction (we need to get everybody "on the bus") and then we need to help them find their role ("the right seat"). It really does make sense. Hopefully, we have all had a task or time in our lives that gave us that "I could do this forever" or "I'm soaring" kind of feeling. And volunteers that are gifted and motivated in their service are absolutely priceless. These results come with finding the right seat on the bus!

Maybe you are still looking for your right seat on the bus. If you are hanging out on the edge, wanting to jump in, here are a few tips to get you started:

What are you passionate about? What issue or subject really stirs you? Is there a current ministry at Hope Church relating to this?

What are your skills? Do you have specialized training in a particular area? What ministry requires or needs them?

Use the "try before you buy" approach. Come check out what's going on in a particular ministry area and see if it fits you. Ask: "Do I enjoy doing this? Could I do it again?"

What stage of your life are you in? Does your schedule leave time for your own worship and discipleship time if you commit to serving in this area?

Do I like working with technology? kids? adults? food? building things? organizing?

Many ministry leaders at Hope would enjoy helping you find your "right seat on the bus." Of all the things I am privileged to do at Hope Church, the one area that still gets me the most excited is finding volunteers! Being used to help people find their passion and use their God-given gifts is one of the most fulfilling things I have ever done! We are fortunate to serve in a congregation full of talented, gifted and generous people, many of whom are using their gifts and serving in all sorts of ways. There are many more who are still searching for their seat! So the next time you have to fight the urge to run from me in the church halls, remember I don't just need a volunteer, I want to help you find your "right seat on the bus!"



## Upcoming Services

We are one church worshipping in two locations.  
Our goal in worship is to hear from God, to bring glory  
to His name, and to encourage one another.

**919 Grand Ave – 9:00 a.m.**

***When It Mattered the Most:***

May 31: *Jesus Talks about Love* - John 15: 12-17

June 7: *Two Worlds Impacting One* • Pastor Jay

June 14: VBS Program

**The Junction -23 E 7<sup>th</sup> St - 10:30 a.m.**

***Fruitcheck:***

May 31: *Patience/Self-Control* • Led by Scott Finnern

June 7: *Two Worlds Impacting One* • Led by Pastor Jay

### **Sunday, May 31**

We will have the opportunity and privilege to administer baptism to Kolten Beck, son of Jeree Beck and Keegan Kracht, son of Steve & Kristi Kracht. We will be welcoming new members into the Hope Church family as well.

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**Congratulations to Dustyn Keepers**, who graduated from Western Theological Seminary in Holland, MI.

**Congratulations to Clark Johnson**, who graduated from Belmont University with a major in audio engineering on May 16.



You are invited to join the **B.C. (Before Church) Prayer Time** every Sunday 8:30 – 8:55 a.m. in the Grace Room. Come be a part of the engine that will drive Hope Church for His Glory.

**Yes, our worship services at 919 Grand Ave** are back on the local cable channels.

Mediacom - Fridays: 7:00 p.m.

SMU - Sundays: 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.



**If you did not get your picture taken** for the directory but would still like to be included, you can submit a family picture for a \$10 fee. All pictures must be turned in to the office by Sunday, May 31. **Remember these pictures will not be returned to you.**

### **The Global Day of Prayer**

May 31, 6:30 p.m.

Bible Conference Tabernacle Arnolds Park  
Everyone Welcome!



## **Baby Bottle Drive**

to help Cherish Center in Milford. Pick up a baby bottle from the church lobby and fill it with coins. When you have it filled return it to the church office. The proceeds of this unique fundraiser will be used to help operate Cherish House where pregnant teen mothers receive counseling, training, and personal support as they sort through the options of parenting their baby or placing for adoption. **Please return all bottles to the church by May 31.**



**Do you enjoy watching slow pitch softball?** Then come out to Pedersen Park on Tuesday nights and cheer the church softball team on to victory. Check the weekly or monthly schedule to see what time they play.

Next game: Tuesday, June 2 – 8:15 p.m.  
field 2 vs. Spirit Lake EFree Church

**General Synod 2009 will meet in Holland, Michigan, June 4-9.**

### **What Is General Synod?**

Synod? What does that mean? Speaking literally, it's a 14th-century Greek-rooted word, and it refers to the government of a church.

For us, it's the annual meeting of representatives from all over the denomination who gather to make decisions that affect church life. This group of representatives is called the General Synod of the RCA (**R**eformed **C**hurch of **A**merica).

The General Synod has authority in all matters that relate to denominational programs and policies. Its representatives are elders and ministers of Word and sacrament from all of the RCA's forty-six classis.

General Synod delegates vote on recommendations that various RCA program agencies, commissions, committees, and task forces have sent to the synod. They also vote on overtures sent to synod by the classis and elect the vice president of synod, who typically is elected president the following year.

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**Do you throw your printer ink cartridges away?** Why not bring them to the church office and we will recycle them at Staples? We get a \$3 credit for every cartridge we bring in that would help to purchase office supplies.

If a charge is made at HyVee or Fareway, you must bring a signed receipt (your name & the church event) to the church office (Lynda). Remember if you charge at HyVee you have to pick up the Hy-Vee card first from the church office. (This is not a credit card, it is only saying that you have authorization to charge. Thank you!

**POP CAN DRIVE FOR YOUTH:** The Middle School & High School youth are collecting pop cans and plastic redeemable bottles to help raise money for their activities. **NO glass bottles will be accepted.** We request that you rinse out and sort your pop cans and bottles and please put in separate plastic bags. The pop can bin is located on the west side of the church next to the building. Thank you!



# Youth News

## High School Youth Group



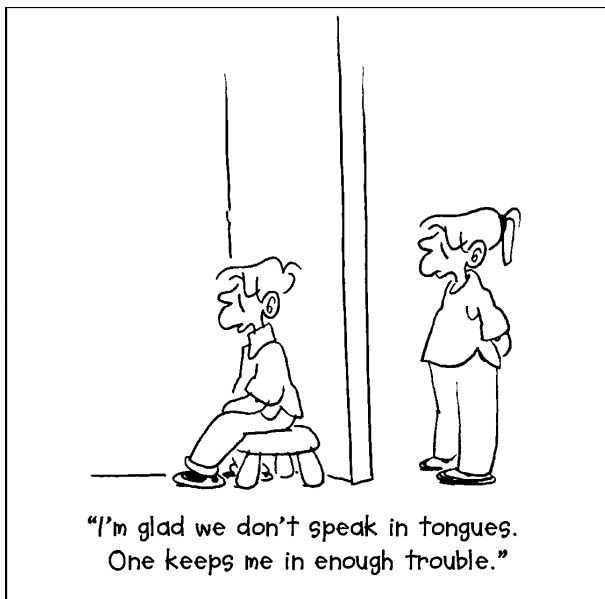
Bowling Night on  
Sunday, May 31.  
Meet at church at 7:00 p.m.  
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## 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth Group

meets every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.  
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## Nursery Schedule: Sunday, May 31

Dave & Kris Toay & Terry & Eileen Johnson



Dear friends;

*"I am the vine you; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." John 15:5*

One person, one village at a time. I was looking at the men that are working on the worship center this afternoon and realized that many of them have had their lives changed by Christ. At least half of the men working had been practicing voodoo in the past and now are following Christ. They were part of the project to get the worship center built so that many others could come and know Jesus, too. I was also speaking to Price, a former witchdoctor, recently. Price has recently lost his sight due to untreated glaucoma. He told me many stories about his former life and how lost he was. He said, "I spent 45 years blinded by Satan's ploys, but now that I lost my sight physically, God has allowed me to truly see His new creation in Christ." Price was recently married and baptized in the church.

I, on behalf of my community, want to thank all the people who have helped us build the worship center. Westgate church in San Jose helped us start the foundation, the many churches from Rocky Mountain High raised money to build the bulk of the construction, many other teams and individuals helped to build the rest and Orchard Hill Church has enabled us to put the roof on the building. There is no windows or doors and we still have to put in the benches but we will be using it as is until God provides the rest of the money. We couldn't wait to show you the pictures. Thank you, thank you, thank you!!

We can't wait to start to use it. As we start to plan how the worship center will be used, we wanted to let you know a need that has come up. We would love to fill the building with music of praise to the Lord. If you have any musical instruments that you could donate to us, that would be appreciated greatly. We'll send more pictures when the building is completed.

The other ministries of UCI are going very well. And we have been blessed with rain. Everyone in Haiti rejoices when it rains because it means that there will be food in the future. Please pray that people have enough seed to plant, that they can get their gardens planted in time, and that the gardens flourish. Thank you.

May God richly bless each of you in all that you are doing,

*JeanJean, Kristie,  
Tana & Kerri Mompremier  
(Missionaries in Haiti)*

"Laughter is like changing a baby's diaper. It doesn't permanently solve anything, but it makes things more acceptable for a while."

- The Joyful Noiseletter



# Vacation Bible School

June 8-12

8:30 – 11:45 a.m.

Ages 4 years old through entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade

To register your child(ren), please pick up a registration form from the lobby bulletin board or printable forms are available online at [www.spencerhope.org](http://www.spencerhope.org) and return to mailbox #250.

Cost \$5.00 per child or \$10 per family (non-refundable).

Make checks payable to Hope Reformed Church.

T-shirts and music CD's are also available on the registration form.



VBS Family Night, Friday evening June 12, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. Please join us for a meal and a program.

- ★ Even if your schedule won't allow you to serve during VBS week, you can still help us get ready! Katie Van Voorst and her team of "decorators" are creating a swamp for the kids to enjoy. They can use extra hands on:
  - Sunday, May 31 6:00 p.m. till whenever
  - June 1-5, anytime you can join us from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. and some evenings
  - Friday evening, June 5 at 6:00 p.m. to help put it all together!We will be painting, cutting out, building all sorts of fun props, we can use anyone of any ability! Come serve with us! Call Kim at 262-3016 for more information.
- ★ We need to borrow some items for VBS! If you have any rope, boat oars, nets, fishing gear, small boats, or canoes that we could use as part of our decor, please put your name on them and please bring your items to the Harbor basement.
- ★ If you are serving at VBS in any capacity, you must attend one of the two training sessions. Please pick the **one** that works for you, either **Thursday, May 28 at 7:00 p.m.** or **Thursday, June 4 at 1:00 p.m.**
- ★ **Safety training is mandatory** for anyone serving with the children at Hope Church and will be offered after each session for those who have not yet completed it. Please contact Kim at 262-3016 or [ksmith@spencerhope.org](mailto:ksmith@spencerhope.org) for more information or if you need childcare for either session.

