

# HOPE'S HAPPENINGS



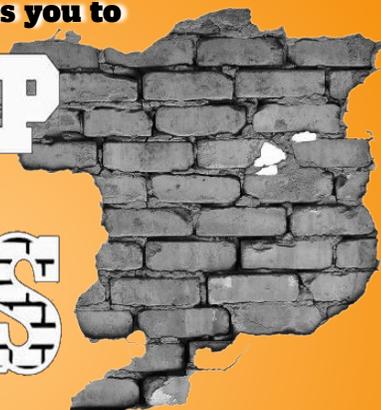
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## June Events, Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1 Michelle DeBoer
- 3 JOY @ Legends 8:30 am
- 5 Workday in Cedar Falls
- 5 Scott & Jackie Wildeboer (Ann.)
- 6 Pat & Ann Weber (Ann.)
- 6 Communion Worship Service 9:30 am
- 7 Emberlynn Nevendorf
- 7 Na'Laya Mills
- 9 Avalon Weber
- 9 Patrick Weber
- 9 Dave & Kristi Cleary (Ann.)
- 9 Jesse & Mandi Nitcher (Ann.)
- 10 Bud Wildeboer
- 11 Maggie Ackerman
- 12 Bristol Koenen
- 12 Sammi Meyer
- 13 Dick Brower Preaching 9:30 am
- 15 Care Team Meeting 8:00 am
- 16 Gaylen Timmer
- 16 Nick & Karla Peters (Ann.)
- 17 Brett Kleespies
- 17 Tawny Brown
- 18 Jude Koenen
- 20 Jani Sokoloski
- 20 Father's Day
- 20 Worship Without Walls 10:30 am
- 21 Azalee Weber
- 21 Gaylen & Patsy Winterberg (Ann.)
- 22 Dick & Esther Brower (Ann.)
- 24 Bob Kampman
- 24 Marilyn Poppens
- 25 Donna Sherman
- 25 Evan & Koby Capper (Ann.)
- 26 Jo Schipper
- 26 Chuck Krusey
- 27 Dale Ackerman Preaching
- 28 Elder's Meeting 6:15 pm
- 28 Consistory Meeting 7:00 pm
- 28 Karla Peters
- 28 Bob & Dort Kampman (Ann.)
- 29 Anita Meester
- 29 Patsy Winterberg
- 29 Leo Brown
- 29 Kate Hever
- 30 Jesse Nitcher

Hope Reformed Church invites you to

**WORSHIP**  
*Without*  
**WALLS**



SUNDAY, JUNE 20 @ 10:30 AM  
(POTLUCK TO FOLLOW)

MIRACLE PARK IN PARKERSBURG

BRING YOUR OWN CHAIR & A DISH TO SHARE!

MEAT, TABLE SERVICE & DRINK WILL BE PROVIDED!

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Worship Without Walls!! Join us June 20<sup>th</sup> at Miracle Park in Parkersburg for morning worship. Worship will begin at 10:30 and will last just about an hour. Bring a chair or blanket to sit on. Camp Hope will be offered for children. After worship everyone is invited to share a meal with us. Meat, table service, and drink will be provided! Bring a dish or dessert to share! What better way to tell dad "Happy Father's Day" than to worship with friends and family outdoors and have a grilled meal without doing any of the work?? Hope to see you all there!



"It says to join them for coffee and donuts at [www.fellowship.com](http://www.fellowship.com)"  
See back for more details!

## May Scripture Reading Check In!

1-Jun 1 Samuel 3; 8  
2-Jun 1 Samuel 9-10  
3-Jun 1 Samuel 13-14  
4-Jun 1 Samuel 15-16  
**1 Samuel 15:22; 16:7**  
  
7-Jun 1 Samuel 17-18  
8-Jun 1 Samuel 19-20  
9-Jun 1 Samuel 21-22  
10-Jun Ps 22; 1 Sam 24-25:1  
11-Jun 1 Samuel 28;31  
**1 Samuel 17:46-47**  
  
2 Timothy 4:17  
14-Jun Acts 2-3  
15-Jun Acts 4-5  
16-Jun Acts 6  
17-Jun Acts 7  
18-Jun Acts 8-9  
**Acts 2:42; 4:31**  
  
21-Jun 2 Samuel 1; 2:1-7  
22-Jun 2 Sam 3:1; 5; Ps 23  
23-Jun 2 Samuel 6-7  
24-Jun Ps 18; 2 Sam 9  
25-Jun 2 Samuel 11-12  
**Psalms 23:1-3; 51:10-13**  
  
28-Jun Acts 10-11  
29-Jun Acts 12  
30-Jun Acts 13-14

It may come as a surprise and/or disappointment to know that as a pastor, I struggle to spend time personally reading God's Word (simply for my own spiritual growth - apart from any message I'm preparing to give). I'm sorry if this comes as a discouragement, but the truth is, "I haven't kept up with the readings this year." So there you have it: that's my confession. I've heard similar confessions, with heads hung in shame, by others who admit they have fallen behind in the reading plan. If you're anything like me, you'd like to have all the boxes checked and to be able to say that you've kept up with the readings. In other words, that you're a good Christian who does their Bible reading every single day. I'm such a competitive perfectionist that I either want to do it ALL and WIN and BE THE BEST or I don't even want to try in the first place. And I realize that this is not the right attitude to have. Better to forget about what's been missed and to begin again: carve out time, open the Bible and complete the readings for THAT day. In writing this, I'm hoping to encourage anyone reading to make time TODAY to hear from God's Word. It can be a struggle to remain disciplined in any commitment - our devotion to God is no different. There are many distractions looking to derail us from a persistent pursuit of the Lord. But we shouldn't let our past failed attempts keep us from engaging again. That's just what our enemy wants. For us to beat ourselves up with guilt and shame and remain right where we are...stuck.

I hear reports of people who commit themselves to reading regularly and often find myself inspired by them. And I can often see the fruit of that commitment revealed in their faith and character. I know the benefits of regularly reading God's Word. I want others to know that I'm inspired and encouraged by the faith that I see lived out in them. I hope to be such an encouragement myself. So, if you're reading this, don't read another word of what I have to say. Put this newsletter down and pick up a Bible. Join me in hearing from God. Let's read and grow together. -Pastor Nate

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## Fellowship

Christ distributes courage through community; he dissipates doubts through fellowship. He never deposits all knowledge in one person but distributes pieces of the jigsaw puzzle to many. When you interlock your understanding with mine, and we share our discoveries, when we mix, mingle, confess and pray, Christ speaks.

—Max Lucado, *Fearless*

Fellowship and community with other believers is so important in each of our lives. At Hope we offer a time of fellowship after each worship service concludes. During this time, you may have a chance to catch up with an old friend, visit with someone new, talk about the sermon you just heard or how you felt the Holy Spirit during the service.

Another thing we really enjoy at Hope is FOOD (along with the visiting and relationship building, of course!). During fellowship we would love to start sharing treats again. Chuck and Jolene Krusey have offered to make cinnamon rolls the first Sunday of each month for "Celebration Sunday". We are looking for other volunteers to make coffee and supply treats for Sunday fellowship. This can look different to each person, maybe you love baking but would prefer not to serve, or maybe you would love to serve, but don't have time to bake anything or pick up a few boxes of cookies from the store. These two "maybe" people sound like a great team! If you are looking for a new way to serve your Hope family, you could start right here, through the heart... ahem... stomach. Contact Lacy Sherman (319-404-6038 or office@hopeinparkersburg.org) to volunteer!