



## ***Without A Net***

**Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.”**

**And immediately they left their nets and followed him.**

**—Mark 1.17-18**

Jesus, Quiet One,  
your call is not just the seashore challenge  
to change my vocation.  
You call every moment,  
every conversation, every choice.  
You whisper gently,  
“Here. Come with me. This way.”

Am I radically open to your nudging,  
ready to go an unexpected way?  
What entangling nets must I let go of,  
what habits and comforts must I leave behind,  
what familiar safety net must I forgo,  
what that I thought I knew  
will I have to cease to know?

What nets have me?  
Here, now, Beloved, draw me out. Set me free.

Working without a net.  
Just your presence, your quiet, your love.

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**Steve Garnaas-Holmes**  
**Unfolding Light**

# This Week at HOPE January 24, 2024



## Annual Meeting Follow-Up

Thank you to all who attended our 2024 annual meeting either online or in person. The potluck was delicious and it was a joy to celebrate our ministry together. You are welcome to view the [detailed presentation HERE](#), but here are some key highlights from the meeting:

1. 2023 general offering income highest we've had, but short of budget goal by about \$4400. Mortgage income about \$7400 less than budgeted goal. Overall, expenses exceeded income by about \$5600 and this deficit has been covered from our cash reserves.
2. 2024 Ministry Plan with unanimously approved budget of \$244,326
3. Winds of the Spirit loan has been retired!
4. Cottage Meeting outcomes
5. 2023 Ministry Celebrations
6. 2024 Ministry Goals
7. Election of 2024 Ministry Council Officers:
  - a. President – Alyssa Boock
  - b. Vice President – Diane Clark
  - c. Secretary – Marc Guthrie
  - d. Treasurer - Jason Neuhaus
8. 2024 Synod Assembly Representatives
  - a. Nancy Sailer
  - b. Carl Warren
9. 2024 Nominating Committee
  - a. Diane Clark
  - b. Sue Schuettpelz
  - c. Steve Leitch
  - d. Dan Malaney
10. Affirmation of Ministry Council Representatives
  - a. Worship Ministry: Paula Klacan
  - b. Congregational Life & Membership Ministry: Nancy Peters
  - c. Property Ministry:
  - d. Communications Ministry: Keith Getschel
  - e. Education Ministry: Hallie Neuhaus
  - f. Mission Ministry: Ellen Roose

Thank you to Nancy Sailer for your leadership and to Ryan Brill and Keith Getschel for serving as our A/V support for the Zoom participants.

# **This Week at HOPE January 24, 2024**



## **Pastor Annie Out of Office January 25-29th!**

For any pastoral emergencies while I am away:  
Please contact  
Rev. Carolyn Staats (Mt. Zion, Hudson): 715-396-1465.

Pastor Bill Montgomery will be preaching  
and presiding on Sunday, Jan. 28th!

## **Celebrating 2024 Generosity!**

As a reminder, if you made a 2024 giving pledge, or would like to update your online giving through Vanco, you will need to update your donation amounts with Vanco. Some people are comfortable doing it themselves by signing into your Vanco account and making the updates. But Olive is happy to make these updates for you. Simply contact Olive in the church office Mon-Wed 8:30AM-3:00PM.



## **We have eggs again!**

\$3.00 a dozen donation.

You can find them in refrigerator.

The donations will go to Youth Ministry events.

Thanks for supporting our youth here at HOPE!!



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# Wandering Heart

Figuring out faith  
with Peter  
Lent 2024



## Wednesdays in Lent

5:45 Meal

6:30 Prayer around the Cross



## Sundays in Lent

9:30 Worship

10:30 Fellowship Hour

Beginning Wednesday, Feb. 14

### WEDNESDAY EVENING MEAL HOST SIGN-UP

**Ministry Teams or Individuals are invited to host  
one of our Lenten midweek meals!**



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All are invited & needed to participate in the leading of worship!  
Please prayerfully consider sharing your time and talents!

[SIGN UP HERE](#)

Want to help but not sure what the job entails?

Learn more in our [Worship Volunteer Guide](#)

### **2024 ALTAR GUILD/COMMUNION SET-UP HELP STILL NEEDED!**

We are still in need of people willing to prepare the Altar for Sunday morning worship each week. This opportunity allows you the opportunity for a monthly rotation. Please sign up here:

[COMMUNION SET-UP/ALTAR GUILD HELPERS](#)

Thank you for our 2024 Communion Bread Bakers:

[COMMUNION BREAD BAKERS](#)

For a description of how to fulfill this role check out the  
[Worship Volunteer Guide](#)

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**ALL CONGREGATION MEMBERS & FRIENDS ARE INVITED TO BE  
Snack Hosts  
FOR OUR WINTER SESSION OF WOH!**

This is a great way to connect with our younger families here at HOPE!  
Snack hosts need to provide a simple snack and drink for about 20 participants  
Consider teaming up with a friend and checking out our Wednesday evenings!  
Help make Wednesdays of HOPE a safe, engaging, and welcoming time for all!



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## **WINTER SESSION BEGINS TONIGHT! ALL ARE WELCOME**

All K-10th+\* grade youth are invited to join us on Wednesday evenings from 6-7PM for fellowship, family friendly worship & service, learning, and growing in relationship to Jesus and one another! Our evenings begin with a brief family style worship, where children & adults help with leadership and a true sense of community is fostered. Youth are then divided into elementary (Faith Adventures) and middle/high (Confirmation) classes for deeper engagement with the evening's themes.

### **Winter Session Schedule:**

**January 10:** Liturgical Calendar: Hands on Exploration of God's Time & Church Seasons

**January 17:** The Lord's Prayer

**January 24:** The Lord's Prayer

**January 31:** The Lord's Prayer

**February 07:** ALL AGES BINGO NIGHT!

**February 14:** Ash Wednesday (6:30 Worship)

If you have not already done so, you can register for the Winter session here:

**[2023-2024 Wednesdays of HOPE Registration](#)**

**Teachers and Snack Hosts are needed to make each night of Wednesdays of HOPE a safe, engaging, and welcoming time for all!**

Please consider sharing your time and gifts to help! Sign-up at the links above or contact Pastor Annie!

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**Teachers and Snack Hosts  
ARE NEEDED for the Winter and Spring Sessions!  
Help make Wednesdays of HOPE  
a safe, engaging, and welcoming time for all!**

Please consider sharing your time and gifts to help!  
Sign-up at the links above or  
contact Pastor Annie for more information!



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All are invited to join Pastor Annie for this weekly small group conversation and Bible study!

This is a great chance to grow in relationship with God and one another.

We meet via Zoom so all can join from wherever you are!

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Mark Bondhus  
Wendy Tokheim  
Lisa Ryland  
Karen Rodewald  
Susan Schuettpelz  
Bruce Schuettpelz  
Greta Wunrow  
Jason Neuhaus



Hallie Neuhaus	1-Jan
Jill Fritz	3-Jan
Hannah Hoglo	3-Jan
Teegan Johnson	6-Jan
Katherine (Klacan) Schilling	11-Jan
Camryn Glaubitz	11-Jan
Mary Thompson	13-Jan
Jan Malaney	15-Jan
Connie Juaire	16-Jan
Samantha Brill	18-Jan
Sydney Wolfe	19-Jan
Lexy Getschel	21-Jan
Mason Shea	21-Jan
Sean James	22-Jan
Makayla Ziebarth	23-Jan
Amanda Ziebarth	28-Jan
Jeremy Wolfe	31-Jan

## **This Week at HOPE January 24, 2024**



### **Please lift up the following people in prayer**

Family of Mary Babler  
Lori Snyder (Friend of Nancy and David Peters)  
Kermit and Sharon Paulson  
Gorden Jacobson (Linda Jacobson's uncle)  
Randy Dopkins (Olive Olson family friend)  
David Anderson (Karen Brohaugh's brother)  
Faye Perkins and family  
Eden Annoye (Relative of Debra James)  
John Weller (Karen Brohaugh's cousin)  
Dave and Deb Haugen (Family of Ellen Roose)  
Phyllis and Tom Haugen (Family of Ellen Roose)  
John and Lisa Davis (Friends of Dale & Jan Wegleitner)  
Fatma Aljarrah (Friend of Faye Perkins)  
Lorraine Brask Family ( Mother of Karen Kaste)  
Beth Lindgren Family (Dan Malaney)  
Betty Lou Oppeward and Family  
Michael Jacobson (Brother of Linda Jacobson)  
Barb Carmichael (Friend of Nancy Sailer)  
Dennis & Sandy Schultz (Friends of Bill & Kay Montgomery)  
Nancy Miller (Friend of Paula & Phil Klacan)  
Family of Marc DuPaul (Nephew of Naomi Brandt)  
Linda Shurden (Friend of Nancy Sailer)  
Charli and Sam King (Friends of Faye Perkins)  
Joyce Kendall (Mother of Cara Getschel)  
Judy Branson (Relative of the Boocks)  
Hannah Forward  
Amanda Olson (Olive Olson's daughter)  
Ella Conover ( Niece of Phil & Paula Klacan)  
Daryl Kleeman (brother of Darcy Boock)  
Naomi Brandt and family  
David Boock (Relative of the Boocks)  
Nicholas Simpson (Boock family friend)  
Teajai Schmidt (Boock family friend)  
Rev. Sarah Mayer-Flatt (Friend of Pastor Annie)  
Lee Hill (friend of Naomi Brandt)  
Gary Siebold  
David Hendrickson