



Rockpoint

COMMUNITY CHURCH

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“Pointing people to life through Jesus Christ”

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“ADVENT OF GRACE...Hope over Fear”

Colossians 1:15–29, Page 983

Pastor Jim Bushoven



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WELCOME ROCKPOINT!

As we begin to worship in person, let us be gracious and sensitive to each other, taking the safety guidelines seriously so that we might do what is best for one another. *If you do not feel comfortable attending church in person, you are welcome to worship with us via livestream. Please join us on YouTube or Facebook LIVE (search Rockpoint Community Church).

PRAYER AND PRAISE

***Catherine Lindsay** would like to thank the congregation for all of the birthday cards, greetings and visits that she received. She is thankful for belonging to this church family!*

We extend our sincere Christian sympathy to Wayne, Maribeth, Kevin and Becky Vriesema and family on the passing away of Wayne's mother, **Pauline Vriesema**.

Pray for God's comfort, peace and assurance for **Dot Breur** who is in hospice care.

Pray for strength and healing for Roger & Marilyn Gardenier's daughter **Karen**, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.

Julie McHugh will have surgery for breast cancer on December 9. Pray for a successful surgery and pray for the doctors who are treating her.

We give praise and thanks to God for keeping the children of Crossroads, ROCK Youth Group, GEMS and Cadets healthy in the past few months! To be extra cautious and due to the rise in COVID-19, we are suspending these programs until the beginning of the year.

ROCKPOINT NEWS

Today is the beginning of Advent. The Advent candles remind us of the contrast between darkness and light. The Advent wreath has a circular shape, without beginning or end and reminds us of Jesus' divinity, of His sacrifice in becoming Immanuel and of His unending love and care for us. This week we invite the Virga family to light the first candle of Advent, the candle of **Hope**.

Join us **TODAY from 1:30-2pm** at Hawthorne Gospel Church to celebrate the **baptism of Morgan Elia**. All are welcome to attend!

Next Sunday, December 6, we will celebrate **communion**. – *“Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me”*. Psalm 51:10.

NEW SERMON SERIES: Advent of Grace. During this advent season we are going to bring together the heart-warming, trustworthy, Christmas wonder of the Advent season through Hope - Peace - Love - Joy - culminating in Christ *with* a highly intentional confrontation on FEAR. 2020 is a year that has heightened fear. However, God's grace delivers us promise after promise from the God of life itself. Knowing that you and I are followers of this God through Christ, it is time to regain our sight to see that CHRIST conquers our Fear. It is time to embrace an **Advent of Grace**.

TRANSFER OUT: Doug and Barb Boydston have relocated to Pennsylvania and have requested that their membership be transferred to Grace Ridge Church in Honesdale, PA. We wish them God's blessings in their new church home and will miss them here at Rockpoint!



Kids ROCK (Grades 1-4) will meet today in the Fellowship Hall and **Preschool ROCK (Ages 2.5-5)** will meet in the preschool classroom. Masks are required, and we will social distance.

PRAYER MEETING: Join us on Wednesdays evenings at 7pm in the Fireside Room. All are welcome! Please wear a mask and social distance.

What can I pray for this week?

- 1.** Pray for state governors and health department officials to make the right decisions for citizens as the coronavirus pandemic continues.
- 2.** During this season of Advent, prepare our hearts to celebrate the birth of our Savior. May the majesty of a simple manger, the joys of a silent night, and the birth of a little baby fill our hearts with gladness.
- 3.** Pray for our pastors at Rockpoint. Pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance for effective ministry. Pray for good emotional and physical health. Pray that their leadership, vision and service be in accordance with God's will.

The second offering this month is for **NEW HOPE MINISTRIES** which is a faith-based non-profit community development corporation and food pantry dedicated to working with low-income residents of Haledon and Prospect Park.