



Rockpoint

COMMUNITY CHURCH

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“Pointing people to life through Jesus Christ”

Sunday, December 1, 2024

“THE BIRTH OF HOPE”

Luke 1:5-24, page 855

Pastor Jim Bushoven



Connect with us!

WELCOME ROCKPOINT!

*We pray that you will have a meaningful encounter with God as we worship our Lord together! **Please join us in Fellowship Hall for a time of coffee and bagels immediately following the service this morning.** We extend a special welcome to anyone visiting with us today!*

KIDS WORSHIP: Kids will enjoy our ministries designed for every age to learn more about Jesus! **Pebbles Nursery** is for children ages birth-2 and is located in **Room 101**. **Preschool ROCK** is available for preschool children ages 2-5 throughout the service in **Room 103**. Children in grades K-5 are welcome at Kid's ROCK located in our **Lower Level, Room B01**. They are dismissed after participating in morning worship. Safe and secure check in for ages 2-5th grade is located in our lobby. Guests are invited to attend! **SUNDAY SCHOOL** for children K-12 begins at 11:15am on Sunday mornings. **ROCK YOUTH GROUP:** Middle School 5-7pm, High School 7-9pm on Sunday evenings.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Ruth Aupperlee had her bladder removed this past week. Pray for comfort, peace and healing for Ruth as she recuperates from surgery.

Pray for comfort and complete healing for **Sheri Mulcock** after recent back surgery.

Continue to pray for complete healing for **Audrey Vogel** after recent tests on her liver.

Pray for comfort, strength and healing for those with cancer: **Michael Ays, Ruth Aupperlee, Tara Breur, Luann De Young, Faith Noah, Lorinda Leon, Deb Steyling, Lynn Stalter, and Marina.**

Pray for our shut in members and for those with ongoing medical concerns, such as **Joanne de Bruyn, Rea DeHaan, John Dyk, Marilyn Gardenier, Phyllis Schuurman, Sharon Soder and Audrey Vogel.**

ROCKPOINT NEWS

Today marks the first Sunday of Advent. We light the candle of **HOPE**, which reminds us of the promise that a Messiah would come, bringing hope to the world.

ADVENT 2024: A Season of Preparation “Preparing our Hearts to Make Room for Jesus this Christmas through the Essential Ministry of John the Baptist”. John the Baptist came to prepare hearts for the arrival (**hope**) of the Messiah. This Messiah would establish an everlasting Kingdom of **peace** that would begin with *gifting* people the Holy Spirit so that they might experience the indwelling **joy** and power of knowing God. With such joyful power he sends his people out to make known to all the rich **love** of God the Father. Let us remember to make room for the wonder of God in our hearts this Christmas season.

INSTALLATION OF HERNAN ZAPATA: Today we will install Pastor Hernan Zapata for the role of Hospital Chaplain. He is a Minister of the Word through the CRC and we are the church partnered with him for the success of his ministry and to hold his credentials so that he might remain in good standing with regards to faith and in doctrine. This agreement has zero financial obligation on behalf of Rockpoint.

YOU ARE INVITED! Our talented Crossroads Camp Drama Club will present the musical, ***Bye Bye Birdie*** this **Friday, December 6 at 7pm** and **Saturday, December 7 at 7pm**. Admission is free!

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE: Join us on **Saturday, December 14 at 4pm** for a time of carols, candlelight, and remembering the birth of Jesus!

RECOGNITION LUNCHEON: Join us next **Sunday, December 15 at 11:30am** (following the service) for a sandwich luncheon recognizing Pastor Jim and his family as they prepare for their next calling. Sign up **today** in the Fellowship Hall. *Please note at sign up if you have any dietary restrictions. Volunteers are needed for set up and clean up, contact Greg Golden @ 201-913-4121 if you can help.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: We are in the process of starting a women's Bible study. Let us know if you would be interested in attending and if a morning or evening study would work best for you! See Faith Tanis for more information, contact her at 201-519-6596, or email fst929@optimum.net.

PEBBLES JUNCTION: Come for a fun morning at our stay and play group for kids ages 0-5 every 2nd & 4th Friday of the month from 9-10:30. Next playgroup is **Friday, December 13**.

WORSHIP SERVICE CANCELLATIONS: If our services must be canceled due to stormy weather, a notice will be posted on our website (www.therockpoint.org), Realm, and text. If you would like to be part of Rockpoint's text notifications, text the word PRAY to 833-511-0859.

Windmere (formerly Holland Christian Home) Open House - Join us on **Saturday December 7** from **12 pm - 3 pm** for a self-paced tour at North Haledon's hidden gem of senior living! **151 Graham Ave., North Haledon.** For more details, call Lori @ 973-807-3250

LIFE TEAM SCHEDULE

| | Today, 12/1 | Sunday, 12/8 |
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| SECURITY <i>Lead</i> <i>Assist</i> | Dennis Cabrera Jose Romero | Jerry Vogel Steve Lagerveld |
| PEBBLES | Janelle, Avery | Patty, Rachel |
| LITTLE ROCK | Brielle, Faith | Emily, Becky |
| KIDS ROCK | Sheri, Kris, Emily, Leigha, Josie, Colin | Sheri, Kait, Natalie, Everett, Marcie, Nicholas |

A **Special Offering** is collected the third Sunday of every month
Sunday, December 15 – City Relief