



Hope Ministries
5075 E. University Avenue
Pleasant Hill, IA 50327

Contact: Kathy Coady
Office: 515-265-7272, ext. 1017
Cell: 515-669-7374

Press Release

Local News for Immediate Release

Friday, December 2, 2016

**Hope Ministries Christmas Meal Registration Now Open to
Low-Income and Homebound Community Members**

DES MOINES, Iowa—On Christmas Day, Hope Ministries® will serve and deliver around 2,500 meals to people who are homeless and hungry, low-income or homebound. The ministry is currently accepting reservations for in-home meal deliveries in the Des Moines area.

“Many of our neighbors are not able to be part of a community meal this holiday,” said President/CEO Leon Negen. “Some don’t have access to transportation, they can’t afford bus or taxi fare or they are physically unable to leave their homes,” he explained. “Our meal delivery outreach is a way of bringing a sense of community—and a delicious holiday dinner—to them.”

Community members can reserve their Christmas meal(s) online at www.hopeiowa.org or by calling (515) 265-4277, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. The deadline to reserve meals is Monday, December 19, at 4:30 p.m.

Hope Ministries will also serve a free Christmas meal at their Hope Café (1310 6th Avenue) from noon to 1:30 p.m. All are invited, and no reservations are necessary.

“We invite members of our community who are hungry or homeless, who can’t afford the cost of preparing a traditional holiday meal for their families or who are alone this holiday, to join us at our tables for food, fellowship and encouragement,” Negen said. “We’ll be honored to celebrate Christmas over a meal with all who come through our doors, and we’re grateful for everyone who makes this important event possible.”

For information about Hope Ministries’ programs and services, visit www.hopeiowa.org. For photos, interviews and other information, contact Kathy Coady at 515-265-7272, ext. 1017.

###

Our Mission: To rescue those who are homeless, hungry, abused or addicted, providing opportunities for hope, recovery and restoration through the love of Jesus Christ.