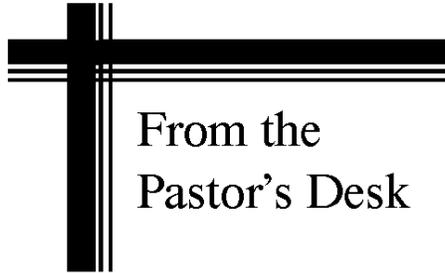


HOPE GOOD NEWS

March 2019



From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Hope family,

I am writing this before my journey to Israel. I am not sure what my Holy Land trip will change in me, but I am sure I will be a different Pastor. It will be awesome to walk where Jesus walked!

When you see me in March, we will begin our small group study and message series called *SoulShift*. This is not a program or even a “normal” church theme. *SoulShift* asks God to reveal to you the true condition of your soul. We will go on a soul tour together. Like my trip to Israel, it will be life changing. Don't miss out on this trip. Give yourself fully to it. You're worth the effort.

SoulShift is an outcome-based, down-to-earth approach to your spirituality. You can enter this spiritual transformation process at any stage of life. You will be empowered to engage in seven shifts that will change your life-and keep changing it. By engaging with *SoulShift*, you will know exactly where you're going and how to get there.



Our study comes from the book *SoulShift*. It's for people who have tried hard to be different but feel they haven't changed as much as they ought. It's for people who know what they should do but have trouble doing it. It's for those who have that one nagging sin that seems to float over them like a ghost. That's not the way God wants it. Jesus didn't die on the cross so that we could all have more guilt in our lives. He died so we might be free.

This is the dream God has for you. It's the picture of the future you that He puts on his fridge. It's you – restored to His original plan. He's already at work restoring your future.

But where do you begin? What kinds of things should you infuse into your soul-your life-to change it? For the next seven chapters, we'll take a look at each *SoulShift*, unpacking what it means in the Bible and in life. We'll give examples of each shift with practical suggestions for how you can cooperate with what God is already doing.

Are you ready to shift?

Pastor Scott

The book *SoulShift* can be purchased from the church office for \$10.00 or you can purchase it online.

Ash Wednesday

MARCH 6TH 7:00PM

ECUMENICAL SERVICE AT THE EDWARDSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

68961 LAKE ST. EDWARDSBURG MI 49112

Crystal Springs Camp-Spring Improvement Day April 13 2019

Gas up your chain saws, iron your gardening gloves and dust off your work boots. It's time for the 2019 Spring Improvement Day!

We have tasks for all skill levels and plenty to do. If you have tools, bring them. If you have equipment, bring it. If you don't have either, we have it for you to borrow.

Categories include gardening, leaf removal, cleaning, sorting, wood splitting, minor plumbing/ electrical, minor repair work and general moving around of stuff.

Lunch will be provided at noon. See you there!!!

Crystal Springs Camp and Retreat Center
33774 Crystal Springs Dr.
Dowagiac, MI 49047



CURRENT HOPE FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Month of January Ministry Fund Summary



January Ministry Fund Donations:	\$ 17,654
January Ministry Fund Expenses:	-\$ 20,067
January Shortfall:	-\$ 2,413

All January bills have been paid.

Mortgage Payment Update:

Mortgage & Missions Allocation:	\$4,708
Transfer:	302
February Mortgage Payment:	\$5,010

FINANCE REPORT

Hope's Mortgage Balance is \$168,801 after the February 2019 payment. Our projected payoff date is February 2022.

Thank You for Helping



Items for dogs and cats staying at the Humane Society will be collected at the monthly Craft Night on Friday, March 1, if you would like to donate.



DEB LANG	3/01
STEVE LEIST	3/02
SPENCER BEEHLER	3/02
MIRANDA ANDERSON	3/02
SHARON MORGAN	3/02
PEGGY JENSEN	3/03
ERIC FRIES	3/03
NANCY BOWMAN	3/04
LILA BLOUGH	3/05
JACK GOULD	3/05
LAMAR STUMP	3/06
CHANDLER SHEETS	3/07
AJ FROST	3/07
RICHARD LAWSON	3/08
LANA OLEJNIK	3/08
EVAN STRONG	3/09
LAURYN CORP	3/10
DAVID MORTIMER	3/10
DONELDA LOHR	3/11
TIM PELMEAR	3/12
MACKENZIE FLICK	3/13
NANCY MEAD	3/14
JENA BERLIN	3/16
BOB MORGAN	3/16
JEFF MILLER	3/17
DIANE ENDRES	3/22
TOM BLUNIER	3/23
RONDA FAHEY	3/24
PAULA RALPH	3/24
MILLIE GRISSINGER	3/25
DEVON TRUEX JR	3/25
MATT WEILER	3/26
ALLISON KOONTZ	3/27
SHAWNA LaPORTE	3/27
BRAD STRYCKER	3/28
JEFF VIRGIL	3/28
AARON DITSON	3/30
KEITH MILLER	3/30
STEVE PURVIS	3/30



KATHY & MICHAEL HARTING	3/04
CHARLENA & BRETT MAPLES	3/09
SHEILA & WILFORD GEROU	3/11
HEIDI & RYAN BENTZER	3/21
KAY & BILL McNIFF	3/30

SHUT-IN PRAYERS

Those Hope members listed below are restricted to home or nursing facility. The term shut-in reflects that their condition warrants "shut inside" or not able to leave the home on a



regular basis. Should you have additional people to add to the list please call the church at 269-663-5321 Ext. 2. Please remember these people in prayer: John Berg, Bob Fuller, Sherry Leininger and Beth Mann.

CRAFT NIGHT
 Friday, March 1st 6:00pm—Midnight
 Bring your current project and be inspired by others crafting.
 Please bring a beverage or snack to share. Friends are always welcome!
 Craft Night is always the first Friday of the month.

Keep our Service People in Prayer

Joshua Adams, Charles Berry, Matt Bowman, Andre Brower, Phil Bryden, Sam Chaput, Jonathan Ditson, James Galloway, Justin Gerou, Dakota Kizer, Andrea Long, Alyssa Malott, Josh Mamer, Jay Moore, Brandon Morgan, Jessica Ramus, Jason Salter, Dylan Smallwood, Jeff Starr, and Tyler Wilson.



HONORING Our ARMED FORCES

Join Us for a St. PADDY'S day POTLUCK!



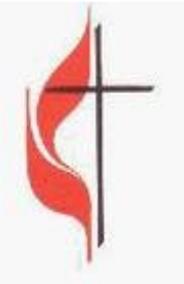
Sunday, March 17th 11:30am

Please bring your favorite St Patty's Day dish to share!
Drinks provided.

HOPE LEADERSHIP TEAM

The Leadership Team did not meet in February. There were no pressing items that needed to be discussed. Since the meeting date fell on Valentine's Day, it was decided to not meet.

Next meeting will be March 14.



CHALICE AND CROSS

The chalice with a cross rising from it symbolizes Christ's obedient suffering, even unto death. The cross is called a "passion cross," with pointed ends that represent suffering. We remember that in the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus

begged his Father that the "cup" of suffering be taken from him. But ultimately, he prayed, "Not as I will, but as you will" (Matthew 26:39, NIV)

GOING IN CIRCLES

How can I talk when I am listening?
How can I listen when I am talking?
How can I sleep when my mind is racing?
What am I doing just chasing in circles?

I talk, but no one listens.
I listen, but no one talks.
I try to sleep, but just toss and turn.
Around I go, the circle never ends.

I try to speak with care and compassion.
Words of encouragement I try to give.
Hopefully a stimulus offered will motivate.
Have my words reached a listening ear?

I open my heart to seek a path-finding word.
My mind interprets for the body to respond.
Things are about to change this mind and heart.
Sparks fly as I realize the power of His word.

Sleep comes with ease, my heart is at rest.
Peace comes over me with prayerful thoughts.
I awake refreshed, ready for a new day with Him.
Dreams of Love and a fresh made day circles.

The drawing becomes complete, the circle meets.
It is a path following the calling from my LORD.
What was learned going in circles now rewards.
Jesus, I see, is in the center of this circle I travel.

May Jesus be at the center of your life and His will you follow. Jesus's word offers His Love and Peace to all who ask and believe.

Our LOVE, Deb and Tony Lang



PICK/SHARE A BOOK CLUB

Since there are several weeks to report, more than one book may be listed under each participant. We enjoy discussing books others have read or suggest for us to share. This month seems to follow a theme of bed and breakfasts.

Bonnie reported on The Noel Stranger by Richard Paul Evans. It's told as excerpts from Maggie's diary. She is stunned when she finds out that her husband is arrested for bigamy. She tries to start to live again at the Christmas season by buying a Christmas tree. She met a man named Andrew who was selling Christmas trees. He gives her hope that she can find happiness again, but the road to happiness had many twists and turns.

Bonnie, Marti and Gwen all read Guided and Breakfasts. Each one written by ing good character development and Home Again by Melody Carlson, the pastor come home for his funeral and Victorian home into a bed and break-



post books set in small town different authors, but contain-entertaining plots. In Back three daughters of a deceased decide to refurbish their old fast.

In Going to the Chapel by Rebecca Kelly, the Chapel Inn is searching for a new pastor after the well-loved elderly pastor dies. Interviewing a replacement for the pastor by the Chapel Inn board brings many questions, especially when items turn up missing at the bed and breakfast. In Family Secrets by Becky Melby, recently retired best friends find an historic hotel that was part of the Underground Railroad. They plan to renovate the old building but someone tries to thwart them.

Sherry shared a book that she will be donating to the Edwardsburg public library, Stuck in Manistique by Dennis Cuesta. The setting is another bed and breakfast where a young man inherits his aunt's Victorian home. It's an easy read with perfect balance between lighthearted fun and heartrending emotion. Last month Marti read the Bad Daughter by Joy Fielding, not a particularly uplifting book, but it certainly had a surprise ending. The Monday evening Bible study group inspired her to read The Rock, the Road, and the Rabbi by Kathie Lee Gifford. If you are interested, she donated it to the library

Another book was donated to Hope's library, The Secret Holocaust Diaries, the Untold Story of Nonna Bannister. Nonna spent her whole life with the horrors she endured during the holocaust locked up in her secret trunk and diary. It wasn't until half a century later that she felt able to share her story with her family.

Carin and Jeff Reese's book One Minute after You Die by Erwin W. Lutzer was put in the book tote. It tackles questions like "Can near-death experiences tell us what happens after death?" What does the Bible have to say about sheol, hades, and purgatory?" Lutzer marvels that many people spend more time planning a trip than they do preparing for their eternal home.

The **next meeting** for the Pick/Share a Book club will be **March 13, 2019**. Join us at 11:00 at Hope and help decide where to go to lunch. You can pick a book of your own to share or just come to lunch. See you there?

Candy Donations Needed

Small, individually wrapped candy
to fit inside small plastic eggs

EASTER EGG HUNT

Sunday April 21st 9:30am

