

HOPE GOOD NEWS

May 2019



Celebration of 10:00am Service

Join us as we celebrate our
new worship space with
Chili Dogs!

May 5th 11:00am

DON'T MISS IT!

The Edwardsburg Food Pantry will celebrate its newly renovated space with an **Open House** on Tuesday, May 7 from 5 until 7 PM.



Come by and see the expanded storage area, new ceiling tiles, new shelving and cabinets and how rearranging the pantry has made it even better.

We will have hors d'oeuvres and snacks available. We would love to have everyone come by and see the transformation that has taken place in recent months.

We will try to thank the many people who worked so hard to make this project possible. The Edwardsburg Food Pantry is located in the basement of Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church at 24832 US-12 in Edwardsburg.



PIZZA
with the **PASTOR**

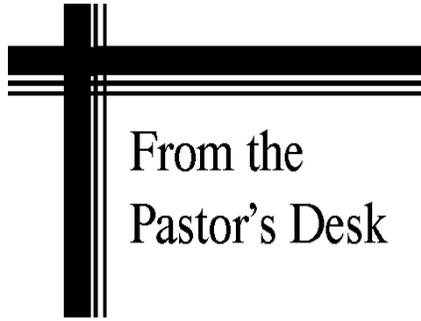
Monday, May 6

6:30PM

If you are interested in learning more about Hope or becoming a member of Hope, we would love for you to attend this informative, informal sit-down to talk more personally with **Pastor Scott.**



**Letter Carriers' Stamp
Out Hunger Food Drive
Saturday, May 11th 2019**



Dear Hope Family,

When you need a place to reconnect with God, where do you turn? You come to Hope United Methodist Church. Why? Because you know that you will hear the good news of the gospel during Sunday worship. You also know your friends and Pastor will be thrilled to see you again and catch up on your week. You can see that your giving helps make Hope a place of welcome for all people who seek to reconnect with God.

May is a month of celebration. The Reese Hall update is near completion and under budget because of the great leadership of Jim Weingart. The project was helped along by hundreds of volunteer hours and funded by Project Hope 1.0.

Someone reminded me the other night that not everyone knows how **Hope finances** work, so I thought I would take this chance to explain. Hope has three buckets of money or funds. All are vital but very different. These funds are directed under the guidance of our Leadership Team.

First, our Ministry Fund. The Ministry Fund is our daily operational fund. It also supports world causes by sending 13% of whatever is given to the Ministry Fund (\$34,747 is due for 2019) to the larger United Methodist Church through our ministry shares. It pays staff salaries, regular programs like Vacation Bible School and Sunday school, utilities and building upkeep. Basically, everything but our mortgage.

Second, our Mortgage & Mission Fund which pays at least \$5,010 per month for our building payment. About \$159,000 remains on our balance. We never forget our calling to care for and love our community and so 10% (our Tithe) of what comes into the Mortgage & Mission Fund goes to local causes like The Edwardsburg Food Pantry, mission trips to Red Bird Mission in Kentucky, and helps any community member who comes to us with an appropriate financial emergency.

Our simple idea is that each member and supporter is invited to follow God's plan to bring their **tithe (first 10% of their income)** into the house of God to support our daily work through our Ministry Fund. Churches see mortgages' as something paid for beyond normal giving to provide for facility needs. We ask that **offerings** given to the Mortgage & Mission Fund be given above the tithe. Again, both funds matter. The Ministry Fund covers daily needs and the Mortgage & Mission Fund pays God's "house payment" and provides for local missions. Kind of like at home where you have both daily needs and a house payment. Because of both funds, we have a building and electricity to light the building!

Our **third** financial bucket is our **designated funds**. Designated funds are comprised mainly of Memorial funds, the parsonage fund (created in 2017 when the parsonage was sold and by rule cannot be used for 5 years) other funds designated for a specific purpose and Project Hope # 1.0.

Project Hope 1.0 was created late in 2014 for the transition of leadership and direction in the days ahead by raising funds in 2015 & 2016 to transition Hope to a new and bright future. The fund raised \$86,736, and has been used in the following ways to date:

- Celebrating Pastor Jeff 's ministry \$1,740
- Welcoming Pastor Scott \$135
- Training \$4,287
- Supporting the ministry budget during changing times \$15,000
- Sponsoring Fresh Expressions outreach \$250
- Building 1 entrance upgrade \$2,037
- Upgrading Reese Hall for a new worship experience \$16,540

In the months ahead \$7,000 will be used to complete the Reese hall project, \$7,500 will be used for ministry budget transitions, \$15,000 for freshening up our traditional worship space, (Our dream is to paint, replace carpet, improve lighting & find a way to incorporate more traditional elements such as stained glass into the space) The additional \$5,000 will be used to create fresh outreach events \$5,000, hire future staff to create growth \$8,500 and \$3,747 will be used for other growth opportunities. None of these projects will be funded through our mortgage & missions or ministry funds.

As your Pastor, I am so grateful to you for supporting our congregation's vision to make disciples for Jesus Christ.

Pastor Scott





LOGAN BENTZER	5/01
SANDY FLEMING	5/02
CARMEN SERAFINO	5/03
PENNY WERNER	5/04
SHAREE LEIST	5/04
SHARON RADDE	5/04
JESSICA STEVENSON	5/04
MATTHEW ANDERS	5/04
SHEILA LEININGER	5/05
LINDA HARDIN	5/06
WILLIAM MILLER	5/06
CHARLENA MAPLES	5/07
ADRIENNE JACQUEZ	5/07
MAKAYLA LONG	5/07
TRACET BUNNELL	5/08
JANICE LEIST	5/08
JIM HANSON	5/08
BARB BROOMELL	5/08
BILL MACUMBER	5/09
STACY ROACH	5/09
STEVEN STRONG	5/09
JEFFREY NOWICKI	5/10
CHARLIE DEW	5/10
TINA TROSPER	5/10
AMANDA TAFUNAI	5/13
LARRY ACKELS	5/14
JAMES E BOWMAN	5/14
SHELBY HARDIN	5/14
HANNAH LEIST	5/16
DAWN WEINGART	5/16
ERIC SCHUMAN	5/16
KALEB JOHNSON	5/17
BRITTANY GARVIN	5/18
NICHOLE DOHM	5/18
DUSTIN LONG	5/19
JOHN HELVEY	5/20
TONY LEININGER	5/21
KEIFER BORN	5/21
BECKY HAYDEN	5/25
LISA KRILL	5/28
SUE MORGAN	5/28
CORRINE FLEMING	5/28
KEVIN DUIS	5/28
PAIGE MILLER	5/29
BILL FRIES	5/30
TONY LANG	5/30
MARTY EBY	5/30



WENDY & PETER EMMETT	5/03
STACEY & KEVIN ROUCH	5/07
JEANEANE & GREG DEVENNEY	5/10
SHAREE & STEVE LEIST	5/14
CAROL & JAMES BOWMAN	5/17
GWEN & STEWART JUIP	5/18
AGGIE & GARY BUSSEN	5/18
NICHOLE & ANDREW DOHM	5/18
LYNN & BOB STRAKA	5/18
ROBIN & KEVIN ENGLISH	5/19
SUE & JACK RINEHART	5/25
LORI & AL ROSEBUSH	5/26
MIRANDA & BRAD ANDERSON	5/26
PAT & GARY HERR	5/31

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: Bob Fuller, Sherry Leininger and Beth Mann.



CRAFT NIGHT

Friday, May 3rd 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.

PICK/SHARE A BOOK CLUB

We met at Just Pie in Edwardsburg for lunch. They have a different special of the day each day they are open. This Wednesday they offered a delicious curry chicken salad. The amount of spice was just right and enhanced by halved grapes. Yum! If you haven't tried Just Pie yet it is located across from Dollar General on Rt. 62. You can buy 3', 5" or regular sized pies.

We are continuing to read and study the book Soul Shift: the measure of a life transformed by Steve Deneff and David Brury so we can follow Pastor Scott's current sermon series.

Bonnie is currently reading a book from the Niles public library, Ruth, a Portrait, the biography of Ruth Bell Graham (the wife of the famous evangelist, Billy Graham) by Patricia Cornwell. Ruth was born the daughter of medical missionaries in China. Bonnie is finding out that life with Billy Graham was very difficult for Ruth. He would be gone for days, months at a time and she was left to raise the children. Even so, Ruth was Billy's trusted confidante and lifelong companion.

Bonnie also shared an alphabet book written and beautifully illustrated by her daughter, LaRyssa K. Knight, Paper Peyton Explores the Desert. Copies of the book are \$15 and are available from Bonnie.

Marti is reading And the Angels were Silent: the Final Week of Jesus by Max Lucado, one of her favorite authors. It should be a good book and Easter. While writing this book where the Savior spent the last week of his life. "With gentleness laced with a new boldness," Max Lucado helps us see the heart of Christ and remember what really matters.

Another book Marti enthusiastically recommends is Memory Rescue by Daniel G. Amen. You may remember Daniel from The Daniel Plan, a video-based Bible study that explored the spiritual and health benefits of research and medical documentation. The book includes improving memory and your diet.

He illustrates the book with before and after brain scans. You can actually SEE the improvement in the damaged brains. This book is a MUST READ for anyone dealing with dementia, Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, or damaged brains. In Memory Rescue he explains ways to supercharge your brain, reverse memory loss and remember what matters most.

Sherry enjoyed reading a book by Hilda Stahl, the author of the White Pine Chronicles. In The Women of Catawba, an exciting tale of five courageous women, they fight to build a plantation home in the raw wilderness of South Carolina. Sherry plans to donate the book to our library.

Please remember that we prefer clean donated books no older than 10 years, or that are basic Christian reference books. Extra books will find a good home through Better World Books Inc. All of the books in our library are in alphabetical order by author. Reference books are in the Community Room.

The next meeting for the Pick/Share a Book club will be May 15. Join us at 11:00 at Hope and help decide where to go to eat. You can pick a book of your own to share or just come to lunch. See you there?



basic ELEMENTS
A Science Inspired, Christ Focused VBS Program
JUNE 23RD - JUNE 27TH
Informational meeting after second service Sunday, May 5th

APRIL LEADERSHIP TEAM

Present: Marti Bartels, Jackie Boone, Brant Campanaro, Sabrina English, Keith Miller, Bonnie Morgan, Pastor Scott Otis, Jim Ralph, Diane Seifert, Corey Sheets



Corey gave the devotion. His “work” for now is “Authentic”. He spoke on being authentic is what we do. Keith Miller was voted in and welcomed to be the tenth member of the Leadership Team.

Finance reports were reviewed. In March the M&M (Mortgage and Missions) fund had more contributions given than the amount needed for the minimum mortgage payment. From these offerings 10% was put in the Mission Fund and the remainder was used to pay down the mortgage. From offerings that have been put in the Mission Fund, \$2500 will be given to the Edwardsburg Food Pantry. We were told there is talk of a Red Bird Mission trip this year. If there is, money from the Mission Fund will be used to help those going.

It was reported that our tithes to the Ministry Fund, are behind. We are still OK financially. The Finance Team and Staff are working on ways to cut costs. A couple of these are changing Hope’s phone/internet provider and hiring a different custodian. Approved the donation of a piano. It will replace the one in Reese Hall.

Pastor Scott reported on what he and the Staff are working on. A list of upcoming events was distributed. At the May 5 celebration of the 10AM service, Leadership Team will be available to answer questions.

Next meeting is May 9.



Thank you to all who helped with the renovation of Reese Hall! Major work is COMPLETED! If you haven't been over to see it, please come this Sunday! Despite the fact that we haven't started to promote the new service, attendance has already started to rise!

Special Thanks to:

-Pastor Scott and Carrie for their vision for the new worship experience and all their hard work!

-Bill Long for all his work painting the ceiling and other jobs as needed;

-Marty Eby for running conduit and starting the project off right;

-Mike Rockwell for the stage, lighting and sound design and work; and

-Keith Miller, Brant Campanaro, Gail Campanaro, Jack Rinehart, Sue Rinehart, Doug Sayles, Dawn Weingart, Geneva Weingart, Cris Weingart, Jack Weiler, Laura Sheets, Corey Sheets, Chandler Sheets, Diane Siefert, Bill Macumber, Stephan Clairday Ted Mansell, Caleb Lohr, John Dalrymple and Jim Ralph!

If I have forgotten anyone, please forgive me!

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR FAITHFUL WORK!

CURRENT HOPE FINANCIAL INFORMATION
Month of March Ministry Fund Summary



March Ministry Fund Donations: \$ 19,354
 March Ministry Fund Expenses: -\$ 23,885
 March Shortfall: -\$ 4,531

All March bills have been paid. Our March bills were higher due to some quarterly and seasonal expenses. Some of our expense-reducing initiatives will begin in May. Our Ministry Fund is still at a healthy level. Thank you for your continued support!

FINANCE REPORT

Mortgage Payment Update:

Mortgage & Missions Allocation from regular giving:
 \$5,784.30

Current Mortgage Balance is \$158,962 after the April 2019 payment. Our projected payoff date is **February 2022!**



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 Marner, Jay Moore, Brandon Morgan, Jessica Ramus, Jason Salter, Dylan Smallwood, Jeff Starr and Tyler Wilson.

An Eye's View

My eyes are closed and great visions I do see.
 The mind pictures the golden Heavenly view.
 Dreams come true behind these closed eyes.
 Oh! what a view appears with these thoughts.



I open my eyes and the world opens its doors.
 Reality sets in and my trials and struggles return.
 My eyes are open and see the darkness around.
 I see people scurrying from one place to another.

In all this darkness is there any light to be seen?
 Will anyone take the time to care and listen?
 Help! Help! is being called; does anyone hear?
 I stumble and fall; will anyone help to lift me up?

What have I done with the years of my life?
 How have I responded to this darkened world?
 Am I willing to open my eyes and show light?
 Do I hear Jesus calling for me to be that light ?

The world is open for my eyes to see it all.
 A light to offer someone I would hope to be.
 May LOVE come through these eyes of mine.
 Faith in Jesus gives me the strength to fulfill.

An eye can see the choices we can make.
 The heart sheds a tear that the eye sees.
 A soul is guided by what is seen by the eye.
 So open my eyes to a world filled with HOPE.

The theme for this writing was suggested by a member of Hope. May your eyes see someone needing HOPE and offer that HOPE. —Deb and Tony Lang

**MEMORIAL DAY
 PARADE**

Monday May 27th

11:00am

**Come be part of the
 parade!**