



From the Pastor's Desk

As we move into the month of July it is time to take a step back to look into the big picture of Hope Church. Where are we and where have we been? And even more importantly where are we headed?

We have been working very hard at refreshing Hope spaces including our new reimagined contemporary worship space. We want to create environments where people can meet Jesus in new ways. In the days ahead there is more work to be done. With your input we want to freshen up our traditional space with beautiful historic enhancements from our former spaces, such as displaying stained glass windows. The three ingredients required for that are time, energy and love. None of which can be rushed.

Our outreach has been freshened up as well through Vacation Bible School, Trunk or Treat and a cheerful presence in our Memorial Day parade. We have also begun Fresh Expressions outreach events to the Eagle Lake School. We do this while still supporting the Edwardsburg Food Pantry and the Red Bird Missionary Conference of Kentucky. There is nothing better than open handed love. I see it in your handshakes and embraces every Sunday.

Jesus must continue to be the center of everything in each of our lives and in the life of Hope Church as a whole. With Jesus as our center we can release every member and participant to fully engage in their individual ministries both inside and outside the church.

Exceptional churches require exceptional spiritual leaders. A spiritual leader is someone who knows where God wants people to be and who takes the initiative to helping them to get there. Over the next months I will share with you eight essentials for being a fully engaged follower of Jesus. Engaged in Jesus we become spiritual leaders.

What are some values that are absolutely essential for leaders?

Every Christ follower who makes a positive impact in their church leads a completely surrendered life. If you are committed to living out the Spirit's life, you help Hope go forward. When you are committed to live out a surrendered life before an audience of One, then everyone you rub shoulders with will be lifted and not diminished. If you come to your ministry in a carnal way (living in the power of the flesh), you don't help us much. Is there a countenance and demeanor about you that is like the 3rd person of the Trinity? You can't do it for me and I can't do it for you. This is self-leadership. We owe it to God and to each other. Have your "surrender time" before you come to church.

Model a commitment to our church's vision of making disciples for the transformation of the world. Are you modeling what we are inviting others to do? We say that lost people matter to God and we are about inviting others. Are we doing it? We must be modeling stewardship and giving in our financial commitments to tithing. Prayer, Bible Study and excellence are all examples the things we value. When you don't model them, you hurt the church. Together we must....

Own the church's **vision**

Be **loyal** to Hope. Loyalty is shown by using positive words when we speak of Hope church both to those inside and outside the church. Attend regularly, it will help you grow and make you a positive example to others. Serve. Together we do God's work. Those who don't, leave others exhausted. You are not a consumer of church but are called to be the body of Christ.

Tithe. If I love anything, I support it with my finances. Am I sharing my love for God through bringing the tithe (first 10% of all I receive) into God's house each week?

Be in **fellowship.** Am I committed to others through a fellowship group of some sort? It could be an exercise class, weekly breakfast or a regular Bible study.

Every Christ follower who has ever made a positive impact in their church leads a spiritually surrendered life. Let's surrender together.

Pastor Scott

Chrismons in July

Don't miss the display of Chrismons on the bulletin board in the sanctuary and on the entry table in Reese Hall. Each one has a special Christian meaning. Our goal is to create over 200 of these symbolic ornaments for our Christmas tree. Anyone interested in helping or for more information please contact Lois Miller at 283/663-3061 or lemiller45@gmail.com.



Iota Chi (IX)

In Greek the Iota (I) is the 1st Letter of our Lord's given name, Jesus. The white beads depict His purity. In Greek the Chi (X) is The 1st letter of Christ. The Gold beads depict His Divinity.



Chi Rho (XP)

The Chi Rho (XP) was used by the early church which stand for the risen Christ. The two gold letters stand for the Alpha and Omega (the Divinity of Christ Jesus). Revelation 22:13

*Intercessory
Prayers*

Sundays in Pastor Scott's Study between
services,
And by the stage after 2nd service.

FINANCE QUESTIONS ?????

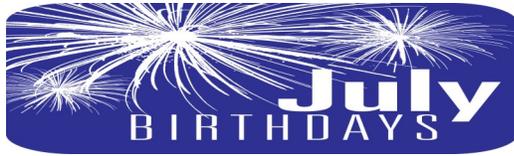
If you have a question about how the church finances work, please contact Dawn Weingart at extension 6 or Pastor Scott at extension 8 at 269-663-5321. We also have summaries of the information that has been published in prior newsletters in the office.

MORTGAGE PAYMENT UPDATE

Mortgage Payment Sources:

May M&M Allocation:	Regular Giving = \$4,657
	Transfers = <u>\$ 353</u>
Total	\$5,010

Current Mortgage Balance = **\$148,677** after the June 2019 Payment. Our projected payoff date is **February 2022!**



ZACH STRYCKER	7/02
PAIGE MOLER	7/03
LYNN STRAKA	7/03
GEORGE LOOTENS SR	7/04
GEORGE LOOTENS JR	7/04
LAURA SHEETS	7/05
KATHY FULLER	7/05
DICK BAUGHER	7/07
SCOTT GIPSON	7/08
TED MANSELL	7/08
CLARA BREITKREITZ	7/09
NATALIE FRENTZ	7/11
SHIRLEY FARKAS	7/12
BILL HILL	7/13
PAULA KENDALL	7/13
DACIA KIRKLAND	7/13
PENNY CREAGER	7/13
LEIGH GOYINGS	7/13
DELANEY PETERS	7/15
SAM BROOMELL	7/16
JUDY CHRISTNER	7/16
CASIMIR SMITH	7/17
ROGER MAHNESMITH	7/18
AUSTIN CLINE	7/18
BILL GRIFFIN	7/19
SABRINA ENGLISH	7/19
CARL BURGER	7/19
BRIAN WEAVER	7/21
TOM REA JR.	7/21
NANCY TURNER	7/23
BILL REED	7/23
SANDY MYERS	7/24
NANCY VIRGIL	7/24
JEFF D JOHNSON	7/24
JACOB LAWSON	7/25
CONNOR SPICHER	7/25
LINDA MASTEN	7/25
JIM CHAPMAN	7/25
JUDY COROS	7/25
De MARCA HOWELL	7/27
ELAINE RICHARDSON	7/27
GARY BUSSEN	7/28
NICOLE SCHROEDER	7/29
BRANTLEY FROST	7/29
COREY SHEETS	7/29
ABBIGAIL LaPORTE	7/30
NETTIE RUSSELL	7/30
TAFU TAFUNAI	7/31



GAYLA SIMMONS & JOHN DALRYMPLE	7/01
CARRIE & SCOTT OTIS	7/02
JO & BILL MACUMBER	7/02
JACKIE & DAN BOONE	7/02
MARGIE & DAVE HERMAN	7/03
PAULA & JIM RALPH	7/06
NANCY & JEFF VIRGIL	7/06
CHARLOTTE & GEORGE LOOTENS SR.	7/08
MARGE & JIM HANSON	7/09
PENNY & ERIC FRIES	7/11
DONNA & TED MANSELL	7/12
ROSE & BRIAN WEAVER	7/16
TERRI & SCOTT GIPSON	7/18
SHARON & TAFU TAFUNAI	7/19
SUSIE & CHRIS EDGERTON	7/22
KAREN & BILL REED	7/28

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: Bill Davis, Bob Fuller, John Helvey, Sherry Leininger, Beth Mann and Grace Werner.

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



Craft Night - Friday, July 5

Craft night is coming on **Friday, June 7**, from 6pm - Midnight. Join us whenever you're available. Bring a project, a beverage and a snack to share. Friends are always welcome. We're collecting personal care items for the Food Pantry, if anyone would like to donate.



SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY

Sundays at 11AM
Community Room

LOOKING for A Bible Study?

Hello! This is an open invitation to join our Bible study discussion group for the month of July. We will be discussing and learning about the book of Psalms. This is an open-ended group so you can stay a month or stay forever.

Of course, we hope you will stay. This class is not all serious. We have fun! We get to know each other and make new friends. There is no chosen leader; we all take turns or you can pass if you are not comfortable leading.

We meet at 11AM each Sunday in the Community Room in Building 1. If you are interested, please contact me, Cynthia Wade, at 574-264-1526. Leave a message as I don't answer unknown callers. I will get back with you. Hope to see you at Bible study.

THE MOBILE FOOD PANTRY PROGRAM

directly serves clients in areas of high need in an effort to supplement other hunger-relief agencies in that area. Through a Mobile Pantry, a truckload of food is distributed to the EPF clients through a farmers' market-style distribution where clients choose to take what they need.

The Mobile Pantry Program expands the capacity of the Feeding America network to distribute food by removing barriers that prevent access to underserved areas, and allows for fast and flexible delivery of rescued food and grocery products including meat, produce and baked goods.

The Edwardsburg Food Pantry, Hope Church and Feed America have 5 Mobile Food Pantry events every summer here in our parking lot.



Thank you to everyone that volunteered, donated time and/or supplies, and attended this year's Vacation Bible School! Your efforts have impacted children in our community beyond measure. Thank you!

Cass Social Services in Detroit July 21-27

YOUTH MISSION TRIP

9th -12th grades
Talk to Pastor Scott for more information.

Leadership Team Meeting June 13

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

Jim Ralph, vice chair, led the meeting.
Pastor Scott did the devotions.

Marti Bartels and Judy Denmark reported on Annual Conference including a short video (which was shown at worship services on June 16). Financial reports were reviewed. It was decided to use \$500 of the Missions money, from money donated to M & M (Mortgage and Missions) to "buy" Simply Give cards at Meijer's on 6/14. Meijer's would double match the amount purchased on 6/14. The Simply Give cards/donations were going to the Edwardsburg Emergency Fund/Food Pantry.

It was asked that the EEF give a report to Hope as to what the monies given to it are being used for. It was suggested this report be given to the three main churches involved- Hope UMC, Edwardsburg Presbyterian, and Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church.

Pastor Scott gave reports on what he has been involved in and planning. He also gave reports on what Hope staff have done and are working on.

Bonnie Morgan



Current Hope Financial Information Month of May Ministry Fund Summary

Ministry Fund Donations:	\$ 17,801
Ministry Fund Expenses:	\$-22,939
Shortfall	\$ -5,138

Year to Date Shortfall after transfers \$ -13,665

All May bills have been paid. We had some additional quarterly bills due in May. We are continuing to support our outreach to the community through Vacation Bible School, Servant Evangelism, Eagle Lake school support and camp scholarships.

We continue to support the United Methodist church through Ministry share payments this year of \$12,473. These expenses are all paid from the Ministry Fund. Our Ministry Fund balance has been reduced this year, but it is still at a healthy level. Thank you for your continued support!

BREAD AND WINE

What have you been doing? He asks.
A marriage I wish to make with the lamb.
You're lost in all your daily activities.
I try to keep you looking for that path.

You keep running both here and there.
I continually make you a path that is clear.
Following that road you often veer off.
Correction I'll give and hoping you listen.

Life's twists and turns keep you at bay.
I'm offering peace for you to reach out for.
You just skip along going the wrong path.
Look around my hand reaches for your grasp.

Work, family and friends, they all consume.
My book is unopened; my words go unread.
The order of life leaves no place for me in it.
My peace I serve you as a loaf of bread.

You seem to be lost in all your earthly ways.
Scurrying around with your worldly thoughts.
Love is never left on the vine for your picking.
Eternal life is offered you in a cup of wine.

My BODY I put on a cross for all to see.
My SOUL I gave to my father for His care.
My SPIRIT I give to you to be my friend.
My HEAVEN I build to form a relationship.

The bread and wine open the narrow door.
My HOPE that all will bring me the key.
Saints in fellowship and harmony together.
Sitting at the table serving bread and wine.

May you take the time to read God's word and listen for that soft gentle voice of Jesus some time each day.
Love and compassion, Deb and Tony Lang



PICK/SHARE A BOOK CLUB

We met at Metro Diner in Mishawka, Indiana for traditional lunches: chicken pot pie with biscuit topping, BLT with fried green tomatoes and lunch salad. It's a tasty place to eat and chat about current books we're reading.

Sherry shared a book from HUMC's library, [A Promise for Ellie](#), by Laura Snelling. This book picks up right after the Red River of the North Series, continuing Ellie Wold and Andrew Bjorland's stories. After graduating in May 1900, Andrew and Ellie plan to marry as soon as the harvest is over and their new house is finished. Everyone rejoices in their happiness except Toby Valdars, who is determined to get even with Andrew. When their new barn burns, Andrew gives up his vow of nonviolence and reaps the bitter consequences. We have several books by Laura Snelling on our book shelves at Hope.

Marti read [How Good is Good Enough?](#), by Andy Stanley. It's a small thought-provoking look at the misconception of good enough for heaven. Every culture has its own beliefs of how to qualify for heaven, many of which are very similar. Find out now what's wrong with the most popular theory about heaven – and what it really takes to get there. Be sure and **take a copy** of the book for **yourself**. They are on the sign-in tables as you enter the church.

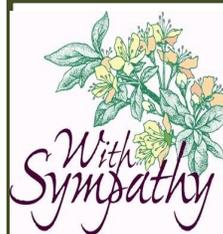
Carrie read [The Cost of Betrayal](#), a novella by three Christian romantic suspense authors: Dee Henderson, Dan Pettrey, and Lynette Eason. The characters are taken from three separate novels on the same theme. In Henderson's [Betrayed](#), a woman cleared of a murder she didn't commit faces another deadly betrayal. In Pettrey's [Deadly Isle](#), a couple is trapped on an island with a murderer. And in Eason's [Code of Ethics](#), two people must outrun the killers hunting them.

FYI, Carrie has access to four different libraries on her cell phone. It makes for easy reading while waiting in line at the grocery store or doctor's offices. Ask her if you are interested in on-line reading on your phone.

Bonnie plans to read the book she bought, [A Boy without Hope](#), part 2 of 3, by Casey Watson. It's about a boy neglected in the foster care system. He didn't know the meaning of love because of a history of abuse and neglect. She will report on it next month. The author, Casey, is a specialist in foster care and has exceptional insight into problems foster children may face.

Please remember that we prefer clean donated books newer than 10 years, or that are classic Christian books. Extra books will find a good home through Better World Books Inc. All of the books are in alphabetical order by author. Reference books are by topic in the Community Room.

The next meeting for the Pick/Share a Book club will be July 17. Join us at 11AM at Hope to decide where to go to eat. You can pick a book of your own to share or just come to lunch for conversation. See you there?



Rick and I and my sister-in-law, Carin, and nieces, Casey and Caitlin, regret to inform our family and friends that my sweet mother, Martha Reese, passed away at 92 years old on Tuesday, June 18, shortly before noon.

She suddenly experienced heart failure and was admitted to Harrisburg Hospital on Tuesday, June 11. The next day, she experienced a major stroke. Though unresponsive since the stroke, she remained a strong-willed woman until her passing on the 18. She was surrounded by family for those days, as well as attentive and compassionate hospital staff.

My Dad, Charles Reese, was by her side every day, holding her hand, as they did for more than 71 years, until her last breath. We are focused on Dad at this time, so plans for a memorial service will be made in the future. Since my mother was an avid reader and an enthusiastic user and supporter of their local library, my father and I have decided that an appropriate memorial for Mom would be to encourage friends and family to help support Mom's local library in whatever way you feel is fitting.

For those who wish to make a donation, you can make out a check to the "New Castle Public Library" with a note on the check stating, "Martha Reese Memorial", mailed to 207 E. North St., New Castle, PA 16101.

Written by Jodi Reese ;Submitted by Carin Reese



Happy 4th of July!

FISH FRY



Friday, August 9th 5-8pm

MENU

All you can eat
Fish and Pork
Tenderloin.
Served with
coleslaw, rolls,
beans, drinks
and dessert.

- \$12 for adults
- \$6.50 kids 12 and under
- Kids 5 and under eat free

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