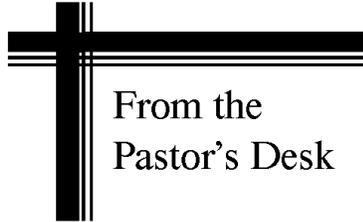


HOPE GOOD NEWS

October 2019



From the Pastor's Desk

As you read this article, our mission trip to the Redbird Missionary conference is just concluding. For United Methodist Pastors, such projects are considered ministry beyond the local church. Each United Methodist Pastor is encouraged to take one week, outside of the day to day work within their local church per year, to do a specialized ministry. This is not a vacation week, but a week to make a special difference. This year, I prayed for our group but stayed back at Hope to share God's love here. In this life, my job is to work wherever I might be helpful. What an honor.

My greatest hope each day is that I make a positive difference in someone's life. The work is for them, not me. On mission trips, I serve with a great team from Hope, at home, I do this daily. When I serve God, I always hope to be an encouragement, but I often feel the most encouraged of all.

In previous newsletters, I have been writing about the core leaders at church. With these values, you can make a difference. Today's core value is that each of you connected to Hope will **approach your work or ministry with intensity.**

This comes right out of the Bible in Colossians 3:23, "**whatever you are called to do, do it with heart, with all your might.**" Set up your task or day, attack it, then go home and be a great mom/dad/spouse/friend or whatever your roll is.

That is God's way to go about life. Live your life in a way to make a difference, live your life the same at Hope and it will bless everyone and everything. If you don't know what you are trying to accomplish, you will have no sense of getting things done. Start and attend meetings and services on time. Respect other peoples time. If you are late, apologize to the whole group. You can go through a whole day with no sense of accomplishment. Instead, plan, attack, check things off your list. Be able to say, "I made a substantial contribution today. I made a difference. If anyone can do it better than I did today, let them." Carry that spirit through your life.

I want you to be able to say at the end of your day and week, "**I made a difference in the life of my church.**" To do that, you will need to attend regularly, understand our vision of making disciples, grow spiritually by reading your Bible, praying and giving of your treasures regularly and generously.

Will you join me in trying to be a difference maker in life and at Hope?

Pastor Scott



Annual Church Conference
Thursday, October 3rd 7:00pm
 Here at Hope

**MOBILE FOOD
 PANTRY**
Tuesday, October 8th
3:30-5:30pm
**Volunteers needed to hand out
 food. Please arrive by 3:00.**

CRAFT NIGHT

Craft night is coming on
Friday, October 4,
 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.



CURRENT HOPE FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Month of August Ministry Fund Summary

Ministry Fund Donations:	\$ 17,329
Ministry Fund Expenses:	<u>-\$ 17,586</u>
Shortfall:	-\$ 257

Year to date shortfall after transfers : \$16,076

FINANCE REPORT

All August bills have been paid. We are continuing Hope's outreach to the community through Vacation Bible School, Servant Evangelism, Eagle Lake school support and camp scholarships. We also continue to support the United Methodist church through Ministry Share payments this year of \$19,653 and our district for \$2,853. 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!

Mortgage Payment Update:

Mortgage Payment Sources:

August M & M Allocation:	\$4,328
Regular giving	\$2,688
Transfers-Fish Fry Fundraiser & Memorials with Mortgage Designation	Total: \$7,016

Hope's Mortgage Balance is \$132,299 after the September 2019 payment. Our projected payoff date is **January 2022!**



ALISON STRYCKER	10/01
JOYCE PROCTOR	10/01
TERRI GIPSON	10/03
MACY STEVENSON	10/03
CHAD REID	10/05
MELANIE REID	10/05
BARRY OBERLING	10/06
GENEVA WEINGART	10/07
DALE BLUNIER	10/07
JERROLD R JONES	10/07
PAT STOVER	10/07
DAMION CORP	10/08
CAROL UDELL	10/08
JULIA SHEETS	10/08
RYAN HILL	10/09
JACK WEILER	10/09
JAMES SNYDER	10/09
DEBBY DITSON	10/09
VINCE DUIS	10/10
PAT OWENS	10/10
BARBARA LANE	10/10
BRENDA MORTIMER	10/11
BRIAN BURKS	10/12
CAMDEN ANDERSON	10/13
CARSON MANFRED	10/14
JANE MAHIEU	10/14
SUSIE EDGERTON	10/14
MICHAEL HARTING	10/14
POLLY RIENKS (BOTT)	10/15
KRISTEN WEGNER	10/16
DAVID HOIEN	10/16
SUE RINEHART	10/17
MELANIE BUZALSKI	10/17
SHIRLEY MASTEN	10/18
JOHN UDELL	10/18
CAMRYN CLAIRDAY	10/20
VICKIE BAKER	10/21
TERESA STEVENSON	10/21
CLIFF WILLIAMSON	10/22
SANDY ACKELS	10/22
CHEYENE MASTEN	10/23
WENDY EMMETT	10/23
MICHELE BLACK	10/24
DELLA HOLDREAD	10/27
SARA CLAIRDAY	10/28
BEN MORGAN	10/29
KEVIN MARLING	10/30
TIFFANY MANFRED	10/31
TOM HEBRON	10/31



JANICE & DAN ROSS	10/01
PAT & GARY OWENS	10/02
DACIA & ED KIRKLAND	10/02
VICKIE & RON FLICK	10/02
TIFFANY & TONY MANFRED	10/04
KATHY & CHARLIE DEW	10/05
DIANE SEIFERT & MARTY EBY	10/07
SHERRY & DOUG SAYLES	10/12
JULIE & ROBERT J BYRD	10/12
DONELDA & JOHN LOHR	10/12
GERRY & DICK BAUGHER	10/17
KELLY & VINCE DUIS	10/17
ASHLEY & RANDY JOHNSON	10/18
PAM & JIM CHAPMAN	10/19
MELANIE & GEORGE REID	10/20
KATHY & BOB FULLER	10/20
SUE & MIKE MORGAN	10/21
PHYLLIS & LARRY BANGHART	10/22
MARY ANN & BILL DAVIS II	10/23
DEBBIE & JOHN EUANS	10/28

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: Bob Fuller, John Helvey, Carl and Ardith Higley, 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 Mamer, Jay Moore, Brandon Morgan, Jessica Ramus, Jason Salter, Dylan Smallwood, Jeff Starr, and Tyler Wilson.





***Preliminary List of items to be voted upon
or presented at 10/3/19 Church Conference:***

- *2020 Pastor Compensation, Professional Expenses, Household Furnishing, Housing Allowance, Medical Reimbursement (FSA)
- *2020 Leadership Team nominations and vote
- *2020 Certified Lay Speaker recommendation and vote
- *Membership Report
- *Ministry Shares Percent Paid to date
- *Undesignated Memorial motion and vote
- *Summary of Mortgage & Missions (M&Ms) Success
- *Update of Transitional Fund Projects
- *Celebration of all that God has done at Hope!

Our District Superintendent, Dwayne Bagley, will be here to lead the meeting. Hope that you can join us on October 3, 2019 at 7PM!



**FINANCE
QUESTIONS ???**

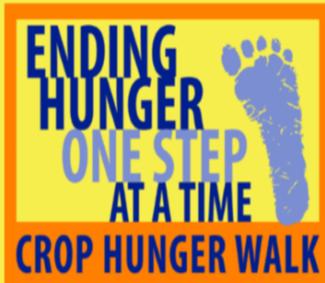
If you have a question about how the church finances work, please contact Dawn Weingart at extension 6 or Pastor Scott at extension 8 at 269-663-5321. We also have summaries of the information that has been published in prior newsletters in the office.



Intercessory

Prayers

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



**ENDING HUNGER
ONE STEP
AT A TIME
CROP HUNGER WALK**

Sunday, October 6th

Walk: 2:00pm

Registration: 1:30pm

Cass County COA



Eddies Eats

Eagle Lake School Snack Program

We are collecting snacks for the classrooms to provide to the students mid-morning. If you'd like to contribute, please see the bulletin boards for a complete list of school approved snacks.

PICK/SHARE A BOOK CLUB

At our September 11 meeting, we had a quick lunch at the new family friendly, casual Tradewinds restaurant in Elkhart. They are known for their comfort food.

Bonnie was unable to attend, but reported that she finished the Broken Road trilogy with The Road Home by Paul Evans. In the last book Charles James finishes his trek across the US on Highway 66. Even though he learns that his ex-wife is planning to marry he continues to search for redemption before returning home. You'll have to read the book to find out if he returns in time to find true happiness.

Carrie suggested reading books by a police officer for 22 years and uses her experiences to engage and leave them inspired. She has a line of duty books: Crisis Shot and Lethal Target: Critical Pursuit and Visible Threat. And she wrote ing Fire, Burning Proof and Catching Heat. Her way in the struggle of solving current and cold cases is able to guide us through any tragedy or loss." She turns the page to learn what happens next.



Janice Cantore, a musical artist and author. She has experiences to suspense novels that keep readers engaged. She wrote a trilogy: Accused, Abducted and Avenged. She also wrote two Brinna Caruso books: another trilogy, Cold Case Justice Books: Drawn. Characters rely on faith and trust God in deep cases. She says, "We serve a good God who is hoping that you are inspired as you are enticed to

Marti picked out a book by one of her favorite authors, Liz Curtis Higgs, It's Good to Be Queen: Becoming as Bold, Gracious, and Wise as the Queen of Sheba. Her story is found in 1 Kings in only 12 verses. Liz begins each of the book's ten chapters with a fictionalized personal narrative from the Queen of Sheba. She then adds a lot of comments in her unique humorous style of writing. Sheba travels to Jerusalem to test King Solomon, but comes away with a change in her own heart.

Ben Kurzhal shared a classic book, Freckles by Gene Stratton Porter. She wrote twelve popular novels and made films of several in the 1920's. Her vivid descriptions enhance the romantic stories she wrote. Being a naturalist, she used many beautiful details of the Limberlost Swamp that she loved as the setting for her books. In Freckles the swamp becomes a personality of its own and effects the plot in many ways. Raised in a Chicago orphanage, Freckles become a strong young man even though his right hand was lost when he was an infant. You can download the book for free on Google Books. You could also visit the Limberlost State Historic Site and tour the area which once covered 13,000 acres of swamp and prime timber.

Don't forget to check out the books donated to the library on the shelf by the book box next to the Community Room. Help yourself. Let us know about the ones you enjoy.

The next meeting for the Pick/Share a Book club will be October 9. Join us at 11:00 a.m. 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?

LIVING IN VICTORY

My plans for you are good and not evil, to give you a future and a hope. Jeremiah 29:11



Keep your eyes fixed straight ahead. Don't look to the left and don't look to the right. Proverbs 4:25

Before you were ever formed in your mother's womb I saw you and approved you. Jeremiah 1:3

Let no foul or polluting language come out of your mouth. Ephesians 4:29

I will restore the years the locust has eaten and I will bring you out with plenty and you shall be satisfied. Joel 2:25,26

Do not cast away your confidence for it will be richly rewarded. Hebrews 10:35

Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over. Luke 6:38

But this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead. Philippians 3:13

The Lord bestows favor and honor; no good thing does He withhold from those whose walk is blameless. Psalm 84:11

Let all bitterness, indignation, wrath, resentment, quarreling and slander be banished from you. Ephesians 4:31

Those who wait for the Lord, who expect, look for and hope in Him shall renew their strength. Isaiah 40:31

For you are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:10

Above all else, guard your heart, for out of it flows the springs of life. Proverbs 4:23

My prayer is you will find victory in your life in God's word whether joy, pain or sorrow in your life. God LOVES you and so do we. *Deb and Tony Lang.*



TRUNK -OR- TREAT

October 27th

3pm till we run out of candy

Hope of Edwardsburg Parking Lot

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