



Pastor Nate Starkey grew up in Wadsworth, Ohio near Akron. His family included, as well as his parents, two siblings, a sister and a brother. All three siblings share musical talents – Nate’s sister is a trained pianist while Nate and his brother have performed together playing guitars and singing. All the Starkeys were active in the local United Methodist Church.

After high school graduation Nate combined work and college beginning at Akron University and then answering a call to wide open spaces, transferred to the University of Montana to study environmental science. During a cold, snowy Montana winter Nate found himself laid off from his part-time job with an engineering firm and not enrolled in any classes. Talking to a former roommate who had moved on to a sunny Florida beach motivated Nate to leave frozen Montana to join his buddy in the warmer climate.

Amy Starkey grew up right here in Michigan; Cadillac is her home town. She chose to go further north to Michigan Technological University in the Upper Peninsula city of Houghton. Amy earned a degree in civil engineering while also experiencing serious winter weather; the average yearly snowfall in Houghton is 202 inches. An offer of a job in Florida saw Amy moving south also.

And then Fate intervened – Nate’s move to Florida found him working as a construction material inspector at the Pensacola airport. And the engineer to whom he reported? Amy! He claims he’s still reporting to her. The couple married in Pensacola, daughter Kaylen was born in Alabama and with a second child coming, Amy and Nate moved to Michigan to be closer to their Midwestern roots. A search for a church home ended at a United Methodist Church where they felt welcome. As they became more and more involved with their church – leading a young adult group, conducting a Bible study – Nate’s call to ministry became clear.

With major guidance and support from his first Michigan pastor, Pastor Nate completed two years of training to become a licensed local pastor. Seven more years of classes and serving churches (Williamsburg and Stony Creek) leaves him with two classes remaining to complete his Course of Study and well on his way to achieving his goal of ordination.

The Starkey family – 11-year-old Kaylen, 9-year-old Sam, and Aaron, 7, along with their parents – enjoy hiking, camping, other outdoor activities as well as family game nights. While Pastor Nate has moved from construction sites to pastoral duties, Amy has made a major transition, too. She’s moved from the engineering world to the classroom since she now home schools their children, as well as working as HUMC’s Media Coordinator.

The HUMC family welcomes the Starkey family wish ing you a blessed and happy experience with us.





2021 Proposed Budget reviewed at October Leadership Team Meeting

Hope's Preliminary 2021 budget for Ministry and Mortgage & Missions was reviewed in detail at the October Leadership Team meeting. The 2021 budget of \$266,900 is \$56,678 (17.5%) lower than 2020's budget of \$323,578. We have not made any significant changes to the budget relating to Hope's programming and missions. Most of the savings is from our anticipated church mortgage payoff on March 1, 2021. Here is a list of the most significant changes to the budget.

- \$34,700 Church Mortgage Payment reduced due to March 1 payoff
 - 17,500 Church Mortgage Improvement reduction due to remodeling projects finished
 - 5,800 Pastoral Salary & Benefits expense reduction
 + 1,000 Net Increase in Pastor Housing Cost with Mortgage instead of Housing allowance
 + 322 Net change all other expenses
-\$56,678 Total Changes

Church Mortgage & Missions Update

Thank you for continued faithfulness and support in paying off the Church Mortgage which was \$800,000 in February 2005. We have 4 more required payments of \$5006.22 before the balloon payment is due on March 1, 2021. Our plans are to utilize funds from God's Warehouse, Pastoral Transition and Ministry fund to pay the full balloon payment and be freed from the Church Mortgage. Please continue giving to the Mortgage & Missions Fund these next 4 months so that we can fund Missions and make our mortgage obligation. The end is in sight and we are forging ahead for a strong finish.

Church Conference – November 15 @ 5pm

Unfortunately, due to the Co-Vid virus situation Church Conference will be conducted as a ZOOM meeting with the Leadership Team, Pastor Nate and Superintendent Duane Bagley only. This is the format that will be used for the 100 plus churches in our conference.

Core Values

The Leadership Team reiterated the core values of Hope UMC as follows:

- Discipleship
- Fellowship
- Stewardship
- Hospitality
- Christ is our Savior – calling us to love God and each other



Readiness to Launch (R2L) – a New Approach to Modern Church Service

Cathy Townley, a Christian coach, will be working with Pastor Nate in the coming months on a new approach to Modern Church Service. Cathy specializes in making new disciples through worship and working with church serious about growth. We are looking for 3 to 5 people that would be interested in learning more about the Readiness to Launch (R2L) program and training. Please reach out to Pastor Nate if you are interested.



MIKE MORGAN	11/01
DOUG SAYLES	11/01
STEPHAN CLAIRDAY	11/02
BILL DAVIS II	11/02
LACEY MORBACH	11/02
PAYTON CORP	11/03
CAITLIN REESE EYESTONE	11/03
ALEXIS RYMAN	11/04
MONIQUE SCHERBARTH	11/05
NICHOLAS ROSS	11/06
DAPHNE DOSMANN	11/06
BEVERLY TORGESON	11/09
LARRY BANGHART	11/10
CHAD BURGER	11/11
RANDY CLINE	11/11
CORY CREAGER	11/12
SAMANTHA PARKER	11/14
DONNA MANSELL	11/14
BILL LONG	11/16
NICK EDGERTON	11/18
AARON STARKEY	11/18
CHARLOTTE LOOTENS	11/18
MECHELLE DOSMANN	11/20
DENNIS HOLDREAD	11/20
WANDA ORTH	11/21
CHARITY GREEN	11/22
CURTIS KEHR	11/23
NOAH HARDESTY	11/24
CHRISTINA MARIE STEVENS	11/24
JACK RINEHART	11/25
PAM FISK	11/26
BRYCE WEGNER	11/26
BRITTANY HUFFMAN	11/28
DORIS WALLACE	11/28
TRACY TRUEX	11/30



KELLY & DAVID MORTIMER	11/03
GAIL & BRANT CAMPANARO	11/17
JOYCE & VERN WARD	11/23
AMY & NATE STARKEY	11/24



Hope's online Prayer Chain has faithfully continued during the pandemic. To have a prayer concern added call **Melissa at Hope, 269-663-5321**, and leave your request on her answering machine. Or email your request to Marti Bartels, **mbbartels@aol.com**.

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, Ardith & Carl Higley, Sherry Leininger, Beth Mann, Bev Torgeson and Grace Werner.



IRA INFORMATION

You can save on Federal and State taxes by directly contributing a portion of your IRA distribution to HOPE. Please contact Dawn @ 269-663-5321 x6 for more information.

TAX DAY





CURRENT HOPE FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Month of September Ministry Fund Summary

Ministry Fund Donations:	\$ 15,722
Ministry Fund Expenses:	\$ -15,252
Surplus for the Month:	\$ 470

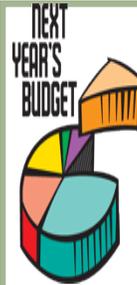
Year to Date Surplus \$ 12,754

All September bills have been paid. Our Ministry Fund balance is at a healthy level at \$44,259. Thank you for your continued support!



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.



2021 Budget

If you would like to see the detail in the Preliminary 2021 Budget of \$266,900, please contact Dawn at 269-663-5321 or stop by the church office to pick one up.

To keep the list of service people accurate, would you please notify Melissa in the Hope office or Shirley Andrews if your listed loved one is no longer serving. OR if a name should be added, let us know. Thanks.

Amazon Smile

If you are already shopping on Amazon, you can support Hope. Using Amazon Smile will donate a portion of your purchase to our church! All you need to do is go to smile.amazon.com and select that you are supporting Hope United Methodist Church of Edwardsburg.



CRAFT NIGHT

Craft night is coming on **Friday, November 6**, from 6pm – Midnight in the Sanctuary. Join us whenever you're available. We will be social distancing with separated tables and masks. Bring a project, a beverage, and your own snack. Friends are always welcome. We're collecting Beef Stew and Hygiene Products for the Food Pantry, if anyone would like to donate.

GROWING THROUGH GRATITUDE

Thankfulness, studies show, has multiple physical, mental and emotional benefits. Psychologist Robert Emmons calls gratitude "fertilizer for the mind" because of its powerful effects.

He admits gratitude isn't always easy — especially when life throws us curveballs (see the year 2020) — but says it can be most helpful during and after difficulties. Emmons suggests reframing challenges using thankfulness-based language. Ask, for example: Though I wasn't grateful for the experience at the time, how can I be now? What lessons did I learn, and how did I grow as a person?



Throughout his letters, the apostle Paul reframes his extensive sufferings and urges us to do the same. "Give thanks in all circumstances," he writes, "for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus" (1 Thesalonians 5:18, NIV).



Debt Reduction

Church Mortgage Update:

September M&M Allocation: \$4,537.35 from M&M Giving
 Donor to cover shortfall: 468.87 rec'd in October
 Total Paid in October \$5,006.22 required payment

Current Mortgage Balance = \$62,449 after the October 2020 Payment.

We are planning on paying off the church mortgage when the balloon payment is due 3/1/2021!

We will continue to use 90% of giving to the Mortgage & Mission fund for the required regular church mortgage payments in the meantime. Thanks for your giving to Project Hope and the Mortgage & Missions Funds which will make this possible.

Parsonage Mortgage Update:

Regular Mortgage Payment is \$998.58 from the Ministry Fund.

Current Parsonage Mortgage Balance = \$163,132 after the October 2020 Payment.

Our projected payoff date is May 2040.

PICK/SHARE BOOK CLUB

October's meeting was more of a work session where we could spread out, observe social distancing and sort through a box of donated books from Sue. There were a few that were taken to Better World Books for recycling.

Sherry shared Waiting for Morning by Karen Ryan. She was the mother of two adorable little girls and the band. Her life was perfect –until the night her husband and eldest daughter were ripped away by a drunken driver. She struggled with feelings of sorrow and rage –feelings that became the purpose of revenge against the driver who caused all her pain. As usual, Karen delves deeply into a controversial topic.

Bonnie has really been busy reading lately. She read Simply Amish by Donald B Kraybill. It's a guide to Amish life, culture and faith. He lived among, studied, wrote about and befriended the Amish for many years. This is a good book to answer your questions about why this 325 year old group still flourishes in the 21st century. The Healing: An Amish Romance by Linda Byler is a tale of unexpected love in the midst of illness and pain of living with Lyme disease. Lynda grew up Amish and is an active member of the church today. Holding Up the Earth by Dianne E. Gray is about a fourteen year old orphaned girl who travels with her current foster mother to a Nebraska farm. There she learns to find her own identity and confront her grief. The book is recommended for mother/daughter book groups. Bonnie also read The Girls with No Name by Serena Burdick. This historical fiction story tells readers about New York City in the 1910's, when suffragettes marched, unions fought for better conditions, and girls were confined to the House of Mercy for daring to break the rules. And lastly, The Baker's Secret by Stephen P. Kerman. It's a novel about World War II, set in a small Normandy village on the eve of D-Day. In this story Emma is a 22 year old baker who was apprenticed to a Jewish baker at the age of 13. She fights the German invasion of her town by sharing bread with her fellow villagers, giving them a taste of hope- the faith that one day the Allies will arrive to save them. Bonnie is willing to share any of these books of hers.

Our "On your Honor" check out system continues: choosing a book, reading it, then returning it to the book drop box in the Community Room. We will reshelve it. You may also donate books there. We are observing safety guidelines for COVID, so please wear a mask and practice social distancing when you use the library at church.

The **next meeting** for the Pick/Share a Book club will be the **SECOND THURSDAY, November 12**. Join us at 11:30AM at Hope to decide what or where to eat. You may pick a book of your own or just come to share fellowship and interesting conversation. Hope to see you.



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The chorus after each verse is:

The joy of the Lord lives in my heart always.
The love from Jesus is all around the world.
My friends and my neighbors are in God's arms.
My family is surrounded by the love of Jesus.

The **Salvation** song

He holds everyone that they may decide.
The love from above offers mercy and grace.
Oh how the heavens rejoice at the soul that says "yes" to the Lord's calling voice.
And sharing with the world His free grace.
Peace comes to dwell in the heart that receives.

He offers to all His free gift of eternal life.
Just come and receive it freely by His grace.
You need only to accept the love of Jesus.
To change your heart and repent of your sin.
God knows your heart and will help you change,
To put the attitude of Jesus into your own heart.

All Jesus wants is for you to ask Him to come.
Lord Jesus, I need you to come into my life.
Open the door and let me receive into my heart
You as my Savior, my Lord and leader of my life.
Thank you for forgiving me my sins now and forever.
And giving me the gift of eternal life with you.

By faith I ask you to come into my life.
You promise to guide me and show me the way.
Your Love You have offered freely to me.
May I be willing to accept and receive your gift,
The grace and the mercy that will offer eternal life.
May I be the servant you always want me to be.

Please take control of the throne of my life.
Help me today to show Your love to all I meet.
Mold me into the kind of person you want for me.
Let Your love always shine brightly through me.
Guide my path and let me follow your ways.
That I may choose this day to live for You only.

My prayer is that everyone who reads these words will open their heart to Jesus and all sit at the table together in Heaven.

Our Love, Deb and Tony Lang

A taste of history

Add a yummy, authentic touch to your Thanksgiving meal with this recipe.



What you need:

- 2/3 cup heavy cream
- pint jar with lid
- strainer
- bowl
- container
- salt



What you do:

1. Pour cream into the jar and close the lid tightly.
2. Shake vigorously about 8 minutes, until a solid lump of butter forms. (Take turns with a friend!)
3. Strain the contents, catching the buttermilk in a bowl to save for another recipe.
4. Put the butter in a container. Add salt to taste.
5. After chilling the butter, enjoy on fresh bread.

