



*Greetings In Christ, Friends of Hope!*

Over the last several weeks we have been focused on the mission of the church, with what I hope was an eye-opening realization that evangelism is much more than an optional church activity, but vital to the very life, growth, and definition of the church. I also hope you understand that you **(yes, you!)** are also vital to the church's make up, and that you have been created for the purpose of evangelism!

You are an evangelist, and you have been given a life-changing role to play in the life of the church and the transformation of the world! If evangelism sounds like a work load that is outside of your skill set or ability, it's ok, because God is the one actually doing the work. You are a holy vessel, created by God, for the purpose of carrying God's Holy Spirit through life and into the world! And the Holy Spirit is the one who actually carries out the work of calling the lost back into the fold of God, the work of conversion.

*"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."* (Matthew 28:19-20)

The role we play in the evangelism is not passive though. We have a part to play as witnesses testifying to the life-changing power of Jesus! I am excited to announce our next worship series focused on helping us all be able to know and share the stories of Jesus.

For several decades Christians offered a certain question as a decision-making filter in life: "What Would Jesus Do?" This saying became so common and cliché, and eventually forgotten, that I fear many wouldn't know the answer if we started asking it again. Therefore, we are going to start over.

And to be able to answer this question well, we will focus instead on: "What Did Jesus Do?" This worship series will dive into the life, ministry, and interactions of Jesus: Who did he help and how? Who did he upset and why? What miraculous works did he perform and for what purpose? And so, as we enter into our next season of worship, I am curious, what is **your** favorite story about Jesus?

Let me know!  
Grace and Peace to You!

*Pastor Nate*

# Leadership

*The Leadership Team (LT)* met on Wednesday, July 14 for their monthly meeting. Pastor Nate stated that **Charge Conference** will be virtual again this year with a separate meeting for the SPRC. The meetings will not be public.

The LT discussed the formation of a new group to help with **repairs/maintenance** around the church. Jim Weingart will form an organizational meeting. Pastor Nate stated that the **Messy Church youth** ministry is doing well and expanding each month. He plans to keep the Messy Church meeting once a month with a dinner and add a **Youth Group** meeting that will just be for young people.

The LT decided to hold **Trunk - r - Treat** again this year. Discussions about the extent of the effort are ongoing. The LT decided to sponsor a part of the downtown **Edwardsburg mural**. The mural design will be determined after consultation with the artist.

The LT decided to reinstate the "**Greeter**" program. If you're interested in being a "Greeter" contact Chris Edgerton. **Coffee hour** will begin again when school starts. Diana Graham will lead that effort and coordinating volunteers. If you're interested in helping with Coffee Hour, please contact Diana.

Diana Graham also volunteered to coordinate a **Church Camp-out** sometime in August. The camp-out will take place behind the church using our new trails. The LT agreed that the **Church Work-Day volunteers** have been doing wonderful work. Church Work-Days will continue.

**Pastor Evan Lash** will be filling in for Pastor Nate while he is out on July 25, August 2, August 29 and September 1. The **next LT meeting** will be on Wednesday, August 11 at 6:30pm.



### Keep our Service People in Prayer

Joshua Adams, Charles Berry, Matt Bowman, Andre Brower, Phil Bryden, Sam Chaput, Jonathan Ditson, James Galloway, Shane Karkiewicz, 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.

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.

## CRAFT NIGHT FRIDAY, AUGUST 6

Craft night is coming on Friday, August 6, from 6:00pm - Midnight in Reese Hall. Join us whenever you are available. Bring a friend and a current project that you are working on. We will be collecting personal care items for the Food Pantry if you'd like to make a donation.





BILL STACK	8/02
LUCAS FLICK	8/03
AL WATCHORN	8/05
LOIS MILLER	8/05
KELLY KLEIN	8/05
HAYLIE STEVENSON	8/05
MOLLY ADAMS	8/05
SUE TOTH	8/06
EMILY WILFERT	8/07
ALEXANDER MILLER	8/08
JOSH UDELL	8/10
LINKIN BORN	8/10
JAN READ	8/11
RON FLICK	8/12
KAREN REED	8/12
SHERRIE MAHNESMITH	8/13
JAN FRIES	8/13
TIKI TALJAARD	8/13
LURENA WILFERT	8/14
ANGELINA MARIA FISK	8/15
VIRGINIA HELVEY	8/17
APRIL SCHMIDT	8/17
MARY HOIEN	8/17
CRYSTAL MILLER	8/18
BEV STOOPS	8/19
KAELYNN SMITH	8/19
KAYE SMITH	8/19
PAUL CARMEN	8/22
NICK FOLKERS	8/23
ROBERTA MAZAREK	8/23
JENNIFER WYANT	8/25
BAILEY MILLER	8/25
SCARLETT DIAZ	8/26
CHRIS FRENTZ	8/26
MADISON GIPSON	8/26
MEGAN GIPSON	8/26
KAY McNIFF	8/26
JACKIE BOONE	8/27
SANDI TURPEL	8/27
DAVID HENDRICKS	8/28
MARIE GRUVER	8/29
GRACE WERNER	8/31
LORI ROSEBUSH	8/31
COLBY GARVIN	8/31



CAITLIN & NATE EYESTONE	8/01
JOYCE & DALE WESTFALL	8/02
RENE & BRANDON DeYOUNG	8/05
MICHELE & GREG BLACK	8/09
RONDA & BILL FAHEY	8/10
PATTY & JEFF D JOHNSON	8/15
KELLY & BILL LONG	8/19
SUE & TONY KOONTZ	8/20
AMBER & CLIFF WILLIAMSON	8/20
PENNY & MARK WERNER	8/21
JAN & BILL FRIES	8/25
KATHE & ROB SNODGRASS	8/25
WENDY & BILL HILL	8/25

*Lord,  
Hear Our  
Prayer*

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, Ardith & Carl Higley, Verlaine Hoffman, Sherry Leininger, Beth Mann, and Grace Werner.



# DOLLAR\$ & CENTS

## CURRENT HOPE FINANCIAL INFORMATION

### Month of June Ministry Fund Summary

Ministry Fund Donations:	\$ 19,514
Ministry Fund Expenses:	<u>\$-14,961</u>
Surplus for the Month:	\$ 4,553

Year-to-date surplus: \$26,316

All June bills have been paid. Our Ministry Fund balance is \$81,503. Thank you for your continued support!

### June Mortgage & Mission Fund Allocation:

\$425.90 Missions
\$1,000.00 Parsonage Mortgage Extra Principal Payment
\$520.00 Designated Donation to Parsonage Mortgage Paydown
<u>\$2,833.10</u> Capital Improvements
\$4,779.00 Total June Donations

### Parsonage Mortgage Update:

\$998.58 Regular Mortgage Payment - Ministry Fund
<u>\$1,520.00</u> Extra Principal Payment from the Mortgage Fund
\$2,518.58 Total Payment

Current Parsonage Mortgage Balance = \$152,581 after the July 2021 Payment.

Our projected payoff date is March 2039, which is 14 months earlier than the original payoff date!

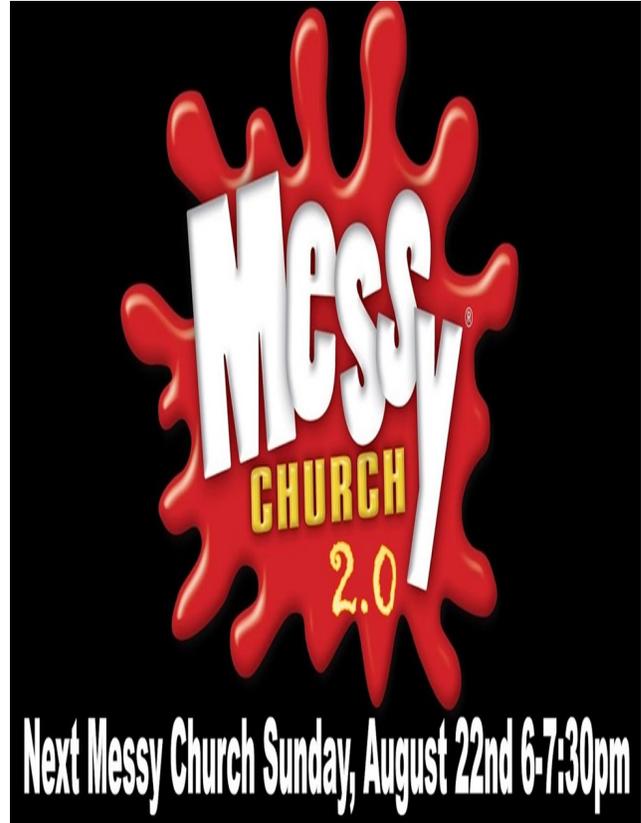
?? ? ? **Bible Quiz** ? ?

How many times in the Old Testament do people cross a body of water on dry ground?

A. once  
B. twice  
C. three times  
D. four times



Answer: C (See Exodus 14; Joshua 3; 2 Kings 2.)



### Finance Questions ???:

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

**THANK YOU to ...**

Brown's Tree Service and Brian's Tree Service for their donation of wood chips for our walking trails.

Marbach Surveying & Engineering for donating the surveying of one of our church property boundaries.

Sensational Scoops of Edwardsburg for allowing us to buy their delicious ice cream at cost for our Ice Cream Social which was held on July 18.

Our terrific volunteers - Sunday morning, Church Clean-up, Messy Church and throughout the week!



**"Art" You Ready  
for this -  
August 7, 2021**

Edwardsburg's first annual Art Fair. Please join us on August 7, 2021 at the Edwardsburg American Legion 25980 US HWY 12, in Edwardsburg, MI from 9am-3pm.

The Fair will feature over 30 vendors displaying their finest arts and crafts: paintings, jewelry, candles and more will be up for sale. Food and beverage will be available for purchase.

**Next**  
*church*  
**CLEAN UP**

**Saturday, August 14**

**8am-?**

**Lunch will be provided  
Come whenever you are available!**

**Clean up days are the 2nd Saturday of each month**

### Love Letter

Most of us have written a love letter to someone.  
 Some of us have written many such love letters.  
 We've expressed our very precious thoughts to one.  
 Expressing the deepest feelings of our heart for another.

We hope they convey the true deep love in our heart.  
 We also hope the receiver shares this same love.  
 Words express the inner most thoughts of our love.  
 Our heart is overflowing with this love letter written.

We deeply care for the one this love letter is sent.  
 A tear may fall on the page as we write of our love.  
 The words they come from the heart to touch theirs.  
 May the receiver read these letters and respond.

Suppose these letters are received but never opened.  
 They are all put on a shelf or all hidden in a drawer.  
 They are all left unopened, the words are never read.  
 Your heart would be broken into a thousand pieces.

We have a book filled with love letters written for us.  
 It contains the words to lift our heart and spirit in joy.  
 Enclosed is the expression of love for each one of us.  
 The Bible is God's words speaking to our heart in love.  
 He wants to live there for eternity and love us totally.  
 Don't break His heart and never open/read the Bible.

May you open the book (Bible) and read of His (God's) love for us and may you Willingly return that love.  
 — Love, Deb and Tony Lang



# PUZZLE

## No kidding

Whatever our age, God calls us to model holy living for others.

**Directions:** Match the animal young with its parent. Then write the letter answers in order below to complete 1 Timothy 4:12, NIV.

1. ___ bear	9. ___ monkey	A. fry	I. hatchling
2. ___ frog	10. ___ platypus	B. fawn	K. foal
3. ___ owl	11. ___ alligator	C. gosling	L. owlet
4. ___ horse	12. ___ giraffe	D. cub	M. puggle
5. ___ kangaroo	13. ___ goose	E. kid	N. joey
6. ___ deer	14. ___ swan	F. cygnet	O. polliwog
7. ___ goat	15. ___ dog	G. infant	P. puppy
8. ___ fish		H. calf	

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"\_on't let any\_\_ne \_\_oo\_\_ down o\_\_ you \_\_ecaus\_\_  
 you \_\_re youn\_\_, but set an exa\_\_ple for the bel\_\_evers  
 in spec\_\_, in \_\_onduct, in love, in \_\_aith and in \_\_urity."  
 1 TIMOTHY 4:12, NIV

ANSWER: D,O,L,K,N,B,E,A,G,M,I,H,C,F,P



Open my eyes, Creator of the universe, that I may see your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; open my ears, that I may hear what the heavens are telling me about your glory, which transcends all material bounds and yet deigns to reside with human beings.

May I ever marvel at your tender care for us, and give you thanks and praise forever. Amen.

—Prayer suggested by Psalms 8 & 19