



Hope
of Edwardsburg
Invite. Connect. Grow. Serve.

We invite YOU to experience HOPE in Christ. There is a place for you here, to connect with people and God. Together we will grow in faith. Together we will serve as the hands and feet of Christ for the Glory of God!



2021

Thanks Giving

“Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.” (Colossians 4:2)

I love these final instructive notes from Paul to the fledgling church of Colossae. Paul is handing them the heart of what it means to him to truly follow Christ. These are not his commandments; this is guidance and encouragement shaped by his own experience and growth in faith. And now in the conclusion of his letter, for the seventh time in this short book, we see that thanksgiving is at the core of Paul’s faith and how he wishes for it to be at the center of ours. In fact, if we look at how this closing sentiment is constructed, thanksgiving is to be both a constant as prayer, and the focus of our prayer.

How would this Thanksgiving Season look different for you, for your family, for the church if, instead of pausing life to try to develop some list of things we are grateful for, we strived to be thankful in ALL things? What if even in our high AND lows, our ups AND our downs, we gave whole-hearted, prayerful thanks to God? Would your faith and life look different? Would the world?

¹² Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³ Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. ¹⁴ And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

¹⁵ Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.” (Colossians 3:12-17)

Peace and Grace to you in Christ Jesus,

Pastor Nate Starkey



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| Mike Morgan | 11/1 |
| Doug Sayles | 11/1 |
| Lacey Morbach | 11/2 |
| Stephan Clairday | 11/2 |
| Caitlin Eyestone | 11/3 |
| Payton Corp | 11/3 |
| Alexis Ryman | 11/4 |
| Rebecca Feirick | 11/5 |
| Daphine Dosmann | 11/6 |
| Nicholas Ross | 11/6 |
| Beverly Torgeson | 11/9 |
| Larry Banghart | 11/10 |
| Chad Burger | 11/11 |
| Randy Cline | 11/11 |
| Cory Creager | 11/12 |
| Robin Emenaker | 11/14 |
| Samantha Farkas | 11/14 |
| Donna Mansell | 11/14 |
| William Long | 11/16 |
| Rosemary Neely | 11/18 |
| Charlotte Lootens | 11/18 |
| Nick Edgerton | 11/18 |
| Mechelle Dosmann | 11/20 |
| Dennis Holdread | 11/20 |
| Wanda Orth | 11/21 |
| Steffany Streb | 11/22 |
| Charity Green | 11/22 |
| Noah Hardesty | 11/24 |
| Christina Stevens | 11/24 |
| Jack Rinehart | 11/25 |
| Bryce Wegner | 11/26 |
| Pamela Fisk | 11/26 |
| Brittany Huffman | 11/28 |
| Doris Wallace | 11/28 |
| Tracy Truex | 11/30 |

David & Kelly Mortimer	11/3
Brant & Gail Campanaro	11/17
Nate & Amy Starkey	11/24

Support the Edwardsburg Food Pantry
Now thru Jan 1, 2022
Double Match Day on December 11, 2021
Meijer on Grape Rd in Mishawaka

meijer
visit meijercommunity.com for more details

EFP
Edwardsburg Food Pantry
Helping our neighbors with their most basic needs

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, mbartels@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.

2021 Charge Conference Minutes Greater Southwest District 10/21/21 / Zoom Mtg

In Attendance – District Superintendent Dwayne Bagley, Pastor Nate Starkey, Jim Weingart, Keith Miller, Sandie Weiler, Sabrina English, Diana Graham, Jack Rinehart, Diane Seifert

Welcome & Opening Prayer – District Superintendent Dwayne Bagley

Pastoral Compensations:

- Pastoral Salary - \$46,000 (4.5% Increase) - Unanimous Approval 7-0
- Furnishing Allowance - \$5,000 - Unanimous Approval 7-0
- Professional Expenses - \$4,000 (Includes Travel / Mileage, Continuing Education & Annual Conference Expenses) - Unanimous Approval 7-0

Continuance of Lay Certification of Mike Morgan - Unanimous Approval 7-0

Leadership Team:

- No new members voted in at this time.
- Continuing: Jim Weingart, Sandie Weiler, Sabrina English, Diana Graham, Jack Rinehart, Chris Edgerton, Makenzie Morgan
- Dropping at the end of the year: Diane Seifert, Keith Miller
- Voted to approve current slate of members and to authorize filling vacant positions at a later date - Unanimous Approval 7-0

Membership Report – Voted to remove 57 members (including 2 deaths) from membership rolls. The status of these 55 members previously reviewed. Estimated membership will be 378.

Comments from the District Superintendent (DS): Due to continued Co-vid concerns the final decision on whether the General Conference will meet in person in August 2022 will be made the end of January 2022. DS indicated that there was an overall desire to move forward with the resolution on the church split. Additionally, the Michigan Annual Conference will again be discussing redistricting with the possible removal of 1 to 3 districts. This could reduce the total number of districts from 9 down to 6 to 8 larger districts. Decision will be finalized in June 2022.

Closing Prayer – Pastor Nate Starkey.

Diane Seifert - Secretary

OCTOBER LT MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Mobile Food Pantry – For 2022 the mobile Feeding America truck date will be moved from the second Tuesday to the second Wednesday for all trucks coming to Hope UMC from July through October. The time will remain the same – 3 pm to 5pm.

“Time to Talk” Inclusivity Meetings – Next meeting scheduled for November 7th – 6 to 7:30pm. Meetings will be held on the first Sunday of each month for the near future. Bring your questions!
New Trustee Committee – Jim Weingart is spearheading the formation of a new Trustees team. All are welcome that can help coordinate or execute a project. Project postings and tracking to be determined. If you are interested in participating, please reach out to Jim at jdweingart@comcast.net or contact the church office.

Charge Conference - Held on October 21st via a ZOOM meeting due to continued concerns over Co-vid.

**Craft Night
Friday, November 5**

Craft night is coming on Friday, Nov 5, 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 EFP if you'd like to donate.



**Keep our Service
People in Prayer**

Joshua Adams, Charles Berry, 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.



**WANT TO DONATE TO THE FOOD PANTRY?
THESE ARE THE ITEMS WE CURRENTLY NEED**



- Razors
- Body Wash
- Dish Soap
- Deodorant
- Baby Wipes
- Diapers (all sizes)



Volunteers and food donations are needed at the Edwardsburg Food Pantry!



FINANCES

Current Hope Financial Information

Month of September Ministry Fund Summary

Ministry Fund Donations: \$ 13,763

Ministry Fund Expenses: \$-15,800

Shortfall for the Month: \$ -2,037

Monthly Budget amount: \$ 20,431

Year-to-date surplus: \$32,253

All September bills have been paid. Our Ministry Fund balance is \$87,440. Thank you for your continued support!

September Mortgage & Mission Fund Allocation:

\$457.18 Missions

\$1,000.00 Parsonage Mortgage Extra Principal Payment

\$450.00 Designated Donation to Parsonage Mortgage Paydown

\$3,114.62 Capital Improvements

\$5,021.80 Total Donations

Parsonage Mortgage Update:

\$998.58 Regular Mortgage Payment - Ministry Fund

\$1,450.00 Extra Principal Payment from the Mortgage Fund

\$2,448.58 Total Payment

Current Parsonage Mortgage Balance = \$145,723 after the October 2021 Payment.

Amazon Smile

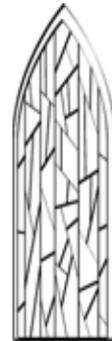
If you are already shopping on Amazon, you can support Hope. Using Amazon Smile will donate a portion of your purchase to our church! All you need to do is go to smile.amazon.com and select that you are supporting Hope United Methodist Church of Edwardsburg.



Save on federal & state taxes by directly contributing a portion of your IRA distribution to HOPE.

Please contact Dawn @ 269-663-5321 x 6 for more information!

STAINED GLASS WINDOWS



The stained glass windows recently installed in the HUMC sanctuary were purchased as part of the former 1892 Methodist Church building located on Edwardsburg's Church Street. The windows were imported from Chicago at a cost of \$325 including freight. The names of the original donors are embossed or painted on the windows.

One window was donated in memory of Levi and George Aldrich. Levi Aldrich was a local doctor who owned a farm at the intersection of Runkle and Conrad Roads. George Aldrich lived in Edwardsburg; his home still stands at the corner of Lake and Church Streets. It's currently the home of Barbara and Scott Mackling.

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.



Give Thanks

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Col. 3:15

GIVE THANKS

November 2021

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 8:30am - 2pm Office Hours 9:00am Ship Shape 4 Christ (Reese Hall)	2 8:30am - 2pm Office Hours 8:00am Men's Breakfast @ Spicy's 6:30pm Men's Bible Study (Community Room)	3 8:30am - 2pm Office Hours 9:30am Wednesday morning bible study (Reese Hall)	4 8:30am - 2pm Office Hours 9:00am Ship Shape 4 Christ (Reese Hall) 7:00pm N.A. Meeting (Sanctuary)	5 Office closed 6:00pm Craft night (Sanctuary)	6 1:00pm Looking up band practice (Reese Hall)
7	8:30am & 10:30am Service 9:30am Adult Bible Study 9:30am	8 8:30am - 2pm Office Hours 9:00am Ship Shape 4 Christ (Reese Hall)	9 8:30am - 2pm Office Hours 8:00am Men's Breakfast @ Spicy's 6:30pm Men's Bible Study (Community Room)	10 8:30am - 2pm Office Hours 9:30am Wednesday morning bible study (Reese Hall) 6:30pm Leadership Meeting (Community Room)	11 8:30am - 2pm Office Hours 9:00am Ship Shape 4 Christ (Reese Hall) 7:00pm N.A. Meeting (Sanctuary)	12 Office closed	13
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21	8:30am & 10:30am Service 9:30am Adult Bible Study 9:30am 6:00pm Merry Church (Reese Hall)	22 8:30am - 2pm Office Hours 9:00am Ship Shape 4 Christ (Reese Hall)	23 8:30am - 2pm Office Hours 8:00am Men's Breakfast @ Spicy's 6:30pm Men's Bible Study (Community Room)	24 8:30am - 2pm Office Hours 9:30am Wednesday morning bible study (Reese Hall)	25 Office closed Thanksgiving	26 Office closed	27
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