

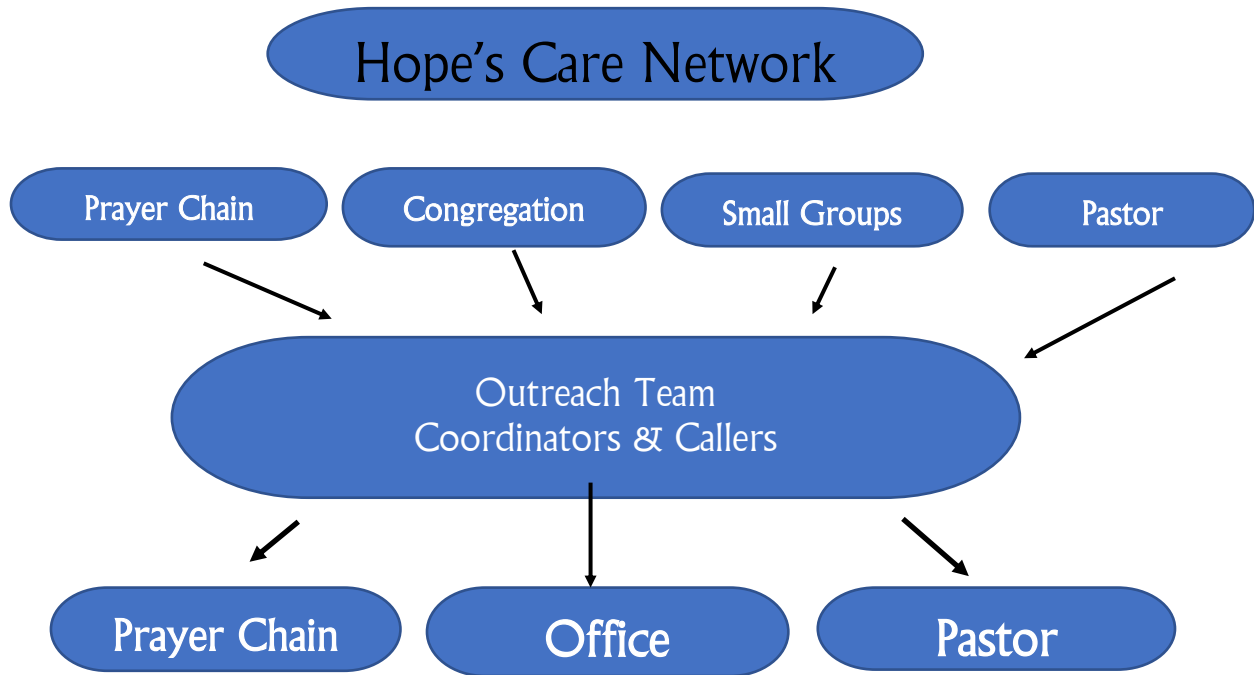
2022

Dear Friends of Hope,

Over the last couple months, we have been working toward strengthening and expanding the ways we care for one another. Specifically, we wanted to focus on those who are unable to travel from their residence, those who are facing illnesses, injuries, and surgeries, those who are facing death, and the loved ones of all these beloved individuals. We acknowledge the unfortunate reality that in the past the church has lost its caring connection with those who have needed it the most, and we want to actively change and grow. Communication, or lack thereof, is the primary reason we lose connection with those we love; either we don't know when one's concerns change or we don't know what is expected of the church to meet those changing needs. To actively and intentionally change this reality, we are implementing Hope's Care Network. Below you will find an organized flow chart of how we envision establishing healthy communication routes between the church and those in need of the church's care. There is also a page of detailed roles for each stage and position within our new network. However, you will notice Hope's Care Network is lacking in its most important detail: You! This will work better with you involved! We would love to at least quadruple our team of Callers, and we could really use one more Coordinator (especially if you have ties to 2nd Service). Once this information gets out to everyone, our Care Team will start working to set up a meeting time for everyone involved, to confirm our roles and officially launch this program. Please let us know how we can include you in Hope's Care Network.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Nate Starkey



Care Network Contacts

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Callers

Sandy Ryder Sherry Sayles
 Phyllis Schuelke **Your Name Here!**

Care Flow: Network Roles and Responsibilities

Stage 1: Names Lifted Up

In our fellowship, we receive names of those in need of prayer, support, visitation, or care. Through our Prayer Chain, Congregation, Small Groups, and Pastoral relationships, names are collected and sent forward to our Outreach Team. All of these sources will work to gather enough information from the concerned party for the Outreach Team to be able to understand the need and to contact the one in need.

Stage 2: Outreach Team

Our **TEAM of Coordinators & Callers** work together to see that everyone within our Care Network are receiving the care they desire from the church. The team will meet frequently to organize the names, assign callers for each name, pray for each person, process the information gathered through their recent calls, and forward those with greater needs to the appropriate place, i.e. Stage 3.

Stage 3: Elevated Care

For some names and concerns one pass through our Care Network may suffice, while others may require continued and/or elevated support. Names of those for whom we are reaching out and lifting up are given any or all of the following places, that their needs may be appropriately met:

Hope's Prayer Chain: for continued prayer and spiritual support
The Church Office: for material, financial, and administrative support



The Hope Leadership Team met on January 12, 2022 and elected officers for 2022. Those elected were Jim Weingart, LT Chair, Chris Edgerton, LT Vice Chair, Sandie Weiler, LT Secretary, SPRC Chair Mike Morgan, LT Members Jim Weingart, and Diana Graham. The LT also approved the 2022 budget which looks very similar to our 2021 budget.

The LT discussed plans for the further organization of the Care Team with Diana Graham taking the lead. The LT also discussed the future plans for the "Time to Talk" meetings. The LT approved the hiring of Dave Girton as our next organist/Music Coordinator.

Pastor Nate introduced the idea of another COVID shutdown for the church. After some discussion, it was agreed that church services would cease for four weeks with online services taking their place. After four weeks, Pastor Nate will re-evaluate the local COVID situation and make another recommendation. Questions? Contact Jim Weingart at 574-361-3483 or jdweingart@comcast.net.

CURRENT HOPE FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Month of December Ministry Fund Summary

Ministry Fund Donations: \$ 35,546.59
 Transfer for Computer Upgrade: \$-12,000.00
 Ministry Fund Expenses: \$-17,599.42
 Surplus for the Month: 5,947.17

Monthly Budget amount: \$ 20,431

Year-to-date surplus: \$26,703

All December bills have been paid. Our Ministry Fund balance is \$86,748. Thank you for your continued support!



December Mortgage & Mission Fund Allocation

\$872.43 Missions
 \$1,000.00 Parsonage Mortgage Extra Principal Payment
 \$650.00 Designated Donation to Parsonage Mortgage Paydown
\$6,851.87 Capital Improvements
 \$9,374.30 Total Donations

Parsonage Mortgage Update:

\$998.58 Regular Mortgage Payment - Ministry Fund
\$1,650.00 Extra Principal Payment from the Mortgage Fund
 \$2,648.58 Total Payment

Current Parsonage Mortgage Balance = \$139,151 after the January 2022 Payment. Our projected payoff date is July 2037, which is 34 months earlier than the original payoff date!



TOM REA	2/01
JOYCE WARD	2/02
LYDIA GOULD	2/03
JUSTIN ROSS	2/03
NANCY LOOTENS	2/04
BRENA MAPLES	2/05
KELLY MORTIMER	2/05
FLOSSIE GORDON	2/05
CHUCK ORTH	2/05
JENNIFER SCHMUCKER	2/05
MARY CATHLEEN JONES	2/06
BENTLEY CARLYLE	2/07
PATTY JOHNSON	2/09
NORMA BOONE	2/10
SAMUEL DeYOUNG	2/10
JASON UDELL	2/10
KELLY DUIS	2/13
BETTY BRADY	2/13
JILL GARDNER KAYNER	2/15
SUE BURKS	2/17
CAITLIN WYANT	2/17
CALIANA MANFRED	2/18
CHASE MANFRED	2/18
JOHN BLOUGH	2/18
BERNICE PELMEAR	2/20
LEXI-RAE HOWELL	2/21
SANDY RYDER	2/23
ERIC TROSPER	2/24
BRONWYN TAFUNAI	2/25
HEAVEN GRISSINGER	2/26



DELLA & DENNIS HOLDREAD	2/04
SHARYN & JAMES SNYDER	2/21
MARJE & TOM REA	2/23
SUSIE & DAVID HENDRICKS	2/28



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**.



CRAFT NIGHT
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Craft night is coming on Friday, February 4, from 6:00pm – Mid-night 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 non-perishable food for the Food Pantry if you'd like to donate.



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.



REFLECTION

In a world that just keeps spinning all around us, Sometimes we are just caught in a whirlwind to nowhere. This messed up world just flying by with no end in sight. My life seems lost in all the

turmoil going on these days.

Where do I look to find sense in this world of confusion? As I seek to find answers to my requests all seems blank. Disruption in people's lives makes the headlines every day. There seems no answers to all these surroundings now.

So for me, what can I do to bring peace from this world? I search my heart each day only to find no answers come Help I wish to find as I go out into the world some days. But again, people scurrying about doing their own things.

I must make an effort to not only change my life but those of others and look to bring some joy into all our lives. I need to ask our God to help me seek opportunities. And then I need to act upon them and rejoice at new life,

My heart and that of another become blessed with a moment of peace and a time to see joy in this world. Perhaps it is a phone call, email or conversation. But I must make the effort to raise hope in this world.

So I need to put God first in my efforts to reach out. I need to offer prayer that my actions and words are His. I should want to offer salvation to anyone who is lost. And I should offer comfort to a fellow believer in Christ.

We have God's work to do while here on this earth. This world we now live in is not our final destination. True joy comes when we walk through the gates of Heaven. Our earthly life should have been a witness for Heaven. What will your earthly life reflect love standing before Christ?

Love, Deb and Tony Lang

NAT'L SEND A CARD TO A FRIEND DAY

FEBRUARY 7



FEBRUARY 2



Groundhog Day

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

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, Grace Werner and Ray and Nourma White.

"HOW DO WE CHANGE THE WORLD? ONE RANDOM ACT OF KINDNESS AT A TIME."

- MORGAN FREEMAN

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS DAY

FEBRUARY 17

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS FOUNDATION
www.randomactsofkindness.org

