



Dear Friends of Hope,

New Year's greetings to you in Christ's Love. I sat down to write a newsletter article about all the things I hoped to see in the church in the year to come. I wanted to share a vision for the future of the church, but what actually came out was more like my personal list of New Year's Resolutions, and it made me wonder:

What's on your list that's not on mine? What should I add? What are you adding to yours?

Trust in God.

Follow Jesus.

Take real steps to achieving the vision.

Tell the truth.

Talk with anyone that wants to talk.

Talk with God.

Take breaks.

Teach the children.

Practice.

Learn.

Change.

Practice changing into a more graceful, grace-filled you.

Reflect.

Write.

Set Goals (include plans to achieve said goals)

Accept Challenges.

Testify to what Christ is doing in the world around you.

Inspire Christ-Forward Changes in the people around you.

Do not be afraid or anxious.

It is a blessing to walk with you for this portion of our journeys. May the Lord Bless you in the New Year, and may all you do be done in love.

—Pastor Nate Starkey





KEITH RUSSELL	01/01
COHEN AHRENS	01/01
CYNTHIA WADE	01/02
PENNY FRIES	01/05
KAYLEN STARKEY	01/06
DYLAN SPICHER	01/07
SHEILA GEROU	01/07
LISA SCHMIDT	01/08
JOE FAHEY	01/09
GARY OWENS	01/10
JACKIE BIGGS	01/11
JULIE HARTIN	01/12
JUDY DENEMARK	01/12
CARLEE BURGER	01/13
CAROL PETERS	01/14
MICHELLE GRUVER	01/15
ALLYAH ANDERSON	01/16
TONY MANFRED	01/16
NANCY HOFFMAN	01/16
PAM CHAPMAN	01/16
TRENT BERLIN	01/17
CONNIE HEBRON	01/17
JESSIE (KAY) GILBERT	01/18
MICHELE GORDON	01/18
MARGE HANSON	01/19
ISABELL EDGERTON	01/19
DAVION SCHMUCKER	01/19
DAN BOONE	01/19
COURNEY HARTING	01/20
LEIGH ANN HARTING	01/20
EMILY BUSSEN	01/20
BOB FULLER	01/20
RENE DeYOUNG	01/20
BAILEY WEAVER	01/21
SHERRY SAYLES	01/21
CARLEIGH WANKE	01/21
CARIN REESE	01/23
AL ROSEBUSH	01/23
ZACH SCHMUCKER	01/25
LISA STRONG	01/27
PAT HERR	01/27
ANNA REA	01/27
DEBRA PURVIS	01/29
ZOEY ROUCH	01/30
LOUISE BARNUM	01/31
GLENYCE BENTZER	01/31



LAURA & COREY SHEETS	1/27
MARGE & BRUCE NURTON	1/28
JUDY & GENE MONTGOMERY	1/29

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.

Craft Night
Friday, January 7

Craft night is coming on Friday, January 7, 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 non-perishable food for the Food Pantry if you'd like to donate.





Check out the Hope "To Do" Board located in the hallway between Building 1 and Reese Hall. The "To Do" board lists all repairs, large and small, that need to be done at Hope.

Know of a needed repair? Follow the instructions on the board and fill out a 3x5 card. Then post it! It will get done when someone volunteers to fix it.

Want to help? Look over the project cards and select a project you're willing to do. Take the card, call the project coordinator for details and to order supplies. Then do the work on your schedule! **PROJECTS WILL ONLY BE COMPLETED WHEN VOLUNTEERS STEP UP TO GET THEM DONE!**

Want to help but don't want to do the project by yourself? Get friends and acquaintances to help you or write your name on a 3x5 card and write "Willing to help" on the card. Post it immediately next to the project and wait to see if someone will take it on.

Questions?

Contact Jim Weingart 574-361-3483 or
jdweingart@comcast.net



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, Grace Werner and Ray and Nourma White..



Next Messy Church Sunday, January 23rd 6-7:30pm

CURRENT HOPE FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Month of November Ministry Fund Summary

Ministry Fund Donations: \$ 9,946
 Ministry Fund Expenses: \$-15,693
 Shortfall for the Month: \$ -5,747

Monthly Budget amount: \$ 20,431

Year-to-date surplus: \$25,614

All November bills have been paid. Our Ministry Fund balance is \$80,801. Thank you for your continued support!

November Mortgage & Mission Fund Allocation

\$360.23 Missions
 \$1,000.00 Parsonage Mortgage Extra Principal Payment
 \$900.00 Designated Donation to Parsonage Mortgage Paydown
\$2,242.02 Capital Improvements
 \$4,502.25 Total Donations

Parsonage Mortgage Update


\$998.58 Regular Mortgage Payment - Ministry Fund
\$1,900.00 Extra Principal Payment from the Mortgage Fund
 \$2,898.58 Total Payment

Current Parsonage Mortgage Balance = \$141,328 after the December 2021 Payment.
 Our projected payoff date is October 2037, which is 31 months earlier than the original payoff date!

2022 Giving Opportunities & Envelopes

Pre-numbered weekly giving envelopes are currently being distributed. If you want a set and haven't received them, please leave a message for Dawn Weingart at 269-663-5321 x 6. She can also guide you through the process to set up automatic payments through your bank or our on-line portal.





**THANKS
FOR
STEPPING
UP**

**STUFF-A-BUS
UPDATE**

THANK YOU so much for your support of Hope UMC's December 4 "Stuff a Bus" fundraiser that benefited the Edwardsburg Food Pantry. With your support we were able to meet our 2021 goals for Christmas donations. In addition to stuffing the bus with food, toys, and blankets, we raised over \$2,000 in cash and gift cards this year. Thank you for helping us bless our neighbors this Christmas

Our appreciation goes out to Edwardsburg Public Schools for the use of their bus and Four Square for the use of their parking lot. A big thanks to Dollar General, Marathon Gas Station, Spicy's, Pappas Pizza, Biggby Coffee and Dr A's for their participation.

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



Cereal

Canned Soup

Boxed Potatoes

Stuffing

Baking Items

Crackers



Keep our Service People in Prayer



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



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