

*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!*

SEPTEMBER

2022

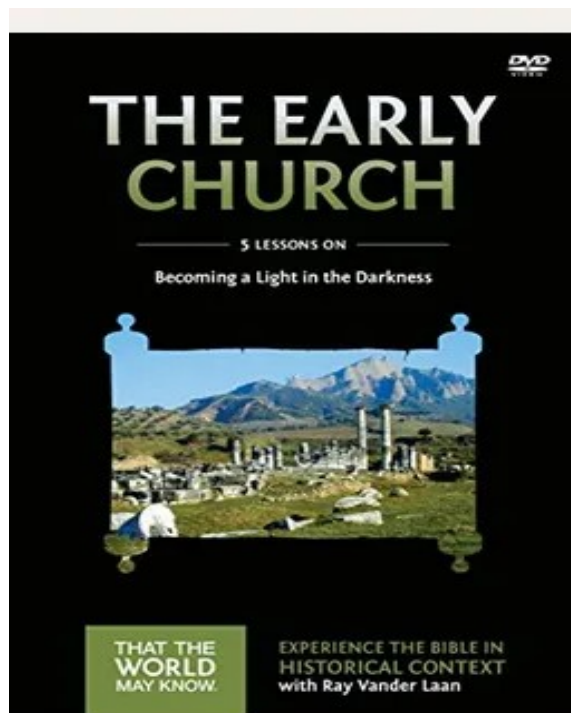
# Youth Group

First meeting  
Sunday  
September 11th  
at 6:30pm



Open to all  
middle and  
high school  
youth

Anyone interested in volunteering with our youth,  
please contact Rene DeYoung or Jim Weingart



Monday Night Women's Bible Study will begin Ray Vander Laan's DVD Series The Early Church on September 12. The study will continue through October 10 and meet from 6:30 - 7:45PM in Reese Hall.

Please contact Donna Mansell ASAP if you would like a Study Guide (used ones are approximately \$5). Donna can be reached at [donnamansell@comcast.net](mailto:donnamansell@comcast.net) or text 574-214-7521.

## AUGUST LT MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Although a few people have shifted their giving from missions to ministry, income remains somewhat below expenses. New Live streaming equipment was purchased from the computer upgrade fund, while parsonage furnace and A/C was purchased from Capital Improvements Fund. An additional \$8,100.00 from Capital Improvements Fund will cover replacement of Reese Hall furnaces in September.

**GENERAL REPORT:** An educational/informational meeting was held on August 14 to discuss youth programming ideas to include middle and high schoolers. The Youth Group would be scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month, and will include both Bible Study type activities and community service projects. Messy Church will continue on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month and is open to all ages.

**PASTOR'S REPORT:** Regarding upcoming Inclusivity Vote in the fall, Pastor Nate has indicated that until the General Conference decision is made, our local voting outcome should not be strictly enforced, but regarded as a non-binding statement of the chosen direction. He encourages members to vote passionately with their true feelings and opinions. Two additional Mobile Food Pantry stops are scheduled for September and October in Hope's Parking Lot, and help with unloading and distribution would be welcomed and appreciated.

**TRUSTEES' REPORT:** Quotes were provided from two sources for replacement of Reese Hall Roof. One of the Contractors is pursuing the manufacturer of the shingles regarding possible warranty reimbursement because of the extreme wear the shingles are exhibiting. Both of the roofing companies will be contacted regarding quotes for replacing only one-half of the roof.



## Campfire Sing-along

Sunday September 18th at 6pm

Rides from the parking lot to fire available.



### 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.



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| THOMAS ROSSMAN         | 9/01 |
| BRIAN DELL             | 9/02 |
| AMY HARRIS             | 9/03 |
| SANDIE WEILER          | 9/03 |
| ADALEIGH BLUNIER       | 9/04 |
| SADIE BENTZER          | 9/05 |
| MICHELE BARNHART       | 9/06 |
| JENI BORN              | 9/07 |
| MYRA THIELMANN         | 9/07 |
| VERLAINE HOFFMAN       | 9/08 |
| KEVIN ROUCH            | 9/09 |
| CAROL D. BOWMA N       | 9/10 |
| BILLY GRISSINGER       | 9/10 |
| DEANA MOLER            | 9/10 |
| PAIGE HOOVER           | 9/11 |
| JIM RALPH              | 9/11 |
| DALE WESTFALL          | 9/11 |
| DONN WESTFALL          | 9/11 |
| WYATT BENTZER          | 9/12 |
| RYAN ACKELS            | 9/12 |
| LINCOLN ADAMS          | 9/12 |
| BRAD WEGNER            | 9/12 |
| SHIRLEY ANDREWS        | 9/12 |
| RHODA WESTFALL         | 9/13 |
| DAVE HERMAN            | 9/15 |
| ED GARDNER             | 9/16 |
| ELIZABETH GIRTON       | 9/16 |
| JOSEPH SCHMIDTENDORFF  | 9/16 |
| LAURA BLOUGH           | 9/17 |
| HARRY STEMPEL          | 9/18 |
| MARK WERNER            | 9/19 |
| AMBER WILLIAMSON       | 9/19 |
| NATE STARKEY           | 9/20 |
| CARL HIGLEY            | 9/20 |
| KATHY DEW              | 9/20 |
| BILL FAHEY             | 9/21 |
| DON SOALES             | 9/21 |
| STACY STRAWDERMAN      | 9/23 |
| SHARON BURGER          | 9/23 |
| JILL BLOUGH            | 9/24 |
| CADEN MANFRED          | 9/25 |
| MARILYN SCHMIDTENDORFF | 9/25 |
| PETER EMMETT           | 9/28 |
| ROBIN ENGLISH          | 9/28 |
| KATIE HENDRICKS        | 9/29 |
| MICHAEL GORDON         | 9/30 |



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| KIM & DON MANSELL             | 9/01 |
| CAROL & PHIL PETERS           | 9/04 |
| HEATHER & CHRIS MORGAN        | 9/07 |
| LISA & JAMES KRILL            | 9/10 |
| LYDIA & JACK GOULD            | 9/12 |
| RHODA & DONN WESTFALL         | 9/13 |
| NETTIE & KEITH RUSSELL        | 9/14 |
| LURENA & DAVID WILFERT        | 9/15 |
| JILL & RUSTY KAYNER           | 9/15 |
| NATALIE & CHRIS FRENTZ        | 9/16 |
| JANICE & WENDELL LEIST        | 9/18 |
| POLLY (BOTTS) & RODNEY RIENKS | 9/19 |
| SANDY & LARRY ACKELS          | 9/26 |
| SANDIE & JACK WEILER          | 9/29 |
| CHRISTIE & SCOTT ERWIN        | 9/29 |
| SARA & STEPHAN CLAIRDAY       | 9/30 |



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, **mbbar-tels@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, Grace Werner, Ray and Nourma White.

# FINANCES

## CURRENT HOPE FINANCIAL INFORMATION

### Month of July Ministry Fund Summary

Ministry Fund Donations: \$ 17,308

Ministry Fund Expenses: \$-16,271

Surplus for the Month: \$ 1,037

Year to Date Shortfall: -\$20,648

Monthly Budget amount: \$ 18,208

All July bills have been paid. Our Ministry Fund balance is \$65,650. Thank you for your continued support!

### July Mortgage & Mission Fund Allocation:

\$207.78 Missions

\$880.00 Designated Donation to Parsonage Mortgage

\$1,869.98 Capital Improvements

\$2,957.76 Total Donations

### Parsonage Mortgage Update:

\$998.58 Regular Mortgage Payment - Mortgage Fund

Current Parsonage Mortgage Balance = \$128,660 after the August 2022 Payment.

Our projected payoff date is August 2036, which is 45 months earlier than the original payoff date!

### 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.

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](https://smile.amazon.com) and select that you are supporting Hope United Methodist Church of Edwardsburg.

## Craft and Game Night

Friday September 2nd at 6pm

All are welcome!

Bring a craft or game and snack to share if you'd like!







## TRUST

As a child we find someone we trust to give advice.  
We fully put our confidence into these words of advice.  
A listening ear is tuned into an answered question.  
Two people wanting to help each other achieve a goal

When we grow up we will still need advice on something.  
Most of us have someone we can go to for that advice,  
Or just someone special who will listen to our problem.  
Either way we trust in the outcome of the conversation.

Life throws us many curves in the road we travel.  
Some days are hard to handle with difficult times.  
Others are good days which deserve celebration.  
Whichever we get we should put our trust in the Lord.

As we mature we begin to spend time in prayer.  
Sometimes praying alone and sometimes with others.  
Some are prayers of thanks while others we ask help.  
As we grow we place our trust in answered prayers.

These answered prayers are in line with God's will.  
We trust that these answers are for our good.  
Even though in our human form we think differently.  
It may be hard to accept or easily received in love.

*Psalms 56:3* When I am afraid, I will trust in You.

In God, whose word I praise,

In God I trust; I will not be afraid.

What can mere mortals do to me?

*Proverbs 3:5* Trust in the Lord with all your heart,  
and do not rely on your own understanding.

May you put your trust in the Lord through your  
conversation with Him. My prayer is that all who  
pray receive answers they can carry in their heart  
knowing they were given by God in Love for us.

—Tony and Deb Lang

## SPECIAL DATES

- Labor Day, *September 5, 2022*
- Patriot Day, *September 11, 2022*
- National Grandparents Day, *September 11, 2022*
- Hispanic Heritage Month, *15–Oct. 15, 2022*
- First day of autumn, *September 22, 2022*



God's character is evident through what he made.

*Directions: Hold up the puzzle to a mirror. Then write the backward words  
correctly to complete Romans 1:20, NIV.*

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Answer: creation, invisible, eternal, divine, clearly, understood, people, Romans

**NOW MAY OUR  
LORD JESUS CHRIST  
HIMSELF, AND GOD OUR FATHER,  
WHO LOVED US AND GAVE US  
ETERNAL COMFORT AND GOOD HOPE  
THROUGH GRACE,  
COMFORT YOUR HEARTS  
AND ESTABLISH THEM  
IN EVERY GOOD WORK AND WORD.  
2 THESSALONIANS 2:16-17, ESV**



Messy church is now open to all ages!

Join us September 25th at 6pm! We'll have dinner together, play together, then split into appropriate age groups for discussions and fun!



### **OUR HELP — PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE**

This month, America marks the anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, which ended almost 3,000 lives and changed life forever for millions more. The nation was shaken to its very roots, with violence jolting out of us any assumption that “it can’t happen here.” September 11 banished any lingering notion that being on the side of “liberty and justice for all” served as insulation against mass tragedy. We now had more to fear than fear itself.

Psalm 46 reminds us that “though the earth should change” (v. 2) — as it did on 9/11 — God remains “our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble” (v. 1). We are never alone or without hope, even on life-altering days.

How have God’s presence and power sustained you through life’s changes? How might sharing your story help someone else when their world or faith gets shaken?

—adapted from *The Wired Word*