



2022

Christian Conferencing is at the very heart of the Methodist movement. The idea of gathering outside Sunday's regular worship times to explore the scriptures, pray, discuss biblical concepts, and encourage each other in taking faith-filled steps in life is the essence of United Methodism, our discipleship, our growth, and our future.

Here, at Hope United Methodist Church, we are glad to offer Christian Conferencing in a variety of forms and settings, and we are always looking for new ways to reach new people. We offer regular weekly Bible studies on Monday Evenings, Tuesday Evenings, and Wednesday Mornings. Our Monthly Youth Group Gathering allows Middle Schoolers and High Schoolers to ask questions, explore their beliefs, and wonder how to apply their beliefs to their lives. Messy Church has also been a wonderful monthly gathering of people of all



ages, encouraging all to grow in faith and fellowship. And, we are very excited to say that we are developing a new adult outreach ministry based on the "Pub Theology" concept, so stay tuned for that!

Hope's Charge Conference is another form of Holy Conferencing, giving members of the church the annual opportunity to have voice and vote in the life and future of the church. We gather to celebrate the past, present, and future ministries of Hope, and to establish the path of our immediate future with regard to our finances, properties, mission, membership, leadership, and staff. We hope that you will commit to join us for this year's **Charge Conference on Wednesday, November 2nd, at 7:30pm, in Reese Hall.**

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to

TIME TO TALK MEETING

Sunday, November 13
2PM-3:30PM
Reese Hall.

We will discuss the inclusivity voting results and what actions should be taken next. If you have any thoughts, please come and share them.

**OCTOBER LT MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

Financial Report: Expenses incurred over the past month included rental of scissor lift to apply additional spray foam to ceiling in Building Two. Additional expenses included parking lot light bulbs, fire extinguisher recharge, and furnace filters for all furnaces in both buildings.

Trustee Report: Installation of furnaces in Building Two is now complete. Roof replacement is currently underway on Reese Hall. (New roof has been completed at time of this printing).

General Report: Statistics regarding the recent voting results were presented to the LT. Jim Weingart presented these results to the congregation at both services on Sunday, October 16, 2022. Feedback is welcome via e-mail correspondence and questions are welcomed. A town hall type gathering similar to the "Time to Talk" meetings held previously will be scheduled to further discuss the voting results. An e-mail has been issued regarding membership, containing a list of members who have not been active or in attendance for at least the past two years. Removal of those members will be requested at the upcoming Charge Conference.

Pastor's Report: Charge Conference is scheduled for November 2, at 7:30 p.m. in Reese Hall. The District Superintendent will conduct the meeting via ZOOM, but the congregation is invited to attend and participate. Two proposals will be brought before the conference: (1) transfer of funds from current Steeple Fund to Capital Improvements; and (2) the redirection of Memorial Funds to Ministry Fund. Names will be suggested for approval to elect to the Leadership Team to replace four (4) current members whose terms will be completed at the end of 2022. Thanksgiving Food Baskets will be distributed from Hope this November because of a scheduling conflict at Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church. Hope's Trunk and Treat is scheduled for Sunday, October 30, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Church parking lot. Fresh Expressions training is offered at Pathfinder Church in Portage, Michigan on November 12, 2022. Registration is \$30 per person. Please contact the Church office for additional information if you are interested in attending this program.



MIKE MORGAN	11/01
STEPHAN CLAIRDAY	11/02
LACEY MORBACH	11/02
BILL DAVIS II	11/02
PAYTON CIRO	11/03
CAITLIN REESE EYESTONE	11/03
ALEXIS RYMAN	11/04
MONIQUE SCHERBARTH	11/05
NICHOLAS ROSS	11/06
DAPHNE DOSSMAN	11/06
BEV TORGESON	11/09
LARRY BANGHART	11/10
CHAD BURGER	11/11
RANDY CLINE	11/11
CORY CREAGER	11/12
SAMANTHA FARKAS	11/14
DONNA MANSELL	11/14
ROBIN EMENAKER	11/14
BILL LONG	11/16
NICK EDGERTON	11/18
AARON STARKEY	11/18
CHARLOTTE LOOTENS	11/18
ANNA LEININGER	11/19
MECHELLE DOSSMAN	11/20
DENNIS HOLDREADE	11/20
WANDA ORTH	11/21
CHARITY GREEN	11/22
CURTIS KEHR	11/23
NOAH HARDESTY	11/24
CHRISTINA MARIA STEVENS	11/24
JACK RINEHART	11/25
PAMELA FISK	11/26
BRYCE WEGNER	11/26
DORIS WALLACE	11/28
BRITTANY HUFFMAN	11/28
TRACY TRUEX	11/30



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KELLY & DAVE MORTIMER	11/03
GAIL & BRANT CAMPANARO	11/17
AMY & NATE STARKEY	11/24



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.



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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 and Ray White.



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.

FINANCES

Month of September Ministry Fund Summary

Ministry Fund Donations: \$ 14,204

Ministry Fund Expenses: \$-15,458

Surplus for the Month: \$ -1,254

Year to Date Shortfall: -\$21,434

Monthly Budget amount: \$ 18,208

All September bills have been paid. Our Ministry Fund balance is \$65,314. Thank you for your continued support!

September Mortgage & Mission Fund Allocation:

\$157.28 Missions

\$215.74 Designated Donation to Parsonage

Mortgage

\$1,299.74 Capital Improvements

\$1,672.76 Total Donations

Parsonage Mortgage Update:

\$998.58 Regular Mortgage Payment - Mortgage Fund

Current Parsonage Mortgage Balance = \$127,510 after the October 2022 Payment.

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

Thank You!



For your help with Trunk or Treat!

We had a great time!

THANK
you.

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for all your cards and calls of encouragement during these summer months. I have felt your prayers and even though I still have a ways to go before getting back to a normal routine for church, I still revere my church family at Hope.

—Sherry Sayles



THURSDAY
NOVEMBER 24

Craft night

Friday November 4th at 6pm

Bring a current project and a snack to share if you'd like



The
Lord stood
at my side and
gave me
strength.

2 Timothy 4:17



DID YOU KNOW?

Eight stained glass windows were created by the Chicago Art Glass Company for \$365 for the Edwardsburg Methodist Church, which was established in 1837. Many founding members of Edwardsburg sponsored the production and installation of the windows.

Historian Otis Montgomery reported that many congregants experienced “some discomfort” that the “all seeing eye” in one of the windows was always watching you; he noted that everyone was relieved when seating was moved to face west and their attention was refocused.

In 1997 the Edwardsburg church merged with the Adamsville Methodist Church and built our current location at Elkhart and May Streets. The windows were removed from the old downtown church when it was sold in 1998 and stored—actually hidden—in a room specially built in a local barn with only a few knowing their whereabouts. Over 20 years later, with no restoration needed, the panes have been installed indoors with back lighting and are serving again to enhance worship in the traditional wing of the church.

—Leigh Goyings

Keep our Service People in Prayer



Joshua Adams, Charles Berry, Andre Brower, Phil Bryden, Sam Chaput, Jon-

athan Ditson, James Gallo-way, 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.



Messy church is now open to all ages!

Join us November 20th at 6pm! We'll have dinner together, play together, then split into appropriate age groups for discussions and fun!



TRUST



As children we trust our parents to guide our paths.
Whether at play or in school activities we ask our parents.
Our young lives are guided by our parents' advice.
Sometimes our grandparents get involved in our lives.

As we grow into adult life we may ask our spouse.
Most of us have a good friend(s) we feel comfortable with.
We'll seek someone we trust to advise our pathway.
Others help us gain confidence to trust our decisions.

Our lives are controlled by the trusted decisions we seek.
The trust advice is written in the Bible for all to seek.
Jesus said He would never leave us and we should ask.
God has a will for a good life for us if we seek His advice.

May you use the gift(s) God has given you to seek His will for your life and put your trust in using those gifts to enjoy a good life for you and those around you.

—Deb and Tony Lang

A VETERAN'S SERVICE



American hero Eddie Rickenbacker (1890-1973) led a life of daring and risk, from racing cars as a teen to piloting warplanes. Throughout his experiences, Rickenbacker grew in faith while discovering that "life had no meaning except in terms of helping others."

In the first issue of *Guideposts* magazine, Rickenbacker described spending four agonizing months of 1941 in the hospital after an accident. While recovering, he pondered life and death, concluding that he couldn't give up because he still "had work to do, others to serve."

Less than two years later, that ordeal came in handy. After crashing in the South Pacific, Rickenbacker and "seven other starving men" were adrift on a raft for 21 days. Most were "so young they needed the strength and understanding of a man who had been down in the valley of the shadow, who had suffered and made sense out of his suffering," he said. "It was clear to me that God had a purpose in keeping me alive. ... I had been saved to serve."



Family Game Night

Friday November 11, at 6pm

All are welcome!

Bring a chili, soup, or side dish if you'd like!

This month, we'll be having a chili and soup cook-off during game night!





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