



Greetings to you, Friends of Hope, in the glorious name of our Risen Savior!

Well, even with all the recent announcements, meetings, visits, and the “this will be the last of these” type events, moving didn’t seem real until I packed my office today.

We are committed to packing with the intent of not taking anything we don’t need. That means taking the time to touch and wonder about each piece. And in my office that means taking a slow rewind journey through my time here at Hope. With every paper I’ve written, every letter I’ve received, every sermon worksheet, every funeral bulletin, every meeting agenda I’ve scribbled notes on, every book I’ve read, and every trinket I’ve kept, I am reminded of all that we have done, all the love we’ve shared, and all that we have been through in the last three years.

While I can’t fully articulate each memory here, I would like to express my collective sense of the time we’ve shared: It hasn’t been easy, but, as they say, nothing worth doing ever is. I have grown in my relationship with Christ here, and I hope the same for you. I have deeply experienced the presence of God in both worship spaces, consistently, and I pray the same for you. My family has felt welcomed here, every day, without question. There is a sense of momentum within the ministries of Hope that I find encouraging and I am proud to pass on. And, while my time here certainly wasn’t perfect, I wouldn’t change a thing.

To those of you who have steadily supported and encouraged me, the church, and my style of ministry, and to those who never gave me a real chance, and to those who stuck it out even if I wasn’t your ‘cup of tea’, and to those who pledged their unwavering support and then seemingly vanished, and to those who were glad that we tackled tough topics, and to those who weren’t, and to those who found hope and encouragement in Christ here, and to those who continued in, or stepped into new forms of serving the church, and to everyone in between: I have led you and loved you the best way I knew how, and though I will no longer lead you, I will continue to love you!

“Peace I leave with you; My peace I give you.” – Jesus
Continued Blessings,
Pastor Nate Starkey





**Own a Piece of
Edwardsburg
UMC History!**

The stained glass windows from the 1892 original Edwardsburg UMC are now for sale to Hope UMC members. Each window is \$250 for church members. They are displayed in Reese Hall and given an unique letter ID for ease of purchase. Contact Jim Weingart at 574-361-3483 (cell) to purchase a window!

First come, first served. All remaining window will be available to the public for purchase starting July 1.



**FATHERS' DAY
Sunday, June 18**

MAY LT MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

FINANCIAL REPORT: The LT reviewed the Financial Information, as provided by Dawn, and noted that finances are improving and remain stable. As the parsonage will soon become vacant, and the incoming pastor does not require housing, the LT discussed proposed rental of the current parsonage.



TRUSTEE REPORT: Sale of the remaining stained-glass windows will be on the agenda at the next Trustee meeting. Pastor Nate will be providing a punch list of items to be addressed at the parsonage, and a walk-through for the Trustees is scheduled.

SPRC REPORT: Employee Job Descriptions will be one of the items on the agenda of the next SPRC Meeting.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Five girls from Hope UMC recently attended Confirmation Camp at Lake Michigan, and two consecutive Confirmation Sundays have been scheduled to accommodate Confirmation vows of these girls! The recent Bingo Night at the church was a success and plans for Hope's participation in the Memorial Day Parade are underway. Volunteers are still needed to assume the responsibilities for preparation of the Communion elements. Incoming Pastor, Rob Snodgrass, has been invited and will be attending the June LT Meeting on June 14.

Thank You!

**Good Friday Ecumenical
Service Offering of \$671
was sent to support the
Edwardsburg
Food Pantry.**





DIANA GRAHAM	6/01
GWEN JUIP	6/02
KELLY LONG	6/02
JENNIFER KENDALL	6/03
STEPHANIE KOONTZ	6/03
JEFF HUFFMAN	6/04
LUCAS BENTZER	6/04
JULIE STACK	6/05
DEE VANDEVEIRE	6/05
MARITA ENGLISH	6/06
SUE KOONTZ	6/06
CAMERON OSWALT	6/07
BRENDA GORDON	6/07
SABRINA MANSELL	6/07
CRISTOFER WEINGART	6/08
AMBER MILLER	6/08
HEATHER SCHMIDTENDORFF	6/09
JOYCE WESTFALL	6/10
MANDY FLICK	6/11
AUSTIN LEE WILLIAMSON	6/12
BOB STRAKA	6/12
MARGE NURTON	6/16
ASHLEY SCHUMAN	6/17
SHIRLEY BEHRMAN	6/17
CONNOR WYANT	6/17
AGGIE BUSSEN	6/18
LILA ANN BENTZER	6/18
ETHAN MANSELL	6/19
JIM WEINGART	6/19
BARBARA WESTFALL	6/19
COLLEEN HARRIS	6/20
ROGER FLEMING	6/21
ETHAN KLEIN	6/22
MEGHAN CLAIRDAY	6/22
MEGAN ANDERSON	6/23
CODY GARVIN	6/23
KATHE J SNODGRASS	6/23
SHEILA WEAVER	6/24
SYLVIA Taelman	6/24
SARAH MANSELL	6/24
RYAN DEW	6/25
CASEY REESE STRONG	6/25
ROBERT RICHARDSON	6/25
ERIN BURKS YODER	6/26
MATT FLICK	6/27
AMBER COWLEY	6/27
BRADEN GRIMAN	6/27
JO MACUMBER	6/28
SALLY BLUNIER	6/30



COLLEEN & TOM HARRIS	6/10
NANCY & LARRY BOWMAN	6/11
TRACEY BUNNELL & COLIN MURPHY	6/14
MANDY & MATT FLICK	6/15
KAREN & DEVON TRUEX JR	6/15
MICHELLE & STEVE GRUVER	6/17
SANDY & ROGER FLEMING	6/21
PEGGY & BILLY JENSEN	6/23
NANCY & CLARK MEAD	6/25
SHARON & BOB MORGAN	6/30



PASTOR NATE will preach his last Sunday at Hope on June 11. Following second service we will have a luncheon to say good bye and thank you to the Starkey family.

PASTOR ROB SNODGRASS will begin his ministry with us on July 2. He is all ready working towards a smooth transition to Hope and getting to know us. Pastor Rob and Kathe will not need Hope's parsonage, so the Trustees are working to have it rented.

SUSAN Rinehart
SPRC Chair

BREAK

We're taking a break for the summer! Youth Group and Game Nights will be back in the fall! See you then!



FINANCES

CURRENT HOPE FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Month of April Ministry Fund Summary

Ministry Fund Donations: \$ 20,319

Ministry Fund Expenses: \$-16,516

Surplus for the Month: \$ 3,803

Monthly Budget = \$17,675

Shortfall YTD: -\$1,924

All April bills have been paid. Our Ministry Fund balance is \$93,794. Thank you for your continued support!

April Mortgage & Mission Fund Allocation:

\$164.14 Missions

\$998.58 Parsonage Mortgage

\$1,078.66 Capital Improvements

\$2,241.38 Total Donations

Parsonage Mortgage Update:

\$998.58 Regular Mortgage Payment - Mortgage Fund

Current Parsonage Mortgage Balance = \$123,403 after the May 2023 Payment.

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



FINANCE QUESTIONS?????

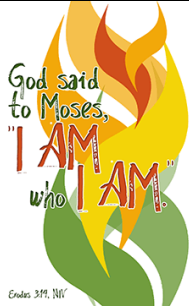
If you have a question about the how the church finances work, please contact Dawn Weingart at extension 6 or Pastor Nate at extension 8 at 269-663-5321. We also have summaries of the information that has been published in prior newsletters in the office.

The Good News is Great News here at Hope!

As many of you know, last month we were blessed with your generous Penny Sunday donations to send 5 of our youth and a chaperone (thank you Amy Starkey) to a Weekend Confirmation Camp at Lake Michigan Camp and Retreat Center. The program gave them a wonderful opportunity to meet new friends, get to know each other better, be in awe of nature, and to explore their faith. Over the weekend, and amidst a variety of games, activities, worship, food, and rest, they learned about church history, biblical truths, the offer of salvation through Christ Jesus, and their own position within the Kingdom of God.



We are very happy to announce that all five of those teens have now Confirmed their Baptism and become members of the United Methodist Church through Hope UMC! Please continue to lift them up in prayer and support the continued growth and development of their faith and future leadership within the church!



Insert an "I" in each sentence below and see how you score yourself.

Am a child of God. Am helped by God.
 Am a temple where God dwells. Am loved.
 Am not condemned by God. Am adopted by God
 Am an ambassador of God. Am the salt of

the earth.

Am a branch on the vine of God. Am justified.
 Am chosen to bear fruit. Am blessed by God.
 Am made righteous before God. Am forgiven.
 Am blameless and beyond reproach. Am saved.
 Have access to God's wisdom. Am light of the world.
 Am a joint heir with Christ. Am sanctified.
 Am a friend of God and Jesus. Am redeemed.
 Am untouchable by the enemy. Am saved.
 Am one spirit with the Lord. Am predestined.
 Am firmly rooted and build up in Christ.
 Am a reader of His word. Am a helper for others.

We are truly blessed by God and He wants to share His Heavenly home with us. May each of you help others want to seek this same Heavenly home. — Tony and Deb Lang



Messy church is open to families of all shapes and sizes, and folks of all ages!

Join us June 25th at 6pm! It's water night! We'll meet at the playground for dinner and water games!

*A wise son brings
JOY to his father.*
Proverbs 15:20



Summer Play Days!

Every third Monday of the summer!

June 19th

Obstacle Course Day!

10am-12pm
at the playground

HOPE CHURCH & MISSION:

Church Family / Future of Methodist Church

LEADERSHIP TEAM + SPRC:

Ben Morgan, Team member at Large
 Brandon DeYoung, Chairperson
 Heidi Meadows, Team member at Large
 Jack Rinehart, Vice Chairperson
 Mike Morgan, Trustee & SPRC
 Pastor Nate Starkey
 Sabrina English, Finance
 Sandie Weiler, Secretary
 Sharon Tafunai, Team member at Large
 Shirley Andrews, Team member at Large

SPRC:

Bonnie Morgan / Diane Siefert / Jack Weiler / Sue Rinehart

LIVING WITH CANCER:

Brad Yoder
 Brenda Miller
 Brian Clark, cancer of the larynx (Sue Morgan)
 Chelsie's mom, family, Grandpa John (cancer) and Grandma Betty April
 Cindy Helvey, in Rehab Center (Virginia Helvey)
 Cindy Workman
 Crystal Maskwinski, diagnosed with cancer for 3rd time, started chemo. (Susie Edgerton)
 David Leist, metastatic cancer (Janice Leist)
 Don Burnette & Yvonne. Don has cancer and dementia (Robin English)
 Ellen Evans (Robin English)
 Jamie Horn
 Jaycee Wendt
 Jessica Hartwick, is diabetic and on dialysis, being tested for kidney transplant (Robin English)
 John & Betty Westlake, (Tina)
 Linda McClain
 Mark Howell, cancer
 Melana Horner, leukemia
 Mike Moelbash, cancer in spine (Paula Kendall)
 Mike Walton (Vicki Baker's family member)
 Pam Knapp, surgery for liver and kidney cancer (Sue Morgan)
 Rick Trosper had two more masses removed that are being tested. (Tina Trosper's brother)
 Scott Dougall, friend of Sue Morgan
 Tony and Ted Braun, Diana Graham's cousins
 Trevor Claire
 Vivian McClellan, brain cancer, PXA (McKenzie Morgan)
 William Moore Jr.
 Yung Fajardo, leukemia (Sharee Leist)
 Bette Starkey

LONGSTANDING:

Bill Griffin, health
 Chad, heart issues
 Christine Love, health issues (Nancy Love's daughter)
 Duis family
 Edith English (Kevin's mom)
 Elizabeth V. Mnit (Geneva Weingart's foster parent)
 Ethan Hart, 6-year-old, Type 1 diabetes (Colleen Harris's grandson)
 Gary Herr is in Hospice
 Gary Owens (Pat Owens)
 Granny & Pops
 Ida Bumpus, memory problems, falling (Robin English)
 Ivan Bowman (Marti Bartels' brother)
 Ivins family (Kelly Duis)
 Jake Dibble (Kelly Duis)
 Jessica Hartwick, diabetic & waiting for kidney transplant (Robin English)
 Ken Proctor
 Kevin Duis, an autistic boy
 Kevin English, medical problems (Robin English)
 Linda Morgan, health (Bernice Peimear)
 Miao's family and village of Sichuan (Paula Kendall)
 Nancy Love
 President Jimmy Carter in hospice
 Stephanie Harris, pain management
 Teresa Neucks-Mills, MS & fibromyalgia (Tina)
 Tina Trosper's dad, heart problems
 Wilbur Schmidt, healing from stroke (Ann Gustafson)
 Firemen & Policemen / Healthcare workers

PASTORS & FAMILIES:

Brenda Gordon
 Evan Lash & Barbara Jackson
 Matt & Cara Weiler
 Nate & Amy Starkey
 Rob & Kathe Snodgrass
 Scott & Carrie Otis
 Tom & Lisa Maxwell

SERVING/SERVED IN MILITARY SERVICES:

Joshua Adams, Charles Berry, Andrew Brower, Phil Bryden, Sam Chaput, Jonathan Ditson James Galloway, Justin Gerou, Shane Karkiewicz, Dakota Kizer, Andrea Long, Alyssa Malott, Jay Moore, Brandon Morgan, Jessica Ramus, Jason Salter, Dylan Smallwood, Jeff Starr, Tyler Wilson

HOME BOUND:

Merian Ackles, Sally Blunier, Norma Boone, Bob Fuller, Carl & Ardith Higley, Verlaine Hoffman, Tony & Deb Lang, Sherry Leininger, Sharon & Bob Morgan, Jan Read, Donna Taelman, Bev Torgeson, Cynthia Wade, Grace Werner, Ray White, Rochelle Dolde, Betty Brady

June 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 8:30am - 2pm Office Hours Annual Conference 9:00am Ship Shape 4 Christ (Reese Hall)	2 Annual Conference Office closed 6:00pm Craft Night (Reese Hall)	3 Annual Conference 8:00am Reservation (Reese Hall) 1:00pm Hope Band Practice (Reese Hall)
4 8:30am & 10:30am Service Annual Conference	5 8:30am - 2pm Office Hours 9:00am Ship Shape 4 Christ (Reese Hall) 10:00am Staff Meeting 6:30pm Women's Bible Study (Reese Hall)	6 8:30am - 2pm Office Hours 6:30pm Men's Bible Study (Community Room)	7 8:30am - 2pm Office Hours 9:30am Wednesday morning Bible Study (Community Room)	8 8:30am - 2pm Office Hours 9:00am Ship Shape 4 Christ (Reese Hall)	9 Office closed	10 1:00pm Hope Band Practice (Reese Hall)
11 8:30am & 10:30am Service Nate Farewell Party	12 8:30am - 2pm Office Hours 9:00am Ship Shape 4 Christ (Reese Hall) 10:00am Summer Play Day 6:30pm Women's Bible Study (Reese Hall)	13 8:30am - 2pm Office Hours 6:30pm Men's Bible Study (Community Room)	14 8:30am - 2pm Office Hours 9:30am Wednesday morning Bible Study (Community Room) 6:30pm Leadership Team Meeting (Community Room)	15 8:30am - 2pm Office Hours 9:00am Ship Shape 4 Christ (Reese Hall)	16 Office closed	17 1:00pm Hope Band Practice (Reese Hall)
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