



2023



## **Hello Hope!**

It has been a joy connecting with so many people we knew when Kathe and I attended Hope previously. One of the most exciting things for Kathe and me is meeting the many new faces now attending Hope.

I know these first few weeks have been a whirlwind for all of us. I am trying to learn about you, and you are trying to figure out who we are. I mentioned "Joy" — that is what I feel when I am with you each Sunday and through the week. Thank you for such a loving welcome.

I hope together we will pray about who we are and what our mission here at Hope is. Many of you have shared great ideas for mission right here in Edwardsburg. Over the next months I look forward to this discernment process with you.

As always, I encourage you to start your day with a devotional like the Upper Room. It only takes a few minutes and will help to focus you on our Savior Jesus.

God bless each of you.

Pastor Rob and Kathe



Messy church is open to all ages!

Join us August 27th at 6pm! We'll be celebrating the end of summer with a celebration!





## JULY LT MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

**FINANCE:** Reviewing financial information provided by Dawn, finances remain stable with receipts slightly above expenses for the past month. Camp Scholarships were distributed in the sum of \$200.00 per camper, with five (5) youth attending UM Camps this summer.

**TRUSTEE REPORT:** The Parsonage Lease Agreement was completed and executed between Hope UMC and New Journey Church of Niles Michigan, and the tenant, the new Pastor serving New Journey Church, will reside in the home for the next year. The trustees will serve as property managers during the one-year lease. Discussion followed regarding additional parking lot repair, and looking into attaining estimates for restroom door activation switches in Reese Hall.

**SPRC:** Brandon DeYoung offered to assume responsibility for updating the Shirley Andrews Award for Musical Excellence.

**PASTOR'S REPORT:** A quick overview of the current governance model of the church was presented by Pastor Rob and reviewed with LT. Discussion regarding the transition of pastors offered positive feedback from LT members.

### Summer Office Hours – Through Labor Day

Monday 9am – Noon  
Tuesday 9am – Noon  
Wednesday 9am – Noon  
Thursday 9am – Noon  
& by appointment. Call the  
office at 269-663-5321 x 9.

### Craft night

Friday, August 4th at 6pm

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



### Game Night and Euchre Tournament

Friday August 11th, at 6pm

Open to all

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



### FINANCE QUES- TIONS?????

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



BILL STACK	8/02
LUCAS FLICK	8/03
KELLY KLEIN	8/05
HAYLIE STEVENSON	8/05
MOLLY ADAMS	8/05
SUE TOTH	8/06
EMILY WILFERT	8/07
ALEXANDER MILLER	8/08
JOSH UDELL	8/10
LINKIN BORN	8/10
JAN READ	8/11
ELIZABETH GINERIS	8/11
RON FLICK	8/12
KAREN REED	8/12
SHERRIE MAHNESMITH	8/13
JAN FRIES	8/13
LURENA WILFERT	8/14
ANGELINA MARIA FISK	8/15
VIRGINIA HELVEY	8/17
APRIL SCHMIDT	8/17
BEV STOOPS	8/19
KAELYNN SMITH	8/19
KAYE SMITH	8/19
JENNIFER WYANT	8/25
SCARLETT DIAZ	8/26
CHRIS FRENTZ	8/26
MADISON GIPSON	8/26
MEGAN GIPSON	8/26
KAY McNIFF	8/26
JACKIE BOONE	8/27
SANDI TURPEL	8/27
DAVID HENDRICKS	8/28
MARIE GRUVER	8/29
GRACE WERNER	8/31
COLBY GARVIN	8/31



CAITLIN & NATE EYESTONE	8/01
RENE & BRANDON DeYOUNG	8/05
MICHELE & GREG BLACK	8/09
RONDA & BILL FAHEY	8/10
PATTY & JEFF D JOHNSON	8/15
KELLY & BILL LONG	8/19
JAN & BILL FRIES	8/25
KATHE & ROB SNODGRASS	8/25
WENDY & BILL HILL	8/25



### Own a Piece of Edwardsburg UMC History

The stained-glass windows from the 1892 original Edwardsburg UMC are now for sale to the public on a first come, first served basis. They are displayed in Reese Hall.

Each window has unique characteristics, so tape your name to the window that you want to purchase.

The windows are \$300 for the public or \$250 for church members. Contact Jim Weingart (574-361-3483, cell) to purchase a window.



# FINANCES

## Current Hope Financial Information Month of June

### Ministry Fund Summary

Ministry Fund Donations:	\$ 15,945
Ministry Fund Expenses:	<u>\$-15,700</u>
Surplus for the Month:	\$ 245

Monthly Budget = \$17,675

Shortfall YTD: -\$817

All June bills have been paid. Our Ministry Fund balance is \$94,901. Thank you for your continued support!

### June Mortgage & Mission Fund Allocation

\$146.03 Missions  
\$998.58 Parsonage Mortgage  
\$315.67 Capital Improvements  
\$1,460.28 Total Donations

### Parsonage Mortgage Update

\$998.58 Regular Mortgage Payment - Mortgage Fund

Current Parsonage Mortgage Balance = \$122,218 after the July 2023 Payment. Our projected payoff date is August 2036, which is 45 months earlier than the original payoff date!



## DID YOU KNOW ...

Seeing a need for support and fellowship for those who have lost spouses, Sandy Ryder and Dee



Vandeveire organized **Wayfinders**. The group has met monthly for 8 years. They lunch with anywhere from 6 to 25 attending, share information, enjoy occasional programs or projects.

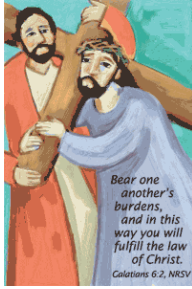
**Readers to Leaders** supports the Liberia Scholarship Fund and the Michigan Children Defense Fund Freedom Schools. At the 2022 Michigan Annual Conference the body voted to support the group's fundraising campaign. Hope UMC recently donated to the fund.

# BREAK

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







## WHEN WE HURT

Our hurt can be a physical pain or a pain in our heart. Our body will hurt regardless which hurt we suffer. The heart, many times will also feel that same pain. Any hurt gives us grief and effects the way we live.

A physical hurt usually causes us to limit our activity. The body will let us know which part needs help. Many remedies are available to offer relief and comfort. Some come with complete relief while others only partial.

We still usually change the way we live our lives. Our job, our family and our friends are all affected. It may be obvious to some while others don't see hurt. It could also change their lives and those they touch.

A pain in the heart can hurt worse than a physical pain. This pain changes our mind set and how we handle it. Again this heart pain can be hidden or visible to others. Only we are the ones who will suffer this pain this day.

The way we treat any hurt in our lives can hurt others. Our hurt affects the actions we impose on others. Others may be suffering that same pain in their lives. How we handle these pains can help/harm other people.

Any pain we carry presents a burden on our lives and our souls and will make our lives a burden to carry. This burden can be passed on to others or kept inside. Burdens can be used to help others with their lives.

*Matthew 11:28-30* Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

*Psalm 68:19* Praise be to the Lord--who daily hears our burdens. *Galatians 6:2* Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. and *Galatians 5:13* You my brothers and sisters were called to be free.

Whatever type of burden or pain you are carrying, ask for help from our Lord and share with others who may help you or you may help them.

—Deb and Tony Lang



## Going to School with Jesus



In *Faith Takes a Name*, Dwight E. Stevenson writes that if we consider ourselves to be disciples

of Jesus, then we must remain "learners under the instruction of Christ." He notes, "Quite literally, a disciple is a pupil, scholar, student or learner. In [Jesus'] world a teacher with his band of disciples was to that culture what schools and universities are to our society. To be a disciple of Jesus is to go to school with him."

**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, Team member at Large  
 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  
 Chris Weingart (Geneva-Eliza Weingart)  
 Christine Love, health issues (Nancy Love's daughter)  
 Dennis Sanders is still recovering from knee and heart problems  
 (Judy Denmark)  
 Duis family  
 Edith English (Kevin's mom)  
 Elizabeth V. Mui (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 Pelmeier)  
 Miao's family and village of Sichuan (Paula Kendall)  
 Nancy Love  
 President Jimmy Carter in hospice  
 Stephanie Harris, pain management  
 Tracee Reiter chronic right shoulder, arm and hand pain (Robin  
 English)  
 Teresa Neucks-Mills, MS & fibromyalgia (Tina)  
 Tina Trosper's dad, heart problems  
 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, Betty Brady, Rochelle Dolde, Bob  
 Fuller, Ardith Higley, Verlaine Hoffman, Tony & Deb Lang,  
 Sherry Leininger, Sharon & Bob Morgan, Jan Read, Donna  
 Taelman, Bev Torgeson, Cynthia Wade, Grace Werner, Ray  
 White

## August 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> 9am-12 Office Hours 5:30pm Band Practice (Reese Hall) 6:30pm Men's Bible Study (Community Room)	<b>2</b> 9am-12 Office Hours 9:30am Wednesday morning Bible Study (Community Room)	<b>3</b> 9am-12 Office Hours 9:00am Ship Shape 4 Christ (Reese Hall)	<b>4</b> Office closed 6:00pm Craft Night (Reese Hall)	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 8:30am & 10:30am Service	<b>7</b> 9am-12 Office Hours 9:00am Ship Shape 4 Christ (Reese Hall) 10:00am Staff Meeting 6:30pm Women's Bible Study (Reese Hall)	<b>8</b> 9am-12 Office Hours 5:30pm Band Practice (Reese Hall) 6:30pm Men's Bible Study (Community Room)	<b>9</b> 9am-12 Office Hours 9:30am Wednesday morning Bible Study (Community Room) 1:00pm Mobile Food Pantry 6:30pm Leadership Team Meeting (Community Room)	<b>10</b> 9am-12 Office Hours 9:00am Ship Shape 4 Christ (Reese Hall)	<b>11</b> Office closed	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> 8:30am & 10:30am Service	<b>14</b> 9am-12 Office Hours 9:00am Ship Shape 4 Christ (Reese Hall) 6:30pm Women's Bible Study (Reese Hall)	<b>15</b> 9am-12 Office Hours 5:30pm Band Practice (Reese Hall) 6:30pm Men's Bible Study (Community Room)	<b>16</b> 9am-12 Office Hours 9:30am Wednesday morning Bible Study (Community Room)	<b>17</b> 9am-12 Office Hours 9:00am Ship Shape 4 Christ (Reese Hall)	<b>18</b> Office closed	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> 8:30am & 10:30am Service	<b>21</b> 9am-12 Office Hours 9:00am Ship Shape 4 Christ (Reese Hall) 10:00am Summer Play Day 6:30pm Women's Bible Study (Reese Hall)	<b>22</b> 9am-12 Office Hours 5:30pm Band Practice (Reese Hall) 6:30pm Men's Bible Study (Community Room)	<b>23</b> 9am-12 Office Hours 9:30am Wednesday morning Bible Study (Community Room) 11:00am Reservation (Reese Hall)	<b>24</b> 9am-12 Office Hours 9:00am Ship Shape 4 Christ (Reese Hall)	<b>25</b> Office closed	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> 8:30am & 10:30am Service 6:00pm Messy Church (Reese Hall)	<b>28</b> 9am-12 Office Hours 9:00am Ship Shape 4 Christ (Reese Hall) 6:30pm Women's Bible Study (Reese Hall)	<b>29</b> 9am-12 Office Hours 5:30pm Band Practice (Reese Hall) 6:30pm Men's Bible Study (Community Room)	<b>30</b> 9am-12 Office Hours 9:30am Wednesday morning Bible Study (Community Room)	<b>31</b> 9am-12 Office Hours 9:00am Ship Shape 4 Christ (Reese Hall)		