



Newly appointed HUMC Pastor Rob Snodgrass describes himself as a follower of Jesus who happens to be “a Marine, aircraft mechanic, car salesman, and a pastor” yes an unusual combination. So – what is Pastor Rob’s background?

He grew up on a farm in Elkhart County, went to school in Nappanee, graduating from Northwood, showed and trained horses at a nationally ranked skill level. Deciding a new environment was in order, Rob joined the Marines intending to make a career of military service. But after 6 years both his parents developed serious health issues and he was released from his military commitment to come back to Indiana to care for them.

The following years found him juggling several roles – caregiver, husband, single parent – while working at various jobs in industrial maintenance, manufacturing, and sales. He held the positions in upper management for many years before starting his own companies. He says a benefit from this stressful life was learning to deal with adversity. But life wasn’t always hard -- while indulging in one of his hobbies/interests, archery, Rob met another single parent, Kathe at the 3-D archery range he owned, and soon became involved with her and her son.

The couple were part of the early days of Granger Community Church when that congregation was meeting in a movie theater; then participated in the move down the road to the present GCC campus and became very close to GCC founding Pastor Mark Beeson who had introduced them at the 3-D range. When Kathe and Rob asked Pastor Beeson to marry them, he declined explaining that his administrative duties had become so time-consuming, they had forced him to stop performing weddings. However, when Rob and Kathe explained their wedding plan, Pastor B reconsidered. The 1996 wedding was held on an elevated stand on a 3D archery range with the attendants on the stairs leading to the platform floor and the pastor, bride and groom at an elevated (and surely an excited) level. The reception following took the form of a hog roast.

While Kathe prayed for Rob to come closer to God and the church as he worked at his sporting goods stores and used car dealership, in 2004 they moved to the Vandalia area to Kathe’s family’s property at Kirk Lake. Rob, with some help, built a log cabin home and they transitioned to the Cassopolis UMC. One Sunday Kathe, travelling to Hope to meet a friend, was so taken with Pastor Jeff Reese’s message and personality she encouraged Rob to visit Hope; she strongly felt the two men would share a connection.

And how right she was. Rob, under Jeff’s mentoring, became a licensed lay speaker. He then was asked to fill in at Morris Chapel UMC north of Niles every other week. Next, the District Superintendent asked him to add Grace UMC to his charge, followed by a request to add Wesley UMC. Now Rob was caring for a three-point charge and had become a full-time pastor. Then Pastor Rob, with the example of his Jeff Reese training, managed a merger of Grace and Wesley creating New Journey UMC as of January 1, 2020. His next challenge was managing his congregations through the COVID pandemic; finding creative ways to worship and provide support while all remained healthy.

Rob loves most anything outdoors in God’s creation — hunting, fishing, Morel Mushroom hunting, skiing, hiking, horseback riding, snowmobiling, and enjoys sharing that love with his grandchildren. We of Hope look forward to renewing our relationships with Pastor Rob and his family which now includes, in addition to daughter Jakayla and sons Derek and Jeff, six grandchildren ages 3 to 10.



Chair: Brandon DeYoung
 Vice Chair: Jack Rinehart
 Secretary: Sandie Weiler
 Finance Rep: Sabrina English
 Pastor Rob Snodgrass

Mike Morgan
 Ben Morgan
 Heidi Meadows
 Sharon Tafunai
 Shirley Andrews



Shut-in Outreach The Leadership

Team is trying to open up more communication with our Shut-Ins. Each Sunday there will be two sheets for you to sign your name and/or jot a short note. We will send these out on Monday with a copy of the newsletter and a copy of Sunday's bulletin. Please take a moment to connect with someone you may not have seen for a while and be a blessing by signing your name.

JUNE LT MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Annual Conference: Pastor Nate Starkey, Kaylen Starkey, Brandon DeYoung, and Rene DeYoung all attended this year's Annual Conference representing Hope UMC. Additional information regarding the conference may be found in the summary email sent out by the Church or by reaching out to those individuals personally.

Finance Updates: The LT reviewed the monthly financial information and continues to see strong funding to support the ministry. Donations to the Conference promoting the Readers to Leaders Program has been approved to support schooling access for Liberian children as well as children locally here in Michigan.

Trustee Report: The stained-glass windows are once again on display and for sale to the congregation. The parsonage will be the focus of the next work day as we look to finalize details of the pending rental agreement.

SPRC: The Committee is focusing on welcoming Pastor Rob and Kathe Snodgrass as they begin their ministry at Hope in July. Additional details will follow in the bulletin, newsletter and announcements. Pastor Rob joined in on the June LT Meeting as he transitions to Hope.



Current Hope Financial Information Month of May Ministry Fund Summary

Ministry Fund Donations: \$ 15,199
 Ministry Fund Expenses: \$-14,337
 Surplus for the Month: \$ 863

Monthly Budget = \$17,675
 Shortfall YTD: -\$1,061

All May bills have been paid. Our Ministry Fund balance is \$94,657. Thank you for your continued support!

May Mortgage & Mission Fund Allocation:

\$155.43 Missions
 \$998.58 Parsonage Mortgage
\$400.27 Capital Improvements
 \$1,554.28 Total Donations

FINANCE QUESTIONS?????

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



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

Join us July 23rd at 6pm! We'll meet indoors for dinner, then play a game, and head outside!



ZACHARY STRYCKER	7/02
PAIGE MOLER	7/03
LYNN STRAKA	7/03
GEORGE LOOTENS SR.	7/04
GEORGE LOOTENS JR.	7/04
KATHY FULLER	7/05
LAURA SHEETS	7/05
TOMMY HARRIS	7/06
SAM STARKEY	7/07
SCOTT GIPSON	7/08
GENE MONTGOMERY	7/08
NATALIE FRENTZ	7/11
SHIRLEY FARKAS	7/12
DACIA KIRKLAND	7/13
PAULA KENDALL	7/13
BIILL HILL	7/13
PENNY CREAGER	7/13
LEIGH GOYINGS	7/13
DELANEY PETERS	7/15
BEVERLY PROCTOR	7/17
ROGER MAHNESMITH	7/18
AUSTIN CLINE	7/18
SABRINA ENGLISH	7/19
BILL GRIFFIN	7/19
CARL BURGER	7/19
TOM REA JR.	7/21
BRIAN WEAVER	7/21
BILL REED	7/23
NANCY TURNER	7/23
JEFF D JOHNSON	7/24
KIM BURGER	7/24
SANDY MYERS	7/24
JUDY COROS	7/25
LINDA MASTEN	7/25
CONNOR SPICHER	7/25
JIM CHAPMAN	7/25
JACOB ISAIAH LAWSON	7/25
SAMANTHA ANDERSON	7/25
De MARCA HOWELL	7/27
ELAINE RICHARDSON	7/27
GARY BUSSEN	7/28
BRANTLEY FROST	7/29
COREY SHEETS	7/29
NICOLE SCHROEDER	7/29
ABIGAIL LaPORTE	7/30
NETTIE RUSSELL	7/30
TAFU TAFUNAI	7/31



GAYLA SIMMONS & JOHN DALRYMPLE	7/01
JACKIE & DAN BOONE	7/02
MARGIE & DAVE HERMAN	7/03
PAULA & JIM RALPH	7/06
CHARLOTTE & GEORGE LOOTENS SR	7/08
PENNY & ERIC FRIES	7/11
DONNA & TED MANSELL	7/12
LEIGH GOYINGS & DALE BLUNIER	7/15
ROSE & BRIAN WEAVER	7/16
TERRI & SCOTT GIPSON	7/18
SHARON & TAFU TAFUNAI	7/19
SUSIE & CHRIS EDGERTON	7/22
KAREN & BILL REED	7/28



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 a 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.

Parsonage Mortgage Update:

\$998.58 Regular Mortgage Payment - Mortgage Fund

Current Parsonage Mortgage Balance = \$122,818 after the June 2023 Payment.

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



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
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:
Bette Starkey
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)
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)
Scott Dougall, friend of Sue Morgan
Tony and Ted Braun, Diana Graham's cousins
Trevor Claire
Vivian McClellan, brain cancer, PXA (MacKenzie Morgan)
William Moore Jr.
Yung Fajardo, leukemia (Sharee Leist)
Bette Starkey

LONGSTANDING:
Bill Griffin, health
Christine Love, health issues (Nancy Love's daughter)
Dennis Proctor, heart issues

Dennis Sanders, heart problems from surgery
Duis family
Edith English (Kevin's mom)
Elizabeth V. Muiet (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)
Glen & Judy Wallace, health problems (Judy Denmark's neighbors)
Granny & Pops
Ida Bumpus, memory problems, falling (Robin English)
Ivan Bowman (Marti Bartels' brother)
Ivins family (Kelly Duis)
Jake Dibble (Kelly Duis)
Judy Coros, knees
Ken Proctor
Kevin Duis, an autistic boy
Kevin English, medical problems (Robin English)
Linda Morgan, health (Bernice Pelnear)
Miao's family and village of Sichuan (Paula Kendall)
Nancy Love
Stephanie Harris, pain management
Teresa Neucks-Mills, MS & fibromyalgia (Tina)
Tim Pelnear, health
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, Norma Boone, Bob Fuller, Ardith Higley, Verlaine Hoffman, Tony & Deb Lang, Sherry Leininger, Sharon & Bob Morgan, Jan Read, Donna Taehman, Bev Torgeson, Cynthia Wade, Grace Werner, Ray White, Rochelle Dolde, Betty Brady

July 2023

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