



Good Day Hope!

My second month as your pastor has been filled with many blessings. We have completed a few big projects like the entry door area in Reese Hall. Cross Aluminum blessed us by donating the components to rebuild the entry doors. The entry way foyer tile has been replaced with carpet. Restroom toilets have been repaired, and the parking lot cracks have been filled, and the lot sealed with all new parking space lines painted. I want to thank all the people who helped us complete these building projects. God has blessed us, Hope.

Your leadership team, staff, and a few volunteers have started a study called Real-life Discipleship together with me. This has been an exciting time for me because the mission of all of God's children is to be disciples. I know, I know, you have all heard that before. The thing is, we hear it, but often we don't know how to live it and share it.

How do we dig deeper into what it means to be a disciple of Jesus? In early 2024, I plan to open this study to the church as a whole. So be thinking about joining us in 2024 to dig a bit deeper into the what and the how. To grow in your personal relationship with Jesus.

I would also like to encourage everyone to look around you Sunday morning. If you notice that someone is not here, please give them a call. Invite them to come and see the new, somewhat crazy, unpredictable new pastor. No really, it does mean a lot to someone when we call just to make sure they are doing well. You will be surprised at how much one short phone call can mean to someone. For all of us that do the new-fangled thing called texting, a text message will work, too!

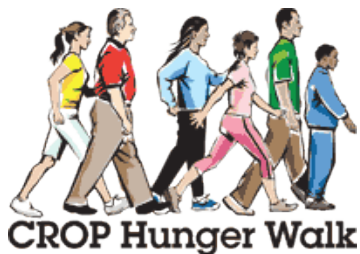
God Bless

Pastor Rob



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

Join us September 24th at 6pm! We'll meet in Reese Hall for dinner, watch a special guest, then break into discussion groups!



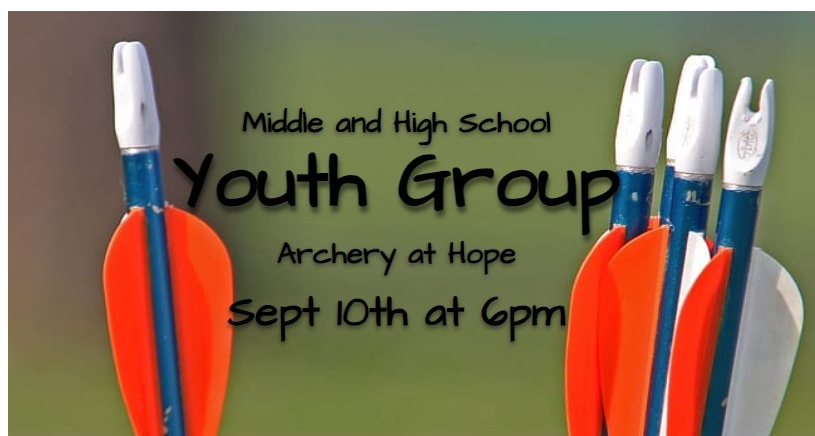
Annual CROP Walk Combats Hunger & Disasters

The headlines lately have been disturbing: “Global food prices rising amid mass shortages,” was in the August issue of the local paper. According to Church World Service (“CWS”), a nonprofit Christian organization, 828 million people—about 1 in 10—experienced hunger in 2022. Every year walkers are sponsored to raise funds in the CWS CROP Walk.

This year’s event is being held at the Cassopolis COA track on **Sunday, October 1**, registration 1:30, walk at 2:00PM. CWS has programs to:

- *Combat hunger by helping small farmers with ways to improve harvests and adapt to climate change, such as a bee program in Africa and gardens and greenhouses in Guatemala,
- *Protect children, including health, food, and safe school zones,
- *Provide clean water, hygiene, and sanitation,
- *Support communities after natural disasters, delivering kits and blankets to help people,
- *Support refugees, which began after World War II and continues now in 23 refugee offices across the U.S., including Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, and South Bend, and also supporting Ukrainian refugees in Eastern Europe.
- *Support for the 120,000 unaccompanied minors who arrive at the U.S. each year, where sponsor homes are inspected and supported to avoid human trafficking.

You can help others by seeking sponsors and coming out for the CROP Walk. You will be helping your neighbors because 25% of the proceeds go to five food banks in Cass County. “Because of high food prices, Helping Hands’ food pantry has served almost double the number of people this year,” said board member Leigh Goyings, “and I hear the same from other area pantries.” Event planners have picked a “worker bee” theme so wear your yellow and black and walk to “bee” part of the solution. **For further information, go to cwsglobal.org or call Leigh at 269-591-1334.**



Summer Office Hours – Through Labor Day

Monday 9am – Noon
 Tuesday 9am – Noon
 Wednesday 9am – Noon
 Thursday 9am – Noon

AND by appointment. Call the office at 269-663-5321 x 9.



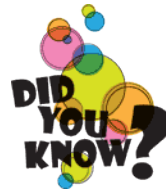
AMY HARRIS	9/03
SANDIE WEILER	9/03
ADALEIGH BLUNIER	9/04
SADIE BENTZER	9/05
VERLAINE HOFFMAN	9/08
KEVIN ROUCH	9/09
CAROL D. BOWMA N	9/10
DEANA MOLER	9/10
JIM RALPH	9/11
DALE WESTFALL	9/11
DON WESTFALL	9/11
WYATT BENTZER	9/12
RYAN ACKELS	9/12
LINCOLN ADAMS	9/12
SHIRLEY ANDREWS	9/12
RHODA WESTFALL	9/13
ED GARDNER	9/16
ELIZABETH GIRTON	9/16
LAURA BLOUGH	9/17
HARRY STEMPLER	9/18
MARK WERNER	9/19
NATE STARKEY	9/20
KATHY DEW	9/20
BILL FAHEY	9/21
DON SOALES	9/21
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

FINANCE QUESTIONS????

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



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 & DON WESTFALL	9/13
LURENA & DAVID WILFERT	9/15
JILL & RUSTY KAYNER	9/15
NATALIE & CHRIS FRENTZ	9/16
JANICE & WENDELL LEIST	9/18
SANDY & LARRY ACKELS	9/26
SANDIE & JACK WEILER	9/29
CHRISTIE & SCOTT ERWIN	9/29
SARA & STEPHAN CLAIRDAY	9/30



Thank you for making Disciples of Jesus and feeding the hungry

Did you know that your donations to the Ministry Fund helped 3 teens and 2 elementary students attend **Church Camp** this summer at Lake Michigan Camp Pentwater & Lake Louise Camp. One teen said her week at camp was the best week of her summer! Thank you for helping kids learn more about Jesus!!

We purchased \$1500 worth of donation cards on Meijer's **Double Match Day** in August. This turned our donation into \$4500!! These funds came from the Mission Part of the Mortgage & Mission Fund. Did you know that 10% of each donation to the Mortgage & Mission Fund is used to support our mission work throughout Michiana and the world.

FINANCES

Current Hope Financial Information

Month of July Ministry Fund Summary

Ministry Fund Donations:	\$ 19,938
Parsonage Rent:	\$ 1,400
Ministry Fund Expenses:	<u>\$-18,772</u>
Surplus for the Month:	\$ 2,566

Monthly Budget = \$18,209

Surplus YTD: \$1,750

All July bills have been paid. Our Ministry Fund balance is \$97,468. Thank you for your continued support!

July Mortgage & Mission Fund Allocation

\$164.03 Missions
 \$998.58 Parsonage Mortgage
\$477.67 Capital Improvements
 \$1,640.28 Total Donations

Parsonage Mortgage Update

\$998.58 Regular Mortgage Payment - Mortgage Fund

Current Parsonage Mortgage Balance = \$121,629 after the August 2023 Payment.

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



SEPTEMBER 4, 2023

AUGUST LT MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

FINANCE UPDATE: Review of financial information provided by Dawn shows continuing stability of finances with July being a five Sunday month. LT voted to donate budgeted \$1,500.00 designation to Food Pantry now during the Meijer Simply Give Project to take advantage of their double match program.

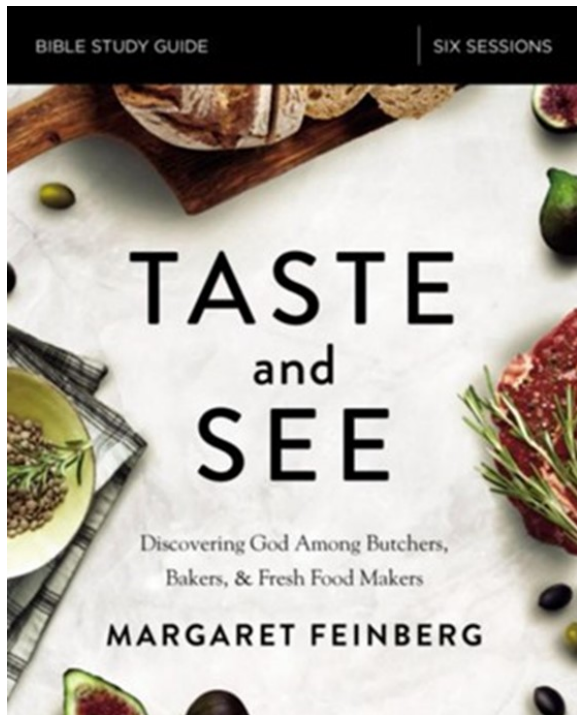
TRUSTEE REPORT: Trustees and other volunteers worked to repair and improve the Reese Hall entryway. LT reviewed quotes for parking lot repair and voted to accept the quote received from Five Star for repair and resealing in the sum of \$14,000.00, with funding of \$10,000 from Capital Improvements and \$4,000.00 from the Ministry Fund.

LT Highlights are brief for this month due to an abbreviated LT Meeting.



**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.



Go on a global culinary and spiritual adventure with Margaret Feinberg in her six-session video Bible study, [Taste and See](#).

This optional Study Guide is used in conjunction with the DVD and helps participants dig deeper into the topic of food as sacrament. The study will change the way you read the Bible forever...and the way you approach every meal.

Come join the Women's Bible Study on Monday, September 11 at 6:30PM. Call or text Donna Mansell (574.214.7521), if you'd like her to locate a used book which runs about \$6.



Puzzle!

Use the clues to discover the names of some Old Testament prophets. Then unscramble the circled letters to describe what prophets are.

I was called to preach to the people of Nineveh but ran from God instead. (My book is #32 in the Bible.)

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I spoke God's message when the temple was being built. (My book is #37.)

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Israel's unfaithfulness to God is compared to my unfaithful wife. (My book is #28.)

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My book predicts punishment for wickedness and promises comfort. (It is #23.)

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I had dreams and visions. (My book is #27.)

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Because of my predictions, I was often in danger and angered officials. (My book is #24.)

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I was a shepherd from Judah who called people to turn to God and leave their selfish lives. (My book is #30.)

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My book contains descriptions of strange visions. (It is #26.)

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PROPHETS ARE — — — — —

Answers: Jonah, Haggai, Hosea, Isaiah, Daniel, Jeremiah, Amos, Ezekiel, Messengers

HOPE CHURCH & MISSION:

Church Family / Future of Methodist Church

LEADERSHIP TEAM:

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 Rob Snodgrass
 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)
 Brother Rick
 Betty April
 Cindy Helvey, in Rehab Center (Virginia Helvey)
 Cindy Workman
 Crystal Maskwinski, (Susie Edgerton)
 David Leist, metastatic cancer (Janice Leist)
 Don Burnette has cancer and dementia (Robin English)
 Ellen Evans (Robin English)
 Grandpa John
 Jaycee Wendt
 Jessica Hartwick, is diabetic and on dialysis (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)
 Paula S.
 Rick Trosper masses removed and being tested. (Tina Trosper)
 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
 Bob Griffin, heart issues
 Chad, heart issues
 Chris Weingart (Geneva-Eliza Weingart)
 Christine Love, health issues (Nancy Love's daughter)
 Dennis Sanders knee and heart problems (Judy Denmark)
 Duis family
 Edith English (Kevin's mom)
 Elizabeth V. Mui (Geneva Weingart's foster parent)
 Ethan Hart, Type 1 diabetes (Colleen Harris's grandson)
 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)
 James, seizures
 Jessica Hartwick, diabetic & needs transplant (Robin English)
 John Madsen, open heart surgery.
 Ken Proctor
 Kevin Duis, an autistic boy
 Kevin English, medical problems (Robin English)
 Linda Morgan, health (Bernice Pelmeier)
 Marge Nurton recovering from multiple health problems
 Misty Rogers, broken kneecap (Robin English)
 Nancy Love
 Pauline Atwater, advanced Parkinson's (Gary Atwater)
 President Jimmy Carter is in hospice.
 Richard S., spinal surgery (Rene' DeYoung)
 Stephanie Harris, pain management
 Tracee Reiter, right shoulder, arm and hand pain (Robin English)
 Teresa Neucks-Mills, MS & fibromyalgia (Tina)
 Tina Trosper's dad, heart problems

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

September 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Office closed 6:00pm Craft Night (Reese Hall)	2
3 8:30am & 10:30am Service	4 Labor Day / office closed 9:00am Ship Shape 4 Christ (Reese Hall)	5 Office Hours 8:30-2 5:30pm Band Practice (Reese Hall) 6:30pm Men's Bible Study (Community Room)	6 Office Hours 8:30-2 9:30am Wednesday morning Bible Study (Community Room) 10:00am Staff meeting 6:00pm Disciple Bible Study (Reese Hall)	7 Office Hours 8:30-2 9:00am Ship Shape 4 Christ (Reese Hall)	8 Office closed 6:00pm Game Night (Reese Hall)	9
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