



2023

Greetings people of Hope!

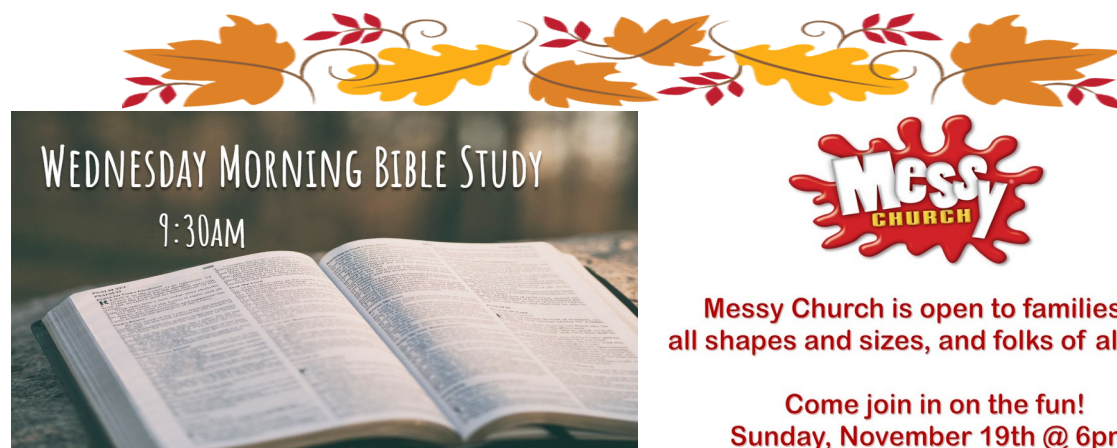
Another month has come and gone. Fall and the beautiful colors are in full swing here in Edwardsburg. I find so much beauty in nature. It refreshes my soul each day when I walk outside and just take in all that God has created. If you can slow down your busy lives for a bit each day and just be with God, it will refresh your souls as well.

Kathe and I were just talking about how fast these last few months have gone. It has flown by as we get to know the people of Hope again. I love how you have continued to show the love of God through the ministry here at Hope. I have seen many churches that just go through the motions. Here at Hope, you care and share who Jesus is.

We will have two special Sundays this year in December. On December 10, we will be meeting at 10:30 in Reese Hall. District Superintendent Dwayne Bagley will share a message with us, and then we will continue with the conference.

This year we will have a state of the church report that I believe will be informative to all of us here at Hope. I would like to have a potluck dinner following the Charge conference. We will get that information out to everyone soon. The second special service will be Sunday December 24. We will have one combined morning service and one evening Christmas Eve service. This will a time to Celebrate our Lord and Savior Jesus.

God bless, *Pastor Rob Snodgrass*





OCTOBER LT MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

FINANCES: The LT reviewed financial information provided by Dawn and noted another month in the black. After discussion regarding division of the Christmas Eve offering, it was voted unanimously to divide the special offering between Michiana Family Center and UMCOR. In addition, it was voted to direct mission funds in the sum of \$600.00, to Michiana Family Center to assist with specific needs which the organization has presented. Discussion took place regarding computer upgrades after reviewing proposals presented by Brandon for office computers.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Rob inquired if an evening Christmas Eve service should be scheduled as Christmas Eve falls on Sunday, or if only the two morning services should be offered. After minimal discussion, it was decided to offer one morning service at 10:00 a.m. on December 24, with an evening Christmas Eve service at 6:00 p.m. Discussion ensued regarding improvements to current technical equipment for music ministry and Pastor Rob suggested possibly including a budget line for technology upgrades in 2024.

Hope's annual charge conference will take place on Sunday, December 10, 2023, with the time to be announced.



CHRISTMAS CARD

DELIVERY

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Make a list of names you would like to send Christmas cards to in the congregation.
2. Buy or make your cards. Free Christmas cards are available while supplies last, on the baker's stand outside the music room.
3. C.L.E.A.R.L.Y print the names on the envelopes, first and last.
4. Tally up the number of cards you are "sending" and multiply by 10 cents. You can donate by cash or check. If writing a check please make it out to Hope UMC and put UMCOR in the memo area.
5. We will be stationed by the music room in building one on December 3 to start "deliveries". **Merry Christmas !!!!**

(You can also make a donation to UMCOR separately as well.)



SNOWBIRDS

Please leave a message for Melissa in the office at 269-663-5321x9 to let us know when you're headed south and when you are planning on returning.

We can send you a newsletter, if you'd like. It's also available online at www.hope-umc.us. You can also worship with us by viewing the livestream, Youtube recording or audio recording on the sermons tab.



MIKE MORGAN	11/01
DOUG SAYLES	11/01
STEPHAN CLAIRDAY	11/02
BILL DAVIS II	11/02
PAYTON CORP	11/03
CAITLIN REESE EYESTONE	11/03
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
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 HOLDREAD	11/20
WANDA ORTH	11/21
CURTIS KEHR	11/23
NOAH HARDESTY	11/24
JACK RINEHART	11/25
PAMELA FISK	11/26

FINANCE QUESTIONS?????

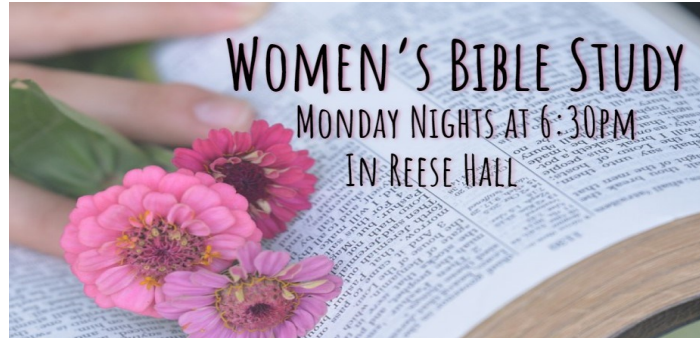
If you have a question about the how the church finances work, please contact Dawn Weingart at extension 6 at 269-663-5321. We also have summaries of the information that has been published in prior newsletters in the office.



NOVEMBER 5



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



IRA INFORMATION

You can save on Federal and State taxes by directly contributing a portion of your IRA distribution to HOPE. Please contact Dawn @ 269-663-5321 x6 for more information



**THURSDAY
NOVEMBER 23**

Special dates

- All Saints' Day, November 1, 2023
- Daylight saving time ends, November 5, 2023
- Veterans Day, November 11, 2023
- Thanksgiving Day, November 23, 2023
- Christ the King Sunday, November 26, 2023



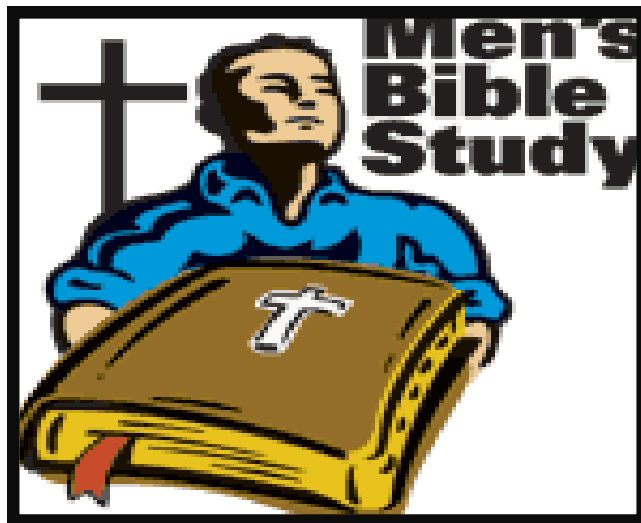
A Buzzy CROP Walk

It was a beautiful afternoon on October 1 when 71 walkers from over 10 churches assembled at the Council on Aging track. They came with a purpose: to share God's love with those struggling near and far. The total pledges for the 2023 CROP Walk reached almost \$13,000. Funds will be used by Church World Service to provide food, clean water, and many more programs to those whose homes and livelihoods have been wiped out by war, natural disasters, and climate change. Locally 25% of the funds will be shared by five food pantries in Cass County. Hope's team of 10 walkers and one puppy raised \$1,623. The colorful yellow and black striped walkers (in recognition of a new CWS beekeeping program) know they can "bee" a beacon on light to those in need.

Support the Edwardsburg Food Pantry!
Sunday, October 1st - Saturday, December 30th
Mishawaka Meijer, Grape Rd.

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SIMPLY give



Tuesdays at 6:30PM



NOVEMBER 1

FINANCES

Current Hope Financial Information Month of September Ministry Fund Summary

Ministry Fund Donations: \$ 16,892
 Parsonage Rent: \$ 1,400
 Ministry Fund Expenses: \$-16,146
 Surplus for the Month: \$ 2,146

Monthly Budget = \$18,209

Shortfall YTD: \$-54

All September bills have been paid. Our Ministry Fund balance is \$95,665. Thank you for your continued support!

September Mortgage & Mission Fund Allocation

\$221.73 Missions
 \$998.58 Parsonage Mortgage
\$996.97 Capital Improvements
 \$2,217.28 Total Donations

Parsonage Mortgage Update:

\$998.58 Regular Mortgage Payment - Mortgage Fund
 \$400.00 Extra Principal Payment – Ministry Fund in October

Current Parsonage Mortgage Balance = \$120,033 after the October 2023 Payment.

Our projected payoff date is July 2036, which is 46 months earlier than the original payoff date!



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THANKSGIVING HUMOR

Why did the turkey decline dessert?
 Because it was stuffed.

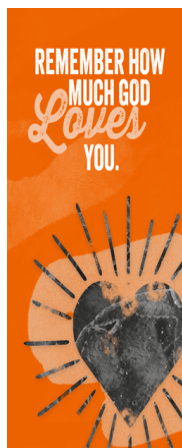
Why did the turkey cross the road twice?
 To prove he wasn't a chicken.

What smells the best at Thanksgiving dinner?
 Your nose.

Why didn't the chef season the turkey?
 There wasn't enough thyme.

MY HEART

The heart supplies the body its nourishing needs.
It is the pump that pushes the needed supply.
Our bodies require this blood to give us life.
Without the heart we could not survive a single day.



Diseases are fought off by the nourishment in the blood
Without the heart this supply of help could not exist.
Our bodies rely on both to keep our bodies healthy,
Our heart provides this fuel for our everyday life.

When we get a cut or injury, the heart supplies protection.
It forms a covering that keeps wounds from infection.
The heart pumps this liquid that becomes a wound helper.
It is the heart that keeps a fresh supply always ready.

Many nutrients make up the blood that travels our body.
There are many natural protections in these nutrients.
It offers a path for medical assistance to enter our body.
Without the heart to help, our bodies could not fight.

Our heart is something we freely give away to another.
It is accompanied with love for someone or something.
That special feeling we get down deep in our heart.
The heart is that special dual purpose given to us.

The Bible speaks of the heart and how we care for it.
We are asked to offer its love to others known and not.
We need to search the heart for righteous living.
The feelings coordinate with our mind to give direction.

These feelings not only guide our earthly life but
They also give us the choice to choose our eternal life.
Our heart and mind also gives us the choice to help others
in making these decisions for their lives.

We were created by God and given a heart to survive
Not only this earthly life, but our eternal destiny.
He gave us a mind to express these feelings and have
Fellowship with now and the choice to live with Him.

*Mt 22:37 Jesus replied "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind"
Ro 10:10 For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.*

May your heart seek Jesus and help others have a heart for God. —Deb and Tony Lang



BOUNTY OF THANKS

We thank thee, Lord, for the glory of the late days and the excellent face of thy sun. We thank thee for good news received. We thank thee for the pleasures we have enjoyed and for those we have been able to confer.

And now, when the clouds gather and the rain impends over the forest and our house, permit us not to be cast down; let us not lose the savor of past mercies and past pleasures; but, like the voice of a bird singing in the rain, let grateful memory survive in the hour of darkness. If there be in front of us any painful duty, strengthen us with the grace of courage; if any act of mercy, teach us tenderness and patience.

—Robert Louis Stevenson



NOVEMBER 5

HOPE CHURCH & MISSION:

Church Family / Future of Methodist Church

LEADERSHIP TEAM:

Ben Morgan, at Large

Brandon DeYoung, Chairperson

Heidi Meadows, at Large

Jack Rinehart, Vice Chairperson

Mike Morgan, at Large

Pastor Rob Snodgrass

Sabrina English, Finance

Sandie Weiler, Secretary

Sharon Tafunai, at Large

Shirley Andrews, at Large

SPRC TEAM:

Bonnie Morgan, Diane Siefert, Jack Weiler,

Sue Rinehart

LIVING WITH CANCER:

Betty Starkey; Bev Rearick (Pastor Scott); Brad Yoder; Brenda Miller; Brian Clark, (Sue Morgan); Brother Rick; Betty April; Cindy Helvey, in Rehab Center (Virginia Helvey); Cindy Workman; Crystal Maskwinski, (Susie Edgerton); David Leist, metastatic (Janice Leist); Dawn Lawrence, brain tumor; Don Burnette, dementia (Robin English); Ellen Evans (Robin English); Jaycee Wendt; Jessica Hartwick, diabetic & on dialysis (Robin English); John & Betty Westlake, Kaufman's mom (Tina); Linda McClain; Macie Carlsen, leukemia (Judy Denemark); Mark Howell; Melana Horner, leukemia; Mike Moelbash, spine (Paula Kendall); Mike Walton (Vicki Baker); Nancy Mysliwiec, kidney (Judy Denemark); Noah, brain tumor (Jean Schlemmer); Pam Knapp, liver, & kidney (Sue Morgan); Paula S.; Rick Trosper (Tina Trosper); Roger Yarbrough (Mackenzie Morgan); Scott Dougall (Sue Morgan); Rudy, bone; Tom Atwater, prostate (Gary Atwater); Tom Kelly, prostate; Tony and Ted Braun, (Diana Graham); Trevor Claire; Vivian McClellan, PXA (McKenzie Morgan); William Moore Jr.; Yung Fajardo, leukemia (Sharee Leist)

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LONGSTANDING:

Bill Griffin, health; Bob Griffin, heart; Chad, heart; Cris Weingart (Geneva-Eliza Weingart); Christine Love, health (Nancy Love); Connie & Jeff Smith (Aggie Bussen); Dennis Sanders, knee and heart (Judy Denemark); Duis family; Edith English (Kevin's mom); Elizabeth V. Mui (Geneva Weingart); Ethan Hart, diabetes (Colleen Harris); Gary Atwater, back & knee; Gary Owens (Pat Owens); George Gibbs (Kevin English); Granny & Pops; Ivan Bowman (Marti Bartels); Ivins family (Kelly Duis); Jake Dibble (Kelly Duis); James, seizures; Jessica Hartwick, diabetic & needs transplant (Robin English); John Madsen, heart surgery; Ken Proctor; Kevin Duis, an autistic boy; Kevin English, medical problems (Robin English); Larry Crandall, Alzheimer's; Linda Morgan (Bernice Pelmeare); Marge Nurton; Martin Lyles (Diana Graham's father); Misty Rogers, broken kneecap (Robin English); Nancy Love; Nate Hamilton, diabetic surgeries; Pauline Atwater, Parkinson's (Gary Atwater); Stephanie Harris, pain management; Tracee Reiter, 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, Tony & Deb Lang, Sherry Leininger, Sharon & Bob Morgan, Jan Read, Donna Taelman, Bev Torgeson, Cynthia Wade, Ray White