



*Invite. Connect. Grow. Serve.*

*We invite YOU to experience HOPE in Christ. There is a place for you here, to connect with people and God. Together we will grow in faith. Together we will serve as the hands and feet of Christ for the Glory of God!*



**2024**

### ***Happy New Year, Hope!***

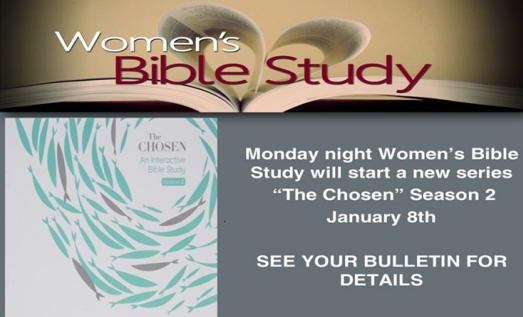
2024 has arrived, and I cannot wait to see what God has in store for us this year. So many blessings happened last year for us. In December, the lift pump for the septic system in Reese Hall went out. I was expecting a \$4,000.00 repair minimum. We started looking into the cause of the problem and went to MDI here in Edwardsburg. They helped us figure out the problems and supplied the parts to repair. We had to pump out the holding tank and called Krueger septic service in Niles. Brian, the owner, called me that evening to tell me that they were not going to charge us for the service. In the end we spent around \$500.00 to repair the system. As you read this, say, "Thank You, Lord!"

God continues to bless us in so many unexpected ways. I personally want to thank all of those that helped with this repair and so many others this year.

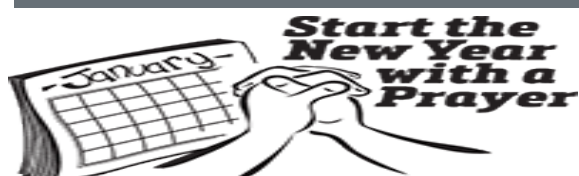
So, we at Hope have so much to be thankful for. I have so much to be thankful for. God is on the move right here at Hope. We must be ready and willing to move in ministry with God leading the way.

The missions we have supported this past year have been a blessing to many people. We will continue to look for new ways of reaching out into our community and sharing Jesus together. Ways that we can be of service in both word and deed. Be ready, Hope, because God is on the move right here in Edwardsburg.

Many blessings, ***Pastor Rob***




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



**Come join in on the fun!  
Sunday, January 28th @ 6pm!**



**WHERE IN THE WORLD IS UMCOR?**

Join us in offering continued prayers for safety, comfort and peace for those in the Holy Land.

To date, UMCOR has awarded three emergency grants to local partners in Israel and Gaza. They are using the funds to procure and distribute hygiene kits for internally displaced people, provide psychosocial treatment and counseling, and offer telemedicine services for mothers and children in need of follow-up care, but without safe access to a clinic.

Half of Hope UMC's Christmas Eve offering went to UMCOR.

**HOPE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS DECEMBER 10, 2023**



The Annual Church Charge Conference for Hope UMC of December 10, 2023, was incorporated into the Sunday morning service at 10:00AM in the Church Sanctuary. The Reverend Dwayne Bagley, our District Superintendent, opened the meeting/service with prayer.

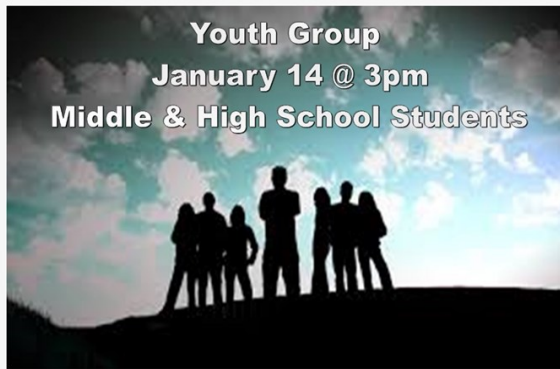
Proposals including the Pastor's salary, housing allowance and budget for professional expenses, were voted upon and approved unanimously.

Bonnie Morgan, Clarence Miller, and Mark Werner were presented as new members to the Leadership Team to serve commencing January 2024 through the end of 2026. Marti Bartels, Sue Rinehart, and Dawn Weingart will serve as members of the newly established Nominating Committee.


Mike Morgan received support and confirmation from the congregation to continue certification as Lay Leader/Speaker.

Sue Rinehart presented the Membership Report by providing the accounting of the current membership at three hundred thirty (330) members. Eight members have been removed from the membership because of death; two (2) persons have withdrawn membership, and eight (8) persons have transferred in to Hope over the past year of 2023.

A copy of the full Meeting Minutes of the 2023 Annual Church Charge Conference is available in the Church office.



**2024 BUDGET**



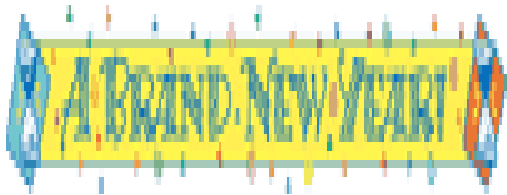
**BUDGET Update**

The 2024 Ministry Fund Budget of \$240,637 was approved by the Leadership Team. The 2024 Mortgage & Mission Budget was approved at \$64,583. This includes estimates for programming and anticipated repairs. If you would like to see a copy of the 2024 budget, please contact Dawn Weingart or the office at 269-663-5321.





COHEN AHRENS	1/01
CYNTHIA WADE	1/02
PENNY FRIES	1/05
KAYLEN STARKEY	1/06
SHEILA GEROU	1/07
DYLAN SPICHER	1/07
LISA SCHMIDT	1/08
JOE FAHEY	1/09
GARY OWENS	1/10
JACKIE BIGGS	1/11
JUDY DENEMARK	1/12
CARLEE BURGER	1/13
CAROL PETERS	1/14
ALLYAH ANDERSON	1/16
TONY MANFRED	1/16
PAM CHAPMAN	1/16
NANCY HOFFMAN	1/16
CONNIE HEBRON	1/17
ASHLEY STREB	1/17
MICHELE GORDON	1/18
JESSIE (KAY) GILBERT	1/18
ISABELLE EDGERTON	1/19
DAN BOONE	1/19
MARGE HANSON	1/19
COURTNEY HARTING	1/20
LEIGH ANN HARTING	1/20
EMILY BUSSEN	1/20
BAILEY WEAVER	1/21
CARLEIGH WANKE	1/21
SHERRY SAYLES	1/21
CARIN REESE	1/23
MARILYN MEADOWS	1/25
PAT HERR	1/27
ANNA REA	1/27
ZOEY ROUCH	1/30
LOUISE BARNUM	1/31
GLENYS BENTZER	1/31



LAURA & COREY SHEETS	1/27
MARGE & BRUCE NURTON	1/28
JUDY & GENE MONTGOMERY	1/29

## COFFEE FELLOWSHIP TIME SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

Hope UMC offers a time for coffee and fellowship at 9:30 a.m. in Reese Hall immediately following the early worship service, providing an opportunity to meet and connect



with visitors and friends, engage in conversation, and enjoy light snacks and drinks in a relaxed atmosphere.

What is one thing that makes coffee fellowship time a successful ministry? The **VOLUNTEERS!** You can be as creative or as simple as you choose with the munchies you share. Please consider if this is an area in which you feel you can be of service within your church family. You can team up with a friend and become a part of this ministry opportunity. For additional information, or to be added to the calendar, please contact Diana Graham, at 574.208.2259. You may also use the sign-up sheets on the bulletin board in Reese Hall.

### 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.

# FINANCES

## Current Hope Financial Information Month of November Ministry Fund Summary

Ministry Fund Donations: \$ 17,075  
 Ministry Fund Expenses: \$-16,952  
 Surplus for the Month: \$ 123

Year to Date Surplus: \$1,126

Monthly Budget amount: \$ 18,745

All November bills have been paid. Our Ministry Fund balance is \$96,845. Thank you for your continued support!

### November Mortgage & Mission Fund Allocation:

\$138.03 Missions  
 \$998.58 Parsonage Mortgage  
\$343.67 Capital Improvements  
 \$1480.28 Total Donations

### Parsonage Mortgage Update:

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

Current Parsonage Mortgage Balance = \$118,024 after the December 2023 Payment.

Our projected payoff date is June 2036, which is

**47 months earlier** than the original payoff date!

## WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

9:30AM



*The  
Greatest  
Gift*

### NAUGHTY OR NICE

Sometimes we see naughty.  
 Sometimes we see nice.  
 Sometimes it's nice to be naughty.  
 Sometimes it's naughty to be nice.

A gift can be given as naughty.  
 Or it can be given as nice.  
 Sometimes gifts can be given as both.  
 But whether it's given as naughty.  
 Or in the Spirit of nice.  
 It is always coated in love.  
 So enjoy this gift whenever you feel naughty or nice or both.  
 Know that you are loved by the giver.  
 He gave you His life.  
 So you could accept His gift of eternal life.

Heaven's gift awaits the believer.  
 I pray you all believe and enter Heaven's gate.

May your life be blessed now and 2024.

—Deb and Tony Lang

SHIP SHAPE 4 CHRIST  
 MONDAY AND THURSDAY MORNINGS  
 9-10AM



## CHRISTMAS *Offering*

### Christmas Eve Offering

Thank you for your generosity! We collected **\$558** for our Christmas Eve offerings. These funds were split between Michiana Family Center and United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR).

### Thank you for supporting Stuff A Bus!!

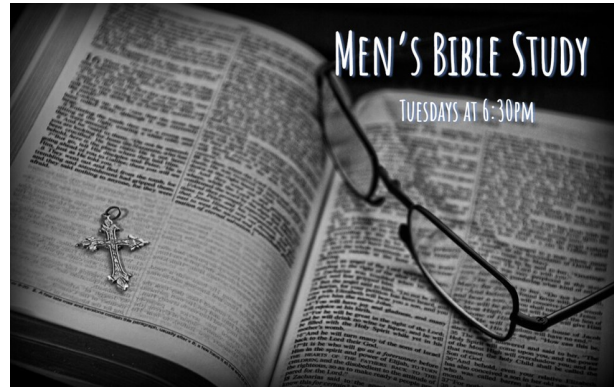
Even though it wasn't the coldest Saturday in December, we had great success in supporting the Edwardsburg Food Pantry on Saturday, December 2. Special thanks to Zimmies, Dollar General M-62, Dollar General US-12 and the Marathon Gas Station for allowing us to collect cash, gift cards, presents, blankets and non-perishable food. We collected **over \$3300 in cash and gift cards** in addition to a trailer full of food, presents and blankets.

**These collections helped bless over 200 in the Edwardsburg community.**

BLESS US  
in this new year, Lord.



My future is in  
**YOUR  
HANDS.**  
PSALM 31:15, NLT



### HOPE CHURCH & MISSION

Church Family

#### LEADERSHIP TEAM

Ben Morgan  
Heidi Meadows  
Clarence Miller  
Mike Morgan  
Pastor Rob Snodgrass  
Sabrina English  
Sharon Tafunai  
Shirley Andrews  
Bonnie Morgan  
Mark Werner

#### SPRC TEAM

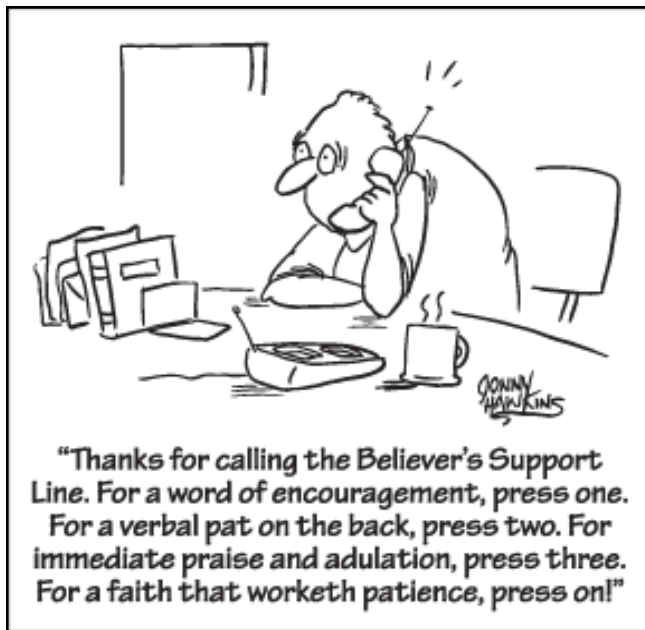
Bonnie Morgan, Diane Seifert,  
Jack Weiler, Sue Rinehart, Mike Morgan

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Matt & Cara Weiler  
Nate & Amy Starkey  
Rob & Kathe Snodgrass  
Scott & Carrie Otis  
Tom & Lisa Maxwell

#### HOME BOUND

Merian Ackles, Sally Blunier, Betty Brady,  
Michelle Dolde, Tony & Deb Lang,  
Sherry Leiningner, Sharon & Bob Morgan,  
Jan Read, Donna Taelman, Bev Torgeson,  
Cynthia Wade, Ray White



### RESOLVE TO GO MICRO



Most New Year's resolutions are so major they seem made to be broken. Maybe that's

why "micro-resolution" is the latest January buzzword. Setting smaller goals is more realistic and helps ensure follow-through, according to experts. People who try setting micro-resolutions say that approach is more positive and leads to longer-lasting change. For example, instead of attempting to lose 30 pounds this year, make a micro-resolution to walk 10 minutes twice per day and to snack on fresh fruit at least once a day.

Micro-resolutions can also be helpful in matters of faith. If aiming to read the entire Bible in one year feels overwhelming, take five minutes each morning and evening to read a brief devotional or pray. If joining your church's missions committee isn't possible, try to talk to one new person each week about your faith or church. May God bless you as you take small steps that add up to big impact this year!



### A YEAR THAT WHISPERS JESUS

For author Nancy Tichy, a small holiday gift once sparked big-picture thoughts about Christian living. One December she received a kitchen towel with the message "I want a Christmas that whispers JESUS." That prompted thoughts of what it's like to have an entire year that whispers Jesus.

For starters, that involves daily quiet time, devotion and prayer. "Sometimes I wake with the thought of a person on my mind," writes Tichy. "I'm quiet with this impression, interceding for the family member or friend until it has lifted. Could this be a whisper from our Savior?"

Many other daily occurrences are "worthy of [Jesus'] whispered response of love," Tichy points out. That's true whether we're distracted by tasks and troubling thoughts or buoyed by encounters with contentment and joy. "For me," she writes, "whispering is part of intimacy, and that is what I want to make a hallmark of the coming year. I want closeness with our Savior that enables me to hear from him, even when he whispers."



January 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> New Year's Day Office Closed 9:00am Ship Shape 4 Christ	<b>2</b> Office Closed 5:30pm Band Practice 6:30pm Men's Bible Study	<b>3</b> Office Hours 9:00-2:00	<b>4</b> Office Hours 9:00-2:00 9:00am Ship Shape 4 Christ 5:00pm Music Practice	<b>5</b> Office closed 6:00pm Craft Night	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 8:30am & 10:30am Service	<b>8</b> Office Hours 9:00-2:00 9:00am Ship Shape 4 Christ 6:30pm Women's Bible Study	<b>9</b> Office Hours 9:00-2:00 5:30pm Band Practice 6:30pm Men's Bible Study	<b>10</b> Office Hours 9:00-2:00 6:30pm Leadership Team Meeting	<b>11</b> Office Hours 9:00-2:00 9:00am Ship Shape 4 Christ 5:00pm Music Practice	<b>12</b> Office closed	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 8:30am & 10:30am Service 3:00pm Youth Group	<b>15</b> Office Hours 9:00-2:00 9:00am Ship Shape 4 Christ 6:30pm Women's Bible Study	<b>16</b> Office Hours 9:00-2:00 5:30pm Band Practice 6:30pm Men's Bible Study	<b>17</b> Office Hours 9:00-2:00 9:30am Wednesday morning Bible Study	<b>18</b> Office Hours 9:00-2:00 9:00am Ship Shape 4 Christ 5:00pm Music Practice	<b>19</b> Office closed	<b>20</b>
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<b>28</b> 8:30am & 10:30am Service 6:00pm Messy Church	<b>29</b> Office Hours 9:00-2:00 9:00am Ship Shape 4 Christ 6:30pm Women's Bible Study	<b>30</b> Office Hours 9:00-2:00 5:30pm Band Practice 6:30pm Men's Bible Study	<b>31</b> Office Hours 9:00-2:00 9:30am Wednesday morning Bible Study			

### 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; Dennis Holdread, skin cancer; Don Burnette, dementia (Robin English); Ellen Evans (Robin English); Jaycee Wendt; Jessica Duis, thyroid; Jessica Hartwick, diabetic & on dialysis (Robin English); John & Betty Westlake, Kaufman's mom (Tina); Kronk family's mother, lymphoma; 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.; Rene (not DeYoung) pancreatic cancer; Rick Trosper (Tina Trosper); Roger Yarbrough (Mackenzie Morgan); Scott Dougall (Sue Morgan); Rudy, bone; Tom Kelly, prostate; Tony and Ted Braun, (Diana Graham); Trevor Claire; Vivian McClellan, PXA (McKenzie Morgan); William Moore Jr.; Yung Fajardo, leukemia (Sharee Leist)

### LONGSTANDING:

Bill Griffin, health; Bob Griffin, heart;  
Chad, heart; Cris Weingart (Geneva-Eliza Weingart); Connie & Jeff Smith (Aggie Bussen); Dennis Sanders, knee and heart (Judy Denemark); Duis family; Edith English (Kevin's mom); Elizabeth V. Muiet (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 Madson, heart surgery; Ken Proctor; Kevin Duis, an autistic boy; Kevin English, medical problems (Robin English); Larry Crandall, Alzheimer's; Linda Morgan (Bernice Pelmea); 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

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### 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 Mallott, Jay Moore, Brandon Morgan, Jessica Ramus, Jason Salter, Dylan Smallwood, Jeff Starr, Tyler Wilson

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