

*Hope*  
of Edwardsburg  
*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



## LT HIGHLIGHTS

\*The possibility of providing **Vacation Bible School** next summer is being discussed. A volunteer to coordinate and/or run such a program is needed. Anyone interested should contact Pastor Rob or LT Chair Bonnie Morgan.

\*An outreach program to collect **school supplies** for community students in need also needs a volunteer to organize the program. Interested? Willing? See Pastor Rob.

\*We are working on getting contact information updated including telephone and email address so we can get an **updated directory** put together. Please contact the office with updates so we can make sure the info is up to date if you haven't already given us your info.



## MUSIC SERVICE

We are in the early planning stages of having a **fall music service**. We would like you to submit your favorite hymn or Sunday School Song so we can share together the gospel message in song.

More details to come but if you have a title ready, please share with David Girton so we can compile a list of musical selections for that day.

Blessings through God's gift of music!!!



Michigan UM Conference Bishop David Bard has appointed Rev. Dean Prentiss as Greater Southwest District Superintendent effective July 1, 2024.

Previous to his new appointment Rev. Prentiss was pastor at Wesley Park UMC in Wyoming MI. He holds degrees from Adrian College and Vanderbilt Divinity School in Nashville TN.

Rev. Prentiss follows Rev. Dwayne Bagley who served 8 consecutive years as Greater Southwest District Superintendent.



### CURRENT HOPE FINANCIAL INFORMATION

#### Month of June Ministry Fund Summary

Ministry Fund Donations: \$ 20,348  
 Ministry Fund Expenses: \$-16,348  
 Shortfall for the Month: \$ 4,000

Year to date shortfall = \$ -5,893

Monthly Budget amount: \$ 20,053

All June bills have been paid. Our Ministry Fund balance is \$117,619. Thank you for your continued support!

#### June Mortgage & Mission Fund Allocation

\$231.13 Missions  
 \$998.58 Parsonage Mortgage  
\$1,181.57 Capital Improvements  
 \$2,411.28 Total Donations

#### Parsonage Mortgage Update

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

Current Parsonage Mortgage Balance = \$110,249 after the July 2024 Payment.  
 Our projected payoff date is December 2035, which is **53 months earlier** than the original payoff date!



**SINGERS WANTED!!!**

**Add your voice** If you would be interested in participating in a musical ensemble or small group choir, please contact **David Girton**. We are planning to do an easy rehearsal schedule and would like to sing at least once a quarter for the first service.

We would like to get a group together before school starts and set up rehearsal times and song selections. Come and share your love of music and spreading the joy of God's word through song.

**Tuesdays 6:30pm**

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

**PRAISE TO YOU, O LORD!**

Though you are above all and beyond all,  
 you come close to us  
 and hold us in gentle care.

**WE WORSHIP YOU.**



**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

BILL STACK	8/02
LUCAS FLICK	8/03
KELLY KLEIN	8/05
MOLLY ADAMS	8/05
SUE TOTH	8/06
EMILY WILFERT	8/07
JOSH UDELL	8/10
JAN READ	8/11
RON FLICK	8/12
SHERRIE MAHNESMITH	8/13
JAN FRIES	8/13
LURENA WILFERT	8/14
ANGELINA MARIA FISK	8/15
VIRGINIA HELVEY	8/17
JENNIFER WYANT	8/25
CHRIS FRENTZ	8/26
KAY McNIFF	8/26
JACKIE BOONE	8/27
SANDI TURPEL	8/27
DAVID HENDRICKS	8/28



**AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES**

CAITLIN & NATE EYESTONE	8/01
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

**Volunteers Needed!**  
Please arrive at 2:30

MOBILE  
Pantry

Wednesday  
August 13th  
3pm-4:30pm

bringing hope to the hungry



**FINANCE QUESTIONS?????**

If you have a question about the 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.



So many hurting people, Lord,  
Who live within our world.  
Who will go and comfort them  
As their grief unfurls?

So many, too, who've never heard  
The blessed Gospel news.  
Who will bring the Word to them?  
They have so much to lose!

And what about the old and lonely  
Who've shut themselves away--  
Thinking no one cares to hear  
What they have to say?

Lord who will go and just visit--  
Reach out and touch their hands?  
Does no one care? Has it come to that?  
No love left in this land?

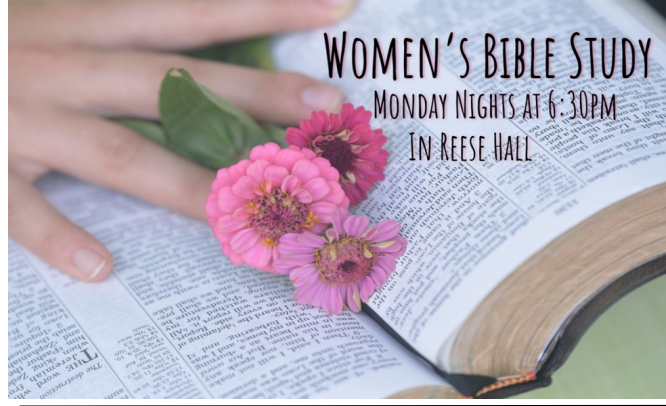
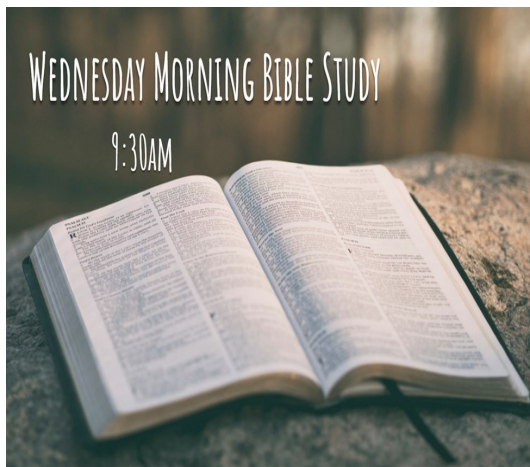
But suddenly, with pain of heart  
I know that I'm amiss.  
I'm quick to point out many faults  
While my own I dismiss.

Lord, forgive me for judging others--  
So blind I could not see  
That I should have said long ago,  
"Lord, here I am \_\_\_\_\_ send me."

—Denise A. DeWald

May we all recognize God has a  
purpose for our lives and His will  
is for us to do His work on this earth  
and join Him someday in Heaven.

*Tony and Deb Lang*

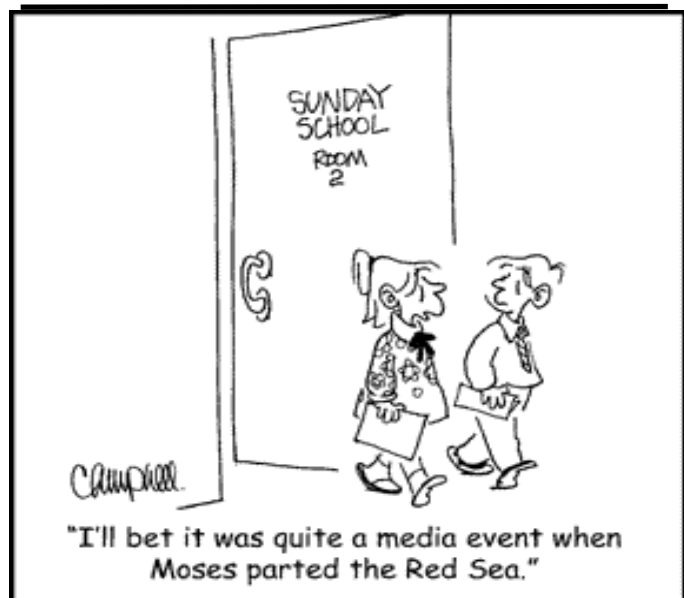


## Following Christ

To have faith in Christ means, of course, trying to do all that he says. There would be no sense in saying you trusted a person if you would not take his advice. Thus, if you have really handed yourself over to [Christ], it must follow that you are trying to obey him.

But trying in a new way, a less worried way. Not doing these things in order to be saved, but because he has begun to save you already. Not hoping to get to heaven as a reward for your actions, but inevitably wanting to act in a certain way because a first faint gleam of heaven is already inside you.

—C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*



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