



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!



OCTOBER, 2024

Greetings Hope,

Another month has come and gone. Fall has arrived here in Edwardsburg. This is my favorite season of the year. I really enjoy all the seasons, but in the Fall the air gets crisp, the colors are so vibrant, and I get to take a bit of time off to enjoy God's creation.

During that time off I am enjoying time in Whitetail camp with friends, and that is great. The true blessing for me is spending hours alone with God. There is no cell phone service, and I can just sit and be with God. I get to watch His creation all around me. The deer, squirrels, birds, fox, coyotes, beaver, chipmunks, bobcats, the sounds of the stream moving by me, and sometimes the pesky mosquitos.

Friends, there is so much going on around us that we get distracted from God. I encourage you to find a still place to talk with God. To just sit and be in God's creation. Right here at Hope there are nature trails you can walk.

At the fire pit there are benches to sit on in front of the cross and pray. Or there is a secluded spot on one of the trails with a bench where you can be alone with God.

Take in all that God has created here on earth and ponder just how wonderful the place Jesus has prepared for you in Heaven is.

Peace be with you, Pastor Rob

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct. 1 Men's Bible study 6:30pm
- 2 Women's Bible study 9:30am
- 4 Craft night 6:00pm
- 7 Women's Bible study 6:30pm
- 8 Mobile Food Pantry 3:pm-4:30pm
- Men's Bible study 6:30pm
- 9 Women's Bible study 9:30am
- LT meeting 6:30pm
- 13 Youth Group 3:00pm
- 14 Women's Bible study 6:30pm
- 15 Men's Bible study 6:30pm
- 16 Women's Bible study 9:30am
- 19 SPRC Zoom meeting 12noon
- 20 **CHURCH CONFERENCE 11:30am**
- 21 Women's Bible study 6:30pm
- 22 Men's Bible study 6:30pm
- 23 Women's Bible study 9:30am
- 26 Trunk or Treat 3:pm
- 28 Women's Bible study 6:30pm
- 29 Men's Bible study 6:30pm
- 30 Women's Bible study 9:30am



FINANCES

Month of August Ministry Fund Summary

Ministry Fund Donations: \$ 18,038
 Ministry Fund Expenses: \$-17,187
 Surplus for the Month: \$ 851

Year to date shortfall = \$ -5,179

Monthly Budget amount: \$ 20,053

All August bills have been paid. Our Ministry Fund balance is \$118,333. Thank you for your continued support!

August Mortgage & Mission Fund Allocation

\$177.68 Missions
 \$998.58 Parsonage Mortgage
\$700.52 Capital Improvements
 \$1,876.78 Total Donations

Parsonage Mortgage Update

\$998.58 Regular Mortgage Payment - Mortgage Fund
 \$400.00 Extra Principal Payment – Ministry Fund
 Current Parsonage Mortgage Balance = \$108,186 after the September 2024 Payment.
 Our projected payoff date is November 2035, which is **54 months earlier** than the original payoff date!



WORLD COMMUNION
SUNDAY

Sunday, October 6

COMMON GROUND



"Christianity was never intended to be a solo walk with God," says pastor Jeremy Basset. "A

conversion to Christianity is also incorporation in the body of Christ, the church."

That's a fitting reminder as we observe **World Communion Sunday** in October. Christians don't take Holy Communion alone; the very name of this sacrament refers to unity with God and others. We don't baptize ourselves. We don't learn Scripture or Christian theology and history alone. We can't have Christian fellowship by ourselves.

The New Testament is clear that one cannot be a solitary Christian. We are members of Christ's body (Ephesians 5:30) and "belong to the family of believers" (Galatians 6:10, NIV). As you gather for worship and receive Holy Communion, thank God for "our common salvation" (Jude 3, ESV) granted to all followers of Jesus.

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

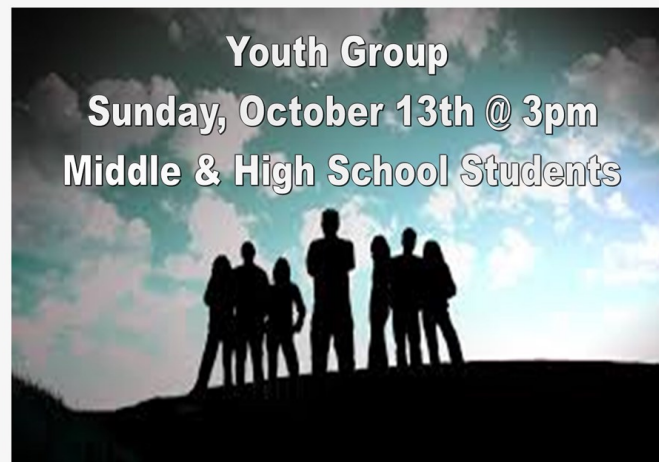




ALISON STRYCKER	10/01
JOYCE PROCTOR	10/01
MELANIE REID	10/05
BARRY OBERLING	10/06
GENEVA WEINGART	10/07
DALE BLUNIER	10/07
JULIA SHEETS	10/08
CAROL UDELL	10/08
JACK WEILER	10/09
JAMES SNYDER	10/09
VINCE DUIS	10/10
PAT OWENS	10/10
BRENDA MORTIMER	10/11
BRIAN BURKS	10/12
CAMDEN ANDERSON	10/13
CARSON MANFRED	10/14
SUSIE EDGERTON	10/14
JANE MANIEU	10/14
DAVID HOIEN	10/16
SUE RINEHART	10/17
JOHN UDELL	10/18
SHIRLEY MASTEN	10/18
CAMRYN CLAIRDAY	10/20
VICKI BAKER	10/21
SANDY ACKELS	10/22
WENDY EMMETT	10/23
CHEYENE MASTEN	10/23
MICHELE BLACK	10/24
DELLA HOLDREAD	10/27
SARA CLAIRDAY	10/28
BEN MORGAN	10/29
KEVIN MARLING	10/30
TIFFANY MANFRED	10/31
TOM HEBRON	10/31



JANICE & DAN ROSS	10/01
PAT & GARY OWENS	10/02
DACIA & ED KIRKLAND	10/02
KATHY & CHARLIE DEW	10/05
DIANE SEIFERT & MARTY EBY	10/07
SHERRY & DOUG SAYLES	10/12
ANNA & TONY LEININGER	10/13
KELLY & VINCE DUIS	10/17
ASHLEY & RANDY JOHNSON	10/18
PAM & JIM CHAPMAN	10/19
MELANIE & GEORGE REID	10/20
SUE & MIKE MORGAN	10/21
MARY ANN & BILL DAVIS II	10/23




Volunteers Needed!
Please arrive at 2:30

MOBILE
pantry



Tuesday
October 8th
3pm-4:30pm

bringing hope to the hungry



DID YOU KNOW???

YOUR

MISSION DOLLARS

AT WORK

*From the Missions Fund and individual givers, we donated \$1130 through Meijer's which became **\$3390** due to the double match.

*Penny Sunday offerings have been used for the sponsorship of 2 teens from Ethiopia and about \$100 for the youth group to get supplies for winter care packages for the homeless.

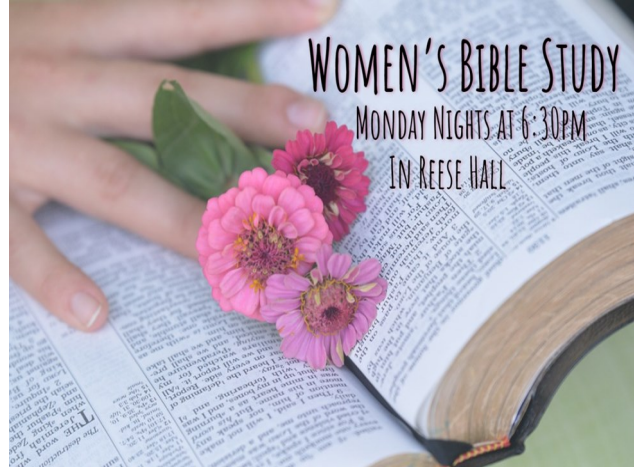
*Out of the Missions Fund, we are supporting Crop Walk with \$200 and Michiana Family Center \$2,250 (YTD) for their work with local Foster/Adoptive Families.



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 or 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.



Thank You!

Dear Hope Family,
Thank you to everyone who sent a card to Lydia and Jack Gould for their 65th anniversary. The mailbox surprises helped them celebrate for many days.
With appreciation - Carin and family



WHERE? At **Sunday morning coffee** hour following the early worship service
WHY? To provide an opportunity to meet and connect with friends and visitors while enjoying snacks and drinks

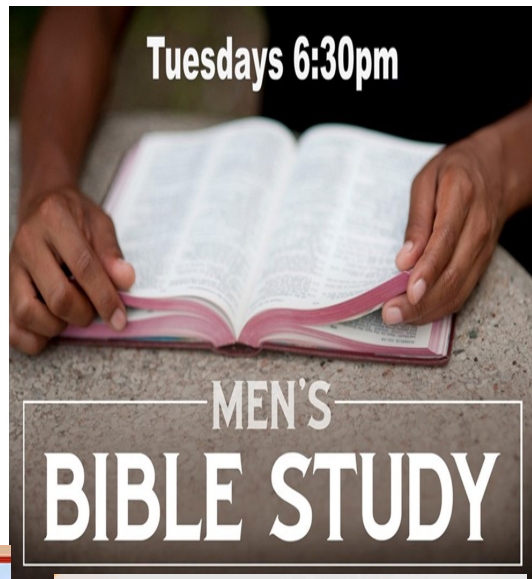
HOW? Contact Diana Graham (574-208-2259)
OR
Sign up on the bulletin board in Reese Hall

An autumn poem

Fall, leaves, fall; die, flowers, away;
Lengthen night and shorten day;
Every leaf speaks bliss to me
Fluttering from the autumn tree.

I shall smile when wreaths of snow
Blossom where the rose should grow;
I shall sing when night's decay
Ushers in a drearier day.

—Emily Bronte



Pastors appreciate your prayers



October is Pastor Appreciation Month, an observance that some clergy don't publicize. It's an ideal time to thank pastors for their dedication to God's people and the ministry. A written note, a card or even a free meal is a nice gesture of appreciation. But if you were to ask pastors what they'd like or what they need, most would probably reply, "Pray for me."

That's what the apostle Paul requested throughout his letters. To the church at Rome, he urged, "Join me in earnest prayer to God on my behalf, that I may be rescued from the unbelievers in Judea and that my ministry to Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints, so that by God's will I may come to you with joy and be refreshed in your company" (Romans 15:30-32, NRSV).

As you appreciate and encourage your pastors, remember them in your prayers. Then let them know you're doing so!



Saturday, October 26th @ 3pm

Please arrive at 2:15 to set up your game or trunk!



Here is a note to share from a father that was sent in a backpack last week. A good reminder for all of us for what I think our heavenly father says to us. Fill in the blank with your name.

Today is a **NEW** day and you **CAN** make good choices that honor God.

Proud of you,
Dad

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

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

9:30AM



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.

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Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

		1 Office Hours 9:00-2:00 8:15am Village Hybrid School 8:15-4pm 5:30pm Band Practice 6:30pm Men's Bible Study	2 Office Hours 9:00-2:00 8:15am Village Hybrid School 8:15-4pm 9:30am Wednesday morning Bible Study	3 Office Hours 9:00-2:00 9:00am Ship Shape for Christ Exercise	4 Office closed 5:00pm Music Practice 6:00pm Craft Night	5
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HOPE CHURCH & MISSION:

Church Family / Future of Methodist Church

LEADERSHIP TEAM:

Ben Morgan – Trustees
Bonnie Morgan - Chair
Clarence Miller – At Large
Heidi Meadows – At Large
Mark Werner – At Large
Mike Morgan – Vice Chair
Pastor Rob Snodgrass
Sabrina English – Secretary & Finance Liaison
Sharon Tafunai – At Large
Shirley Andrews – At Large

SPRC TEAM:

Bonnie Morgan, Diane Siefert, Jack Weiler,
Sue Rinehart

NOMINATIONS TEAM:

Dawn Weingart, Marti Bartels, Sue Reinhart

LIVING WITH CANCER:

Brad Yoder; Brenda Miller; Brian Clark; Cindy Helvey, in Rehab; Cindy Workman; Crystal Maskwinski; David Leist, metastatic; David, colon; Don Burnette, & dementia; Ellen Evans; Eric Seifert (Diane Seifert's brother); Jaycee Wendt; Jesse Binn, chrohns; Jessica Duis, thyroid; Jessica Hartwick, diabetic & on dialysis; Jody Buzalski, spine; John & Betty Westlake, Kaufman's mom; Kenzie Summers, terminal brain cancer (Nick Folkers); Kronk family's mother, lymphoma; Leslie Orth Ishmael, colon (Chuck Orth's daughter); Linda McClain; Macie Carlsen, leukemia; Mark Howell; Marilyn White; Melana Horner, leukemia; Mike Moelbash, spine; Mike Hartline; Mike Morgan; Mike Walton; Nancy Mysliwicz, kidney; Pam Knapp, liver, & kidney; Paula S.; Rene (not DeYoung) pancreatic cancer; Rick Trosper; Roger Yarbrough (Mackenzie Morgan); Scott Dougall; Rudy, bone; Tom Kelly, prostate; Tony and Ted Braun; Trevor Claire; Vivian McClellan, PXA; William Moore Jr.; Yung Fajardo, leukemia

LONGSTANDING HEALTH:

Alyssa, brain damage; Becky Kelly, Bev Proctor; Bill Griffin; Bob Griffin, heart; Bob Straka; Cathy Jones; Chad, heart; Connie & Jeff Smith; Dennis Sanders, knee and heart; Donna Kooy; Duis family; Edith English; Elizabeth V. Mui; Ethan Hart, diabetes;; Gary Owens; George Gibbs; Graham family; Granny & Pops; Ivan Bowman; Ivins family; Jake Dibble; James, seizures; Jessica Hartwick, diabetic & needs transplant; John Madsen, heart surgery; Ken Proctor; Kevin Duis, an autistic boy; Kevin English; Larry Crandall; Leigh Goyings; Linda Morgan; Lori Durbin; Marge Nurton; Martin Lyles; Nancy Love; Nate Hamilton, diabetic surgeries; Pauline Atwater, Parkinson's; Pat Hogan, heart; Ruth, burns; Stephanie Harris; Terry Otis; Tracee Reiter; Teresa Neucks-Mills, MS & fibromyalgia); Tina Trosper's dad, heart

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, Tony & Deb Lang, Sherry Leininger, Sharon & Bob Morgan, Jan Read, Donna Taelman, Bev Torgeson, Cynthia Wade, Ray White