



2024

Welcome to November people of Hope.

I greet you in the name of Jesus.

We have entered a time of transition here at Hope of Edwardsburg. Your Leadership Team and staff have been working diligently to complete all the tasks that we have before us. I want to thank all of you for your hard work. Please keep all involved in your prayers and let them know how much you appreciate their work.

Recently you may have received a letter regarding **Miracle Sunday** coming up on November 17, 2024. I encourage each of you to pray about how you can support our mission here at Hope. Every penny, nickel, dime, quarter, and dollar we raise will be needed and appreciated. Our goal is to cover the cost associated with separation.

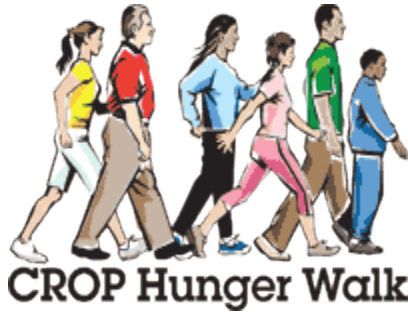
One thing is for sure. We will be continue to be Hope while we carry out many of the activities we have done in the past — such as **decorating** the church for Advent, braving winter weather to carry out **Stuff-A-Bus** (FYI **volunteers are needed** for Stuff-A-Bus - please see Dawn Weingart for more information). We will again be collecting Christmas donations of toys and food and join in song on **Hymn Sunday**.

All of this is yet to happen in 2024 as Hope of Edwardsburg continues to **make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world**.

God Bless

Pastor Rob





A CROP Walk Success Story

Under beautiful fall skies, 72 Christians representing ten churches in Cass County gathered at the 36th annual **CROP** Walk to support Church World Services (CWS) programs. This year's walk raised a total of \$19,353, a record for the county. Five local pantries will receive 25% of the total funds raised, or \$968 each. Hope donated over \$5000 and was only \$106 behind the church that received the Heavenly Hightop Award for raising the most money,

Walkers enjoyed the information booths about CWS, including chickens for sustainable farming, methods of purifying water, and our own Diane Seifert providing a demo of fruit and vegetable dehydration (a new program operated by solar equipment for villagers without electricity). Walkers were also treated to snacks, a craft, and a couple of walkers in costume.



**Christmas
Card Exchange**

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 25 cents. You can donate by cash or check. If writing a check please make it out to Hope UMC. Donations will be designated at a later date.
5. We will be stationed by the music room December 1-22 to make "deliveries". **Merry Christmas !!!!**

Tuesdays 6:30pm



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY



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.

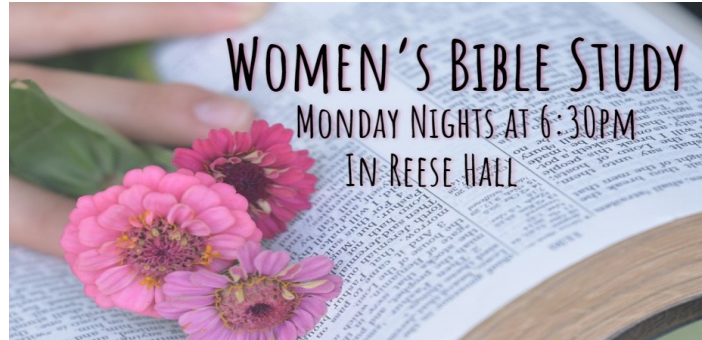




MIKE MORGAN	11/01
DOUG SAYLES	11/01
STEPHAN CLAIRDAY	11/02
BILL DAVIS II	11/02
PAYTON CORP	11/03
CAITLIN REESE EYESTONE	11/03
DAPHINE DOSMANN	11/06
NICHOLAS ROSS	11/06
BEV TORGESON	11/09
LARRY BANGHART	11/10
CHAD BURGER	11/11
CORY CREAGER	11/12
SAMANTHA FARKAS	11/14
DONNA MANSELL	11/14
BILL LONG	11/16
NICK EDGERTON	11/18
AARON STARKEY	11/18
CHARLOTTE LOOTENS	11/18
ANNA LEININGER	11/19
MEHELLE DOSMANN	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



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 28**

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 3

Special dates

- All Saints' Day, *November 1, 2024*
- Daylight saving time ends, *November 3, 2024*
- Veterans Day, *November 11, 2024*
- Christ the King Sunday, *November 24, 2024*
- Thanksgiving Day, *November 28, 2024*

Decorate the Church



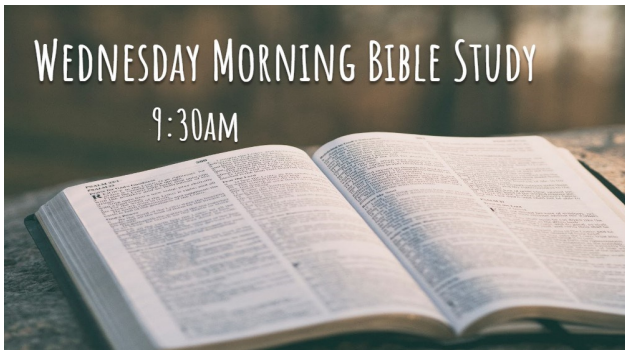
We will start decorating for **Ad-vent/Christmas** on Sunday, November 24 at 3:00PM.

The project will continue with **Messy Church** at 5:00.




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

**Come join in on the fun!
Sunday, November 24th 5-7pm!**



During Stuff a Bus, we reach out to our community to collect food and gifts for kids in the Edwardsburg School District to be distributed by the Edwardsburg Food Pantry. Stuff a Bus helps to restock the pantry after Thanksgiving baskets are given. The event is tentatively set for December 7! Please contact Dawn Weingart with any questions.



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



FINANCES

CURRENT HOPE FINANCIAL INFORMATION

September Ministry Fund Summary

Ministry Fund Donations: \$ 22,142
 Ministry Fund Expenses: \$-18,690
 Surplus for the Month: \$ 3,452

Year to date shortfall = \$ -1,727

Monthly Budget amount: \$ 20,053

All September bills have been paid. Our Ministry Fund balance is \$121,785. Thank you for your continued support!

September Mortgage & Mission Fund Allocation

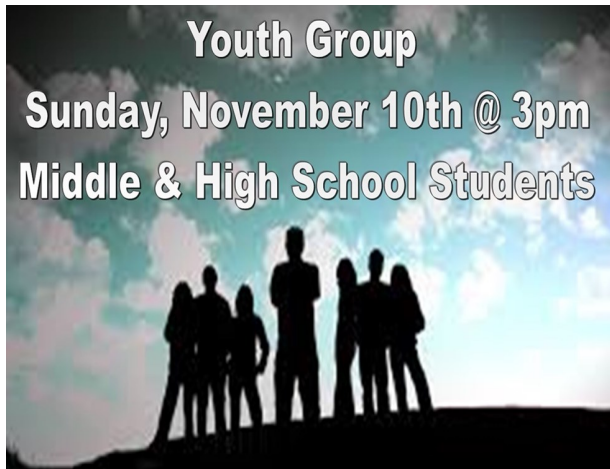
\$203.33 Missions
 \$998.58 Parsonage Mortgage
\$931.37 Capital Improvements
 \$2,133.28 Total Donations

Parsonage Mortgage Update

\$998.58 Regular Mortgage Payment - Mortgage Fund

Current Parsonage Mortgage Balance = \$107,538 after the October 2024 Payment.

Our projected payoff date is November 2035, which is **54 months earlier** than the original payoff date!



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.

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

 An advertisement for a fitness program. The text is in a hand-drawn style. Below the text is a photograph of two purple dumbbells.

November 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Office closed 6:00pm Craft Night	2
3 8:30am & 10:30am Service	4 Office Hours 9:00-2:00 8:15am Village Hybrid School 8:15-4pm 9:00am Ship Shape for Christ Exercise 10:00am Staff Meeting 6:30pm Women's Bible Study	5 Office Hours 9:00-2:00 8:15am Village Hybrid School 8:15-4pm 5:30pm Band Practice 6:30pm Men's Bible Study	6 Office Hours 9:00-2:00 8:15am Village Hybrid School 8:15-4pm 9:30am Wednesday morning Bible Study 2:10pm Reservation 2:10-2:45	7 Office Hours 9:00-2:00 9:00am Ship Shape for Christ Exercise 5:00pm Music Practice 5-6pm	8 Office closed	9
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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; 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.; Penny, terminal colon; Rene (not

DeYoung) pancreatic cancer; Rick Trospen;

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.

Muit; 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;

Steve Ware, Alzheimer's; Todd, leg amputated;

Tracee Reiter; Teresa Neucks-Mills, MS &

fibromyalgia); Tina Trospen'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