

*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!*



**2025**

*Happy New Year, Hope!*

**Hope** is what we have just celebrated, because God loved each of us so much, He sent Jesus to save us, teach, us, and die for our sins. Easter will come soon this year, but we should be praising God each day for His Grace and Love.

As we enter 2025 let us each focus more on God this year, watching for The Holy Spirit to guide us on the new path we have started walking together as a Global Methodist Church.

Last year was not an easy year with all the changes that happened. I have been moved by how each of you have navigated these changes. You all prayed for God to lead us, and He did. You have inspired me, Hope. I know that God is leading this church. We have continued to share our blessing here in Edwardsburg and out into the world. You have financially supported our ministry beyond anything I would have ever expected.

I am happy to share with you that we have received our property deeds back and they have been filed. Well done, everyone! Hope, you now own your property with no trust clause.

This year we will learn together what is ahead for us. We all need to be praying that God will put people in our paths that we can share life with as followers of Christ.

I would like to thank you for all your support through cards, phone calls, texts, and most all through your prayers. Kathe and I feel very blessed to be here walking with each of you.

Happy New Year. May God bless you.

Pastor Rob and Kathe



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

**Come join in on the fun!  
Sunday, January 26th 5-7pm!**

## GOOD THINGS HAPPENING AT HOPE

**Stuff-a-Bus** collected almost \$5000 in money and gift cards as well as many toys and lots of food. Huge thanks to Zimmie's, Edwardsburg Public Schools for use of the bus, Marathon, Dollar General and the Four Square restaurant for parking lot access.

Credit for this seasonal blessing goes out to the many volunteers who donated time and energy to the project. **Thank You!**

Over 20 people gathered in Reese Hall on a snowy Saturday for a yummy event — the **Cookie Exchange**. Participants filled their containers with dozens of cookies of many varieties along with other seasonal treats followed by socializing over coffee. Thanks to Jamie Schauer and Amber Miller for organizing the event.



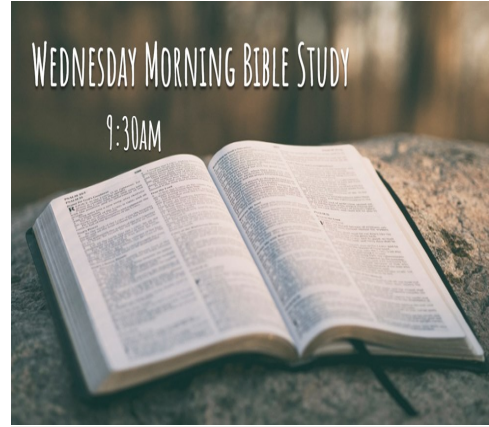
Eight singers turned out for a **vocal ensemble** led by Dave Girton. The small but enthusiastic group added a choral offering to worship on December 22. Thanks, Dave for your leadership.

The ensemble number was followed by Dr. Tom Rea singing "Oh, Holy Night". Tom has sung this traditional Christmas song for our congregation for **67 years!** Thank you, Tom.

Hope's in-house **Christmas card delivery** service raised almost **\$230** which will be donated to Samaritan's Purse and the Edwardsburg Food Pantry. Thanks to Sharon Tafunai for organizing this service.

Speaking of the food pantry — Hope volunteers participated in packing **180 food baskets** for Christmas recipients.

Hope's worship centers were decked with over 30 **poinsettias** donated by church members. Thanks to Sue Rinehart for handling this.



### 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

#### PASTORS & FAMILIES

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Nate & Amy Starkey  
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#### HOME BOUND

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



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
RENE DeYOUNG	1/20
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
GLENYCE BENTZER	1/31



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

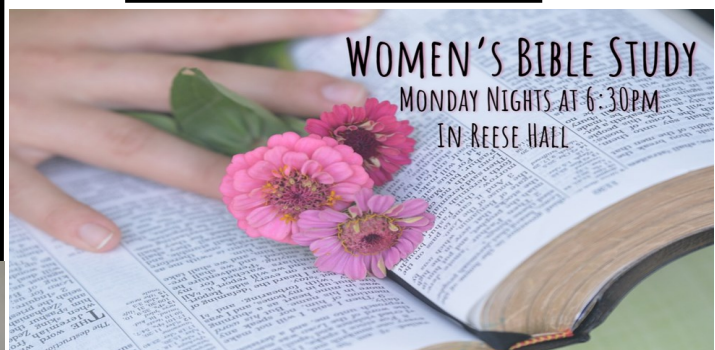
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### COFFEE FELLOWSHIP TIME SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

Hope UMC offers a time for coffee and fellowship at 9:30 AM 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!** 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 the church office at 269-663-5321. You may also use the sign-up sheets on the bulletin board in Reese Hall.



### 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 online at [www.hope-umc.us](http://www.hope-umc.us). You can also worship with us by viewing the livestream, youtube recording or audio recording on the sermons tab.



# FINANCES

## Month of November Ministry Fund Summary

Ministry Fund Donations: \$ 13,095  
 Ministry Fund Expenses: \$-16,441  
 Shortfall for the Month: \$ -3,346

Year to date shortfall = \$ -4,892  
 Monthly Budget amount: \$ 20,053

All November bills have been paid. Our Ministry Fund balance is \$118,620. Thank you for your continued support!

### Miracle Sunday

We received \$114,155 during November to the Miracle Sunday Fund. This fund has been used to pay part of the covenantal closure costs. The remaining costs were financed into a loan which will be secured by the Parsonage Property. Thank you for your donations! Please contact Pastor Rob, Dawn or any LT member if you have questions.

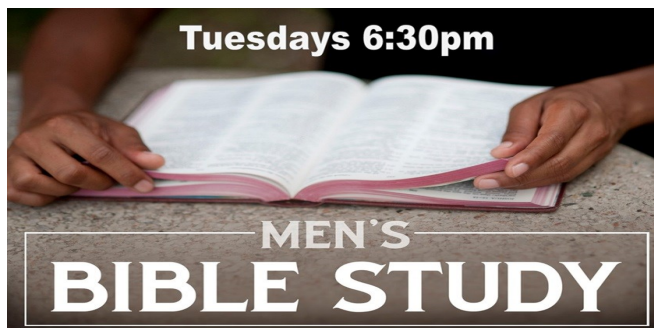
### November Mortgage & Mission Fund Allocation

\$139.80 Missions  
 \$998.58 Parsonage Mortgage  
\$359.62 Capital Improvements  
 \$1,498.00 Total Donations

### Parsonage Mortgage Update

\$998.58 Regular Mortgage Payment - Mortgage Fund

Current Parsonage Mortgage Balance = \$106,248 after the December 2024 regular Payment. We are paying off this Mortgage in December to move the obligation to First State Bank due to the covenantal closure of Hope UMC.



### 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.

## GIVING UPDATE

Thank you for your generous support. To simplify giving as we transition in December, please make your checks payable to **Hope**. If you online bill pay, please change the payee's name to **Hope**. If you have any questions regarding online giving through **Vanco** or would like to change your payment, please contact Dawn Weingart at 269-663-5321x6.

### Year End Donations

Here are the ways that your donation to Hope can still be included on your 2024 donation statement, per the IRS: Set up your online gift to be received by Tuesday, December 31.

Make sure that your donation is **post-marked on or before December 31** and sent to P O Box 624, Edwardsburg, MI 49112

## TRUST

In life we find someone we can trust with our life. It may be a friend or a family member we put our trust. We may have secrets we need to discuss but not share. They can be good things or bad things we hold inside.

Sometimes they can be secret things we're waiting on. May be a celebration coming up or a special party. The excitement we have needs to be shared or we bust. That's when that special trust person is so important.

Sometimes we hold secrets that effect our daily lives. They can be scary or not so scary for us to have. We may have trouble sharing these secret thoughts When we do. we can ride us of this anxiety.

*Psalms 56:3-4* When I am afraid I will trust in you. In God Whose word I praise. In God I trust. I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?

*Proverbs 3-4* Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not rely on your own understanding.

Our Lord loves to rejoice in the good things that happen in our lives as well as the troubling things in our lives. So we will always have someone to talk to and share what is hiding in our heart whether it be good or bad.

So at this CHRISTmas season I hope you will put all your trust in the Lord and share all your troubles and all your joys with Him.

—Tony and Deb Lang

**January 2025**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> New Years Day Office Closed	<b>2</b> Office Hours 9:00-2:00 9:00am Ship Shape for Christ Exercise 5:00pm Music Practice 5-6pm	<b>3</b> Office closed	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> 8:30am & 10:30am Service	<b>6</b> 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	<b>7</b> Office Hours 9:00-2:00 8:15am Village Hybrid School 8:15-4pm 5:30pm Band Practice 6:30pm Men's Bible Study	<b>8</b> Office Hours 9:00-2:00 8:15am Village Hybrid School 8:15-4pm 9:30am Wednesday morning Bible Study 6:30pm Leadership Team Meeting	<b>9</b> Office Hours 9:00-2:00 9:00am Ship Shape for Christ Exercise 5:00pm Music Practice 5-6pm	<b>10</b> Office closed	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 8:30am & 10:30am Service 3:00pm Youth Group 3pm	<b>13</b> Office Hours 9:00-2:00 8:15am Village Hybrid School 8:15-4pm 9:00am Ship Shape for Christ Exercise 6:30pm Women's Bible Study	<b>14</b> Office Hours 9:00-2:00 8:15am Village Hybrid School 8:15-4pm 5:30pm Band Practice 6:30pm Men's Bible Study	<b>15</b> Office Hours 9:00-2:00 8:15am Village Hybrid School 8:15-4pm 9:30am Wednesday morning Bible Study	<b>16</b> Office Hours 9:00-2:00 9:00am Ship Shape for Christ Exercise 5:00pm Music Practice 5-6pm	<b>17</b> Office closed	<b>18</b>
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Church Family / Future of Methodist Church

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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; Cathy Jones; 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; Jennifer Wyant, ovarian, Jesse Binn, Crohn's; 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); 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 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; Bill Griffin; Bob Griffin, heart; Bob Straka; 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; Joyce Frohriep, dementiaKen Proctor; Kevin Duis, an autistic boy; Kevin English; Larry Crandall; Linda Morgan; Lori Durbin; Marge Nurton; Martin Lyles; Mike Hartline; 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 Trosper's dad, heart

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

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