



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

Dear Church Family,

Easter is here! This is the season of renewal, hope, and victory as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. In His resurrection, we find the promise of new life, redemption, and the boundless love of God.

"He isn't here; He has risen from the dead, just as He said would happen." – Matthew 28:6 NLT

As we gather to rejoice in this Good News, let us reflect on the profound meaning of Easter. Christ's triumph over the grave assures us that no darkness is too great, no burden too heavy, and no sorrow too deep that His love cannot overcome.

Easter Worship Services

Join us for a special time of worship and celebration:

- **Easter first Service** – 8:30 AM in Building 1
 - **Easter second service** – 10:30 AM in Reese Hall
- Come with hearts open to receive the joy and power of the resurrection!

A Prayer for Easter

Heavenly Father, we praise You for the gift of Your Son and the promise of eternal life. May the joy of the resurrection fill our hearts and inspire us to share Your love with the world. In Jesus' name, Amen.

From Kathe and me, may you have a blessed and joy-filled Easter!

**With love in Christ, Pastor Rob
He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!**

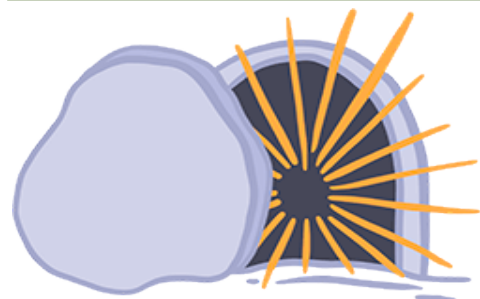
**Ecumenical Good Friday Service
April 18th @ 7:00pm
Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church.**



As you travel with Jesus through Holy Week, don't lose heart. He is your Palm Sunday King. He will always come to you and give you the best of what he has to offer because of his humble attitude and his devotion to his mission.

When you see this Savior who personally cares for you, you can't help but join the believers of old to give to the Lord your best and most precious treasures of your heart and life, and then to join with all believers saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

—Peter Sulzle



Hope is Alive



Brandon, Heidi, Marilyn and Sonny Meadows are in the Hope Member Spotlight for April. Heidi with her three siblings grew up on the east side of Michigan in the Ypsilanti area. Brandon, however, has almost always lived in and around Michiana. The two met in Millennial generation fashion on an online dating site when they became disillusioned with the college dating environment.

Following graduation from Michigan State University Heidi worked for 12 years as a Park/Natural Resources officer at Warren Dunes State Park on Lake Michigan. After working in Florida for a time, Brandon returned to Michiana where he works as a pipe fitter installing and inspecting fire suppression systems. Heidi works part-time these days in a pet store as well as refinishing furniture for sale.

After their wedding at Gable Hill wedding park, a 13-acre wooded venue near Marcellus, Heidi and Brandon enjoyed a memorable honeymoon traveling through Ireland. Then the newlyweds settled on a mini-farm just outside Edwardsburg where they raise chickens and ducks as well as cultivating a substantial garden. Two dogs, Odin and Beau, add to the animal population.

The Meadows family has grown to include five-year-old Marilyn and seven-month-old Sonny. Marilyn spends part of her time at day care/preschool run by Hope member Janet Myers Strycker. Marilyn has recently learned to swim and is very fond of cats. Sonny will be baptized by Pastor Rob on Easter Sunday.

Hanging out at home with the animals and nature are what the family enjoys after work and chores. Brandon is an avid fisherman and hunter and is looking forward to a hunting trip to Colorado.

Heidi and Brandon, looking for a church home to serve as a basis for family structure and community, learned that Pastor Nate Starkey was coming to Edwardsburg Hope from the church Heidi had attended back in the Ypsi area. Finding positive fellowship AND a familiar face in Pastor Nate, the family has become faithful and supportive Hope members. Heidi holds a member at large position on the Leadership Team while Brandon shares his knowledge of building maintenance and upkeep as a member of the Hope trustee team.

The Meadows family – a strong, young family sharing in Hope’s focus on connection, discipleship and mission; a prime example of Hope’s future.





SHERRY LEININGER	4/03
JIM MOLER	4/05
PHYLLIS SCHUELKE	4/05
BRUCE NURTON	4/05
KATHY HARTING	4/07
DONNA TAE LMAN	4/07
BRANT CAMPANERO	4/08
TONY GRIFFIN	1/08
RILEY HARRIS	4/09
BRITTANY UDELL	4/10
STEVEN ANDERS	4/10
GEORGE REID	4/11
CLARK MEAD	4/11
DEB STEMPLER	4/13
JANICE ROSS	4/13
SANDRA CHRISTY	4/13
COLIN MURPHY	4/14
VICKI ANDERS	4/14
MERIAN ACKLES	4/20
LAURA PROCTOR	4/21
DAN ROSS	4/22
KIM MANSELL	4/22
DAWSON SPICHER	4/23
DAWN PROCTOR	4/24
LINDA OBERLING	4/25
CASSIDY FRENTZ	4/27
LUCAS FRENTZ	4/27



DEB & TONY LANG	4/07
DEB & HARRY STEMPLER	4/13
PAM & GARY FISK	4/13
DEANA & JIM MOLER	4/13
LAURA & MARTY SHUTTLEWORTH	4/16
WANDA & CHUCK ORTH	4/16
JANET & BRAD STRYCKER	4/19
SUE & BRIAN BURKS	4/20
CAROL & JOHN UDELL	4/26



Hope's annual Easter egg hunt is a HUGE community outreach. Many hands are needed to carry it off.

Candy donations are needed but other items such as bracelets with Bible verses and crucifix necklaces are also used. As well as the more or less 2000 eggs hidden on the property, there are 4 filled baskets (one for each age group) to be won by the children who discover the **Special Eggs**. A donor is needed to sponsor each of these baskets.

Don't know where to shop for these items? **Good News!** Volunteers will shop for you! To **learn more** about utilizing a volunteer shopper see Shirley Andrews or Clancy Miller.

OR join in with the hands-on prep for the hunt. **Egg- packing** workshops combined with carry-in dinner will take place on **Thursdays** April 3, 10 and 17 at 5:30 in Reese Hall. Anyone who is interested in helping with preparation for this event is welcome to participate.



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"It's not about the bunny; it's about the Lamb."





VOCAL ENSEMBLE

We warmly invite everyone to join us as we come together to lift our voices in joyful praise to Jesus! We'd love to have you with us! Any questions? See David Girton.



Here is our next opportunity:

- Rehearsals
- Tuesday, April 8, 4-5PM
- Tuesday, April 15, 4-5PM
- Service:
- Easter/Resurrection Sunday
- April 20—8:30AM



LT HIGHLIGHTS

HUMC will again sponsor a **Little League team** this year as a community outreach ministry.

Plans were discussed for moving the Adamsville and Edwardsburg **church bells** to the Hope property,

The Do-Rite **Lawn Service** will maintain the Hope property again this year.

The **highway signs** at entrances to Edwardsburg are being changed to reflect our changed denomination.

Robin and Marita English will supervise **Sunday School** sessions during second service this summer.



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

TUESDAYS AT 6:30PM

"Here cometh April again," said poet Charles Lamb (1775-1834). "And as far as I can see, the world hath more fools than ever."

CURRENT HOPE FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Month of February Ministry Fund Summary

Ministry Fund Donations: \$ 15,252
 Ministry Fund Expenses: \$-21,867
 Shortfall for the Month: \$ -6,615

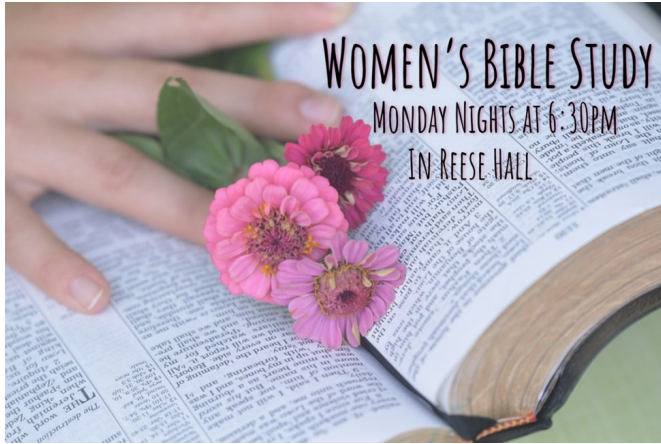
Year to date shortfall = \$ -9,931

Monthly Budget amount: \$ 23,745

All February bills have been paid. Our Ministry Fund balance is \$111,505. Thank you for your continued support!

February Mortgage & Mission Fund Allocation:

\$75.80 Missions
 \$962.80 Parsonage Mortgage
\$115.40 Capital Improvements
 \$1,154.00 Total Donations



LAVENDER AND LACE:

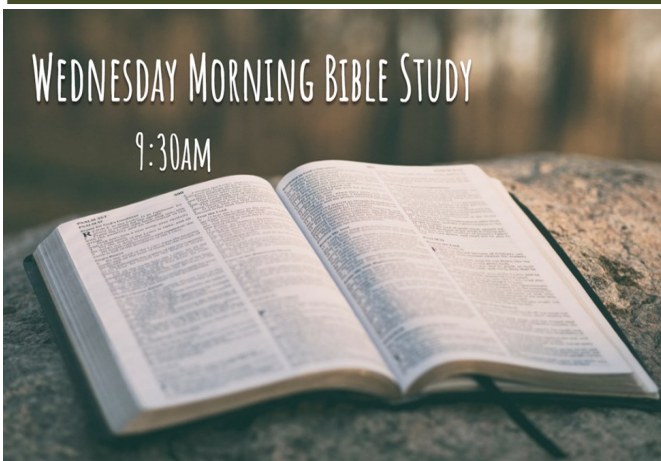
A VINTAGE DAY IN MAY

Mother's Day Brunch-Saturday, May 10, 2025

11:30AM-Reese Hall-Hope of Edwardsburg

Please bring your favorite salad to share. Rolls, bread and drinks will be provided. Also bring an item from yesteryear that others may not know what it is and we will try to give our best guesses!

This is not mandatory but might provide an interesting look into days gone by. Forms are available from Sharon Tafunai (574-326-9326) or Wanda Orth (269-228-0411).



UPCOMING EVENTS

If you are willing to take the Lead for a highlighted event, please contact the Hope office (269-663-5321)

April 2025

13 Palm Sunday

17 Maundy Thursday

18 Good Friday (service at Our Lady of the Lake

19 Easter egg hunt

20 Easter Sunday

May 2025

10 Mother's Day brunch

11 Mother's Day

26 Memorial Day Parade

June 2025

8 Pentecost

14 Father's Day event

15 Father's Day

July 2025

4 Independence Day

September 2025

1 Labor Day

October 2025

5 Crop Walk

25 Trunk or Treat

November 2025

23/24 Basket Packing/Distribution

23 Decorate for Advent

27 Thanksgiving

30 Advent begins

Handling poinsettias for the Church

December 2025

6 Stuff A Bus

21/22 Christmas Basket packing/distribution

24 Christmas Eve

25 Christmas Day

30 Take down decorations



THE WINDING ROAD OF LIFE

Life is a road traveled that is not free of troubles.
It has many curves, it is not smooth or straight.
It continually winds through good and struggles.
This road contains both heavy and great sorrows.

God never promised us a road filled with beauty.
He never said we'd be filled with possessions or wealth.
But He did say He would walk our road together.
He would be there in good times, sorrows and health.

We need to accept God's promise into our hearts.
He says He will never leave us alone on our path.
When we ask Him to take control of our life's road.
The blood of His Son Jesus will cleanse our souls.

God will grant us joys along our earthly journey.
He will protect us through the storms along our road.
We should use these experiences to witness for Him.
So others may be strengthened or receive a new life.

All who walk this life with Him will receive eternal life.
No matter how winding this road gets, have faith.
We'll receive His promise to live with Him forever.
And He'll continue to walk this winding road with us.

Lord Jesus, I need you. Thank you for dying on the cross for my sins. I open the door of my life and receive You as my Savior and Lord. Take control of the throne of my life. Make me the kind of person You want me to be As we walk along this winding road.

—Deb and Tony Lang



Shut-in Outreach

Do you like getting mail from friends and family.? We try to remember those who may be forgotten in nursing homes or assisted living facilities. Please sign the sheets that are provided each Sunday to lend hope and encouragement to those who are homebound or in the military. You don't have to know these folks to sign your name.. Give a small bit of your time to send a note to our extended church family.. Thank you for caring!



WAYFINDERS

Seventeen women met at Beef O'Brady's on March 21 for fellowship and lunch. Shirley Farkas distributed her monthly newsletter and health updates were shared for Jan Read and Sharon Radde as well as a card circulated to celebrate Donna Taelman's upcoming birthday.

Members were thanked for the current service project donations — personal care items filling a need expressed by Helping Hands.

Next meeting will be held on April 18 at Copper Creek at 11:30AM. The personal care item for April will be body wash.

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



EDWARDSBURG FOOD PANTRY (EFP)

MATCHING FUND CHALLENGE You still have time to participate!

Donations made **directly** to the EFP between March 5 and April 20 will be matched up to \$11,000. Checks must be made payable to Edwardsburg Food Pantry or EFP and submitted directly to the Food Pantry or through a local church.

Donations to EFP are tax deductible to the full extent of the law.



April 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Office Hours 9:00-2:00 6:30pm Men's Bible Study	2 Office Hours 9:00-2:00 9:30am Wednesday morning Bible Study	3 Office Hours 9:00-2:00 9:00am Ship Shape for Christ Exercise 5:00pm Music Practice 5-6pm 5:30pm Band Practice 5:30pm	4 Office closed 8:00am Reservation Reese Hall 11am-9pm	5 8:00am Reservation Sanctuary/Reese Hall 8am-10pm
6 8:30am & 10:30am Service	7 Office Hours 9:00-2:00 8:15am Hybrid School 8:15-4pm 9:00am Ship Shape for Christ Exercise 10:00am Staff Meeting 6:30pm Women's Bible Study	8 Office Hours 9:00-2:00 8:15am Hybrid School 8:15-4pm 4:00pm Music Rehearsal 6:30pm Men's Bible Study	9 Office Hours 9:00-2:00 8:15am Hybrid School 8:15-4pm 9:30am Wednesday morning Bible Study 6:30pm Leadership Team Meeting	10 Office Hours 9:00-2:00 9:00am Ship Shape for Christ Exercise 5:00pm Music Practice 5-6pm 5:30pm Band Practice 5:30pm	11 Office closed 11:00am Piano Tuning in Sanctuary	12
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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

NOMINATIONS TEAM:

Marti Bartels

LIVING WITH CANCER:

Ashlyn Markel; Bill Fahey; Brad Yoder; Brenda Miller; Chet Manning, face; Cindy Helvey, in Rehab; Cindy Workman; Crystal Maskwinski; David Leist, metastatic; David, colon; Don Burnette, & dementia; Ellen Evans; Eric Seifert (Diane Seifert's brother); Jane Harmon; Jaycee Wendt; Jean Schlemmer; 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; Macie Carlsen, leukemia; Mark Howell, bladder; Marilyn White; Melana Horner, leukemia; Mike Moelbash, spine; Mike Hartline; Mike Walton; Nancy Mysliwiec, 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; Allisa Derleth Corak MS; 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, dementia; Ken 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; Stephanie Harris; Steve Ware, Hospice; Todd, leg amputated; Tracee Reiter's brother, hospice; 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