



"Redeeming the time"

People of Hope,

As we welcome the month of August, we find ourselves at a turning point in the year.

Here in southern Michigan, we continue to enjoy the warmth of summer (I knows it's HOT), the beauty of God's creation, and the blessings of gathering with family and friends. Yet we also begin to sense a change in the season. Before long, children will be returning to school, fall ministries will begin, and many of us will settle back into familiar routines.

August reminds us that time is a precious gift from God.

The Apostle Paul writes in Ephesians 5:15–16:

"Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil." (NIV)

Another translation says, **"Redeeming the time."**

Those words challenge us to consider how we are using the days God has entrusted to us.

Every Day Is a Gift

Summer has a way of encouraging us to slow down. Vacations, family gatherings, evenings around a campfire, and walks along our lakes and country roads remind us to appreciate life's simple blessings.

But Scripture also reminds us that each day has eternal significance.

Every conversation...

Every act of kindness...

Every prayer...

Every opportunity to serve...

These are moments God can use to accomplish His purposes.

As followers of Jesus Christ, we are called to live intentionally, not simply filling our calendars, but filling our lives with the things that matter most.



Growing in Grace

One of the beautiful emphases of the Global Methodist Church is that God's work in our lives does not stop when we accept Christ as Savior.

Through the Holy Spirit, God continues to transform us day by day.

John Wesley often spoke of "going on to perfection," not meaning that we become

flawless, but that we continue growing in love for God.

Discipleship is a lifelong journey.

Every day presents another opportunity to become a little more like Jesus.

Ask yourself this month:

- Am I spending time in God's Word?
 - Is my prayer life growing deeper?
 - Am I showing Christ's love to those around me?
- Is there someone God is calling me to encourage or invite to church?

God is always at work, inviting us to grow in faith and obedience.

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Being a Light in Our Community

Jesus said, "You are the light of the world." (Matthew 5:14) Our community needs that light.

People are searching for hope, truth, forgiveness, and purpose.

The answer is not found in circumstances or possessions; it is found in Jesus Christ.

Let us be a church that welcomes others with genuine love, shares the truth of God's Word with humility, and reflects Christ in all we do.

Our mission remains clear:

To make disciples of Jesus Christ and spread scriptural holiness throughout the world.

That mission begins right here, in our homes, our neighborhoods, our workplaces, and our community.

A Prayer for August

As we enter this new month, my prayer is that each of us will make the most of every opportunity God places before us.

May we love more deeply.

Serve more faithfully.

Pray more earnestly.

Give more generously.

And trust more completely in the Lord who has promised never to leave us nor forsake us.

Thank you for being a church that loves God, loves people, and seeks to make Christ known.

May God continue to bless each of you and your families as we look forward to all He has in store for us in the months ahead.

Grace and peace, *Pastor Rob*



BIBLE PRESENTATIONS

Seven Hope youth were presented with Bibles on July 19. Remington Guernsey, Elizabeth Gineris, Abigail LaPorte, Emery Gordon and Olivia

Shaffer received New Living Translation GO Bibles, a Bible specifically for pre-teens to explore God's Word and share it with others.

Arihanna Johnson and Rebecca "Becca" Schauer received NLT Student Life Application Study Bibles, a highly praised resource that merges the readable New Living Translation (NLT) with engaging, practical study tools tailored for teens and young adults.

CHURCH DIRECTORY
Photos

HELP US CAPTURE WHO WE ARE
so we can grow together. ♥

PHOTOS WILL BE TAKEN
AUGUST 20TH
AUGUST 21ST
AUGUST 22ND

Schedule
YOUR APPOINTMENT AT
CHURCH
AUGUST 2ND OR AUGUST 9TH



Long time Hope member Clark Mead has recently moved. He would be happy to receive cards or letters from you!

Clark's new address:

Clark Mead
8 Brook Crest Way
Ormond Beach FL 32174





AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

BILL STACK	8/02
HAYLIE STEVENSON	8/05
SUE TOTH	8/06
CARRIE OTIS	8/07
KACEY FENNER	8/07
JAN READ	8/11
ELIZABETH GINERIS	8/11
SHERRIE MAHNESMITH	8/13
JAN FRIES	8/13
CRYSTAL MILLER	8/18
BRADY FENNER	8/19
BEVERLY STOOPS	8/19
ROBERTA MAZEREK	8/23
BAILEY MILLER	8/25
CHRIS FRENTZ	8/26
KAY McNIFF	8/26
JACKIE BOONE	8/27
SANDI TURPEL	8/27
COLBY GARVIN	8/31



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

CAITLIN & NATE EYESTONE	8/01
JOYCE & DALE WESTFALL	8/02
RONDA & BILL FAHEY	8/10
JAN & BILL FRIES	8/25
KATHE & ROB SNODGRASS	8/25

In Every Season, Turn to God

Are you enjoying a happy time? *Praise God.*

Is life becoming difficult? *Seek God.*

Are you experiencing a quiet moment? *Worship God.*

Are you suffering great pain? *Trust God.*

Are you unsure what to do? *Ask God.*

Are you overwhelmed with joy? *Thank God.*



BIBLE STUDY OPTIONS

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY Mondays/6:30pm/ Reese Hall

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY Tuesdays 6:30pm

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY 2nd & 4th Tuesdays/6:30pm

member spotlight

August's Member Spotlight shines on **Johanna Macumber**, part of the Hope congregation since 2000.

Jo's story begins in County Wexford in Ireland where she grew up with 6 siblings – 4 sisters and 2 brothers, all still living in Ireland. Jo began her working life in Ireland as a nanny. That position led to international travel when her employer accepted a teaching job in Raleigh, North Carolina. Jo accepted their offer to move to the U.S. with the employer's family.

The teaching job ended, the family returned to Ireland, but Jo opted to remain in the States. She relocated to the Michiana area where her uncle lived, finding employment at McDonald's. Not one to indulge in job-hopping, Jo remained with Mickey D for the next 17 years. This turned out to be a life-changing experience. Jo's manager and his wife Connie needed a babysitter for evenings and hired Jo. They went on to set up a blind date for her with Connie's brother Bill Macumber who was just home from the army. The couple hit it off and they were married on July 2, 1971.

The young Macumbers eventually moved from White Pigeon to the Edwardsburg Maple Glen neighborhood where Jo still lives. Bill and Jo's family grew with the births of daughter Patty and son Paul. While Bill worked at CTS and Regal Mold as a tool and die maker, Jo developed a home-based day care center which she did for 12 years. Patty and Paul, both Edwardsburg High School graduates, have gone on to creative careers. Patty, after completing cosmetology school, worked at the JC Penney salon in Mishawaka for 10 years. With the birth of son Kaleb, she became a stay-at-home mom; following her mom's example Patty developed a child care business. Paul, following his dad's line of work, did machine work; he later transitioned into his own fence business as well as owning/managing the Pauly Mac restaurant at Four Lakes Golf Course.

The year 2000 saw the Macumber family become part of the Hope congregation. Over the years Jo has taught Sunday School and served as an adult leader in Vacation Bible School. Bill also taught Sunday School as well as serving as a trustee and member of the Leadership Team.

While some family members have passed on (Bill's mother Clara in 2016, Bill in 2022) Jo is usually seen on Sundays at a table at second service with 2 of her 6 grandchildren and 8 great-grands. Jo, Patty and Kaleb recently returned from Ireland where they visited Jo's siblings and celebrated Jo's 80th birthday. Your Hope family thanks you, Jo, for years of service and wishes you a delayed **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**



HOPE OF EDWARDSBURG COOKBOOK

Submit
Your
Recipes



Please submit your recipes (s)cards are available in Reese Hall in the table under the clock. Please put your name on the card along with your recipe and then place in the binder on the table. When we get enough submissions we will try to get this long overdue cookbook published.!



Euchre Nights!
Every 1st Friday of the month!
6-8pm in Reese Hall



Shaw
MINISTRY

3rd Thursday of every month
10AM Reese Hall

WAY FINDERS LUNCH

Way Finders gathered in July with 16 in attendance at Perkins Restaurant and Bakery.

New members Linda Morgan and Shelia Gerou were welcomed; updates on former members Sandy Ryder and Jan Read were shared.

Next meeting will be on August 21 at Beef O'Brady's, 12479 IN-23, Granger IN 46530. The outreach item for August will be a small container of laundry detergent.



It Is No Secret: A Song Born of Transformation

Billy Graham's public ministry gained national attention at the Rose Bowl in 1949, where a remarkable response marked the beginning of a historic movement. He returned to the same venue in November 2004, 55 years later, to commemorate that milestone.

Before the 1949 event, Billy appeared as a guest on a radio show hosted by songwriter and performer Stuart Hamblen. During the broadcast, Hamblen encouraged listeners to attend the meetings at the Rose Bowl. Before leaving, Billy invited Hamblen to attend as well. Though not a Christian at the time, Hamblen agreed. (His wife, however, was a believer.)

That evening, Hamblen did not go forward with others to profess faith in Christ, but he left deeply unsettled. Later that night, he went to Graham's hotel, where he shared his restless spirit. Through Billy's witness and prayer, Hamblen gave his life to the Lord.

Soon after, actor John Wayne asked him, "Stuart, what's this about you hitting the sawdust trail?" Hamblen replied, "That's no secret, John, what God has done for me. He can do it for you or anyone else."

Wayne responded, "That sounds like a song. Why don't you write one?" And so, "It Is No Secret (What God Can Do)" was born.

Hamblen later wrote many Gospel songs, once saying, "I try to write music with a spiritual uplift instead of a moral downbeat."



FINANCE QUESTIONS?????

If you have a question about the how the church finances work, please contact Melissa at 269-663-5321 extension 9. We also have summaries of the information that has been published in prior newsletters in the office.



Current Hope Financial Information

Month of June Ministry Fund Summary

Ministry Fund Donations:	\$ 10,747.36
Ministry Fund Expenses:	<u>\$ -20,078.14</u>
Shortfall for the Month:	\$ -9330.78

Year to date shortfall = \$ -18,256.28

Monthly Budget amount: \$ 18,541.92

All June bills have been paid. Our Ministry Fund balance is \$80,190.54.

Thank you for your continued support!

June Mortgage & Mission Fund Allocation

\$ 149.68	Missions
\$ 962.80	Parsonage Mortgage
<u>\$ 384.27</u>	Capital Improvements
\$ 1,496.75	Total Donations

Mortgage & Mission Monthly Budget amount: \$3,481.25

Mortgage balance after payment due June 1 is \$185,195.48



CHRISTIAN SYMBOL

SUNFLOWER — The sunflower, a symbol of faithfulness and devotion, represents a life turned toward God. Just as the flower follows the sun, believers are called to seek the light of Christ and remain focused on Him.

Its bright bloom reflects the joy and glory of God's presence, while its steady growth points to a life rooted in faith. The many seeds of the sunflower can also symbolize spiritual fruitfulness.

In Christian symbolism, the sunflower reminds us to remain steadfast, to seek God daily and to reflect His light in all we do.

August 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 8:30am & 10:30am Service	3 Office Hours 9am-12pm 9:00am Ship Shape for Christ Exercise 6:30pm Women's Monday Bible Study	4 Office Hours 9am-12pm 6:30pm Men's Bible Study	5 Office Hours 9am-12pm 5:30pm Band Practice 5:30pm	6 Office Hours 9am-12pm 9:00am Ship Shape for Christ Exercise	7 10:00am Ship Shape for Christ Exercise 6:00pm Euchre Night 6-8pm Reese Hall	8
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16 8:30am & 10:30am Service	17 Office Hours 9am-12pm 9:00am Ship Shape for Christ Exercise 6:30pm Women's Monday Bible Study	18 Office Hours 9am-12pm 6:30pm Men's Bible Study	19 Office Hours 9am-12pm 5:30pm Band Practice 5:30pm	20 Office Hours 9am-12pm 10:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry	21 10:00am Ship Shape for Christ Exercise	22
23 8:30am & 10:30am Service 5:00pm Messy Church 5-7pm (Potluck Picnic)	24 Office Hours 9am-12pm 9:00am Ship Shape for Christ Exercise 6:30pm Women's Monday Bible Study	25 Office Hours 9am-12pm 6:30pm Women's Tuesday Bible Study 6:30pm Men's Bible Study	26 Office Hours 9am-12pm 5:30pm Band Practice 5:30pm	27 Office Hours 9am-12pm	28 10:00am Ship Shape for Christ Exercise	29
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