



Hope
of Edwardsburg

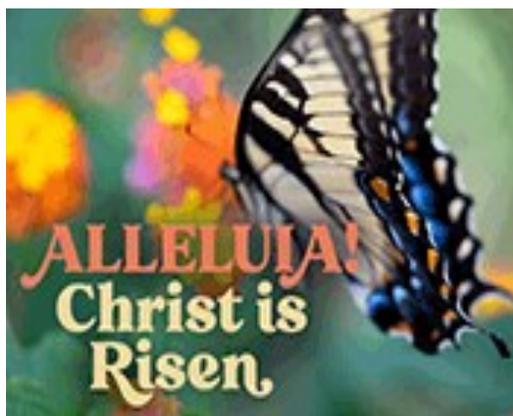
Invite. Connect. Grow. Serve.

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!



2024

Spring has arrived, Hope! We have celebrated well that Jesus defeated death by rising from the grave. Jesus has risen indeed. When we contemplate all that Christ has done for us, it is truly mind blowing. He became the sacrifice for our sins, and through Him we are made right with God.



In the spring nature begins to blossom all around us. Flowers open, grass becomes green, trees produce new leaves, and of course, Morels begin to pop. It is a time of renewal after a long dormant winter season. The Easter season is often a time of spiritual renewal for so many people. This is a great time to continue with the little habits you have created for the Easter season. Maybe you started to read two or three verses a day or took that couple minutes to say, “Here I am, Lord” every day. Whatever you did to

connect with God during Lent this year, continue with those newly created God moments in your life.

If you did not set aside some time for God in your busy schedule, then consider trying something new as Spring is upon us. Maybe pick up the Upper Room devotion that we have set out for you at the church. Join one of the Bible studies, or men, join us for breakfast on Tuesday mornings. My prayer is that we all set a special time aside everyday just for God.

Spring is a time when we see God’s creation come alive; you could even say a rebirth is happening before our very eyes.

In God we trust.
Pastor Rob

LT HIGHLIGHTS



There will be a **popcorn vendor** at the Easter Egg hunt. 10% of the proceeds will be donated to the church.

Several people are interested in being trained in **first aid**. Also looking into if there needs to be anything additional inspections done to the AED other than what we have been doing ourselves.

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



COFFEE FELLOWSHIP



Hope UMC's Coffee Fellowship hour is the perfect time for socializing and connecting with friends between church services on Sunday morning, while enjoying light snacks and drinks.

You may add your name to the **sign-up sheet** on the bulletin board in Reese Hall, or contact **Diana Graham** at 574.208.2259 for information on how you may help by hosting and serving in this valuable ministry.

Sunday, April 21st 11:30am

POTLUCK

BRING SOMETHING TO SHARE!



A CRAFTY OPPORTUNITY



BEE CRAFTY is a small pottery business located in Niles, Michigan which specializes in fun pottery and canvas craft projects. Bee Crafty will bring their craft projects and all needed supplies to present a step-by-step instructional walk-through project.

How fun would it be to incorporate this into one of the upcoming Friday evening Craft Nights? Projects range from \$20 to \$35 per person depending on the selected craft. More information can be found via Facebook at Bee Crafty LLC. If you're interested in participating in a pottery or painting project, please contact **Sandie Weiler** at 269.699.7387 or 574.575.2913, and indicate your preference of canvas or pottery.





SHERRY LEININGER	4/03
JIM MOLER	4/05
PHYLLIS SCHUELKE	4/05
BRUCE NURTON	4/05
KATHY HARTING	4/07
DONNA Taelman	4/07
CANDY BUNNELL	4/08
BRANT CAMPANERO	4/08
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
JASON BENTZER	4/16
MERIAN ACKLES	4/20
LAURA PROCTOR	4/21
DAN ROSS	4/22
KIM MANSELL	4/22
DAWSON SPEICHER	4/23
DAWN PROCTOR	4/24
LINDA OBERLING	4/25
CASSIDY FRENTZ	4/27
LUCAS FRENTZ	4/27
JANTHA CORP	4/29



DEB & TONY LANG	4/07
DEB & HARRY STEMPLER	4/13
PAM & GARY FISK	4/13
DEANA & JIM MOLER	4/11
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



PRAYER CHAPEL

Plans for the Prayer Chapel continue coming together. The repurposed stained-glass windows have been cut to size, pews have been secured, the exterior siding has been ordered, and the steeple is complete. Groundbreaking is tentatively scheduled for April 9, or as soon thereafter as weather permits.

Any and all volunteer help is welcome and no particular special skills are required. Please contact **Jack Weiler** at 269-699-7387 or 269-845-6556, for further information and to volunteer your time to help see this ministry project through to completion.



Christian theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer, who was hanged by the Nazis in April 1945, taught that Christianity and **discipleship** are intertwined. "Discipleship means adherence to Christ," he wrote in *The Cost of Discipleship*. "An abstract Christology, a doctrinal system, a general religious knowledge ... render discipleship superfluous"

Bonhoeffer continued, "With an abstract idea, it is possible to enter into a relation of formal knowledge, to become enthusiastic about it, and perhaps even to put it into practice; but it can never be followed in personal obedience. Christianity without the living Christ is inevitably Christianity without discipleship, and Christianity without discipleship is always Christianity without Christ."

CURRENT HOPE FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Month of February Ministry Fund Summary

Ministry Fund Donations: \$ 16,786
 Ministry Fund Expenses \$-17,104
 Shortfall for the Month: \$ -318

Year to date shortfall = -\$12,231

Monthly Budget amount: \$ 20,053

All February bills have been paid. Our Ministry Fund balance is \$111,281. Thank you for your continued support!

February Mortgage & Mission Fund Allocation

\$164.93 Missions
 \$998.58 Parsonage Mortgage
\$585.77 Capital Improvements
 \$1,749.28 Total Donations

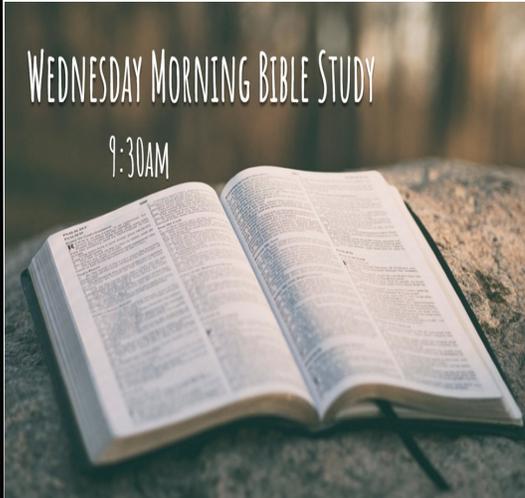
Parsonage Mortgage Update

\$998.58 Regular Mortgage Payment - Mortgage Fund
 \$400.00 Extra Principal Payment – Ministry Fund

Current Parsonage Mortgage Balance = \$114,357 after the March 2024 Payment.

Our projected payoff date is March 2036, which is **50 months earlier** than the original payoff date!

Christ Is Risen!
 CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED
Alleluia



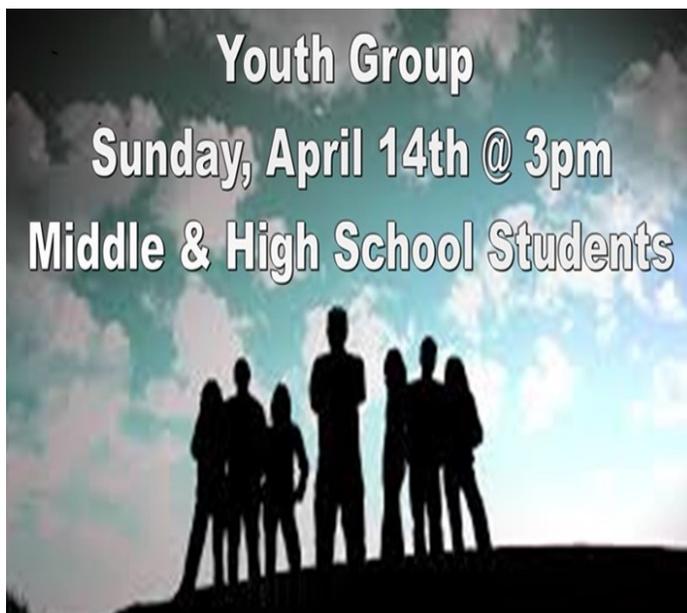
Prayer requests can be made during the week by emailing Marti Bartels at mbbartels@aol.com, or the church office at hopeumc2@hope-umc.us.

Sign up today to be added as a participant in Hope's Prayer Chain.

FINANCE QUESTIONS?????

If you have a question about how the church finances work, please contact Dawn Weingart at extension 6 or Pastor Rob at extension 8 at 269-663-5321. We also have summaries of the information that has been published in prior newsletters in the office.

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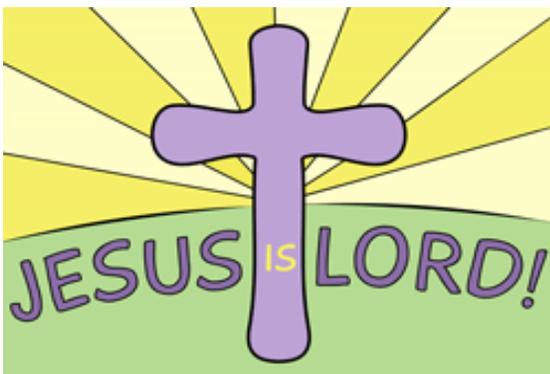


Mother's
DAY

MOTHER'S DAY EVENT

We are planning a celebration salad brunch for Mother's Day.....we will be going with the theme "Daughters of Christ".....not all women are mothers but we are all daughters.

More information will be coming but save Saturday, May 11th at 11.00 a.m. for a time to fellowship together as "Daughters in Christ". Please contact Sharon Tafunai if you would be interested in helping with the brunch.



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

TUESDAYS AT 6:30PM

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

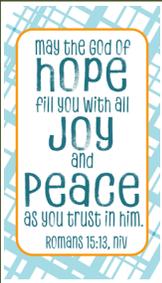


BIBLE QUIZ

What does the newly risen Jesus tell his disciples — twice — when he appears in the locked room where they are hiding?

- A. "Love one another as I have loved you."
- B. "Peace be with you."
- C. "The last shall be first and the first shall be last."
- D. "I am risen!"

(Answer on page 4)



HOPE

Jeremiah 29-11 For I know the plans I have for you to give you a hope and a future.

God gives us many verses on having hope, in putting your trust in Him. Look them up and ask God for the things you hope for.

Growing up on a farm I hoped for other activities. I wanted to be involved in sports with my friends. While driving the tractor my thoughts often were of doing other things and playing some games.

After graduating from college I joined the army. After the army dad asked me if I still wanted to farm. Even though I'd had other plans I did enjoy the farming activities and said yes and dad and I were partners.

We moved from a small farm in Indiana to a larger farm in Michigan and I bought 50% ownership in it. I got an off-farm job and that was when I recognized how I enjoyed the farming and watching all the wild animals.

As we raised beef, this gave me the opportunity to meet many nice people through selling direct to them. Even though I still dreamed of other activities I realized that this farm was feeding many people and I was glued to the farm life and the pleasures it would give me.

As the Bible verse states God has plans for our lives. And we have plans for our lives as we grow together. Looking back on my life, I had my plans and God His. I feel I have followed His plan even though I still see a different outcome if I had followed my plan, but if I had it probably would not have produced the same outcome or the same trust I have in His plan.

I encourage each of you to examine your life and see whose life are you living and give thanks to God if you feel you are living His goals for you.

-Deb and Tony Lang



CHRISTIAN SYMBOL

VICTOR'S CROSS — Also called the conqueror's cross, the victor's cross is composed of the Greek cross, recognized by its four equal arms, adorned with Greek letters in each quadrant.

The top left letters stand for *Jesus* and the top right letters stand for *Christ* (the horizontal lines above them indicate that they are abbreviations). The four letters across the bottom spell the Greek word for *conqueror*.



Join us for Messy Church on **April 28th from 5pm - 7pm**
Come enjoy foods from around the world, activities, and some great small group discussions on how to get through this messy life together.

"Go and make disciples of all nations."
Matthew 28:19

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HOPE CHURCH & MISSION

Church Family

LEADERSHIP TEAM

Bonnie Morgan, Chair
Mike Morgan, Vice Chair
Sabrina English, Sec'y; Finance
Pastor Rob Snodgrass
Ben Morgan, At Large
Heidi Meadows, At Large
Clarence Miller, At Large
Sharon Tafunai, At Large
Shirley Andrews, At Large
Mark Werner, At Large

SPRC TEAM

Bonnie Morgan, Diane Seifert,
Jack Weiler, Sue Rinehart, Mike Morgan

PASTORS & FAMILIES

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Evan Lash & Barbara Jackson
Matt & Cara Weiler
Nate & Amy Starkey
Rob & Kathe Snodgrass
Scott & Carrie Otis
Tom & Lisa Maxwell

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

April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Office Hours 9:00-2:00 10:00am Staff Meeting 6:30pm Women's Bible Study	2 Office Hours 9:00-2:00 5:30pm Band Practice 6:30pm Men's Bible Study	3 Office Hours 9:00-2:00 9:30am Wednesday morning Bible Study	4 Office Hours 9:00-2:00 5:00pm Music Practice	5 Office closed 6:00pm Craft Night	6
7 8:30am & 10:30am Service	8 Office Hours 9:00-2:00	9 Office Hours 9:00-2:00 5:30pm Band Practice 6:30pm Men's Bible Study	10 Office Hours 9:00-2:00 9:30am Wednesday morning Bible Study 6:30pm Leadership Team Meeting	11 Office Hours 9:00-2:00 5:00pm Music Practice	12 Office closed	13 Reservation 8am-10pm
14 8:30am & 10:30am Service 3:00pm Youth Group	15 Office Hours 9:00-2:00	16 Office Hours 9:00-2:00 5:30pm Band Practice 6:30pm Men's Bible Study	17 Office Hours 9:00-2:00 9:30am Wednesday morning Bible Study	18 Office Hours 9:00-2:00 5:00pm Music Practice	19 Office closed	20
21 8:30am & 10:30am Service 11:30am Church Pot Luck	22 Office Hours 9:00-2:00 6:30pm Women's Bible Study	23 Office Hours 9:00-2:00 5:30pm Band Practice 6:30pm Men's Bible Study	24 Office Hours 9:00-2:00 9:30am Wednesday morning Bible Study	25 Office Hours 9:00-2:00 5:00pm Music Practice	26 Office closed	27
28 8:30am & 10:30am Service 5:00pm Messy Church 5-7pm	29 Office Hours 9:00-2:00 6:30pm Women's Bible Study	30 Office Hours 9:00-2:00 5:30pm Band Practice 6:30pm Men's Bible Study				

LIVING WITH CANCER:

Betty Starkey; Brad Yoder; Brenda Miller; Brian Clark; Brother Rick; Betty April; Cindy Helvey, in Rehab Center; Cindy Workman; Crystal Maskwinski; David Leist, metastatic; Dawn Lawrence, brain tumor; Don Burnette, dementia; Ellen Evans; Jaycee Wendt; Jessica Duis, thyroid; Jessica Hartwick, diabetic & on dialysis; John & Betty Westlake, Katie Holt Schermer; Kaufman's mom; Kronk family's mother, lymphoma; Linda McClain; Macie Carlsen, leukemia; Marilyn White tumor; Mark Howell; Melana Horner, leukemia; Mike Moelbash, spine; Mike Morgan, lung; Mike Walton; Nancy Mysliwicz, kidney; Pam Knapp, liver, & kidney; Paula S.; Rene (not DeYoung) pancreatic cancer; Rick Trospen; Roger Yarbrough (Mackenzie Morgan); Scott Dougall; Rudy, bone; Tom Blume; Tom Kelly, prostate; Tony and Ted Braun; Trevor Claire; Vivian McClellan, PXA; William Moore Jr.; Yung Fajardo, leukemia; Marilyn White

LONGSTANDING:

Aaliyah, kidney; Bill Griffin, health; Bob Griffin, heart; Chad, heart; Cris Weingart; Connie & Jeff Smith; Dennis Sanders, knee and heart; Duis family; Edith English; Elizabeth V. Mui; English family; Ethan Hart, diabetes; Gary Atwater, back & knee; Gary Owens; George Gibbs; Granny & Pops; Ivan Bowman; Ivins family; Jake Dibble; James, seizures; Jessica Hartwick, diabetic & needs transplant; Jim Ackles, stroke; John Madsen, heart surgery; Ken Proctor; Kevin Duis, an autistic boy; Kevin English; Kristin Miracle, fungal pneumonia; Larry Crandall, Alzheimer's; Linda Morgan; Marge Nurton; Martin Lyles; Misty Rogers, broken kneecap; Nancy Love; Nate Hamilton, diabetic surgeries; Pauline Atwater, Parkinson's; Stephanie Harris; Susie Mathous, jaw replacement; Tracee Reiter; Teresa Neucks-Mills, MS & fibromyalgia); Tina Trospen's dad, heart problems

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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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