



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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sundays-Worship 8:30, 10:30
Sunday School 10:30 (Reese Hall)

Sunday, July 14-Youth Group 3:00PM

Sunday, July 28-Church Picnic 5-7PM

Mondays -Women's Bible Study—6:30PM
(Reese Hall)

Mondays & Thursdays 9:00AM
Ship Shape for Christ—(Reese Hall)

Tuesdays -Men's Bible Study 6:30PM
(Community Room)

Wednesdays-Bible Study 9:30AM
NO JULY MEETINGS

Friday, July 5-Craft night 6:00PM

Friday, July 19 –Way Finders 11:30AM



Monday—Thursday 9AM-12PM



Hope, it's hard for me to believe it has now been a year since I was appointed to be your pastor. It seems to have gone by very quickly.

First, I want to thank all of you who have welcomed Kathe and me with such love. Serving as your pastor is something that I personally thought would never be an option.

Hope, as so many of you know, is my sending church, and Kathe has always maintained her membership here. We truly love each of you.

There are so many things that we have done together this last year. Truly, too many to list, but I do look forward to continuing to see how God is leading His people right here in Edwardsburg as we grow closer to God.

I am asking all of you to be in prayer, asking for God's guidance in our/your ministry of sharing Jesus in this coming year.

God Bless and thank you,

Monday Evening Bible Study continues the study of "Defiant Joy" thru July 15th. We will then be taking a break. We will start back up on September 9.



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MILITARY

Alyssa Malott, Brandon Morgan



*Shut-in
Outreach*

Take a moment as you enter church on Sunday to send a greeting to one of our homebound friends. Those notes sent on to them are a true blessing.

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

COFFEE/FELLOWSHIP HOUR



Hope UMC hosts a coffee and fellowship hour each Sunday at 9:30 AM in Reese Hall following the early worship service, providing an opportunity to meet and connect with visitors and friends, and enjoy snacks and drinks in a relaxed atmosphere.

What is one thing that makes our coffee fellowship a successful ministry? **THE VOLUNTEERS!!** You can team up with a friend and become a part of this ministry opportunity. Please contact Diana Graham, at 574.208.2259, or sign up on the bulletin board in Reese Hall.

Join Us!

Hope UMC's Potluck Picnic with Olympic Themed games!

Burgers & Brats will be provided

Bring a dish to share if you'd like!

Sunday, July 28th 5-7pm



ZACHARY STRYCKER	7/02
PAIGE MOLER	7/03
LYNN STRAKA	7/03
GEORGE LOOTENS SR.	7/04
GEORGE LOOTENS JR.	7/04
KATHY FULLER	7/05
LAURA SHEETS	7/05
TOMMY HARRIS	7/06
GENE MONTGOMERY	7/08
TED MANSELL	7/08
NATALIE FRENTZ	7/11
SHIRLEY FARKAS	7/12
PAULA KENDALL	7/13
PENNY CREAGER	7/13
LEIGH GOYINGS	7/13
DACIA KIRKLAND	7/13
DELANEY PETERS	7/15
BEVERLY PROCTOR	7/17
ROGER MAHNESMITH	7/18
AUSTIN CLINE	7/18
SABRINA ENGLISH	7/19
BILL GRIFFIN	7/19
TOM REA JR.	7/21
BRIAN WEAVER	7/21
NANCY TURNER	7/23
JEFF D JOHNSON	7/24
KIM BURGER	7/24
SANDY MYERS	7/24
LINDA MASTEN	7/25
CONNOR SPICHER	7/25
JIM CHAPMAN	7/25
SAMANTHA ANDERSON	7/25
ELAINE RICHARDSON	7/27
GARY BUSSEN	7/28
BRANTLEY FROST	7/29
COREY SHEETS	7/29
ABIGAIL LaPORTE	7/30
TAFU TAFUNAI	7/31



GAYLA SIMMONS & JOHN DALRYMPLE	7/01
JACKIE & DAN BOONE	7/02
PAULA & JIM RALPH	7/06
CHARLOTTE & GEORGE LOOTENS SR	7/08
PENNY & ERIC FRIES	7/11
DONNA & TED MANSELL	7/12
LEIGH GOYINGS & DALE BLUNIER	7/15
ROSE & BRIAN WEAVER	7/16
SHARON & TAFU TAFUNAI	7/19
SUSIE & CHRIS EDGERTON	7/22



Jan Pollett and Tim Rogers



Edwardsburg Food Pantry

The EFP is looking for a driver, or drivers, to pick up food in South Bend once a week and Benton Harbor once a month or every other month.

If you can just do it once a month for the South Bend pick up that would help. A truck or trailer is needed. If you can help in any way, please get in touch with Amy Heflin or Pastor Scott at Edwardsburg Presbyterian Church (269-663-6815).





MICHIGAN UMC ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Over 1,100 clergy and laity participated in the annual conference held at Grand Traverse Resort May 30-June 1. The conference was titled "Fearless: Embracing a New Future". Hope UMC was represented by Pastor Rob Snodgrass, Bonnie Morgan and Shirley Andrews.

Central to the conference were inspiring worship services led by Bishop David Bard and Rev. Ginger Gaines-Cirelli of Foundry UMC in Washington DC supported by praise singers and musicians as well as adult and children's choirs.

Legislation dealt with financial support for active and retired clergy, efforts toward peace in the Middle East, commitment to campus ministries and the people of Haiti; maintenance of safe, compassionate, diverse environments.

Lay representatives shared local church's community outreach efforts such as adult VBS, making church kitchens available to outside groups, healing through art therapy, outreach centered around basketball games and sharing bagels and coffee with mall walkers.

Attendees with past connections to Hope UMC were Pastors Nate Starkey and Brenda Gordon, former Adamsville pastors David and Jane Knapp; sadly we learned of the deaths of former Edwardsburg pastor John Ritter as well as his wife Del.

Current Hope Financial Information

Month of May Ministry Fund Summary

Ministry Fund Donations:	\$ 15,617
Ministry Fund Transfers:	\$ 747
Ministry Fund Expenses:	<u>\$-16,459</u>
Shortfall for the Month:	\$ -95

Year to date shortfall = \$ -9,895

Monthly Budget amount: \$ 20,053

All May bills have been paid. Our Ministry Fund balance is \$113,617. Thank you for your continued support!

May Mortgage & Mission Fund Allocation

\$373.00 Transfer from Memorials per family request
\$141.03 Missions
\$998.58 Parsonage Mortgage
<u>\$370.67 Capital Improvements</u>
\$1,883.28 Total Donations

Parsonage Mortgage Update

\$998.58 Regular Mortgage Payment - Mortgage Fund

\$400.00 Extra Principal Payment – Ministry Fund

Current Parsonage Mortgage Balance = \$111,287 after the June 2024 Payment.

Our projected payoff date is January 2036, which is 52 months earlier than the original payoff date!



June LT Highlights

- *New renters will move into the parsonage July 1st.
- *A reverse osmosis system will be installed under the sink in the Reese Hall kitchen to help with the water quality.

*The Village Hybrid home school group will be renting space with us. They have 33 kids signed up so far. We will schedule a work day to move stuff to the attic to accommodate the area needed for their program.



Items needed at the EDF
tuna, pasta sauce,
pork and beans,
kidney beans

The Summer Day

Who made the world?
 Who made the swan, and the black bear?
 Who made the grasshopper?
 This grasshopper, I mean —
 the one who has flung herself out of the grass,
 the one who is eating sugar out of my hand,
 who is moving her jaws back and forth instead of up and down —
 who is gazing around with her enormous and complicated eyes.
 Now she lifts her pale forearms and thoroughly washes her face.
 Now she snaps her wings open, and floats away.
 I don't know exactly what a prayer is.
 I do know how to pay attention, how to fall down
 into the grass, how to kneel down in the grass,
 how to be idle and blessed, how to stroll through the fields,
 which is what I have been doing all day.
 Tell me, what else should I have done?
 Doesn't everything die at last, and too soon?
 Tell me, what is it you plan to do
 with your one wild and precious life?

+ Mary Oliver



OUR PRESENT HOPE

Christian hope involves more than a sunny, cheerful attitude. It is more than a general kind of optimism. It is more than hope in hope, or faith in faith. Christian hope is tied to the goal of history and the purpose of each person's existence. It is the unshakeable confidence of the sovereignty of God and God's eventual triumph over all the forces that stand against truth, righteousness, faithfulness, love and mercy.

And in the great contest between good and evil, Christian hope declares God as winner. ... Christ is the hope not only in the world to come; he is the hope of the world right now.

—Oswald Bronson

PRAYER CHAPEL UPDATE



The construction of the Prayer Chapel has truly been a labor of love for the devoted volunteers who've shown up each day working tirelessly through some very hot weather.

If you haven't taken a peek at the progress lately, be sure to check it out the next time you cross the parking lot. The ceiling is complete, the walls will soon be painted and stained, and the porch will add the finishing touch to Hope's little chapel.

Be sure to offer a "thank you" to the volunteers who've generously donated their time and skills toward completion of this little haven of prayer.





Sometimes it takes a whole lot of Faith to go on. Other times life seems to flow smoothly along. Sometimes we lose our faith with all our troubles. Other times our faith glows for all to see it.

When things are good we don't bother about Faith. We should use these times to glow and show it. Our lives should be happy and spread joy to others. We should help others who may meet who struggle. We should share our joy with those who are happy.

Whether we are happy or struggling with life's trials it is always a good time to search the Bible for answers to our troubles or blessings for our joy. God gave us His word to cover us with His Faith.

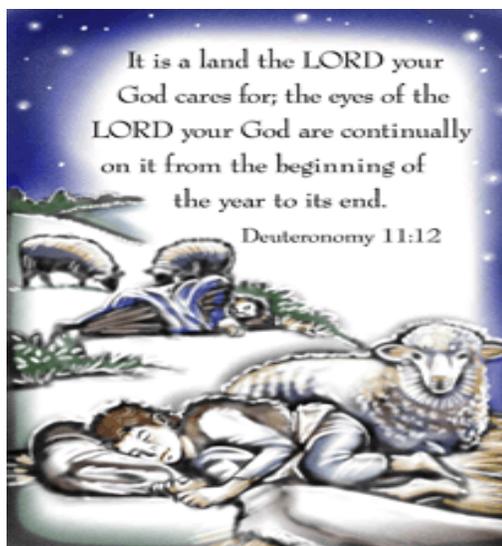
If we have accepted Jesus into our heart we have the Holy Spirit living in us to help us have the Faith we need in hard times and to show us the opportunities to share our Faith in the good times.

At times when my life was flowing smoothly I often found someone to share my joy and make it even a greater joy and both our Faiths grew even deeper. Other times when my Faith was at a low point I would always converse with someone who would help me rebuild my Faith and my trust in God's promises.

So Faith is believing that God loves us, He is in control and He wants to show us His plan for our lives. God wants us to share our Faith with others, no matter what is happening in our lives today.

So even if your Faith is that of a mustard seed (Mt 17:20). "For we walk by Faith not by sight." (2 Col 5:7). may you spread your joyous Faith or have the courage to share your trials and help your Faith to be restored.

Deb and Tony Lang



A DECLARATION OF INTERDEPENDENCE

"Dependence does not destroy human personality," writes Donald F. Baillie. Instead, people are "never so fully and so truly personal as when [they are] living in complete dependence upon God." Jesus modeled this type of living by depending completely on his heavenly Father.

In that light, let it be declared and hereby celebrated ...

- That all people everywhere depend on one another.
- That everyone needs everyone else for freedom, life, love and happiness.
- That all things in the natural order depend on everything else.
- That the Earth and all planets and stars are mutually dependent.
- That this universally shared dependence comes from God and is of God.
- And that each individual part of this relationship has its own role in fulfilling God's plan.



July 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Summer Office Hours 9am - 12pm 9:00am Ship Shape for Christ Exercise 10:00am Staff Meeting 6:30pm Women's Bible Study	2 Summer Office Hours 9am - 12pm 5:30pm Band Practice 6:30pm Men's Bible Study	3 Summer Office Hours 9am - 12pm	4 4th of July - Office Closed 9:00am Ship Shape for Christ Exercise 5:00pm Music Practice	5 Office closed 6:00pm Craft Night	6
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JULY 2024

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Sabrina English – Secretary & Finance Liaison

Sharon Tafunai – At Large

Shirley Andrews – At Large

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Sue Rinehart

NOMINATIONS TEAM:

Dawn Weingart, Marti Bartels, Sue Reinhart

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; Dennis Holdread, skin; Don Burnette, & dementia; Ellen Evans; Eric Seifert (Diane Seifert's brother); Jaycee Wendt; Jessica Duis, thyroid; Jessica Hartwick, diabetic & on dialysis; 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 Walton; Nancy Mysliwiec, kidney; Pam Knapp, liver, & kidney; Paula S.; 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, 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 Atwater, back & knee; 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; Judith Hinkle; Ken Proctor; Kevin Duis, an autistic boy; Kevin English; Larry Crandall, Linda Morgan; Linda Rockwell; Marge Nurton; Martin Lyles; Nancy Love; Nate Hamilton, diabetic surgeries; Pauline Atwater, Parkinson's; Ruth, burns; Stephanie Harris; Tracee Reiter; Teresa Neucks -Mills, MS & fibromyalgia); Tina Trospen's dad, heart

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Brenda Gordon Evan Lash & Barbara Jackson

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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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