



2025



Dear Hope Family,

July is here, and with it comes sunshine, summer activities, and a unique rhythm of life. While vacations, cookouts, and family time are a gift from God, I want to encourage us not to take a vacation from our **spiritual growth** or our **calling as the church**.

This summer, we have the opportunity to **slow down and lean in**—into God’s Word, into prayer, and into each other. I’m reminded of Galatians 6:9, which says, “Let us not grow weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.” This is a season to keep planting seeds: of hope, of kindness, of truth, and of community.

Whether you’re traveling or staying close to home, I encourage you to stay connected—join us on Sundays, bring someone new, serve where you can, and keep growing deeper in your walk with Christ. Let’s also be mindful to check in on those who may feel forgotten or alone in these months. A simple call or visit can go a long way in showing the love of Jesus.

And as always, I’m thankful for each of you. Your faithfulness, prayers, and service continue to build the foundation of who we are as **Hope of Edwardsburg**—a community rooted in Christ, reaching out in love.

Let’s make this July not just a month of warmth in the weather, but a time of warmth in our hearts and our ministry.

With joy and gratitude,
Pastor Rob



Tuesday, July 8th 3-4pm
Here in the Hope parking lot
Volunteers Needed! Please arrive at 2:30pm



Messy Church is open to families of all shapes and sizes, and folks of all ages!
Come join in on the fun!
Sunday, July 27th 5-7pm!

member spotlight

July's Member Spotlight focuses on achievements of Hope's youth —

Hope's own **DAWN PROCTOR** recently participated in the Special Olympics Indiana Summer Games held in Terre Haute. Over 2400 athletes ages 11 and up participated in the games held on the campuses of Indiana State and Rose-Hulman.



Dawn has participated in unified track events since her high school days. This year she won medals in the softball throw, the 800 meter run and the 50 meter run. Way to go, Dawn!

Susie and Chris Edgerton's son, **NICK EDGERTON** is a 2025 Edwardsburg High School graduate. Nick participated in Student Council and National Honor Society. His athletic activities included football, cross country, wrestling and track. Also, Nick was selected Conference Scholar Athlete of the year.



He plans to attend the University of Michigan to study aerospace engineering. Nick —your Hope of Edwardsburg family congratulates you!

VAUGHAN ERNSBERGER is a 2025 Edwardsburg High School graduate. He has always been interested in the guitar and has been playing for quite some time.

He joined the worship band two years ago and has been supporting Hope's Music Ministry ever since. Congratulations on your graduation, Vaughan, and thank you for sharing your talents and positive input with your Hope family.

RICHARD DUIS, son of Jessica Duis, grandson of Diana Graham is a 2025 Edwardsburg High School graduate. Richard enjoys playing the drums, swimming, playing video games and hanging out with friends.



He plans to attend Southwestern Michigan College to study business. Congratulations, Richard, from your Hope of Edwardsburg family!

MATTHEW ANDERS, son of Vicki Anders and the late Mark Anders, is a 2025 Edwardsburg High School graduate. Matthew began playing basketball with Upward at the Community Baptist Church and continued with multiple travel leagues. As an EHS student he played basketball for the Eddies as well as football, ran track and hurdles while attending the Elkhart Area Career Center during his senior year.

This fall Matthew will attend Kalamazoo Valley Community College and play on their basketball team. Congratulations, Matthew, from your Hope of Edwardsburg family!



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
NATALIE FRENTZ	7/11
SHIRLEY FARKAS	7/12
PAULA KENDALL	7/13
PENNY CREAGER	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
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
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
CARRIE & SCOTT OTIS	7/02
PAULA & JIM RALPH	7/06
CHARLOTTE & GEORGE LOOTENS SR	7/08
PENNY & ERIC FRIES	7/11
ROSE & BRIAN WEAVER	7/16
SHARON & TAFU TAFUNAI	7/19
SUSIE & CHRIS EDGERTON	7/22



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY began with "healing shawls" given to women being treated for cancer and other illnesses. It then grew as gifts and support for both men and women needing comfort for whatever reasons.

The **Hope shawl ministry** begun by Judy Christner has recently been revived. Any and all who knit and/or crochet are welcome to join in this creative ministry. Directions, supplies and fellowship are provided for participants. For more information call **Jackie Boone** at 269-663-8238 or 574-250-0364.



WAY FINDERS June luncheon meeting found 15 women in attendance at Lindy's. We heard updates on shut-ins, said a sad farewell to Sandy Ryder (she's moving), collected dish soap to donate to Helping Hands. We will meet on July 18 in Elkhart at Perkins, collecting laundry soap for our Helping Hands outreach item.





Current Hope Financial Information

Month of May Ministry Fund Summary

Ministry Fund Donations:	\$ 14,880
Ministry Fund Expenses:	<u>\$-18,166</u>
Shortfall for the Month:	\$ -3,286

Year to date shortfall after transfers = \$ -14,116

Ministry Fund Monthly Budget amount: \$ 19,874

All May bills have been paid. Our Ministry Fund balance is \$104,803. Thank you for your continued support!

May Mortgage & Mission Fund Allocation

\$165.00 Missions
\$962.80 Parsonage Mortgage
<u>\$162.20 Capital Improvements</u>
\$1,290.00 Total Donations

Mortgage & Mission Monthly Budget amount: \$3,871

Mortgage Balance after payment due July 1 is \$192,006.



Mondays—**Women's** Bible Study
6:30PM/Reese Hall

Tuesdays- **Men's** Bible Study/6:30PM
Wednesdays-9:30AM/Community Room



LT HIGHLIGHTS

- Items discussed at the June 18 Leadership Team meeting included:
- *Hybrid school growth
 - *Hope business manager realignment
 - *Outreach/marketing ideas

Dear Hope Church,
I am resigning as Business Manager of Hope effective July 7. It is time for me to start a new chapter. It has been wonderful working with so many dedicated volunteers. Thank you for all the prayers and support that you have provided to me and my family over the years.

Thank You!

I have been excited to be working through the month of June to transfer my duties to Melissa DeBroka. She will bring new insight, experience and expertise into the position.

Peace,
Dawn Weingart



VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!!!

If you are willing to be a Lead for:

October 5 - CROP WALK
October 25 - TRUNK OR TREAT
December - 6 STUFF-A-BUS

**Please call the Hope office
(269)663-5321
Many hands make light work!**



July 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9:00am Summer office hours 9am-12pm 6:30pm Men's Bible Study	2 9:00am Summer office hours 9am-12pm 9:30am Wednesday morning Bible Study	3 9:00am Ship Shape for Christ Exercise 9:00am Summer office hours 9am-12pm 5:00pm Music Practice 5-6pm 5:30pm Band Practice 5:30pm	4 Independence Day Office closed 6:00pm Euchre Night 6-8pm Reese Hall	5
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