

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

It really does feel like spring, Hope. All things begin to look fresh and new with the rebirth of plant life all around us.

Here at Hope, we also see new projects happening all around us. The Prayer Chapel is going up quickly. I want to thank all the men and women who have helped with the construction and bringing the wonderful lunches that have been brought in with such love.

We also will be partnering with The Village Hybrid. I am excited to share with you just what The Village Hybrid is. The Village Hybrid is a home-school hybrid program that aims to provide a dynamic educational experience for homeschooling families in the local community. The program will be utilizing the facilities of Hope United Methodist Church to facilitate this program, offering a safe and nurturing environment for children to learn and grow. The program will operate Monday through Wednesday from 8am to 4pm, with classes scheduled from 9am to 3pm.

Their Mission Statement: At The Village Hybrid, we are committed to offering a Christian education that focuses on training up a generation with academic excellence. Our goal is to empower each student to realize their God-given potential, preparing them to navigate life's challenges and positively impact the world.

Their Vision Statement: The Village Hybrid will be an ambassador of the kingdom of God, providing a Christ-centered education through Scripture, the Holy Spirit, and a strong partnership between the staff, students, families, and surrounding community.

What an exciting time here at Hope, my friends! Please continue to pray for your Leadership Team as they continue putting their focus on the mission that Jesus has given to each of us. Pray for wisdom as we all continue to discern the call God has for each of us.

Blessings, *Pastor Rob*





"Daughters in Christ"

Mother's Day Brunch,

Saturday, May 11 at 11.00AM

Please bring your favorite salad - can be a jello salad, tuna salad, macaroni salad, fruit salad, lettuce salad OR whatever is your favorite!

Rolls, muffins and bread will be provided. Join us as we fellowship together as "Daughters in Christ". Please **RSVP** by **Sunday, May 5**.....You can turn in the pink invitations or call/message Sharon Tafunai at 574.326.9326 or Wanda Orth at 269.228.0411.



CURRENT HOPE FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Month of March Ministry Fund Summary

Ministry Fund Donations: \$ 21,872
 Ministry Fund Expenses: \$-19,207
 Surplus for the Month: \$ 2,665

Year to date shortfall = -9,566

Monthly Budget amount: \$ 20,053

All March bills have been paid. Our Ministry Fund balance is \$113,946. Thank you for your continued support!

March Mortgage & Mission Fund Allocation

\$145.03 Missions
 \$998.58 Parsonage Mortgage
\$306.67 Capital Improvements
 \$1,450.28 Total Donations

Parsonage Mortgage Update

\$998.58 Regular Mortgage Payment - Mortgage Fund
 \$800.00 Extra Principal Payment – Ministry Fund

Current Parsonage Mortgage Balance = \$112,941 after the April 2024 Payment.

Our projected payoff date is January 2036, which is **51 months earlier** than the original payoff date!



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





MAY BIRTHDAYS

LOGAN BENTZER	5/01
SANDY FLEMING	5/02
JUDY MONTGOMERY	5/03
SHAREE LEIST	5/04
SHARON RADDE	5/04
MATTHEW ANDERS	5/04
LINDA HARDIN	5/06
WILLIAM MILLER	5/06
CHARLENA MAPLES	5/07
JANICE LEIST	5/08
BARB BROOMELL	5/08
AMY STARKEY	5/09
STACEY ROUCH	5/09
JEFFREY NOWICKI	5/10
CHARLIE DEW	5/10
TINA TROSPER	5/10
SHELBY HARDIN	5/14
JAMES E BOWMAN	5/14
LARRY ACKELS	5/14
ERIC SCHUMAN	5/16
HANNAH LEIST	5/16
DAWN WEINGART	5/16
KALEB JOHNSON	5/17
NICHOLE DOHM	5/18
TONY LEININGER	5/21
KEVIN DUIS	5/28
LISA KRILL	5/28
SUE MORGAN	5/28
PAIGE MILLER	5/29
BILL FRIES	5/30
TONY LANG	5/30
MARTY EBY	5/30



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

WENDY & PETER EMMETT	5/03
STACEY & KEVIN ROUCH	5/07
JEANEANE & GREG DEVENNEY	5/10
SHAREE & STEVE LEIST	5/14
CAROL & JAMES BOWMAN	5/17
AGGIE & GARY BUSSEN	5/18
LYNN & BOB STRAKA	5/18
NICHOLE & ANDREW DOHM	5/18
ROBIN & KEVIN ENGLISH	5/19
SUE & JACK RINEHART	5/25
MIRANDA & BRAD ANDERSON	5/26

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

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

MILITARY

Alyssa Malott, Brandon Morgan





LT HIGHLIGHTS

We will update the **Church Directory** with corrected names, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses to be made available to folks when completed. The possibility of **renting space** to The Village Hybrid, a homeschool hybrid, Christ-centered education program for area homeschooling families is under consideration.

We had a great turn out for the **Easter Egg Hunt** and received a small donation from the event popcorn vendor. A few new families have checked out our church services since the Easter Egg Hunt. A Volunteer is needed to coordinate and get us signed up to walk in the **Memorial Day Parade** on May 27. Anyone interested can talk to Pastor Rob or one of the LT Members.

Next meeting May 15.

 A graphic for Sunday School featuring five diverse children's faces at the top. Below them, the text "JOIN US FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL" is written in large, purple, bold letters.

Who? Kids ages 3-12

What? Crafts, games, Bible lessons

When? Sunday mornings at 10:30

Where? Reese Hall

See you there!



“Here’s the church and here’s the steeple”- that’s not just a nursery rhyme; it’s reality here at Hope. Last week the steeple

was moved inch by inch with loving care to its place on top of our long-awaited prayer chapel. If you haven’t noticed, make a point to check out the amazing progress on the chapel.

Thanks to the volunteers and prayer warriors who’ve made this dream come true.



FINANCE QUESTIONS?????

If you have a question about the 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.

DATES TO REMEMBER

May 9 — Ascension Day
 May 12 — Mother’s Day
 May 19 — Pentecost
 May 27—Memorial Day



Messy Church is open to families of all shapes and sizes, and folks of all ages!

Come join in on the fun!
Sunday, May 19th 5-7pm!



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

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

Wednesday Morning Bible Study—
9:30AM (Community Room OR Zoom)
Questions? Call Sandy @ 574-606-6386



CRAFT NIGHT
Friday, May 3rd @ 6pm

FAMILY

Our family is our mom, dad, brothers and sisters. The extended family includes aunts and uncles. Oh, yes, don't forget our grandma and grandpa. To most of us these people are special to us.

We depend on family to help us get through each day. They help us to make life's choices and decisions. Sometimes we have a good friend we consider family. Either way we all have a large family considered a friend.

Without family we would be lost and all alone, We would have no one to care for us when we get sick. There would be no one to celebrate our birthdays with. Special holidays would lose all their joys and happiness.

Each one of us was created in the womb by God. He gave each one of us a brother in Jesus Christ. Jesus said He is our friend and brother to help us. God is our father and He has a plan for our lives.



Proverbs 17:17 A friend loves at all times and a brother is born for a difficult time.

Proverbs 18:34 One with many friends may be harmed, but there is a friend who stays closer than a brother,

Our earthly family gives the human contact to help us grow into our Spiritual family where we can come together and celebrate each other forever. With God our father and Jesus our brother, may we ask for guidance from them to help and enjoy our earthly family and friends.

—*Deb and Tony Lang*



Memorial Day Parade Leader needed!
If interested, contact Bonnie Morgan or Pastor Rob

Puzzle!

After solving the equations, write the words on the correct numbered lines below. Complete Ephesians 1:3 (NIV) to discover how God shows his great love for us.

$14 - 7 =$ ___ Father
 $10 + 9 =$ ___ heavenly
 $9 + 9 =$ ___ the
 $12 + 12 =$ ___ blessing
 $2 - 1 =$ ___ Praise
 $7 + 7 =$ ___ has
 $11 + 11 =$ ___ every
 $13 + 13 =$ ___ Christ
 $8 + 8 =$ ___ us
 $10 + 10 =$ ___ realms
 $8 + 9 =$ ___ in
 $5 + 5 =$ ___ Lord
 $10 + 11 =$ ___ with

$10 + 15 =$ ___ in
 $10 - 5 =$ ___ God
 $6 - 3 =$ ___ to
 $12 - 6 =$ ___ and
 $6 + 6 =$ ___ Christ
 $18 - 9 =$ ___ our
 $22 - 11 =$ ___ Jesus
 $1 + 1 =$ ___ be
 $7 + 6 =$ ___ who
 $2 + 2 =$ ___ the
 $10 + 5 =$ ___ blessed
 $4 + 4 =$ ___ of
 $10 + 13 =$ ___ spiritual

1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22		
23	24	25	26		

Ephesians 1:3, NIV

SHIP SHAPE 4 CHRIST

*MONDAYS & THURSDAYS 9AM

*Reese Hall

*Flexibility and balance exercises

*Strength moves using hand weights

***FREE** to all



May 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Office Hours 9:00-2:00 9:30am Bible Study meeting at Spicy's 10am	2 Office Hours 9:00-2:00 5:00pm Music Practice	3 Office closed 9:00am Reservation 9am-4pm 6:00pm Craft Night	4 9:00am Reservation 8am - 10pm Reese Hall
5 8:30am & 10:30am Service 6:00pm Reservation Reese Hall 6-8	6 Office Hours 9:00-2:00 10:00am Staff Meeting 6:30pm Women's Bible Study	7 Office Hours 9:00-2:00 5:30pm Band Practice 6:30pm Men's Bible Study	8 Office Hours 9:00-2:00 6:30pm Leadership Team Meeting	9 Office Hours 9:00-2:00 5:00pm Music Practice	10 Office closed	11 11:00am Mother's Day Event Reese Hall 11-2
12 8:30am & 10:30am Service Mother's Day	13 Office Hours 9:00-2:00 6:30pm Women's Bible Study	14 Office Hours 9:00-2:00 5:30pm Band Practice 6:30pm Men's Bible Study	15 Office Hours 9:00-2:00 9:30am Wednesday morning Bible Study	16 Office Hours 9:00-2:00 5:00pm Music Practice	17 Office closed	18
19 8:30am & 10:30am Service 5:00pm Messy Church 5-7pm	20 Office Hours 9:00-2:00 6:30pm Women's Bible Study	21 Office Hours 9:00-2:00 5:30pm Band Practice 6:30pm Men's Bible Study	22 Office Hours 9:00-2:00 9:30am Wednesday morning Bible Study	23 Office Hours 9:00-2:00 5:00pm Music Practice	24 Office closed	25
26 8:30am & 10:30am Service	27 Memorial Day Parade Office Closed - Memorial Day	28 Office Hours 9:00-2:00 5:30pm Band Practice 6:30pm Men's Bible Study	29 Office Hours 9:00-2:00 9:30am Wednesday morning Bible Study	30 Office Hours 9:00-2:00 5:00pm Music Practice	31 Office closed	

MAY 2024 Prayer

LIVING WITH CANCER:

Betty Starkey; Bev Rearick (Pastor Scott); 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 cancer; 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; Linda McClain; Macie Carlsen, leukemia; Mark Howell; Melana Horner, leukemia; Mike Moelbash, spine; Mike Walton; Nancy Mysliwicz, kidney; Pam Knapp, liver, & kidney; Paula S.; 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
Marilyn White

LONGSTANDING:

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; 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; John Madsen, heart surgery; Ken Proctor; Kevin Duis, an autistic boy; Kevin English; 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; Tracee Reiter; Teresa Neucks-Mills, MS & fibromyalgia); Tina Trosper's dad, heart problems

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