

HOPE GOOD NEWS

November 2013



From Pastor Jeff's Desk . . .

HERE'S THE BIG REMINDER

It's that time of year when we SET OUR CLOCKS BACK

NOVEMBER 3!!

Well, we are into the fall now and that means the **Church Bazaar** is coming up next. Sign up and help us have another successful year. We also say good-bye to some of our **snowbirds** and, a reminder, let us know how to keep in touch with you. Make sure we have an address, phone number or email address to keep in touch. Some of our snowbirds have been faithfully helping in our **coffee fellowship** area and we will need YOUR help to fill their spots and keep the coffee cups filled and the cookies on the table. Please contact Amy Harris 574.322.0191 and leave a message.

November 10 at 12:30PM will be our next **membership class** for those who would like to go through it. We call it membership, but it is really a good look at who we are at Hope and what we believe and are inspired by God to do in our community and world. Please consider attending and let me know! See me up front before or after services, email me at jreese9999@aol.com, Facebook me, or call the office at 269.663.5321.

We want to thank **Sharon Tafunai** for using her decorating talents faithfully in our sanctuary. If you have enjoyed the quilted items on the cross, the stands, and my table up front, know that **Robin English** has loaned those to us. These items, and many others, are available for purchase at the Robin's Nest quilt shop on US-12.



Pastor Jeff



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**HOPE UNITED
METHODIST WOMEN**

**Wednesday, November 6
7PM Community Room**



Devotions, Business Meeting, Refreshments,
Free Candy Bar

November 1 - November 8 : Prep Work for:

Saturday, November 9 - 8:30AM - 2PM

BAZAAR-----BAZAAR-----BAZAAR
Saturday, November 9 8:30AM - 2PM

Wednesday, November 20 6:15PM
Fellowship Meal at Perkins Restaurant

Each event works to fulfill the purpose of United Methodist Women "to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive community: and to expand concepts of mission....."



**CHOIR PRACTICE
EVERY TUESDAY
6PM-7:15PM
In the Sanctuary**

Please Join Us!

100th BIRTHDAY!!!

Happy Birthday!



*Please join in the 100th birthday celebration for **Loyal Lane** on Saturday, November 23, 2013, from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.*

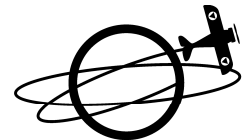
in Building 2 at Hope United Methodist Church. Your short written note of a special story or memory to include in a book to commemorate the occasion would be a treasured

Dear Snowbirds,

If you would like to receive the monthly HUMC newsletter while you are away for the winter, please let the office know your winter address as well as the dates of your time away from us. We want to keep you informed.



FAITH WITH FEET has chosen Costa Rica for their spring mission trip which will take place the end of March or beginning of April, 2014.



**MISSION
TRIP**

Please see Ted Mansell or Jack Rinehart for more information.



**MARK YOUR
CALENDARS!**

STUFF A BUS is quickly approaching. We will be collecting donations for this on December 6 and 7.

Please find it in your hearts to give to this mission during the holiday season. There are many people in need in Edwardsburg. More information to follow. Thanks.

CRAFT NIGHT

Friday, November 1, 6PM -
Midnight

Craft Night in the MPR. Come and join the fun while working on your latest project. Bring a snack to share. We'll be collecting donations for Relay for Life, if you'd like to make a donation. Friends are always welcome!





GREAT GOSPEL SING-OUT

What a wonderful experience of sharing and singing! There were eight churches that participated this year.

While several churches' totals were down from last year, Hope was **UP** by almost \$550! Last year we took \$889.30 and this year we took \$1431.90! **THANK YOU TO ALL** who gave, who participated and who traveled to Vicksburg with the Quartet plus ONE.

Rev. Dave Amick was there representing UMCOR and shared about the role UMCOR plays not only in responding to disasters, but in promoting prevention measures that can be taken in case of a disaster.

If you would like to see all the totals from this year, check in the choir room on the bulletin board. The total from this year's Sing Out was \$10,468.32 so we have raised **\$457,206.34** for the 25 years the Sing Out has been raising money for UMCOR!

Blessings to all and **THANK YOU** for a very successful effort as we share the Gospel in song and financial support.

Did You Know?

Giving to **YOUR** church in September allowed us to:

- *Assist with a home furnace installation.
- *Purchase 2 new computers to prepare for upgrade to Windows 7.
- *Purchase supplies for new Elementary Christian Education program.
- *Purchase 2 wireless headsets for the Worship team.

And that's not all! **THANK YOU!**

DEAR HUMC FAMILY MEMBERS,

It's important to keep church records up to date so we can contact you, if necessary. If, since the last directory was published, you have changed:



Your mailing address

Your phone number (landline or cell)

Your email address

Please advise the office. You can do this via email, a phone call or by writing the information on your weekly attendance sheet. If you put the info on the attendance sheet, be sure to circle or highlight in some way so that we don't overlook it.

Thanks for staying in touch with us.

BAZAAR INFORMATION



As of Sunday, October 20 donations of **food** items, and **help** for the bazaar are still needed. (Thanks to all who have already volunteered!!) The sign up sheet is on the table in the back hallway of Building 1. Please check to see when we need **food donations** at the church.

If you plan to bring items for the **White Elephant Sale** place them along the back wall of the Multi-Purpose Room starting Sunday, November 1. Donated goods should be in good repair. We are not accepting clothing for this event. [Don't forget God's Wearhouse]


NEWSLETTER DEADLINES
November 18
December 23



Birthdays & Anniversaries

REBECCA & TOM REA JR 11/09
 JOYCE & LAVERNE WARD 11/23

MIKE MORGAN 11/01
 LACEY MARBACH 11/02
 CAITLIN REESE 11/03
 PAYTON CORP 11/03
 ALEXIS RYMAN 11/04
 DAPHNE DOSMANN 11/06
 NICK ROSS 11/06
 BEVERLY TORGESON 11/09
 REBECCA BUNCH 11/09
 LARRY BANGHART 11/10
 CHAD BURGER 11/11
 RANDY CLINE 11/11
 LOYAL LANE 11/13
 MARCY HENDRESS 11/13
 GERRY BAUGHER 11/14
 SAMANTHA FARKAS 11/14
 CHARLOTTE LOOTENS 11/18
 MECHELLE DOSMANN 11/20
 DENNIS HOLDREAD 11/20
 WANDA ORTH 11/21
 BETTY GRIFFIN 11/21
 JERRY GIBSON 11/21
 CHRISTINA MARIE STEVENS 11/24
 NOAH HARDESTY 11/24
 JACK RINEHART 11/25
 PAMELA FISK 11/26
 BRYCE WEGNER 11/26
 DORIS WALLACE 11/28
 BRITTANY HUFFMAN 11/28



Remember Our Homebound Members

SHUT-IN PRAYERS

Those Hope members listed below are restricted to home or nursing facility. The term shut-in reflects that their condition warrants "shut inside" or not able to leave the home on a regular basis. Should you have additional people to add to the list please call the church at 269-663-5321 Ext. 2.

Please remember these people in prayer: Margaret Davis, Bob Fuller, Ken George, Pat Harris, Max Hickerson, Ethel Miller, Arvilla Pontius.

Keep our service people in prayer


Joshua Adams, Phil Bryten, Jon Carver, Sam Chaput, Dean Karl Clark, Jonathan Ditson, James Galloway, Justin Gerou, Tony Griffin, Todd Kizer, Dakota Kizer, Andrea Long, Alyssa Malott, Brandon Morgan, Bryan Morgan, Andrew O'Connor, Michael O'Connor, Jessica Ramus, Matt Rentfrow, Jason Salter, Dylan Smallwood, Jeff Starr, and Tyler Wilson.



Remember Our Members in the Military

THIRD ANNUAL BIKES FOR KIDS

Donate a new or used bike to be distributed in December in conjunction with the Edwardsburg Emergency Fund Christmas baskets.



Contacts: John Davis (269-699-7700) or Buck Gerou (574-596-2331)



FINANCIAL UPDATE

Month of September Financial Summary

September General Fund (operating) Donations: \$ 26,952
 September General Fund (operating) Expenses: \$ -20,008
 September + Surplus/ - Shortage: \$ +6,944

Jan -Sept General Fund + Surplus/ - Shortage: \$ +11,549

Jan - Sept Mortgage Principal Donations: \$25,561

Special Offerings

November 24 is the conference special offering for United Methodist Student Day Sunday. \$102 was collected for Christian Education Sunday during September.



WHERE MIGHT YOUR MONEY GO?

As you purchase lunch, a baked goods item, white elephant, or a special item from a crafter, your donation supports:

- * **Community House**, a place for children and seniors in Grand Rapids, Michigan;
- * **A health clinic** in the remote Kenyan village of Kapanga;
- * **The Mary E Brown Center** supporting children and youth in St Louis, Illinois: ***Operation Hope**, a start up for small businesses run by widows in Nairobi;
- * **Camp Aldersgate**, offering children with disabilities a safe and fun experience near Little Rock, Arkansas.

Your money travels near and far to support ministries for women, youth, and children.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

The words are written, I give you my best.
 They speak of love and how we should share.
 Giving never ends as the East never meets West.
 You have often heard these words; the words of care.



My voice is softly spoken to guide your path.
 I hope you will listen and search a purpose.
 My rebuke is gracefully given not as wrath.
 Your life I deeply care, talents given for a purpose.

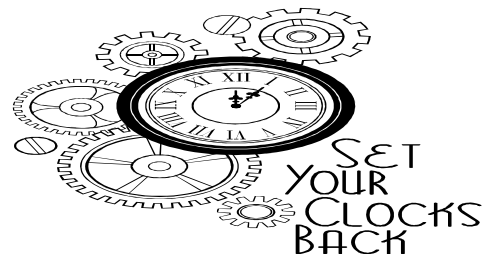
The choice is yours, I never will demand.
 I only offer you a path that will be fruitful.
 When you reach that fork may your will be my command.
 Your will is yours, I offer you a harvest that is bountiful.

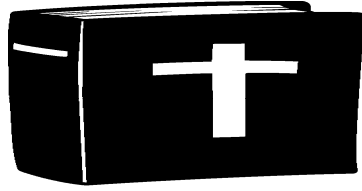
If you choose me I promise never to abandon or leave.
 Struggles will still come I promise comfort I'll give.
 Witnessing my glory I promise blessings it will leave.
 Hearts will be touched, I promise you will always live.

My name is Jesus, I died just for you.
 My Father created you with the hope eternal.
 The Holy Spirit lives in the heart of you.
 May Jesus you follow, God you serve, Spirit lives eternal.

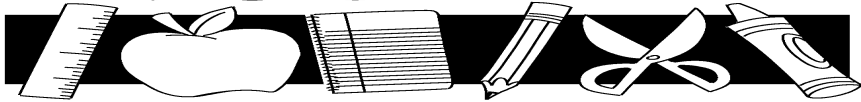
Our prayer is you take this path less taken.

Tony and Deb Lang.





CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



Home is Where the Heart is

October 20, 2013

**Our New
Sunday
School Times**
9:15-Drop off
10:45-Pick up

Please find time to introduce yourselves to your child's Gardner when you drop your child off. After service please wait for your child to be dismissed by their Gardener at 10:45. It is very important that your child has time to review the day's lesson and have prayer before they leave. So please be aware of this precious time. If per chance you need to pick your child up early please let us know when you sign them in.

The rotation on Creation that we just finished was sooo fun. One of our favorite things in Grandma's Kitchen was the 7 layers of Goodness.
We Loved saying "And it was Good."
In Aunt Betty's Art Studio we enjoyed making our own Van Gogh inspired "Starry Starry Night."
We made a lava lamp that we called our "Universe in a Jar"
In Grandpa's Science Lab.
We discovered many treasures that God made in Seven Days in Papa's Attic.
In Uncle Fred's Game room we played many games that helped us remember the things created on each day.

Favorite Kid Quote
"Wow, if I could do science every Sunday it would be soooo much fun!!!"

Heard from an adult helper:
"I have never had so much fun in Sunday School!"

Our next rotation will be from
October 20-November 17
We will focus on Joseph, his dreams, his coat of many colors, his time in prison, and his time as pharaoh's second in command. Our main focus of this rotation is that no matter what happens in our lives, we can know that "We know that God is always at work for the good of everyone who loves him. They are the ones God has chosen for his purpose... Romans 8:28

Please be in prayer for our
Children,
Workshop
Leaders
Gardeners,
And
Guest Visitors.

If you would like to experience all this
FUN
Call Gwen Parks and
Volunteer. 317-287-4805

Summary of Church Conference October 6, 2013

The Annual Church conference was held at HUMC from 9:30 to 10:30 with Reverend Neil Davis conducting the meeting and Reverend Jeff Reese and the membership of the church present.

Shirley Andrews was nominated, seconded and approved by voice vote to be conference secretary.

Pastor Jeff presented the Membership Report with 12 additions to our membership, 10 deductions, for the total reported membership of 551 members. Additional members may be added at a later date.

Sandy Ryder, Leadership chairperson, presented the Lay Leadership slate of nominations for 2014 which were approved by voice vote.

Marti Bartels presented the Motions for Church Conference from the SPRC. The pastor's total compensation of \$47,368 for the year beginning January 1, 2014 was seconded and approved by a voice vote. Additional amounts were also approved:

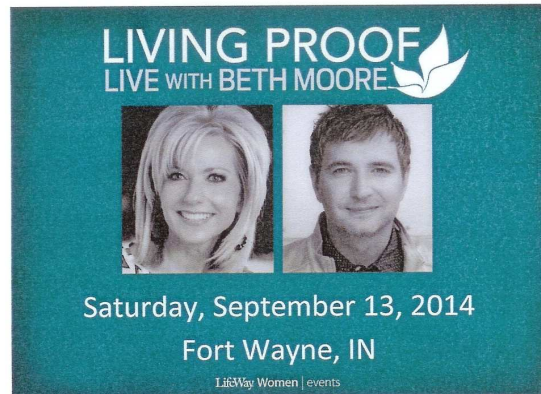
- \$2500 for household furnishings allowance
- \$1500 for continuing education
- \$5,000 for travel expenses
- \$19,357 for health care coverage for the clergy family
- \$8,881 contributions for Pastor Jeff's pension plan
- \$9,600 general fund budget for maintenance and repairs for the parsonage.

Marti also reported that Katie Fahey and Rob Snodgrass have been certified as candidates for ordained ministry. Continuance for both Katie and Rob was granted by a voice vote.

Rev. Davis preached a sermon from Galatians entitled "Keep On Keeping On."

Keith Russell, the Finance Committee chair, presented a report of undesignated memorial funds and how they might be accessible to the church through our Trustee Committee. He then made the motion to adopt an action plan to manage undesignated memorial contributions that have accumulated over the life of HUMC. Using the information Dawn Weingart compiled from past records, the Finance Committee moved to distribute \$6,176.50 as directed by the donors, further investigate the \$4,580 that have not had any records found, and that the remainder of the memorial fund and the earned interest, \$17,061.45 be set up in a designated fund to be managed by the Trustees for capital projects and not for general operating expenses. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

The service was closed with a praise song and Pastor Jeff sent us forth.



Ladies- This is for YOU!!!

Join us for this day trip to Ft. Wayne to see Beth Moore live!

The cost is \$100.00

We will be taking a Royal Excursion bus.
(with a minimum of 50 people attending)

A \$25 deposit is due November 3rd
with \$25 due on February 2nd, May 4th & August 3rd

You have a year to save and plan.

You WILL NOT want to miss this day!

For more info or to make a reservation,
contact: Gwen Parks @ 317-287-4805
gwenparks2828@aol.com



**HOPE
UNITED
METHODIST
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**ANNUAL CHURCH
BAZAAR**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2013

8:30 A.M. - 2 P.M.

69941 ELKHART RD, EDWARDSBURG

**FEATURING: LUNCH WITH CREAMED CHICKEN AND
BISCUITS, SOUP, SANDWICHES, HOME-MADE
DESSERTS**

AND

**CRAFTERS, WHITE ELEPHANTS, USED BOOKS,
BAKE SALE**

PROCEEDS SUPPORT MISSIONS THROUGH UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

KEITH'S SPREAD SHEET

