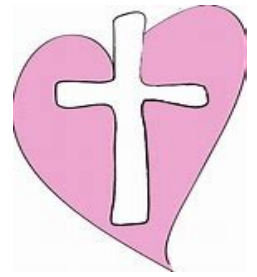


# The Hope Church Beacon



FEBRUARY 2022

## HOPE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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In December of 2021, the world lost a great spiritual leader with the death of Archbishop Desmond Tutu of South Africa. He was a powerful voice for justice and equality in the face of racial conflict in his home country. His life was a testament to faith, love, courage, and integrity in confronting one of the world's greatest problems and the source of conflict in human history.

We still struggle with painful issues regarding racism in this country. All you have to do is talk about #Black Lives Matter or try to have a discussion regarding educational programs about racism and people immediately experience tension and often conflict. We know that the issues of racial divide run deep.

When we study the scripture, we read that people who face struggles due to their economic situation, station in life, and racial identity are valued in our spiritual teachings just as much as those who enjoy a privileged status in society. In fact, they often hold a special place in our Judeo-Christian tradition. The story of the Exodus in the Hebrew scriptures, as well as several examples in the New Testament (*see the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew*), all point to the value and importance of caring for "the least of these" among us. It is important to note that the term "the least" does not assign importance, but it does recognize those whose challenges are greater than most people's struggles.

Archbishop Tutu once said that to choose neutrality in the face of injustice is to choose acceptance of it. In other words, it is never enough to simply stand by while injustice is evident. It is crucial to stand against it. That is what Archbishop Tutu did throughout his life, and he provides a powerful example and a lasting memory of this important truth.

What are the implications for the rest of us?

First of all, we are reminded that each of us carry responsibility for all of us. Living in blissful ignorance of the conditions of others is not a legitimate option if we seek to live an authentic life of love and concern. The ancient story of Cain and Able includes the question "Am I my brother's keeper?" Our faith would tell us the answer is Yes!

We know from the scripture and from observing life that we all benefit from a greater sense of community. We are better together. The value we place on one person impacts the welfare of all. As we remember the influence of Archbishop Tutu, may we give thanks for his life, but most importantly, may we learn from his example and seek to follow it.

*Blessings, Pastor Meg*

## HOPE CHURCH CURRENT NEWS



### ***WELCOME TO 2022 OPEN DOORS AND OPEN HEARTS***

*Pastor Meg invites you to come by and say hello on Wednesday afternoons from **1-3 starting**. She is keeping this time open to meet with church members.*

*You are welcome to have a cup of coffee and share some conversation.*

*If you would like to schedule a time to meet with Pastor Meg at a time that is more convenient for you, please call her cell phone.*

*Pastor Meg can schedule an in person meeting, a Zoom meeting or a phone call.*

*During these challenging times, it is helpful to stay connected. Pastor Meg would love to hear from you.*

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to Veronica Jurban and Evan Zwierzchowski on their wedding, Saturday, January 22nd. Proud grandparents are Ken and Su Hess. Pastor Meg officiated.



# ANNUAL MEETING



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The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 20th at 11:15. We will be voting on Bylaw changes, resolution regarding the building/ support fund, and we'll also elect trustees for the board. Hope to see you there.

*Nancy Burnham, Board President*



# CHRISTIAN MISSION & WITNESS



We believe that God is Still Speaking to the UCC and calling us to exciting new paths of ministry locally, nationally and internationally. Our **General Ministries** support covenant relationships between leaders, local churches and the church international through communications that range from simple conversations to social media presence. **Local Church Ministries** help local congregations through focus on pastor and leadership development and support. Our **Wider Church Ministries** is perhaps best known for its disaster ministries but it also assists congregations who strive to be inclusive whether multicultural/multiracial, open and affirming, global or accessible to all. The vision of **Justice and Witness Ministries** is of a more just, peaceful and compassionate world that honors all of God's creation and it provides leadership training to help share, pursue and achieve that vision.

On February 20, 2022, we will have an opportunity to make gifts to **Our Church's Wider Mission** which supports the ministries above as well as a full range of United Church of Christ missions across Michigan, the country and around the globe.

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO MAKE YOUR OFFERING TO "OUR CHURCH'S WIDER MISSION" ON FEBRUARY 20, 2022.**



## BLESSING BAGS

If you happen to have one of these at your home, would you mind returning to the church at your convenience? You can either bring to church or place in the brown patio box outside the church door. Thank you!!



# CHRISTIAN MISSION & WITNESS (cont.)

## News From HOPE Food Pantry...

On January 8th we held a drive-thru distribution day. We served 142 individuals over 4,617 lbs of food, cleaning supplies and hygiene products.

This pantry distribution day would not have been a success without the generous support of our donors, volunteers, and your Christian Mission & Witness Council members.

Please join us in thanking the following volunteers for their hard work and dedication for their work on this mission project...

Bruce Anderson  
Corey Anderson  
Denise Barc  
Keira Boskovich  
Judy Cole  
Rick Cole  
Lauren Coury\*  
Emily Earle  
Tony Fortunato

Tessa Gartin  
Terry Hillman  
Chris House  
Sherri House  
Opal Lulek  
Brad Lusk  
Chrissy Lusk  
Sammy Lusk  
Cindy Malinowski

Karen Miller  
Juliana Munro\*  
Steve Nielson  
Kirk Schoenherr  
Julia Webber\*  
Susan Winters  
Molly Wilczynski\*

Our next drive-thru pantry distribution day will be **Saturday, February 12th** from 9:15 - 12:30 pm. **If you are interested in volunteering,** there is a sign up sheet posted in Fellowship Hall.

If you have any questions, please contact Tony Fortunato.

\*Denotes Chippewa Valley High School Key Club Volunteers



## CHRISTIAN MISSION & WITNESS (cont.)

### ZION CHURCH COMMUNITY MEAL

68 New Street, Mount Clemens 48043

12:30 - 2:30

Hosted by Hope UCC

Please join CMWC in providing and serving lasagna lunch to underemployed, unemployed, and homeless individuals in our community.



Feb. 20 & Mar. 20 ~ 2022

Volunteer sign-up sheets are posted in Fellowship Hall, or contact Cindy Malinowski with donation information.

#### ITEMS NEEDED

- 7 Family-size lasagna/pre-cooked (in church kitchen 12 p.m.)
- 1 Family-size veggie lasagna
- 5 Cole slaw (3 lbs.)
- 4 Loaves garlic bread
- 5 Trays of cookies individually bagged (ea. Person 2 doz.)

COMMUNITY LUNCH KITCHEN HELPERS (3 each lunch)

"For I was hungry, and you gave me food." Matthew 25:31-46

#### WE NEED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

Toilet paper, 2 in 1 shampoo/conditioner, deodorant, toothbrushes, and women's feminine products. We are well stocked with canned green beans and corn. Please remember we are a food bank ~ we *only* give out food, hygiene and cleaning products. Also please kindly check expiration dates. Thank you for your continued support!



## WAYS TO GIVE

More and more, the way we pay our bills is changing. Electronic payments are everywhere, from our monthly utility bills to on-line purchases. As a society, we are writing fewer and fewer checks. We are introducing two new convenient ways to allow members and friends make donations to Hope UCC.

**On-Line – Visit the Hope UCC web site – [www.hopeuccmi.com](http://www.hopeuccmi.com)**

Select the **“Give a Gift”** tab .

Select the “**Give Here**” button

**Or from your cell phone**

Text “HUCCF” to 45777. The site will respond with a link which you can use to route your donation to a specific fund.

If you would like to donate to the “General Fund” you can simply text:  
“Gift Amount” followed by “HUCCF” to 45777. For instance to give \$5 text “5 HUCCF” to 45777.

In both cases you will be directed to our secure payment processing center where you will be able to easily walk through the steps to register and/or direct your donation (eg to the general fund or a specific mission).

Also: (Hint – if using the text method, save this phone number in your “Contacts” list to make it easier to access.)

Your Giving Statement will reflect the total donation. You may consider increasing that donation to help offset the fees being charged.

Any questions can be directed to Jan Nenninger.

Of course, we will still be have a donation box every Sunday. If you prefer to continue making your donations as you have in the past, please do. We appreciate the generosity of all of our members and friends, no matter what form it takes: financially or volunteering your time and talents to help Hope UCC be a church of mission and compassion; of outreach and caring; of vision and inspiration. For all you do, we thank you!!

**ALSO:**

- ⇒ **AT CHURCH**
- ⇒ **USPS**
- ⇒ **DROP OFF DURING OFFICE HOURS 9—1:30, M—F**







## BOARD OF TRUSTEES NOMINEES

We are looking for your input and want you to join the Board of Trustees! We need to fill one seat on the Board of Trustees (BOT). Currently, the meetings are held via Zoom meeting, and will continue until further notice. A three-year commitment is needed for this seat. Being on the BOT is a great way to support the future of Hope Church. We currently have a very dynamic and fun group of members on the BOT and would welcome a new member. If you are interested in running for this seat, please let Nancy Michelson know **BY FEBRUARY 4TH**. Thank you!

The Nomination Committee

### THE LEADERSHIP OF HOPE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Rev. Meg Wilson, Pastor & Editor ~ Sue Robinson, Publisher & Editor  
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#### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

President - Nancy Burnham  
Vice-President - Rick Cole  
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Nancy Michelson  
Ida Eckert  
Steve Nielson  
Linda Parsons  
Linda Rehm  
Lori Sarnowski  
Kirk Schoenherr  
Jim Wilson

Rev. Meg Wilson  
Administrative Assistant: Sue Robinson  
Organist: Patrick Baker  
Accompanist: Denise Kildea  
Music Director: Deborah Frontczak

## GROUPS, ETC.

**BOWLING** is every two weeks unless on a holiday. Reach out to Donna Canu or Tim Cole if you're interested. They bowl at the AMF Rose Bowl Lanes on Martin Road.



### SENIORS GROUP

The Seniors Group (55+) will not begin gathering in person at this time. They will keep everyone posted.



### KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM

We now have an opportunity to participate in the Kroger Community Rewards Program. It's easy...all you need to participate is an email address and a Kroger rewards card. Then all you need do is shop at any Kroger store, swipe your rewards card, and a percentage of your purchase will be donated to the **Hope Church Operating Account**. If you have access to a computer, you may enroll in the program by entering <http://www.kroger.com> into your browser and follow this path....Savings & Rewards....Kroger Community Rewards....I am a Customer....Account Summary....Community Rewards....our Kroger number (**HS995**). If you have questions or concerns about this program, please call Susan Winters. If you haven't signed up, please consider doing so. Our last check was \$84.80.



PFLAG-CT cordially invites the congregation of Hope UCC to join in the monthly support meeting. The meeting will be the last Tuesday of the month. Hope has been so good to the chapter, and our mission is to support, educate and advocate for the LGBTQ community. We want to give you the opportunity to join us and see what we're all about.

You can go to our website, [PFLAGCT.org](http://PFLAGCT.org), fill out the form and reference Hope UCC on there. This will put you on our email list and you'll get notification of the meetings. You can email me directly to have the Zoom link sent back to you. My email is [yvon-netad@wowway.com](mailto:yvon-netad@wowway.com), and again, please reference Hope UCC. Thank you again for your support for our chapter, stay safe and healthy, and God bless you.

Yvonne Tadajewski  
President, PFLAG-CT

# HOPE HEALTH

## 28 Days Toward a Healthy Heart

Try one of these tips each day for a month, then keep up the momentum and make your favorites part of your regular routine.

#OurHearts  
are healthier together

### Day 1

Call a friend and join the #OurHearts movement.



### Day 2

Make a heart-healthy snack.

### Day 3

Schedule your annual physical. Discuss your heart health goals with your doctor.



### Day 4

Sport red today for National Wear Red Day.

### Day 5

Squat it out. Do 1 minute of squats.



### Day 6

Make today a salt-free day. Use herbs for flavor instead of salt.



### Day 7

Visit [Smokefree.gov](http://Smokefree.gov) to take the first step to quitting smoking.



### Day 8

Get your blood pressure checked.



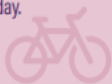
### Day 9

Walk an extra 15 minutes today.



### Day 10

Aim for 30 minutes of physical activity today.



### Day 11

Plan your menu for the week with [heart-healthy recipes](#).



### Day 12

Reduce stress using [relaxation techniques](#).



### Day 13

Give the elevator a day off and take the stairs.



### Day 14

Protect your sweetheart's heart: Plan a heart-healthy date.

### Day 15

Swap the sweets for a piece of fruit for dessert.



### Day 16

Stress less. Practice mindful meditation for 10 minutes.

### Day 17

Head to bed with enough time to get a full 7-8 hours of sleep.



### Day 18

Add a stretch break to your calendar to increase your flexibility.



### Day 19

Eat vegetarian for a day.



### Day 20

Share a funny video or joke that makes you laugh.

### Day 21

Dance for 15 minutes to your favorite music.



### Day 22

Call a relative and ask about your family health history.



### Day 23

March in place during commercial breaks to get your heart going.



### Day 24

Get a tape measure and find out the size of your waist.

### Day 25

Ask a family member or neighbor to join you for a walk.



### Day 26

Fill half of your lunch and dinner plates with vegetables.



### Day 27

See how many push-ups you can do in 1 minute.

### Day 28

Pay it forward and tell a friend about [The Heart Truth](#).



[nhlbi.nih.gov/heartmonth](http://nhlbi.nih.gov/heartmonth)



National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute



No one needs to face their pandemic fears, worries or concerns alone. The Stay Well program is here for Michiganders. Join community members going through similar situations and share tips to boost mental wellness. Learn more and register at <https://bit.ly/3pPSdbb>.

# COMMUNITY

## PASTY SALE



First Congregational Church in New Baltimore will be selling pasties February 18—March 1. They are located at:

[36223 Alfred Street](#)

[New Baltimore, MI 48047](#)

[\(586\) 725-0909](#)



## HAVE CAR, WILL TRAVEL? VOLUNTEER DRIVERS URGENTLY NEEDED!

All our "snowbirds" are heading South for the Winter! Won't you please help fill in for them? Many of our regular drivers take a couple months off this time of year, but the need for transportation does not lessen. The Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers program needs drivers who can provide rides for our older and disabled neighbors so that they can get to doctor appointments and essential errands. Just a couple hours of your time can make a huge difference in someone's life. You pick your own area & your own times. Drive as often or as little as you like in the comfort of your own car. Even one more ride a year might get someone to an appointment that could save their life! **Daytime drivers especially needed!** [Please call IVC today at \(586\) 757-5551 for more information.](#)

[\[Learn more about our work at www.ivcinfo.org.\]](http://www.ivcinfo.org)



# COMMUNITY (cont.)



## FREE CAREER TRAINING

***Earn a credential to increase your earning potential!***

Ready for a change? Free short-term training is available for qualified individuals. Earn a credential and prepare for a job in a high-demand field! Programs include:

### HEALTH CARE

*Average wages \$15–\$20 an hour*

**Certified Nursing Assistant**  
(8–10 weeks)

**Dental Assisting**  
(16 weeks)

**Laboratory Assistant**  
(16 weeks)

**Phlebotomy**  
(16 weeks)

### ENGINEERING & ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY

*Average wages for \$18–\$27 an hour for Robotics  
and \$15–\$21 for Transportation*

**Controls Technician**  
(14 weeks)

**Industrial Maintenance Technician**  
(12 weeks)

**Marine Maintenance Technician**  
(7 weeks)

**Robot Programmer**  
(5 weeks)

**Robot Technician**  
(13 weeks)

**Truck Driving**  
(4 weeks)

Request more information  
about these programs:  
[macomb.edu/wcetuitionassistance](http://macomb.edu/wcetuitionassistance)

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ADDITIONAL INFO IN FH





## ANNUAL MEETING REPORTS

Oh yes, it's that time of year again. These are the reports that were submitted last year. Please turn your article in, preferably as an attachment via email, at your earliest convenience. **DEADLINE is February 4th!!** Thanks for your consideration.

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*The Power of Prayer ...  
Those that are  
Homebound*

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**MEMORIALS\***

**NICHOLAS D. CARROW**

By: Carrow Family

**DOLORES COWPER**

By: Mike Cowper  
Robert Kelly

**LINDA KAUFMAN**

By: Shirley Kirby

**MARILYN WEIDENBACH**

By: Patricia Dib  
Shirley Kirby

**\*MEMORIAL GIFTS ARE  
APPLIED TO THE BUILDING  
FUND, ACCORDING TO OUR  
BYLAWS. THANK YOU!!**



# PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS ...

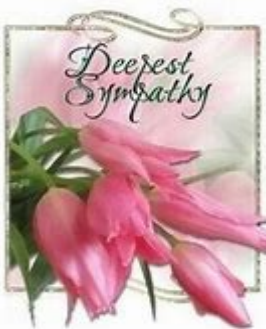
Carol Brzoska  
Nancy Burnham  
Joyce Clifford  
Nancy Cole  
Tim Cole  
The Family of Dolores Cowper  
Michelle Dziwanowski  
Debbie Emmons  
B.J. Essen  
Elaine Frank  
Jean Frank  
Marilyn Holland  
The Family of Linda Kaufman  
Legoas Family  
Mary Jane Masinick  
Bob Rayment  
Bills/Elizabeth Rogers Family  
Kirk Schoenherr  
Linda Smith  
Drew Tomlin  
Family of Marilyn Weidenbach



## HOPE CHURCH PRAYER LIST

Our congregation knows that prayer is our tool for connecting to God. Together, we pray in worship and we pray at home. Please check the prayer list in both the newsletter and the bulletin to help us keep our prayer requests current. **You may contact the church office to remove or add a name.** We also have a prayer sculpture in the church lobby and you are welcome to write a prayer request on a heart and hang in on the sculpture. When we lift our concerns in prayer, we will surely know the presence of the Lord.

Please remember those on our Prayer List ... with a phone call, card, note and keep them in your Thoughts & Prayers. **For those who are silent with your concerns and needs, a special prayer for ALL of you to have the strength, courage and patience to deal with your individual situation.**



**OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY** to the family of Dolores Cowper who passed on January 20th. The service was held in Lapeer on 1/24. Please send cards to: The Cowper Family.

The service for Linda Kaufman will be at Hope Church on Saturday, February 19th at Hope Church: visitation 10:30—12:00; service at 12 p.m.

## *Birthdays for the Month of February*

1 Bob DeGryse  
 2 George Kirby  
 3 Novelda Rupnow  
 6 Loretta Rayment  
 7 Shelby Alger  
 Al Badertscher  
 10 Jarrett Miyamoto  
 12 Shannon Rogers  
 15 Nancy Hornfisher  
 16 Dolores Carrow  
 19 Brantley Nielson  
 Liam Molson  
 20 Linda Parsons  
 22 Kevin Dib  
 Toshi Miyamoto  
 Kaitlyn Steeves  
 26 Bill Reeser  
 27 Lorraine Thompson  
 28 Steve Watmore  
 Elizabeth Rogers

## *Birthdays for the Month of March*

3 Eric Mackey  
 Tim Prah  
 Piper Lasecki-Webb  
 5 Nancy Fay  
 6 Michael Butler  
 9 Mila McCuen  
 10 Daisy Katz  
 11 Mariann McCornack  
 Keith Watson  
 12 Pam Flaherty  
 20 Larry Frohriep  
 Jan Nenninger  
 Robert Rayment  
 22 Cindy Johnson  
 29 Pam Anderson  
 31 Audrey Moore

## *February Anniversaries*

4 Kim & Jeff Atwood

## *March Anniversaries*

17 Steve & Belinda Nielson



**WOULD YOU LIKE  
TO ORDER ALTAR  
FLOWERS  
FOR THAT  
SPECIAL DAY?**



Contact the church office  
for the availability. One  
arrangement per Sunday.

**Cost is \$20 per arrangement.**

# February 2022

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## A LITTLE EXTRA



We delight in the beauty  
of the butterfly, but  
rarely admit the changes  
it has gone through to  
achieve that beauty.

- Maya Angelou