

The Hope Church Beacon



June 2023

HOPE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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WORDS OF HOPE

On Pentecost Sunday, we sang the hymn “We Are the Church”. The refrain goes, *“I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together! All who follow Jesus, all around the world, Yes, we’re the church together!”* Here at Hope Church, there is evidence that we truly are the church together! After going through some very challenging times, our church has entered an exciting season! We are seeing an increase in weekly attendance. We are thrilled to receive new members who will enrich our community. We celebrated Confirmation, and we have Baptisms scheduled. There are weddings on the calendar.

Our church is proof that the church is not meant to be a final resting place but instead an energetic presence where we reach out to others. We are feeding the hungry and caring for those in need through our food pantry and other missions. The community groups we host, AA, PFLAG, and OA, are seeing more people attend their programs. Another song verse is *“We’re many kinds of people, with many kinds of faces, all colors, and all ages, too, from all times and places.”*

We are delighted that we are many kinds of people. Our new members include mature adults, young families, and singles. Here at Hope Church, the Board of Trustees is committed to planning monthly fellowship events for families and their friends. Through these events, we can build relationships. There is a new energy within our Sunday School and youth programs. A 2024 Confirmation Class will begin this summer. We will once again host our summer community service program for kids called Camp Caring.

I am so thankful for your commitment to helping the church as we revitalize. Your support through your gifts, time, attendance, and PRAYER has spurred new growth. We read in Matthew 18:20, *“For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”* We give thanks that we can gather in Jesus’ name and strive to be the church that celebrates God’s love. We see clear evidence that the Holy Spirit is alive and working through Hope Church, and we truly are, as the hymn states, the church together!

Blessings,

Pastor Meg

THANK YOU!

PENTECOST SUNDAY



Bubbles and Balloons and a sea of red, the Holy Spirit filled our worship!

Thankyou to All who made it a very special worship service.



MOTHER'S DAY HONOR ROLL

IN H O N O R O F

PLACED BY:

FOR:

Sarah, Erin, and Quinn

Rev. Meg Wilson

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Quinn Legoas

Ron Idyle

Earlene Meacham

Debi Mastalski

Katie Dickson, Sara Patrick,
and Katherine Pipper

Shirley Kirby

Nancy Hornfisher,
Debi Mastalski,
Sylvia Drais,
and Judy Scensny



Susan Nurmi &
Joe DiGiovanni

Sara DiGiovanni



Joe Holland

Lorrie Crago, Nancy Pruitt, Jean
Fenwick, Wanda House,
and Amber Cross



MOTHER'S DAY HONOR ROLL (cont.)

IN MEMORY OF

PLACED BY:

Meg & Jim Wilson

Vickie & Don Kornoski

Daughter, Earlene Meacham

Shirley Kirby

Eleanor Gurich

The Hope Church Family



Susan Nurmi &
Joe DiGiovanni



Joe Holland



FOR:

Joan M. Miller,
and Ruth H. Wilson

Betty Amey, Cookie Wheeler,
and Janette Allen

Helen Dover

Bertha Kansier,
Gerry Zemens,
and Martha Duda

Lydia Senn, and Hilde Lyss

Janet Dolland, Marianne
McCornack, Judy Cole,
and Mary Jane Masinick

Nancy Nurmi,
Lena DiGiovanni, Alia Nurmi,
and Martha Flynn

Lisa McCormack, Martha
Cash, Blondelle Holland, Ruth
Anderson, and Judy Cole

UPCOMING EVENTS!!



TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME

Please join us for a fun afternoon at Jimmy John's Field on Sunday, June 25th. The teams playing are the Birmingham-Bloomfield Beavers and the Eastside Diamond Hoppers. First pitch is at 1:05 p.m.

Tickets are \$15.00 per person, 3 and under are free (must sit on a parent's lap). See Jessica Hazelton or Todd Eckert to purchase your tickets at the church on Sunday, May 28th, June 4th, or June 11th.

Can't make it to church but would like to attend the game? Please call the church office to make a reservation and drop off or mail your payment to the church by June 4th.

**What's more fun than an event with Family & Friends?
Join your church family for a fun event!**

HOPE CHURCH INFO

WE ARE THE CHURCH!

Pastor Meg is inviting children and teens to read the Call to Worship. If you have a young person in your family who would like to participate in worship, please contact the church office. Pastor Meg will write the material at your child's reading level. The children do not need to be church members.

We also need teens or adults to read the scripture each week. If you would be willing to serve in this capacity, please reach out to Pastor Meg or the church office. We are the church together!



Dear Church,

If you are approached by someone asking for financial assistance, please refer the individual to seek out Pastor Meg or contact the church office. We have a variety of options to help people in need.

We want everyone to feel comfortable and welcomed at Hope, and the best way to do that is to make sure we are coordinating resources.

Thank you for your understanding.

HEARING ASSISTANCE NOW OFFERED AT HOPE UCC

Can't quite hear Pastor Meg's sermon? Think the choir just doesn't sing loud enough?
We can help!

We can accommodate you with our assistive listening system! We have installed a complex system that can transmit directly to your hearing aids through your own smartphone or with a special receiver we can lend you. We also have earphones for those without hearing aids.

Make sure you can hear God's wonderful good news!



*** Blood Pressure Screening ***

Every Month - 1st Sunday of the Month.

All info is kept confidential.

HOPE CHURCH INFO (cont.)



Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who has helped with coffee hour!

I want to Thank everyone who signed up for June to make our coffee hour a success.

- ◇ June 4 - Steve Nielson
- ◇ June 11 - Cindy Johnson and Nancy Burnham
- ◇ June 18 - Chrissy Lusk and Carissa Biskner
- ◇ June 25 - Ida Eckert and Donna Lasecki

Looking forward for volunteers to assist with coffee hour set up and clean up for July and August. It is best if there are two every Sunday. If you would like to help make coffee hour possible, please sign up via the sign up sheet in Fellowship Hall on the Hope Church bulletin board.

Again, a BIG THANK YOU to all the willing helpers!

God Bless,
Carol Troutman

Welcome to the Family of God!

We celebrated the Baptisms on May 28, 2023

Adult: Samantha Joanne Brososki

Child: John Michael Mogielski Jr.

Parents: Samantha Brososki and John Mogielski

God Parents: Jessica & Joshua Hazelton
and Madison Brososki



*If you're interested in Baptism, please reach out to Pastor Meg.

HOPE CHURCH INFO (cont.)

Congratulations on your Confirmation!

My name is Corey Anderson, and I am 16 years old and currently in the 11th grade. I'll be graduating from Grosse Pointe North High School in 2024. This year, my favorite class would have to be a tie between my first semester Forensic Science class and my second semester Macroeconomics class. In my free time, I enjoy singing, cooking, playing games, and listening to music. As of today, I want to go to college for Political Science Pre-Law so one day I can become either a corporate lawyer or a prosecutor. I am in two choirs and was the bellhop understudy in my school's production of "Lens Me a Tenor." I like country music, and my favorite card game is euchre. I am learning German, and in that class I am taking care of an Urzeitkrebs, which is a shrimp that survived in ancient times. I imagine that I will be in the church choir and help with the food pantry in the near future. My favorite memories of the church would have to include the church picnics, and the Christmas tin can auction that I guarded a Frosty the Snowman decoration that I really wanted at the time.



Do you have a family member who has or is graduating from high school? What are their future plans? Graduating from college? What is the degree in? We would love to hear from you.

Please send a short blurb (3-5 lines or so) with a picture to hopeucc4@gmail.com.

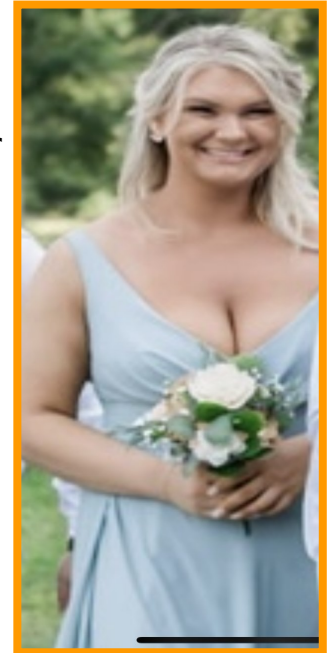
New Member Bios



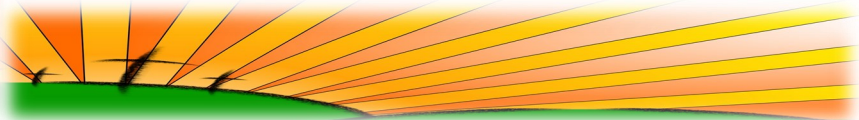
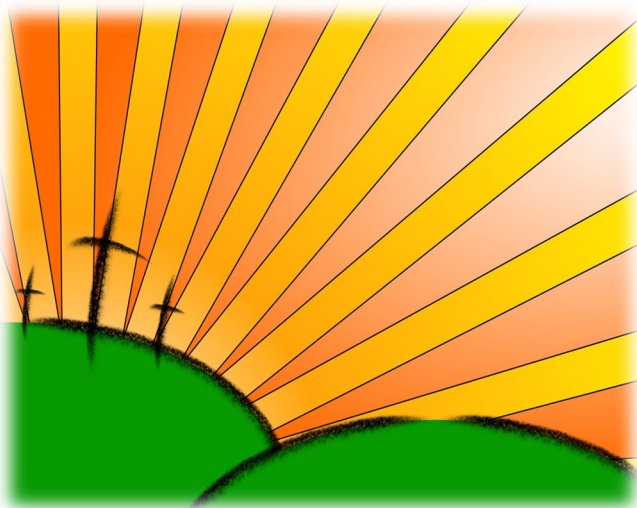
Carissa Biskner

Carissa is a mom to two wonderful children, Elianna and Greyson. Professionally, she is a Senior Revenue Integrity Analyst. Her hobbies and interests consist of reading and spending time with friends. A fun fact is that she visited Paris last year (Eiffel Tower, Louvre, cruise on the Seine, etc.). A welcoming atmosphere and community outreach through the pantry attracted her to Hope Church.

Samantha Brosowski



Samantha, who has also gone by Sam or Sami her entire life, is a mom to a wonderful four-year-old little boy, John. She has two older sisters, Jessica and Madi, who are also her best friends, along with her mom. She is extremely close to her family and loves spending as much time with them as possible. She is currently in school to become an Electroneurodiagnostic Technologist. In her free time, aside from spending time with her family, she enjoys reading and finding new crafts to do with her Cricut machine. A fun fact about her is that she loves to sing but has terrible stage fright, so she usually only sings in the shower or in her car. She is a huge fan of Fleetwood Mac, along with Johnny Cash. She is so excited to become a part of Hope Church and looks forward to growing her faith along with her son's.



HOPE CHURCH INFO (cont.)

New Member Bios

Julia Crumb

Cynthia Greening

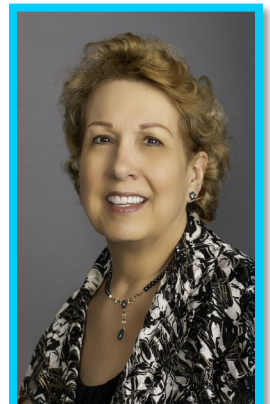


She moved to the area when she started her new job with GM working in IT/ Software Development in March 2022. She grew up on the West Coast (Seattle Area) with her parents, younger brother, and their cats. She is a proud graduate of Pacific University (Oregon) with a double major in Computer Science and Multimedia and is a total geek about most things technology-related. In her free time, she loves to

read, play with her cats, go to the gym, craft, and do puzzles. She is always up for a game of pinochle, although she does not have the best poker face when she gets good cards. She swam competitively for many years and still loves to watch any televised swimming events. She also loves to cheer on her Seattle Mariners, especially when they play at Comerica Park. She is still exploring Michigan and looking forward to summer days at the lake, as well as hoping to see a theater performance in Detroit sometime soon. She chose Hope Church because she knew she wanted to find a new church family and was specifically looking to find a UCC church like the one she grew up in. She is excited to get to know everyone!

Cynthia is a wife and mom of six children and has nine grandchildren. She and her husband, Bob, love to travel and are both heavily involved in community service. She loves to read, and that is how she relaxes. God is her #1 priority, and her family is a *very* close second. Her career was as an Executive Assistant/Office Administrator. She retired last June. She recently accepted a role as Lt. Governor for Division 3 of Kiwanis of Michigan. She loves community service, received a Top 10 Michigan Business Women Award from NAWBO (the National Association of Women Business Owners) in 2014, and was one of 12 women nominated this year for a 2023 ATHENA award for personal and professional leadership and community service. A fun fact is that she has her sights set on Ireland; that's her only remaining bucket list travel destination! She and her husband Bob belong to a Food Fest group that rotates houses and cultural themes, and everyone makes dishes to fit the theme (Italian, Peruvian, French, etc.).

What attracted her to Hope UCC was that she was seeking a church that was Bible-based, inclusive, and welcoming to all. Where she can participate, know, and be known by her faith family. Where she can grow old(er)! and stay planted. She is very excited about becoming a member of the Hope UCC family.



New Member Bio's



*Susan Nurmi
& Joe DiGiovanni*

Susan and Joe's hobbies and interests consist of their sweet dog, Charlie, whom they adopted last year. He is their beloved family member. Also, spring gardening, remodeling, and decorating as they moved to Fraser late last year, being big baseball and football fans, power walking, and going to parks. Susan is a retired Administrative Assistant from Ascension Health/St. John, Detroit Spectrum Painters, a Retail Associate at Kohls, and a Caregiver. Joe is a retired Residential and Commercial Painting Contractor. He retired due to a health issue. Joe has award-winning talents in Christmas displays going back as far as 1986. He enjoys using his unique creative skills. His fun fact is that he was a personal friend of Joe Girardi, who was known to be the greatest salesman, even before he even knew of Mr. Girardi's success and achievements. Susan's fun facts are that she enjoys boat tours, Niagara Falls, and Lake Tahoe, Florida... She is a summer gal who loves to have fun and just laugh...

Andrew Vetting

Andrew has attended worship at Hope Church since prior to the pandemic. He was raised in the Catholic Church and now finds Hope Church to be the welcoming and authentic faith community he wants to call home. He is a man of deep faith, and his relationship with God is an integral part of who he is. He was attracted to our progressive theology and our lack of rigidity. Andrew's hobbies include collecting old jazz and classical records. He is also a movie buff. He enjoys reading old pulp novels about sensational heroes and villains from the 1950s. He has worked as an Uber Driver for the last several years and enjoys the flexibility in his schedule. Drew is a devoted uncle to his nephew and his 2-year-old twin nephew and niece. On his bucket list is traveling to Hong Kong, and he'd like to go skydiving. Andrew recognizes his blessings and has a passion for helping disadvantaged people.



HOPE CHURCH INFO (cont.)

DON'T WAIT

We really
Need your help on
Sound & Video ...
ASAP



We'll give you all the
training you need to be
a key part of Hope's
online ministry.
Call Jim or Norm.



Hope Youth Group News!

June Event: Bowling at Imperial Lanes

Friday, June 2nd 6:30- 8:30 p.m. Bring a friend. Drop off and Pick up at the Lanes.

July Event: Monday, July 24th 12-3 p.m. at the church.

Details pending. Bring a Friend!

We are trying to grow a youth program for kids ages 6 - 12th grade. This age group benefits from fun and faith-based activities to support them during their teenaged years. Currently, we are meeting on a monthly basis, but we hope to expand the program.

Please encourage your children and grandchildren to participate. They don't need to be members of Hope.

We need adult volunteers and drivers to help with events.

We can also use financial contributions to help make sure all families can afford special events! Please contact Pastor Meg for more information about how you can support our youth!

CHRISTIAN MISSION & WITNESS

BLOOD DRIVE

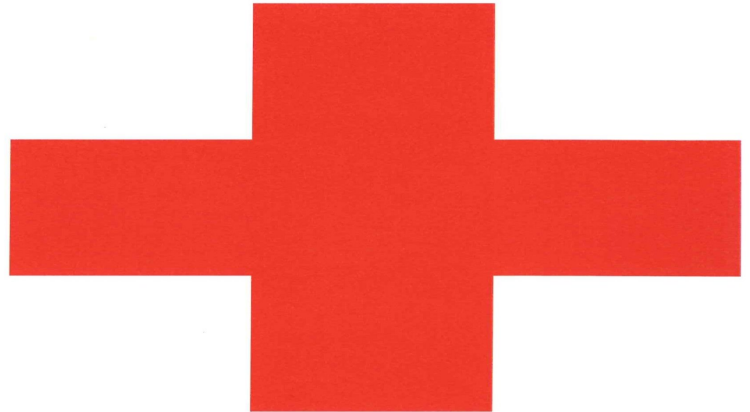
Blood Drive Reminder - Our Blood Drive is scheduled for June 15 from 12-6PM. As in the past, you may register online and choose your appointment time at RedCrossBlood.org. If you do not have computer availability, please call Susan Winters at 734-678-3582, and she will register you. Don't forget to print your Rapid Pass prior to your appointment time.

When you give blood you may save up to 3 lives. Saving lives and helping those in need are great incentives. We'd also like to say "Thank You" for donating blood by offering you a chance to win one of 5 prizes worth \$20 for a free game of corn hole at Great Shots Backyard Bar and Games. If you have not already done so, please log on to Redcrossblood.Org, and select a time for your blood donation. Thank you for helping us to help those in need.

Give blood.

Every 2 seconds someone
in the U.S. needs blood.

American Red Cross



Blood Drive **Hope United Church of Christ**

Fellowship Hall
35127 Garfield Road, Clinton Township

Thursday, June 15, 2023
12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

To schedule an appointment, log onto RedCrossBlood.org (sponsor code: hopeunichu) or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).



Scan to be directed to
RapidPass®

**Do good this summer! Come give in June for a \$10 gift
card by email to a merchant of your choice.**



Scan to schedule
an appointment.

1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | redcrossblood.org | Download the Blood Donor App

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CHRISTIAN MISSION & WITNESS (cont.)

You made all the difference!

Our 3rd Annual “Pasta with a Purpose” fundraiser dinner, on May 17, 2023, benefiting “HOPE Food Pantry” was a great success!



With your generous donations and your participation in the evening, we raised over \$2,400. The funds raised will go a long way in feeding those who hunger in our local community.

The generous support of all those who attended our “Pasta with a Purpose” benefit helps make it possible for “HOPE Food Pantry” to exist and makes our community a great place to live.

Thank you again for your generous support! It means the world to those we serve!

Thank You to Our Volunteers and Members of the Christian Mission & Witness Committee for all their hard work and dedication.



To help reduce the nearly 43 percent of people who are food insecure in southeast Michigan, **Focus: HOPE** is increasing its effort to expand the monthly food program for seniors. Unlike many food programs that provide one-time meals, this program focuses on supplementing senior pantries with items like milk, cereal, and canned goods that can be used throughout the entire month.

Seniors age 60 and older living in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb or Washtenaw counties can apply for the monthly Food for Seniors Program by calling 313-494-4600, emailing food@focushope.edu or filling out the form at: <https://bit.ly/3D8YFzI>

If you or your company is interested in volunteering to this heart-warming cause contact 313-494-4270 or volunteer@focushope.edu.

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM



Please consider participating in the Kroger Community Rewards Program. It's easy...all you need to participate is an email address and a Kroger rewards card. Then just 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.

CHRISTIAN MISSION & WITNESS (cont.)



Monthly Report From HOPE Food Pantry...

On May 13th we held a drive-thru distribution day. We served 323 individuals 5,140 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 Committee members.

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

Denise & Mike Barc
Keith Bynes
Sam Brosofski
Larry Carrico
Rick Cole
Todd Eckert
Nancy Fay
Tony Fortunato
Jonathon Gartin

Denise & Jennifer Geml
Delilah Hazelton
Jessica Hazelton
Terry Hillman
Chris House
Kent House
Colleen Kahl
Daisy Katz
Mackenzie Lochridge
Opal Lulek

The Lusk Family
Cindy Malinowski
Karen Miller
Steve Nielson
Susan Nurmi
Tom Reeser
Carol Reeser
Lori Sarnowski
Kirk Schoenherr
Susan Winters
Jon Zalewski



HOPE Food Pantry is open the 2nd Saturday of each month. Our next drive-thru pantry distribution volunteer service day will be Saturday, June 10th from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Volunteer service hours are 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

If you are interested in volunteering it is helpful to sign up or contact a member of the Christian Mission and Witness Committee.

There is also a sign up sheet posted on the table in the Narthex.

**We have packing and unloading parties all month long!
Have your family or group staff an event!**



Hope Food Pantry distributes a Hygiene Kit to each client every quarter.

To fill the kits we are in need of the following donations:

- *Bar Soap
- *Toothpaste
- *Toothbrushes
- *Shampoo (2in1 shampoo/conditioner)

Please check expiration dates on food donations!

Thank you for your continued support of Hope Food Pantry!

CHRISTIAN MISSION & WITNESS (cont.)

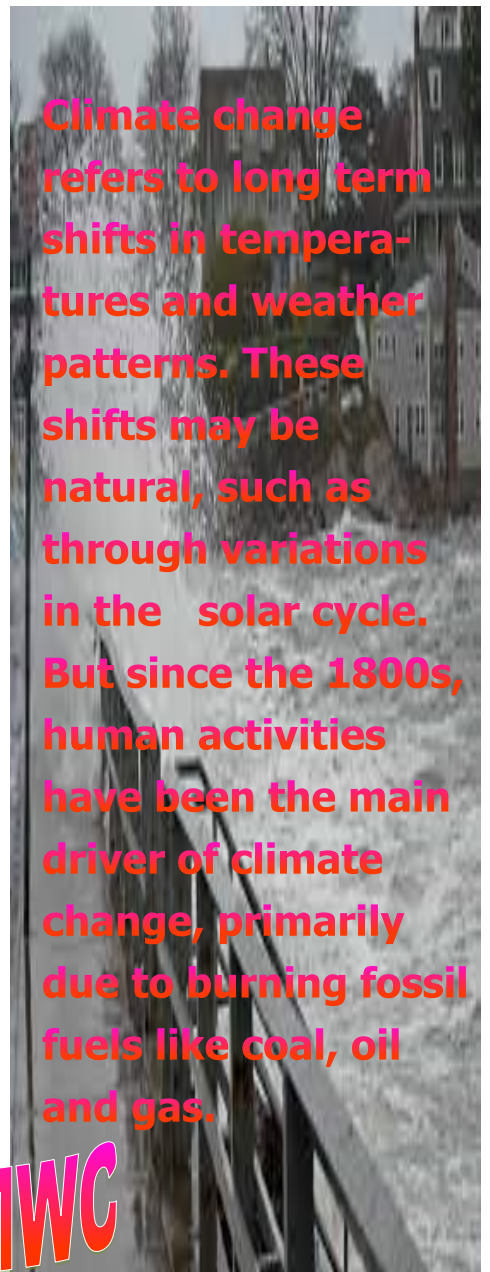
You're Invited!

On Sunday, June 4th, at 11:30a.m. in Fellowship Hall, we will have a guest speaker. Her name is Genny Crooks. She is an Advanced Master Gardener from the Michigan State University Extension Services. She will give us information, answer questions, and share her vast gardening knowledge. This will be a great time to get your specific gardening problems solved. See you then!

Karen Miller/CMWC



how to help fight climate change



Karen Miller/CMWC

GROUPS AND MEETINGS

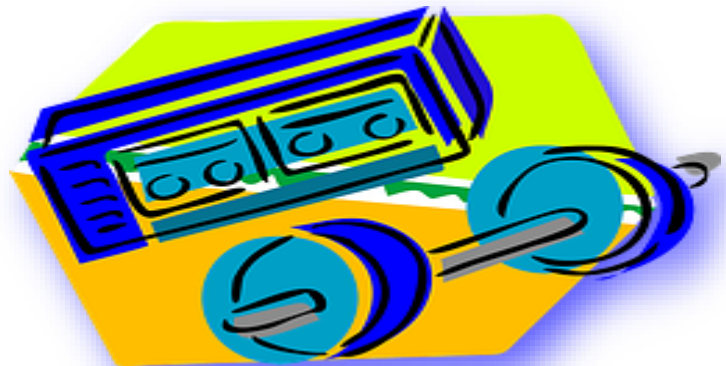
WELCOME TO HOPE SPARKLES EXERCISE CLASS

This class combines Stretching Exercises, Working on our Balance, and Low-Impact Cardiovascular Exercised. We use 2-pound weights, provided by the Church, for Strength Training Exercises. We use Therapy Bands, provided by our instructor, for Stretching Exercises. The results are a much HEALTHIER AND HAPPIER LIFESTYLE FOR YOU!

This is an ongoing class - every Monday from 11am -12noon and every Wednesday from 1pm - 2pm. Our instructor, Linda Hohf from the Arthritis Foundation, is very knowledgeable of our joint and muscle pain and plans our exercise programs accordingly.

The cost is \$1 per person, per class.

What makes this Exercise Class Special is “YOU.” All you have to do is “SHOW UP” FOR AN HOUR OF FUN AND FITNESS WITH FRIENDS!



Linda Hohf and Marge Lentz

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP



In May, the Seniors met for an afternoon of games, cards, and conversation. We enjoyed pizza and salad after a short business meeting. Several members will be visiting area restaurants to search for a location for our Christmas party. We welcomed two new members to our group, Ron and Daisy Katz.

Seniors of the church, if you are looking to get out of the house for the afternoon, come on down. Our next gathering will be the 19th of June at 12 p.m.

Tom R.

Officers for this year are: Tom Reeser, President; Ida Eckert, Vice-president; and Joe Holland, Secretary-Treasurer. -Ida Eckert



HOPE GIVING



There are several ways to give!

The church is in a season of growth. We need your support to keep our ministry thriving.

ON-LINE: VISIT THE HOPE UCC WEBSITE – WWW.HOPEUCCMI.COM
SELECT **“GIVE A GIFT”** TAB AND THEN **“GIVE A GIFT HERE”**

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 \$10 text “10 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.

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

IN-PERSON:

We have a donation box in the sanctuary.
You can mail your gift to the church office.
You can drop it off from 9-1:30 M-F



Your Giving Statement will reflect the total donation. Questions? contact Lori Sarnowski

**More than ever, we need to work together
to help HOPE CHURCH thrive!**

FAMILY PAGE

Butterfly Food Recipe

This easy homemade butterfly food recipe can be made at home with ingredients you likely already have and then hung to attract and feed butterflies. Kids will love this project and so will adults.

PREP TIME
15 minutes

ACTIVE TIME
15 minutes

TOTAL TIME
30 minutes

DIFFICULTY
easy

ESTIMATED COST
Under \$10



MATERIALS

- ◆ 1 pound Sugar
- ◆ 1-2 cans stale beer
- ◆ 3 mashed, overripe bananas
- ◆ 1 cup molasses, honey or syrup
- ◆ 1 cup fruit juice
- ◆ 1 shot rum
- ◆ Sponges
- ◆ Twine or string

TOOLS

- ◆ Scissors
- ◆ Large Mixing Bowl
- ◆ Wooden Spoon

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Mash the overripe bananas with a fork.
2. Combine all the ingredients in the large mixing bowl.
3. Stir until the mixture is as smooth as possible.
4. At the end of each of the sponges poke a hole with the end of the scissors.
5. Thread the twine or string through the hole in the sponge and tie a knot leaving enough string or twine length to use for hanging.
6. Dip the sponges into the mixture allowing them to soak up the liquid either dunking it or rotating to all sponge sides. This step is best done outside to decrease your kitchen mess!
7. Hang the sponges from a tree limb, fence, or post.
8. You can paint the extra butterfly food mixture onto trees, fences, rocks, and stumps.

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PROJECT TYPE: DIY / **CATEGORY:** Easy Crafts for Kids
<https://kidsactivitiesblog.com/86777/easy-homemade-butterfly-feeder/>

FAMILY MINISTRIES



HOPE CHURCH

2023 CAMP CARING

Serving others day camp

Ages 4- 12 years

Wed. July 12 & Thurs. August 10

(For younger kids, there is a half-day option.)

9:30 - Registration

Faith time

Service projects

Lunch

Field Trip to deliver service projects - drivers needed

Fun: games and fun activity at outside location – details pending

Faith: Bible story & worship

Serving: making projects and delivering them

Each date is unique so you can attend one or both days.

Requirements: No cost! Bring a friend. Sign up needed.

Registration form for each participant

Sneakers (not sandals or crocs)

Parent drivers needed for field trip time. Parents need to have updated Hope Church volunteer forms.

**Questions: Call Hope United Church of Christ 586-296-8760
hopeucc4@gmail.com**

FAMILY MINISTRIES (cont.)

Hope United Church of Christ

Invites you to join us for

2023 CAMP CARING



Wed. July 12 & Thurs. August 10
9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Attend one or both dates. Each day unique

Drop off at Hope Church. Pick up at Fun Activity (details pending). There is no cost for this day of camp. Please bring your friends. Registration by July 9
Lunch and snacks provided.

Ages: 4 – 12 years; 1/2 day option for younger children ~
Volunteers Needed (must have updated form).

HOPE United Church of Christ – 35127 Garfield Rd., Clinton Twp., 48035

Please direct questions to: Hope Church 586-269-8760 or hopeucc4@gmail.com

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Circle dates attending: July 12th August 10th

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

Cell Phone No. _____ e-mail _____

Child(ren) _____ Age: _____ Grade Entering in Fall: _____

Please list any special needs/allergies (foods) any of your children have; include child's name: _____

In case we cannot reach the adult listed above in an Emergency, please contact:

Name: _____ Phone No.: _____

Relationship to Child: _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____

Enrollment by availability.

COMMUNITY



Camp Good Grief

PRESENTED BY



An Opportunity for Fun, Sharing and Healing

Friday, July 28, 2023 | 8am - 4pm

PLEASE JOIN US FOR CAMP GOOD GRIEF, a free program designed for children ages 8-17 who have experienced the death of a loved one.

Camp Good Grief is held at **YMCA Camp Ohiyesa**, located at 7300 Hickory Ridge Rd. in Holly, MI. Camp Ohiyesa offers a variety of camp activities and acres of groomed fields and natural woods for play.

This experience combines art, music and conversation with grief education and emotional support. All activities are facilitated by caring and qualified Hospice of Michigan and Arbor Hospice grief professionals, music therapists and volunteers. Breakfast, lunch, and snacks will be included.

For questions or more information, please contact:
Jackie Morris at jmorris@hom.org • 313-578-6328

Registration deadline: **June 30, 2023**. Register early! Space is limited.

Applications available at:

www.hom.org/camp



COMMUNITY (cont.)

The Veterans have asked that we stop collecting books.

We thank you for your contributions, but we are no longer able to find organizations that can collect them. We may resume in the future if we can find an organization, but for now, the program has ended.

Thank you for your generosity!



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CAN YOU SHARE A LITTLE KINDNESS?

Too many of our older and disabled neighbors are lonely and isolated. They long for just a brief visit now and then from someone who will take the time to sit and chat. And other families in our community are struggling to take care of a loved one at home. For these full-time caregivers, a break to run errands, go to their own doctor appointments, or just relax for an hour is often impossible because their parent or spouse cannot be left alone.

If you have a few hours, once or twice a month, to visit or just sit with an older or disabled adult, your gift of time will make a huge difference for our lonely and struggling neighbors. No hands-on care or nursing experience is needed. For more information, call the Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers at (586) 757-5551.

[Learn more about our work at www.ivcinfo.org.]

COMMUNITY (cont.)



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, 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 yvonnetaad@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



We are in need of volunteers to help with our PFLAG-CT booth at two Upcoming Events:

- * **June 29th Pride Day from 3-8 pm @ Dodge Park, in Sterling Heights, Farmers Market Thursday.**
- * **August 26th Macomb County Pride to celebrate Pride in self and our Community in downtown Mount Clemens.**

Please email pflag.ct@gmail.com if you can volunteer a few hours of your time to help with the booth at one/both of the Events listed above.

Thank you for your consideration,

PFLAG-CT-Board of Directors

<https://www.pflag-ct.org/>



Hope United Church of Christ
Synopsis of Board Meeting
May 9, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President Steve Neilson. Pastor Meg led us in prayer.

Those in attendance: Pastor Meg Wilson, Steve Neilson, Rick Cole, Terri Hillman, Ida Eckert, Nancy Michelson, Norm Nenninger, Lori Sarnowski, Kirk Schoenherr, Jim Wilson, Jerry Rogers, and Linda Rehm.

Absent: Linda Parsons

Congregational Comments – Steve: None

Additions to the Agenda – Technology Report: Jim

Approval of Agenda – Motion: To approve the agenda as presented was made by Rick with a second by Ida. Motion carried.

President’s Remarks – Steve: None

Approval of the April Meeting Minutes – **Motion** was made by Lori with a second by Ida to approve the April meeting. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report April – Motion was made by Jim with a second by Lori to approve the report. Motion Carried.

The following items summarize the financial results for the month of April:

Statement of Operations – Income (Page 3):

- Weekly offerings for April 2023 were \$4,396 more than the amount budgeted and \$10,708 more than the amount received for April 2022. There were five Sundays in 2023 and four Sundays in 2022. Year to date Weekly Offerings were \$12,254 (\$681 per week) more than the same period in 2022. We also received Special Offerings of \$1,085 for Easter, \$510 for Energy, and \$20 for OCWM. Year to date total Operating Income of \$78,678 is \$13,428 more than the same period in 2022.
- The only Investment activity for the Operating Fund consisted of \$4.57 in interest to the Money Market Account.

Statement of Operations – Expense (Pages 4-6):

- Total Expenses for April 2023 were \$1,736 less than the amount budgeted and \$824 more than the expense for April 2022. There was a gain (Income less Expense) of \$6,218 for the month compared to a loss of \$3,235 for April of last year. Year to date expenses were \$4,067 higher than the same period in 2022.

SYNOPSIS OF OPERATIONS:

	April	Year to Date
Operating receipts	\$24,417	\$78,678
Operating expenses	18,199	83,216
Excess of receipts over expenses (Expenses over receipts)	\$6,218	(\$4,538)

Building Fund (Page 9):

- Hope for the Future offerings received in April 2023 were \$250 less than the amount budgeted and \$25 less than the amount received for April 2022. Year to date Hope for the Future offerings were \$450 more than the same period in 2022. We also received Memorials of \$100 in April and \$765 year to date.

Investments (Page 9):

- The securities account had a gain of \$2,741 in April as compared to a loss of \$18,166 for the same period in 2022. Year to date the securities account has a gain of \$16,821 compared to a loss of \$36,522 for the same period last year.

Dedicated Accounts (Page 7):

Dedicated Accounts had income of \$4,147 and expense of \$249 for the month, leaving a balance of \$86,058.

Synopsis of Cash Flow (Income less Expense)

	April	Year to Date
Budgeted Accounts (Operating plus Building excluding Investments)	\$7,643	(\$3,760)
Non-Budgeted Accounts (Dedicated Accounts)	3,898	6,619
Total Cash Flow	\$11,541	\$2,859

Unfinished Business

- Storeroom Clean out
- Painting Improvements
- Civil Engineering

New Business

Storeroom Clean Out Reminder – Steve this Saturday, May 20, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. will be the cleanout day. Karen Miller provided Steve with a sketch of how to arrange the shelving for better use in the future.

Building Use by AA Thursday Evenings – Pastor Meg, we have welcomed them to use our building.

Motion: For AA to use our building on Thursday evenings was made by Nancy Michelson with a second by Linda Rehm. Motion carried.

Jimmy John's Field – Jessica Hazelton and Todd Eckert will sell tickets in the Narthex for the game on Sunday, June 25th at 1:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 each, will be sold beginning on June 21st and need to be purchased by June 11th. Hope to see you there.

Technology – Jim Wilson: Julia Crumb will be taking over the website updates. This is an area of knowledge for Julia, and we are excited to have her assistance. Jim and Julia will be meeting with our web host, Ministry Designs, to learn about their new platform, features, expenses, and bring a recommendation back to the Board on whether we should update our website.

Jim stated since installing the system and making various changes on Sunday morning, we have experienced two streaming interruptions. Jim has someone coming out to do an audit on our system and make recommendations.

Pastor's Report - Pastor Meg:

Worship: Save the Date for Pentecost on May 21st with Confirmation. We also have 3 new members joining.

Pastoral Care: I continue to meet with people as needed for spiritual guidance and support. I am considering beginning a grief group in August. I am looking for a co-facilitator. A grief group works best if it is for 10 participants.

Church Business: Calley is working on updating the church directory.

Spiritual Council: We are preparing for Pentecost and Confirmation.

Christian Education: Church School Attendance fluctuates but in general it is higher. HR Committee is working on the job description and preparing to post it on job websites.

The next group of confirmands will begin this summer.

I have tentatively scheduled Camp Caring for Wed. July 12th from 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and Thursday, August 10, 9:30 a.m. - 4:40 p.m.

The Next Youth event will be Friday, June 2nd.

Book Study: We will finish the book study. I plan on starting another group in September.

DMA & Conference Upcoming Involvement

The DMA Spring Meeting will be on zoom on June 3rd. We will need 2 representatives from Hope to attend the zoom meeting.

Community Outreach: The updated website and the electronic sign allows visitors to find us and learn about our church. We can also use the new brochure. I have been invited to speak at this month's PFLAG's meeting on May 30th. about God's love for all.

Consent Agenda Items – Received the Technology, Property and Christian Mission & Witness Committee reports. **Motion** made by Jim with a second by Nancy to accept the reports as submitted. Motion carried. *These items are not for discussion. They are for review purposes only. The board will accept them as presented. If, however discussion is needed, a trustee can make a motion to remove them from the consent agenda for further discussion.*

*MOTION TO ACCEPT CONSENT AGENDA ITEM
COMMITTEE/COUNCIL REPORTS
SPIRITUAL COUNCIL
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE
CHRISTIAN MISSION AND WITNESS COMMITTEE
TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE
STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE
INVESTMENT COMMITTEE
PROPERTY COMMITTEE
HR COMMITTEE
PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE
MUSIC COMMITTEE

Motion: To adjourn the meeting was made by Jim with a second by Ida to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.
Motion carried.

Meeting was closed with The Lord's Prayer.

First Quarter Financial Results

If you have any questions regarding the Financial Summary results for the first quarter, located in the previous Beacon Newsletter, please contact me and I will gladly assist.

Thank you,

Terri Hillman, Treasurer



A LITTLE EXTRA



FATHER'S DAY HONOR ROLL

FATHER'S DAY is JUNE 18, 2023... A day set aside to HONOR our FATHERS. Please use this form to list the name or names of those whom you would like to Honor or In Memory of ...

Enclose \$1.00 for each name and bring to church. Please pay by cash or in a separate check from your offering. Checks can also be mailed to the church office.

DEADLINE is Sunday, June 18th. These will be listed in our July Beacon. Questions... Contact Calley at 586.296.8760 or at hopeucc4@gmail.com.

IN HONOR OF LIVING FATHER ~

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June 2023



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		AA 7-8pm		Bells 6-7pm Choir 7:30-9pm	1 Youth Event 6:30-8:30 p.m.	2 AA 7-8:30pm
4 Speaker at Coffee Hour Worship 10am Holy Communion	5	6 CMWC 12:30pm Spiritual Council 1:30pm AA 7-8pm	7	8 Bells 6-7pm Choir 7:30-9pm	9	10 Pantry 10-12pm AA 7-8:30pm
11 Worship 10am	12	13 BOTS 7pm AA 7-8pm	14	15 Blood Drive 12PM - 6PM Bells 6-7pm Choir 7:30-9pm	16	17 AA 7-8:30pm
18 Worship 10am 	19 Seniors Mtg 12pm	20 AA 7-8pm	21  Happy First Day of Summer !	22	23	24 Wedding AA 7-8:30pm
25 Worship 10am Jimmy Johns Ballgame 1 p.m.	26	27 PFLAG 6-8pm AA 7-8pm	28	29	30	

