

The Hope Church Beacon



July 2023

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WORDS OF HOPE

The LORD replied, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." Exodus 33:14

If you are like most people, you are hoping that summer will be a time to kick back and relax a little, but maybe you're anxious that it will end up like most other summers, with lots to do and the days passing too quickly.

While we may whine about all we want to cram into a few short weeks with outside projects, weekly chores, packing and unpacking for vacations, and repeated trips to kids' Little League games and swim lessons, it would be good to stop and think about recreation as re-creation.

Tanks that run on "weary" all the time soon lack the stamina to do well spiritually, mentally, emotionally, and relationally. Even Jesus made time to be away from the demands of daily life.



I am not sure why some of us feel guilty or unfulfilled if we are not busy all the time. It's important to realize that not everything needs to be done—at least not done *right now*.

It may be more important to sit back with a tall glass of iced tea and contemplate the beauty of nature and the greatness of our Creator. You may notice God in the laughter of friends or as you watch a child build a sandcastle.

When we allow ourselves time to be refreshed, we often find our spirits being recreated. Taking intentional time to nurture our relationships and creating reasons to celebrate is good for our souls.

So, carve out some intentional Sabbath time over the next few weeks. Allow Gods re-creation of your heart and spirit. Focus on blessedness instead of busy-ness. And don't worry; the chores will still be there when you return.

Prayer: *God of Life, please forgive me for not always honoring the importance of keeping the Sabbath. Encourage me to reorganize my life so that I might find the way to take proper rest and refreshment in You. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

Rejoice and Re-create!

Pastor Meg

FATHER'S DAY HONOR ROLL

IN HONOR OF

PLACED BY:

FOR:

Meg, Sarah, Erin, &
Quinn

Jim Wilson

Christian & Balian

Carlos Legoas

Carl & Elaine Frank

Carl Frank

Shirley Kirby

Joe Holland

Jan Nenninger

Norm Nenninger
Dan Nenninger

Joe Holland

Gregg Weeks, Bill Holland,
Bill Fenwick, Shaun Cross, and
Paul Cross



Stephanie Bowden

Ryan Vanker



Carol Troutman

Kevin Kildea



FATHER'S DAY HONOR ROLL (cont.)

IN MEMORY OF

PLACED BY:

Carl & Elaine Frank

Shirley Kirby

Jan Nenninger

Terri Hillman

Stephanie Bowden

Joe Holland



Carol Troutman



Susan Nurmi



FOR:

Pat Frank
Sy Syerson

Fred Kansier
Freddie Kansier

Bud Nenninger
Bob Knop

William Hillman

Richard Bowden

Bill House, Bob Cash,
Bill Holland, Bud Gambrell,
and J.N. Wooten

Glenn Troutman
Robert Crell

Raymond Crell
Rev. George Allen

Helge Nurmi, Emil Nurmi,
John Flynn, Nic DiGiovanni,
Giuseppe DiGiovanni

UPCOMING EVENTS!!

2023 Camp Caring

Friendly Reminder: Camp Caring is on Wednesday, July 12th, from 9:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.. For more information, our Flyer and Registration forms are on pages 15 & 16 of this newsletter.

Coming Soon!!!

Save the Dates!

~Universal Church Directories~

The Pictorial Directory for the Church Family Album is reserved for Monday, October 17th, and Tuesday, October 18th, 2 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. This fun event includes a free 8x10 and a free directory for participants. This is a great way to invite families back into the church and to celebrate the families that are already here. Please feel free to invite your friends and neighbors.

More information to come...

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.



Coffee Hour



Looking forward for volunteers to assist with coffee hour set up and clean up for July, August, and September. 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.

A special *THANK YOU* to everyone who has helped with coffee hour!

I want to Thank everyone who signed up and will sign up for July to make our coffee hour a success.

- ◇ July 2 - Pamela Steffens & Jane White
- ◇ July 9 - Help Needed!
- ◇ July 16 - Help Needed!
- ◇ July 23 - CMWC Hot Dog Picnic
- ◇ July 30 - Help Needed!

***PEANUT ALLERGIES* - Due to a recent peanut allergy incident, please label any coffee hour goodies that contain or may contain any form of nuts.**

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

God Bless,
Carol Troutman



HOPE CHURCH INFO (cont.)

Congratulations on your Graduation!



Denise Gemls granddaughter, Angel Fisher, is graduating high school with plans to enter Macomb Community College. She will be entering the medical field. She hopes to become an ultrasound technician.



Baby News



Congratulations are in order for your New Bundle of Joy:

Baby Girl: Quinn Avery

Parents: Courtney & Erin Freeland

Big Brother: Isaac Freeland

Wedding News

Earlene Meacham and Ron Idyle were recently married. We send our best wishes and prayers to the newlyweds.

Just Married!

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!

July Event: Wednesday, July 26th 12-3 p.m. at the church.

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.

Details are pending, but make sure to bring a swimsuit and towel.

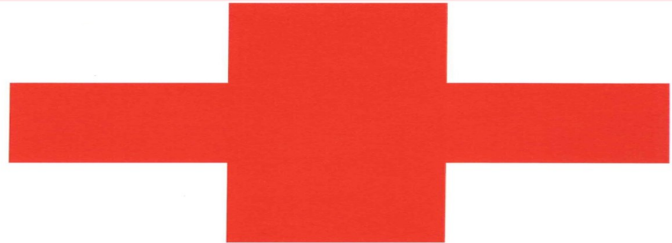
We can also use financial contributions to help make sure all families can afford special events! Please contact Pastor Meg for more information about how you can support our youth!

BLOOD DRIVE THANK YOU!

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

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

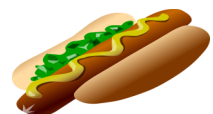
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Thank you to everyone who donated blood at our recent Blood Drive. We collected a total of 19 pints of blood. This was our first drive since the pandemic. So we think we were quite successful. Again, thank you for saving lives with your blood donation.

~CMWC Hot Dog Luncheon~

The CMWC is hosting a Hope Food Pantry Volunteer/Donor Appreciation Hot Dog Picnic that is open to all. This picnic will be held during Coffee Hour on July 23, 2023, in Fellowship Hall.

We hope to see you there!



Kick Your Lawn Habit!

Lawns are Thirsty

Watering a lawn for an hour uses more than 1,000 gallons of water. That adds up to 9 billion gallons a day across the country and makes turfgrass our country's single largest irrigated crop—this, while more than half of the lower 48 states were in a drought at the end of last summer.

Karen Miller/CMWC



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 June 10th, we held a drive-thru distribution day. We served 309 individuals, which includes 109 families. 7,713 lbs. of food, cleaning supplies, and hygiene products were distributed!

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.

Corey Anderson
Denise & Mike Barc
Carissa Biskner
Keith Bynes
Larry Carrico
Rick Cole
Sawyer Earle
Amy Fay
Nancy Fay

Tessa Gartin
Terry Hillman
Kent House
Daisy Katz
Opal Lulek
The Lusk Family
Cindy Malinowski
Karen Miller
Steve Nielson
Susan Nurmi

Tom Reeser
Lori Sarnowski
Pamela Steffens
John Tacconelli
Susan Winters
Ruler Wise
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, July 8th 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!

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



At noon on the 19th of June, the Seniors met for their monthly social gathering. Summer is here, which was reflected in the participation of only 12 members. During the business meeting, we discussed possible venues for the Christmas gathering. No decision was made, and alternatives are still being researched as to where and when the party will be held. Next month we will be enjoying coney dogs for lunch. Looking forward to seeing you next month.

-Tom R.



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

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

Time Yourself!

Word Search for Peter Recognized Jesus

Find the words on the list that are hidden in the puzzle. The words can be left to right, up and down, or diagonally.

K	G	M	O	H	L	M	B	O	A	T	O	P
L	G	I	D	W	A	T	E	R	E	N	C	O
G	V	R	A	C	T	B	I	Q	S	M	A	F
T	E	A	C	H	I	N	G	K	U	Q	T	H
O	P	C	A	F	E	B	O	P	R	O	C	K
D	Q	L	A	A	U	G	N	M	T	L	H	R
I	L	E	R	V	N	O	D	E	M	N	F	Q
S	R	N	H	N	E	D	S	G	S	E	N	S
C	P	A	P	E	T	E	R	E	T	T	P	I
I	K	D	R	G	K	U	D	E	M	S	F	M
P	T	J	E	S	U	S	F	G	W	D	W	O
L	F	M	P	S	L	T	U	A	F	U	O	N
E	I	Q	S	F	I	S	H	E	R	M	A	N

ANDREW	DISCIPLE	JESUS	PETER	TEACHING
BOAT	FISHERMAN	MIRACLE	ROCK	WATER
CATCH	GOD	NETS	SIMON	

How Fast Can You Complete Me? _____ minutes

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; ½ 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 TALAHI *Retreat & Nature Center*

SUMMER CAMP DATES 2023

Talahi 2023....What's in a Name!!

We are so excited to be offering another full summer of camps this upcoming summer! Registrations are now live to register for camp this summer! Here is our schedule (**all camps are the grade your camper has just completed**):

Here is the Summer Schedule for the remainder of 2023:

July 3 Only: Transgender and Gender Diverse Middle School Camp (grades 6-8)

July 3-7: Transgender and Gender Diverse High School Camp (grades 9-12)

July 9-12: Mini Camp (grades K-2nd)

July 9-14: Junior Camp (Grades 3-5)

July 14-16: Young Adults Camp

July 14-16: Family Camp

July 16-21: Jr. High Camp (Grades 6-8)

July 23-28: Sr. High Camp (Grades 9-11)

2023 Scholarships!!

Please visit our website at www.camptalahi.org to register for any of our camps. You may also visit our Facebook page at facebook.com/camptalahi for more information.

We have had a generous gift given to us this year to give out \$100 to each new camper to Camp Talahi. If you have a brand new camper that has never been to camp before, please email camptalah@gmail.com or text 406-855-4317 to get the coupon code before you register. This same donor has given scholarship to any returning camper that brings along a brand new camper to camp this summer. So if you are a returning camper and bring a brand new camper that has never been to Talahi before you will also get \$100 scholarship off your registration fee. Email or text to get this code as well. The gift will be \$50 for every brand new Mini Camper or returning Mini Camper bringing a brand new camper! This scholarship is limited to a total of \$5,000 so register today!!

Please contact me if you have any questions about the scholarships or the upcoming summer camp sessions.

Blessings,
Kim Harris
Camp Talahi Operations Manager and Program Director
406-855-4317

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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A DRIVING NEED

Hundreds of older and disabled neighbors in our community need help getting to doctor appointments, the grocery store, or other essential errands. Being able to get food and medical care can make it possible for them to remain in their own homes for as long as possible.

The Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers program is in need of volunteers who can provide transportation in the local area. We especially need drivers who are available during daytime business hours – mornings and afternoons. If you have just a couple hours a month that you can give to someone in need, you can make a huge difference in the life of a struggling neighbor. You tell us what days, times and areas are convenient for you, and we call you with specific appointments that meet these criteria. If you are free, say yes. If you're not, simply decline and we will call you another time. Even one more ride a year will make a big difference to the person who needs it! Please call our office today 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 an Upcoming Event:



*** 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
June 20, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by President Steve Neilson. Steve led us in prayer.

Those in attendance: Steve Neilson, Rick Cole, Terri Hillman, Ida Eckert, Nancy Michelson, Lori Sarnowski, Linda Parsons, and Jerry Rogers.

Absent: Pastor Meg Wilson, Jim Wilson, and Linda Rehm.

Guest: Nancy Burnham, representing the Human Resources Committee.

Congregational Comments: None

Additions to the Agenda: None

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

President's Remarks: Steve - Reminded the Board that meetings are always on Zoom, other than one or two meetings per year scheduled in person at the church. He also thanked Ida, Rick, Norm, and Pastor Meg for joining him in cleaning out the shed. He thanked Jan Nenninger for her help in listing some chairs on Market Place and getting a lot of them sold. He also informed the Board of the passing of Jim Wilson's brother-in-law.

Approval of the April Meeting Minutes: **Motion** was made by Lori Sarnowski with a second by Jerry Rogers to approve the May meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report April: Motion was made by Linda Parsons with a second by Ida Eckert to approve the report. Motion Carried.

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

Statement of Operations – Income (Page 3):

- Weekly offerings for May 2023 were \$5,672 less than the amount budgeted and \$8,274 less than the amount received for May 2022. There were four Sundays in 2023 and five Sundays in 2022. Year to date Weekly Offerings were \$3,980 (\$181 per week) more than the same period in 2022. We also received Special Offerings of \$100 for Energy, \$375 for Church Growth, and \$40 for Other – Mother's Day. Year to date total Operating Income of \$92,355 is \$4,096 more than the same period in 2022.
- The only Investment activity for the Operating Fund consisted of \$5.38 in interest to the Money Market Account.

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

- Total Expenses for May 2023 were \$2,831 more than the amount budgeted and \$3,758 more than the expense for May 2022. There was a loss (Income less Expense) of \$7,250 for the month compared to a gain of \$5,840 for May of last year. Year to date expenses were \$7,825 higher than the same period in 2022.

SYNOPSIS OF OPERATIONS:

	<u>May</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Operating receipts	\$13,677	\$92,355
Operating expenses	<u>20,927</u>	<u>104,143</u>
Excess of receipts over expenses (Expenses over receipts)	<u>(\$7,250)</u>	<u>(\$11,788)</u>

Building Fund (Page 9):

- Hope for the Future offerings received in May 2023 were \$635 less than the amount budgeted and \$1,345 less than the amount received for May 2022. Year to date Hope for the Future offerings were \$895 less than the same period in 2022. We also received Memorials of \$765 year to date.

Investments (Page 9):

- The securities account had a loss of \$1,063 in May as compared to a gain of \$488 for the same period in 2022. Year to date the securities account has a gain of \$15,757 compared to a loss of \$36,033 for the same period last year.

Dedicated Accounts (Page 7):

Dedicated Accounts had income of \$7,173 and expense of \$3,767 for the month, leaving a balance of \$89,464.

Synopsis of Cash Flow (Income less Expense)

	<u>May</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Budgeted Accounts (Operating plus Building excluding Investments)	(\$6,135)	(\$ 9,895)
Non-Budgeted Accounts (Dedicated Accounts)	<u>3,406</u>	<u>10,025</u>
Total Cash Flow	<u>(\$2,729)</u>	<u>\$ 130</u>

Remarks by Board Members regarding Treasurer's Report for May:

Rick Cole mentioned the Building Fund not doing well due to the mortgage being paid off. Terri Hillman mentioned that On-Line Giving does not list Hope to the Future. Lori Sarnowski felt there needed to be a blurb in the Beacon explaining the various envelopes and that Pastor Meg should also explain them to new members. It was further suggested that we explain exactly what Hope to the Future will be used for since the mortgage has been paid off. This should include repairs to the parking lot. Possibly have some type of fund-raising event to help with the cost of parking lot repairs, such as a bake sale or making and selling the Holy Granoli once again.

Unfinished Business

Civil Engineering

Painting Improvements

New Business

Internet Service Update: Tabled due to Jim Wilson's absence.

HR Report: Presented by Nancy Burnham, member of Committee – We have a potential very promising candidate for the position of CEC Director. Just awaiting references, etc. Also they clarified vacation times for each employee. They are also recommending a 3% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) including the CEC Director beginning January 1, 2024. Steve Neilson thanked Nancy for presenting this report.

Jimmy Johns Update: Steve – This is the June monthly event. This coming Sunday, June 25, 2023, at 1:05 pm.

Thirty-Six people are attending.

Hot Dog Picnic: Steve presented in Pastor Meg's absence – Sunday, July 23 at the church after services. CMWC is hosting.

Annual Church Picnic: Steve presented in Pastor Meg's absence – September 10 or September 17. Pastor Meg is leaning towards September 17. It will be at church again this year as it is good advertising being very visible to community traffic with activities on front lawn. There are plans for a bounce house, corn hole, egg toss, water balloons, potluck meal with church supplying the meat. Ida Eckert, Nancy Michelson, and Steve Neilson all like the idea of this picnic being at the church rather than the Fraser Park.

Spiritual Council Update: Not presented due to Pastor Meg's absence. Rick Cole pointed out the New Banner over the Parlor Doors – very colorful and an eye-catcher. States exactly what the United Church of Christ stands for.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Meg

Worship: May was an amazing month in worship. We celebrated Pentecost and the power of the Holy Spirit filled our worship. We confirmed Corey Anderson after several delays due to COVID. We welcomed 6 new members and baptized 2 people. We have baptisms planned for the summer months. I will be doing a summer sermon series beginning in mid-July. We celebrated both of our choirs this month.

Pastoral Care: I continue to meet with people as needed for spiritual guidance and support. I am considering beginning a grief group. 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: Highlights in May included the Pentecost Celebration. I am very thankful for the hard work of the council. That report is included. We will be promoting a new pictorial directory. The dates for photos are October 17 and 18. I am thankful to Carol Troutman who does a great job coordinating Coffee Hour. We have a family attending with a child who has a peanut allergy. We need to label all items with any nuts served at coffee hour.

Christian Education: We are interviewing a candidate for the Christian Education Director on 6/19. We will have Sunday School for most weeks this summer. We are looking for volunteers to teach. The lesson plans will be easy to follow. The Camp Caring dates have been promoted. We have several children signed up to participate. Information is in the Beacon and on the welcome table. I am planning a youth event for July 26th and then again on August 24th. The details are pending. I will be reaching out to potential Confirmands to begin the Confirmation Process for this year.

DMA & Conference Upcoming Involvement: The DMA Spring Meeting was held on June 3rd. The Rev. Dr. Velda R. Love was our Keynote Speaker. Rev. Love serves the United Church of Christ as Lead for Join the Movement and Minister of Racial Justice, Education for Faithful Ministries, Justice, and Local Church Ministries. The theme was The Liberation of the Valuable Voices & Power of the UCC Women. Following the presentation there were reports from the various groups within the DMA. The Michigan Conference Meeting will be October 28th and will be in person and on zoom.

Community Outreach: The updated website and the electronic sign, FACEBOOK and new brochure are tools for promoting the church. I spoke at the May meeting of PFLAG. The topic was God's love for all. It was an opportunity to let the group know we care deeply about family's spiritual needs.

Consent Agenda Items: Steve received the Spiritual Council, Christian Mission and Witness Committee, Technology Committee, Property Committee and HR Committee reports. **Motion** made by Lori Sarnowski with a second by Linda Parsons to accept the reports as submitted. Motion carried.

These items are not for discussion. They are for review purposes only. 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 ITEMS
COMMITTEE/COUNCIL REPORTS
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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE
CHRISTIAN MISSION AND WITNESS COMMITTEE
TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE
STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE
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PROPERTY COMMITTEE
HR COMMITTEE
PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE
MUSIC COMMITTEE

Adjournment: Motion by Ida Eckert with a second by Nancy Michelson to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m.
Motion carried.

Meeting was closed with The Lord's Prayer



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 AA 7 - 8:30pm
2 In-Person Only Worship 10am	3 NO Hope Sparkles	4 TH OF July AA 7 - 8pm	5 NO Hope Sparkles CMWC 12:30pm	6	7	8 Pantry 10 - 12pm AA 7 - 8:30pm
9 Worship 10am HOLY COMMUNION	10 Hope Sparkles 11am - 12pm	11 BOTS 7pm AA 7 - 8pm	12 Camp Caring 9:30am - 4:30pm Hope Sparkles 1pm - 2pm	13	14	15 AA 7 - 8:30pm
16 Worship 10am	17 Hope Sparkles 11am - 12pm Seniors Mtg 12pm	18 AA 7-8pm	19 Hope Sparkles 1pm -2pm	20	21	22 AA 7 - 8:30pm
23 Worship 10am CMWC Hot Dog Luncheon During Coffee Hour	24 Hope Sparkles 11am - 12pm	25 PFLAG 6 - 8pm AA 7 - 8pm	26 Hope Sparkles Picnic 1pm - 3pm Youth Event 12pm	27	28	29 AA 7 - 8:30pm
30 Worship 10am	31 Hope Sparkles 11am - 12pm					

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