



July 2024



THE HOPE CHURCH BEACON



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Words of Hope



Galatians 5:22 "The fruit of the spirit is joy..."

Summer is the perfect time to recapture joy! Too often we forget to celebrate our blessings. We are painfully aware of the difficulties in our lives and in our world. We focus on our challenges, and we worry about the future. It's easy to fall in the trap of catastrophic thinking. We worry about our health, our finances, our loved ones, the state of the world and we become overwhelmed. It's easy to forget all the things that bring a smile to our face, all the things that are positive.

Celebrations give us a renewed sense of balance. Celebrating together refreshes our perspective and enables us to recapture our joy. When we gather to celebrate, we are building relationships and creating memories. Celebrations do not have to be elaborate because it's not the details that matter as much as hearts of the people gathering to find their joy.

So, this summer find reasons to celebrate! A birthday, a task completed, a goal reached. You might want to celebrate something totally random like July 11th is national 7-11 convenience store day and you can often get a free slurpy or July 23rd is national hot dog day. Who knew?

Here at Hope Church, we have lots of reasons to celebrate! We gather every Sunday to celebrate our faith and to find our joy in Jesus. We will celebrate Christmas in July and have hot dog picnics both in July and August. On Wednesday evenings in August, we will emphasize the **G** in Au**G**ust by **G**athering for **G**rub, **G**ratITUDE and **G**ames from 6-8:30pm.

As you read this edition of the Beacon you will find several opportunities to celebrate. So, over the next few weeks invite your friends and family to celebrate with our faith community. I look forward to celebrating with you and finding ways to recapture our joy!

With Joy,
Pastor Meg



HOPE CHURCH INFORMATION

We are the Church!



We need teens or adults to serve as liturgists by reading the scripture each week. If you would be willing to serve in this capacity, please reach out to Pastor Meg and sign up at the Welcome Table. 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 ARE THE CHURCH TOGETHER!

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.**

UPCOMING EVENTS



HOPE CHURCH 2024 CAMP CARING

Serving others day camp

Wed. July 24 & Tues. August 13

Ages 4- 12 years

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

9:30am - 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.

No cost! Bring a friend. Sign up is needed.

Registration form must be completed for each participant

Sneakers (not sandals or crocs)

Parent drivers needed for field trip time and will need to have an up-to-date Hope Church volunteer forms.

Questions: Call Hope United Church of Christ

586-296-8760 hopeucc4@gmail.com



UPCOMING EVENTS



Hope United Church of Christ
Invites you to join us for

2024 CAMP CARING
9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Wed. July 24 & Tues. August 13

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 10

Lunch and snacks provided.

Ages: 4 – 12 years; ½ day option for younger children ~

Volunteers Needed (must have updated form).



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

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Circle dates attending: July 24th August 13th

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

Cell Phone No. _____

e-mail. _____

Child(ren) Name: _____

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.

CHURCH NEWS

Gather for Grub, Gratitude and Games

We are excited to invite you and your friends and neighbors to come to

**Hope Church on
Wednesday evenings
from 6-8:30 for
an AuGust Event.**

Specifically August 7th 14th
21st and 28th.



This event will be open to all in our community. We will be asking church members to sign up so we can begin to have a head count. We are inviting people of all ages to gather. There is nothing to bring and no cost. Help us spread the word!



We are putting the emphasis on the **G** in AuGust.

We will **G**ather for **G**rub, **G**ratitude and **G**ames!

Join us for a summertime supper, a time to share what we are grateful for and a chance to play games.



CHURCH NEWS



Summer Sunday School

We began our summer Sunday school on June 23rd. We are very thankful for the dedication of Kristin and Jordan Miyamoto who have faithfully led our two classes all year long. We are asking you to sign up to teach during the summer months. The lesson plans will be user friendly and require very little biblical knowledge so that anyone will feel comfortable leading a class. We usually just have one group during the summer months. We want to keep our Sunday school up and running so that our young learners have a Sunday morning program that is age appropriate during worship.



Summer Reading Fun

School is out for summer! These summer months are the perfect time to encourage everyone to pick up a book. Our young people can receive a special reward for reading this summer. It is very simple. You will receive a reading sheet to document what books you read or the length of time you spent reading. There will also be a weekly Bible scripture you can memorize. Then at the end of August you will return your reading sheet and earn your reward.

Reading is a simple way to feed our minds. Adults can benefit from reading too- so why not join in this challenge?



CHURCH NEWS

HOT DOG PICNIC

Summertime fun with friends!

Following Sunday worship, we will skip coffee hour and instead have a hotdog picnic.

We will have meat and veggie dogs, chips, drinks and ice-cream treats.

The July hotdog picnic will be sponsored by your Board of Trustees and the August picnic will be hosted by the Christian-Mission and Witness Committee.

Come join us for worship and stay for a hotdog on July 21st and August 11th.



Has Your Address Changed?

Has Your Phone # Changed?

Please contact the church office at

586-296-8760

or email us at hopeucc4@gmail.com

**if you have updates regarding
your address or phone number**

COFFEE HOUR

Join us for a new summer tradition: DIY Coffee Hour!

We are seeking volunteers to brew the coffee each week for this fellowship time. Whether you're a pro or just love coffee, you are welcome to volunteer.

Let's gather, connect, and let the Holy Spirit work through us all as we sip our coffee. See you there!

If you are interested in volunteering please see the sign up sheet in the narthex for details and openings.

Friendly Reminder: If you happen to use a black apron, please be sure to leave it in on the back of the kitchen pantry door. We want to make sure they are available for everyone to use when needed. Thank You!

PEANUT ALLERGIES Due to peanut allergies, please label any coffee hour goodies that contain or may contain any form of nuts.*

A special THANK YOU to everyone who has helped in June with Coffee Hour!

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to all the wonderful individuals who graciously hosted coffee hour whenever I reached out to them or willingly signed up for a Sunday. While I had previously mentioned to our dedicated volunteers that bringing treats each week was not obligatory, I was touched by the generosity of so many who continually brought delicious offerings that were enjoyed by everyone.

After several years in this role, I believe it is now appropriate to transition it to someone new. I am deeply thankful for the assistance provided to ensure the success of Hope Church's coffee hour.

God Bless, Carol Troutman



MONTHLY REPORT FROM HOPE FOOD PANTRY...

On June 8th, we held a drive-thru distribution day. We served 395 individuals, which includes 117 families. We distributed 8,225 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 volunteers for their hard work and dedication to this mission project.

**HOPE Food Pantry is open the 2nd
Saturday of each month.
Our next drive-thru pantry distribution
volunteer service day will be:**

**Saturday, July 13th
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.

We are looking to focus on 1 item per month.

July Item donations are for Dish Soap & Laundry Soap.

Thank you for always remembering the Hope Food Pantry!

Our continued success is because of you!

We welcome all donations for the Food pantry!



CHRISTIAN MISSION & WITNESS

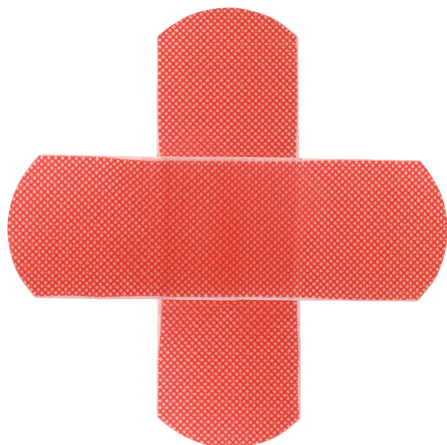
KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM

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 haven't signed up, please consider doing so.



Thank you to everyone who donated blood or tried to donate at our recent Blood Drive on June 20th. We collected a total of 24 pints of blood. Jesus asks us to help the sick, we heard his call, and we responded! When you give blood you may save up to 3 lives. Thank you for saving lives with your blood donation.



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.

ONLINE:

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 a.m. -1:30 p.m. M - F

Your Giving Statement will reflect the total donation.



COMMUNITY

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 from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. 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



Reach Out in Faith



Thousands of older and disabled adults in our community struggle daily to get by. For these individuals a little extra help can make it possible for them to remain safe and independent in their own homes.

The interfaith volunteer caregivers program matches volunteers with frail, homebound and isolated neighbors who need assistance. 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 how you would like to serve. You can be matched with the same person for regular visits, or just be on a list for occasional rides and chores. Volunteers are needed to help with: transportation for medical appointments and essential errands / simple chores yard work and home repairs / help with housekeeping and meal preparation / friendly visits and supportive phone calls / respite breaks for full time family caregivers / and other support that can help a frail older or disabled neighbor. Call us at (586)-757-5551 for more information.

[Learn more about our work at www.ivcinfo.org]
25650 Kelly Rd., Roseville, MI 48066

Please join us Tuesday, July 16th from 10am-12pm for our next Enrichment meeting at Greater Detroit Agency for the Blind and Visually Impaired in Southfield. The organization will be presenting on Helping Elders with Vision Loss! All are welcome to this free event! Please RSVP at 586-757-5551



GROUPS AND MEETINGS

HOPE SPARKLES EXCERCISE CLASS

This class offers a holistic approach to fitness, integrating stretching routines, balance enhancement exercises, and gentle cardiovascular workouts. We utilize 2-pound weights, supplied by the church, to engage in strength-building exercises. For flexibility training, we utilize therapy bands, provided by our instructor. The cumulative outcome of these sessions is a significant improvement in overall health and well-being. Scheduled regularly, the class meets every Monday from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. and every Wednesday from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Linda Hohf, our instructor from the Arthritis Foundation, demonstrates an exceptional understanding of our joint and muscle needs, tailoring our workouts to address them effectively.

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!

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



GROUPS AND MEETINGS

Senior Fellowship

We met on May 20th for an afternoon of fellowship pizza, cards and dominos. We invited Jean Jendrzejewski, Manager of Stonefield of Clinton Township, to speak to us about the new facility located at 43380 Garfield Road. This is a new senior living community, she spoke to us about the many amenities that this new residence has to offer. She invited us to enjoy a luncheon at Stonefield. We talked it over and decided that we would enjoy a luncheon and a visit to this new facility for our July 15th meeting. We would like to invite anyone in the congregation that is thinking about moving to a senior living community to join us, have lunch and receive a tour of Stonefield. Please let us know if you would like to attend, we would love to have you join us.

After she left we continued with our meeting. We said the Pledge of Allegiance, sang God Bless America, also, sang Happy Birthday to Susan, Denise and Rick. We welcomed Denise, Rick and Lou, glad you came and hope you will come again.

We are looking for new members. If you are a senior, we hope you will join us. We meet the third Monday of each month, in June, we will be having coney dogs for lunch. We are offering a "free lunch" to anyone who comes for the first time. Come and join us for an afternoon of food, fun and fellowship.

Blessings, Ida E

Officers: Tom R, President; Ida E, Vice-President; Joe H, Secretary-Treasurer

Senior Fellowship

On Monday, June 17th, our seniors gathered in Fellowship Hall for our monthly meeting, and it was a delightful occasion with 14 members in attendance. We enjoyed a delicious lunch featuring coney dogs followed by scrumptious cakes for dessert.

Looking ahead to July, we have an exciting outing planned to tour the Stonefield complex, an assisted living facility. If you're interested in joining us, please feel free to reach out to Ida or Tom. Additionally, you'll find more information available on the table in the narthex. Lunch will be provided by Stonefield, and we'll have the opportunity to explore the facility later in the day. We'll be carpooling and meeting at the church between 11:45 AM and noon.

In August, we'll return to Fellowship Hall as usual on the third Monday of the month. We warmly invite you to join us for these gatherings and share in the camaraderie!

Respectfully, Tom R
President of Senior Fellowship

Fruit of the Spirit

Can you find all the fruits of the spirit in the puzzle?

- Love
- Joy
- Peace
- Patience
- Kindness
- Goodness
- Faithfulness
- Gentleness
- Self
- Control



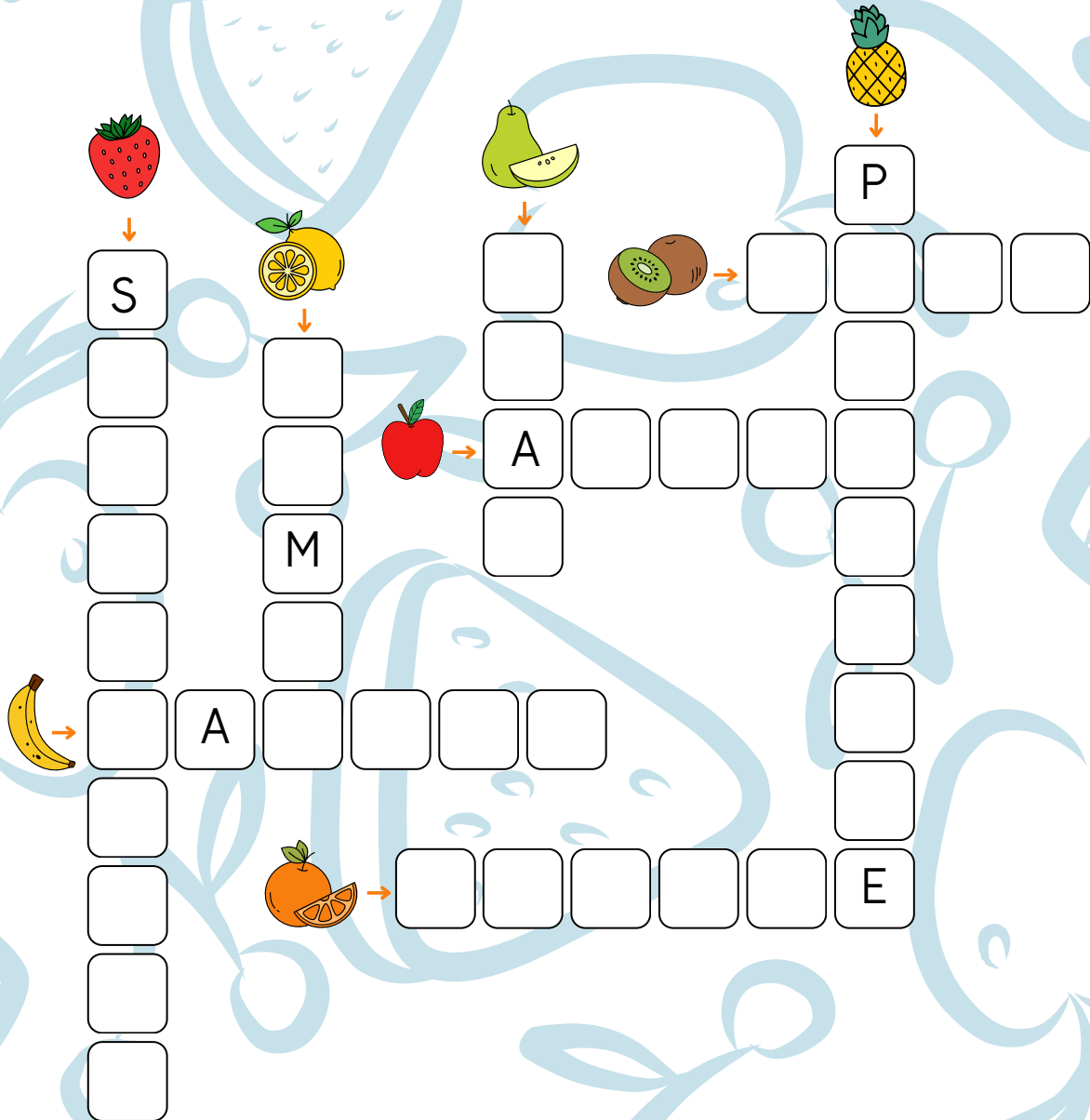
Count the fruit and write your answers in the chart below



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Fruit of the Spirit

Place the names of the fruits shown in the pictures into the puzzle using the clues.



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

HOPE CHURCH PRAYER LIST

Ken & Su
Lori & Al
Jean
Jerry & Shannon
Judy
Joe & Shirley
Eleanor
John
Elaine
Jordan
Family of Kathy

Our congregation knows that prayer is our tool for connecting to God. Together, we pray in worship, and we pray at home. **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 and hang it 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, or note, and keep them in your Thoughts & Prayers.

For those who are silent about their concerns and needs, we say a special prayer for ALL to have the strength, courage, and patience to deal with their individual situations.

GOD BLESS!



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

Sign up on the bulletin board in
Fellowship Hall or donate online!
Cost is \$20 per arrangement.



BOTS MEETING MINUTES

Hope United Church of Christ
Synopsis of Board Meeting
June 18, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by President Steve Nielson. Pastor Meg led us in prayer.

Those in attendance: Pastor Meg, Steve Nielson, Nancy Burnham, Terri Hillman, Lori Sarnowski, Kirk Schoenherr, Linda Parsons and Linda Rehm. Those absent: Nancy Fay and Jerry Rogers.

Congregational Comments – Steve – None

Additions to the Agenda – Steve – Church Garden

Approval of Agenda – Motion to approve the agenda as amended was made by Nancy Burnham with a second by Linda Rehm. Motion carried.

President's Remarks – Steve:

1. He read a Thank You from the Motor City Chorale.
2. An email was received from the Motor City Chorale giving the dates of their Christmas Concerts that were still available for scheduling. Fridays of December 6th, 13th and 20th at 7:30 pm or Sunday, December 15th at 3:30 pm. Pastor Meg and the Board felt Friday, December 6th at 7:30 was the best date for Hope church. Steve will email the Chorale tonight to reserve the date. We would try to offer transportation for those that do not drive at night.
3. We need volunteers to pick up boxes of shredding to be taken to Kaul Funeral Home this Saturday, June 22, 2024 between 10 am and 12 pm. The boxes will be loaded to your vehicle and unloaded at the Funeral Home.
4. Board is to sponsor Hot Dog Picnic in July either the 21st or 28th. It was decided to plan for July 21st. There will be chips, hot dogs and ice cream sandwiches.
5. Update on Parking Lot: This Friday, June 21, 2024 will be latest date to finish the lot if there are no weather issues. Due to the sprinkler heads not being in a straight line, four may have been chopped. Brandon from Hutch Paving said they would try to repair broken heads or we will contact our Sprinkler Company and they will repair at a cost of \$700 to \$1700. We should be able to park on parking lot on Sunday, June 23, 2024. Payment needs to be made to Hutch Paving 15 to 30 days after we receive invoice. Investment Committee will be contacted to make sure the funds are transferred to our First State account timely.

Approval of the May Meeting Minutes – Motion by Nancy Burnham with a second by Lori Sarnowski to approve the May minutes. Motion Carried. Kirk mentioned his first name not always spelled correctly. This will be remedied going forward.

Treasurer's Reports for May 2024 – Motion was made by Linda Rehm with a second by Nancy Burnham to approve the report for May. Motion Carried.

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

Statement of Operations – Income (Page 3):

- Weekly Offerings for May 2024 were \$4,698 less than the amount budgeted and \$426 less than the amount received for May 2023. There were four Sundays in both years. Year to date Weekly Offerings were \$9,898 less than the amount budgeted and \$8,744 (\$364 per week) less than the same period in 2023. We also received Special Offerings of \$50 for Energy, \$30 for Other Offerings, and \$510 for Church Growth.
- The only Investment activity for the Operating Fund consisted of \$0.42 in interest to the Money Market Account.
- Year to date Operating Income is \$9,154 less than the amount budgeted and \$7,731 less than 2023.

BOTS MEETING MINUTES

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

Total Operating Fund Expenses for May 2024 were \$1,177 less than the amount budgeted and \$3,704 less than the Expenses for May 2023 which included a \$2,400 organ repair. Year to date Expenses were \$6,785 less than budgeted and \$5,763 less than the same period in 2023. Year to date favorability to budget is primarily driven by open staff positions, a Workers' Comp refund, and lower heating cost, partially offset by higher administrative expenses.

There was a loss (Income less Expense) of \$3,616 in May 2024 versus a loss of \$7,250 in May 2023.

SYNOPSIS OF OPERATIONS:	May	Year to Date*
Operating receipts	\$13,607	\$84,624
Operating expenses (as adjusted)	(17,223)	(98,379)
Excess of receipts over expenses		
(Expenses over receipts)	(\$ 3,616)	(\$13,755)

Dedicated Accounts (Page 7):

Dedicated Accounts had income of \$1,446 and expense of \$2,941 for the month, leaving a balance of \$91,755. Expense for May included \$1,936 charged to the Endowment Fund to purchase a new Dell Inspiron computer for the church office.

Building Fund (Page 9):

Hope for the Future offerings received in May 2024 were \$865 which was \$885 less than the amount budgeted and \$250 less than the amount received for May 2023. We have received Memorials of \$1,220 year to date.

Investments (Page 9):

The securities account had a May gain of \$10,723 compared to a loss of \$1,063 for May 2023. Year to date 2024, the Securities account, adjusted for the interfund transfer*, has a gain of \$21,090 versus a gain of \$15,757 for the 2023.

Synopsis of Cash Flow (Income less Expense)	May	Year to Date*
Budgeted Accounts (Operating plus Building excluding Investments)	(\$ 3,751)	(\$ 8,145)
Non-Budgeted Accounts (Dedicated Accounts)	(1,495)	(4,740)
Total Cash Flow	(\$ 5,246)	(\$12,885)

* NOTE: In keeping with direction approved at the Annual Meeting in February, \$79,238 was transferred from the bank Savings account to the Money Market fund in the Charles Schwab investment account in March. Those funds appear In the financial reports as year to date offsetting expense in the Operating Fund and income in the Building Fund and are excluded from this analysis so that reasonable comparisons can be made to 2023 figures.

BOTS MEETING MINUTES

Unfinished Business
Painting Improvements
Civil Engineering

New Business

Update Jimmy Johns Baseball Game – Steve Nielson: 51 people going on Sunday June 23rd for the 1:05 pm game.

Set Date for Annual Church Picnic – Nancy Burnham & Pastor Meg: It was decided to have on Sunday, September 15, 2024 at the church in Fellowship Hall and on the grounds. There will be chicken served. Pastor Meg will try to arrange for a Bounce House and Steve will be in charge of games.

Proposed Budget for 2025 – Terri Hillman: This budget shows a balanced budget which we really feel needs to be presented.

How to be the Church – Tony Fortunato (not present due to illness) and Kirk Schoenherr: Kirk Led the discussion. He and Tony had gathered all the survey results into the top three choices for each of the nine items in the survey. It was suggested that possibly in January 2025 around the birthday of Martin Luther King we have a Pastor Swap. Pastor Meg will be in contact with the Association. Possibly with Plymouth UCC. A Community Garden and Community Meals are already mentioned in New Business. It was suggested that How to be the Church be moved to Unfinished Business each month.

Summer Coffee Hours – Pastor Meg: Carol Troutman no longer wishes to be coordinator. For July and August is will be more Self-Serve. Gail and Pastor Meg will set up big coffee pots on Friday. At least one person will need to plug in coffee pots, put out paper cups, juice boxes, packaged snacks and do cleanup. If that person cannot empty coffee pots, Gail and Pastor Meg will do the following Monday.

Wednesdays in August – Pastor Meg: It is suggested by Tony and Kirk that we need to offer Community Meals for socialization and a meal. “Gather, Grub, Gratitude (giving thanks) and Games”. They will be simple meals with no charge. Wednesday evenings in August from 6 pm to 8:30 pm open to community. Some of ideas are hot dogs, pizza, taco bar and sloppy joes. Ice Cream Sandwiches for dessert.

Church Garden – Pastor Meg: We had applied for a grant from the Conference which we received. Would like a garden along fence by the bank (a water spiket is near there) or near the dumpster. Small at first (10 to 12 ft). Michelle and John have a rotor tiller to turn the soil. Would like to break ground very soon for vegetables possibly to be used at Food Pantry. Motion was made to break ground along the bank by Linda Parsons with a second by Lori Sarnowski for this Community Church Garden. Motion carried.

BOTS MEETING MINUTES

Prior to presenting her Pastor's Report, Pastor Meg also brought up the 2024 Summer Reading Log. It was created on a new program called Canva. It will be used for the Beacon instead of Publisher. The Beacon will look different going forward. She plans to offer this reading log to our children as well as any adults that are interested.

Pastor's Report – Pastor Meg:

Worship: We celebrated Pentecost on May 19th. On 5/26 we baptized Melanie and McKenzie Blankenbeckler. We welcomed Gail in worship on June 2nd. We celebrated Graduation Sunday on June 9th. We thanked our choirs and music staff on June 16th.

Pastoral Care: We supported the McCuen Family and had a memorial service for Larry McCuen on May 21. I continue to meet with individuals in need of support during difficult times.

Church Business: Gail started on Monday 5/13. We have been cleaning up files to update the office records. We did a large mailing to the congregation regarding our finances. We will be changing the format of the Beacon beginning in July.

Spiritual Council: Met on Monday, June 17th. See Report. I am considering a Wednesday evening program in August from 6–8:30. The idea would be to invite people for a simple meal, a time of fellowship (casual worship) and games.

Pastor Relations: This group will meet over the summer when we can gather the committee members.

Christian Education: Confirmation class is trying to figure out a summer schedule. We will begin our summer Sunday School schedule in June. We will need teachers for the summer. Camp Caring will be held once in July on 7/24 and once in August on 8/13. I initiated a summer reading program to encourage our kids to read over vacation. There is also a scripture verse included to learn each week. There will be a celebration and prizes for those who participate.

DMA & Conference Upcoming Involvement: Hope Church has been awarded 2 grants from the DMA. One for a small vegetable garden and one to help with Camp Caring expenses. June 23rd, I will participate in the ordination of Kristen Metcalf. Kristen has preached at Hope on several occasions. She will be the pastor at Salem UCC in Farmington, MI.

Community Outreach: We continue to see visitors with some frequency. We need to make a deliberate effort to welcome visitors at coffee hour. On Pentecost we had random seating to encourage people to sit with other church members. We may do that again sometime this summer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. Meg Wilson

Consent Agenda Items – Steve received reports from the Property Committee regarding the Parking Lot and the Spiritual Council. Motion was made by Nancy Burnham with a second by Kirk Schoenherr to accept these 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.

BOTS MEETING MINUTES

*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

Adjournment: Motion by Nancy Burnham with a second by Kirk Schoenherr to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 p.m.
Motion carried.

Meeting was closed with The Lord's Prayer



JULY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Hope Sparkles 11am-12pm	2	3 *Hope Sparkles Cancelled for Holiday *	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY 	5	6 AA 7-8:30pm
7 Worship 10am Communion Sunday 	8 Hope Sparkles 11am-12pm	9 CMWC 12:30pm BOTS 7pm AA 7-8pm	10 Hope Sparkles 1pm-2pm	11	12	13  FOOD PANTRY 10-12 AA 7-8:30pm
14 Worship 10am	15 Hope Sparkles 11am-12pm Senior MTG. 12pm	16 AA 7-8pm	17 Hope Sparkles 1pm-2pm	18	19	20 AA 7-8:30pm
21 Worship 10am Hot Dog Picnic 	22 Hope Sparkles 11am-12pm	23 AA 7-8pm	24 Hope Sparkles 1pm-2pm Camp Caring 	25	26	27 AA 7-8:30pm
28 Worship 10am	29 Hope Sparkles 11am-12pm	30 PFLAG 6-8pm AA 7-8pm	31 Hope Sparkles 1pm-2pm			

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