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THE HOPE CHURCH BEACON

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WORDS OF HOPE



In July we celebrated our ten years in ministry together here at Hope Church. I treasure our relationships and the faces of the faithful I see each week. I also delight in the number of people who have joined our community of faith more recently. Some of our newer members and visitors are just learning about the United Church of Christ.

When I think about people hearing our story it makes me profoundly thankful for the United Church of Christ and the priorities we hold. I am grateful that we are ready to respond with open arms to any child of God that comes through our doors. There is no test, there is no requirement to receive Holy Communion. We trust that the sacrament is a holy mystery and that those who receive it will be exposed to Christ's love.

The same is true with Baptism. We baptize children and adults. As a pastor, I meet with families and individuals, and we discuss the deep connection made through baptism. We dispel some of the harmful myths people may have previously been exposed to.

At Hope, we plant the seeds of faith in our youngest members and then help to nurture growth. Our Christian Education program teaches both Bible stories and Christian values. Currently, we are exploring working with the Conference to obtain grant funding to expand our CEC program. On the other end of the spectrum, our seniors are an active and dynamic group within our church.

The UCC has a proud history of speaking out on social issues. We value being a safe and welcoming church for all people. At Hope, we serve those in need through our food pantry and other mission programs. The UCC states; "to care is to do". Our support of the Greater UCC provides emergency and ongoing aid through local, national and global ministries. We care about the planet. We work to recycle and reduce and reuse within the church. We are mindful of our individual and communal responsibility.

We offer a safe space within the community. We open our doors to groups like AA, PFLAG and OA. We recognize that on life's journey there are people within our community who need an encouraging word.

Finally, we celebrate diversity. We don't need to share the exact same opinions. God created us to be thinking and caring people not identical robots. We treat each other with respect, and we work together to serve others.

I celebrate that within the UCC we are continually seeking to become the people God is calling us to be. The General Synod of the UCC met this summer and there were lively discussions about how to help the church to thrive. Let us celebrate those things we do well and look for ways to move forward in Jesus' name.

Pastor Meg

CHURCH NEWS

Summer Sunday School

There's still an opportunity to sign up for teaching Summer Sunday School! We invite you to volunteer during the summer months. The lesson plans will be straightforward and require little biblical knowledge, allowing everyone to feel comfortable leading a class. Generally, we operate with just one group during this period. Our aim is to create an engaging Sunday school program, ensuring that our young learners enjoy an age-appropriate experience during Sunday morning worship.

A THANK YOU FROM PASTOR MEG

Thank you for the celebration of my 10th year of ministry at Hope Church. It was a very special morning reflecting where we have been and looking forward to our future!

I truly appreciate all your gifts and kind words. Thank you for making my birthday very special. Your support is a gift I will treasure forever.

Thank you!



CHURCH NEWS

SUMMER CHOIR

We are having two special choirs this Summer that will provide the special music for August 24th and August 31st.

I would like to invite anyone to join us for these fun activities!

August 24th will be an adult Tenor/Bass choir (T/B).

Any man or woman who sings in the Tenor or Bass range is welcome to join us.

August 31st will be an adult Soprano/Alto choir (S/A)

Again, anyone who sings in the Soprano or Alto range is invited to join us.

As usual for volunteer Church choirs, you do not have to have a beautiful solo voice.

You DO have to be able to match pitches and to have a desire to have some fun!

Rehearsals will be: August 7th, 14th, & 21st

7:00 pm for the S/A choir & 7:30 pm For the T/B choir

On the Sunday your particular choir participates in the service, call time will be 9:15 a.m.

I love how much this congregation sings out!

Please consider joining us for these special choirs!

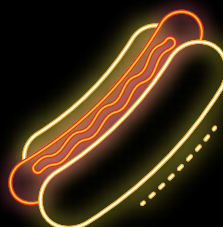
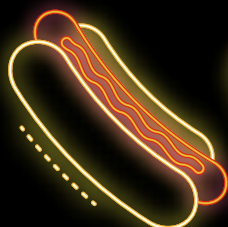
Church Choir will resume in September.

Keep singing! - Deborah

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 August picnic will be hosted on the 10th.
Come join us for worship and stay for a hotdog.**



CHURCH NEWS

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

Hot Dog Picnic - August 10th

Camp Caring - August 14th

Sunday School Kick Off - September 7th

Church Picnic - September 14th

World Communion Sunday - October 5th

Pet Blessing - October 5th - 2pm

Bible Sunday/ New Member Class - October 12th

Trunk or Treat- October 25th - 2pm

CHURCH NEWS

Bible Study coming to Hope Church

Beginning in September on Monday nights.

This will be a hybrid meeting both in-person at Hope and via Zoom.

The Study will be led by Rev. Pat Thompson and Pastor Meg.

More details to come very soon.

Are You Interested in Church Membership?



Do you know what this comma means? Are you interested in finding out? Have you been attending for a while, and you would like to know more about what it means to be a member? Would you like to become more involved, but you don't know where to begin? Do you have questions about what the UCC is all about? Come and join in conversation with Pastor Meg on **October 12th** after worship and decide if it feels like a good fit and a good time for you to become a church member.

Wherever you are on your life journey you are welcome here!

Confirmation Kickoff on September 28th!

Confirmation class is designed to enhance the faith and understanding of young individuals, reaffirming the commitments made at their baptism. It's an enriching journey encompassing education, spiritual growth, discussions, community service, and personal reflection. If you have a Middle School/High School aged student who is interested in learning about confirmation, please reach out to Pastor Meg.



Have you recently relocated? Do you have a new phone number or email address? Please share your updated information with the church office so we can keep you properly informed!

GROUPS AND MEETINGS

Hope Sparkles Exercise Class

This fitness class offers a delightful blend of stretching, balance exercises, and gentle cardio, incorporating 2-pound weights and therapy bands to enhance strength and flexibility. Participants can look forward to many health benefits.

Classes are scheduled for:

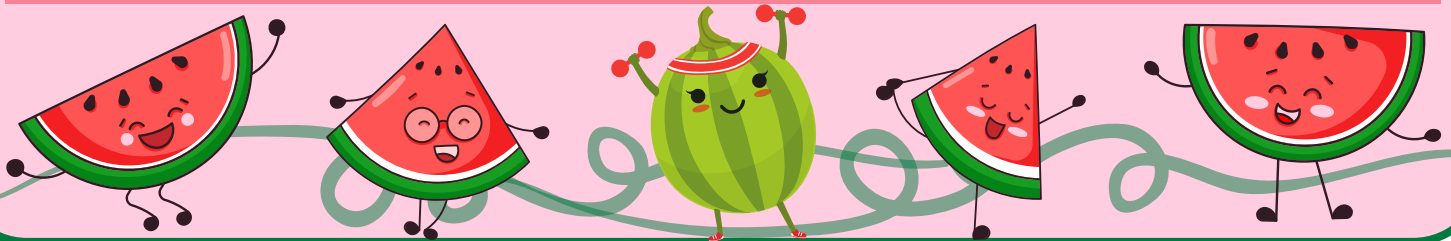
Mondays: 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Wednesdays: 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Led by Linda Hohf from the Arthritis Foundation, the workouts are customized to cater to joint and muscle needs.

What truly distinguishes this exercise class is **YOU**. All you need to do is **SHOW UP** for an hour filled with fun and fitness alongside friends!

The emphasis on participant engagement ensures an enjoyable experience, with a modest fee of only \$1 per class.

As we commemorate a decade of meeting and moving together, we cherish the friendships and health journeys we've cultivated. Here's to many more years of fitness and joy!



Hope Fun Bunch

Summer is here with storms and heat to drive us to the beaches. Seniors, there is another place to go and relax out of the weather. The Fun Bunch meets in the church the 3rd Monday of every month. Nothing like enjoying the air-conditioning in fellowship hall.

On July 14 members ate pizza and salad for lunch.

Congratulations to Pastor Meg for 10 years of faithful service. Our congregation is blessed with all the work that goes into the ministry.

Join us the 18th of August at 12 noon for our next gathering. Seniors stay hydrated this summer.

Tom R, President / Ida E, Vice President / Joe H, Secretary

CHURCH NEWS



Hope United Church of Christ

Invites you to join us for

2025 CAMP CARING

Thurs. August 14th
9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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 **August 8th***

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

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.

CHURCH NEWS

Flowers for the Altar

Sign up for altar flowers to commemorate a special occasion or pay tribute to someone dear. You can find the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. Each arrangement costs just \$20, and you can take them home after the service. Payments can be made either online through our website or in person.



Come and join us for Lemonade/Coffee Hour!

We are in need of volunteers to help organize and tidy up the refreshment area, as well as provide treats for our weekly fellowship time. If you're interested, please refer to the sign-up sheets located in the narthex for available time slots.



A big THANK YOU to everyone who helped in July with Coffee Hour!

We are the Church!

We are seeking teens and adults to serve as liturgists by reading scripture each week. If you're interested in this role, please connect with Pastor Meg and sign up at the Welcome Table. Additionally, Pastor Meg invites children and teens to read the Call to Worship. If you have a young person in your family who would like to take part in this aspect of worship, please reach out to the church office. Pastor Meg will provide materials suited to your child's reading level. Remember, children do not need to be church members to join in.



WE ARE THE CHURCH TOGETHER!



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Hope Website



www.hopeuccmi.com

YouTube



[@hopeunitedchurchofchrist-c8235](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8235)

Instagram



[@HopeUCCmi](https://www.instagram.com/HopeUCCmi)

Facebook



[@HopeUCCmacomb](https://www.facebook.com/HopeUCCmacomb)

Hearing Assistance is Offered at Hope UCC

Are you having trouble hearing Pastor Meg's sermon? Do you feel the choir could sing a bit louder? We're here to help!

Our assistive listening system is designed to enhance your experience.

We've installed an advanced system that can transmit sound directly to your hearing aids via your smartphone or through a special receiver we can provide.

Additionally, we offer earphones for those who do not use hearing aids.

Don't miss out on the wonderful messages of God's good news!



CHURCH NEWS



We Welcome ALL of God's Creatures



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 - this is 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.

COMMUNITY

PFLAG-CT warmly invites the Hope UCC congregation to participate in our monthly support meeting. This gathering will take place on the last Tuesday of each month from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. We deeply appreciate Hope UCC's support of our chapter, as our mission focuses on supporting, educating, and advocating for the LGBTQ community. We welcome you to join us and learn more about our work. To stay connected, please visit our website at PFLAGCT.org, complete the form, and mention Hope UCC. This will add you to our email list, ensuring you receive notifications about future meetings.

For any inquiries, feel free to reach out to me at yvonnetaad@wowway.com, and remember to mention Hope UCC.

Thank you once again for your support of our chapter.
Stay safe and healthy, and may God bless you.

Yvonne Tadajewski, President, PFLAG-CT



**HAVE CAR, WILL
TRAVEL? VOLUNTEER
DRIVERS NEEDED!**



The Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers program needs drivers who can provide rides for our older and disabled neighbors so that they can get to doctor appointments and essential errands. Just a couple hours of your time can make a huge difference in someone's life. You pick your own area & your own times. Drive as often or as little as you like in the comfort of your own car. Even one more ride a year might get someone to an appointment that could save their life!

Daytime drivers especially needed! Please call IVC today at (586) 757-5551 for more information.

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



HOPE FOOD PANTRY

On July 12th, 2025, we held a drive-thru distribution day. We served 138 families, including 365 individuals. We distributed 11,316 lbs. of food and cleaning supplies. The success of this pantry distribution day was made possible thanks to the generous contributions from our donors, the hard work of our volunteers, and the dedication of your Christian Mission & Witness members.

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

Saturday, August 9th
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!

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

Denise Barc
Connie Cwierniewicz
Cindy Malinowski
Rick Cole
Nancy Fay
Ed & Sue Rogers
Susan Winters
Austin Gill
Cindy Greening
Kent House
Lusk Family
Karen Miller
Joe Marocco

Terri Hillman
Opal Lulek
Rose Marie Mahlmeister
Marge Lentz
Marty Lulek
Susan Nurmi
Pamela Steffens
Tom & Carol Reeser
Jane White
Jon Zalewski
Denise & Jennifer Geml
Noel Kenner
Fallyn Kempkens

Hope Food Pantry also distributes a Hygiene Kit every quarter. We are asking that donations for the hygiene kits focus on this item:

Shampoo/Conditioner - 2 in 1 Soap

[please note that these should be a single serving or individual size]

Interested in serving on the Christian Mission and Witness Committee?
See Susan Winters for details!

Native Plants

LANDSCAPING WITH NATIVE PLANTS

Plant Selection & Landscape Tips for a Beautiful Yard and a Healthy Environment

Using native plants in your yard creates a beautiful, low-maintenance, and inexpensive landscape. Choosing to use native plants benefits you and the environment!

Why Use Native Plants?

Native Plants are adapted to local environmental conditions and thus:

- Need Less Water
- Require Less Mowing and Maintenance Time
- Have Lower Fertilizer and Pesticide Needs
- Provide Food and Shelter for Wildlife
- Add Color and Interest to a Landscape

You can save time and money, as well as reduce negative impacts to local water resources, by landscaping with native plants!

What Are Native Plants?

Native plants are trees, grasses, shrubs and flowers that have evolved over thousands of years in a particular region. They have become well-adapted to the physical features and climate of the area. Native plants provide habitat for a variety of native wildlife including song-birds and butterflies. Because native plants grow in the wild without human intervention, they are sensible choices for low-maintenance gardens and landscapes.

TREES

Common Native Plants

Trees:

- Pin Oak, Scarlet Oak, and Swamp White Oak
- Service Berry
- Flowering Dogwood
- Eastern Hemlock

Shrubs:

- Button Bush
- Spice Bush
- Gray, Silky and Red Osier Dogwoods
- Nannyberry

Flowers:

- Purple Coneflower
- Cardinal Flower
- Black-eyed Susan
- Blue Lobelia
- Garden Phlox
- Butterfly Weed

FLOWERS

SHRUBS

FAMILY PAGE

Draw a line to help them find their way to their friends.



S U M M E R

WORD SEARCH

W	A	T	E	R	P	L	A	Y	A	B
N	I	A	E	R	N	O	T	A	E	H
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SUMMER

BEACH

SUNSCREEN

SWEAT

SUN

SANDCASTLE

POOL

WATERPLAY

HOT

SWIMMERS

WATERMELON

HEAT



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

On July 6th we celebrated the
sacrament of Holy Baptism for
Callan Jeffrey Baldwin.

Parents: **Adrienne and Jeffrey
Baldwin**

Godparents: **Michael Baldwin
and Janine Bermudez**



On July 26th Janet Frank passed
away. Please keep her family in
your prayers as they move through
this time of grief.

*Memorial gifts are applied to
the building fund, according
to our bylaws. Thank you!!

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

HOPE CHURCH PRAYER LIST

Prayer is at the heart of our connection with God. As a congregation, we join together in prayer during worship and carry that spirit into our daily lives. If you would like to add or remove a name from the Prayer List, please reach out to the church office.

In our church lobby, you'll find a special prayer sculpture -- a space where you're invited to write down your prayer requests and hang them as a symbol of shared faith and hope. As we lift these needs before God, we are reminded of His loving presence among us. Please keep those on our Prayer List in your hearts. Reach out with a phone call, a card, or a kind note and continue to hold them in your thoughts & prayers.

We offer a special prayer for those who keep their concerns and needs to themselves, hoping that everyone finds the strength, courage, and patience to navigate their personal challenges.

Jerry and Shannon
Carol
David
Chuck
Flaherty Family
Family of Connie Bates (Woodham)
Bruce
Elaine
Angie
Earlene
Carol
LaToya's Parents
Family of Janet Frank
Terri's brother Rick

HOPE GIVING

There are several ways to provide financial support to the church, and your contributions are essential in supporting the ministries of Hope Church.

***To give Online:**

Visit the Hope UCC Website: WWW.HOPEUCCMI.COM
Select the "GIVE A GIFT" tab and then "GIVE A GIFT HERE"

***To give from your Cell Phone:**

Text "HUCCF" to 45777

The site will respond with a link which you can use to route your donation to a specific fund.

If you would like to donate to the "General Fund" you can simply text: "Gift Amount" followed by "HUCCF" to 45777.
[For instance, to give \$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.)

***To give In-Person:**

We have a donation box in the sanctuary.

You can mail your gift to the church office.

You can also drop it off from 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. M - F

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

Six Month Financial Summary

Six Month Financial Summary

A summary of the 2025 financial results for January through June follows:

	Operating <u>Fund</u>	Building <u>Fund</u>
Income:		
Regular Offerings	\$108,836	\$ 8,255
Special Offerings	5,665	6,416
Church Life Activities	2,664	
Other Receipts/Investment Account	<u>1,607</u>	<u>19,210</u>
Total Income	<u>\$118,772</u>	<u>\$33,881</u>
Expenses:		
Mission and Witness Council	\$ 3,274	
Spiritual Council	3,430	
Christian Education Council	1,651	
Church Life	2,827	
Pastoral Services – Wilson	40,881	
Church Staff	31,510	
Church Property	32,391	
Technology	761	
Insurance	9,294	
Public Relations	218	
Administration and Other	7,966	
Equipment Acquisitions	349	
Contingency Funds	0	
Garfield Building Costs	<u></u>	<u>\$ 9,600</u>
Total Expenses	<u>134,552</u>	<u>9,600</u>

The Operating Fund had a loss of \$15,780 for the first six months of 2025. This compares to a loss of \$8,467 (adjusted for 2024 intercompany transfers) for the first six months of 2024. Total Operating Income of \$118,772 was \$6,603 more than the same period last year. Total Operating Fund Expenses of \$134,552 were \$13,915 more than the same period last year. The second quarter Expense variance to 2024 was driven primarily by higher utilities and Grounds Upkeep costs, a large workers compensation credit in 2024 partially offset by a premium audit adjustment billed in 2025, an increase in 2025 multi-peril insurance premiums, and increased staff labor cost in 2025.

Operating Fund Regular Offerings of \$108,836 were \$6,485 more than the same period of last year. In the first six months of 2025, we also received Special Offerings of \$1,475 for Easter, \$2,304 for Energy and \$490 for Church Growth. Mission Offerings for the period included OCWM - \$490, One Great Hour of Sharing - \$615, Neighbors in Need - \$75, and Christmas Fund - \$20.

In the second quarter of 2025, the Building Fund had Total Income of \$33,881. Hope for the Future (Regular) Offerings of \$8,255 were \$319 less than the amount received for the same period last year. 2025 Special Offering Memorials of \$6,416 were \$4,931 more than the same period in 2024. There was a 2025 Investment account gain of \$19,210 versus a gain of \$29,824 during the same period of 2024. Building Fund Expenses (adjusted for 2024 intercompany transfers) were \$6,730 more than the same period of 2024 due to a planned and budgeted power washing of the building in June 2025.

During the first six months of 2025, Dedicated Accounts received \$6,241 (Good Samaritan \$625, Blessing Bags \$839, Food Pantry \$11,243, Music \$500, Technology \$250, and Special Gifts to Church School \$662) and had expenses of \$15,414 (Good Samaritan \$535, Blessing Bags \$839, Senior Youth Group \$262, CMWC Projects \$366, Food Pantry \$8,005, Music \$250, Special Gifts to Church School \$660, UCC Detroit Metro Grants \$47, and Endowment \$4,450). The \$4,450 cost for repairing damaged drywall and painting the sanctuary was charged to the Endowment Fund in May as approved by the Board of Trustees.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or comments.

Terri Hillman, Treasurer

BOTS Meeting Minutes

BOARD OF TRUSTEES – MINUTES HOPE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST JULY 08, 2025

√CALL TO ORDER – 7:06pm

Jim, Pastor Meg, Kirk, Carissa, Cynthia, Rick, Brad, Terri, Nancy B. Nancy F. in attendance

√OPENING PRAYER

√CONGREGATIONAL COMMENTS - none

√ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

√APPROVAL OF AGENDA*MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA Jim / Nancy B. Approved

√PRESIDENTS REMARKS -none

√APPROVAL JUNE MEETING MINUTES*MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES NANCY / RICK ... approved

√APPROVAL JUNE TREASURERS REPORT*MOTION TO ACCEPT TREASURER'S REPORT NANCY/CINDY

Statement of Operations – Income (Page 3):

- Weekly Offerings for June 2025 were \$5,637 more than the amount budgeted but \$3,700 less than the amount received for June 2024. There were five June Sundays in both years. Year to date Weekly Offerings were \$7,385 more than budget and \$5,856 (\$202 per week average) more than the same period in 2024. We also received Special Offerings of \$250 for Easter, \$100 for Energy, and \$120 for Church Growth.
- The only Investment activity for the Operating Fund consisted of \$120 in interest to the Money Market Savings Account at First State Bank. The account paid an annual percentage rate of 4.0% in June of 2025 versus a rate of 0.05% in 2024.
- Year to date Operating Income of \$118,772, comprised of Weekly Offerings plus other Income accounts, is \$8,882 more than the amount budgeted and \$6,603 more than 2024.

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

- Total Operating Fund Expenses for June 2025 were \$168 more than the amount budgeted and \$921 more than the Expenses for June 2024. Year to date Expenses were \$6,015 more than budget, driven by various timing differences as well as higher Grounds Upkeep, Insurance, and On-Line Donation costs. Year to date Expenses were \$13,915 (adjusted for intercompany transfers) more than 2024 primarily due to higher 2025 utilities and Grounds Upkeep costs, a large workers compensation credit in 2024 partially offset by a premium audit adjustment billed in 2025, an increase in 2025 multi-peril insurance premiums, and increased staff labor cost in 2025.
- There was income (Income less Expense) of \$266 in June 2025 versus income of \$5,288 in June 2024.

SYNOPSIS OF OPERATIONS:	<u>June</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Operating receipts	\$23,444	\$118,772
Operating expenses	<u>23,178</u>	<u>134,552</u>
Excess of receipts over expenses		
(Expenses over receipts)	<u>\$ 266</u>	<u>\$ 15,780</u>

Misc: Notes:

- Continue to get 4% from Bank ... about \$120/month
- Giving in Operations and Building were both over budget
- \$11,000 behind in Cash
- Approval Motion (Treasurer's Report) Carries, Report Accepted

√UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Painting Improvements – no update

BOTS Meeting Minutes

√NEW BUSINESS

√Investment Committee: Currently Todd, Eckert, Ida Eckert, and Linda Parsons. Motion to accept them officially Nancy B with, 2nd Carrisa Motion. Carried. Will ask Barry Burnham or another to be a potential fourth member.

√Update on Church Rental/Pastor Meg – Prospective renter stopped contact with our realtor and with the church. Matt Skubik, our realtor, states this is not typical. He is actively marketing our space for potential renters.

√Celebration of our Ministry together-July20th/Kirk We will celebrate Pastor Meg's 10th anniversary as our pastor. The details are coming together. We will need additional volunteers

√Church Safety Precautions/Pastor Meg reached out to Clinton Twp Police to explore having them give us input on additional church safety procedures. We are also exploring other law enforcement resources for safety options.

There was an article in the Beacon summarizing our current safety procedures. The church doors need to be consistently locked after worship begins and during coffee hour. In an emergency we would contact Clinton Township not Fraser Police Department. We would need to be clear with police dispatcher. We discussed the Sunday School wing and potential safety procedures including walkie-talkies and special door locks. We might want to ask local school districts for input on safety in the classroom.

It was suggested that Hope Church host a Self Defense Class for the community.

We have an AED defibrillator on the wall in the lobby. Pam Steffens is willing to do a training for us. We need to make members aware of the location and purpose of the AED.

√Power Washing North side retaining wall/Kirk. The company that power-washed and sealed the church building power washed the retaining wall along the parking lot for free. They could do the northside retaining wall for a cost of \$300. After discussion there was a motion made to not spend the funds at this time. The motion was made and carried. Nancy F/ Nancy B - Carried

√August BOT Meeting/Kirk – Motion to skip August BOT meeting Cindy / Nancy B. Carried

√PASTORS REPORT

Worship: Since our last meeting we celebrated Father's Day, Music Appreciation, Graduation and our Sunday School teachers. This summer I am adding some contemporary music videos to worship.

Church Business: I have been in frequent contact with Matt Skubik at Religious Real Estate and the Harrison's backed out of the lease. Matt said this was very unusual and that we should not have a problem in the future with potential renters. I asked him to please actively market our space. I have been in contact with the Clinton Township Police regarding a safety assessment.

Spiritual Council: We left the Pentecost decorations up for 3 weeks. We celebrated Father's Day and our Graduates.

Christian Education: We can submit the Conference Mitten grant application in the end of July. The grant requirements are very specific for receiving funds for family ministry. We can submit an application at the end of July. We are asking for volunteers to teach Sunday School during July and August.

DMA & Conference Upcoming Involvement: The vote was unanimous to move LaToya Young forward to be ordained at her Ecclesiastical Council on June 22nd. The feedback from the Association was that the EC was well organized and our ability to offer a hybrid meeting. DMA members appreciated our hospitality and the refreshments. The UCC Synod Meeting is July 11-15th.

Community Outreach: AA, PFLAG and OA meet at church on a regular schedule. The food pantry continues to be a valuable way of reaching out to our neighbors in need. The updated website is our most valuable tool for visitors to find us and learn about our church.

Respectfully Submitted, Rev. Meg Wilson

BOTS Meeting Minutes

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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 – Jim / Terri - Approved*

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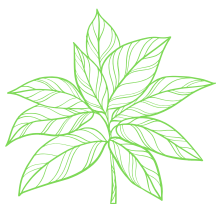










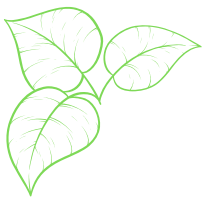
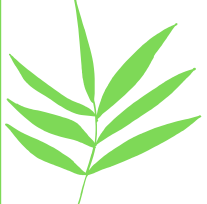




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AUGUST 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 AA 7-8:30pm
3 Worship 10am Holy Communion 	4 Hope Sparkles 11am-12pm	5 CMWC 12:30pm AA 7-8pm OA 7-8pm	6 Hope Sparkles Picnic 1pm-3pm	7 S/A Choir 7pm T/B Choir 7:30pm	8	9  FOOD PANTRY 10-12 AA 7-8:30pm
10 Worship 10am Hot Dog Picnic 	11 Hope Sparkles 11am-12pm	12 BOTS 7pm AA 7-8pm OA 7-8pm	13 Hope Sparkles 1pm-2pm	14  Camp Caring 9:30am-4pm S/A Choir 7pm T/B Choir 7:30pm	15	16 AA 7-8:30pm
17 Worship 10am	18 Hope Sparkles 11am-12pm Hope Fun Bunch 12pm	19 AA 7-8pm OA 7-8pm	20 Hope Sparkles 1pm-2pm	21 S/A Choir 7pm T/B Choir 7:30pm	22	23 AA 7-8:30pm
24 Worship 10am T/B Choir 	25 Hope Sparkles 11am-12pm	26 PFLAG 6-8pm AA 7-8pm OA 7-8pm	27 Hope Sparkles 1pm-2pm	28	29	30 AA 7-8:30pm
31 Worship 10am S/A Choir 						

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