

# THE HOPE CHURCH BEACON



MAY 2026

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## WORDS OF HOPE

Easter was full of joy and now as we enter May, we turn our focus to the season of celebrations. We gather to celebrate Mother's Day, graduations, weddings and Memorial Day. The church also celebrates the Day of Pentecost as the birthday of the church. At Hope Church we decorate with red and orange to signify the flames of Spirit and we sing Happy Birthday to the church. **This year Pentecost will be on May 17th.**

On that first Pentecost, people without a common language were able to understand each other. Today, that same Spirit brings together people from a variety of backgrounds and each with our own life story. Each of us is in a different place on our faith journey. We rejoice that through the gift of the Spirit we can embrace our uniqueness and celebrate unity.

So let us celebrate the birthday of the church on Pentecost but let us also discern where God's Spirit is moving today, both in and outside Hope Church and the church universal. We celebrate the Spirit giving life, creating something new, renewing what is old, and letting go of what is worn out. The Spirit has sparked creative energy across the ages and today it allows us to dream new dreams about how to be the church in 2026 and moving forward.

As we enjoy our celebrations this month, let us remember the birthday of the church, let us never stop praying the ancient prayer of the church: "Come, Holy Spirit, Come!" Let us continue to open the doors and windows of our hearts and welcome God's love to flow through us.

Birthday Blessings,  
*Pastor Meg*



## Mark your calendar:

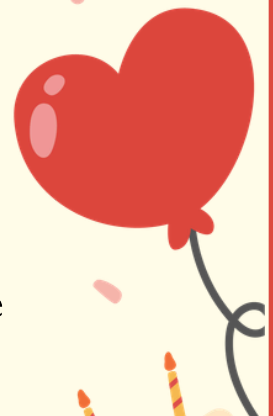
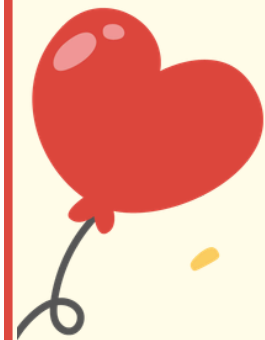
- Mother's Day - May 10th
- Pentecost Celebration - May 17th
- Church Baseball Game - June 14th at 1pm
- Music Appreciation - June 21st
- Father's Day - June 21st
- Graduation Sunday - June 28th

## Pentecost Celebration

**Sunday May 17th Hope Church will celebrate Pentecost**, often referred to as the "birthday of the Church."

Pentecost commemorates the moment when the Holy Spirit came upon the first followers of Jesus, empowering them to share the gospel and forming the foundation of the Christian Church.

It's a day filled with energy, gratitude, and the reminder that faith is a living, breathing community. Come and enjoy worship filled with the Spirit! **Please wear red if you are able!**



# CHURCH NEWS

## Hope Church would love to celebrate with your family! Graduating is a wonderful accomplishment!

If someone in your family is graduating from high school, college, or any other program, we'd love to recognize them! Please fill out the information form including the graduate's name, school, degree (if applicable), and a photo. You can also include a few words about their future plans or accomplishments. Let's celebrate the hard work and achievements of our church family together!

**The deadline to submit your information is June 7th.**  
**We look forward to honoring all of our 2026 graduates on**  
**Graduation Sunday June 28th!**



## HOPE UCC BASEBALL GAME

JUNE 14TH 2026 @ 1PM



Join HOPE UCC for a baseball game at UWM Field (formerly Jimmy Johns Field) and enjoy the excitement with fellow fans! We'll have seats together to enhance the fun of watching the game.

**Tickets are \$15 each and can be purchased on Sunday mornings -**  
**Deadline for the group rate is May 10th.**

For more information about tickets, please see call the church office.

## 2026 FALL YARD SALE

Your Board of Trustees is considering a fund-raising opportunity, and we are reaching out to see if any of our members are interested in participating. We are proposing a Church Wide Yard Sale. The date is not selected as we are trying to determine if there is any interest.

Here is the basic outline:

- The yard sale would be a one-day event, to probably take place inside Fellowship Hall.
- You would bring your items and price your items. Each family would have a table. You would stay and sell your items. There would be no cost to you to participate. We would not include clothing.
- All proceeds would benefit the church. After the event you may take remaining items home, or we could arrange to have an organization pick up any left-over items to benefit their organization.

We will have a signup sheet on the welcome table where you can indicate if you might be interested in joining in the fun and supporting our church! We will let you know the results of our inquiry.



## Did You Know?





The Board of Trustees formed a Safety Task Force.

This group is assessing where we might improve our safety through physical changes to our church building and procedures that will decrease our vulnerability. This group is hard at work exploring options with professionals who have expertise in church safety. We are in contact with the UCC Conference and local law enforcement to gain information on resources.

The Board recognizes that we live in a complex world and we have witnessed acts of violence at houses of worship in our communities. Keeping our congregation safe and continuing to create a welcoming environment is our number one priority. You can expect to hear updates as we make improvements.

# CHURCH INFORMATION

## Follow us on Social Media

Hope Website	YouTube	Instagram	Facebook
			
<a href="http://www.hopeuccmi.com">www.hopeuccmi.com</a>	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/@hopeunitedchurchofchrist-c8235">@hopeunitedchurchofchrist-c8235</a>	<a href="https://www.instagram.com/@HopeUCCmi">@HopeUCCmi</a>	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/@HopeUCCmacomb">@HopeUCCmacomb</a>

## Can you help with Coffee Hour?

☕☕☕ **A big THANK YOU to everyone who helps with Coffee Hour!**



We are blessed to have a group of faithful coffee hour volunteers. Each week coffee hour offers a time to meet new people and connect with church friends. The cost of the goodies is funded by donations. Please sign up to bring a sweet treat or a savory item. The sign-up sheet is on the welcome table. Let's keep a good thing going!

## Hearing Assistance 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!



## Sign Up for Altar Flowers

Do you enjoy seeing the flowers on the altar? Sign up to make this possible. Flowers can commemorate any occasion or honor someone special. You will find the sign-up sheets on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board.

**Each arrangement costs \$20,** and you are welcome to take them home after the service. Payments can be made online or in person.



## 2026 CAMP TALAH



Hope Church will have more information available on the welcome table soon and you can find out more at their website [camptalahi.org](http://camptalahi.org)

### Here is the camp schedule.

(all camps are the grade your camper has just completed)

- **Volunteer Work Days 06/16 - 06/18:** Come help us wake camp from its winter slumber and get it ready for our ON-SITE camps this upcoming summer! We need a little help making sure all of our buildings and outdoor areas are camper ready! This is a free weekend for anyone of any age and any skill set to come and help out!
- **06/28 - 07/03:** CIT Camp (grades 9-11) Being a counselor-in-training (CIT) is a leadership opportunity for high school students.
- **07/05 - 07/09:** Transgender and Gender Diverse High School Camp (grades 9-12)
- **07/05 - 07/07:** Transgender and Gender Diverse Middle School Camp (grades 6-8)
- **07/12 - 07/14:** Mini Camp (grades K-2nd)
- **07/12 - 07/17:** Junior Camp (Grades 3-5)
- **07/17 - 07/19:** Young Adults Camp (Ages 18-50)
- **07/17 - 07/19:** Family Camp
- **07/19 - 07/24:** Jr. High Camp (Grades 6-8)
- **07/19 - 07/24:** Sr. High Camp (Grades 9-11)

CAMP

### 2026 Scholarships:

To ensure Camp Talahi remains accessible to everyone, we offer several financial assistance options supported by our generous donor community. Please review the scholarship opportunities at [camptalahi.org](http://camptalahi.org) to help reduce your registration costs.

How to Claim: Before registering, please email [hello@camptalahi.org](mailto:hello@camptalahi.org) or text (406) 855-4317 to receive your unique coupon code.

# HOPE FOOD PANTRY

On April 11th, 2026, we held a drive-thru distribution day. We served 191 families, which includes 761 individuals. We distributed 15,471 lbs. of food, cleaning supplies, and hygiene products.

Thanks to all our generous donors, dedicated volunteers, and the Christian Mission & Witness committee, our recent food pantry distribution was a great success!

Want to volunteer? Sign up in the Narthex or contact the Christian Mission and Witness Committee. We've got packing and unloading events all month—bring your family or gather a group to staff one. It's a great way to serve together! We will gladly accept ALL food pantry donations. HOPE Food Pantry is open on the 2nd Saturday of each month.

Our next drive-thru pantry day will be:

**Saturday,  
May 9th**

from 10 am - 12 pm

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

Hope Food Pantry will accept any donation. We are asking that this month donations should focus on these items:

**Peanut Butter  
& Jelly & Pasta**

[please note that these should be a single serving and not bulk size]

Please join us in thanking all the volunteers for their hard work and dedication:



## Blessing Bag Offering



We are incredibly grateful for your Lenten Blessing Bag Offering.

This Year we collected over \$450, which was directed to the Hope UCC Good Samaritan Fund. Thanks to your generosity, we are able to assist more individuals, making a difference in their lives. With heartfelt appreciation, we thank you for your support in making our community a better place for everyone.



## Keepin' It Green



There are plenty of small ways you can make a big difference for the environment.

### **Here are some easy ways to get started:**

Strive for Second Place: Refinish, reuse, repurpose, and strive to be the second owner when it comes to items around the home. Here are some items to look for secondhand, as well as items you should consider donating:

- Wooden furniture — a fresh coat of paint or stain gives what's old a new look.
- Containers— repurpose containers for planters, office storage or kitchen storage.
- Frames — leave them vintage or spray paint for a new look.
- Building materials such as doors and windows — turn a door into a desk or tabletop.
- Found objects — with a little creativity, any found object can become decorative art at home.
- School supplies — donate to camps, schools or local nonprofits.
- Outgrown toys — pass down your old bike, skates and other toys or donate to a local charity.
- Books — donate to the library, used bookstore or neighborhood children.
- Outgrown clothes — give to a friend with smaller children or donate to a charity.
- Household items — donate hygiene products to a local shelter.
- Pet supplies — give to your local animal shelter.

Extra Tip: Decrease paper waste with online sign-ups for planning school activities, sports carpools, snack sign-ups and more.



## **KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM**

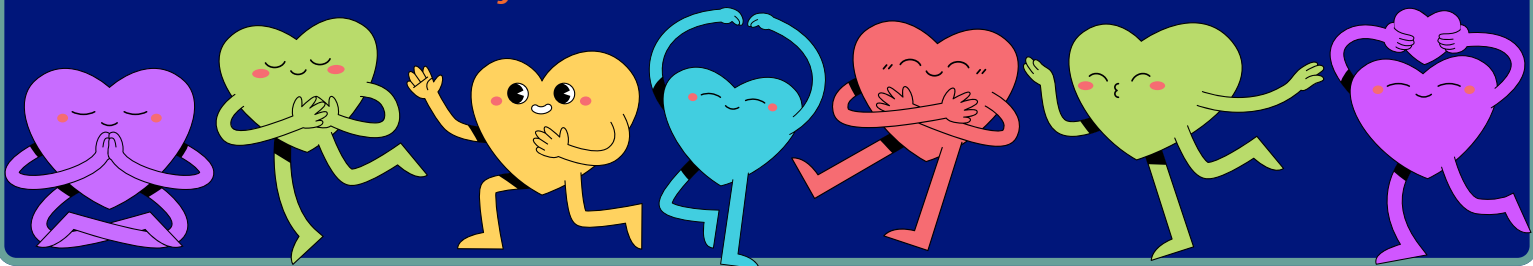
**Please consider participating in the Kroger Community Rewards Program. It's easy...all you need to participate is an email address and a Kroger rewards card. Then just shop at any Kroger store, swipe your rewards card, and a percentage of your purchase will be donated to the Hope Church Operating Account.**

**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 haven't signed up, please consider doing so.**

## MENTAL HEALTH MONTH : 101 WAYS TO MANAGE STRESS

\*Take 10 deep breaths\* Visualize a relaxing scene\* Learn to say no\* Stay Clutter Free\* Read good books\* Stretch\* Write in a journal\* Practice yoga\* Laugh often\* Watch clouds go by\* Have a picnic\* Believe in yourself\* Prioritize tasks\* Get some fresh air\* Hug someone\* Get plenty of sleep\* Watch a funny movie\* Spend time with positive people\* Make to-do lists\* Take a brisk walk\* Stargaze\* Sip a cup of tea\* Put your feet up\* Enjoy a hobby\* Disconnect from the digital world\* Exercise\* Plan ahead\* Call a friend\* Dance\* Laugh at yourself\* Count your blessings\* Be silly\* Set realistic goals\* Sing\* Think positively\* Squeeze a stress ball\* Eat right\* Take a nap\* Walk away from unnecessary conflict\* Vary your routine\* Play with children\* Get a massage\* Ask for help\* Find a quiet spot to relax\* Take regular breaks\* Listen to soothing Music\* See problems as opportunities\* Smile\* Play a sport\* Go on a hike\* Avoid caffeine and tobacco\* Eat a good breakfast\* Cry if necessary\* Be flexible\* Don't procrastinate\* Wear earplugs when it's noisy\* Buy yourself flowers\* Spend time with loved ones\* Celebrate life\* Do one task at a time\* Meditate\* Plant a garden\* Avoid distractions\* Budget time and money\* Share jokes\* Play games with friends\* Look at the big picture\* Get up on time\* Set limits\* Express your feelings\* Treat yourself to a gift\* Simplify your life\* Reflect on your joys\* Light a scented candle\* Go out to lunch\* Visit a friend\* Play with a pet\* Go to the park\* Soak in the tub\* Wear comfortable clothes\* Take off your shoes\* Forgive and forget\* Delegate work\* Love others\* Have plants at work and home\* Daydream\* Bake a special treat\* Savor Meals\* Look at old photos\* Take a vacation\* Fly a kite\* Learn something new\* Volunteer\* Go out for frozen yogurt\* Join a group\* Rub your neck and shoulders\* Try to drive less\* Read uplifting articles\* Recognize beauty around you\* Take it one day at a time\* Make someone smile\*



# BICYCLE SAFETY MONTH



## Pre-Ride Safety Check

Every time you ride your bike, do a quick A-B-C check and take a test ride to make sure your bike is working and its parts are in good shape. Riding an unsafe bicycle can lead to a crash and injuries. A safe ride starts with a safe bike – and a helmet.



### Air

Inspect your bike's tires to make sure they have the right amount of air pressure. Most bike tires have the optimal air pressure printed on the tire sidewalls. Check for any cuts or nicks and be sure the tire treads are not worn down. Replace worn down or damaged tires.

### Brakes

Test your brakes to make sure they stop your bike when you squeeze the brake handles. Check that the brake pads are not worn down and the cables are not damaged or loose. The brakes should not rub against the bike while the wheel is spinning, turning, or when you are riding. Also be sure the quick-release levers that hold the wheels on are tight.

### Chains

Check your bike chains to make sure they are tight, clean, lubricated, and rust-free. The chains should spin your pedals and move freely, particularly when changing gears. A rusty chain drags, changes gears poorly and could even snap.

# ALWAYS WEAR YOUR HELMET!!

# GROUPS AND MEETINGS

## Hope Fun Bunch

The Fun Bunch met on Monday the 20th for our monthly fellowship. We had eleven members present who enjoyed coney dogs, salad and dessert. After lunch we sang happy birthday to Carol Brzoska and Marge Lentz. Also, the seniors voted to donate 300 dollars to the Big Family of Michigan group. This is the second year we have helped the foster children of Michigan. Election of officers was tabled for a later date. We will have chicken pot pies next month. Seniors let the officers know if you are coming. Look for a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex. We meet 12 noon the 3rd Monday of the month.

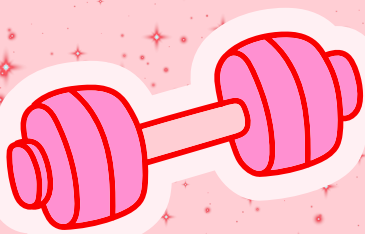
**Tom R, President / Ida E, Vice President / Joe H, Secretary**

## Hope Sparkles Exercise Class

This class takes a comprehensive approach to fitness, blending stretching routines, balance enhancement exercises, and gentle cardiovascular activities. We incorporate 2-pound weights, provided by the church, for strength-building workouts. For flexibility training, we use therapy bands supplied by our instructor. The result of participating in these sessions is a notable enhancement in overall health and well-being.

Classes are held regularly every Monday from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. and every Wednesday from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Our instructor, Linda Hohf from the Arthritis Foundation, has a remarkable understanding of our joint and muscle requirements, customizing our workouts to meet these needs effectively. What truly makes this Exercise Class unique is "YOU." All you need to do is "SHOW UP" for an hour of enjoyment and fitness alongside friends!

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



# HOPE GIVING

**There are many ways to provide financial support to the church, and your offerings are essential for sustaining the ministries of Hope Church.**

**To give Online:**

Visit the Hope UCC Website: [WWW.HOPEUCCMI.COM](http://WWW.HOPEUCCMI.COM)  
Select the "GIVE A GIFT" tab and then "GIVE A GIFT HERE"

**To give from your Cell Phone:**

Text "GIVE" to 1-586-571-9003

The site will respond with a link which you can use to route your donation to a specific fund. You will be directed to our secure payment processing website 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 S**



**“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, they are a new creation:  
The old has gone, the new is here!”**

2 Corinthians 5:17



# 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. 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.



# ODE TO MOTHERS



## God's Masterpiece is Mother – *Herbert Farnham*

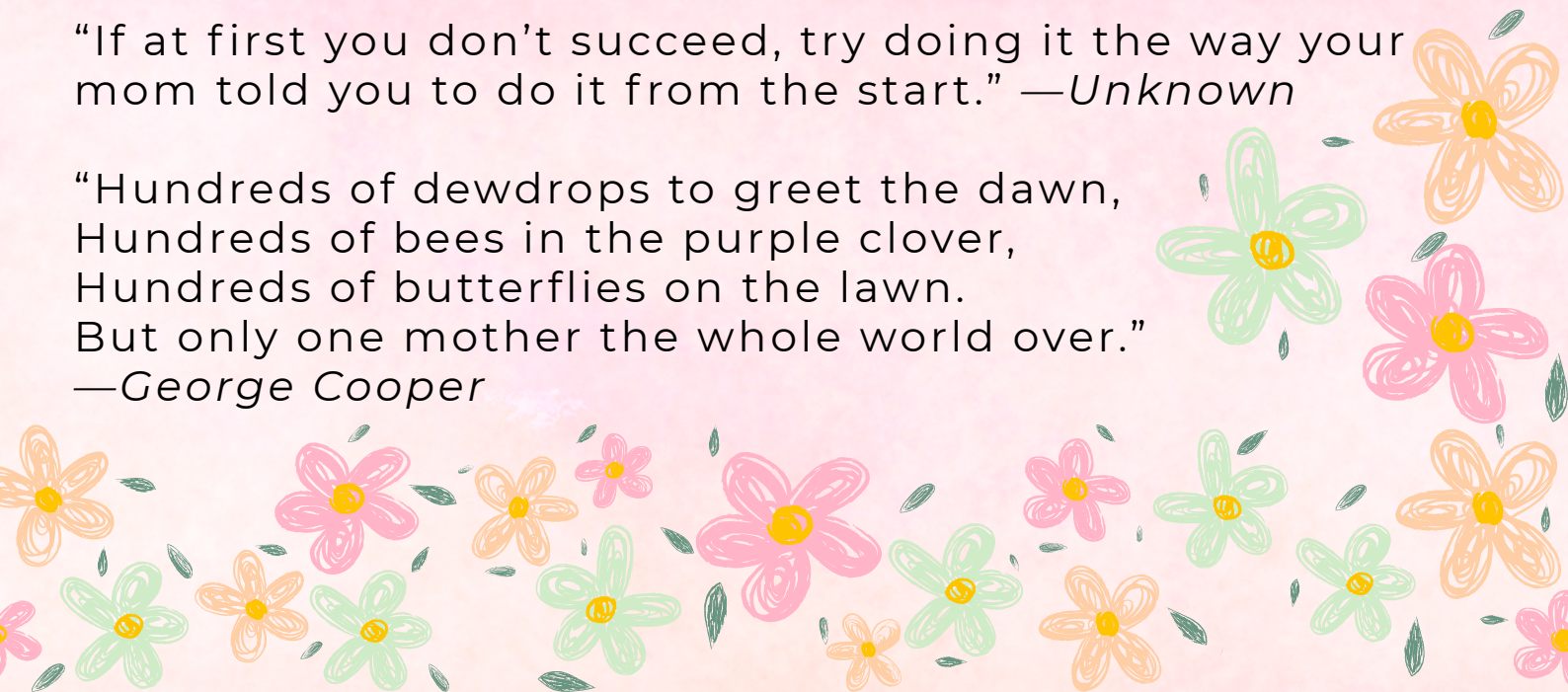
“God took the fragrance of a flower...  
The majesty of a tree...  
The gentleness of morning dew...  
The calm of a quiet sea...  
The beauty of the twilight hour...  
The soul of a starry night...  
The laughter of a rippling brook...  
The grace of a bird in flight...  
Then God fashioned from these things  
A creation like no other,  
And when his masterpiece was through  
He called it simply – Mother.”

“God could not be everywhere, and therefore he made mothers.” —*Rudyard Kipling*

“To describe my mother would be to write about a hurricane in its perfect power. Or the climbing, falling colors of a rainbow.” —*Maya Angelou*

“If at first you don't succeed, try doing it the way your mom told you to do it from the start.” —*Unknown*

“Hundreds of dewdrops to greet the dawn,  
Hundreds of bees in the purple clover,  
Hundreds of butterflies on the lawn.  
But only one mother the whole world over.”  
—*George Cooper*



# COMMUNITY

PFLAG, which stands for Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, is a national advocacy organization that supports, educates, and advocates for LGBTQ+ individuals and their families.

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](http://PFLAGCT.org), complete the form, and mention Hope UCC. This will add you to our email list, ensuring you receive notifications about future meetings.

Thank you once again for your support of our chapter.

May God bless you.

Yvonne Tadajewski, President, PFLAG-CT



## 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](http://www.ivcinfo.org).]**

# THREE MONTH FINANCIAL SUMMERY

## Three Month Financial Summary

A summary of the 2026 financial results for January through March follows:

	Operating Fund	Building Fund
Income:		
Regular Offerings	\$ 54,988	\$ 3,575
Special Offerings	2,105	30
Church Life Activities	1,328	
Other Receipts/Investment Account	4,182	( 9,458)
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 62,603</b>	<b>(\$ 5,853)</b>
Expenses:		
Mission and Witness Council	\$ 2,115	
Spiritual Council	1,810	
Christian Education Council	805	
Church Life	1,316	
Pastoral Services – Wilson	20,332	
Church Staff	15,570	
Church Property	25,102	
Technology	276	
Insurance	4,583	
Public Relations	111	
Administration and Other	3,903	
Equipment Acquisitions	0	
Contingency Funds	0	
Garfield Building Costs		0
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>75,923</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	<b>(\$ 13,320)</b>	<b>(\$ 5,853)</b>

The Operating Fund had a loss of \$13,320 for the first three months of 2026. This compares to a loss of \$14,427 for the first three months of 2025. Total Operating Income of \$62,603 was \$2,996 more than the same period last year. \$1,125 of the Income favorability is due to a transfer from the Food Pantry to the Operating Fund to offset 2026 expenses. Total Operating Fund Expenses of \$75,923 were \$1,889 more than the same period last year. The first quarter Expense variance to 2025 was driven primarily by higher Utility and Grounds Upkeep costs, but was partially offset by favorability in timing of Spiritual Council and Christian Education expenses.

Operating Fund Regular Offerings of \$54,988 were \$49 more than the same period of last year. In the first three months of 2026, we also received Special Offerings of \$60 for Easter, \$330 for Christmas, and \$600 for Energy. Mission Offerings for the period included OCWM - \$335, One Great Hour of Sharing - \$475, and Christmas Fund - \$305.

In the first quarter of 2026, the Building Fund had Total Income (excluding Investments) of \$3,605. Hope for the Future (Regular) Offerings of \$3,575 were \$80 less than the amount received for the same period last year. 2026 Special Offering Memorials of \$30 were \$5,434 less than the same period in 2025. There was a 2026 Investment account loss of \$9,458 versus a loss of \$5,503 during the same period of 2025. Building Fund expenses were zero for the first quarter in both years.

During the first three months of 2026, Dedicated Accounts received \$3,081 (CMWC Projects 1,479, Food Pantry \$704, and Dollars for Donuts \$898) and had expenses of \$4,053 (Good Samaritan \$590, Blessing Bags \$9, Food Pantry \$2,605, Music \$17, Special Gifts to Church School \$60, Dollars for Donuts \$493, and Women of Hope \$279).

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

*Terri Hillman, Treasurer*



# BOTS MEETING MINUTES

HOPE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES – **Minutes 4/14/26**  
**Pending BOT Approval**

Present: Kirk Schoenherr, Nancy Burnham, Steve Nielson,  
Nancy Fay, Rick Cole, Terri Hillman, Jim Wilson, Pastor Meg

CALL TO ORDER	7:03pm
OPENING PRAYER	Pastor Meg
CONGREGATIONAL COMMENTS	None
ADDITIONS TO AGENDA	Motown Soup - Any interest Another pop-up sale at our church
APPROVAL OF AGEND- <i>*MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA</i>	MOTION: Nancy V/Nancy F Approved
PRESIDENTS REMARKS	None
APPROVAL FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES <i>*MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES</i>	MOTION: Jim / Nancy B - Approved
APPROVAL FEBRUARY TREASURERS REPORT <i>*MOTION TO ACCEPT TREASURER'S REPORT</i>	MOTION: Nancy B/ Steve Treasurer's Report Below  Motion Approved - Report Accepted
UNFINISHED BUSINESS	None
NEW BUSINESS	
Door Locks, Security and Keyless Entry	<p>Keyless Entry has been installed. Fobs have been programmed and Gail is distributing them.</p> <p>The outside doors will be rekeyed Wednesday (Main, Children's, Maintenance, Exterior Shed. Other doors get dummy locks.</p> <p>Hex keys have been hung by the Fellowship Hall and Children's wing doors so that they can be locked open as necessary</p> <p>We've received quotes for installing for Panic Bars on the inside entry doors into the sanctuary. \$2820 and \$3860 for the outer and inner two respectively.</p> <p>We have a quote for \$1500 to install a bollard in our walkway that would prevent a car from ramming through like what occurred at temple.</p> <p>Kirk has purchased walkie talkies that work throughout the building.</p> <p>We have purchased Bright orange lanyards for people who are willing to be escorts for those with mobility issues</p> <p>There is grant money available from conference for security and we are asking if this can be retroactive.</p> <p>Motion to Spend \$2820, 3860, and \$1500 from the endowment Fund for these items and pursue a grant to reimburse Jim/Steve Approved, 1 abstention</p>

# BOTS MEETING MINUTES

Parking lot improvement quotes - Kirk

Repair existing potholes = \$2,000

Repaint stripes = \$2,500

Note that at the time of the major 2025 parking lot repair, The congregation opted not to do this specific pothole repair. Also, these continuing expenditures were part of the 2026 budget. There will still be future repairs required.

MOTION: Repairs above for \$4500 from Endowment as Approved in 2026 budget. Terri / Rick - Approved

Baseball ticket sellers & dates - Kirk

Sue and Ed Rogers will be selling tickets on the 26<sup>th</sup> and first 2 Sundays in May – Game June 14 @ 1:00pm

New CMWC members - Kirk

Steve Neilson and Crissy Lusk are joining CMWC Motion to Approve: Nancy B / Jim W - Approved

2027 Budget - Terri

Will be based on End of April Numbers. First proposed budget required at June BOT meeting.

Petty Cash – Terri

Used to be carried at \$400. Is used for Good Samaritan purposes. Will be increasing to \$500 balance. Also, because pantry is using debit account as well, we will increase Debit account from \$2000 to \$3000 balance.

Motor City Chorale – Pastor Meg

Coming at 3:00pm this Sunday. Will probably be done at 4:30pm. In the past we have done an afterglow reception. Beverage service of water and lemonade in Narthex is suggested given the proximity to dinner. Pastor Meg and Nancy B will coordinate.

Mother's/Father's Day recognition – Pastor Meg

In the past we used to do an honor role and memorial that became decreasingly popular. Last year it was not done at all. Propose that this year we focus on acknowledging the holiday and looking for fun and positive videos to support it.

Motown Soup pop-up

We would like to have one on November 15<sup>th</sup> (our traditional potluck) if unavailable let's propose 1<sup>st</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup>.

PASTORS REPORT

Thanks everyone for Lent / Holy week involvement

Would like to do Pentecost on May 17<sup>th</sup>

Mother's Day May 10th

April 22<sup>nd</sup> is Admin Assistant's Day and April 23<sup>rd</sup> is Gail's Birthday

Gift card is suggested for Gail for Admin Ast day.

Motion for gift card: Nancy B/ Nancy F – Approved

Spiritual Counsel needs additional members – please make some recommendations

April 25<sup>th</sup> we are hosting the DMA Meeting. We need someone to coordinate baked goods and to coordinate coffee service. Nancy Fay and Nancy B Volunteered. Kirk will act as host.



# 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 AGEN ITEM

- COMMITTEE/COUNCIL REPORTS
- SPIRITUAL COUNCIL
- CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE
- CHRISTIAN MISSION AND WITNESS COMM
- TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE
- STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE
- INVESTMENT COMMITTEE
- PROPERTY COMMITTEE
- HR COMMITTEE
- PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE
- MUSIC COMMITTEE

MOTION to accept reports: Nancy /Terri- APPROVED

### ADJOURNMENT\**MOTION TO ADJOURN*

MOTION: Steve/ Nancy B Approved 8:37pm

### CLOSE WITH LORD'S PRAYER



# BOTS MEETING MINUTES

## Treasurer's Report

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

### Statement of Operations – Income (Page 3):

- Weekly Offerings for March 2026 were \$5,381 more than budget and year to date Weekly Offerings were \$4,307 more than budget. We also received Special Offerings of \$60 for Easter, \$275 for Energy, \$150 for Our Church's Wider Mission, and \$475 for One Great Hour of Sharing.
- Investment activity for the Operating Fund in March consisted of \$233 in interest on the bank Money Market Savings Account.
- March Operating Income, comprised of Weekly Offerings plus other Income accounts, was \$7,091 more than budget and year to date Operating Income was \$7,078 more than budget. Operating Income for March includes \$1,100 in the Use of Buildings account related to a one-time lease termination settlement.

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

- Total Operating Fund Expenses for March 2026 were \$1,208 less than budget, mostly driven by lower Spiritual Council, Church Staff, and Property costs, partially offset by higher CEC, Church Life and Administrative costs related Lenten events. Year to date Operating Fund Expenses were \$3,462 more than budget mostly due to higher Property costs because of inclement weather early in the year as well as timing of other expenses.
- There was an Operating Fund gain (Income less Expense) of \$432 in March versus a budgeted loss of \$7,866 for the month. Year to date, the Operating Fund loss was \$13,320 versus a budgeted loss of \$16,936

### • SYNOPSIS OF OPERATIONS:

	March	Year to Date
Operating receipts	\$29,107	\$62,603
Operating expenses	28,675	75,923
(Expenses over receipts)	\$ 432	(\$13,320)

### Dedicated Accounts (Page 7):

- Dedicated Accounts had Income of \$1,852 and Expense of \$1,635 for the month, leaving a balance of \$143,638.


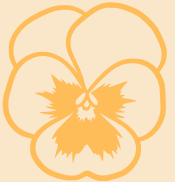








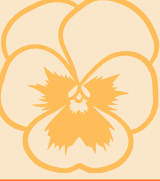

### Building Fund (Page 9):

- Hope for the Future March offerings of \$1,870 were \$270 more than budget but year to date offerings were \$3,575 which were \$525 less than budget. Memorials were \$0 in March and \$30 year to date.

### Investments (Page 9):

- The securities account had a March loss of \$14,528 which was \$15,778 less than budget and year to date the securities account had a loss of \$9,458 which was \$13,208 less than budget

Synopsis of Cash Flow (Income less Expense)	March	YEAR TO DATE
Budgeted Accounts (Operating plus Building excl. Investments)	\$2,302	(\$9,715)
Non-Budgeted Accounts (Dedicated Accounts)	218	(972)
Total Cash Flow	\$2,520	(\$10,687)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> AA 7-8:30pm
<b>3</b> Worship 10am <b>Holy Communion</b> 	<b>4</b> Hope Sparkles 11am-12pm	<b>5</b> AA 7-8pm OA 7-8pm 	<b>6</b> Hope Sparkles 1pm-2pm	<b>7</b> Kiwanis Prayer  Breakfast 7:30am  Handbells 6-7 Choir 7:30-9pm	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>  FOOD PANTRY 10-12 AA 7-8:30pm
<b>10</b> Worship 10am 	<b>11</b> Hope Sparkles 11am-12pm	<b>12</b> BOTS 7pm AA 7-8pm OA 7-8pm	<b>13</b> Hope Sparkles 1pm-2pm CMWC 6pm	<b>14</b> Handbells 6-7 Choir 7:30-9pm	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> AA 7-8:30pm
<b>17</b> Worship 10am <b>Pentecost Celebration</b> 	<b>18</b> Hope Sparkles 11am-12pm Hope Fun Bunch 12pm	<b>19</b> AA 7-8pm OA 7-8pm	<b>20</b> Hope Sparkles 1pm-2pm	<b>21</b> Handbells 6-7 Choir 7:30-9pm	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> AA 7-8:30pm
<b>24</b> Worship 10am 	<b>25 Office Closed</b> 	<b>26</b> PFLAG 6-8pm AA 7-8pm OA 7-8pm	<b>27</b> Hope Sparkles 1pm-2pm	<b>28</b> Mulvey Gardens Condo Meeting 6-9pm  Handbells 6-7 Choir 7:30-9pm	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> AA 7-8:30pm
<b>31</b> Worship 10am						

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