

January 2, 2022

Hope Happenings



*From the
Pastor's
Desk*

Time marches on, as we all only too-well know! I look back at the months that I have been with you, and I thank God for the life that we have constructively shared together.

As the New Year moves on, your Search Committee will be evaluating resumes, making decisions about whom to interview, further researching candidates, listening to sermons of that pastor or those pastors whom the Committee is considering calling, and then eventually presenting a candidate for you to

consider and vote on. It is a demanding process.

Calling a pastor is like a marriage. . . Two parties obviously like what they see and appreciate about each other, and then the marriage produces a relationship that takes nurture and work, to bring out the best in each party. When we think about it, there is a huge amount of trust invested in any such relationship! So it is that the change in pastoral leadership is a significant time in any congregation's life and history.

I pray for you as you move ahead in your congregational work to call a new pastor. It is a time that is "pregnant with possibility."

Blessings,

Richard Manny



Souper Bowl of Caring

**FEBRUARY 13 2022
MAKE A SOUP, BRING IT TO
CHURCH, VOTE ON THE BEST
ONE WITH YOUR DOLLARS,
AND RAISE MONEY FOR
CHARITY!**

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Hope Happenings is a monthly publication printed the last Sunday of the month, then distributed with the eNews the following Tuesday. Deadline for submission for the next issue is January 24 at 1 PM.

A few openings remain for Liturgist and Coffee Hour Host. Please contact the church office to sign up. Thank you!

Interim Pastor: Rev. Richard Manny
Moderator: Patsy Vollrath
Choir Director: Mary Hall
Organist/Accompanist: Cheryl Pfister
A/V Manager: Beth Mitchell
Nursery Attendant: Amanda LaRoche
Office Manager: Lynn Michelsen



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Hope in Action -- Bringing Glad Tidings of Great Joy

The Board of Mission and Action wants to say Gracias and Tašakor to each of you from the Latino families we serve through the LEAF program and the Afghan families we support at Fort McCoy.

In the last month, over \$300 and a great cache of supplies has been donated by the members of Hope and the Door County Community to enable the creation of 329 sewing kits for the refugees from Afghanistan who are staying in our state. In November, Marsie personally delivered sewing center supplies and blankets to the families at Fort McCoy and on Monday the 20th the 329 sewing kits were delivered by another generous community member. Kheili tashakkor mikonam (which means "thank you so much" in Dari.)

During Sunday, November 28, December 5, 12 and 19, Hope families contributed over \$1200 for grocery store gift cards to enable hearty holiday meals for our Latino neighbors who are struggling to make ends meet. The Christmas elves pictured in the photos created gift bags containing the gift cards, small presents, your holiday notes and Christmas candies for twenty-one families living in Door and Kewaunee counties who are known to us through LEAF and the Hispanic Resource Center. The packages were delivered the weekend before Christmas with our warmest Hope Family wishes. Muchas gracias, mis queridos amigos.

We look forward to creating more Hope in Action with you in the New Year!

*Kent Berkley, Michele Munson, Jeanne Harris,
Scott Hansen, Janelle Hollingshead,
Miriam Erickson, Don Whitson-Schmidt,
Marsie Hartman and Tom Minahan*



Hope Benevolent Committee STILL Needs Your Help to Fund Our Mission!

Please continue to collect your Tadych's receipts and bring them to church the collection box is outside the church office.

Thank you, all!

*Nancy Feld, Karen Wilcox,
Joan Shiels, Maetta Chase,
Jeanne Harris, Suzanne Holvenstot,
Penny Beerntsen, Joyce Williams,
Kathy Green and Marsie Hartman*



Treasurer's Report

	Contributions	Expenses	Surplus/ (Deficit)
November, 2021	\$13,008	\$8,211	\$4,797
YTD (5 months)	\$66,194	\$48,886	\$17,308

PPP funds received in the current fiscal year are NOT included in the above table.

Hope Members and Friends,

Hope Church experienced a significant surplus in November, for several reasons. First, we had interest income of \$1,784 in the month from an ENHANCE CD that was cashed in. Second, our payroll expense for the month continues to be low because Rev. Manny is part time, and the Music Department has scaled back because of Covid. As the church transitions eventually to a full-time minister and the choir returns as Covid permits, payroll expense will return to normal levels.

Thank you to all who so generously pledged support to the church for 2022! Support for our church has been remarkable in the face of the pandemic. If you still have not pledged, there is time to do so – let the office know if you need a pledge card or pick one up after a Sunday worship service. Pledging helps the Trustees plan a budget for the year that will keep our church strong.

Have a happy and healthy New Year!
Eric Vollrath, Treasurer
e.vollrath@wireforming.com

Stewardship Corner

YOU have "Raised Hope"!

Currently 84% of our \$155,000 goal has been reached! Wow!

Over \$130,000 has been committed to Hope UCC for the 2022 year. Thank You!

Forty-nine families/households have chosen to support Hope, its missions, programs and activities; you have "Raised Hope"! These 49 giving units have pledged over \$130,000. Over 50% of those increased their financial support over last year. Thank you! At this time we are only \$24,146 short of our \$155,000 goal. One need not be a member to pledge or contribute. You can give or pledge anytime!

Some of our Hope Families have not yet pledged financial support for the upcoming year. In fact, just 1/3 of our membership have pledged. We realize some households are financially unable to give; many give to Hope Church in other ways. It is important that as many members as possible financially support their "spiritual home" to continue funding all that Hope has and does. Please review your pledge status and consider pledging now if you have not yet done so.

Help "Raise Hope" for all.

Questions regarding Online giving and Bank transfers have been asked.

- For those of you who give via direct bank transfer (ACH, or automated clearing house) directly from your bank account to Hope's Nicolet Bank account; there is no charge to you or to Hope. These funds are moved from your bank account to our bank account.
- Previously Hope Church used Faithstreet online giving in-which transfers cost 2.1% per transaction under \$100 and 3.98% on transactions over \$100. (A \$50 payment costs \$1.05 and a \$101.00 payment costs \$4.02.)
- Hope Church now uses Breeze for online payments. These are automatically entered into our computer program and saves our office manager, Lynn, from doing so manually. The cost is 1% + \$.25 on ACH transfers or \$.30 on credit and debit transfers. (A \$50 payment cost \$.30 and so would a \$101.00 payment). To give via Breeze go to: <https://hopeunitedchurchofchrist.breezechms.com/give/online>

Automatic transfers can be established in a way that work best for YOU! Weekly, monthly or quarterly payments can be set up. If you choose, a lump sum payment for the year, or even two years, can also be done. Remember, it's all tax deductible whichever way you give!

Thank you all for all YOU do for Hope Church!

Stewardship Committee,
*Jim Hansen, Tom Lisle
and Claire Minahan*

Recycling Focus: Inflatable Recycling

There is a super fun company in the UK - Wyatt & Jack - that will pay for the shipping of your old inflatable air beds, swimming pools, etc., and turn them into other items.

Instead of tossing these things into the landfill, check out their website:

wyattandjack.com/pages/faqs



Any questions, contact them at inflatableamnesty@wyattandjack.com

Aluminum Can Tabs

In memory of the originator of the aluminum can tab collection, we desire to continue the program. Jerry Bloom Stephenson has offered to take over the logistics of this worthwhile project.

Several years ago, Pat Barlament initiated the call for saving and turning in your aluminum can tabs into the pitcher with the green lid. It is still located at the left side of the entrance to the Fellowship Hall with the collection bins for candy wrappers and printer ink cartridges.

Pat was very active with the Daughters of the Nile (the women's arm of the Shriners). As a project that she felt strongly about, the funds earned from the recycled aluminum tabs were regularly turned over to the Shriners Hospitals for Children. To continue, we will turn the donations into cash that will be turned in to the Daughters of the Nile in memory of Pat. They in turn, will use these funds to purchase many things for the children undergoing surgery and rehabilitation, from school supplies to blankets and toys. The hospital departments also provide wish lists, which the Daughters of the Nile attempt to fill as much as possible. Please consider collecting can tabs for this worthy cause.

Thank you!



Join the Juliets

We meet once a month on the third Wednesday at 11:30 AM - January 19 is the next date - in Fellowship Hall at Hope UCC where we can hear each other talk and have plenty of room! Bring your own brown bag lunch or get take out from your favorite restaurant. Contact June Kirali at juniek2@att.net to get reminders. Join us every time or whenever you can. We enjoy seeing the ladies from church and catching up!



PLANET GREEN RECYCLE
RAISE FUNDS BY RECYCLING INK CARTRIDGES



Do you have empty printer cartridges sitting around your house that you would like to recycle? Would you like to help the church? Your printer cartridges may be sent in. The money that is received for them helps fund the Pastor's Emergency Fund, which helps those in need with gas and McDonald's cards.

Please put them in a plastic bag and drop them off at the church or at Ricki Mitchell's house. You may leave them on the porch either place. Ricki lives next to Pine Crest across from the Cinema at 1239 N 18th Ave. Please to NOT leave cell phones, toner cartridges, or alkaline batteries!

Call Ricki at 920-473-4139 with questions or for more details.

Prayer List

Anna (John & Jeanne Harris's family friend)
 Jim Anschutz
 Jeanne Barnard
 Robert Berkhahn
 Kent Berkley
 Grayson Busch
 Karen Ebbeson
 Rusty Feld
 Joan Gancarcik
 Anna Herdina
 Steve James
 Janice McMahon
 Jana Mitchell
 Judy Sergeant
 Char Shinktgen
 Brenda Veldboom (Donna Kaat's daughter)
 Tracey Willems
 The Families of Waukesha

Karla and Alex
 Janet Arendt
 The Bender Family
 Bob Berkley
 Eric Brandsema (Karen Brunstrom's brother)
 Kenneth Coogle
 Cory Edler
 Patricia Feldman (Jason's mother)
 Dave Hedsand
 Cheryl Hunt
 Richard Kaiser
 David Menke
 Lucy Richter
 Nicole Severson (Jean & Darrel's daughter)
 Yvonne Siira & Family
 Adrian "Ade" Webber
 The people of & from Afghanistan
 All the LGBTQ+ students & staff at Sevastopol



The family and friends of:

Samantha Windsong Brandt

Tony Polich

Please contact the church office to add a request. Remember to notify the office when prayer listees should be added or removed.



Happy Birthday!

4	John Harris	13	Lucas Apsey	24	Maggie Moertl Hatala and Betsy Williamson
6	Meghan Tauber	16	Donna Hays and Nancy Emery	25	Michele Munson
8	Lucy Richter	19	Rudy Senarighi	29	Olive Schott
11	Phillip Pfister and Sue Powers	21	Michael Jinkins and Dave Tauber	30	Janelle Hollingshead
12	Scout Feldman and Joe Mitchell	22	Dan Williams	31	Andy Hall

Happy Anniversary!

8 Mark and Peggy Nelson (39 years)



Meetings & Events

In place of in-person meetings, we will have all of our meetings over Zoom. Email pflagsturgeonbay@gmail.com for the link.

Monthly Meetings:

Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, at 6 p.m. at Sturgeon Bay Library, located at 107 South 4th Avenue Sturgeon Bay.

Meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month (September through May) at 6:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship located at 10341 Water St. (Hwy 42) between Ephraim and Sister Bay just south of the Shops of the Green Gables.

Open Door Pride:

Open Door Pride's mission: To affirm Door County diversity through inclusion for All.

6th Annual Open Door Pride Festival: June 25, 2022 Martin Park, Sturgeon Bay

Open Door Pride PO Box 792 Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235 Open-doorpride.org

Northern Door Pride:

Inclusion. Embracing One Another. Celebrating Diversity. Helping those in Need. Celebrating Pride. Creating a Safe Space. Hosting Amazing Events. Having a Kick Ass Pride Event. Being Proud of Who We Are. northern-doorpride.com

Check out the website for updates and additional events pflagdoorcounty.org

WHO DOESN'T LOVE A COFFEE SHOP?

January 15th 1-2:30pm
The Gnoshery, 23 N 3rd Ave,
Sturg. Bay

LGBTQIA+ Get Together!
All teens (7th-12th grade)
from the
LGBTQIA+ community
in DOOR COUNTY ARE WELCOME!
Pflag is excited to offer each
student a free beverage!

LGBTQIA+
Peer-Support Group
Wednesday 3:15PM - 4:45PM

JAK's Place
A Program of Lakeshore CAP, Inc.
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