



Hope Community Church  
Annual Congregational Meeting  
June 11, 2023  
11:15 am

**A G E N D A**

- I. Call to order and prayer
- II. Adoption of the agenda
- III. Staff Report (*Lead Pastor*)
- IV. Elder & Church Management Board Reports
- V. Ministry Team Reports (*Care Ministry, Grief Ministry, Women's Ministry, Young Adults & Hope Families*)      *\*\*There will be no Men's Ministry report this year.*
- VI. 2023-2024 Budget
- VII. Report of the Nominating Committee & Elections
- VIII. Adjourn

# Hope

## Active Membership

### JUNE 2023

1. Anderson, Brandy
2. Anderson, Josh
3. Anderson, Char
4. Baldwin, Lisa
5. Baldwin, Mark
6. Battcher, Lloyd
7. Bigelbach, Jean
8. Carlier, Marty
9. Carlier, Tracy
10. Chapman, Bob
11. Chapman, Carol
12. Colaizy, George
13. Colaizy, Phyllis
14. Daggett, Ann
15. Daggett, Steve
16. Eckdahl, Megan
17. Eckdahl, Tyrell
18. Gervais, Andrea
19. Gervais, Scott
20. Gurry, Sam
21. Hanson, Dan
22. Hanson, Shelley
23. Havens, Dave
24. Havens, Diane
25. Hedges, Debbie
26. Henning, Missy
27. Hermanson, Linda
28. Hoffman, Kim
29. Hoffman, Steve
30. Jordan, Cey
31. Jordan, Tina
32. Andy Jukich
33. Heidi Jukich
34. Kirsch, Erik
35. Kirsch, Ranell
36. Laturnus, Loren
37. Laturnus, Rita
38. Massarotti, Patty
39. Mathison, Debi
40. Mathison, Tim
41. Moore, Krista
42. Ogren, Bethany
43. Ogren, Jeff
44. Pollex, Creighton
45. Pollex, Tracey
46. Patrick, Pamela
47. Quiggle, Bobbi
48. Quiggle, Brad
49. Rischette, Kent
50. Stoll, Jason
51. Stoll, Marsha
52. Schille, Cindy
53. Schille, Pat
54. Senart, Marilyn
55. Smith, Josh
56. Smith, Erin
57. Stewart, Kris
58. Stocker, Sharon
59. Stocker, Steve
60. Tolkinen, Steph
61. Tolkinen, Steve
62. \*Watson, Dwayne
63. Wetmore, Jon
64. Wetmore, Joni
65. \*Wett, Laura
66. Wiggins, Lindsay
67. Wiggins, Mark
68. Willis, Linda
69. Willis, Robert
70. Wong, Stephen
71. Wong, Lori
72. Wright, Betty
73. Young, Vivian

**\*New Member in**

**2022-2023**

## Report of the Lead Pastor

Our lives and culture continues to change. Fortunately, we serve the almighty, unchanging God. Lindsay and I are continually excited as we continue to see lives changed for Jesus through the work happening at Hope Community Church.

Many changes have happened at Hope in the last year. In May of 2022, I accepted the Lead Pastor role at Hope. In July, I was installed by the District Superintendent and leadership team. God has been incredibly faithful as we strive to serve Him better each day. One other significant change in the last year was the departure of Patty from the staff. She served faithfully for many years at Hope and I am thankful for the love and effort in helping kids to know more about Jesus.

During this time of transition from the Assistant Pastor to Lead Pastor, there have been some people who have stepped into different roles. I want to say a special thank you to Jason and Marsha Stoll for heading up and coordinating the Children's Ministry along with Lindsay Wiggins. We have some amazing volunteers and helpers who are pivotal to the children's ministry. Thank you to Erin Smith, Kaitlin Skeie, Linda Hermanson, Abby Kirsch, Allison Hoffman, Betty Wright, Carol Chapman, Char Anderson, Cindy Schille, Debbie Hedges, Heidi Jukich, Kim Hoffman, Lori Wong, Patty Massarotti, Nolan Gelhar, Liam Gelhar, Marin Kirsch, Maria Kirsch, Joshua Stoll, Sally Makena and Zach Ogren for all that you do.

Josh Smith, Erin Smith and Kaitlin Skeie have also lead the student ministries during this time here at Hope, holding events at their houses, as well as leading the trip to Big Sandy Camp for winter retreat. Lindsay has also stepped in to help with all the event planning, administration, and behind the scenes work that student ministries entails. They went through the *Unoffendable* series with the students and a video series called the *Dark Room*, about questions in our faith and why faith matters. They are now working their way through the Gosel of John by Spoken Word. I am so grateful for them leading and guiding our students! Please continue to pray for our leadership team as we continue the search for a Next Gen pastor.

One of my favorite series that we went through this year was the *Unoffendable* series. In this series, we walked through what it means to walk in remembrance of Christ's forgiveness in our life and how he paid the price for us, so we are challenged to live unoffendably in a world where people are consistently being offended or looking to be offended. We walked through subjects like anger, bitterness, pride, and unforgiveness. It was great to hear how this study impacted our lives with the climax being that a woman gave her life to Christ during this series! Praise God!

There have been some amazing things that have happened this last year. Two people gave their life to Christ, seven people were baptized, and we saw nearly 145 people attend our Easter Celebration this year. We accepted a new family in to

membership, held a wedding for a couple that attends Hope, and had a child dedicated to the Lord. God is working through Hope Community Church and I am so excited to see where He continues to lead us.

It is an honor to be a part of Hope Community Church. I would like to thank the Elders for their leadership and sharing wisdom in guiding God's church. Jon Wetmore, Scott Gervais, George Colaizy and Brad Quiggle have been leading and praying for Hope Community Church. Lastly, I want to say a special thank you to Lindsay. She has been an amazing partner in ministry. She designs all the graphics and bulletins, heads up communication and planning for events, leads young adults and the families group. Lindsay has been a critical part of the team here at Hope.

I am so excited to see God continue to use Hope Community Church **love God**, **love people**, and **make disciples** in Cottage Grove, Woodbury, Hastings and the surrounding areas. To God be the Glory!

Respectfully Submitted,

*Rev. Mark Wiggins*  
Lead Pastor

## Report of the Elders

The Hope elders for this past year have been Brad Quiggle, Jon Wetmore, Scott Gervais and George Colaizy.

The Elders typically meet on a monthly basis, usually the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month. Much time is spent in prayer for the church, our members, our local community and our leaders both local and national. We also spend time going over the upcoming preaching schedule with the pastor as well as reviewing reports from the various ministries at Hope including monthly staff reports, youth ministry and children's ministry reports as well as reviewing the CMB minutes. We annually review and approved the budget that is prepared for presentation at the congregational meeting which will be June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023. We interview potential new members and listen to their testimony. Praise the Lord for bringing new members to Hope over the past year!

As you know, this past year we announced that Pastor Mark was being appointed as the lead pastor for Hope. It has been an exciting year of opportunity and growth as we seek direction from the Lord! We have worked through some staffing changes and have some great hope for what God will reveal in the coming months.

One of the things we have been focused on this year has been seeking God's direction for Hope and asking Him to lead us in the right ways to minister to people. As part of this focus, we are going to be seeking guidance through a program called Master Planning. This is going to be led by Jonathan Wiggins, who is currently the Rocky Mountain CMA District Superintendent. There will be several planning and input seeking sessions happening over the course of several weeks where we will seek to lay out the vision and direction of various ministries of our church. We are praying for guidance and a successful result as we move in new directions.

I cannot emphasize enough the commitment to seeking God's will and direction that your elders have. Our hope is that our church congregation be united in prayer and seeking the Lord in everything. We truly believe the overall health of the church is very good and we are excited to see where God leads us in the future. May God bless you!

Respectfully submitted,

*Brad Quiggle*  
Vice-Chair of Elder Board

## Report of the Church Management Board

The Church Management Board (CMB) is responsible for financial matters of Hope Community Church. We are also responsible for the property and maintaining and repairing the grounds. The CMB works under the authority of the Elders. The CMB consists of:

<b>Chairman</b>	Mark Wiggins	<b>Building &amp; Grounds</b>	Jeff Ogren
<b>Treasurer</b>	Jon Wetmore	<b>Member at Large</b>	Steve Tolkinen
<b>Financial Secretary</b>	Steve Hoffman	<b>Member at Large</b>	Kim Hoffman

The CMB was able to complete many projects around the church facility and grounds. Some of the highlights are:

### **Spring Cleaning**

- There was a team of people who came to organize and clean the garage.
- Side rooms down stairs were cleaned out and organized. Many items were sorted and put in to bin and totes.
- Trees were trimmed and branches taken to the compost.
- Carpets cleaned, bathrooms deep cleaned and windows were wiped down.

### **Family Room and Nursery**

- Planned to remodel the existing nursery to become a family room that also can be utilized for small meetings.
- New couches, paint, furniture and TV was installed for people to watch what is happening in the sanctuary if they are in the family room.
- Renovated the lower level room to become the nursery. New carpet was laid, new paint, future plans for the bathroom in that room were started.
- New items were purchased for the nursery to update the space along with a new pack and play, floormats, and chairs.

The CMB is very thankful to all the volunteers that spend many, many hours working on projects around the church. Without their help, the projects would not have been completed. A special thank you goes out to Lloyd Batcher for serving as the janitorial staff for the church.

Respectfully submitted,

*Mark Wiggins*  
Chairman

## Report of the Care Ministry Team

The Care Ministry Team is a ministry of compassion, encouragement and helps that exists to care for those who call Hope Community Church their home.

Our purpose as a ministry is to glorify God (1Peter 4:11), encourage the body of Christ (1Corinthians 12:4-7), and live our faith through good works (James 2:14-17) We sought the Lord's direction in doing this in a variety of ways this past year.

This past fiscal year we blessed families in small ways. Cards with gift cards to encourage college students in the fall and spring and we blessed several families with Aldi gift cards for Thanksgiving. We encouraged those with health issues, illnesses, and discouragement with cards.

We collected about 24 Operation Christmas Child boxes in November and in February we were able to collect \$524 for Samaritan's Purse items (i.e. chicks, medical, water treatment equipment, etc.). Our church family has been generous in these outreaches and for donating to the benevolent fund.

We also, sent cards to those in our church who lost family members. Memorials were made in memory of the church members who died this year, as well as members who lost a parent.

We are humbled by those who volunteered and provided willing hands for preparing meals and helping at the funerals we had this year at Hope. We are also blessed to be able to help and encourage people within Hope Community Church and in our community.

Respectfully submitted,

*Debbie Hedges*  
Chair



## **Report of the Grief Ministry**

*O, Come Let Us Grieve Together* is a Bible study written to help people understand what grief looks like and to grieve in a healthy way as God means us to.

We study telling the story of how our loved one died, the emotions while grieving, how even Christians struggle after the death of a loved one, and how to deal with the "firsts" after a loved one dies.

This past year we have ministered in a group setting as well as to people individually. All of them responded to God's comforting love. They gained an understanding of the grief journey.

The Lord has moved in a mighty way. He has allowed us to walk with people through their grief while supporting and encouraging one another.

In the coming year God is showing us some new and exciting things. We look forward to seeing what comes next.

Respectfully submitted,

*George & Phyllis Colaizy*  
Grief Ministry Leaders

## Report of the Women's Ministry

*"Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful." Hebrews 10:23*

As we hold fast to our hope in Christ we seek to continually grow in our relationship with God and others. Bible study is one of those areas that help us do this. We have a women's group that meets on Monday nights led by Phyllis Colaizy. This year the studies they did were *The Armor of God* and *Hearing the Voice of God*, by Priscilla Shirer and a video series called *"The Faithful"*. We also have a Tuesday morning women's group that meet with a few different leaders facilitating, Bethany Ogren, Lindsay Wiggins and Bobbi Quiggle. This first study we did was *Known* by Aubrey Sampson. Then, both the evening and morning groups along with the whole church did the study called *Unoffendable* by Brant Hansen. We are truly thankful to the Lord for the time we have to study His word together, pray and grow in our relationship with God and each other.

In May we had our annual Women's Retreat. The focus was on Matthew 5:1-16, The Beatitudes. We had 42 women in attendance this year. It was a beautiful time soaking in God's word, worshiping together, praying and developing deeper relationships with one another. We also offer individual inner healing prayer times with one of our team members and many people took advantage of this time as well. It was a powerful weekend for all the women who attended

On a personal level I felt God calling me to go back to school. I am attending Crown College to get my Masters of Divinity degree. I was also asked to speak at The Rocky Mountain District Alliance Women's Retreat in Montana. It was a blessing to be their speaker and to see God move in and through these women as well.

I am honored and thankful to be able to serve the women of Hope Community Church. God has been so very faithful to us and I give Him all the glory, honor and praise!

Respectfully Submitted,

*Bobbi Quiggle*  
Director of Women's Ministry

## Report of Young Adults and Young Families

Young adults and Hope families are ministries that were created to offer specific insight into these unique stages of life while also encouraging those who come to get connected into Hope at large. As such, they are not weekly commitments but designed to be a time to fellowship with, encourage, and equip one another in these life stages, while also leaving time in the schedule to get involved in serving at Hope, attending other ministries within Hope, and reaching out to those around us to love God, love people, and make disciples.

### ***Hope Families***

This year we switched to a new format of mostly listening to podcasts or going through a life stage guide and then discussing together. We listened to FamilyLife's *Spiritually Vibrant Home*, went through *Surviving the Holidays* guide, sent the couples on a date night with resources to choose from while the grandparents' group watched the kids, listened and talked through *Unoffendable*, and then ended the year with the Village Church's *Summer Family Activity Guide*. We will be spending the summer gathering with one another through events that multiple families are hosting.

### ***Young Adults***

Young adults this past summer was backyard games until dark and then bonfires at the Wiggins' house until the late hours of the night. This brought us into the school year and we decided that we would start meeting bi-monthly on Saturdays – one with the focus of fellowship over a meal and the other with teaching. We worked our way through *Soundtracks* by Jon Acuff and this year tried sharing the teaching load with encouraging the young adults to prepare and lead a month's discussion throughout the year.

We continue to reach out individually to many of the young adults within our congregation and often meet up one-on-one – to go on walks, workout out at the gym, grab lunch, and play games together.

One of the highlights for young adults this year was Josh and Erin Smith's wedding – they first met at young adults and it was so exciting to celebrate a marriage that we know God will be glorified in!

Respectfully Submitted,

*Lindsay Wiggins*

Leader of Young Adult & Hope Families

## 2023/2024 Proposed Budget

The CMB and Elder boards have decided to postpone until future date a new proposed Budget for the fiscal year 2023/2024 since our acting Treasurer experienced a serious medical emergency. We are proposing to revisit the budget within the next 60 days. Until the new budget has been approved, the CMB and Elder boards have made the decision to keep all new proposals in-line with the prior year's budget.

ANNUAL BUDGET	2023/2024 Proposed	2022/2023 Proposed
Income		
<b>Operating Fund</b>	<b>\$280,000.00 – TBD</b>	<b>\$280,000.00</b>
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<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$280,000.00 – TBD</b>	<b>\$280,700.00</b>

PROFIT and LOSS July 2022 – April 2023*	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$235,178.51</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$184,618.89</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$50,599.62</b>

\*May and June still TBD

ASSETS	
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$226,948.15</b>

- Possible Capital Projects for 2023/2024
  - Street Assessment - \$21,900 due in Oct. 2023
  - Window Replacement – TBD
  - Parking Lot Replacement - \$110,000 estimate in 2022

Respectfully Submitted.

*Steve Hoffman*  
Assistant Treasurer, Hope Community Church

## Report of the Nominating Committee

The nominating committee consists of 5 people. Pastor Mark, 2 elders, who are Jon Wetmore and Brad Quiggle, and 2 at large members who are elected at the previous Annual Meeting. Phyllis Colaizy and Kim Hoffman were elected at the meeting in June of 2022 to serve this year. We typically meet a few weeks before the upcoming annual meeting. The goal is to seek nominees for upcoming positions for Elder and Church Management Board (CMB).

There will be 2 elder positions open filling the outgoing vacancies of Scott Gervais and George Colaizy. Thank you to Scott and George for serving two full terms as Elders. Two men were asked to consider being nominated for the Elder position. Stephen Wong, who had previously served as an Elder, was asked and after prayer and consideration, allowed his name to stand for election. Tyrell Eckdahl also was asked to pray and consider allowing his name to stand for election. Tyrell has also accepted the nomination for the Elder position.

For the CMB there are a Buildings and Grounds position being vacated by Jeff Ogren, as well as a member at large vacated by Kim Hoffman, and the church treasurer vacated by Jon Wetmore. Erin Smith was asked to consider the Member at Large position and has accepted the nomination. Eric Kirsch was asked to consider the position of Buildings and Grounds and has accepted the nomination. Jason Stoll has been asked to consider the position of Treasurer and has accepted the nomination.

Both the Elders and the CMB serve two year terms, and can serve two consecutive terms before they are ineligible for reelection for one year. A special thank you to the nominating committee for serving in this role. Thank you to the men and women who have served on the CMB, and the men on the Elder board.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Brad Quiggle*  
Vice-Chair of the Nominating Committee