

Hope Community Church  
Annual Congregational Meeting  
June 19, 2019  
10:45 a.m.

**A G E N D A**

- I. Call to order and prayer
- II. Consider Agenda
- III. Appointment of Tellers
- IV. Report of the Nominating Committee – Elections
- V. Staff Reports  
(*Director of Children’s Ministry, Assistant Pastor, Senior Pastor*)
- VI. Ministry Team Reports  
(*Elders, CMB, Care Ministry, Worship Ministry, Women’s Ministry, Men’s Ministry*)
- VII. Treasurer’s Report and Adoption of 2019-2020 Budget
- VIII. Election of next year’s Nominating Committee
- IX. Adjourn

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Active Membership

June 2019

1. \*Anderson, Brandy
2. \*Anderson, Josh
3. Anderson, Char
4. Battcher, Lloyd
5. Bigelbach, Jean
6. Chapman, Bob
7. Chapman, Carol
8. Colaizy, George
9. Colaizy, Phyllis
10. \*Eckdahl, Megan
11. \*Eckdahl, Tyrell
12. Foster, Debbi
13. Gervias, Andrea
14. Gervais, Scott
15. \*Gurry, Sam
16. \*Hanson, Dan
17. \*Hanson, Shelley
18. Havens, Dave
19. Havens, Diane
20. Hedges, Debbie
21. Henning, Brian
22. Henning, Missy

23. Hermanson, Linda
24. Hoffman, Kim
25. Hoffman, Steve
26. Jordan, Cey
27. Jordan, Tina
28. Kirsch, Erik
29. Kirsch, Ranell
30. Laturus, Loren
31. Laturus, Rita
32. Massarotti, Patty
33. Mathison, Debi
34. Mathison, Tim
35. McDonald, Patty
36. McDonald, Scott
37. Miles, Homer
38. Moore, Krista
39. Ogren, Bethany
40. Ogren, Jeff
41. \*Pollex, Creighton
42. \*Pollex, Tracey
43. \*Patrick, Pamela
44. Quiggle, Bobbi
45. Quiggle, Brad
46. Rischette, Chris
47. Rischette, Kent
48. Schille, Cindy
49. Schille, Pat
50. \*Senart, Marilyn
51. Stewart, Kris

52. Stocker, Sharon
53. Stocker, Steve
54. Teal III, Jim
55. Teal, Michele
56. Thorson, Larry
57. Thorson, Leslie
58. Tolkinen, Steph
59. Tolkinen, Steve
60. Wetmore, Jon
61. Wetmore, Joni
62. Wiggins, Lindsay
63. Wiggins, Mark
64. \*Willis, Linda
65. \*Willis, Robert
66. Wong, Stephen
67. Wong, Lori
68. Wright, Betty
69. Young, Vivian
70. Zwart, David
71. Zwart, Laura

**\*New Member in  
2018-2019**

## Report of the Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee held meetings to discuss and outline an approach to identifying eligible candidates for open leadership positions at Hope Community Church.

### **Elder Board (Governing Board) – Two Open Positions**

The Elder Board will consist of four men from our membership that demonstrate the characteristics outlined in I Timothy 3 and Titus 1.

The current Elder Board consists of:

- **Kent Rischette** – 2<sup>nd</sup> term complete. Not eligible for election.
- **Brad Quiggle** – 2<sup>nd</sup> term complete. Not eligible for election.
- **Cey Jordan** – *(One year remaining on 2<sup>nd</sup> term)*
- **Stephen Wong** – *(One year remaining on 2<sup>nd</sup> term)*

The nominating committee identified several possible eligible candidates for the open Elder positions and approached them to understand their interests and availability. The following individuals indicated an interest in and heart to serve our congregation and their names will be presented to the membership at the annual meeting.

- **George Colaizy**
- **Scott Gervais**

### **Church Management Board – Three Open Positions**

The current Church Management Board consists of:

- **Rick Hauert**-Buildings and Grounds -2<sup>nd</sup> term complete. Not eligible for election
- **Jon Wetmore**-Treasurer -2<sup>nd</sup> term complete. Not eligible for election
- **George Colaizy**-At-Large -2<sup>nd</sup> term complete. Not eligible for election.
- **Tim Mathison**- At-Large -1 year remaining on 2<sup>nd</sup> Term
- **Jean Bigelbach**-Financial Secretary-1 year remaining on 1<sup>st</sup> Term

The nominating committee identified several possible eligible candidates for the open Church Management Board positions and approached them to understand their interests and availability. The following individuals indicated an interest in and heart to serve our congregation and their names will be presented to the membership at the annual meeting.

- **Joshua Anderson** – Treasurer
- **Jeffery Ogren**-Buildings and Grounds
- **Kim Hoffman**-At Large
- **Chris Rischette**-At Large
- **Jim Teal III**-At Large

Respectfully Submitted,

*Cey Jordan-Chair, Phyllis Colaizy, Debbie Hedges, Kent Rischette and Larry Thorson*

## Report of the Director of Children's Ministry

*Start children off on the way they should go,  
and even when they are old they will not turn from it.*

Proverbs 22:67

The Children's Ministry of Hope Community Church is committed to ministering to children from birth through sixth grade. Kids experience worship together with their families on Sunday mornings before going to Discovery Land for the rest of the morning. Discovery Land is a fun, interactive place for kids to learn about God and apply His truth to their lives. The children will walk through the Bible every three years. Discovery Land is a year-round program with a focus on the Old Testament in the summer and fall and the New Testament in the winter and *spring*

Good News Club is a ministry of Child Evangelism Fellowship. We meet every Tuesday during the school year at Hillside Elementary School. The children hear a Bible lesson, sing songs, have Scripture memory, a mission story, and review games or other activities focused on the lesson's theme. We make sure to bless the staff with a treat each month in the teachers' lounge just to let them know that they are appreciated

**July's** main focus was on preparing for VBS, having VBS, cleaning up from VBS, and recuperating from VBS. Fifty-five children came forward to ask Jesus into their lives. We were also blessed to share some of our decorations with two other churches. It's exciting to know that more children and families were being reached with the Word of God.

Discovery Land had the children learning about Joseph and Moses this summer.

**August** was pretty calm. We did some regrouping after VBS and some tweaking of things that need to be changed for next year.

Discovery Land had the children finishing up with Moses and the plagues. The kids all loved the bugs!

We were able to have a display table at the Hillside Elementary School Open House in August. We had 29 children sign up for Good News Club that night and several parents that took the information. We have kids that were part of Good News Club that attend other schools, so we sent the information to them in hopes of seeing them for the coming school year. We ended the 2018-2019 school year with 45 children enrolled!

**September** was busy with the second service starting up on September 9 and Good News Club starting again on September 18.

Discovery Land had the children reviewing Moses and continuing with God's plan for the Israelites up to Joshua and the walls of Jericho.

**October's** Discovery Land had the children leaving Mt. Sinai, building the tabernacle, sending spies into Canaan, and Joshua taking over leadership of the Israelites. That's quite a lot for children to take in, but they did well with the lessons.

We began practicing for the Christmas program. The Puppet Team practices every Sunday after church, and the Black Light Hands practice every Monday evening. It's a great commitment for them, but they have been faithful.

The Rhythm & Rhyme group has really grown. We have about fifteen little ones and their parents participating at this time. Bethany Ogren does an incredible job with all of them.

Good News Club had one child accept Christ into their life this month. Her name is Abby, and she continues to talk about the day Jesus came into her life. When she was given a Bible, she took it and just hugged it. She was so excited!

**November** was busy with organizing Christmas lessons for Discovery Land and Good News Club.

On Veterans Day, the Tracker Elementary Class greeted our Veterans with a card and candy and thanked them for their service.

Randy Krussow spoke to the Tracker Elementary Class about his mission's trips and his yearlong service in Brazil. He brought small Brazilian flags and dowels and helped the children put them together. Randy taught them a song in Portuguese about Jesus. He also brought a piranha souvenir that was really a big hit with the kids.

Our Good News staff provided the dessert for the Hillside teachers for their dinner during teacher conferences. They were very much appreciated. Our relationship with the Hillside staff has really grown.

**December** was a busy month getting ready for the Christmas program. So many people were involved to make this program great. December 15 was the dress rehearsal, and all went well. December 16 was the Christmas program. Everyone did a great job! The people were blessed and God was glorified.

December 13 was the last Rhythm & Rhyme class until the new year, and December 18 was the last Good News Club until January 8.

**January** was a quiet month. Needless to say, planning and purchasing began for VBS. Please pray that God prepares the hearts of all the volunteers and the children He will be sending to us this year.

Discovery Land has the children learning about Jesus as He began His ministry. We had a Family Movie Night showing Stuart Little 2. Forty people enjoyed a fun evening.

Good News Club started back up on January 8. They were all excited to be back and shared what some of their favorited Christmas gifts were. I asked one little boy what he got and he said, "A lawyer." I started laughing and then he said, "Just kidding. I got a PS4."

**February's** Discovery Land had the children learning about the beginning of Jesus' life and his relationship with family.

Good News Club lessons coincided with Discovery Land. We added two new children to our group.

Family Movie Night was February 22. We had 43 guests, and a good time was had by all.

**March's** Discovery Land had the children learning about Jesus last days from entering Jerusalem, the crucifixion, rising from the dead, and Pentecost.

We had one child pray for Jesus to come into his life.

March 14 was Spring Break Fun Day. We had twelve kids join us for table games, pizza, ice cream and brownie sundaes, and a movie. A good time was had by all.

March 29 was our last Family Movie Night. We had 38 people show up to see Cars 3.

Good News Club has been learning about the beginning of Jesus' ministry. We had three new kids join us in March. We also had one ask Jesus into his life.

**April's** Discovery Land had the children learning about Jesus' teaching people to be humble like children, his death and resurrection, and on to the persecution of his disciples.

All of the children from nursery through Tracker Elementary received special Easter gifts. The Tracker Elementary class celebrated a Messianic Seder meal and enjoyed learning the real meaning of Passover and Jesus' ultimate sacrifice.

We had the last Good News Club on April 30. It's been a challenging, but good year with 33 children attending our last club. God has moved so powerfully in the lives and families of the children God brought to us this year. Many are talking about coming to VBS and several families joined us for our Family Movie Nights this year.

The children of Hope and our Good News Club children grew in their relationship with God and in their knowledge of His Word and love for them.

All of the offering money that the children of Hope collected this year went to missionaries all over the world. Each quarter they prayed for and gave towards specific missionaries and are definitely being an active part in the Great Commission.

We appreciate our Hope church family and thank you for your prayers, love, and support as we reach our community for Christ.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Patty Massarotti*

Children's Ministry Director

## Report of the Assistant Pastor

We are blessed beyond imagine by being part of Hope Community Church! We not only love serving here but so appreciate the encouraging church family that it is. I am so excited by what God is doing in our youth, college-aged and young adult ministries and can't wait to see where God leads us this coming year!

### *The Hub: Hope Student Ministries*

This year we will be sending out more seniors to take on the world for Jesus! Mallory Hoffman, Noah Kirsch, and Josh Stewart are graduating.

This year we have covered many different aspect of our faith in the "Alpha for Youth" series and then learned about other belief systems in "What's the Difference!?" We started this year out with the Alpha video series learning the answers to and discussing the questions of topics like why Jesus had to die, who was Jesus, what is the role of the Holy Spirit, how do we pray and what is the purpose of the Church. This series was awesome because it encouraged a ton of small group discussion, questions, and honesty. Each week, we would grab some pizza and snacks, watch the video then discuss the topic at hand. We loved seeing how the Holy Spirit moved when students would bring up hard questions that sometimes even took us "off topic" but, ultimately, would apply to our students' lives. We were encouraged whenever the students would answer each other's questions, giving them opportunities to explain why they believe what they believe and how Jesus has changed their lives. Part of the Alpha video would be questions that we would discuss after they would interview a ton of different people's opinions on the questions for example like, "who was Jesus?" Out of these interviews, a lot of the questions that came up towards the end of the Alpha series were questions about what other people believe, so we followed up the Alpha series with "What's the Difference?" This series took major belief systems like Islam, Scientology and others and compares them to Christianity and helps guide students to engage in a conversation when they encounter someone who follows that belief system by explaining a brief explanation of the beliefs and common grounds to discuss with them.

A big part of the Hub happens when we meet in our small groups on Wednesday nights to discuss what's going on in life as well as connecting outside of Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings. As the old saying goes, "They don't care what you know until they know you care" so we are huge advocates of walking through life together with the students. Lindsay and I love having students over to our house or taking them out to eat or for coffee! We also are often staying connected with our students through texting and social media. Ethan and Deacon love hanging out with our students too! There is a great amount of time spent with the students that happens because the students will drop by our house or come hang out at church with me after school or when there is a day off of school. We enjoy doing many different events with the students and connecting with them while doing activities like Nerf Wars, bonfires, guys video game days, girls brunch or dinners, footgolf, winter camp at Big Sandy Camp, and doing lunch with them! We have some awesome leaders that help out each week and Lindsay and I are so blessed to be working with Sam Gurry, Erin Tolkinen, Kaitlin Skeie, and Kris Stewart.

### *College-Age Ministry*

With more students graduating each year, our opportunity for college-age ministry expands. Most of our students attend colleges in other communities so we encourage them to find a local body of believer to connect into there and are willing to help them get connected in the process. We minister to this age group by try to stay up-to-date on their lives. This means connecting over social media, texting them to check-in, and inviting them out for coffee or over when home

or on breaks. Some of the college-age students are in the area or recent graduates and a few of them serve in our student ministries and we also try to get the ones in the area connected with our young adult group for some of the bigger gatherings. With many of them now on summer break, it'll be great to connect with them and hear all about the exciting things God is doing in their lives at school!

### Young Adult

Our young adult group has been meeting once a month on Sunday nights and has grown to 6 couples! We are praising God for all He is doing through this group! We changed from meeting every week last year to once a month this year because we believe that the young adult time of life is already pretty busy and we want them to have time to get connected to other ministries within the church as well as to have time within their marriage and families. A once a month meeting that is longer, allows us to share a meal together, and then dig into the teaching is giving this priority time and also gives our couples time to meet with one another outside of the monthly meet ups. Our goal is to build followers who will have lifelong relationships as they work out what it means to live in this world as a Christian.

We have been working our way through a series on parenting from *Family Life Today* called *The Art of Parenting*. This series gives a ton of applicable information and strategies to raising children in a Godly way that will help them to grow up to know God and their purpose in life. It's very well done with excellent speakers, great talking points, a Christian comedian, funny things kids say, group discussion, and even homework to do as parents.

We also try to do periodic hangout times for the Young Adult group and had awesome gatherings at our home for the Christmas party and Superbowl party. We look forward to the summer where we will continue to meet as well as have an additional pool party once a month to encourage this group to stay close and invest in one another.

### Assimilation

At Hope, we value our guests and we want to provide the best experience we can. I am so proud of all of our members at Hope for how well guests are welcomed once they are through our doors. When a guest visits, they receive a Hope Community Church t-shirt and keychain along with personalized handouts on the different ministries that we offer. We want them to come back again and make Hope their church home! We send an email to the guest to connect with them and let them know we are thinking of them, encouraging them to come back.

### Other Pastoral Duties

It is both a joy and an honor to serve here at Hope with the leadership team, especially growing under Pastor Larry's leadership! Whether it's changing the church sign, working on the church van, proceeding through the ordination process, being the Chair of the Church Management Board, playing on the worship team, or preaching, I am regularly being challenged to grow.

In conclusion, we are excited to see where God will lead Hope. Lindsay, Ethan, Deacon, Chloe, and I are overjoyed to be a part of Hope. We are so grateful for the church family. The kindness, loving hearts, and support we receive is what keeps us strong in trying times.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Mark Wiggins*  
Assistant Pastor

## Report of the Senior Pastor

When I read through the pages of these reports, two words came to mind:  
*celebration and inspiration.*

What you have in your hands is a *celebration* of what we have accomplished across our ministries over the past year. Inside these pages you will find reports from our staff and ministry leaders and stories of life change from our ministries and much more. I even got excited reading over the financial summary, because it is a powerful testimony to your generosity. I love seeing what God has done in our church and around the world – I can't wait for you to find out everything that's happened over the past twelve months.

This report is also about *inspiration*, because we know the best is still ahead. This year Hope Church will celebrate its 50th anniversary. And we don't just want to take this opportunity to look back, though we'll certainly do that as well. We want HOPE always to be a church that looks ahead so that we can see where God is leading us.

In the next twelve months Hope Community Church will continue to be a place where people find God, grow their faith, discover their purpose, and make a difference. We are committed to living this out every day. We are going to get to know God better and pursue him with all our heart. We are going to grow in our love for each other as we serve one another. HOPE has come a long way, and we are just getting started. Let's get to work!

### FIRST A LOOK BACK...

**June 2018** –Held a Father's Day outdoor service at Hamlet Park on the 22nd. Baptism Sunday on the 24<sup>th</sup>. First Grill Is On for the summer on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

**July 2018** – Organized a Saint Paul Saints Baseball outing with 50 in attendance. VBS was held the 9<sup>th</sup> to the 13<sup>th</sup>. Baptisms on two separate Sundays. Grill Is On at Colaizy's on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Reception of new members on July 29<sup>th</sup>.

**August 2018** –Grill Is On held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Wiggins and the 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Cowans. Reception of new members on the 12<sup>th</sup>. Baptism of two people on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

**September 2018** – Began a teaching on MEET THE HOLY SPIRIT. Funeral of Dan Stewart on September 14<sup>th</sup>. Trained as a Cohort Director for LEAD in Ohio, September 14-18. New Grief Ministry class facilitated by George and Phyllis Colaizy started on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Men's Cook Out at Jon Wetmore's on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Like Arrows Movie on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**November 2018** – Missions Conference with Tim and Penny Iverson from Taiwan. Began DINNERS WITH SINNERS preaching series. Captured first place in the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Chile cook off

**December 2018** –Leslie and I hosted the staff to a Christmas outing. Christmas Program was held on December 16<sup>th</sup> Christmas Service was held on Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**January 2019** – Began a sermon series on the first 11 chapters of Genesis. Financial Peace University Class was offered for the first time and facilitated by Marty Carlier.

**February 2019** – Wayne Anderson’s funeral was held on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Fly to Australia for about 9 days to visit family. Men from HOPE attended Men’s Retreat at Big Sandy, February 22-24.

**March 2019** – Minnesota Adult and Teen Challenge choir joined us one Sunday. On the 23<sup>rd</sup> a Progressive Dinner was organized by Chris Rischette. An entire movie theatre was reserved for the members and friends of HOPE to watch the movie, UNBROKEN, on March 30<sup>TH</sup>.

**April 2019** – Attended C&MA District Conference in Detroit Lakes on April 1-3. A Good Friday Service was held on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Easter Breakfast was served by the youth prior to our Easter Worship on April 21. Began teaching a GOD IS.. Sermon series on the 28<sup>th</sup>. Abby Kirsch shared about her summer missions trip to Brazil on Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>.

**May 2019** –Women’s Retreat was held May 3-5. Kaitlin Ruitter shared about her upcoming two years of ministry teaching in China. Men held a Cook Out at Jon Wetmore’s on the 16<sup>th</sup>. Stephen and Lori Wong dedicated Elsie Mei Bao Wong to the Lord on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Attending C&MA Council in Orlando May 28-June 2.

## NOW A LOOK FORWARD...

Listed below are some of the new indicatives planned to be implemented in 2019-2020. I’ll be talking more about these at the Annual Meeting.

**LEAD:** Beginning this summer, I will be leading a LEAD cohort for the North Central District of the C&MA. LEAD is a two-and-a-half program committed to equipping men and women to be ministry leaders. In every generation there must be men and women who choose to walk deeply with God, embrace His mission as their own, and, fully aware of the rigors of the higher path, choose to pour out their lives so that the Kingdom may advance unhindered into the future.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:** After more than six years of serving without any office assistance, the Elders are recommending that we hire a part time Administrative Assistant (about 10 hours a week). Some monies have been placed in the proposed budget and if approved at the Annual Meeting this should become a reality sometime this summer.

**SECOND SERVICE:** The Elders have approved as an experiment to add a second service beginning in the Fall. This means we will have two identical services at 9:30 am and then again at 11:00 am. More discussion to take place at our Annual Meeting.

WELCOMING THE STRANGER: The Lord has laid on my heart a desire for our congregation to be more involved in reaching out to the refugees and foreigners living around us. According to Lifeway research polling...86% of Protestant pastors in the US affirm that Christians should “care sacrificially for refugees and foreigners” but only 29% of Protestant pastors say their church is actively serving immigrants in their community. My prayer is that we will see seize the opportunity to introduce some of them to Jesus!

50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY: HOPE is turning 50! It's time to put some wheels in motion.

We can talk more about these things at the Annual Meeting on June 9<sup>th</sup>!

We could not do any of this without you! We are looking forward to even greater things as we step into the new fiscal year. Believe with us!

Our best days are still ahead.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Larry Thorson*  
Senior Pastor

## Report of the Elders

Serving on the Elder board this past year was Brad Quiggle, Kent Rischette, Cey Jordan and Stephen Wong.

The elders meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month. Each meeting begins with a time of prayer and devotions usually combined with the CMB members.

We have spent much time over the past year devoting ourselves to prayer for the congregation. We divided the church attendees into shepherding groups with each elder assigned a group to pray for. In addition to this, each meeting is very prayer focused as we believe that a powerful prayer team is something that a healthy church should desire to have.

We reviewed Pastor Larry's teaching plan for upcoming months. We also spent time reviewing and approving various calendar items for the upcoming year.

We had discussion on various ways to increase social/fellowship time among the people of Hope.

We discussed and approved the church hosting a viewing of the movie *Unplanned* in Hastings.

We also discussed additional staffing needs here at Hope, namely in administration.

Finally, we reviewed and approved the budget as submitted by the CMB. The budget will be presented to the congregation at the annual meeting on June 9<sup>th</sup>.

It has been an honor to serve as an Elder at Hope Church.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Brad Quiggle*

Elder Board Vice-Chairman

## 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>Buildings and Grounds</b>	Rick Hauert
<b>Treasurer</b>	Jon Wetmore	<b>Member at Large</b>	Tim Mathison
<b>Fin. Secretary</b>	Jean Bigelbach	<b>Member at Large</b>	George Colaizy

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

### Updated Lobby and Lighting

- A team was put together for decorating and updating the lobby.
- The team presented a new color and plan for designing the lobby and the coffee room.
- The plan was accepted and work began.
- Coat racks were taken down and mobile coat racks were purchased and put together.
- The lobby and the coffee room were professionally painted as well as the trim and doors.
- LED lighting and new switches were installed in the sanctuary.

The CMB is very thankful to all the volunteers that spend many hours working on projects around the church. Without their help, the projects would not have been completed. We were blessed by one couple with the generous gift of a new lawn mower for the church.

A special thank you goes out to Lloyd Batcher for serving as the janitorial staff for the church. Also, a special thank you to the members of CMB who have completed their terms. We look forward to seeing where God leads us and how He continues to provide financially for Hope Community Church.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Mark Wiggins*  
Chairman

## Report of the Worship Ministry

Great Is Thy Faithfulness! What a great line from a classic hymn of the church. God has truly been at work at Hope over the past year. We in the worship team would like to thank the church for their support and continued encouragement. It is amazing to see what God does through the worship time each week. He has continually been faithful in blending the songs with Pastor Larry's sermons and causing His name to be lifted up above all things.

We have had some improvements on the technical side as well. We have been able to transition to an all in-ear monitor environment which helps to increase sound quality for the congregation by keeping the sound clean. Improving our audio interface has been a big improvement as well. All of this help to further the goal of a more improved sound to help in the overall worship environment.

I am so thankful for the dedication of the worship team members and their love for the Lord. Jon Wetmore, Pastor Mark Wiggins, Kris Stewart, Paul Skeie, Scott Gervais and Megan Eckdahl on the stage side and Tyrell Eckdahl, Bobbi Quiggle and Sam Gurry on the Technical/Sound side. Without all these people none of this would be possible. I praise God for what He has done and Hope and is continuing to do.

In Christ,  
*Brad Quiggle*

## Report of the Care Ministry Team

The Care Ministry Team is a ministry of compassion, encouragement and helps that exists to care for our church body as well as family members of those who call Hope Community Church their home.

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

Cards were sent at the end of each semester to encourage our college students. We sent a care package to a member serving overseas in the military. Thanksgiving baskets were delivered to bless several individuals and families over the holiday.

At Christmas, we raised donations for Franklin Graham's "Samaritan's Purse" organization to bless and evangelize our brothers and sisters across the world. When MN Teen Challenge choir was here, we provided a meal following the service for them and their families.

Meals were delivered to families during times of hospitalization, extended illness, hospice and to welcome new babies. We have had 4 new little ones this last year.

Several funeral luncheons were prepared and served by CMT. We also acknowledged funerals for parents of our Hope families by making a donation in their name or providing flowers/plant.

Needs that were brought to our attention were prayerfully addressed. This included among other things, helping with yard work and supplying a lawn mower for a family going through extended illness and hospice. We helped with temporary housing expenses for another family during medical care at an out of town hospital.

We have been humbled by all the willing hands and hearts at HOPE who have come alongside us to serve one another this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

*Debbie Hedges and Joni Wetmore*  
Co-Chairs

## Report of the Women's Ministry

This year's theme verse – 2 Timothy 1:7  
*“For the Spirit that God gave us does not make us timid,  
but gives us love, power and self-discipline.”*

Bible studies are at the very core of women's ministry. This is a time for women to be in God's word, discuss what they are learning, share their lives with one another and lift each other up in prayer.

Thursday evenings are led by Leslie Thorson and Phyllis Colaizy. Their group started the fall off with a study called Women of God. Then in February they did a study called Love Into Light by Peter Hubbard. Saturday morning group did a study called Holy Spirit by John Bevere and was led by Debbi Foster. Tuesday mornings started the fall off with a study called When God's Spirit Moves by Jim Cymbala led by Bobbi Quiggle and then in January did a study on the book of Acts led by Bethany Ogren. We are so thankful to God for how He has moved over all our lives through these powerful studies and helped us grow closer to each other through this time together.

Heavenly Father Daughter Weekend was the focus of our Hope Women's Retreat in May. We had 40 women sign up for retreat. The theme verse for the weekend was 1 John 3:1 “See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!” The teaching focused on how Jesus came to show us the Father and to look at what might hinder us from embracing the Father. Our prayer for the women during this weekend was that God would show them at least one area where they might have an incorrect image of the Father or something that might be hindering their relationship. We always provide an opportunity for them to have individual prayer appointments during the weekend also. We had 11 women that asked for these prayer times and we saw Him bring healing into wounded areas of their lives. We also had a wonderful time of worship and on Saturday night during the worship time we had a woman dramatically give her life to Christ. As a group we were all praising the Lord for opening this woman's heart and we welcomed our new sister in Christ! Throughout the weekend the women had times of journaling exercises that the Lord used to draw hearts to Him and speak to His daughters. Sunday morning is our time to tell what God did for us throughout the weekend and we heard many praises how God made breakthroughs, brought about emotional healings and how He showed them that He is their Good Good Father!

Healing Prayer is another powerful element that God uses in Women's Ministry and this year was no exception. We get the privilege to pray into the lives of these women and see Christ heal hearts from deep past wounds and set them free from the bondage the evil one tries to keep them in. We praise God for the work He does through each session!

God has moved greatly among the women this year through His word, prayer and the body of Christ. It has been a privilege to be a part of the mighty work He is doing here at Hope Community Church.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Bobbi Quiggle*

Director of Women's Ministry

## Report of the Men's Ministry

The men's ministry completed another season of our Thursday night men's bible study held from September through April of each year. Our season of study was titled "Scripture Share Power Hour". We analyzed different passages of scripture together and discussed the original context of the scripture and the applicability to our lives today.

Some of our studies included the following passages.

- Galatians
- Hebrews 11 – Faith in Action
- Luke 10:25-37
- Job
- Ecclesiastes 1-12
- The Question – Are boarders biblical?
- Book of Nehemiah

We continued our tradition of having a monthly fellowship meal on the first Thursday of each month. We always had great food and fellowship and we appreciate the ladies that contributed to our meals.

This year we had both a fall and spring cookout again at the Wetmore's. We invited all men from the church to attend. We had beautiful weather for both fall and spring events. Approximately 20 men attended each cookout.

We look forward to next year and hope to add additional attendees to our Thursday night bible study and prayer time.

*Jon Wetmore*

Men's Ministry Leader

## 2018/2019 Annual Report of the Treasurer

Hope Community Church of the Christian and Missionary Alliance has continued to be blessed with faithful givers. Overall giving has been consistent over the last two years with some wonderful gifts to the church. An additional expense this year were the improvements to the entry way of the church. We were able to fund the remodeling of the entry from our general fund because of the faithful tithes of our congregation. As of April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019 the bank balances, income and expenses are as follows:

<b>Bank Balances</b>	<b>2018/2019 April Year to Date</b>	<b>2017/2018 April Year to Date</b>	<b>Net Change</b>
Checking - US Bank (General Fund)	\$60,284.22	\$48,551.26	\$1,499.56
Checking – US Bank (Building Fund)	\$18,922.50	\$18,922.50	\$0.00
Paypal Balance	10,862.54	\$7,101.17	\$3,761.37
Savings - US Bank (Capital funds)	\$9,710.08	\$9,709.00	\$1.08
Savings - Alliance (Building Hope)	\$16,158.22	\$15,740.00	\$418.22
Certificate - Alliance (Building Hope)	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$165,937.56</b>	<b>\$150,023.93</b>	<b>\$15,913.63</b>

**Ten Month Current to Previous Year Comparison of Actuals for July - April**

<b>2018/2019 April YTD - Designated Offerings</b>		<b>2017/2018 April YTD - Designated Offerings</b>	
General Fund	\$234,141.12	General Fund	\$207,953.00
Building Fund	\$591.80	Building Fund	\$555.00
Ministry Funds	\$3,343.39	Ministry Funds	\$10,137.00
Uncategorized Income (Roof Claim)	\$23,074.50	Uncategorized Income	\$52,125.00
<b>Total Operating Income</b>	<b>\$261,150.81</b>	<b>Total Operating Income</b>	<b>\$270,770.00</b>
Benevolent Fund	\$2,184.08	Benevolent Fund	\$1,205.00
Missionaries	\$591.80	Missionaries	\$100.00
Great Commission	\$9,425.13	Great Commission	\$6,245.00
MN Teen Challenge	\$25.00	MN Teen Challenge	\$200.00
CAMA Fund	\$0.00	CAMA Fund	\$250.00
<b>Total Pass Thru Income</b>	<b>\$12,226.01</b>	<b>Total Pass Thru Income</b>	<b>\$8,000.00</b>

<b>2018/2019 April YTD - Expenses</b>		<b>2017/2018 April YTD - Expenses</b>	
Christian Education	\$8,026.74	Christian Education	\$7,449.20
Evangelism & Discipleship	\$4,159.83	Evangelism & Discipleship	\$10,634.44
C&MA District & National Support	\$16,831.00	C&MA District & National Support	\$14,439.00
Wages & Salaries	\$155,358.50	Wages & Salaries	\$151,857.00
Conferences & Retreats	\$737.26	Conferences & Retreats	\$605.89
Administrative	\$6,151.02	Administrative	\$6,509.51
Insurance	\$6,775.64	Insurance	\$6,364.00
Facilities	\$26,325.62	Facilities	\$17,920.00
Vehicle Expense	\$760.29	Vehicle Expense	\$730.00
Guest Speaker	450.00	Guest Speaker	646.00
Uncategorized Expense (Roof)	23,509.58	Uncategorized Expense	35,110.00
<b>Expense Summary</b>	<b>\$249,085.48</b>	<b>Expense Summary</b>	<b>\$254,940.00</b>

<b>2018/2019 April YTD - Net Income</b>		<b>2017/2018 April YTD - Net Income</b>	
Total Operating Income	\$261,150.81	Total Operating Income	\$270,770.00
Total Operating Expense	\$237,408.11	Total Operating Expense	\$254,940.00
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$23,742.70</b>	<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$15,830.00</b>

## 2019/2020 Proposed Budget

The 2019/2020 Fiscal Year budget listed below was prepared by the CMB and reviewed by the Elder Board. Proposed expense values are derived by reviewing expenses over the last year while making adjustments for specific spending anticipated in the coming year. As with any budget, these are estimates and actual income and expenses will vary.

The primary increases to the 2019/2020 budget is related to an approved 3% increase in wage expense and payroll tax to keep pace with the national cost of living adjustment for 2019. Also included is a proposed wage expense for a part-time office assistance requested by the Elder Board. This position is proposed with a 6 month trial at which time the church financials and the benefits of the position will be reviewed by the CMB and Elder boards. This year we were able to invest just over \$6925.00 in capital improvements from our general fund which further substantiates the strength of giving this past year.

Annual Budget	2019/2020 Proposed	2018/2019 Proposed
<b>Income</b>		
<b>Operating Fund</b>	<b>\$280,000.00</b>	<b>\$260,400.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Christian Education	\$ 12,150.00	\$ 12,150.00
Evangelism & Discipleship	\$ 6,425.00	\$ 6,425.00
C&MA District & National Support	\$ 20,350.00	\$ 17,910.00
Wages & Salaries	\$ 200,872.00	\$ 188,000.00
Conferences & Retreats	\$ 900.00	\$ 2,800.00
Administrative	\$ 10,168.00	\$ 9,640.00
Insurance	\$ 7,896.00	\$ 7,280.00
Facilities	\$ 20,937.00	\$ 20,338.00
Vehicle Expense	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 2,200.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Guest Speakers	\$ 775.00	\$ 775.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$282,673.00</b>	<b>\$ 267,518.00</b>

Please feel free to email me with questions at [treasurer@got-hope.org](mailto:treasurer@got-hope.org)

Respectfully Submitted,

*Jon Wetmore*  
Treasurer, Hope Community Church