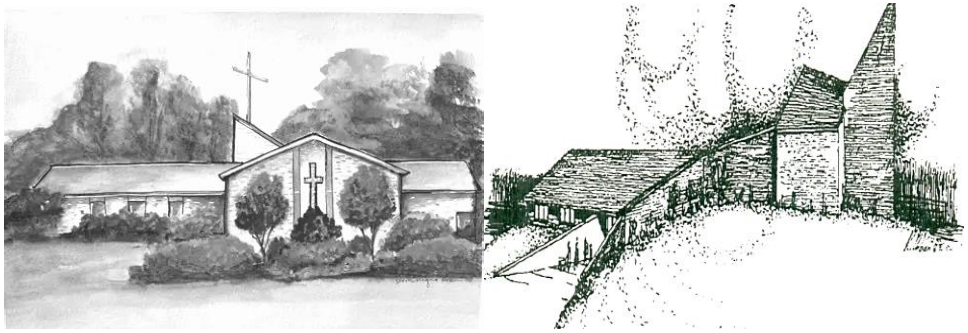
Hope Crossing and Bethany Church of God



Two Churches – One Faith
United through God

Welcome Home to God's House!

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PRAISE and WORSHIP CELEBRATION

Sunday, November 8, 2026

CALL to WORSHIP and PRAISE

"1,000 Tongues"
"Your Grace Is Enough"

PRAYER of WELCOME

GREETINGS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

A TIME of PRAISE

"This Is Amazing Grace"
"Living Hope"

A TIME of PRAYER

MESSAGE Pastor James Matt

"Anchored Truth"

SONG of RESPONSE

"You Are My All In All"

CLOSING PRAYER and BENEDICTION



MESSAGE NOTES

Scriptures

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

The Reality of Hopeful Grief _____

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The Foundation of Jesus' Victory _____

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The Proper Order of the Heavenly Descent _____

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The Promise of Eternal Presence _____

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Next Sunday – Stronghold in Concert!





CHALLENGE for the WEEK

The Challenge for this week:

BE ANCHORED IN GOD'S WORD AND
FEEL HIS PRESENCE IN YOUR LIFE!



THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Today

8:00 p.m. AA Meeting @ Bethany CoG

Wednesday, November 11th – Veteran's Day

Don't forget to thank a Veteran!

No Dinner or Bible Study this week!

Saturday November 14th

10:00 a.m. Warrior Women in Christ @ Chippewa Valley CoG

Sunday, November 15th

9:15 a.m. Contemporary Praise and Worship Celebration @ Bethany CoG
10:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School @ Hope Crossing
11:00 a.m. **Stronghold in Concert** @ Hope Crossing
12:30 p.m. **Annual Business Meeting for Hope Crossing**
8:00 p.m. AA Meeting @ Bethany



CHURCH LIFE OPPORTUNITIES

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER AND BIBLE STUDY

We will be **taking a break** from Wednesday night activities this **Wednesday, November 11th** as Pastor Jim is not available that evening. **We will return to the regular schedule on Wednesday, November 18th**. If you have any questions, please talk with Pastor Jim.

WARRIOR WOMEN IN CHRIST

This Women's Life Group meets on the **2nd** and **4th Saturday** of the month at **10 a.m.** The next one this **Saturday, November 14th** and they meet at **Chippewa Valley Church**, 41411 Romeo Plank Rd., Clinton Township. Come join the fun!

SAMARITAN'S PURSE – OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Samaritan's Purse is a non-denominational evangelical Christian organization that was started in 1970 by evangelist Bob Pierce after visiting suffering children on a Korean island. Their mission is to follow the example in Luke 10:30-37 of the Good Samaritan to "go and do likewise" – to follow the example of Jesus by helping those in need and telling of the Hope of the Gospel. We can help Samaritan's Purse send gift-filled Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes to children in need around the world together with the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Please consider taking a shoebox and filling it for a child this Christmas. **Boxes are due back by NEXT Sunday, November 15th (along with $10 to help cover shipping)**. Boxes and more information are available in the foyer or please see Denice Vitale. Thanks for being a blessing!

STRONGHOLD IN CONCERT!

Come enjoy the music ministry of **Stronghold**, **Sunday, November 15th** during our morning worship! Make sure to invite your family and friends to hear this Gospel music group dedicated to sharing the message of faith, hope, and salvation! Their ministry is rooted in Scripture, with a focus on uplifting worship and encouragement. A love offering will be received for the group.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING FOR HOPE CROSSING

The annual business meeting for Hope Crossing members will be **NEXT Sunday, November 15th** after the 11 a.m. Morning Worship. **Please mark your calendars and plan to attend as we take care of the business of the church.** If you have questions, please see a member of Hope Crossing's Leadership Team.

POINSETTIAS

We will be ordering Poinsettias to help decorate the sanctuaries for both Hope Crossing and Bethany this year. This is a tradition that Bethany has done in years past and we would like to share it with Hope Crossing this year! We hope everyone will be as excited as we are to decorate the churches! Please see the order form in the bulletin for information on ordering Poinsettias for the upcoming Advent Season. The last day to order is **Sunday, November 22nd.**

CHURCH LIFE OPPORTUNITIES

MALU MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

Men – plan to get together for the monthly MALU Men's Fellowship Breakfast on **Saturday, November 21st** at **9:00 a.m.**, watch for more details as to the location! Hope you'll join us for breakfast and a time of fellowship. All men are welcome to attend!

"HANGING OF THE GREENS"

Please join us for this fun tradition as we decorate and prepare the Churches for Advent and the Christmas Season! We will decorate **Bethany** following Bible Study on **Wednesday, November 18th** (before dinner if anyone wants to get a head start ☺) and **Hope Crossing** on **Sunday, November 22nd** after the 11 a.m. Worship. Lunch will be provided on that Sunday as we decorate the Church. Come and plan to take part in preparing for this special season! It's a fun time of decorating, listening to carols and eating Christmas cookies too!

MEN'S STOREHOUSE

This Men's group meets for fellowship opportunities and service projects. All men are invited to take part in this ministry! If you have questions about **Men's Storehouse**, and when they meet, contact Glenn Hartshorn at (248) 318-3020.

THE PANTRY

The Pantry is an on-going project at Bethany. We can help those in need because of your donations. We welcome the donations of non-perishable food items (**Please Remember to Check Expiration Dates!**), personal toiletry items, Kleenex, paper towels, and toilet paper for this Community Outreach. **Donations can be made on Wednesday evenings!** If you know of someone who is in need, please contact Pastor Jim or the Church office! Thank you for helping with this Community Outreach!

STAYING CONNECTED!

Whether you are not feeling well, travelling, working, or just getting up late, it is important to stay connected to your Church family! You can still be a part of everything by connecting with us on one of our websites, bethanychurchofgod.org, hopecrossing.church or on Facebook. You can watch Sunday Morning Worships, Wednesday night Bible Study and keep up to date on all the things that are happening! It is a wonderful way to stay connected when you can't be here!

SPEED LIMIT DRIVING SCHOOL

This is a Driving School in the Sterling Heights Community that meets at **Bethany CoG** during the week. If you know of someone who is ready to start driving, please encourage them to gather more information about this school. Brochures are available in the foyer. For more information, please call Sal Sinawi at (586) 339-5899.

PRAISE and PRAYER CONCERNS

Praises

Our Veterans! God's Blessings! Cherie P.

Prayer Concerns

Pastor Jim, Pastors, and Church Leaders
Church Health – Local, Regional, National
World Health
Disaster, Homeless &Violence Victims
Fire, Police, EMT & Military Personnel
Healthcare and Essential Workers
Henry Ford II High School and Students
Our Country, Communities & Their Leaders
MALU – **M**inisters **a**nd **L**aity **U**nited
All Schools and Students
Speed Limit Driving School & Students

Gino	Margarete	Maria
Marsha	Rose	Simon
Jack A.	Ken A.	Chad B.
Chris & Nedra B.	Dave B.	Debbie B.
Jackie B.	Judy B.	Megan B.
Jean C.	Pam D.	Josie G.
Allison H.	Dawn H.	Gary & Jean H.
Jack & Debbie H.	J. Keith & Joey H.	Jason H.
Dr. Suzanne H.	Louie J.	Roxann L.
Jennifer M.	Dave & Rita N.	Sherry N.
Tim N.	Tony N.	Cherie P.
Gasper P.	Barb R.	Charlotte R.
Chuck R.	Judith S.	Cathy W.
Shirley W.	Evelyn W.	Linda Z.

Unspoken Requests



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

It's that time again! Would you like to purchase a Poinsettia to beautify our Sanctuary at Hope Crossing or at Bethany as we glorify God and celebrate His Son's birthday this Christmas Season? All flowers will be in 6.5" pots and the cost is $12 per pot. (Same price as last year!)
You may take your Poinsettias home with you any time after the Christmas Eve Candlelight Celebration.

Please place your order by Sunday, November 22nd

Name (who is ordering)

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Yes, I/we will donate # _____ Red Poinsettia
Yes, I/we will donate # _____ White Poinsettia

Please fill in below the name of who, and how, you would like to remember them:

In Celebration of:

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In Honor of:

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In Memory of:

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Please circle one: Order is for Hope Crossing Order is for Bethany

Payment is due with your order, please return this form with it. You may also call the Church office to place your order and make payment arrangements. Thank you!

Our Stewardship – Bethany CoG **November 1, 2026**

To fulfill our General Budget, an average weekly offering is necessary.
Please tithe in faith and as your response to God's blessings.

General Tithes	$	1,360.00
Weekly Need	$	2,019.23
YTD Giving	$	60,331.17
YTD Need	$	88,846.12



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