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## Quarterly Report

**Our Worship Services have reconvened as of June 7<sup>th</sup>. Hopefully, our members are getting used to the modified routine. We certainly would like to get back to the way things used to be prior to the Coronavirus Pandemic. This should occur when a cure is found for the virus. Keep praying for a quick solution.**

While worship services were not being held, several of our members gave a thorough cleaning to the church. They were, Frank and Laurie Pignanelli, Michelle Yowler, Chris Thompson, Sherm Trout, Bill Switter, Glenn Cairns and Ken Kosmalski. This included, among other things, the church proper, the balcony, the altar and the parlor. Furthermore, the church pews will be sanitized each week prior to our worship service. Additionally, Jim and Karen Bumgarner, Jackie Fults and Marsha Marshall have been working in our building during our time away.

We are still in the process of hiring a Church office Secretary at Mt. Hope. We have a committee looking into the matter. Meanwhile, Marsha Marshall has been doing the secretarial duties since late February. She has been a God-send to Mt. Hope these past few months.

If things continue to improve regarding the Pandemic and our church re-opening, the

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**Sunday Morning Bible Class as well as the Wednesday Morning Bible Class should reconvene after Labor Day. Announcements will be forthcoming regarding these classes when more information is known. The book of Isaiah will begin being discussed at the Sunday Bible class while the study of Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi will continue on Wednesday's where we left off in March. When this Wednesday study is complete, we will begin a new Bible Study on the book of Esther.**

**Our dear friend and fellow member, Agnes Zwarka passed away recently. Because of the Pandemic, we were not able to have a church service at Mt. Hope. Pastor Griffin, along with Elder Frank Pignanelli, held a brief Service and Committal with Family members at Glen Eden Memorial Cemetery. Agnes and her late husband, Tom, were dedicated members of Mt. Hope for many years. They were valuable Stewards to Mt. Hope and to the Lord.**

## Missionary News

By: Joan Hafkesbrink

The Reeck's and Heiney's, like us, have had to deal with the Coronavirus.

Many countries including Honduras are in 'lock-down,' no traffic or people entering or leaving the country causing shortages of items such as food and medical supplies. Christy (Reeck) Andino and her husband live in Honduras and are doing what they can to keep people from hunger using donations to their Ministry to seek and buy food they may find and give it to people most in need.

The Mission Hospital there has prepared protective clothing for the staff and additional training in the treatment of COVID-19 patients.

Roger and Marilyn Reeck are in Texas staying with two of their daughters until life is back to normal and they are able to go where they are most needed.

We need to pray for all of our missionaries, Bible Translators and Church Workers including the Heiney Family in Africa, that God will take care of His own and see us all safely through this Coronavirus Pandemic.

## TRUSTEE REPORT

By: Sherm Trout

Since the Church has been closed the last three months due to the coronavirus, many of you are probably not aware that the entire Church basement was flooded with 2 inches of water. This was caused by the failure of 2 sump pumps and the backup battery operated pump. The plaster board walls up 4 feet, the carpeting and the doors were destroyed and removed. Also, much of the Sunday School materials, book cabinets, preschool toys, and furniture was damaged and discarded.

Quint Plumbing replaced the sump pumps and a water powered backup pump. Thanks to Father & Son Restoration Co., they extracted and sanitized the basement. The remodeling is being done by Dennis Plunkett, Sidelines Home Improvement Co. Dennis did the work on the original basement remodeling and the Crossbridge class rooms.

The work is nearing completion now and I invite you to inspect it if you wish, Our insurance company, Guide One is covering most of the cost which approaching \$100,000.00.

In addition, you probably noticed that we have completed installing LED light bulbs in the Sanctuary, Parlor, and the Quilt room. The entire building now has LED bulbs, and we expect that these will last longer and lower out electrical costs.

## Jan/Feb/Mar Birthdays

Shawn Stamp, Jan 1  
Gloria Shumard, Jan 9  
Alex Haney, Jan 13  
Brian Brown, Jan 15  
Nancy Nolan, Jan 17  
Keri Driscoll, Jan 23  
Ryan Driscoll, Jan 24  
Robert Glover, Feb 1  
Cameron Driscoll, Feb 5  
Joshua Haney, Feb 13  
Sis Hamilton, Feb 15  
Ed Ripke, Feb 15  
Donna McCall, Feb 16  
Morgan Hudson, Feb 19  
Kayla Cox, Feb 21  
Ken Kosmalski, Feb 21  
Glenn Cairns, Feb 26  
Frank Pignanelli, Mar 3  
Frank Witte, Mar 4  
Marie Brown, Mar 10  
Pat Bates, Mar 16  
Sharon Rakich, Mar 18  
Agnes Zwarka, Mar 25

## Jan/Feb/Mar Anniversaries

Wesley & Bonnie Reeck, Jan 12  
Ken & Joyce Kosmalski, Jan 30  
Cheryl & Kim Toms, Feb 14  
(no Mar anniversaries)

## TRUSTEE REPORT Con't

While you were home guaranteed, we developed a bird problem in the Sanctuary. The birds pecked some holes in the eaves and invaded. The holes have been plugged and the Sanctuary completely cleaned and sanitized by a group of volunteers coordinated by Frank Pignanelli.

The next projects to be done this summer, will be to clean and wax the marble floors and replace the dual furnaces that heat the classrooms. These furnaces do not function properly and were installed in 1993.

## Official Acts

### Memorial

*Mary Lou Prouty*

Undesignated by:

Donna McCall

General Fund:

Harry, Phyllis & Janet Witte

Benevolent Fund:

Jim & Karen Bumgarner

### Memorial

*Norman F. Domine*

General Fund:

Margaret Domine

### Funeral

*Robert G. Shumard, Jr.*

(May 11, 1937 – November 7, 2019)

### Memorial

Robert G. Shumard, Jr.

Building Fund:

Eleanor Wirth

Benevolent Fund:

Jim & Karen Bumgarner

General Fund:

Harry & Phyllis Witte

## Aggie Zwarka Cont'd

COVID-19.

Aggie and Tom were diligent workers around Mt. Hope, and even in their late 70's and into their 80's they could be seen cleaning windows in our building. Aggie drove the old Love Bus for weekly visits to Nursing homes in Detroit, taking people from Mt. Hope and neighboring churches. Aggie organized and supervised Apple Pie making days in the Fall and the delicious, so I've been told, as I never got to sample one myself (Marsha's input here) pies were sold to our members. She also was known for her wonderful coleslaw that took 2 days to prepare, but was well worth the wait.

She was the mother of 7, Grandmother of 17, Great-Grandmother of 8 and Great-Great-Grandmother of 3.

She spent her final two years in a Nursing Home and her family made her happy by bringing her once a month to enjoy a Sunday service with us. She will be missed.

## I Believe in Miracles!

## Aggie Zwarka Called Home

By: Joan Hafkesbrink & Marsha Marshall  
Tom Zwarka and his wife, Aggie, were good members of our Mount Hope family. Tom died a few years ago and Aggie was called home in May. We were unable to pay our respects to her family and celebrate Aggie's life due to the





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## Reminders

**Quilting:** The first Saturday of the month at 9:00 am

**Council Meeting:** The second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm

**Elder's Meeting:** The second Tuesday of the month at 6:15 pm

**Wednesday Bible Study:** Each Wednesday at 10:30 am (Sep – May)

*Newsletter Deadline for Oct/Nov/De at noon*

*Service Times*

*Sunday 10:00 am*

*Bible Study & Sunday School*

*at*

*9:00 am*

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*(Sep-May)*

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