

**MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES
TO REMEMBER
APRIL**

- S 4/10 9:45 a.m. **Worship**
M 4/11 1:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study
T 4/12 9a.m.-3 p.m. Craft Day
5:30 p.m. Worship Design
5:30 p.m. Men's Emmaus
6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study
W 4/13 10:00 a.m. "Covering the Book"
Bible Study
3:00 p.m. Praise Too Practice
2:30-6:00 p.m. Kingdom Kids Afterschool
3:00 p.m. Women's Emmaus Rm. 111
4:15 p.m. Choir Practice
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper
6:00 p.m. Youth
6:30 p.m. Mommy/Kids Playgroup
S 4/17 9:45 a.m. **Worship**
M 4/18 1:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study
T 4/19 9a.m.-3 p.m. Craft Day
5:30 p.m. Worship Design
5:30 p.m. Men's Emmaus
6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study
W 4/20 10:00 a.m. "Covering the Book"
Bible Study
3:00 p.m. Praise Too Practice
2:30-6:00 p.m. Kingdom Kids Afterschool
3:00 p.m. Women's Emmaus Rm. 111
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6:00 p.m. Youth
6:30 p.m. Mommy/Kids Playgroup
S 4/24 9:45 a.m. **Worship**

**APRIL
ADMINISTRATIVE MEETINGS
AT NEW HOPE**

***THERE WILL BE NO
STAFF PARISH MTG. IN APRIL***

- Wed. April 13 – 6:30 p.m. Finance Mtg.
Wed. April 20 – 6:30 p.m. Trustees Mtg.
Thurs. April 21 – 7:00 p.m. Ad Council Mtg.
Mon. April 25 – 7:00 p.m. Staff Mtg.

***The updated "Policies Book" is located at
the Information Center for anyone
that would like to review them.***



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- April 10 – Sound Waves/Closing Skit**
Sue Reed
April 13 – Opening Skit and Music
AnnMarie Buchner and Volunteers
April 17 – Beachcombers Crafts
Pat Wilkins
April 20 – Bible Story
AnnMarie Buchner and Volunteers
April 24 – Snack Shack & Mission
Mary Coles
April 27 – Surf n Sand Science Lab
FINALE!
AnnMarie Buchner and Volunteers

*Children's ministry
Is offered during
Sunday's 9:45 a.m. worship
and on Wednesday after school.*

NEW SPONSORSHIP PAGE ON THE NEW HOPE BULLETIN THIS WEEK!

This week take a moment to look at the back of the bulletin, and you'll find our new sponsorship page for the upcoming year.

Please remember to patronize these sponsors, as their advertising helps offset the printing of our weekly bulletin.

Emmaus

If you have taken an Emmaus Walk, please check the updated 2016 list of names on our Emmaus board, located in the fellowship hall.

If you find that your name is not there, please contact Larry or Nancy Karcher (989-967-8828) or the church office (231-972-2838).



WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER MENU

April 13, 2016

5:30 P.M.

**Chicken and Turkey Stew
with biscuits**

**Dessert
Beverage**

Hotdogs are available for children
Free-will offering -- Public Invited

GOD'S HELPING HANDS

God's Helping Hands is in desperate need of volunteers on both Tuesdays and Fridays. Please consider helping if you are able and available. Call Randy Piatt at 989-967-8581.

New Hope UMC Giving Report

	<u>March</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income:	\$16,824.00	\$56,523.07
Expenses:	\$28,054.81	\$68,484.16
Difference:	(\$11,230.81)	(\$11,961.09)

LIGHT
THE
CHURCH
FOR
A
WEEK



The Finance Committee invites you to take part in an opportunity to help New Hope in a unique way. It's referred to as "Light the Church for a Week."

The cost of lighting New Hope is approximately \$85 per week. When you choose to "Light the Church for a Week, you would pay that amount and also honor a loved one's memory, celebrate an important date – birthday, anniversary etc. which would be shared in the church bulletin.

To participate, please indicate on your giving envelope or check that it is for "Light the Church for a Week". "Let Your Light Shine" Matthew 5:16

Upcoming Memorial Services at New Hope

Dan Leger - Sat. April 16, 12 Noon with luncheon to follow

Phil Snyder – Tues. April 19th, 11 a.m. with luncheon to follow

Iris Fisher (Boocharde) – Sat. April 23, 11 a.m. with luncheon to follow

Reading Rocks



2nd Annual Book Drive

ONE WEEK LEFT!
HELP US REACH
OUR GOAL!

Our Book Drive for children's books age 0-7 years will be distributed to Mecosta, Barryton and Weidman elementary schools and also the pre-school and headstart need your help!

It's spring -- time to do that cleaning and sorting. Pray that you will be able to touch a child's life and make that difference for them.

Book drop-off locations are Ace Hardware, Canadian Lakes; Isabella Banks, Canadian Lakes and Remus; Hixson's Family Market, Mann's Hardware, Mecosta; McNeals Pizza, Remus; New Hope; Wheatland Avenue Grill and Mecosta Co. Senior Center.

Blessings, Goldie Martin, Rachel Ewing, Danielle Long, Nancy Karcher

Forgotten



Man Ministries

Join us to celebrate 50 years of ministry, serving the Lord in Michigan's county jails. Discover how the Gospel transforms men and women as they

learn God's Word and bear the fruit of the Spirit. Your support makes new beginnings possible.

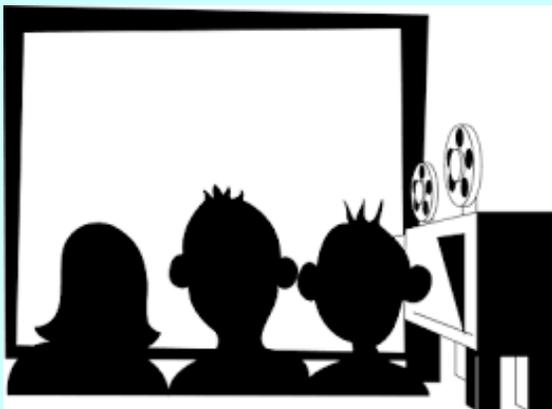
The Forgotten Man's Ministry Banquet will be held May, 12th – 6:00 p.m. Fellowship, Dinner at 6:30. Trinity Fellowship Church, 15085 220th Avenue, Big Rapids. Please RSVP (no children please) by May 2, 2016. To reserve your seat, please contact your table host, Larry or Nancy Karcher at 989-967-8828.

The Forgotten Man Ministry is in need of a female volunteer to teach anger management at the Mecosta Co. Jail. Please respond to Chaplain John May, 989-352-6959. mecostacounty@forgottenman.org,



It says in Galatians 5:13 that we should "let love make you serve one another". One way we in Stephen Ministry serve is to offer Christian caring to members of the congregation who are facing difficult situations.

Whatever your problem we are willing to meet with you to listen and let you know that you don't have to face the problem alone. We don't judge or talk about you. It is all very private, one-on-one, confidential meetings for an hour a week. For more information, or to request a Stephen Minister for yourself, please call a Stephen Leader, Don Santer 989-561-2394, or Sherry Anderson 231-972-7679 to set up a private meeting to discuss how we may help you.



Movies and Pastor Greg's Recommendations

Over the past couple years we have seen an increase in so-called "Christian" movies in our theaters. Just recently, many of you have asked me about "Risen" for example. And starting April 1, "God's Not Dead II" will be coming out as well. So, since you've asked, let me share with you some thoughts that may help you with your movie watching decisions.

1. I will never recommend a movie to you that I haven't seen personally. "God's Not Dead II" and "War Room" for instance I have seen and I highly recommend. While there may be many good films out there, I have no intention of seeing them all or going in the film critic business. So, I'll just stick to what I've seen and that's what I'll share.

2. When AnnMarie and I decide what movies to see for our family we often look at www.movieguide.org or www.pluggedin.com (which is Focus on the Family) or www.sherwoodpictures.com, and the newest www.kendrickbrothers.com predominantly. These sites give us a pretty good idea of what the movie is about and what pitfalls to avoid.

3. Last not least, please be careful of the "Christian" or "Family Friendly" label. With the success of movies like "The Passion of the Christ", "God's Not Dead," "Courageous/Fireproof/Flywheel" the big picture companies (Universal, Sony, etc.) have all created divisions so they can make money in this film area too. While many of the movies may be family-friendly, they may not be theologically accurate.

2016

Southern
Gospel

Concert Series

Our concert season for 2016 will consist of The Booth Brothers on Saturday, May 14 at 6:00 pm with doors opening at 5:00 pm and Greater Vision will be in concert on Sunday, June 26 at 4:00 pm. (More information on Greater Vision will be given at a later date.)

The Booth Brothers, back by popular demand, are known for their harmony-drenched vocals and warm, easy voices. They have been sharing their faith and their music full-time since 1998. Ronnie, Michael, and Paul are deeply committed to musical excellence yet have a greater desire to impact the hearts of those listening to their music. Refreshing humor, inspiring songs, and encouraging words are embedded in every concert.

This trio, collectively and individually, has been acknowledged as one of the finest in the business having received many awards over the years, including Song of the Year, Album of the Year, Trio of the Year, Male Group of the Year, Best Live Performers, Artist of the Year and others.

Although the group is grateful for the recognition of their work, their aspiration is for all honor and glory to be God's alone.

Tickets will go on sale Sunday, April 10th at the Info Center. They are \$17 in advance and \$20 the day of the concert—provided there are any tickets left to sell.

Get your tickets early as we are expecting a sold out concert! Come enjoy a wonderful evening!

For questions, tickets, or information, call Greg or Laura at 231-972-7000.