

**MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES
TO REMEMBER**

APRIL

- M 4/25 1:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study
 T 4/26 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 4/27 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. Last Wed. Night Supper
 6:00 p.m. Youth
 6:30 p.m. Mommy/Kids Playgroup

MAY

- S 5/1 9:45 a.m. Worship
 M 5/2 1:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study
 1:30 p.m. Mary Martha Mtg.
 T 4/26 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
 7:00 p.m. **Yard Sale Mtg.**
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 Bible Study
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 3:00 p.m. Women's Emmaus Rm. 111
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 Bible Study
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 3:00 p.m. Women's Emmaus Rm. 111
 4:15 p.m. Choir Practice
 F 5/6 6:00 p.m. Ladies Night Out
 SA 5/7 9-Noon Church Clean-Up Day
 10-Noon UMW Spring Brunch

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

**April/May
Administrative Meetings at
New Hope**

Please note the Staff Parish Mtg. is Monday, May 9th, not May 2nd.

- Staff Mtg.** - Mon. April 25 – 7:00 p.m.
Staff Parish Mtg. - Mon. May 9 – 6:30 p.m.
Finance Mtg. - Wed. May 11 – 6:30 p.m.
Trustees Mtg. - Wed. May 18 – 6:30 p.m.
Ad Council Mtg. - Thurs. May 19 – 7:00 p.m.
Staff Mtg. - Mon. May 23 – 7:00 p.m.



SCHEDULE

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April 24 – Snack Shack & Mission
Mary Coles

**April 27 – Surf n Sand Science Lab
FINALE!**

AnnMarie Buchner and Volunteers

May 1 – Rockin Rec.

AnnMarie Buchner

May 8 – Sound Waves/Closing Skit
Sue Reed

May 15 – Opening Skit & Music

Mary Coles

May 22 – Bible Story

Betty Stewart

May 29 – Surf 'n Sand Science Lab

Children's ministry

Is offered during

Sunday's 9:45 a.m. worship
and on Wednesday after school.

Church YARD SALE

MEETING

Tuesday, April 26 at 7:00 p.m.
at New Hope

Please bring all of your thoughts, ideas, and information to this meeting.

Even if you are unable to help work in a yard sale, your input is important.

YOUTH MOTOWN MISSION GREAT NEWS!

God has truly blessed New Hope!
THE MOTOWN MISSION FUND IS FULL!!

If you would still like to donate, we would like to raise another \$600 to rent a 7-passenger van so that we only need two vehicles to transport everyone instead of three.

THANK YOU NEW HOPE!!!



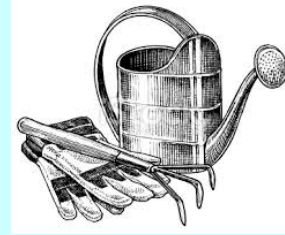
WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER MENU

**April 27, 2016
5:30 P.M.**

**Sloppy Joes
Hot Dogs
Potato Salad
Baked Beans
Dessert**

*This is the last Wed. Night Supper until Fall
Free-will offering -- Public Invited*

OUTDOOR CLEANUP DAY AT NEW HOPE



It's spring and time to spruce up the grounds around New Hope Church. Please join us on **SAT. MAY 7TH between 9 a.m. and noon** or any part of that time you can spare.

There will be coffee, juice and doughnuts for break time. If you have a favorite rake or shovel, bring them along. If you have any questions, please contact Cecil Woodruff, 972-2084.

**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

Response to Former Employee Sentencing

On Sunday, May 15 at 11:15 am (following worship), for those who are interested, there will be congregational update given by Pastor Greg (and the Pastor-Parish Committee) on New Hope Church's response to Pastor Richard Patton's sentencing.

In the sanctuary, a "Congregational Statement" will be read followed by a time of questions and answers. Please continue to keep everyone affected in your prayers.



UNITED METHODIST MEN — PRESENT — LADIES NIGHT OUT 2016

Join us for a night of
Fine Food and Entertainment

Friday, May 6 at 6:00 p.m.

Pork Loin
Sweet Potatoes
Green Beans
Fresh Fruit Salad
Cupcake and Ice Cream

Tickets:

Adults \$7.00

Kids 6-12 years: \$3.00

Kids Under 6 years: Free

For tickets see Larry Karcher, Jim Stewart,
Don Santer, Harry Coles, Jr., or Jack Smith.

FREE ENTERTAINMENT



Have you got a problem? Look into Stephen Ministry. We won't try to cure you or judge you. We are here to care for you and let God cure your problem.

To find out how you can begin a confidential, one-on-one, weekly relationship with someone who will listen and offer support contact a Stephen Leader, Don Santer 989-561-2394, or Sherry Anderson 231-972-7679

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,

Mission Team Meeting

There will be a mission team meeting/ luncheon at Nancy Wilderom's home at 1:30 Sunday May 1st. Nancy is cooking a turkey, so bring a dish to pass.

This meeting includes all the Wheatland workers and prospective mission team. We will be discussing mission trips, and Wheatland which is Sept. 9, 10 and 11. We are scheduled for a mission trip, I do not know where yet, the second week of October 2016.

We can possibly have two teams of 7 to 10 going at different weeks. So if you are wanting to experience a mission trip, be at this meeting. Nancy's address is 9200 10th Ave. Remus. She is just off M-20 on 10th. North side of M-20. Any questions contact Don Santer at 989-561-2394 or 989-289-5457 or at New Hope Church.

Scrip Cards Available For All Your Needs

Mother's Day, graduation, Father's Day and summer weddings will be coming up soon. What a greater gift for your special occasions than a gift card to a favorite store. Most any stores that are preferred are available through our script program. Check it out after service any Sunday.

We not only have gift cards but cards for all your purchases including groceries, gas, prescriptions, books, I-tunes, sporting stores, your favorite restaurant or fast foods and most everything else you might want.

Every card you purchase brings a percentage of profit to New Hope General Fund.

Cards are available after church on Sundays or anytime by contacting Linda Sbraccia, 231-359-1283; Paul Richards, 231-972-0572; or Linda Randall, 231-972-8742. If possible we like to have orders prepaid but you can order and pay when picked up. Some may be available at the time of purchase.

Please continue to help our General Fund and not have to spend money that you wouldn't be spending by purchasing cards at a store. Buying your monthly groceries, gas, prescriptions, etc. is another way of helping New Hope at no extra cost to the purchases you normally make with cash.

Please consider using script cards it is very much appreciated by New Hope. What an easy way to help our church financially. Thanks for your participation.



Youth/Camper Basket and Planter Sale

**Sale begins Saturday, May 7th
10 a.m. – 4 p.m.**

Also Sunday after service

Planters and Baskets

\$13 each or 2/\$25

*Donations go toward Youth Camp and
other summer activities*



Ladies of New Hope

***Let's swing into Spring with our
United Methodist Spring Brunch.***

Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 7,
10 a.m. to 12 Noon.

Please bring a dish to pass...and your
favorite recipe (plus copies) to swap!!

There will also be a short 20-minute
program on Prayer and Self Denial.

Everything will be held in the fellowship
hall at New Hope. Bring a friend, a neighbor
or youth!!!

Blessings. See you there!

2016



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 are on sale now at the Info Center and are selling fast. We have sold over half of the tickets already. 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.



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SPIRITUAL GROWTH RETREAT FRIDAY AND SATURDAY APRIL 29 and 30

Wesley Woods Camp
1700 Clear Lake Rd.
Dowling, MI 49050

Created for Happiness:

Develop the happiness habit!
Seek happiness in God
Examine the understanding of happiness
and how to live the life that God calls us to

There are two registration times – 1:30-2:30 p.m. for those who can come earlier, and 4:00-5:00 p.m. for those who are unable to leave work or family quite as soon. Those who come later will miss the early session, but the sessions are set up so you don't feel like you are missing anything.

You don't have to "belong" to the United Methodist Women to attend. All women are welcome, including your friends.

The Retreat is an opportunity to spend time with fun Christian women of all ages while enjoying get-to-know-you activities, singing, lots of munchies, wonderful food, a good speaker, and in addition to all of that an opportunity for spiritual growth. There is also enough free time to look over books for sale and to walk around the campgrounds. Saturday morning starts with devotions before breakfast for the early risers.

It would be wonderful to see a good group from New Hope attend. If you have children at home, this can be a chance for them to have the treat of a night with just Daddy, or with Grandpa and Grandma, or a special friend. Look for the registration sheet in the bulletin. If you would like to car pool, call Lois Sherwood, 989-465-7174.