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Building: \$60.00

Total: \$2,181.00

**April 30, 2017—Third Sunday of Easter
(Native American Ministries Sunday,
Special Offering)**

Generous God, we would be lost without the gift of your living, enduring word in Scripture. You teach us the mystery that Jesus, your dear Son, who willingly gave his life to ransom us from death. Guide our hearts by your Spirit to set our hopes on you, not on perishable things like money. Accept these offerings in gratitude for all that you provide for us. Embolden our church to bring your word to enrich the lives of our neighbors. Through Christ, the source of new life, we pray. Amen. (1 Peter 1:17-23)

May Administrative Meetings

Staff Parish Mtg. – No Staff Parish in May
Finance Mtg. – Wed. May 10 – 6:30 p.m.
Trustees Mtg. – Wed. May 17 – 6:30 p.m.
Ad Council Mtg. – Thurs. May 18 – 7 p.m.
Staff Mtg. – Mon. May 22 – 6 p.m.

MAY MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES TO REMEMBER

- M 5/1 1:00 p.m.** Ladies Bible Study
T 5/2 5:30 p.m. Tech and Check
6:30 p.m. Worship Design
5:30 p.m. Men's Emmaus
5:45-6:15 Faithfully Fit Class
6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study
W 5/3 10:00 a.m. "Covering the Book"
Bible Study
3:00 p.m. Praise Too Practice
4:15 p.m. Choir Practice
SA 5/6 9-Noon New Hope Spring Clean Up
11:00 a.m. Tae Kwon Do
S 5/7 9:45 a.m. Worship
M 5/8 1:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study
T 5/9 5:30 p.m. Tech and Check
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Wednesday Night Dinner



See you in the fall!



**Children's ministry
is offered
during Sunday's
9:45 a.m. worship**

***There will be a
Children's Ministry meeting
May 7th after church service.***

Kingdom kids has come to an end for this spring. We have been getting anywhere from 10 to 22 kids with an average of about 16. It has been a lot of fun this year exploring Galactic Blast with Galileo the green gorilla! We have gone to outer space and back, we visited the creation of the universe, the blind beggar in Jericho, the road to Emmaus, the woman at the well, Elijah at Mt. Horeb. The kids and Volunteers had fun decorating our hallway with constellations and stars and planets.

Come check it out if you haven't seen it yet! It is pretty cool if I say so myself! We will be keeping it up through July!

A BIG THANK YOU to all who have helped. Bryan Brandau, Jamie and Matthew Buchner, Torryn and Eli Elliott, Noah, Ashlee, Bev Rothenberg, Linda Randell, Crystal and Hailee Lortarski, Kelly Butler, Steven Stokes, Bri, and Pastor Greg were extremely big help! And a BIG Thanks to all of you who donated to our program!

Please remember that a few of these volunteers are seniors this year and will probably not be able to help next year. As you can see, I need all the help I can get! Please pray and search your heart to see if you would like to volunteer!

Thanks for your prayers and support!
AnnMarie Buchner
Children's Ministry Director

LETS SAY



to our dear friend Marian Ritter
whose birthday is May 4
by showering her with birthday cards.

Her new address is
965 Hager Dr.
Apt. 337
Petoskey, MI 49770

**This week the church is being lit
in memory of Dorothy Seager**

from Beverly and Norvil Brown



The Finance Committee invites you to take 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 love 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



Booth Brothers In Concert at New Hope Get Your Tickets!



The Booth Brothers will be at New Hope on Saturday, May 13 at 6:00 pm with doors opening at 5:00 pm.

Back by popular demand, The Booth Brothers 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 and available at the Info Center. They are \$18 in advance and \$21 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! **Tickets are now very limited. It appears this will be a sold-out concert so waiting to purchase day-of-concert tickets is not recommended.** Come enjoy a wonderful evening!

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



We would like to thank everyone for the cards, flowers, and donations. All money was given to the New Hope

memorial fund to help others in mom's name.

We would also like to thank the kitchen staff for the wonderful meal and Pastor Greg for the service and the support you and your family has given us during this sad time.

All the love and support from the New Hope family is greatly appreciated.

May God bless all of you.

Sincerely,

Alice Green and Ruth Humphrey



NEW HOPE GIVING CROSS

Have you noticed the wooden cross in the Narthex? If not, take a moment to find out where it is located.

The cross is specially designed so that all of us have an opportunity to give to those special areas of the Church operation, in which we have an interest.

Simply put your coins, bills, or checks in the slot corresponding to your interest. The needs change periodically, so check the cross often to see the current support opportunities.

In recent months the cross donations have been used to support Wednesday night dinners, youth programs, mission trips, church maintenance, and even to help with the mortgage payments.

If you have any questions about the cross, contact the church office or a member of the finance committee.



THANK YOU TO THE ADVERTISERS ON THE BACK OF TODAY'S BULLETIN

On the back page of the bulletin today, you will see our new sponsorship page for this year.

When looking for a particular service, the solution may be right there. Let's patronize our advertisers. They help offset the printing of our weekly bulletin.

TODAY



God's Helping Hands Fill-A-Sac Program Kicks Off Through May 7

It's time to starting bringing in your food items for the annual Fill-A-Sack Food Drive to benefit God's Helping Hands.

The food drive begins TODAY and runs to May 7. Bags are available at New Hope.

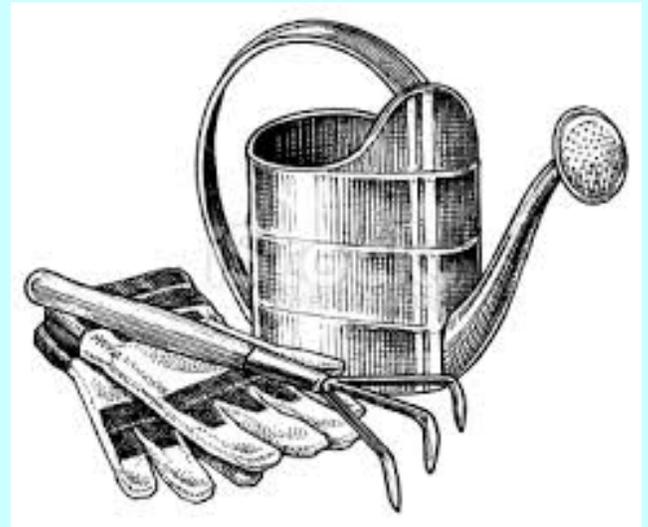
This year our challenge is 150 bags! Your generosity helps feed those in need in our community. *Thank you!*

Log on to www.new-hope-church.org for all dates of meetings, activities, church calendars, youth group events, Wednesday night dinner menus, concerts and many other activities at New Hope UMC.

Get alerts to your email of church meetings and events right from the website.
Easy to set up.

*If you have any questions,
contact the church office at 231-972-2838*

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 6TH between 9 a.m. and noon** or any part of that time you can spare.

There will be coffee 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.



Youth/Camper Basket and Planter Sale

Sale begins Saturday,
May 13th

10 a.m. – 2p.m.

Also Sunday after service

Planters and Baskets
\$13 each or 2/\$25

*Donations go toward Youth Camp
and
other summer activities*

