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August 20, 2017
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September 3 bulletin

August 27, 2017—Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

Living God, we are grateful for your faithful care of all that you have created. We are so glad to rely on your steadfast love. Today, we lift up those who are vulnerable, in physical danger, or caught in addiction. Set them free, like a bird released from a trap. Strengthen our church's caring ministries through our gifts and offerings. May we assist others to embrace the new life that you provide through Christ our risen Lord. Amen. (*Psalm 124*)

August Administrative Meetings

Staff Parish Mtg. Mon. Aug. 7 – 6:30 p.m.
Finance Mtg. Wed. Aug. 9 – 6:30 p.m.
Trustees Mtg. Wed. Aug. 16 – 6:30 p.m.
Ad Council Mtg. – Thurs. Aug. 17 – 7:00 p.m.
Staff Mtg. – Mon. Aug. 28 – 6:00 p.m.
Nominations Mtg. – Thurs. Aug. 31 – 6:30 p.m.

**THE STAFF PARISH MEETING IN
SEPTEMBER WILL BE ON MONDAY
SEPTEMBER 11
DUE TO THE LABOR DAY HOLIDAY**

AUGUST MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES TO REMEMBER

- S 8/27 8:00 a.m. Worship
9:45 a.m. Worship
8/28 1:30 p.m. Mary Martha Circle
8/29 9:30 a.m. Craft Day
5:30 p.m. Tech and Check
6:30 p.m. Praise Too Practice
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
8/30 10:00 a.m. "Covering the Book"
Bible Study

SEPTEMBER MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES TO REMEMBER

- S 9/3 8:00 a.m. Worship
9:45 a.m. Worship
M 9/4 NEW HOPE OFFICE CLOSED



SCHEDULE

August 27 – AnnMarie Buchner
***Children's ministry is offered
during Sunday's 9:45 a.m. worship***



**Wednesday Night Dinner
Is Returning September 6th
5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.**

Start making plans to join us for our first
Wednesday Night Dinner with
Entertainment by the Dixie Ramblers



Thank You! Thank You!

To all my friends who sent me cards, notes and gifts for my birthday. It was so nice of so many to share cake and coffee with me on Sunday.

I enjoyed the time and chats we had together. It made my day. Love you all and thanks again. Jean Chapin



Calling all singers, musicians, and wanna-be vocalists!

The Adult Choir wants you! We invite you to join us as we sing praises to our God.

Practices will begin Wednesday Sept. 6 at 4:15 and continue weekly in that time slot.

No experience necessary, ability to read music helpful, but not essential. Questions??? Contact Lee Haslick @ 616-298-4577.

This week the church is being lit in loving memory of Lewie Randall and Kim Momany



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*

Second Saturday Munch Bunch

The Second Saturday Munch Bunch will meet for dinner on Saturday, September 9 at the Rock Café located at Ferris State University in Big Rapids at 4:00 pm (PLEASE NOTE THE TIME.) We have reserved the Private Dining Room that is located in the Rock Café. This room can accommodate 26 people, so the first 26 people to sign up will get to be in the Private Dining Room.

The Rock Café recommended that we come at 4:00 pm as it would be less busy than 5:00 pm. The restaurant is a buffet with many stations to choose from-- including a Mongolian Barbeque. The price is \$10.25 plus tax and includes beverage, all you can eat, and dessert.

The Second Saturday Munch Bunch is open to everyone in the church and is a great way to get to know other people. We usually meet at a restaurant the second Saturday of each month for breakfast, lunch, or dinner. Come enjoy a great meal, conversation, and fellowship! There is no obligation to going every second Saturday—come when you are able to! If you have never attended one of our outings, why not try us!

There is a sign-up board located in the Narthex by the church office. Any questions, please call Laura Hall at 231-972-7000.



NOTICE:

Please visit our **Military Board in Fellowship Hall** for addresses of our active military connections, and if you have someone you wish to add, leave the information with the church office.

If you are a New Hope Veteran, please notify the church office with that information, as well. We'd be honored to include you on our Veterans list!



Thank you to everyone at New Hope for all of the expressions of love and kindness shown to me and my family during the recent illness and passing of Margie.

It is comforting to know that I am part of such a great church family.

Gordon McArthur and family



NOTICE
There will

TEMPORARILY BE
NO Faithfully Fit Classes

TUESDAYS AT NEW HOPE.
Updates will be posted as to when classes will return.

Call 231-349-7359

for more information

KINGDOM KIDS
2017/2018

Planning is in the works for the upcoming 2017/2018 Kingdom Kids Afterschool Program at New Hope. The kids are going to have a great time with the Program that has been selected.

In an effort to keep costs down, here's a list of materials that are needed.

- 54 in. Black Vinyl Fabric
(making straps for spy kit)
- ~~30 Sheets of White card stock~~
- 10 Sheets of Gray card stock
- Red cellophane
- Black Sticky-Back felt
(one 1x3 inches per child) (30 kids)
- ~~2mm Black Cord (25 yards — 900 inches)~~
- Warm Bodies – Volunteers 3:30 to 6pm or any time in between
- ~~30 silver plastic spoons~~
- 30 #32 rubber bands
- Bag of Rice from Sam's Club
(whatever size that is)
- Realistic Fake Money 1's 5's 10's and 20's
(at least 2 each)
- Small non-breakable magnifying glasses
(at least 10)
- Prayers for a successful year and for God to be a part of this all!
- Leftover Birthday supplies
(cups, napkins, plates, a used piñata, balloons, birthday Banner etc.)
- ~~Yellow "Crime Scene" tape (1 roll)~~
- ~~Balloons (12" or 16") Need about 30~~

THINGS WE WOULD LIKE TO BORROW FROM SEPT. TO THE END OF APRIL

4 trench coats (size and length do not matter)

Briefcase

Green Hat, Vest and/or Socks

(Trying to be Irish!)

Colorful flowery top

Brightly colored tie

A Black Light

If you wish to donate, we would greatly appreciate it! All items go to AnnMarie or you can leave them in the Jonah Room down at the end of the hallway!

Thanks a million for helping us out!

Heartland District Lay Servant Classes Fall 2017 September 15-16

Heartland District Lay Servant Classes for fall 2017 will take place overnight September 15-16 at Albright Camp (3156 190th Ave., Reed City, MI). That's right-we're trying out a *NEW RETREAT-STYLE FORMAT!* Participants must attend both days in order to earn credit for the class. The following courses will be offered.

- "Lay Servant Ministries Basic Course" led by Pr. Mona Dye & Bill Dye. Mona & Bill have been in ministry together in various capacities to and with God's people since 1969. Their experience includes Christian Education, Children & Youth, Evangelism, Missions, Lay Speaking, Preaching, and Teaching. Bill recently retired as Local Pastor, and Mona will be joining him shortly. A shared enthusiasm for the faith journey that leads to the common good marks their way.
- "Preaching" led by Rev. Mike Selleck. Rev. Selleck has a BA degree from Adrian College and an MDiv degree from the Methodist Theological School in Delaware, Ohio. Mike has advanced certification in Church Business Administration from Candler School of Theology, and certification in Youth Ministry. He was ordained as an Elder in the United Methodist Church in 1976, retiring from full time ministry in 2016. Mike is considered a storyteller, preacher, and humorist and is widely sought as a workshop leader, teacher, and trainer.
- "Leading in Prayer" led by Rev. Don Spachman. Rev. Don obtained his MDiv degree from Asbury Theological Seminary in 1982. Since then he's served several churches in the West MI Conference, currently at Greenville First UMC in the Heartland District.
- "Lay Servants Lead in Conflict Resolution" led by Pr. Kathy Leydorf-Keck. Pastor Kathy serves a two-point

charge in the Heartland District. She is married to Roger who is a retired school administrator. Kathy and Roger have five grandchildren. They enjoy auction sales and antiquing for enjoyment. Kathy is looking forward to this class! She hopes to will find your time together enlightening and helpful.

Costs for these classes vary based upon which housing option you choose. Deadline to register is September 7!



**Every Girl.
Everywhere.
Period.**

This year's UMW Call to Prayer and Self Denial program that was held in June, was about an international organization coordinating hygiene kits for school-age girls in impoverished countries. Days for Girls International has accepted our UMW as a new Team-in-Training! What does that mean? Members of the Faith and Mary Martha Circles are going to become involved by sewing hygiene kits and sending them to girls around the world.

We are gung-ho to get started, and want members and friends of New Hope to know they are welcome to join us! These kits will be sewn and assembled on Tuesday mornings, during the Tuesday morning craft time in the fellowship hall. Our first meeting will be this Tuesday, August 22, at 10:00 a.m. It will be more of a planning meeting, as we figure out the assembly process and gather materials needed. If you are interested and cannot join us this week, show up when you can. There will be work for seamstresses, material will need to be bought and cut, and the kits will need to be assembled. Our commitment is to make 25 kits. If we just love this, and want to continue, we can!

Any questions, please contact Bev Rothenberger via email: rothenberger.bev77@gmail.com

or by cell: 317-413-7491. Betty
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THE CASE FOR CHRIST

from your pastor's point of view... 8-27-17

Hey New Hope Family and Friends,
Well, today we're talking evidence. At one time or another you may have heard me say without the Resurrection we would have no Christianity. For me, that is the final proof that everything Jesus said, as the Son of God, is true.

From our scripture passage this morning, Paul deals with that idea head on, "And if Christ has not been raised, what we preach doesn't mean anything. Your faith doesn't mean anything either. More than that, we would be lying about God. We are witnesses that God raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if the dead are not raised. If the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith doesn't mean anything. Your sins have not been forgiven." (I Corinthians 15:14-17 - NIRV)

Today, we'll discover the evidence of that Resurrection. Bottom line: what we believe can and has been proven and that's the Good News full of God's bodacious Grace, faultless Truth, and tremendous Love,



New "uncommon" Service starting officially on September 3 at 11:15

"Exploring the Evidence for Christ"

(I Corinthians 15:1-19)

"The Case for Christ" series

Intro – last week: investigating the sticking points
this week: Jesus' resurrection – if it's true it changes everything

Jesus was alive at Point A

Dr. Edwin Yamauchi, eminent historian and T.N.D. Mettinger, Swedish scholar, found, "The nearly universal consensus of scholars around the world is that there are no example of any mythological gods dying and raising from the dead that came before Jesus..." (Mettinger)

Jesus was dead at Point B

The Muslims and others have it wrong, Jesus completely died. We have sources in the Bible and sources outside of the Bible: Josephus, Tacitus, Lucian, Mara Bar-Serapion, and the Talmud. Even the American Medical Association Journal reads, "Clearly the weight of the historical and medical evidence indicates that Jesus was dead before the wound to his side was afflicted..."

Jesus was alive again at Point C

two irrefutable facts: (that have never been disproven) his tomb was empty & he appeared to people

Bottom Line/Application

Explore the evidence and you will find the answers! We must believe and receive in order to become children of God. We can share this with others so they'll do the same.

UPCOMING MESSAGES

"The Case for Christ" series continues....

Sept 3 – "Embracing the Truth of Christ" (Luke 15:11-32)

Sept 10 – "Explaining the Good News of Christ" (Matt. 5:13-16)

"There is a God" series – September 17 through November 12

Sept 17 - "There is No (g)od Like our God" (Psalm 86:8-10)

Sept. 24 – "...Whom We Can Trust in our Grievs & Joys" (I Pet. 4:6-11)

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