

**MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES
TO REMEMBER**

- S 8/21 8:00 a.m. **Worship**
9:45 a.m. **Worship**
- T 8/23 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 8/24 10:00 a.m. **"Covering the Book"**
Bible Study
3:00 p.m. **Praise Too Practice**
4:15 p.m. **Choir Practice**
- S 8/28 8:00 a.m. **Worship**
9:45 a.m. **Worship**
- T 8/30 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 8/31 10:00 a.m. **"Covering the Book"**
Bible Study
3:00 p.m. **Praise Too Practice**
4:15 p.m. **Choir Practice**
6-9 p.m. **Exploration Class**
- SA 9/3 11:30 -1 **Tae Kwon Do Class**
- S 9/4 9:45 a.m. **Worship**
- M 9/5 **NEW HOPE OFFICE CLOSED FOR
LABOR DAY**
- T 9/6 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 9/7 10:00 a.m. **"Covering the Book"**
Bible Study
3:00 p.m. **Praise Too Practice**
4:15 p.m. **Choir Practice**
5:30 p.m. **Wednesday Night Supper**
6:00 p.m. **Youth**
- SA 9/10 11:30 -1 **Tae Kwon Do Class**
- S 9/11 9:45 a.m. **Worship**



SCHEDULE

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Aug. 28th Teacher's Surprise
Sue Reed

Sept. 4 Teacher's Surprise
Brian Brandau & Steven Stokes

Sept. 11 Teacher's Surprise
Sue Reed

Sept. 18 Teacher's Surprise
Mary Coles

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

August Administrative Meetings

Nominations Mtg. -Tues. Aug. 30 - 3:00 p.m.
Room 111

Youth Leaders Mtg. Wed. Aug. 31 - 6:00 p.m.

September Administrative Meetings

Staff Parish Mtg. Mon. Sept. 12 - 6:30 p.m.

Finance Mtg. Wed., Sept. 14 - 6:30 p.m.

Trustees Mtg. Wed., Sept. 21 - 6:30 p.m.

Ad Council Mtg. Thurs., Sept 22 - 7:00 p.m.

Staff Mtg. Mon., Sept. 26 - 7:00 p.m.



Wednesday Night Dinners
will be starting on
September 7 at 5:30 p.m.
Free-will offering
Public Invited

**Watch the bulletin for the
upcoming menu!**

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MINISTRY

God's Love in ACTION

To quote from the hymn Jesus, United by Thy Grace "Help us to help each other Lord, each other's cross to bear". This is the essence of Stephen Ministry, to share your burden in times of trouble. Whatever your problem we are willing to meet with you weekly to listen, encourage and support you as God's healing takes place. A call to a Stephen Leader to discuss your need can lead to a caring, confidential relationship. Just contact Sherry Anderson, 231-972-7679 or Don Santer, 989-561-2394 to request a Stephen Minister.

Thank You Lois Sherwood! COOKIE HOUR



Lois Sherwood has kindly stepped up to the position of Sunday Cookie Hour Coordinator.

Everyone enjoys cookie hour after service each Sunday. Lois will be working with the different

groups and individuals planning who would like to represent Cookie Hour for a given week/month.

Cookies are donated so that we have that time to enjoy. *The month of August is in need of donated cookies* and people to work cookie hour making coffee, setting out cookies etc.

If you're able to bring a package of cookies or homemade goods, just bring them to the kitchen on Sunday. If you have questions or would like to sign up, contact Lois Sherwood at 989-465-7174.

You're Invited To.....



Wednesday After School Program

Beginning September 21st

Grades K-4 3:20 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

A free-will offering dinner is provided at 5:30 p.m.
Parents and the general public are also invited!



Hey Kids!
Come join us as we
Galactic Blast



Snacks
Assistance With Homework
Christian Lessons
Music Time
Games

An after school bus will be available from Mecosta Elementary School with a bus pass.
However, all children are invited to attend if you are not in that bussing area.

 **New Hope**
A United Methodist Faith Community

LIGHT
THE
CHURCH

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 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



I would like to send out a GREAT BIG THANK YOU to ALL that helped out with Parent's Night Out.

I was ecstatic with the amount of caring people at New Hope and the love they show for the kids in our community! You are all AWESOME!

God Bless You!

AnnMarie Buchner

The Mecosta County Road Commission (MCRC)

From Dick Wheeler

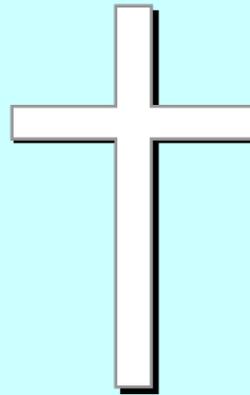
The MCRC told me the work to replace the bridge on Buchanan Ave. over the Little Muskegon River is now scheduled to begin the Tuesday after Labor Day. That date is September 6, 2016. We will see bridge contractors begin moving their necessary equipment into the area prior to September 6th but Buchanan Ave. will remain open. Beginning on Tuesday, September 6, eastbound Buchanan Avenue at 100th Ave. (Four Corners or the 4-way Stop intersection) WILL BE COSED. That intersection will, therefore, become a 3-way stop intersection. We will have to find a "detour route" to 90th Ave., for example, from Four Corners. Suggested detour directional signs will be in place prior to the closing of eastbound Buchanan traffic. Currently the completion goal for this project is early November.

Call me any time at 231-972-7138, Morton Township offices or my cell phone at 231-250-0214 when you have questions. We will see bridge contractors begin moving their necessary equipment into the area prior to September 6th, but Buchanan Ave. will remain open.

Second Saturday Munch Bunch

The Second Saturday Munch Bunch will meet the third Saturday in September -- September 17th in order to attend the Pig Roast at the Mecosta Rod & Gun Club. More information will be coming in the next 2 weeks in the bulletin!

If you have any questions contact Laura Hall at 231-972-7000.



Crosses For Christ

New Hope is known in the area for our outreach to the community.

One very successful program is the Crosses for Christ which are created by our members and distributed at every opportunity. We have been called upon to furnish Crosses for the Honor Flights, which have been greatly appreciated by the Veterans who receive them.

On Tuesday, August 30th, there will be a class available at 10 a.m., in Fellowship Hall, to learn how to make the Crosses. All supplies will be provided and you can stay as long as you wish. The Crafters will be there also.

If you'd like to have lunch with them, bring your sandwich-drink will be provided. *Hope we see you there.*



8 Ways Children's Ministry Benefits Everyone

1. It is good for public schools. Kids who learn self-control and respect for authority are a blessing in any classroom.
— *Children's Ministry Tip*: Teach kids that God expects these character traits from his followers. Explain how the "fruits of the spirit" relate to the way they behave at school.
2. It is good for homeschoolers. Children's ministry provides another social outlet and opportunities to experience learning in a large group.
— *Children's Ministry Tip*: Be aware of homeschoolers and work to make them feel welcome.
3. Mission projects actually do good to others. When kids plan and do ministry projects these can be powerful acts of mercy.
— *Children's Ministry Tip*: Plan projects that relieve real suffering. These may be harder, but they are worth the extra effort.
4. Good for society. Children who understand God's moral law and how to love their neighbors will make the world a better place.
— *Children's Ministry Tip*: Teach the children how obeying God and loving their neighbors will make the world a better place.
5. It is good for the christian movie industry. Christian booksellers have created a demand for family friendly cinema. Veggie Tales did change the video industry for the better and you should not underestimate the role of children's ministry in spreading an interest in these type videos.
— *Children's Ministry Tip*: Occasionally promote a quality movie (or video series). Consider a church family outing to see it together.
6. It is good for kids book publishing industry. Children's story Bibles and similar resources were created because parents (and churches) were looking for this type of material.
— *Children's Ministry Tip*: Make these resources available to parents in your ministry. Occasionally teach from a story Bible and recommend it for families to use at home.
7. It is good for their future spouses. Children who learn to love their neighbors and follow Jesus in all of life will be ready for marriages that last a lifetime. These values must begin when to be learned early in life.
— *Children's Ministry Tip*: Don't skip the commandments about adultery. Tell children that marriage is important to God and it's for your whole life.
8. It is good for their future employers. Hard work and self-control are virtues that the Bible assumes all Christians will demonstrate. Children's ministry helps produce adults who love Jesus and follow his Word.

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