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**August 6, 2017–Ninth Sunday After
Pentecost**

O Lord, our God, your wisdom is beyond our understanding. You are the source of all goodness. Yet we chase after things of this world that do not satisfy. We spend our money foolishly and wonder why we still hunger in spirit. Thank you for patiently calling us to trust you with our whole heart. Refresh us by your Holy Spirit so that we may lead others to you. We give these offerings in the name of Jesus Christ, who multiplied the loaves and fish so that everyone had more than their fill. Amen. (*Isaiah 55:1-5*)

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.

**AUGUST MINISTRY
OPPORTUNITIES TO REMEMBER**

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| S | 8/6 | 8:00 a.m. | Worship |
| | | 9:45 a.m. | Worship |
| T | 8/8 | 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 |
| | | 7:30 p.m. | Mission Mtg. |
| W | 8/9 | 10:00 a.m. | "Covering the Book"
Bible Study |
| | | 6:00 p.m. | Kitchen Mtg. |
| S | 8/13 | 8:00 a.m. | Worship |
| | | 9:45 a.m. | Worship |
| | | 3:30 – 6 p.m. | Tae Kwon Do |
| T | 8/15 | 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 |
| | 8/16 | 10:00 a.m. | "Covering the Book"
Bible Study |
| S | 8/20 | 8:00 a.m. | Worship |
| | | 9:45 a.m. | Worship |
| | | 3:30 – 6 p.m. | Tae Kwon Do |
| T | 8/22 | 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 |
| | 8/23 | 10:00 a.m. | "Covering the Book"
Bible Study |

NOTICE

The office at New Hope will be closed from Monday July 24 until Monday August 7 while Barb is on vacation.

**Cookies and Hostesses are needed for the
month of August for Coffee Hour.
Contact Lois Sherwood at 989-465-7174
if you have questions or would
like to sign up.**

Memorial Service for Margie McArthur



Saturday, August 12

10 a.m. Visitation

11 a.m. Service

Luncheon following the service.



August 6 – AnnMarie Buchner
August 13 – Ann Marie Buchner
August 20 – AnnMarie Buchner
August 27 – AnnMarie Buchner

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

Memorial Gifts

When making a donation to the Memorial Fund in memory of, or in honor of someone, please put it in the collection plate on Sunday or send it directly to New Hope.

By doing it this way the Memorial Committee will be able to send out thank you notes and an acknowledgement to the family in a timely fashion.

NEW HOPE KITCHEN MEETING

Everyone that uses kitchen (i.e. Wed. Night Supper, Funeral Committee and Coffee Hour) are encouraged to attend on **Wednesday, August 9th at 6 p.m.** in the fellowship hall to review the Michigan food service regulations.

A light meal will be served in appreciation for those who have participated in these ministries and welcome all those that would like to become involved.



**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

LIGHT
THE
CHURCH



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*

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.



Faithfully Fit Classes

TUESDAYS AT

NEW HOPE

5:30 – 6:15 P.M.

**Have fun improving your spiritual,
physical and emotional health!**

**Certified instructor Shawn Sredersas
will be offering a free-will donation,
Low-Impact “FUN in FITNESS” Class!**

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 1x3inches 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

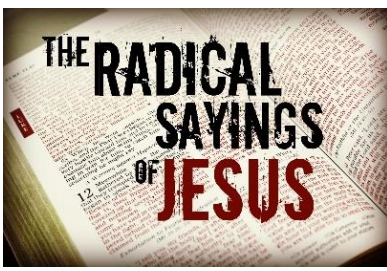
Brightly colored tie

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!



from your pastor's point of view...
8-6-17

“Knowing the correct password—saying ‘Master, Master,’ for instance— isn’t going to get you anywhere with me. What is required is serious obedience—doing what my Father wills. I can see it now—at the Final Judgment thousands strutting up to me and saying, ‘Master, we preached the Message, we bashed the demons, our God-sponsored projects had everyone talking.’ And do you know what I am going to say? ‘You missed the boat. All you did was use me to make yourselves important. You don’t impress me one bit. You’re out of here.’ – Matthew 7:21-23 (The Message)

Jesus said, “I am the Road, also the Truth, also the Life. No one gets to the Father apart from me. If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him. You’ve even seen him!” – John 14:6-7 (The Message)

In God’s bodacious Grace, faultless Truth, and tremendous Love,

Pastor Greg



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

UPCOMING MESSAGES

“Radical Sayings of Jesus” series

Aug 13 – “Love Your Enemies” – Luke 6:27-36

“The Case for Christ” series

Aug 20 – “Investigating the Case for Christ”

Aug 27 – “Exploring the Evidence for Christ”

Sept 3 – “Embracing the Truth of Christ”

“Not Everyone Enters the Kingdom”

The Radical Sayings of Jesus

Matthew 7:21-23, John 14:6

Intro “Be anxious for nothing...” – 7/9
“Sell all your things...” – 7/16
“Become a servant...” – 7/23
“Deny yourself and follow Me...” – 7/30

I – It begins with the right attitude!

Just because you can say the words it doesn’t mean that your heart is right! Jesus reads hearts.

II – It’s never been about any formula!

Each person must honestly come before Christ in repentance, searching for God’s direction.

III – It doesn’t matter who your friends are or what you’ve done – it’s always about Christ alone.

Bragging about your Christianity is ill-advised!

IV – What matters about having an honest

relationship with Christ focused on “doing the will of God,” sharing the Gospel, with the right attitude, and especially by not taking the credit!

Putting It Into Action:

The next time you have the opportunity to take the credit and let everyone know about it, give it to God and let it be your special secret! ☺

Bottom line: We’re not only called to talk the talk of the Gospel, but also to walk the walk in humility.

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