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8:00 a.m. - 24 9:45 a.m. - 97

Tithes and Gifts

General: \$2,941.00
Building: \$130.00
Total: \$3,071.00

**August 5, 2018 – Eleventh Sunday after
Pentecost/in Kingdomtide**

Holy God, source of all good things, you have blessed your children with many gifts, and each of us can serve and help build your kingdom here on earth. We know at times we have denied our giftedness and dismissed the impact our gifts can have. As we ask you to dedicate our tithes and offerings today, we remind ourselves that you seek not only that we open our wallets but open our hearts and our whole being to the work of making your love and compassion the norm, not the exception in this world. We pray this in Christ's name. Amen. (Ephesians 4:1-16)

August Administrative Meetings

Pastor Parish – Mon., August 6, 6:00 p.m.
Finance — Mon., August 13, 6:30 p.m.
Trustees – Wed., August 15, 6:30 pm.
Church Council – Thurs., August 16, 7:00 p.m.
Staff Meeting – No Meeting

**AUGUST MINISTRY
OPPORTUNITIES TO REMEMBER**

- S 8/5 8:00 a.m. Sunday Worship**
9:45 a.m. Sunday Worship
11:45 a.m. "Uncommon Worship"
- M 8/6 1:30 p.m. Mary Martha**
6:00 p.m. Pastor Parish
- T 8/7 9:30 a.m. Craft Day**
5:30 p.m. NO Faithfully Fit Class
5:30 p.m. Men's Emmaus
6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study
- W 8/8 10:00 a.m. "Covering the Book"**
Bible Study
4:30 p.m. Praise Too Practice
5:30 p.m. Tech 'n Check
6:00 p.m. Worship Design
7:00 p.m. "Covering the Book"
Bible Study
- S 8/12 8:00 a.m. Worship**
9:45 a.m. Worship
11:15 a.m. "Uncommon" Worship
- M 8/13 6:30 p.m. Finance**
- T 8/14 9:30 a.m. Craft Day**
5:30 p.m. NO Faithfully Fit Class
5:30 p.m. Men's Emmaus
6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study
- W 8/15 10:00 a.m. "Covering the Book"**
Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Faith Circle @ Carolyn's
4:30 p.m. Praise Too Practice
5:30 p.m. Tech 'n Check
6:00 p.m. Worship Design
6:30 p.m. Trustees
7:00 p.m. "Covering the Book"
Bible Study
- Th 8/16 7:00 p.m. Church Council**
- Sa 8/18 10:00 a.m. Ladies Summer Brunch**

Birthdays this week:

5th – Terry Reed
10th – Jean Chapin
Dave Marston
11th – Ed Osterbaan



Anniversaries this week:

7th – Brian and Pat Powell
10th – John and Dena Durante
12th – Harry and Annette Coles



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*

Are we missing somebody?

The Membership Care Team is ready, willing, and able to make contact if we notice that someone hasn't been here for whatever reason. In order to check-in on them, please let one of these team members know: Gen Abrams, Sue Reed, Jerry Smith, Vivian Smith, Linda Randall, and Pastor Greg.
Thank you.

UMW SUMMER BRUNCH

Ladies of New Hope,

On **Saturday, August 18,**
from 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon we will be
having our **Summer Brunch.**

The director and founder of Sisters of Sobriety, Angie Kazemier, will be joining us as our special guest. Please bring your favorite potluck dish to share and join us for a great morning of fellowship and joy.

Blessings,
Nancy Karcher
UMW

God's Helping Hands Annual School Supply and Shoe Give Away

God's Helping Hands is once again having their annual school supplies and shoe give away for the needy on Saturday, August 18th.

The supplies will be distributed from St. Michael's Parish Center from 9 am until 11 am. You can help by donating backpacks and all kinds of school supplies: 2 pocket folders, colored pencils, crayons, pencils, pens, highlighters, small hand sanitizers, small Kleenex packets, erasers, scissors, glue, spiral notebooks, paper, rulers, plastic pencil boxes, and backpacks.

If you know of a family in need, please tell them to register their children on Tuesdays or Fridays, 9am-12 noon at God's Helping Hands prior to August 17th.

Only registered clients can receive this give away
Thank you,
God's Helping Hands

Operation Christmas Child

Answered prayers

Every shoebox gift is unique, and when we ship them around the world, there's no way to know which child will get each box. But God knows!



In post-war Kosovo, our team handed out shoeboxes in a school where the windows were blow out and the heat wasn't working. All the children had winter coats except for one shivering boy. When he opened his box, he found a fleece-lined bomber jacket that fit him perfectly! God had answered the prayers of the family who packed the shoebox and sent it exactly where it was needed most.

from Samaritan's Purse "Operation Christmas Child Special Report"

Second Saturday Munch Bunch

Before summer is over, let's take a drive to Reed City and try a restaurant that was on the Channel 9 & 10 news!!

The Second Saturday Munch Bunch will meet for lunch at noon on Saturday, August 11 at the Seven Slot Grill in Reed City!

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 pastor's office. Any questions, please call Laura Hall at 231-972-7000.



AIR CONDITIONING UPDATE

As of 7-1-18, we have raised \$5,128 of the \$7500 needed to have air conditioning added to our fellowship hall and kitchen. As always, when you give, please give as the Spirit leads over and above your general fund giving. Thank you for doing whatever you're able to do.

A graphic with the text "Thank You!" written in a large, stylized, cursive font. The text is black and has a slight shadow effect.

A huge thank you to all the people who stepped to help with Tom Larsen's funeral luncheon!

Diane Larsen

Faith Circle August Picnic

The Faith Circle will be having their annual picnic at Carolyn Young's home on Wednesday, August 15th, starting at noon.



If you are interested in joining one of the circles at New Hope UMC, this is a great opportunity to get to meet our group and fellowship together.

Carolyn will be providing the main dish, tableware, and drinks. Attendees are asked to bring a dish to pass. If you would like to come, please call Joyce Porter for more information. Her number is 231-250-0758. Families are also invited.

Bring your fishing poles!

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

If you need to use the stove/oven in the kitchen, you must contact Roy Snyder (or Gen Abrams in the church office, to contact Roy) prior to needing it! The stove has been turned off for the summer months.

EXPLORE

*from your pastor's
point of view 8-5-18*

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Dear New Hope Family and Friends....

A Huge Thank You For Last Sunday!!!

A "thank-you" does not begin to say enough for all the work put toward our Building Principal Drive. At last count, we could have near \$47,000 to put against our mortgage. That is simply amazing! Everyone who was a part in any small way, including those who served in any capacity or gave, need to be thanked. Your gift can and will make a difference. Thanks again!

Why An Exploration Series?

Based on our Exploration Classes, this series, through Nov. 25, will move folks from basic discipleship, to deeper discipleship, to ministry, and then to leadership. For those who've taken the classes, this will be a good review. For those who haven't you'll enjoy the new!

Upcoming Plans for "uncommon"

Starting Wednesday, September 12, the "uncommon" service (today's music – timeless faith – authentic worship) will be at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. The last Sunday "uncommon" will be on August 26. For more information, see Pastor Greg or Wally Ewing. (Please disregard the newsletter info. This is the newest.)

***IN GOD'S BODACIOUS GRACE,
FAULTLESS TRUTH, AND
TREMENDOUS LOVE***

UPCOMING MESSAGES – 8:00 am, 9:45 am, & 11:15 am (thru Aug.)

"Exploration" Message Series - thru November 25

Aug 12 – "Who is God?" (1 John 4:7-9, Exodus 34:5-7)

Aug 19 – "Where's the Chart?" (1 Corinthians 12:12-31)

Aug 26 – "Trusting in God" (Isaiah 40:28-31)

Sept 2 – "Developing the Habit of Prayer" (Luke 18:13-14, 1 John 5:14)

Starting September 2, just 9:45 a.m. service on Sunday.

Starting September 12, "uncommon" serv. starts on Wed. nights 6 pm.

**"What Does it Mean to Be a Christian?"
(Romans 10:9-10) All scriptures NIV unless noted.**

Intro – Christianity Pop Quiz

Being a Christian Means That...Some Will & Some Won't

Being a Christian Means Moving Toward a Deeper Faith

- 1 - Loving God....loving others...serving.
(no membership required!)
- 2 - Membership - shows commitment to New Hope.

These membership vows express God's call to discipleship. God bids us to fulfill that calling wherever we go, whatever we do. Members make covenant to do the following:

- a) To renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of the world, and repent of their sin;
- b) To accept the freedom and power God gives them to resist evil, injustice, and oppression;
- c) To confess Jesus Christ as Savior, put their whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as their Lord;
- d) To remain faithful members of Christ's holy church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world;
- e) To be loyal to Christ through The United Methodist Church and do all in their power to strengthen its ministries;
- f) To faithfully participate in its ministries by their prayers, their presence, their gifts, their service, and their witness;
- g) To receive and profess the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

Bottom Line & Application

To be a Christian means that we believe in and follow Jesus Christ! How can we be more like Christ today?

Pastor Greg (or our speaker) is handy after the service if you'd like to say hi, ask questions, check-in, or just share comments. They are normally at the front of the worship space so that a conversation is easier. Stop and say hi.