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**July 15, 2018 Stewardship Presence**

8:00 a.m. - 27 9:45 a.m. - 115  
11:15 a.m. - 7

**Tithes and Gifts**

General: \$4,225.00  
Building: \$885.00  
**Total: \$5,110.00**

**July 22, 2018 – Ninth Sunday After  
Pentecost/in Kingdomtide**

God of grace and love, we ask your forgiveness when our churches, in short-sightedness, meanness or petty arguments, have turned crowds of people away from you. As we offer ourselves and our gifts to the growing of your Kingdom, remind us we need to be helping those who are wounded and in need of healing come close to Jesus — to touch you and be touched. In his holy name, we pray. Amen. (Mark 6:53-56)

**July Administrative Meetings**

Staff Parish – No Meeting  
Finance — Wednesday, July 11, 6:30 p.m.  
Trustees/Pastor Parish – Wednesday, July 18,  
6:30 pm.  
Church Council – Thursday, July 19, 7:00 p.m.  
Staff Meeting – Mon., July 23, 6:00 p.m.

**JULY MINISTRY  
OPPORTUNITIES TO REMEMBER**

- S 7/22 8:00 a.m. Sunday Worship**  
Principal Drive Q&A  
9:45 a.m. Sunday Worship  
11:45 a.m. "Uncommon Worship"
- M 7/23 6:00 p.m. Staff Meeting**
- T 7/24 9:30 a.m. Craft Day**  
5:30 p.m. Faithfully Fit Class  
5:30 p.m. Men's Emmaus  
6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study
- W 7/25 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  
6:30 p.m. Finance  
7:00 p.m. "Covering the Book"  
Bible Study
- Sa 7/28 6:00 p.m. Kevin Mills Concert**
- S 7/29 9:45 a.m. Building Loan Sunday**  
Church-Wide Picnic
- T 7/31 9:30 a.m. Craft Day**  
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**Birthdays this week:**  
24<sup>th</sup> - Karen Woodruff



**Anniversaries this week:**

none

The church is being lit in honor of Fred and Sandy Mayo's daughter's birthday on the 15<sup>th</sup> and Fred and Sandy's anniversary on the 20<sup>th</sup> of July.



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.

### **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.**

**Just a  
friendly  
reminder**



Meals are available for those affected by a time of crisis and/or upheaval of their normal schedule – illness, recovery from surgery, a time of grief.

For information, please call Judy Meyers at 972-2163.

### ***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 18<sup>th</sup>. 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 17<sup>th</sup>. Only registered clients can receive

this give away

Thank you,  
God's Helping Hands

### **Church Principal Drive Meetings to be Held**

We will be having a Church Principal Drive on July 29<sup>th</sup>. We will have a series of question and answer meetings held in the music room at 11:00 a.m., right after the 9:45 a.m. service. The dates are: July 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## Thank you to everyone

who has signed up for **Coffee Hour** already this summer.

We all appreciate you!

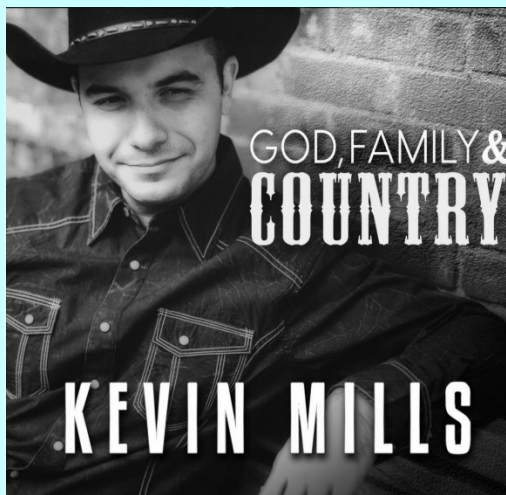


*There are still three Sundays open in August. We need people to take care of these Sundays. We also need cookies or other goodies every Sunday.*

If you are baking or shopping, think about a little extra to bring for Coffee Hour.

**Your help is really appreciated!**

## **THIS SATURDAY!!!**



### **Kevin Mills in Concert**

Kevin Mills will be in concert at New Hope on Saturday, July 28 at 6:00 pm. Doors open at 5:00 pm.

There will be a free will offering and all the money collected will go to New Hope as the concert has been paid for by a parishioner.

## **Missions Meeting**

There will be a meeting of the WMO team and the Mission trip on *July 31st. @ 7:30 pm. in the fellowship hall.*

Discussion about Wheatland will be the first topic. Anyone at New Hope is interested in working at Wheatland this year is invited. After the WMO discussion, we will discuss the upcoming Mission trip to Baton Rouge, LA. The trip has been moved to the last week of November, going into December. We will leave November 24<sup>th</sup> and return December 2<sup>nd</sup>. *Please try to make the meeting if you are planning on going on this mission trip.*

Don Santer, Director of Missions

## **SILENT AUCTION**

*A chance to outbid your neighbor!*

In conjunction with our Principal drive, a silent auction is being held in the fellowship hall from now to 12:00 Sunday July 29th. These items are all placed on tables or on the floor. A bidding form is attached to each item and numbered for tracking purposes. To bid on an item, list your name and phone number, and the amount of your bid. Check back often and bid again if your name is not in the winning spot. Remember, it's for a good cause. It has a greater value than just the item itself. The tables are currently set up with the items displayed in the fellowship hall.

At 12:00 noon on July 29, the finance team will collect the completed forms and be at a table near the items. You can pay for and pick up your items then. If you are not available to pick up your items on that Sunday, we will call you and arrange a pickup time later.

***Let's have some fun with this!***

Thank you in advance-  
The Finance Team



## from your pastor's point of view 7-22-18

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

#### One Week Until...

Next week, we will have the chance to be a part of something big here at New Hope. As you've heard from our Finance Team and others, this upcoming special offering will either leave us with no debt (this is my prayer!) or at least leave us with less debt, which would be better than where we currently stand.

As I mentioned in the letter that was sent out, "I'm praying for a miracle, because I have seen miracles happen around here. I hope you'll join me." Generosity drives miracles, I'm told.

Let me also leave you with the last instruction from that letter, "Don't limit your giving to what you think, instead give as the Spirit leads, and then wait to see what the Spirit does. Who knows, maybe because God's been known from time to time to show off, we may collect more than our need, just to prove to us that God is alive and well at New Hope United Methodist Church. Help me tell that story! I want to tell that story. We want to hear that story. So, with the Holy Spirit, let's do it together."

For whatever you are able to do, we are thankful! ☺

### **"Follow the Humble. Wait on God. Eat Not One's Words." (Esther 6:1-13) All scriptures NIV unless noted.**

#### Intro

Haman didn't humble himself, didn't honor God, and he had to eat his own words because of it.

We are called to humble ourselves, honor God, and lift up others.

#### Follow the Humble.

"Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted." (Matthew 23:12 ESV)

#### Wait on God.

"Teach me your way, Lord; lead me in a straight path because of my oppressors.

Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes, for false witnesses rise up against me, spouting malicious accusations.

I remain confident of this:

I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord." (Psalm 27:11-14)

#### Eat Not One's Words.

"Go at once," the king commanded Haman. "Get the robe and the horse and do just as you have suggested for Mordecai the Jew...Do not neglect anything you have recommended." (Esther 6:10-13)

#### Bottom Line & Application

God lifts up the humble and allows the prideful to fall. Choose humble. Wait on God. Don't eat your words!

#### **UPCOMING MESSAGES – 8:00 a.m., 9:45 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.**

##### ***"Divine Direction" (using the Book of Esther)***

*using "One Night with the King (The Bible Story of Queen Esther)"*

July 29 - "Follow God's Direction-Setting Things Right" (Esther 7:1-8:2)

##### ***"Exploration" Message Series - August 5 – November 25***

Aug 5 - "What Does it Mean to Be a Christian?" (Romans 10:9-10)

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

*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.*