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**May 6, 2018 Stewardship  
Presence**

9:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – 11

**Tithes and Gifts**

General: \$7,639.00

Building: 440.00

**Total: \$8,079.00**

**May 13 – Seventh Sunday of Easter**

Dear God, thank you for your great generosity toward the whole world. You give us guidance and encouragement through your word. You did not hold back even your Son so that we would have eternal life! You make our joy complete. Let us find joy by giving with joy to the ministries of this church for the sake of Christ Jesus our Lord.

Amen.

(John 17:6-19)

**May Administrative Meetings**

Staff Parish – Monday, May 7, 6:00 p.m.

Finance — Wednesday, May 9, 6:30 p.m.

Trustees – Wed., May 16th at 6:30 pm.

Church Council – Thurs., May 17<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 p.m.

Staff Meeting – Mon., May 21 @ 6:00 p.m.

**MAY MINISTRY  
OPPORTUNITIES TO REMEMBER**

- S 5/13 9:45 a.m. Compassion Sunday**  
Sunday Worship  
11:45 a.m. "Uncommon Worship"
- M 5/14 1:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study**
- T 5/15 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 5/16 10:00 a.m. "Covering the Book"**  
Bible Study  
3:00 p.m. Praise Too Practice  
4:00 p.m. Choir Practice  
5:30 p.m. Tech 'n Check  
6:00 p.m. Worship Design  
7:00 p.m. "Covering the Book"  
Bible Study  
6:30 p.m. Trustees
- Th 5/17 7:00 p.m. Church Council**
- F 5/18 9:00 a.m. Church Clean-Up**
- S 5/20 9:45 a.m. Sunday Worship**  
Principal Drive Q & A  
11:15 a.m. "Uncommon Worship"
- M 5/21 1:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study**  
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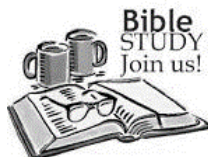
**Please Note:**

The **Ladies Brunch** that had been scheduled for June 2<sup>nd</sup> has been rescheduled for August 18<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. - noon.

**Mark your calendar!**

**New Bible Study Coming to  
Wednesday Nights @ 7 pm**

The "Covering the Book" class, which currently meets at 10 a.m. on Wednesday mornings in room 110, will also be meeting Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. from May 16 - August 29 in room 110. Some have asked for a later "after-work" time for a study, so Pastor Greg is offering this one. The same scriptures will be covered in both classes. Bring your Bibles and your note taking preferences. (These items are also provided.)



**Youth Flower Sale**



**Sunday May 13**  
after both Services

*Hanging Baskets & Planters*  
**\$13 each or 2 for \$25**

Donations for:  
Camp and Summer Youth Activities

**Church Clean Up Day**

Due to our late start on Spring the Church Clean Up Day has been pushed back to Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Many hands make light work, and more help may mean a shorter time spent on the clean up!

**The church is being lit in memory of Oscar and Leona Raffel, parents of Bonnie Clark, who made her take piano lessons.**

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

Dear Friends,  
Thank you so much for the cards and gifts for my 87th Birthday.

A special Thank You to all who participated after church and converted cake and ice cream into a WONDERFUL Musical Happy Birthday Celebration. A special thank you to the "coffee Hour" crew.

Beverly Brown

*Thank You!*

**New Directory Pages Available!**

The Church Directory address pages have been updated and are available for pickup at the Information Center.

As address changes occur, they will be on the Prayer Page in the bulletin, if possible, until the Directory is updated again.

**OUR APRIL BENEVOLENCE**

**JOYFUL NOISE**

Offering was \$178.90. We were blessed to assist two families in the amount of \$433.17.  
Thank you for caring and supporting this vital ministry!

Blessings,  
*Nancy Karcher*



## Can you spare a few hours a week???

The current Kingdom Kids program will be over at the end of April, and we need to start planning by June for next fall. ***In order for Kingdom Kids to continue, we need at least four teachers and four helpers each Wednesday afternoon (normally 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.).*** At this moment we have two teachers, AnnMarie Buchner and Linda Sbraccia, and three helpers, Nancy Santer, Bev Rothenberger and Gerry Herrmann, signed up. **We still need at least two more teachers and two more helpers.**

***Prayerfully consider what God is asking you to do. If you want to help but this sounds like too much of a commitment, please talk to us. Even one day a month can make a difference. We are flexible!***

We would love to talk to you if you have questions, and if you think this may be something you would like to do.

Thank you,

AnnMarie Buchner - 989-621-7681

Bev Rothenberger - 317-413-7491



### Compassion Sunday

May 13, 2018 is Compassion Sunday.

This special Sunday allows those who are interested, the opportunity to hear and discover how to sponsor a child which helps them grow in faith and helps get them out of poverty. Children are blessed and you will be too when you receive letters and updates regarding your sponsored child.

***YOU ARE INVITED!!!***

***Please come help celebrate  
Matthew Buchner's  
graduation!***



***The celebration will be:  
May 19th from 2-5pm.  
here at New Hope.***

## Silent Auction

The Finance Team is going to host a Silent Auction during the month of July! This has proven to be a fun activity in the past.

If you have a special item or a craft piece you would like to donate, please contact a member of finance or call Doug Chapin (231-349-4059)

### Church Principal Drive Meetings to be Held

We will be having a Church Principal Drive on July 29<sup>th</sup>. A letter will be sent soon with more details.

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: May 20<sup>th</sup>, June 10<sup>th</sup>, and July 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### Birthdays this week:

- 16<sup>th</sup> - Maren Clare
- 18<sup>th</sup> - Harry Coles, Sr.  
Diane Larsen
- 19<sup>th</sup> - Pat Wilkins



### Anniversaries this week:

15<sup>th</sup> – Matt And Crystal Lotarski

# Church Yard Sale

LOVE GOD, LOVE OTHERS AND SERVE!

## YARD SALE IS COMING! YARD SALE IS COMING!

JUNE 21, 22, 23  
ARE THE SALE DATES!

IN THE GYM PREPARATIONS BEGIN:  
MONDAY, JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup>

SEE THE FLIER FOR DONATION DROP-OFF  
DATES AND TIMES

MONDAY JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup> WORK IN THE GYM  
BEGINS TO CLEAN, TEST, AND PRICE

GYM WILL BE OPEN FOR WORKERS @  
LEAST 9-3 MON TUES WED

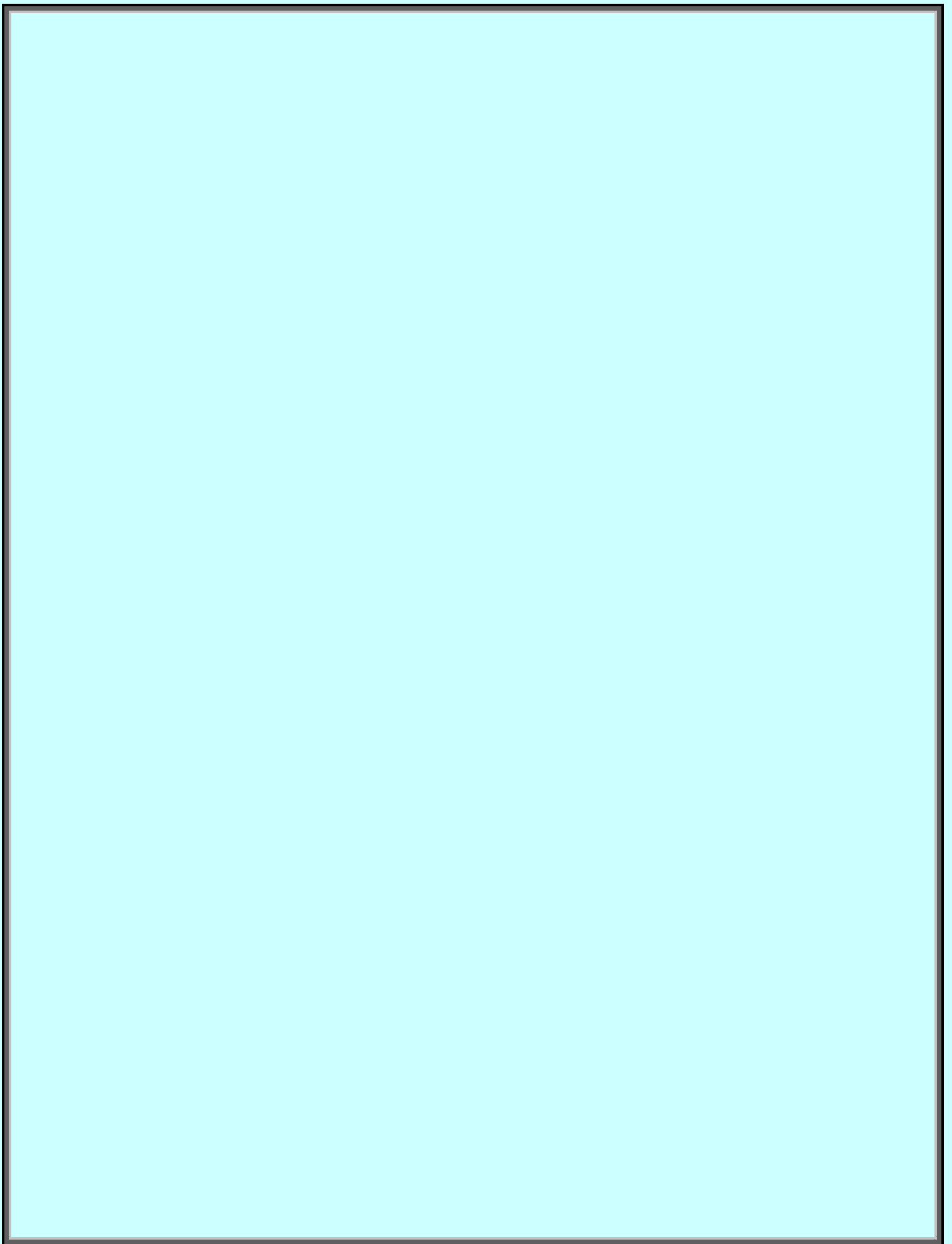
DAYS AND HOURS OF WORK WILL  
INCREASE AS NEEDED

NEED MEN or "ROSIE THE RIVETER"  
POWERED WOMEN or YOUTH TO HELP  
COVER DONATION DROP-OFF UNLOADING  
VEHICLES.

HELPER SIGN-UP SHEETS ARE IN THE  
NARTHEX

UNKNOWN AVAILABILITY?  
ROLL UP THOSE SLEEVES & COME ON IN  
WHEN YOU CAN!!

THIS IS NEW HOPE'S BIG ANNUAL  
FUNDRAISER! PLEASE SERVE AS YOU  
ARE ABLE!!!





## from your pastor's point of view 5-13-18

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### **GOD'S BODACIOUS GRACE, FAULTLESS TRUTH, AND TREMENDOUS LOVE (FROM PASTOR GREG)**

#### **A PRAYER FOR OUR MOTHERS**

Gracious, Mothering, Loving, God,  
thank you for our mothers.

We lift up those women who have joined God in  
heaven and whom we miss here on earth.

We lift up those women working one-two- if not  
three or more jobs, even as we speak, to  
support their families.

We lift up those women who struggled to be good  
mothers, give them your forgiveness, and let all  
children know of a God who wants to mother  
them in healthy ways.

We lift up those moms who are expecting, who  
have a special bond with that new creation  
being born in them.

We lift up those who have desperately wanted to  
have children of their own, but who chose  
instead to be a mother for others, caring for  
anyone as needed.

We lift up those moms who gave their children up  
for adoption, and for those who adopted, in  
both cases, honoring the life of their child over  
their own.

We lift up those moms who have lost a child to  
death and who carry on. May they know that  
the God of all love, is taking care of them until  
we meet again.

Bless them all we pray, and their families too.  
In Jesus' name we pray...Amen.

### **"Filled: Courageous and Powerful" – Acts 1:6-9** *(Living in the Power of the Spirit Series)* *All scripture notations NIV unless noted.*

*Art Sherwood, preaching*

**I. Review:** From Pastors message last Sunday on  
Convicting and Forgiving we learned that  
believers receive the Holy Spirit. (Acts:42:44) and  
we learned that we should live in the Spirit's  
power, it starts with conviction, then repentance,  
and then forgiveness  
1 John 1:8 –10.

#### **II. Extraordinary ordinary people:**

1) Joseph of Arimathea – (A Pharisee) Luke  
23:50 – 62 "...and he himself was waiting for the  
kingdom of God...<sup>52</sup> Going to Pilate, he asked for  
Jesus' body."

2) Peter at Pentecost (An Apostle) Acts 1:14-17  
<sup>17</sup> "In the last days, God says, I will pour out my  
Spirit on all people."

3) Timothy at Ephesus (A Greek Father and  
Jewish Christian Mother) 1 Tim. 4:12

#### **III. Today's Spirit Filled Courageous People**

1) Fred (Communist Country Bible Smuggler)  
1975 - 2005

2) Kathy (Bible smuggler to China) currently in  
China

3) ?????? for you to fill in

**Conclusion:** The power and the courage comes  
from the Holy Spirit. The helper that Jesus  
promised in Luke 24:49 "(I am going to send you  
what my Father has promised; but stay in the city  
until you have been clothed with power from on  
high."

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

##### **"Filled - Living in the Power of the Spirit" series, May 6 – June 3**

May 20 – "Filled: Comforting and Sustaining" – Acts 2:1-4, 14-24

May 27 – "Filled: Spiritual Gifts and Equipping" – I Corinthians 12:1-14

June 3 – "Filled: Living in the Spirit, Showing Fruit" – Galatians 5:22-32

(8:00 am, 9:45 am, 11:15 am Sunday morning service line-up starts)

June 10-August 26 – "Divine Direction" twelve week series on direction.

*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.*