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**February 11, 2018 Stewardship
Presence**

9:45 a.m. – 71 11:15 a.m. – 12

Tithes and Gifts

General:	\$2,371.00
Building:	<u>200.00</u>
Total:	\$2,571.00

February 18, 2018 – First Sunday in Lent

God of heaven and earth and every galaxy, we praise you for your tremendous wisdom and love. You have been patient with us when have been slow to follow your way. Through the obedience of Jesus Christ, you have forgiven us and renewed our life. Give us grace to extend your kindness beyond our family and congregation to strangers in need. We present our offerings and gifts as a sign of our gratitude. We pray through Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen. (1 Peter 3:18-20)

February Administrative Meetings

Staff Parish – NO MEETING
Finance – February 13 – 6:30 p.m.
Ad Council – February 15 – 7:00 p.m.
Trustees – February 21 – 6:30 p.m.
Staff Meeting – February 26 – 6:00 p.m.

**OFFICE HOURS
MONDAY – FRIDAY
9 A.M. TO NOON**

**FEBRUARY/MARCH MINISTRY
OPPORTUNITIES TO REMEMBER**

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| S | 2/18 | 9:45 a.m. | Worship |
| | | 11:15 a.m. | “Uncommon Worship” |
| T | 2/20 | 5:30 p.m. | Men’s Emmaus |
| | | 6:30 p.m. | Men’s Bible Study |
| | | 5:30 p.m. | Faithfully Fit Class |
| W | 2/21 | 10:00 a.m. | “Covering the Book” |
| | | | Bible Study |
| | | 3:00 p.m. | Praise Too Practice |
| | | 3:20 p.m. | Kingdom Kids |
| | | 4:00 p.m. | Choir Practice |
| | | 5:30 p.m. | Wed. Night Supper |
| | | 5:30 p.m. | Tech ‘n Check |
| | | 6:00 p.m. | Worship Design |
| | | 6:00 p.m. | Youth |
| | | 6:30 p.m. | Trustees Meeting |
| S | 2/25 | 9:45 a.m. | Worship |
| | | 11:15 a.m. | “Uncommon Worship” |
| M | 2/26 | 6:00 p.m. | Staff Meeting |
| T | 2/27 | 5:30 p.m. | Men’s Emmaus |
| | | 6:30 p.m. | Men’s Bible Study |
| | | 5:30 p.m. | Faithfully Fit Class |
| W | 2/28 | 10:00 a.m. | “Covering the Book” |
| | | | Bible Study |
| | | 3:00 p.m. | Praise Too Practice |
| | | 3:20 p.m. | Kingdom Kids |
| | | 4:00 p.m. | Choir Practice |
| | | 5:30 p.m. | Wed. Night Supper |
| | | 5:30 p.m. | Tech ‘n Check |
| | | 6:00 p.m. | Youth |
| | | 6:00 p.m. | Worship Design |
| S | 3/4 | 9:45 a.m. | Worship |
| | | 11:15 a.m. | “Uncommon Worship” |
| T | 3/6 | 5:30 p.m. | Men’s Emmaus |
| | | 6:30 p.m. | Men’s Bible Study |
| | | 5:30 p.m. | Faithfully Fit Class |
| W | 3/7 | 10:00 a.m. | “Covering the Book” |
| | | | Bible Study |
| | | 3:00 p.m. | Praise Too Practice |
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Wednesday Night Dinner

5:30 p.m.

Hamburger

Potato Salad, Tossed Salad

Baked Beans

Dessert - Beverage

Public Invited --- Free-Will Offering

The church is being lit
in honor of Leona Chapin's birthday
from Doug & Cheri & family.



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*

Year End Giving Statements

Your statements for giving for 2017 are available at the Info Center. Please pick them up before or after service today. If there are any discrepancies with your statements, please contact Annette Coles at (231)912- 0893.

*Thank you for the nice
Birthday card sent to Leroy
for his birthday!
From Patty and Roxanne*



ATTENTION EMMAUS COMMUNITY: On Monday, February 19th, at 4:00 p.m. Doris Shaw has volunteered to come to New Hope to do a sponsor training for anyone interested in sponsoring a pilgrim. If you have been thinking about doing so in the next year or so, but are having trouble getting to a gathering (like me), here is your chance!!

If you are interested let Sherry Anderson know so if there is no one Doris doesn't have to drive up here. Thank you.

God's Helping Hands Winter Appeal

Do some early Spring Cleaning!

The need is great and donations are needed now: Clothing in good repair of all kinds; Furniture; Appliances; Toys; Housewares

Prayer Chain

If you are interested in being part of the prayer chain, calling those who do not have email, please contact Karen Woodruff at 972-2084. There is also a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center. You would only be asked to call a few people.

Abuse Prevention Trainings

February 17, and 24

IMPORTANT: The new MI Area Conference of the UMC has instituted a NEW Abuse Prevention Policy. Effective January 1, 2018 all previously obtained certification through the West MI and Detroit Conferences have expired.

New training is REQUIRED for all leaders/churches attending/hosting District of Conference events where youth, children, and/or vulnerable adults will be served.

Upcoming Training Opportunities:

• Saturday, February 24 @ 10:00 am-2:00 pm (lunch included) @ Mosaic Church (1249 3 Mile Rd. S, Traverse City)

RSVP to Anika Kasper

atanikakasper@gmail.com or 989-773-5140.

Include the number of people attending AND location of the training your group wants to attend.



from your pastor's point of view...2-18-18

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Dear New Hope Family and Friends,

Sherry Anderson shared a quote with me recently from her desk calendar, "The hope of heaven, the knowledge that we'll someday enjoy 'peace eternal' means we can face anything here on earth as long as we focus on the joy that's waiting for us in heaven." (Barbara Johnson)

What is that "peace eternal"? Well, I think it's the new creation God has promised us. While we talked about the New Jerusalem last Sunday, and heavenly worship on Wednesday, in our time today we're expanding the lens to see this whole new thing that God will be doing in its completion. This might just allow us to be patient in these days, especially as we lean into God's bodacious Grace, faultless Truth, and tremendous Love until then!

The book we're using: "Revealing the Mysteries of Heaven" by Dr. David Jeremiah can be purchased for a donation by calling 1-877-998-0222 [www.davidjeremiah.org/site/monthly/0617_FYE.aspx]

"God's Promise of New Heaven & New Earth" (Revelation 21:1-5)
"The Truth About Heaven" series
(*"Revealing the Mysteries of Heaven" pages 195 - 222*)

Intro

New Heaven/New Earth = the new creation = the anticipated renewal of the created order by God. *Westminster Dictionary of Theological Terms (McKim)*
When we pray "your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven" (Matthew 6:10) we pray for the new creation to come!

The Promise of a New Creation

A fresh start...a new opportunity...that fresh car smell!

The Purification of a New Creation

Everything that is not 100% will have to be removed especially by heat and fire, which is the great purifier.

The Principles of a New Creation

Everything God promised in Eden will be provided in the new creation. Everything God promised since Eden, will be there too! It will be perfect.

"We're all homesick for the Garden of Eden." (p. 199)

Bottom Line & Application

However God chooses to "redo" the heavens and the earth, we will be blessed over-abundantly by the phenomenal outcome. We look forward to that day with hope & longing.

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

"The Truth About Heaven" series through March 11

Feb. 25 – "A Thousand Years of What? – Millennium" (Revelation 20:1-7)

Mar. 4 – "Our Lord Loves Children...Period" (Matthew 18:1-5, 14)

Mar. 11 – "Being Ready for Heaven" (Philippians 4:8-9, I Thess. 3:12-13)

"Recognizing Christ as Our Risen King" series March 18 – April 1

Mar. 18 – "The Resurrection and the Life" – John 11:17-27, 38-46

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.