

**JANUARY MINISTRY
OPPORTUNITIES
TO REMEMBER**

- S 1/15 9:45 a.m. Worship**
M 1/16 1:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study
T 1/17 5:30 p.m. Tech and Check
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
W 1/18 10:00 a.m. "Covering the Book"
Bible Study
3:00 p.m. Praise Too Practice
3:20 p.m. Kingdom Kids Afterschool
4:15 p.m. Choir Practice
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper
6:00 p.m. Youth
SA 1/21 11-2 p.m. Tae Kwon Do
S 1/22 9:45 a.m. Worship
M 1/23 1:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study
T 1/24 5:30 p.m. Tech and Check
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
W 1/25 10:00 a.m. "Covering the Book"
Bible Study
3:00 p.m. Praise Too Practice
3:20 p.m. Kingdom Kids Afterschool
4:15 p.m. Choir Practice
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper
6:00 p.m. Youth
SA 1/28 11-2 p.m. Tae Kwon Do
S 1/29 9:45 a.m. Worship
M 1/30 1:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study
T 1/31 5:30 p.m. Tech and Check
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

Winter Reminder: We never cancel service on Sundays due to the weather. Please make your best judgement. If you can make it safely, we look forward to seeing you!

January Administrative Meetings

Memorial Committee Mtg.

Thurs. Jan. 19 – 6 p.m.

NEW HOPE BUDGET MEETING

Thursday, Jan 19 – 6 p.m.

(Everyone who is in charge of a ministry with a budget is required to attend)

A light meal will be served.

Staff Mtg. Mon. Jan. 23 – 6:00 p.m.

Trustees Mtg – Wed. Jan 25 – 6:30 p.m.

(Election of Officers)

**Wednesday Night
Dinner Menu**

January 18th



Swiss Steak

Squash

Mashed Potatoes

Blueberry Bread Pudding

Beverage

5:30 p.m.

Free-will offering Public Invited

**IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED IN A
DISCIPLE IV CLASS,
PLEASE CONTACT
SHERRY ANDERSON AT
231-972-7679.**

**FEBRUARY
WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS**

During the month of February, the Wednesday Night Dinner Crew will be in need of a couple of people to help with serving and clean up.

Please consider helping out. If you can only do one week, that's okay. Give Judy Meyers a call to sign up. She can answer any questions you might have. 231-972-2163.

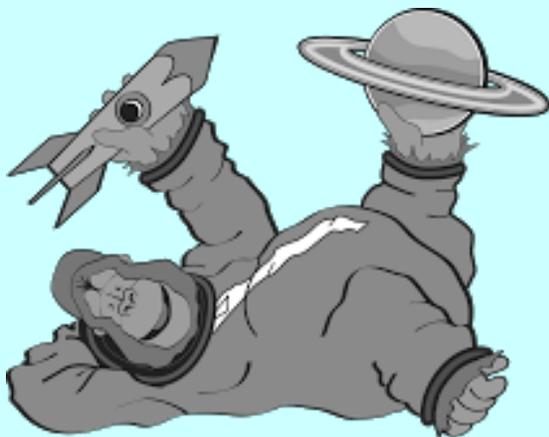


SCHEDULE
GALACTIC BLAST

Jan. 15 – AnnMarie Buchner

Jan. 22 – AnnMarie Buchner

Jan. 29 – AnnMarie Buchner



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

New Hope UMC Giving Report

	December	YTD
Income	\$23,019.81	\$293,152.41
Expenses	\$20,696.02***	\$296,796.00
Difference	\$2,323.79	\$3,643.59

*****This figure includes the write-off of \$9,807.36 for unpaid ministry shares**



This week the church is being lit in celebration of the wedding anniversary of Joel and Leona Chapin

by Doug and Cheri Chapin



The Finance Committee invites you to take part 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*



Benevolence Joyful Noise December

Our December 2016 benevolence offering was \$211.00

We assisted two families in the amount of \$715.78. May God bless you.

In His Service,
Nancy Karcher

NEW BIBLE STUDY AVAILABLE SMALL GROUP (24 Weeks)

Explore the New Testament from the Gospel of Matthew to the book of Revelation.

This study will involve 24 videos (approx. 30 minutes) and a discussion time. The New Testament is among the most significant writings that the world has ever known. Yet the New Testament is also among the most widely disputed and least clearly understood books in history.

Professor and best-selling author, Bart D. Ehrman has assembled this course as a historical introduction to the 27 books of the New Testament. The discussions will be led by Norvil Brown and others.

It is proposed to hold the study either on Saturday mornings from 10 to 11 a.m. or on Sunday mornings from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., beginning Saturday, March 4 or Sunday March 5.

Please call Norvil Brown and indicate your preference of meeting times. Phone 231-972-2918.

**RED CROSS
BLOOD DRIVE
MONDAY
JAN. 16
1-5:45 P.M.**



Faithfully Fit Classes

**TUESDAYS AT NEW HOPE
5:45 – 6:15 P.M.**

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

- * Come embrace positive environment and fellowship while empowering new friendships
- * Come enjoy building coordination and endurance while staying within simple, low-impact motions.
- * Come share developing strength and balance while moving to inspirational music

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

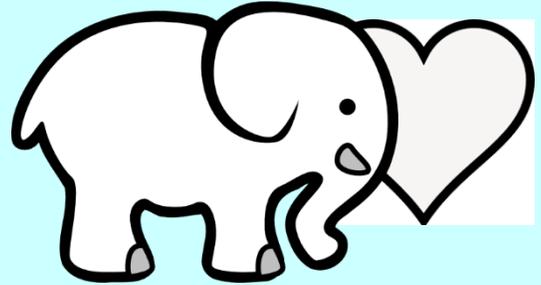
**Call 231-349-7359
for more information**



**Celebrate
Leroy Gibbons
Birthday
Jan. 29th 1-4 p.m.
Martiny Township Hall
Rodney**

**Corner of 110th and 15 Mile Rd.
*Bring a dish to pass or just bring yourself.***

***Come One! Come All!*
Please come and share
in the fun!**



First Ever Valentine's Day White Elephant Party and Potluck

The Annual Christmas Potluck Party was canceled due to bad weather so we have decided to reschedule with a Valentine's Day White Elephant Party and Potluck. The potluck and party will be on Sunday, February 5 at the church with the potluck starting at 5:00 pm. **Everyone is invited to come!**

We ask that you bring a dish to pass, and that each person attending bring a "white elephant" wrapped gift to exchange—guys bring a "guys" gift and ladies bring a "ladies" gift. A "white elephant" gift is something that is not useful to you anymore, but might be useful to someone else. Plates, silverware, and beverage will be furnished. Come for some great food, fellowship, and laughs!!

There will be a sign up board in the Narthex by the office. Questions, call Laura Hall at 231-972-7000.

What Parents Need to Know – Chippewa Hills High School Auditorium, Jan. 23, 6 pm

"With all that is happening in our community of late around addiction and drug-related death, I can't stress enough how we need to take this opportunity to learn and then do something," said Pastor Greg

On Monday, January 23rd, 2017, 6 pm, Chippewa Hill Schools will be hosting, "What Parents Need to Know" in the High School Auditorium. Grand Slam Investigations LLC, 1016 Recovery Network, and others will be presenters for this event. Parents, grandparents, and everyone else is invited to this free event to learn valuable information that will make you aware of the dangers of drugs, alcohol, and other vices currently surrounding our kids.

from your pastor's point of view...

1-15-17

Dear New Hope Family & Friends,

Today, we're talking about prayer, and we're going to be using video clips from, "War Room." If you haven't seen it yet, I invite you to do so! The clips we're using today are only a taste of the full spiritual banquet spread out for you in that incredible film of faith and action. In short, in the movie prayer takes priority, and when prayer does, lives are changed.

You'll hear me talk about my prayer journey a little bit at the beginning of this message. It's been an interesting one. At times, I've done the, "pray for it and expect it" prayers along with the "pray for it once and then cast it into God's hands" prayers too. In fact, for me, prayer has been a joy at times and a challenge at others. Maybe for you too. I hope today, then, will help us both! ☺

In His bodacious Grace, faultless Truth, and tremendous Love!

Pastor Greg

Today's Message: "Choosing the Power and Purpose of Prayer" (Matthew 6:1-15) "God Opportunities" Series

Intro - Prayer is something that God and I are still working on.

I – They're not a show...giving or praying.

"Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven." (Matthew 6:1)

II – Prayer is a conversation of two...first and foremost.

"But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you." (Matthew 6:6)

III – Prayer is best done: any time, any reason, any where.

"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. (Ephesians 6:18)

Bottom Line – Prayer is meant to be nonstop messaging.

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." (I Thessalonians 5:16-18)

God opportunities happen when we pray earnestly. In this New Year, will we take God up on His offer?

UPCOMING MESSAGES

"God Opportunities" series (January 2017)

Jan. 22 – "Choosing Not to Accuse" – 2 Corinthians 13:11

Jan. 29 – "Choosing to Get in Touch with God" – Philippians 4:8-9, Psalm 46:10, Matthew 6:33

"Loving Agape Style" (I Corinthians 13) series (February 2017)

Feb. 5 – "Bankrupt Without Love" – I Corinthians 13 (The Message)



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