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**December 24, 2017 Stewardship  
Presence**

9:45 a.m. – 91    7:00 p.m. – 88

**Tithes and Gifts**

General:	\$3,526.00
Building:	<u>55.00</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$3,683.00</b>

**December 31, 2017 Stewardship  
Presence**

9:45 a.m. – 77    11:15 a.m. - 9

**Tithes and Gifts**

General:	\$3,413.00
Building:	<u>20.00</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$3,433.00</b>

**January 7, 2018 – Epiphany Sunday and  
Baptism of the Lord**

Everlasting God, you love all people, especially those who are poor and vulnerable. You have demonstrated your great compassion in Scripture and history. Thank you for calling us to actively show compassion and uphold justice as members of the church of Jesus Christ. We are grateful for opportunities to extend your love through the ministries of our congregation. Use our gifts and offerings to help our neighbors who are in need of tangible goods and your Spirit's peace. We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen. (*Psalm 72*)

**January Administrative Meetings**

Staff Parish – January 8 – 6:00 p.m.  
Membership Care – January 11 – 6:30 p.m.  
Trustees – January 24 – 6:30 p.m.  
Budget Meeting – January 25 - 6 p.m.  
(church council/finance/all chairs/all directors)

**JANUARY MINISTRY  
OPPORTUNITIES TO REMEMBER**

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|---------------|------------|---|
| <b>S 1/7</b>  | 9:45 a.m.  | <b>Worship</b>                            |
|               | 11:15 a.m. | <b>“Uncommon Worship”</b>                 |
| <b>M 1/8</b>  | 1:00 p.m.  | Ladies Bible Study                        |
| <b>T 1/9</b>  | 5:30 p.m.  | Men’s Emmaus                              |
|               | 6:30 p.m.  | Men’s Bible Study                         |
|               | 5:30 p.m.  | Faithfully Fit Class                      |
| <b>W 1/10</b> | 10:00 a.m. | <b>“Covering the Book”</b><br>Bible Study |
|               | 3:00 p.m.  | Praise Too Practice                       |
|               | 3:20 p.m.  | Kingdom Kids                              |
|               | 4:15 p.m.  | Choir Practice                            |
|               | 5:30 p.m.  | Wed. Night Supper                         |
|               | 6:00 p.m.  | Youth                                     |
| <b>S 1/14</b> | 9:45 a.m.  | <b>Worship</b>                            |
|               | 11:15 a.m. | <b>“Uncommon Worship”</b>                 |
| <b>M 1/15</b> | 1:00 p.m.  | Ladies Bible Study                        |
| <b>T 1/16</b> | 5:30 p.m.  | Men’s Emmaus                              |
|               | 6:30 p.m.  | Men’s Bible Study                         |
|               | 5:30 p.m.  | Faithfully Fit Class                      |
| <b>W 1/17</b> | 10:00 a.m. | <b>“Covering the Book”</b><br>Bible Study |
|               | 3:00 p.m.  | Praise Too Practice                       |
|               | 3:20 p.m.  | Kingdom Kids                              |
|               | 4:15 p.m.  | Choir Practice                            |
|               | 5:30 p.m.  | Wed. Night Supper                         |
|               | 6:00 p.m.  | Youth                                     |
| <b>S 1/21</b> | 9:45 a.m.  | <b>Worship</b>                            |
|               | 11:15 a.m. | <b>“Uncommon Worship”</b>                 |
| <b>M 1/22</b> | 1:00 p.m.  | Ladies Bible Study                        |
| <b>T 1/23</b> | 5:30 p.m.  | Men’s Emmaus                              |
|               | 6:30 p.m.  | Men’s Bible Study                         |
|               | 5:30 p.m.  | Faithfully Fit Class                      |
| <b>W 1/24</b> | 10:00 a.m. | <b>“Covering the Book”</b><br>Bible Study |
|               | 3:00 p.m.  | Praise Too Practice                       |
|               | 3:20 p.m.  | Kingdom Kids                              |
|               | 4:15 p.m.  | Choir Practice                            |
|               | 5:30 p.m.  | Wed. Night Supper                         |
|               | 6:00 p.m.  | Youth                                     |



**Wednesday Night Dinner**  
**5:30 p.m.**

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**Will Return**  
**January 10**

**Public Invited --- Free-Will Offering**

## Second Saturday Munch Bunch

The Second Saturday Munch Bunch will meet for dinner on Saturday, January 13th at 5:00 pm at the Blue Lake Tavern.

The Blue Lake Tavern is located at 9965 Eleven Mile Road in Mecosta. 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 church office. Any questions, please call Laura Hall at 231-972-7000.

## HEY NEW HOPE....

### IT'S TIME TO FINALIZE THE PAST YEAR

As the new year is now upon us it is time to finalize the past.

The finance team would like to have all small accounts; check books, savings accounts and any other money account, which uses the church name to turn in their 2017 receipts and statements for review. Items can be dropped off to the office to be placed in the Finance Secretaries mailbox for security by January 31, 2018. Records will be given back to the account holders within two weeks of dropping off if not sooner.

The process will be done by the finance team or a representative which they chose from an approved list of individuals among the church.

We want to make sure that we comply with all of the rules for conference, protect confidentiality and get things done in a timely manner.

If you have not been contacted directly via phone or email please contact Annette Coles (231) 912-0893, or Paul Richards (231) 972-0572 to make arrangements for your account to be reviewed and drop off to the church.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and assistance in making this an easy process.  
Annette Coles



## Start the New Year right!

### Faithfully Fit Low Impact Aerobic Class TUESDAYS AT NEW HOPE

5:30 p.m.

We MOVE to music that helps us: give thanks, feel good, have fun with friends and we're waiting for YOU!

No cost, (only free-will giving)

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



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*



## from your pastor's point of view...1-7-18

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### **Happy New Year & Happy New "The Truth About Heaven" Series**

Dr. Jeremiah shared this on the back cover of his book as an invite to us.

*I'm looking forward to sharing this journey with you.*

"What happens when we die? Where do we go? Is there an afterlife? Does the Bible say anything specific about heaven? Are there really streets of gold there? Pearly gates? Has anyone ever been to heaven and returned with insider information?"

This book will answer those questions and tell you what's up with heaven. God wants you to know all about your eternal home so you can anticipate the future.

After years of studying the subject heaven I'm overwhelmed by the comprehensive nature of the facts God shares with us in His Word. He wants us to study heaven, visualize heaven, and look forward to the place He is preparing for us. That's why I've compiled these biblical truths into one comprehensive book packed with verses, references, and insights from Scripture. I hope they will encourage you to pursue your own Bible study about heaven and begin thinking often about the glorious future God has planned for you."

"What's Up With Heaven?" - John 14:1-3  
"The Truth About Heaven" series  
(*"Revealing the Mysteries of Heaven" pages 1-28*)

**Intro** – We want to be here, but...

We're all looking forward to heaven. Everything that we value most will be there.

"But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells." (2 Peter 3:13 (11-14))

### **Seven reasons why Heaven is and will be so special:**

Our Redeemer is going to be there.

Our relationships are going to be there.

Our resources are going to be there.

Our residence is going to be there.

*[...and that should be enough but there's more...]*

Our rewards are going to be there.

Our riches are going to be there.

Our reservation is already made!

### **Bottom Line & Application**

We're taking the time to talk about heaven. While we're happy to be here, we're also looking forward to the day when we can be there. Heaven is and will be our Oeverything.

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

#### ***"The Truth About Heaven" series, January 7 – March 11***

Jan. 14 - "Where Did They Go?" (Luke 16:19-31)

Jan. 21 - "Heaven Won't Be Boring" (Isaiah 40:12-14, 26-31 (CEB))

Jan. 28 - "Our Future Resurrection Bodies" (I Corinthians 15:42-44, 51-57)

Feb. 4 - "Heaven's Eternal Rewards" (Matthew 5:11-12, Revelation 22:12)

Feb. 11 - "New Jerusalem – Capital of Heaven" (Revelation 21:1-5, 22:17)

Feb. 14 – (Ash Wednesday) "Meeting the King" (Revelation 4:1-2, 5:6-14)

*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.*