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July 9, 2017
Attendance
8:00 a.m. - 30
9:45 a.m. - 122

General: \$3,617.00
Building: \$180.00
Total: **\$3,797.00**

July 16, 2017 — Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

O God of our salvation, your Word brings joy to our hearts. We find contentment in your presence as we pray and worship you. Enable us to focus on your Holy Spirit who brings life and peace. Inspire our congregation to reach out in creative ways to draw our neighbors into a closer relationship with you. Receive our gifts and offerings for the sake of Christ our Savior. Amen. (*Romans 8*)

July Administrative Meetings

No Staff Parish Mtg.

No Trustees Mtg.

No Ad Council Mtg.

Finance Mtg. Wed. July 12 – 6:30 p.m.

Memorial Comm. Mtg. Thurs. July 13 - 6 p.m.

Staff Mtg. – Mon. July 24 – 6 p.m.

JULY MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES TO REMEMBER

- S 7/16 8:00 a.m. Worship
9:45 a.m. Worship
2-5 p.m. Exploring New Hope
- M 7/17 NEW HOPE OFFICE CLOSED
2-5 p.m. Exploring God Habits
- T 7/18 9:30 a.m. Craft Day
2-5 p.m. Exploring Service
5:30 p.m. Tech and Check
6:30 p.m. Praise Too Practice
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 7/19 10:00 a.m. "Covering the Book"
Bible Study
2-5 p.m. Exploring Leadership
- S 7/23 8:00 a.m. Worship
9:45 a.m. Worship
- T 7/25 9:30 a.m. Craft Day
5:30 p.m. Tech and Check
6:30 p.m. Praise Too Practice
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 7/26 10:00 a.m. "Covering the Book"
Bible Study
- S 7/30 8:00 a.m. Worship
9:45 a.m. Worship

NOTICE

The office at New Hope will be closed from Monday July 24 until Monday August 7 while Barb is on vacation. Please note that the deadline for the bulletins for July 30 and August 6 is Tuesday, July 18. Thank You



**New Hope UMC Monthly Report
Of all Income and Expenses**

	June	YTD
Income	\$30,913	\$123,769
Expenses	\$21,237	\$145,502
Difference	\$9,676	\$21,733



July 16 – Betty Stewart
July 23 – AnnMarie Buchner
July 30 – Ann Marie Buchner

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

USHERS ARE NEEDED

Your help is needed for Sundays – each service.

- * We need volunteers for ushers for each service 8:00 and 9:45 a.m. and if you do one, you don't have to do them both.
- * It's easy to learn to do
- * A Sunday or two a month especially with 2 services until Labor Day, would greatly be appreciated.
- *We would consider it an honor to have you be a part of our worship service.
- *If your feeling lead by your heart and want to help, please contact John Durante or Ken Hixson.

Thank you for your consideration and possibly volunteering with us on Sundays.
Blessings, John Durante

Carol Vandermeer will be going to visit Marian Ritter at her home on July 26th. Anyone who would also like to go for the day, contact Carol at 517-775-4773 or 231-972-0443



Thank You to everyone for all of the prayers, cards, visits or any act of kindness shown us during Elaine's recent illness/hospital stay.
May God Bless each one of you.
Jim and Elaine Grace

This week the church is being lit in celebration of the 60th Wedding Anniversary of Fred and Sandy Mayo



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*

KINGDOM KIDS 2017/2018

Planning is in the works for the upcoming 2017/2018 Kingdom Kids Afterschool Program at New Hope. The kids are going to have a great time with the Program that has been selected.

In an effort to keep costs down, here's a list of materials that are needed.

54 in. Black Vinyl Fabric

(making straps for spy kit)

30 Sheets of White card stock

10 Sheets of Gray card stock

Red cellophane

Black Sticky-Back felt

(one 1x3inches per child) (30 kids)

2mm Black Cord *(25 yards – 900 inches)*

Warm Bodies – Volunteers 3:30 to 6pm or any time in between

30 silver plastic spoons

30 #32 rubber bands

Bag of Rice from Sam's Club

(whatever size that is)

Realistic Fake Money 1's 5's 10's and 20's

(at least 2 each)

Small non-breakable magnifying glasses

(at least 10)

Prayers for a successful year and for God to be a part of this all!

Leftover Birthday supplies

(cups, napkins, plates, a used piñata, balloons, birthday Banner etc.)

Yellow "Crime Scene" tape *(1 roll)*

Balloons (12" or 16") *Need about 30*

THINGS WE WOULD LIKE TO BORROW FROM SEPT. TO THE END OF APRIL

4 trench coats (size and length do not matter)

Briefcase

Green Hat, Vest and/or Socks (Trying to be Irish!)

Colorful flowery top

Brightly colored tie

A Black Light

If you wish to donate, we would greatly appreciate it! All items go to AnnMarie or you can leave them in the Jonah Room down at the end of the hallway!

Thanks a million for helping us out!

Tim Lovelace **SAT. JULY 22** **6 P.M.**

Doors Open at 5 p.m.

Comedian, Musician, Motivational Speaker Is coming to New Hope! **TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW**

Tickets are available at the Info Center and will be \$12 in advance and \$15 the day of the concert.

Tim Lovelace is one funny man who not only wants people to laugh, but most importantly to discover real joy and happiness for this journey of life!

Tim's passion for life is contagious and effectual. The excitement in his speaking engagements and comedy concerts cannot be described—they must be experienced.

This is great entertainment that you won't want to miss. Bring a friend and "**Put Participation In Action**"

There are 100 FREE tickets the Tim Lovelace Concert on Sat. July 22 at 6 p.m. 50 tickets will be for our New Hope attenders and 50 tickets will be for their guest. Any person that attends our church on a regular basis and would like a FREE ticket to the concert, will have to bring a guest (someone who is not a member or regular attender). The guest will also get a FREE ticket. Call Greg and Laura Hall at 231-972-7000 if you have any questions. Let's "participate" and enjoy a great concert.

Emmaus Family Reunion
August 5, 2017 at 6:00 PM
United Methodist Campground
5300 Cutler Rd
Lakeview, MI 48850
Contact Doris Shaw at 989-506-9400
or dorissshaw@gmail.com

Memorial Gifts

When making a donation to the Memorial Fund in memory of, or in honor of someone, please put it in the collection plate on Sunday or send it directly to New Hope.

By doing it this way the Memorial Committee will be able to send out thank you notes and an acknowledgement to the family in a timely fashion.



Faithfully Fit Classes

TUESDAYS AT NEW HOPE
5:30 – 6:15 P.M.

Have fun improving your spiritual,
physical and emotional health!

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

Call 231-349-7359

for more information

NEW HOPE GIVING CROSS



Have you noticed the wooden cross in the Narthex? If not, take a moment to find out where it is located.

The cross is specially designed so that all of us have an opportunity to give to those special areas of the Church operation, in which we have an interest.

Simply put your coins, bills, or checks in the slot corresponding to your interest. The needs change periodically, so check the cross often to see the current support opportunities.

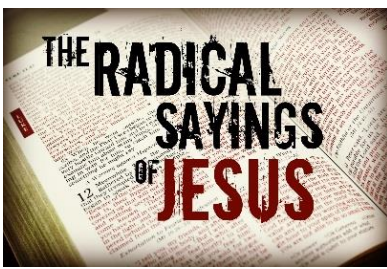
In recent months the cross donations have been used to support Wednesday night dinners, youth programs, mission trips, church maintenance, and even to help with the mortgage payments.

If you have any questions about the cross, contact the church office or a member of the finance committee.

Wednesday Night Dinner
Is Returning
September 6th
5:15 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.



Start making plans to join us for
our first
Wednesday Night Dinner with
Entertainment by the
Dixie Ramblers



from your pastor's point of view...
7-16-17

Dear New Hope Family and Friends,

Have you ever had the feeling that what we own may actually own us? Have you ever wondered as we took care of this thing and that thing that our time might be spent doing God-things instead? Can we honestly say that everything we own helps build the kingdom of God?

Let me throw out some figures for you. Did you know that Isabella County has the highest rate of persons failing below the poverty line in the state of Michigan (31.5%)? Did you realize that Mecosta County is 6th on that list (22.9)? *

Sometimes what we have hinders, not helps, our spiritual growth. Jesus knew that the "rich young man" had a problem with possessions. Being rich had actually become a hindrance to his spiritual growth. Jesus knew that this young man did all the "right things," but in a spirit of ignorance to the world around him.

So, Jesus got radical to prove God's bodacious Grace, faultless Truth, and tremendous Love, was for everyone!

*[Source: U. S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, <http://factfinder2.census.gov>]



New "uncommon" Service starting officially on September 3 at 11:15

UPCOMING MESSAGES

"Radical Sayings of Jesus" series

- July 23 – "Become a Servant" – Mark 9:33-37
- July 30 – "Deny Yourself & Follow Me" – Mark 8:34-38
- Aug 6 – "Not Everyone Enters the Kingdom" – Matthew 7:21-23
- Aug 13 – "Love Your Enemies" – Luke 6:27-36

"Sell All Your Things & Give to the Poor"
The Radical Sayings of Jesus series
Mark 10:17-31

Intro – Why the series?

"Be anxious for nothing..." – last week

I – "What must I do?"

An Honest Question (Mark 10:17)

II – "Sell it & give it away"

A Radical Answer (Mark 10:18-21)

III – "At that moment, not even a possibility!"

Actual vs. Perceived Response (Mark 10:22-27)

Actual – walked away in remorse

Perceived – maybe one day did give it all away

IV – "Those who have given it all will be blessed."

The Promise Given (Mark 10:8-31)

Putting It Into Action – What are we willing to give up totally for the kingdom of God? What would "selling it all and giving it to the poor? look like in your life?

Bottom Line

Sometimes what we have hinders, not helps, our spiritual growth. Jesus wants us to serve in a spirit of purpose and humility, so we give all knowing, from last week, that God will provide.

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