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### July 30, 2017 — Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

Majestic God, we are amazed that you count us among your children. You have adopted us as brothers and sisters of Christ your Son. Open our eyes to see every human being as your beloved child. Send your Spirit to guide us to live as citizens of your heavenly kingdom. Let our church embody a generous way of giving to others in this world, which will one day be conformed to your reign. We ask this for the sake of Jesus, our risen Savior. Amen. (*Matthew 13*)

### August Administrative Meetings

**Staff Parish Mtg.** Mon. Aug. 7 – 6:30 p.m.  
**Finance Mtg.** Wed. Aug. 9 – 6:30 p.m.  
**Trustees Mtg.** Wed. Aug. 16 – 6:30 p.m.  
**Ad Council Mtg.** – Thurs. Aug. 17 – 7:00 p.m.  
**Staff Mtg.** – Mon. Aug. 28 – 6:00 p.m.

### AUGUST MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES TO REMEMBER

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|---|------|---------------|------------------------------------|
| T | 8/1  | 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 | 8/2  | 10:00 a.m.    | "Covering the Book"<br>Bible Study |
| S | 8/5  | 11-1 p.m.     | Tae Kwon Do                        |
| S | 8/6  | 8:00 a.m.     | <b>Worship</b>                     |
|   |      | 9:45 a.m.     | <b>Worship</b>                     |
| T | 8/8  | 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                  |
|   |      | 7:30 p.m.     | Mission Mtg.                       |
| W | 8/9  | 10:00 a.m.    | "Covering the Book"<br>Bible Study |
|   |      | 6:00 p.m.     | Kitchen Mtg.                       |
| S | 8/13 | 8:00 a.m.     | <b>Worship</b>                     |
|   |      | 9:45 a.m.     | <b>Worship</b>                     |
|   |      | 3:30 – 6 p.m. | Tae Kwon Do                        |
| T | 8/15 | 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                  |
|   | 8/16 | 10:00 a.m.    | "Covering the Book"<br>Bible Study |
| S | 8/20 | 8:00 a.m.     | <b>Worship</b>                     |
|   |      | 9:45 a.m.     | <b>Worship</b>                     |
|   |      | 3:30 – 6 p.m. | Tae Kwon Do                        |
| T | 8/22 | 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                  |
|   | 8/23 | 10:00 a.m.    | "Covering the Book"<br>Bible Study |

## NOTICE

The office at New Hope will be closed from Monday July 24 until Monday August 7 while Barb is on vacation.

Cookies and Hostesses are needed for the month of August for Coffee Hour. Contact Lois Sherwood at 989-465-7174 if you have questions or would like to sign up.

## Memorial Service for Margie McArthur



Saturday, August 12  
10 a.m. Visitation  
11 a.m. Service  
Luncheon following the service.



July 30 – Ann Marie Buchner

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

## Benevolence/Joyful Noise



Our joyful noise offering for the month of June was \$289.00. We assisted one family in the amount of \$96.00. We also directed one family to God's Helping Hands.

In Christ's Service, Nancy Karcher

**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](mailto: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.

## THANK YOU!!!

Just wanted to let you know that as of today we have our funds for the fellowship hall air conditioning!

A big thank you goes out to everyone who gave over and above their general fund giving. We are now moving forward with the project because of your generosity.

*Thanks again,  
Pastor Greg*

## NEW HOPE KITCHEN MEETING

Everyone that uses kitchen (i.e. Wed. Night Supper, Funeral Committee and Coffee Hour) are encouraged to attend on **Wednesday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.** in the fellowship hall to review the Michigan food service regulations.

A light meal will be served in appreciation for those who have participated in these ministries and welcome all those that would like to become involved.



**Wednesday Night Dinner  
Is Returning September 6<sup>th</sup>  
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

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*

## 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.



## Faithfully Fit Classes

**TUESDAYS AT**

**NEW HOPE**

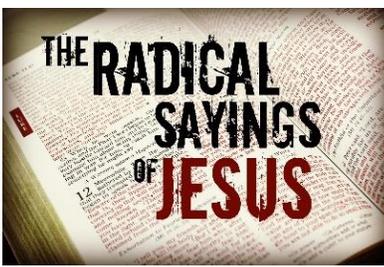
**5:30 – 6:15 P.M.**

**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**



*from your pastor's point of view...*  
7-30-17

Dear New Hope Family and Friends,

Following Jesus begins with self-denial. Denying-to-self has been a part of many religions over the years. Fasting, abstaining, and even physical pain (in some traditions), is often seen as a necessary obligation to fully understand suffering and our need to follow someone greater than ourselves.

In our faith, Jesus knew the cross was coming. He knew that he couldn't poking the Jewish-leaders over and over again before they'd lash out against him. He knew the cross had to come. In fact, he tried over and over to explain to his/us disciples why.

Radically, though, Jesus took it one step further. Not only did Jesus ask people to consider the cross, he asked us to continue its meaning. Jesus had deeper intentions. He used these words to motivate people saying that life with him can be difficult, but in that commitment to follow Jesus, we replace our own needs to follow a call beyond ourselves. Thankfully, we have God's bodacious Grace, faultless Truth, and tremendous Love, to help us get it done.



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

**UPCOMING MESSAGES**

***"Radical Sayings of Jesus" series***

Aug 6 – "Not Everyone Enters the Kingdom" – Matthew 7:21-23

Aug 13 – "Love Your Enemies" – Luke 6:27-36

***"The Case for Christ" series***

Aug 20 – "Investigating the Case for Christ"

Aug 27 – "Exploring the Evidence for Christ"

**"Deny Yourself & Follow Me"**

***The Radical Sayings of Jesus***

**Mark 8:34-38**

**Intro** - "Be anxious for nothing..." – 7/9

"Sell all your things..." – 7/16

"Become a servant..." – 7/23

*From The Message...Mark 8:34 - 38*

*"Calling the crowd to join his disciples, he said, "Anyone who intends to come with me has to let me lead. You're not in the driver's seat; I am. Don't run from suffering; embrace it. Follow me and I'll show you how. Self-help is no help at all. Self-sacrifice is the way, my way, to saving yourself, your true self. What good would it do to get everything you want and lose you, the real you? What could you ever trade your soul for?"*

*"If any of you are embarrassed over me and the way I'm leading you when you get around your fickle and unfocused friends, know that you'll be an even greater embarrassment to the Son of Man when he arrives in all the splendor of God, his Father, with an army of the holy angels."*

**Some radical ideas within the radical idea...**

I - "whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it..." (v. 34-38)

II – "what can anyone give in exchange for their soul" (v. 36-37)

III – "If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them" (v.38)

**Putting It Into Action:** What personally do you have to deny in order to follow Christ 100%?

**Bottom Line:** Following Jesus requires self-denial!

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