

**MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES  
TO REMEMBER**

**JULY**

- S 7/3** 9:45 a.m. **Outdoor Worship and Church Picnic**
- M 7/4** **NEW HOPE OFFICE CLOSED**
- T 7/5** 9a.m.-3 p.m. **Craft Day**  
5:30 p.m. **Worship Design**  
5:30 p.m. **Men's Emmaus**  
6:30 p.m. **Men's Bible Study**
- W 7/6** 10:00 a.m. **"Covering the Book"**  
**Bible Study**  
3:00 p.m. **Praise Too Practice**  
4:15 p.m. **Choir Practice**
- S 7/9** 11:30 -1 **Tae Kwon Do Class**
- S 7/10** 8:00 a.m. **Worship**  
9:45 a.m. **Worship**
- T 7/12** 9a.m.-3 p.m. **Craft Day**  
5:30 p.m. **Worship Design**  
5:30 p.m. **Men's Emmaus**  
6:30 p.m. **Men's Bible Study**
- W 7/13** 10:00 a.m. **"Covering the Book"**  
**Bible Study**  
3:00 p.m. **Praise Too Practice**  
4:15 p.m. **Choir Practice**
- S 7/16** 11:30 -1 **Tae Kwon Do Class**
- S 7/17** 8:00 a.m. **Worship**  
9:45 a.m. **Worship**
- T 7/19** 9a.m.-3 p.m. **Craft Day**  
5:30 p.m. **Worship Design**  
5:30 p.m. **Men's Emmaus**  
6:30 p.m. **Men's Bible Study**
- W 7/20** 10:00 a.m. **"Covering the Book"**  
**Bible Study**  
3:00 p.m. **Praise Too Practice**  
4:15 p.m. **Choir Practice**
- S 7/23** 11:30 -1 **Tae Kwon Do Class**  
6 p.m. **Triumphant Quartet**



**SCHEDULE**

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**July 3 – Opening skit and Music**

**July 10 – Bible Story**

Sue Reed

**July 17 – Surf n Sand Science Lab**

Betty Stewart

**July 24 – Snack Shack and Mission**

Mary Coles

**July 31 – Rockin Rec**

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

**July Administrative Meetings**

**Staff Parish Mtg.** – Mon. July 11 – 7:00 p.m.

**Finance Mtg.** – Thurs. July 14 – 6:30 p.m.

**THERE WILL BE NO AD COUNCIL MTG.**

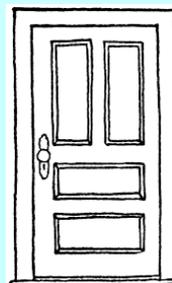
**Trustees Mtg.** – Wed. July 20 – 6:30 p.m.

**THERE WILL BE NO STAFF MTG.**

**UPCOMING DEADLINES FOR  
BULLETINS IN JULY**

I will be taking 2 weeks of vacation in July, so I will need all articles for the bulletin the week of Sun. July 24 and Sun. July 31 by Wed. July 13. Call the church office with any questions. Thank you, Barb

**GOING TO ONE MAIN ENTRANCE AT NEW HOPE**



For the safety and security of everyone who participates at New Hope, we will be moving toward using just one entrance for entry into our building,

The Main Entrance (office entrance) doors will be unlocked during office hours and for meetings,

but we're asking that all the remaining doors be left locked unless there is a special event of some kind. Then they must be locked and checked immediately after.

So, please assume that if you're coming to New Hope for any reason that you'll need to use the Main Entrance.

## Second Saturday Munch Bunch

The Second Saturday Munch Bunch will meet for dinner at 5 p.m. on Saturday, July 9 at the Clifford Lake Inn. Clifford Lake Inn is located at 561 Clifford Lake Drive in Stanton. Weather permitting, we will have our dinner outside on their deck that overlooks Clifford Lake!

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.



**LET US KNOW.** We can't help if we don't know there is a problem. If you are having a difficult time in your life speak to a Stephen Minister with a blue name badge or call a Stephen Leader.

A private meeting will allow us to march you with a Stephen Minister who will visit you weekly, listen to your problem, pray, and encourage you throughout your crisis.

For more information please call a Stephen Leader, Don Santer 989-561-2394, or Sherry Anderson 231-972-7679.

## Visits the Heartland July 8-10

Six Heartland District churches are hosting Rev. Hyo-Won Park between Friday, July 8 and Sunday, July 10. Rev. Park is a United Methodist missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries serving as a new church planter in St. Petersburg, Russia.

Familiar with the area from time previously spent there, Rev. Park is working with the leadership of the St. Petersburg District in identifying opportunities for new congregations.

Methodism returned to St. Petersburg, where it had existed prior to the Communist Revolution, with the dissolution of the Soviet Union almost 25 years ago. Likely constituents for new churches are the young people who come to the city looking for jobs and educational opportunities.

If you would like to attend one of Rev. Park's presentations at the following churches, please give the church a call to let them know you are planning to attend.

- Friday, July 8: Bannister UMC, 103 Hanvey, Bannister, MI Church # 989-862-4392 (12 Noon potluck with program following)
- Friday, July 8: Shepherd UMC, 107 W. Wright Avenue, Shepherd, MI Church # 989-828-5866 (5 pm potluck with program following)
- Saturday, July 9: Stanwood Northland UMC, 6842 Northland Drive, Stanwood, MI Church # 231-823-2300 (10 am brunch with program following)
- Saturday, July 9: Easton UMC, 4970 Potters Road, Ionia, MI Church # 616-527-6529 (5 pm with program following)
- Sunday, July 10: St. Johns First UMC, 200 E. State Street, St. Johns, MI Church # 989-224-6859 (10 am - share in Worship and Adult Sunday School)
- Sunday, July 10: Reed City UMC, 503 S. Chestnut Street, Reed City, MI Church # 231-832-9441 (6 pm includes finger food and program following)

**Special Missionary**

## WELCOME NEW MEMBER STEVEN STOKES

You may have seen Steve up in front on a Sunday morning singing in the church choir or Praise Too. Ever since he was a little boy. Steve has loved singing, Worship Design Team also, he helps plan the weekly service, including the music. Someday he would like to be the Service Leader on a Sunday morning.

If he isn't singing, he's up in the Sound Booth manning the multi-media booth. Trained by Media Coordinator Fran Norris, Steve and his good friend Brian have worked the sound booth regularly, giving Fran a break.

A senior this fall at Chip Hills High School, where he's an all 'A' student, Steve hopes to go to Davenport College after high school to study either computer science or computer security. In the meantime, he works at Wendy's in Mt. Pleasant and plays football for his school. A linebacker last year, Steve hopes for the tight end position this fall if Coach Jose agrees.

All his life Steve has been a church goer. Jamie Buchner invited him to come to New Hope Youth Club on Wednesday nights, where he quickly adopted New Hope as his church family. We are blessed with wonderful youth leaders who teens feel comfortable with, and can confide in, a safe haven. Sherry Brandt loaded up the church van last Jan. to take our youth down to Grand Rapids for a Christian music concert at Van Andel Arena. According to Steve, even though they waited in line for 4 hours to get tickets in the frigid Jan. weather, the concert with well-known Christian music groups, was entirely worth standing in the cold.

Home is halfway between Remus and Mt. Pleasant at Coldwater Rd. and Pickard. Steve lives there with his Mom, Dad, Grandmother and an older brother, who graduated this past June. An older sister, expecting her 2nd child and step-sister complete the family when they are all together.

Now that you know a bit about Steven and his passion for hymns, etc., please introduce yourself when you see him at church. It bears repeating that our youth are the future of New Hope and these young people who recently joined the church, encourages us that our future is bright.



Just a note to thank everyone for all of their prayers, cards and healing thoughts.

I am blessed to be part of a loving church family.

Arlo Guy

LIGHT  
THE  
CHURCH  
FOR  
A  
WEEK



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*



## Triumphant Quartet Coming to New Hope

Triumphant Quartet will be in concert at New Hope on Saturday, July 23rd at 6:00 pm. Doors will open at 5:00 pm.

Triumphant Quartet is the face of quality Gospel Music, Christian integrity, family values, friendship, and dedication. The group has been that way since their beginnings in 2003, when the four friends first walked out on to the stage of the Louise Mandrell Theater in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee as a headlining talent. Each current Triumphant group member was there in that defining moment, and has continued together ever since. Their smooth harmonies and rich quartet sound quickly gained them national attention, recognition and concert demand. That popularity promoted the group in 2008, from singing daily at the theater, to touring nationally and performing in major concert venues, auditoriums and churches. It has also voted them the Fan Favorite Quartet in the Gospel Music field for the last six years, and each group member also being nominated for and receiving various awards.

Triumphant Quartet has had three #1 songs and several others have climbed the Top 40 music charts. They excel in diversity, and also expand their musical borders to a wide variety of styles, that is enjoyed by church audiences and music lovers. Audiences will find themselves smiling, laughing, crying, encouraged and uplifted. And most of all, they will walk away having had the Gospel Message presented to them in a powerful way.

Tickets will be \$15 in advance and \$18 the day of the concert. Tickets will be on sale at the Info Center starting July 10th .

Our seating is limited, so get your tickets early! Any questions or to purchase tickets, call Greg/Laura at 231-972- 7000.

***Come enjoy a wonderful concert!***

## 2016 Mary Pine Award Recipient

*From Karen Chesnut  
Canadian Lakes News email*



Morton Township Library is proud to announce that the 2016 Mary Pine Award recipient is Marian Ritter. Marian has been a dedicated volunteer at the Morton Township Library for 25 years. At the age of 91, she still shelves books, and helps locate books on shelves that need updating. We are in awe of her energy and dedication. She volunteers at least once a week and if she can't make it, she always calls and sets up a different time. She has a wonderful personality and takes her volunteering very seriously. We can always count on her. She truly is an "unsung hero." In her younger years she helped with moving books from the two old store front buildings to the new building in 1991. She also helped put books in storage while the new state of the art building was constructed in 2011-2012. She helped organize books every day in the present building for 2 weeks prior to opening. She has helped with inventories and outreach, taking books to homebound patrons. She quietly works behind the scenes to help make the library what it is today. We at the library applaud her and thank her for her dedicated service.

# from your pastor's point of view...

7-3-16

Dear Family and Friends,

Many people see freedom as helpful, and they'd be right to do so. Moms, apple pie, and baseball still ring of "freedom," and especially on this weekend we fly the red-white-and-blue to show our love for that freedom.

Freedom for a Christian though has an added dimension. That dimension, that real truth, is Christ himself. He lived, died, and lives again for our freedom from sin and death giving us hope for eternity.

John 8:31-32 even reads, "Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." That's free!

So, Christian freedom isn't defined by human-made boundary or political verbiage as much as the love, grace, and mercy of Christ lived out through us... especially in light of His bodacious Grace and tremendous Love,

*Pastor Greg*

**IN GOD  
WE TRUST**



**Today's Message:**  
**"Purposeful Freedom"**  
**(Luke 4:18-19)**  
*"The Thrill of Hope" Series*

Intro – Freedom is a God-thing before it's anything!

I – Freedom with a purpose shows....

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law..." (Galatians 3:22-25)

II – Freedom with a purpose takes effort....

"Live as free people, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as God's slaves. Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God..." (I Peter 2:16-17)

III – Freedom with a purpose brings us hope!

"But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin...you have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness. (Romans 6:17-18)

So what's the bottom line?

Just like Christ, the Spirit of the Lord is upon us,  
He has anointed us to proclaim good news to the poor.  
He has sent us to proclaim freedom for the prisoners  
and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free,  
to proclaim Jesus coming again. (Luke 4:18-19)  
We find hope in God-designed freedom. (Romans 15:4)

**UPCOMING MESSAGES** - *"The Thrill of Hope" Series through July 31*

July 10 – "Humility" (Romans 2:1-8)

July 17 – "Bodacious Boldness" (Romans 15:14-16)

July 24 – "Love and Compassion" (I Corinthians 13:4-13)

July 31 – "Endurance" (2 Timothy 4:6-7)

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