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Building: 232.34
Total: \$3,703.34

July 1, 2018 — Sixth Sunday after Pentecost/in Kingdomtide

God of power and might, you bring forth life in the midst of death, healing in the midst of disease, and hope in the darkest places of our despair. You reach out for our hand, that we might be made whole, but also that our hands might bring healing and life to others. May the gifts we offer to you this morning bring life and healing to your children, both near and far. We pray in the name of your Son, our life and our healer. Amen. (Mark 5:21-43)

July Administrative Meetings

Staff Parish – No Meeting
Finance — Wednesday, July 11, 6:30 p.m.
Trustees/Staff Parish – Wednesday, July 18,
6:30 pm.
Church Council – Thursday, July 19, 7:00 p.m.
Staff Meeting – Mon., July 23, 6:00 p.m.

JULY MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES TO REMEMBER

- S 7/1 9:45 a.m. Combined Outside
Worship**
- M 7/2 1:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study
1:30 p.m. Mary Martha**
- T 7/3 9:30 a.m. Craft Day
5:30 p.m. Faithfully Fit Class
5:30 p.m. Men's Emmaus
6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study**
- W 7/4 Office Closed - Fourth of July**
- Th 7/5 Office Closed**
- F 7/6 Office Closed**
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- S 7/8 8:00 a.m. Sunday Worship
Principal Drive Q&A
9:45 a.m. Sunday Worship
11:45 a.m. "Uncommon Worship"**
- T 7/10 9:30 a.m. Craft Day
5:30 p.m. Faithfully Fit Class
5:30 p.m. Men's Emmaus
6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study**
- W 7/11 10:00 a.m. "Covering the Book"
Bible Study
4:30 p.m. Praise Too Practice
5:30 p.m. Tech 'n Check
6:00 p.m. Worship Design
7:00 p.m. "Covering the Book"
Bible Study**

Birthdays this week:

- 1st-** Meagan Randall
5th – Hayden Gonzalez
6th – Judi Leathers
Ed Highfield
7th - Katy McCoy
Rhonda Randall
8th – Gordon Talyor



Anniversaries this week:

none

The church is being lit for all those who worked so diligently to beautify our Memorial Garden. Many thanks and God's blessings forever.



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*

Are we missing somebody?

The Membership Care Team is ready, willing, and able to make contact if we notice that someone hasn't been here for whatever reason. In order to check-in on them, please let one of these team members know: Gen Abrams, Sue Reed, Jerry Smith, Vivian Smith, Linda Randall, and Pastor Greg.
Thank you.

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

**If you need to use the stove/oven in the kitchen, you must contact Roy Snyder (or Gen Abrams in the church office, to contact Roy) prior to needing it!
The stove has been turned off for the summer months.**

Wednesday Night Supper Volunteers

On July 16, 2018 we will have a "Clean the Kitchen-Tables-Chairs- Windows Day" at New Hope! The Mecosta County Sheriff Corrections for Community Service will be here from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

We need all the volunteers we can get to get the job done! **Lunch will be served!**

If interested call Roy Snyder, Joe or Judy Meyers, or Gen at the office and leave your name and number.

God's Helping Hands Annual School Supply and Shoe Give Away

God's Helping Hands is once again having their annual school supplies and shoe give away for the needy on Saturday, August 18th. The supplies will be distributed from St. Michael's Parish Center from 9 am until 11 am. You can help by donating backpacks and all kinds of school supplies: 2 pocket folders, colored pencils, crayons, pencils, pens, highlighters, small hand sanitizers, small Kleenex packets, erasers, scissors, glue, spiral notebooks, paper, rulers, plastic pencil boxes, and backpacks. If you know of a family in need, please tell them to register their children on Tuesdays or Fridays, 9am-12 noon at God's Helping Hands prior to August 17th. Only registered clients can receive this give away

Thank you,
God's Helping Hands

Church Principal Drive Meetings to be Held

We will be having a Church Principal Drive on July 29th. We will have a series of question and answer meetings held in the music room at 11:00 a.m., right after the 9:45 a.m. service. The dates are: July 8th, 15th, and 22nd.

Mission Team Meeting and all those interested

There will be a meeting at 7:30 pm on Tuesday July 10th 2018 in the New Hope fellowship hall, of all those who would like to work the food wagon at Wheatland Music Festival on September 7, 8 and 9th 2018. All those who work at least two 4 hour shifts will get a full weekend pass. If you have never been to Wheatland, here is your chance to see what all the hype is all about. We will discuss what food we intend to serve.

There will also be a meeting about the upcoming Mission trip to East Baton Rouge in October 2018. If you need more info see Don Santer @ Church or call 989-561-2394



Silent Auction

The Finance Team is going to host a Silent Auction during the month of July! This has proven to be a fun activity in the past.

If you have a special item or a craft piece you would like to donate, please contact a member of finance or call Doug Chapin (231-349-4059)

Thank you

for all the magazine donations to the SOS (Sisters of Sobriety) Home! Please, no further magazine donations are needed at this time!



Recycle Your Ink Cartridges



Don't toss that old ink cartridge from your printer, bring it in for recycling!

Staples will give us rewards, and that will help pay for needed office supplies.

Bring your spent cartridges in to the church office, and we will handle the rest!

Thank you 😊

Thank You, New Hope Family

for your support each year on Compassion Sunday

Our many thanks to our church family on behalf of the children living in the bondage of hunger and poverty. Sponsoring just one child frees them and helps them learn they are not alone, and gives them so much more than we will ever know.

Your passion for helping these children in poverty is truly inspiring!

Blessings to you all,
In His Name----John Durante

Second Saturday Munch Bunch



The Second Saturday Munch Bunch will be going to The Clifford Lake Inn for dinner on Saturday, July 14 at 5:00 pm. If it is a nice night, they are reserving us tables outside that will be in the shade on the deck. The Clifford Lake Inn is located at 561 Clifford Lake Dr. NW in Stanton.

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 pastor's office.

Any questions, please call Laura Hall at 231-972-7000.



Memorial Garden (Est. 1995)

If you have not been able to visit the garden, please come and see it's new look.

Nile Young and Charlie Porter, with the help of Bob Corwin and many others installed a new Trex Deck.

Thank all of you for helping to make a dream come true.

The garden is maintained through the generosity of others. Gifts and memorials made specifically to the New Hope Garden over the years is what made this much needed change.

The garden is maintained by a group of dedicated people, we work mid-May to mid-September. At this time we are losing two of our gardeners – hands are desperately needed. Men or women are always welcome. Once the garden is cleaned in the spring we work Thursday mornings for a couple of hours. Please consider.

Again we thank you all for making the Memorial Garden a beautiful place to rest and visit.

The Memorial Garden Committee



During the summer we like to keep our options open, so we can take quick trips whenever we want to. Because of this, no one is scheduled to do coffee hour for the entire month of July and August. Instead, we ask people to sign up for just one Sunday, or maybe one each month. There are still lots of Sundays open. Please consider giving up one Sunday this summer to help us all enjoy the fellowship time after church.

In addition, if you are baking some summer goodies, consider bringing a dozen or two (or three) to church for us to enjoy.

Call Lois Sherwood for information (989) 465-7174





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

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GOD'S BODACIOUS GRACE, FAULTLESS TRUTH, AND TREMENDOUS LOVE (FROM PASTOR GREG)

"There Always Seems to Be Someone Doing Something These Days"

It seems that these days there's always someone doing something. There's a little drama here and a lot of drama there...and from one "tweet" or one not thought through comment, the world seems to go in a tailspin of, "Did you hear this?" or "Can you believe they did that?"

Saying that the culture in which we find ourselves seems to be fueled by such discourse isn't a stretch in logic at all is it?

It was the same for Esther. In the palace, there were always rumors. There were always side conversations and spur-of-the-moment, impromptu, non-scheduled meetings about this thing or that... and very rarely did any of these things get to the king's prevue, unless a trusted advisor brought it to the king's attention.

Even the queen was expected to just do her own thing and leave the "running of the government" to the boys. But Esther knew better, and in her own way she used simple hospitality, honor, & respect to win the king's heart and to save her people.

In our lives, right now, there may be some who are working against us, but if we follow God's divine direction, your family, your friends, and your community can still be blessed. The "Hamans" won't.

"Follow When Others Conspire Against You" (Esther 3:1-15) (Divine Direction Series)

All scripture notations NIV unless noted.

Intro

The plot finally thickens (Esther 3:8-9)

Do as God says always best option. – First week.

Do what God says even when it the "king" (the world) doesn't like it? – Second week.

Plunge In! – Trust God in unknown situations. – Week three.

This week – "Watch you back!" - "Though they intend You harm, the schemes they devise will not prevail." (Psalm 21:11)

Some Battle Rubrics & Instructions

- Whenever you stand up for you faith, there'll be someone out there standing against you. (Satan and the evil powers of this world will.)
- The best Biblical defense is always offense. (Fasting and praying worked for Esther)
- The best Biblical witness is work and vigilance. (Esther got busy, even when she fully didn't understand it all.)

Bottom Line & Application

Freedom is not just costly, it is achieved by following God's chosen side. Esther choose God's way and her whole family found freedom.

Haman and his clan lost. God and his clan won.

UPCOMING MESSAGES – 8:00 a.m., 9:45 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.

"Divine Direction" (using the Book of Esther) through August 26
using "One Night with the King (The Bible Story of Queen Esther)"

July 8 – "Follow God Even in Unknown Directions" (Esther 4:15-5:8)

July 15 – "Follow Even When Games Are Being Played" (Esther 5:9-14)

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.