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July 22, 2018 Stewardship Presence

8:00 a.m. - 22 9:45 a.m. - 114

11:15 a.m. - 13

Tithes and Gifts

General: \$3,315.00

Building: \$455.00

Total: \$3,770.00

July 29, 2018 – Tenth Sunday After Pentecost/in Kingdomtide

Creator and Sustainer, you have so lovingly and graciously provided for every need from your abundance. As we offer our gifts to you this morning, we carry burdens for what we have held back, confessing our worry about “not having enough” at the same time we proclaim your abundant provision. We pray that as Christ sends us in the world, we may hear his caution to travel lightly, not weighing ourselves down as we travel this journey set before us. In Christ’s mighty name. Amen.
(Mark 6:1-21)

August Administrative Meetings

Pastor Parish – Mon., August 6, 6:00 p.m.
Finance — Mon., August 13, 6:30 p.m.
Trustees – Wed., August 15, 6:30 pm.
Church Council – Thurs., August 16, 7:00 p.m.
Staff Meeting – No Meeting

JULY/AUGUST MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES TO REMEMBER

- S 7/29 8:00 a.m. Worship**
9:45 a.m. Worship
**Building Principal Sunday
Church-Wide Picnic**
- T 7/31 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
7:30 p.m. Missions Meeting
- W 8/1 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
- S 8/5 8:00 a.m. Sunday Worship**
9:45 a.m. Sunday Worship
11:45 a.m. "Uncommon Worship"
- M 8/6 1:30 p.m. Mary Martha**
6:00 p.m. Pastor Parish
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Birthdays this week:

31st - John R. Durante

1st - Karrie Hixson

3rd - Jacob Martin

4th - Blake Tutewiler

Rick Bellinger



Anniversaries this week:

2nd - Gale and Betty Hixson

Wally and Rachel Ewing

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.**

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

American Red Cross Blood Drive

July 23, 2018 Blood Drive Results:
Presenting Donors – 21
Total Units – 23

Missions Meeting

There will be a meeting of the WMO team and the Mission trip on *July 31st. @ 7:30 pm. in the fellowship hall.*

Discussion about Wheatland will be the first topic. Anyone at New Hope is interested in working at Wheatland this year is invited. After the WMO discussion, we will discuss the upcoming Mission trip to Baton Rouge, LA. The trip has been moved to the last week of November, going into December. We will leave November 24th and return December 2nd. *Please try to make the meeting if you are planning on going on this mission trip.*

Don Santer, Director of Missions



AIR CONDITIONING UPDATE

As of 7-1-18, we have raised \$5,128 of the \$7500 needed to have air conditioning added to our fellowship hall and kitchen. As always, when you give, please give as the Spirit leads over and above your general fund giving.

Thank you for doing whatever you're able to do.

Second Saturday Munch Bunch

Before summer is over, let's take a drive to Reed City and try a restaurant that was on the Channel 9 & 10 news!!

The Second Saturday Munch Bunch will meet for lunch at noon on Saturday, August 11 at the Seven Slot Grill in Reed City!

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.



SILENT AUCTION

A chance to outbid your neighbor!

In conjunction with our Principal drive, a silent auction is being held in the fellowship hall from now to 12:00 Sunday July 29th. These items are all placed on tables or on the floor. A bidding form is attached to each item and numbered for tracking purposes. To bid on an item, list your name and phone number, and the amount of your bid. Check back often and bid again if your name is not in the winning spot. Remember, it's for a good cause. It has a greater value than just the item itself.

The tables are currently set up with the items displayed in the fellowship hall.

At 12:00 noon on July 29, the finance team will collect the completed forms and be at a table near the items. You can pay for and pick up your items then. If you are not available to pick up your items on that Sunday, we will call you and arrange a pickup time later.

Let's have some fun with this!

Thank you in advance-
The Finance Team





AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1ST

Karrie Hixson

3rd

Jacob Martin

4th

Blake Tutewiler

Rick Bellinger

5th

Terry Reed

10th

Jean Chapin

11th

Ed Osterbaan

14th

Audrey DuBois

15th

Summer Martin

17th

Joann Groll

18th

Lucy Osterbaan

20th

Jeff Crowley

Gale Hixson

Stephen Szpiech

Madison Allen

23rd

Gavin Marfio

25th

Sharon Gray

Sharon Francis

28th

Patricia Powell

Alexandra Norman

29th

Betty Frye

Everingham

Joyce Ann Porter

30th

Gary Keefer

31st

Nancy Karcher

Pat Leiter

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

2nd

Gale and Betty Hixson
Wally and Rachel Ewing

7th

Brian and Pat Powell

10th

John and Dena Durante

12th

Harry and Annette Coles
Jon and Alice Slezak

13th

Nile and Carolyn Young

15th

Dave and Kathy Baker

18th

Dick and Gloria Wheeler

21st

Larry and Betty Van Solkema

22nd

Jeff and Trudy Crowley

26th

Joe and Judy Meyers

27th

Tom and Ellie Thering





from your pastor's point of view 7-29-18

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GOD'S BODACIOUS GRACE, FAULTLESS TRUTH, AND TREMENDOUS LOVE

Building Principal Sunday TODAY!!!

We've already been blessed by some folks who gave early, and I can tell you that God does have this! You can join Him to see what miracle God is about to perform in our midst! As I said, please give as the Spirit leads and we'll truly celebrate God's generosity together.

"Divine Direction Review"

- First week – Doing as God says always best option. (King Saul's oops.)
Second week – Honor God first, then honor everything else, including kings. (Queen Vashti)
Third week - Trust God in the unknown times of life.
Fourth week – Watch your back! Evildoers won't prevail.
Fifth week – Don't be a Haman who played games for power, and it didn't work...it backfired.
Sixth week – Follow the Humble. Wait on God. Keep your foot out of your mouth. (Haman's Humiliation)
This week – Only God can set things right, and his perspective matters most.

"Follow God's Direction-Setting Things Right" (Esther 7:1-8:2) All scriptures NIV unless noted.

Intro

When you hear "set things right" what does that mean to you? For those in our story, it meant very different things.

Haman's Bad Consequences (Esther 7:1-10)

There are always consequences.

Haman son of Hammedatha, the Agagite, lost his family lineage as should have been done back in King Saul's day. (Haman's dead, his ten sons are dead, 75,000 are dead who attacked the Jews on Haman's instructions, 500 in Susa alone.)

Esther and Mordecai's Good Consequences (Esther 8:1-2)

"That same day King Xerxes gave Queen Esther the estate of Haman, the enemy of the Jews. And Mordecai came into the presence of the king, for Esther had told how he was related to her. The king took off his signet ring, which he had reclaimed from Haman, and presented it to Mordecai. Esther appointed him over Haman's estate."

The King Set Things Right (Esther 9 & 10)

Esther asks for even bigger "asks" and gets it. (Esther 8-9)
In a series of acts, she protects the Jews and gives them the right to protect themselves.

Oh, and by the way, Mordecai is made prince. (Esther 10)
And he ends up having the full trust of the king.

Bottom Line & Application

In order to set things right, we need to see from God's perspective. We need to pray, "Lord what do you see?" and then, "What do you want me to do about it?"

UPCOMING MESSAGES – 8:00 a.m. , 9:45 a.m. & 11:15 a.m. (thru Aug.)

"Exploration" Message Series - thru November 25

- Aug 5 – "What Does it Mean to Be a Christian?" (Romans 10:9-10)
Aug 12 – "Who is God?" (1 John 4:7-9, Exodus 34:5-7)
Aug 19 – "Where's the Chart?" (I Corinthians 12:12-31)
Aug 26 – "Trusting in God" (Isaiah 40:28-31)
Sept 2 – "Developing the Habit of Prayer" (Luke 18:13-14, I John 5:14)

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.