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June 3, 2018 Stewardship Presence

8:00 a.m. - 14 9:45 a.m. - 117
11:15 a.m. - 10

Tithes and Gifts

General: \$6,019.00
Building: 285.00
Total: \$6,304.00

**June 10 – Third Sunday after Pentecost/in
Kingdomtide**

God of grace and goodness, your kingdom is not limited to the earth, but extends through the cosmos. At times when we feel like we carry the world on our shoulders, remind us that you have offered to carry that weight. As we give our gift this day, help us realize that our hope and security is not found in accumulating money and power, but in recognizing your kingly reign in our lives. We pray it in the holy name of Jesus. Amen. (1 Samuel 8:4-20)

June Administrative Meetings

Staff Parish – Monday, June 4, 6:00 p.m.
Finance — Wednesday, June 6, 6:30 p.m.
Trustees – Wed., June 20, 6:30 pm.
Church Council – No Meeting in June
Staff Meeting – Mon., June 25, 6:00 p.m.

**JUNE MINISTRY
OPPORTUNITIES TO REMEMBER**

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| S 6/10 | 8:00 a.m. Sunday Worship
9:45 a.m. Sunday Worship
Principal Drive Q&A
11:45 a.m. “Uncommon Worship” |
| M 6/11 | 1:00 p.m. Women’s Bible Study |
| T 6/12 | 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 6/13 | 10:00 a.m. “Covering the Book”
Bible Study
3:00 p.m. Praise Too Practice
4:00 p.m. Choir Practice
5:30 p.m. Tech ‘n Check
6:00 p.m. Worship Design
7:00 p.m. “Covering the Book”
Bible Study |
| S 6/17 | 8:00 a.m. Sunday Worship
9:45 a.m. Sunday Worship
11:15 a.m. “Uncommon Worship” |
| M 6/18 | 1:00 p.m. Women’s Bible Study |
| T 6/19 | 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 6/20 | 10:00 a.m. “Covering the Book”
Bible Study
3:00 p.m. Praise Too Practice
4:00 p.m. Choir Practice
5:30 p.m. Tech ‘n Check
6:00 p.m. Worship Design
6:30 p.m. Trustees
7:00 p.m. “Covering the Book”
Bible Study |
| Th 6/21 | 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. Garage Sale |
| F 6/22 | 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. Garage Sale |
| Sa 6/23 | 9:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m. Garage Sale |

Birthday Celebration!



Dee Smith will be celebrating her
80th birthday this Sunday, June 10th.

Let's celebrate her 80 years young
together this Sunday in the fellowship hall
after the 9:45 service.

The church is being lit by Lila Denslow.

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.**



ATTENTION FAMILY OF NEW HOPE!

Our annual Fill A Sack drive is here again beginning Sunday June 3 through Tuesday June 12. We will fill our sacks for our local pantry, God's Helping Hands. Your participation is greatly appreciated!

Blessings,

Nancy Karcher and Sharon Francis

New Bible Study **Wednesday Nights @ 7 pm**

The "Covering the Book" class, which currently meets at 10 a.m. on Wednesday mornings in room 110, will also be meeting Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. from May 16 - August 29 in room 110. Some have asked for a later "after-work" time for a study, so Pastor Greg is offering this one. The same scriptures will be covered in both classes. Bring your Bibles and your note taking preferences. (These items are also provided.)



Church Principal Drive Meetings to be Held

We will be having a Church Principal Drive on July 29th. A letter will be sent soon with more details.

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: May 20th, June 10th, and July 8th, 15th, and 22nd.

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)

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.

Magazine Donations

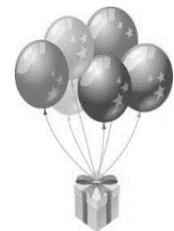
A carload of magazines was delivered to the SOS (Sisters of Sobriety) Home this week along with miscellaneous towels and hygiene items. They were very appreciative of our generous donation!

At this time they no longer need magazines. If you would like to help SOS, they are always in need of detergent, cleaning supplies, and personal hygiene items.

Thank you!
Linda Randall and Bev Rothenberger

Birthdays this week:

- 10th - Delores Smith
- 11th - Trudy Crowley
- 12th - Krista Jacobson
- 15th - Roxanne Gibbons
Laura Jehnzen
- 16th - Mike Kovac



Anniversaries this week:

- 16th – Larry and Nancy Karcher



Blessing of the Blankets

Blessing of the Blankets for Camp New Day will be held on Sunday, June 17, 2018. The blankets, which are blessed, will be taken to Camp Albright near Reed City and given to campers who attend Camp New Day the week of July 8 – July 14. These blankets have a special tag sewn into them which says “You are warmed by God’s love”. Each camper also picks out their own blanket, signs their name on the tag, and takes the blanket home at the end of the week. These campers come from families whose parent is incarcerated. They are so joyful when told they can have a blanket for their very own. They cannot believe that this much love is being bestowed on them.

We begin early in February cutting and tying fleece blankets. Money for the fleece is donated by the U.M.W. and other individuals from the congregation. The tags are sewn in, then blankets are blessed and ready for Camp New Day.

Blessings,
Nancy Karcher

Benevolence/Joyful Noise

The Benevolence/Joyful Noise offering for May was \$231.45. We did not receive any requests for assistance this month. We continue to be aware of the needs of our community and always try to be in a state of readiness.

Thank you for your support.
Blessings,
Nancy Karcher

New Hope UMC Monthly Report of All Income & Expenses

	<u>May</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income	\$18,782	\$87,778
Expenses	\$22,552	\$122,065
Difference	(\$3,770)	(\$34,286)

Please note that due to rounding, numbers may not add up correctly.

God's Helping Hands

is in need of more Volunteers!

Who? Men and Women

When? Tuesdays and Fridays, 9:00 a.m.-12:00

What? There are three areas of need:

1. Handling of light materials.
2. Cashiers for the Resale store.
3. The need is greatest in the Receiving area, where the donations come in!

If you are able to share some time, or have questions, please contact Randy or Gary at (989)967-8581.

Church Yard Sale

LOVE GOD, LOVE OTHERS AND SERVE!

YARD SALE IS COMING!
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JUNE 21, 22, 23

ARE THE SALE DATES!

**IN THE GYM PREPARATIONS HAS BEGUN
TO CLEAN, TEST, AND PRICE
SEE THE FLIER FOR DONATION DROP-OFF
DATES AND TIMES**

**GYM WILL BE OPEN FOR WORKERS @
LEAST 9-3 MON, TUES, & WED**

**DAYS AND HOURS OF WORK WILL
INCREASE AS NEEDED**

**NEED MEN or "ROSIE THE RIVETER"
POWERED WOMEN or YOUTH TO HELP
COVER DONATION DROP-OFF UNLOADING
VEHICLES.**

**HELPER SIGN-UP SHEETS ARE IN THE
NARTHEX**

**UNKNOWN AVAILABILITY?
ROLL UP THOSE SLEEVES & COME ON IN
WHEN YOU CAN!!**

**THIS IS NEW HOPE'S BIG ANNUAL
FUNDRAISER! PLEASE SERVE AS YOU
ARE ABLE!!!**

JUST A REMINDER:

Office hours are regularly scheduled 9 am – 12 noon Monday through Friday. If you schedule something with a repairman or need to be in the building, please keep this in mind. You should make arrangements to be present yourself or assure that someone present when the access to the building is needed.

Thank you for your ongoing cooperation.

Upcoming New Hope Exploration Classes!

II - "Exploring God Habits" – Sunday, June 10 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Are you "stuck" when it comes to prayer? This class helps you find ways to deepen your faith through prayer, being present, giving, serving, and witnessing. Every tool you'll ever need for your Spiritual toolbox is offered in this class! It's a great way to learn more about becoming more like Christ every day. In the church we call that discipleship. It is expected that you'll have taken "Exploring New Hope" before taking this class.

III - "Exploring Service" – Sunday June 17 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Do you know what your "shape" is? This class will help you find your shape for doing ministry and is a great way to learn more about how you are "hard-wired" for specific tasks, while not wired at all to do others. During this class, you'll discover your Spiritual gifts, your heartbeat, your abilities, your personality, and your experiences. It's expected that you'll have taken "Exploring New Hope" and "Exploring God Habits" before taking this class.

IV - "Exploring Leadership" - Sunday, June 24 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

What is the purpose of leadership and what is purposeful leadership? This class, personally designed by Pastor Greg, uses a variety of leadership resources to challenge you to consider what it means to lead and to lead in a way God has intended for you. You must have taken the other three "Exploring" classes (New Hope, God Habits, Service) before taking this course. This class is a requirement for anyone currently in leadership or considering church leadership.

While registration is not necessary for these classes, it is helpful. Please call the church office (231-972-2838) to pre-register.

Women's Retreat All Ladies Are Invited!

A Women's Retreat sponsored by Grace Adventures, a non-profit Christian Training Center, will be **Oct. 12-14**. The camp is located near Silver Lake and the Silver Lake Sand Dunes. The weekend will be packed with fun activities from crafts to zip lining!

Shannon Popkin, the speaker for the weekend, has written Control Girl: Lessons on Surrendering Your Burden of Control from Seven Women in the Bible.

The cost is \$124.00 for the weekend, which includes lodging and meals. A \$25.00 deposit is required at registration. If you are interested in attending, or need additional information, please contact Carol VanderMeer at 231-972-0443 or Bev Rothenberger at 317-413-7491. We would like to be registered by mid-June to assure our lodging.



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RAGTIME
CELEBRATION

FEATURING ALVIN & DOMINIC WADDLES AND ED & NOAH MALLETT

FRIDAY, JUNE 15 - 7:00 NEW HOPE METHODIST CHURCH MECOSTA	SATURDAY, JUNE 16 - 7:00 CROSSROADS THEATRE REED CITY	SUNDAY, JUNE 17 - 4:00 BANDSHELL (In case of rain: CCA Auditorium) BIG RAPIDS
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GOD'S BODACIOUS GRACE, FAULTLESS TRUTH, AND TREMENDOUS LOVE (FROM PASTOR GREG)

Why Divine Direction? Why Esther?

We all need directions. We like having GPS nav. in our cars, digital maps on our phones, and if we're old school, we have a "set" of maps in the car door or a few shoved in the glove department. We use these things to know which way we're going and which way we're supposed to go.

No matter what our age, each day we face one important question, "Which way will I go? What will I do? Whom will I do it for?" Sometimes the answer is duty. Sometimes the answer is family. Sometimes the answer is fun and easy. Sometimes the answer is anything but fun, and anything but easy. Sometimes we just don't have the answers.

Those are times we can turn to Biblical heroes like Esther, who woke up one morning in an unpredicted place, doing an unexpected thing, with unforeseen circumstances, who, with the help of Mordecai and her praying and fasting family and friends, made a divine difference for the whole Jewish nation. Literally, she saved every Jew because of her brave reliance on God's way even when she was unsure of what that way was. We can definitely learn from her witness.

So, for the next few weeks and as we lead up to our Building Principal Sunday, we're going to delve into the Book of Esther to find answers, to find direction. Esther was first and foremost a child of God just like us. Her example can be our Spiritual roadmap to follow.

"Follow God Period - The Esther Pre-story" (1 Samuel 15:1-3) (Divine Direction Series)
All scripture notations NIV unless noted.

Intro – When God says it...do it.

God's Way = Positive Results

Not doing it God's way guarantees negative consequences – past, present, future.

God's Vision is always 20-20 ++++++

Our vision is often limited by our inability and tainted by our own irrational rationalizations. God's view is always perfect.

God's Deserves Our Obedient Respect

God is God, and we are not; nor will we ever be. Our best choice is always to do God's choice.

Bottom Line & Application

If people would've followed God in the first place in the past, there wouldn't have been a need for Esther to do what she had to do. Esther's "for such a time as this" happened, because God's will wasn't followed to a tee in the past.

If we clearly understand God's will, we need to everything possible to make it happen.

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)"
June 17 – "Follow the King except When You Can't" (Esther 1:1-12)
June 24 – "Follow Whatever God Puts You Into" (Esther 2:15-20)
July 1 – "Follow When Others Conspire Against You" (Esther 3:1-15)
(one service @ 9:45 a.m. outside weather permitting)

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.