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June 10, 2018 Stewardship Presence

8:00 a.m. - 17 9:45 a.m. - 111

11:15 a.m. - 9

Tithes and Gifts

General: \$2,982.00

Building: 395.00

Total: \$3,377.00

**June 17 – Fourth Sunday after
Pentecost/in Kingdomtide**

Mysterious God of Infinite Love, we often wonder what we can contribute to the realization of your reign on earth as in heaven. We seem the most unlikely of candidates to offer any gifts to the fulfillment of your mission, yet we are the ones you have chosen. We offer our gifts this morning, but more than these, we offer ourselves. We pray this in the name of Jesus, your son, who called us into discipleship. Amen. (1 Samuel 15:34–16:13)

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**

- 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
4:30 p.m. Praise Too 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
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- S 6/24** 8:00 a.m. **Sunday Worship**
9:45 a.m. **Sunday Worship**
11:45 a.m. **“Uncommon Worship”**
- M 6/25** 1:00 p.m. Women’s Bible Study
6:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
6:30 p.m. Special Finance
Committee Meeting
- T 6/26** 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 6/27** 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
- Th 6/28** 10:00 a.m. Faith Circle

The church is being lit by
Diane and Tom Larsen in memory of our
son, Char Ramsey

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.**

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.)



God's Helping Hands *is in need of 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 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.

Birthdays this week:

18th - Nancy Wilderom
21st – Olivia Marfio



Anniversaries this week:



18th – Dave and June Marston
19th – Andy and Jennifer Marfio

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.

**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!

WE NEED SALE DAYS WORKERS
Call 231 937-6299 and leave a message & phone number

IN THE GYM PREPARATIONS CONTINUE TO CLEAN, TEST, AND PRICE

DONATION DROP-OFF 10-2 MONDAY, TUESDAY, AND WEDNESDAY (LAST DAY 6/18)

GYM WILL BE OPEN FOR WORKERS 9-2 MON, TUES, WED, & THUR

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.

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!!!

Yard Sale Workers – Pizza Lunch at the church on June 18th at noon (Yard Sale pays for pizza!) Evaluation of the Yard Sale will be at noon, July 10th at Remus Tavern Greenleaf Dining Room.

Upcoming New Hope Exploration Classes!

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.

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.

If you or someone you know needs help, call 1-800-273-8255 for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. (<https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org/>) You can also text HOME to 741-741 for free, 24-hour support from the Crisis Text Line. (<https://www.crisistextline.org/>) Outside of the U.S., please visit the International Association for Suicide Prevention (https://www.iasp.info/resources/Crisis_Centres/) for a database of resources.

Finance Committee:

There will be a special meeting held on Monday, June 25th at 6:30 p.m.
The next regular meeting is scheduled for July 11th.

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.



from your pastor's point of view 6-17-18

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

A Prayer for Fathers on Father's Day

Dear Heavenly Father, thank you.

We approach you today on behalf of our fathers. We thank you for the way you have knitted families together, giving the biblical instruction that fathers are the head of the home not by force but by showing Your love and grace shown in the example of Christ. Help all fathers to be obedient to You and to their unique calling in the lives of those within their care.

Please forgive those fathers who struggled with their responsibility. Bless them and their children with your mercy and forgiveness. And may a special blessing be given to those "fathers" who though unrelated physically, were more than fathers spiritually.

For everyone who fathers, Lord, we pray for them and commit them to You. Help them to lead and guide their families. Give them supernatural strength to deal with the challenges that they may face on a day to day basis. Empower them to be all that You have called them (and us) to be, fulfilling our God given purpose.

Heavenly Father we thank you...Amen.

[adapted from prayray.com]

"Follow the King except When You Can't" (Esther 1:1-12) (Divine Direction Series) All scripture notations NIV unless noted.

Intro – Last week: When God says it...do it.

Today: "Knowing what's right doesn't mean much unless you do what's right."
Theodore Roosevelt (Was he ever told no?)

Following God is Not Always Easy...

...especially if a government is willing to send you to jail, radically change your freedoms, because of it. It is a balancing act sometimes.

"Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, and honor the emperor." (1 Peter 2:17)

Following God's Divine Direction is Always the Right Decision...

"So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin." (James 4:17)

Following God Often Means the Choice to Love

1 John 4:7-8 says, "Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love."

Bottom Line & Application

"Turn from evil and do good..."
(Psalm 34:14-16)

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 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)

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

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.