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June 17, 2018 Stewardship Presence

8:00 a.m. - 24 9:45 a.m. - 88
11:15 a.m. - 11

Tithes and Gifts

General: \$2,668.25
Building: 155.00
Total: \$2,823.25

June 24 – Fifth Sunday After Pentecost /in Kingdomtide

Holy God of power and might, there are struggles and battles all around us; there is need and pain and struggle; and too often, we feel powerless and inadequate to do anything. Yet, like David, who in faith went to meet Goliath, we have been provided all we need to serve you in the world. May the offering we make at your altar this morning reflect our understanding that we have all we need to live and serve as you have called us. In your holy name, we pray. Amen. (1 Samuel 17: 32-49)

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.

JUNE/JULY MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES TO REMEMBER

- 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**
- 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 Fourth of July**

Birthdays this week:

30th - Jerry Smith



Anniversaries this week:

25th – Harry, Sr. & Mary Coles
27th – John & Marcia Alderink
Jim & Pat Wilkins
Tom & Valerie Roebuck
John & Jane Yantis



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.**

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.

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.

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.

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!

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.

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.

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



Fill-A-Sac

Our annual Fill-A-Sac drive for God's Helping Hands was successful. We took 847 pounds of groceries to our local food pantry, 60 bags total! The sacks of groceries were a welcome sight and comes right at the beginning of summer.

Thank you New Hope congregation for your donations of food, and Mickey Dargitz, Jerry Herrman, Mike Kovac, and Larry Karcher for weighing and delivering those filled grocery sacks.

Love God, Love Others, and Serve!

Blessings,
Nancy Karcher
Sharon Francis

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

All submissions for the August, September, October Newsletter

are due to Gen

NO LATER THAN JULY 1.

Emailed submissions preferred, but all taken! 😊



from your pastor's point of view 6-24-18

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

"The No Anticipation Zone"

If I'm going to be a part of something, I like to know in advance what's expected of me. I want to know how I'm supposed to fit-in to the whole theme of the day.

When I took my Emmaus Walk back in 2001, one of the things my sponsor warned about was that I would not know what was happening next, so I shouldn't anticipate at all....just enjoy. That took some work for me and some time, but after the first day, I settled in to my "no anticipation" zone and reaped the benefits of doing so.

Sometimes we just have to trust that God knows more than we do. We know this. This isn't new, but just like Esther who found herself in this predicament, we need to trust God's knowledge too. God has this.

Out of all the woman in the land, Esther found herself being chosen as queen. She didn't expect it but now it happened because God had a something special in store to save His people.

Do we trust that God may have us here to do something too? Are we willing to listen for His direction and then just follow? Thankfully God will be with us always to lead us in good directions!

"Follow Whatever God Puts You Into"

(Esther 2:15-20) *(Divine Direction Series)*

All scripture notations NIV unless noted.

Intro – Esther DID IT!!!

"And Esther won the favor of all who saw her..." – Esther 2:15b

Following Takes An Incredible Amount of Trust!

Esther was like a blind child lead by someone she trusted, in this case Mordecai.

Following Another Means That We Accept Their Knowledge Over Own

Esther had to come to a realization that she don't know everything about anything.

Following Means Taking the Plunge

When reminded, Esther put everyone's needs before hers. There was no going back.

Bottom Line & Application

God will provide all that need to accomplish His will to be done.

God forgives when we miss the mark, giving us multiple opportunities to get it right.

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 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)

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.