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**February 25, 2018 Stewardship
Presence**

9:45 a.m. – 84 11:15 a.m. – 7

Tithes and Gifts

General: \$2,545.00

Building: 190.00

Total: \$2,735.00

March 4, 2018 – Third Sunday in Lent

Gracious God, we praise you! You revealed your love for the world in Jesus' self-offering on the cross. It is a mystery: the sinless One died to save guilty humankind. We are grateful that you speak by your Word and Spirit, through pastors and teachers, to help us receive this gift. May we live with a deeper understanding of true foolishness and wisdom. We present our offerings to you, so that those who are weak in the world will be made strong through our church's ministries. We pray in the name of Christ, who died and is risen indeed. Amen. (1 Corinthians 1:18-25)

March Administrative Meetings

Staff Parish – NO MEETING
Finance – March 12 – 6:00 p.m.
Ad Council – March 15 – 7:00 p.m.
Trustees – March 21 – 6:30 p.m.
Staff Meeting – March 26 – 6:00 p.m.

**OFFICE HOURS
MONDAY – FRIDAY
9 A.M. TO NOON**

**MARCH MINISTRY
OPPORTUNITIES TO REMEMBER**

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| S | 3/4 | 9:45 a.m. | Worship |
| | | 11:15 a.m. | “Uncommon Worship” |
| T | 3/6 | 5:30 p.m. | Men's Emmaus |
| | | 6:30 p.m. | Men's Bible Study |
| | | 5:30 p.m. | Faithfully Fit Class |
| W | 3/7 | 10:00 a.m. | “Covering the Book” |
| | | | Bible Study |
| | | 3:00 p.m. | Praise Too Practice |
| | | 3:20 p.m. | Kingdom Kids |
| | | 4:00 p.m. | Choir Practice |
| | | 5:30 p.m. | Wed. Night Supper |
| | | 5:30 p.m. | Tech 'n Check |
| | | 6:00 p.m. | Worship Design |
| | | 6:00 p.m. | Youth |
| S | 3/11 | 9:45 a.m. | Worship |
| | | 11:15 a.m. | “Uncommon Worship” |
| T | 3/13 | 5:30 p.m. | Men's Emmaus |
| | | 6:30 p.m. | Men's Bible Study |
| | | 5:30 p.m. | Faithfully Fit Class |
| W | 3/14 | 10:00 a.m. | “Covering the Book” |
| | | | Bible Study |
| | | 3:00 p.m. | Praise Too Practice |
| | | 3:20 p.m. | Kingdom Kids |
| | | 4:00 p.m. | Choir Practice |
| | | 5:30 p.m. | Wed. Night Supper |
| | | 5:30 p.m. | Tech 'n Check |
| | | 6:00 p.m. | Worship Design |
| | | 6:00 p.m. | Youth |
| S | 3/18 | 9:45 a.m. | Worship |
| | | 11:15 a.m. | “Uncommon Worship” |
| T | 3/20 | 5:30 p.m. | Men's Emmaus |
| | | 6:30 p.m. | Men's Bible Study |
| | | 5:30 p.m. | Faithfully Fit Class |
| W | 3/21 | 10:00 a.m. | “Covering the Book” |
| | | | Bible Study |
| | | 3:00 p.m. | Praise Too Practice |
| | | 3:20 p.m. | Kingdom Kids |
| | | 4:00 p.m. | Choir Practice |
| | | 5:30 p.m. | Youth Spaghetti Dinner |
| | | 5:30 p.m. | Tech 'n Check |
| | | 6:00 p.m. | Worship Design |
| | | 6:00 p.m. | Youth |

Wednesday Night Dinner

5:30 p.m.



**Lasagna
Garlic Bread
Tossed Salad
Dessert - Beverage**

Public Invited --- Free-Will Offering



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*

Year End Giving Statements

If there are any discrepancies with your statements, please contact Annette Coles at (231)912- 0893.

Please note: Due to changes in the church office schedule, the deadline for the bulletin is changed to Tuesday at noon, for the following week. Thank you for your patience and understanding! Serving Him JOYFULLY with you, Gen Abrams

60th
Anniversary

The floral arrangement in the church today is in honor of Dee (Delores) and Jack

Smith's 60th Wedding Anniversary on March 8th. Please join us for cake and punch in the Fellowship Hall following the 9:45 a.m. to celebrate and honor their special milestone day!

Let's shower them with cake, cards, and lots of love!

God's Helping Hands Winter Appeal

Do some early Spring Cleaning!

The need is great.

Donations are needed now:
Clothing in good repair of all kinds; Furniture;
Appliances; Toys; Housewares

Prayer Chain

If you are interested in being part of the prayer chain, calling those who do not have email, please contact Karen Woodruff at 972-2084. There is also a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center. You would only be asked to call a few people.



Meals are available for those affected by a time of crisis and/or upheaval of their normal schedule – illness, recovery from surgery, a time of grief. For information, please call Judy Meyers at 972-2163.

Abuse Prevention Trainings March 10, 11, and 24

IMPORTANT: The new MI Area Conference of the UMC has instituted a NEW Abuse Prevention Policy. Effective January 1, 2018 all previously obtained certification through the West MI and Detroit Conferences have expired.

New training is REQUIRED for all leaders/churches attending/hosting District of Conference events where youth, children, and/or vulnerable adults will be served.

Upcoming Training Opportunities:

- Saturday, March 10 @ 10:00 am-2:30 pm (lunch included) @ Williamsburg UMC (5750 Williamsburg Rd., Williamsburg MI 49690)
- Sunday, March 11 @ 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm @ St. Louis First UMC (116 S. Franklin St., St. Louis, MI 48880)
- Saturday, March 24 @ 8:30 am –12:30 pm @ Heritage UMC 19931 W. Kendaville Rd., Pierson MI 49339

RSVP to Anika Kasper at anikakasper@gmail.com or 989-773-5140. Include the number of people attending AND location of the training your group wants to attend.

Camp New Day Blanket Day

Saturday, February 17 was filled with God's surprises all morning long! Thanks to teamwork and our hands and feet for Christ, we were able to get 10 blankets cut and 4 tied. Wait until you see the great blanket material on Blessing of the Blanket Day! We will meet again on Saturday, April 21, 2018, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m..

Bring a snack and sharp scissors. Thanks, everyone.

Blessings,
Nancy Karcher

Second Saturday Munch Bunch

The Second Saturday Munch Bunch will meet for dinner on Saturday, March 10 at 5:00 pm at Antlers Fireside Grill in Canadian Lakes. 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 church office. Any questions, please call Laura Hall at 231-972-7000.

Benevolence Joyful Noise

Our offering for the month of February was \$1,292.00. We had no calls for assistance this month. Thank you for your love, support and generosity.

In Christ's Service,
Nancy Karcher



On behalf of the New Hope U.M. Women, I would like to thank all of the women and men who helped prepare the luncheon for the Michigan Milk Producers Association. Thank you for your food donations and pies. Most of all thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ.

Blessings,
Nancy Karcher, New Hope UMW



from your pastor's point of view...3-4-18

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A Communion Prayer

Come to the table
of Jesus our Redeemer!
Jesus invites you here
to be part of the people of God.
Come to the table humbly,
not because you have earned
a place here, but because
you need mercy and help.
Come because you love God,
and want to love God more.
Come because Jesus first loved us,
and gave himself for us.
Come because you want
to be filled with the Holy Spirit.
Come because you want
to experience the mystery
of God's grace.

God our Creator, thank you for the
gift of your son Jesus Christ, whose
love pursues us our whole life long.
Come Holy Spirit, feed us with your
love that we may be filled with
power to love God with all our
hearts and souls and minds. Amen.

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*The book we're using: "Revealing
the Mysteries of Heaven" by Dr.
David Jeremiah can be purchased
for a donation by calling 1-877-998-
0222 [[www.davidjeremiah.org/
site/monthly/0617_FYE.aspx](http://www.davidjeremiah.org/site/monthly/0617_FYE.aspx)]*

"Our Lord Loves Children...Period" (Matthew 18:1-5, 10-14)
"The Truth About Heaven" series
(*"Revealing the Mysteries of Heaven" pages 253-280*)

Intro - Today, we're about to bring peace to many parents,
constructive conversation to the confused masses, and
bewilderment to the fundamentalist. If the scales are tilted,
they are always tilted on the side of grace and love.

I – We Know That God Loves Us...

...and has made the way for everyone to join him in heaven.
"Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven,
that one of these little ones should perish." (Matthew 18:14;
2 Samuel 12:23; Matthew 19:13-14)

II – We Know That God Graces Us...

We don't know what happens in the last moments of
anyone's life. – God does. God's big enough to handle it.
We judge no one, except to bring encouragement and
healing to others. (Matthew 7:1-3)

III – We Know That Our "Response" Is The Point!

We all suffer from Adam/Eve's original sin, but we can't be
condemned by that alone. There must be a point where
someone says, "I do not believe." to be condemned. And
only God determines where that point is for each individual.
Any "age of accountability" then occurs individually not at a
set time or place. God only knows when we deny the gift of
salvation and thereby lose it. (Matthew 18:1-5)

Bottom Line & Application

"Children who die go straight to heaven – instantly, gloriously,
triumphantly...they go directly into the presence of the Lord."
(David Jeremiah, p. 255, 268) God loves his children...period!

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

"The Truth About Heaven" series through March 11

Mar. 11 - "Being Ready for Heaven" (Philippians 4:8-9, I Thess. 3:12-13)

"Recognizing Christ As Our Risen King" series March 18 – April 1

Mar. 18 - "The Resurrection and the Life" – John 11:17-27, 38-46

Mar. 25 - "The Proper Entry for a King" – John 12:12-16 (Palm Sunday)

March 30 – "The Night Our King Died" – John 19:17-30 (Good Friday 7pm)

*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.*