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May 14, 2017

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Total: \$2,828.00

**May 21, 2017—Sixth Sunday of Easter
(Heritage Sunday)**

Gracious God, you are the Lord of heaven and earth. You sent Christ your Son to fully reveal your abundant and deep love for all you have created. We long to be more like Jesus who kept your commandments in every respect. Let our thoughts and deeds be directed by your Spirit of truth, who lives in our hearts. Use these gifts and offerings to advance our church's ministries, so that our neighbors will experience your loving care. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen. (*John 14:15-21*)

May Administrative Meetings

Staff Parish Mtg. – No Staff Parish in May

Finance Mtg. – Wed. May 11 – 7:30 p.m.

Memorial Com. Mtg. – Thurs. May 11 – 6 p.m.

Trustees Mtg. – Wed. May 17 – 6:30 p.m.

Ad Council Mtg. – Thurs. May 18 – 7 p.m.

Staff Mtg. – Mon. May 22 – 6 p.m.

MAY MINISTRY

OPPORTUNITIES TO REMEMBER

- S 5/21 9:45 a.m. Worship**
M 5/22 1:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study
T 5/23 9:30 a.m. Craft Day
5:30 p.m. Tech and Check
6:30 p.m. Worship Design
5:30 p.m. Men's Emmaus
5:45-6:15 Faithfully Fit Class
6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study
W 5/24 10:00 a.m. "Covering the Book"
Bible Study
3:00 p.m. Praise Too Practice
4:15 p.m. Choir Practice
SA 5/27 11:00 a.m. Tae Kwon Do
S 5/28 9:45 a.m. Worship
M 5/29 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
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***Children's ministry is offered
during Sunday's 9:45 a.m. worship***

May 21 – Sue Reed

May 28 – AnnMarie Buchner

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

Faith Circle Welcomes Back Snow Birds



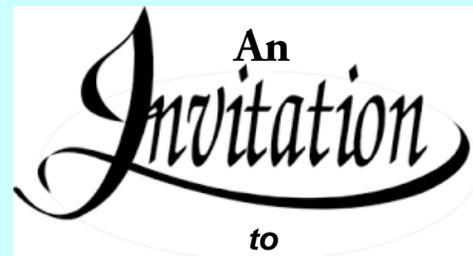
At the Faith Circle's April meeting, members celebrated the return of the Snow Birds!

The Faith Circle meets at 1:00 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month, from April through November, in the church fellowship hall. Meetings consist of light refreshments, sharing time, program, and a business meeting. Our main fundraiser is the apple pie sale in October. The money raised goes mainly toward church and community needs. All ladies of the church are welcome to attend.

Memorial Gifts

When making a donation to the Memorial Fund in memory of, or in honor of someone, please put it in the collection plate on Sunday or send it directly to New Hope.

By doing it this way, the Memorial Committee will be able to send out thank you notes and an acknowledgement to the family in a timely fashion.



A Call to Prayer and Self Denial 2017

Ladies of New Hope:

We will be meeting for this year's program on **Abundant Health for Women and Children on Saturday, June 3rd, 2017 from 10 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.**

This will also be a time of fellowship, a special love offering for women and children will also be taken.

Please bring that favorite potluck dish to also be enjoyed.

Looking forward to June 3rd, 10 a.m. until noon! See you there!

Blessings,
Nancy Karcher

from your pastor's point of view...

5-14-17

"In all of my years of service to my Lord, I have discovered a truth that has never failed and has never been compromised. That truth is that it is beyond the realm of possibilities that one has the ability to out give God. Even if I give the whole of my worth to Him, He will find a way to give back to me much more than I gave."

Charles Spurgeon

"The most obvious lesson in Christ's teaching is that there is no happiness in having or getting anything, but only in giving."

Henry Drummond

"God bestows His blessings without discrimination. The followers of Jesus are children of God, and they should manifest the family likeness by doing good to all, even to those who deserve the opposite."

F. F. Bruce

"The more you give, the more comes back to you, because God is the greatest giver in the universe, and He won't let you outgive Him. Go ahead and try.

See what happens."

Randy Alcorn

"Examples are few of (those) ruined by giving."

Christian Bovée

"It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Jesus (Acts 20:35)

UPCOMING MESSAGES

"Participate!" Spring Pledge Series

May 21 - Participate Meaningfully & Intentionally"-Hebrews 10:19-25, 13:16

"Standing Together in Love & Service" ser.

May 28 - "Getting to Live in God's Creation"- Psalm 24:1-6

June 4 - "Being There for Each Other" - Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

Participate!

Spring Pledge Series

Today's Message: "Participate Joyfully & with Generosity" - Habakkuk 3:17-18 & 2 Corinthians 9:7

Intro - Today: Joyfulness & Generosity!

Week 1: participating honestly and completely

Week 2: participate with what we've been given

I - Whatever happens... "Yet I will REJOICE!"

"Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior." (Habakkuk 3:17-18)

II - Remember...God is REALLY into cheerful giving!

"Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work." (2 Corinthians 9:6-8 NIV)

Putting It In Action:

No matter what...rejoice.

No matter what...cheerfully give.

Bottom Line:

Fight the negative! Generously participate with joy!

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