

**MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES  
TO REMEMBER**

**MAY**

- S 5/15 9:45 a.m. Worship  
1-4 p.m. Exploration IV Class
- M 5/16 1:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study  
1-5:45 p.m. Red Cross Blood Drive
- T 5/17 9a.m.-3 p.m. Craft Day  
5:30 p.m. Worship Design  
5:30 p.m. Men's Emmaus  
6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study
- W 5/18 10:00 a.m. "Covering the Book"  
Bible Study  
3:00 p.m. Praise Too Practice  
3:00 p.m. Women's Emmaus Rm. 111  
4:15 p.m. Choir Practice  
7:00 p.m. Yard Sale Meeting
- S 5/22 9:45 a.m. Worship
- M 5/23 1:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study
- T 5/24 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Craft Day  
5:30 p.m. Worship Design  
5:30 p.m. Men's Emmaus  
6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study
- W 5/25 10:00 a.m. "Covering the Book"  
Bible Study  
3:00 p.m. Praise Too Practice  
3:00 p.m. Women's Emmaus Rm. 111  
4:15 p.m. Choir Practice  
7:00 p.m. Yard Sale Meeting
- S 5/29 9:45 a.m. Worship  
1-4 p.m. Exploration IV Class
- M 5/30 1:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study
- T 5/31 9a.m.-3 p.m. Craft Day  
5:30 p.m. Worship Design  
5:30 p.m. Men's Emmaus  
6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study

**May  
Administrative Meetings at  
New Hope**

- Trustees Mtg.** - Wed. May 18 – 6:30 p.m.  
**Memorial Mtg.** – Thurs. May 19 – 6:00 p.m.  
**Ad Council Mtg.** - Thurs. May 19 – 7:00 p.m.  
**Staff Mtg.** - Mon. May 23 – 7:00 p.m.



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**May 15 – Opening Skit & Music**  
Mary Coles

**May 22 – Bible Story**  
Betty Stewart

**May 29 – Surf 'n Sand Science Lab**

*Children's ministry  
Is offered  
during Sunday's  
9:45 a.m. worship*

*The updated "Policies Book" is located at  
the Information Center for anyone  
that would like to review them.*

### Response to Former Employee Sentencing

Today at 11:15 am (following worship), for those who are interested, there will be congregational update given by Pastor Greg (and the Pastor-Parish Committee) on New Hope Church's response to Pastor Richard Patton's sentencing.

In the sanctuary, a "Congregational Statement" will be read followed by a time of questions and answers. Please continue to keep everyone affected in your prayers.

If you would like to brighten Nancy Karcher's day by sending her a card, her address is:

MidMichigan – Gratiot  
Nancy Karcher Rm. 1013  
300 E. Warwick Dr.  
Alma, MI 48801



The Finance Committee invites you to take part 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 loved 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*

Forgotten



Man Ministries

**Don't forget** if you signed up for the Forgotten Man Ministries Banquet, it's on Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. Fellowship is at 6:00 p.m. and dinner is at 6:30. It is at Trinity Fellowship Church 15085 220<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Big Rapids, MI.

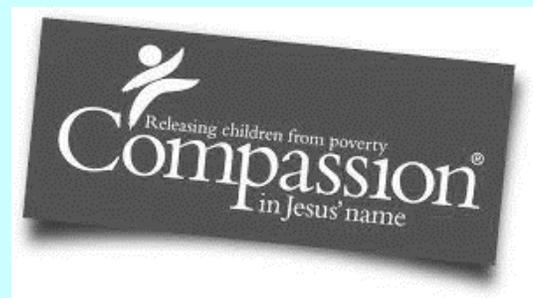
If you have any questions, give Larry Karcher a call at 989-967-8828.



The finance committee would like to say thank you for the response during the pledge drive.

It clearly showed the level of support that we have at New Hope.

It is because of your prayers, giving and support, that we can Serve God at New Hope. Once again, thank you.



Don't forget to stop by the table in the Narthex with the children from Compassion. Please keep these little ones in prayer and possibly support one of them as part of your family. We would love to have them all get taken home for support.

If you have any questions, please see John or Dena Durante or call them at 231-972-2366.

*Thank you. It is a wonderful church family that we have and are so happy to be part of it.*

**EXPLORATION IV CLASS TODAY**  
Don't forget the Exploration IV Class from  
1-4 p.m. today.



**BLOOD DRIVE**  
**New Hope**  
Mon., May 16, 1-5:45 p.m.



Teams of horses or oxen work together to share the burden. In a similar way Stephen Ministers will walk with you, side-by-side, to share whatever your burden may be. We are a one-on-one ministry, trained to listen to you problems and offer support, encouragement and prayer as you seek God's healing. We will be there for you an hour a week for as long as you need us.

Don't worry, everything will be confidential between you and your Stephen Minister.

To learn more about the program please call a Stephen Leader, Don Santer 989-561-2394, or Sherry Anderson 231-972-7679.



**MARK YOUR**  
**CALENDAR**

**JUNE 16<sup>TH</sup>, 17<sup>TH</sup>, 18<sup>TH</sup>**

*It's time to start doing that spring cleaning and sorting through all of those saved treasures.*

If you've found some you think you're ready to part with, consider the New Hope Yard Sale as their new home!

Collections and drop-offs at New Hope for your unwanted items begin on Wed., June 1.

If you need assistance getting your items to the church, give Doug Chapin, 231-349-4059, Harry Coles, Jr, 231-912-0894 or Jerry Smith, 231-937-6299 a call so that arrangements can be made for a pickup.

Please remember, no clothes, shoes, or televisions will be accepted.

Also, if you've got a few hours of idle time to spare, give them a call and offer to volunteer your time. They would love to have you! It's lots of fun and as always – it's for a good cause.

*If you have questions, or would like to participate, come to a Yard Sale Meeting held every Wednesday at 7 p.m. at New Hope.*

# from your pastor's point of view...

5-15-16

Dear Family and Friends,

One of the best parts of the chapter of our book this week won't be covered in the message (p. 48-49), so I'll share it here! ☺

Before we apply the Golden Rule in our lives to offset anger, there are four questions we must ask ourselves.

- 1) Do we really want to live it?  
(It's an all or nothing thing.)
- 2) How do we want God to treat us? (heal, help, and forgive)
- 3) How has God treated us?  
(His grace! - Romans 6:23)
- 4) How will we treat others?  
(as God as provided for us)

Max Lucado once wrote, "You will never be called upon to give any more grace than God has already given you." Powerful.

And the author writes, "There are many times when an offender needs to face up to the consequences of their actions. We are not responsible for the event or person that provokes our anger, but we are responsible for how we respond once anger starts welling up within us. How do we want to be treated? Treat others that way."

It sounds like good advice especially in life of God's bodacious Grace and tremendous Love,

*Pastor Greg*

## Today's Message:

### Defeat Anger – Apply the Golden Rule” (Matthew 18:21-35)

*“Surviving the Seven Deadly Sins” Series using  
“7 Habits of Highly Healthy People” (by Rev. Curry Pikkaart)  
[ [www.amazon.com/7-Habits-Highly-Healthy-People/dp/1602666954/](http://www.amazon.com/7-Habits-Highly-Healthy-People/dp/1602666954/)]*

Intro – “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.”

Golden Rule - found in just about all the world's religions and it accepted as truth throughout most human ethical study.  
(Matthew 7:12, Luke 6:31)

“Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God.” – (James 1:19-20)

Step 1 – Assess the situation (sometimes fish like water)

Sometimes anger is justified and sometimes it isn't.  
If anger won't subside, then we need to do something about it.  
“Everyone says forgiveness is a lovely idea, until they have something to forgive.” – C.S. Lewis (p. 49)

Step 2 – Apply the rule (“Not just 7 times, as many as 77 times.”)

“Put aside all bitterness, losing your temper, anger, shouting, and slander, along with every other evil. Be kind, compassionate, and forgiving to each other, in the same way God forgave you in Christ.” (Ephesians 4:31-32)

Bottom line: Loving as we'd like to be loved defeats anger.

Like oil and water, anger and forgiveness don't mix.

## UPCOMING MESSAGES - “Surviving the Seven Deadly Sins” Series

May 22-“Defeat Sloth – Feed Your Hunger” (Proverbs 24:30-34)

May 29-“Defeat Greed – Aim for Simplicity”  
(2 Chronicles 31:2-10)

June 5 – “Defeat Lust – Guard Your Mind”  
(2 Samuel 11:1-27, 1 Peter 1:13-15)

June 12 – “Defeat Excess- Restrain Yourself”  
(Ephesians 5:1-20)

