

**MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES
TO REMEMBER**

MAY

S	5/8	9:45 a.m.	Worship
M	5/9	1:00 p.m.	Ladies Bible Study
T	5/10	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	5/11	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
SA	5/14	6:00 p.m.	Booth Brothers Concert
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
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



**CHILDREN'S
MINISTRY
SCHEDULE**

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May 8 – Sound Waves/Closing Skit

Sue Reed

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

and on Wednesday after school.

**May
Administrative Meetings at
New Hope**

*Please note the Staff Parish Mtg. is
Monday, May 9th, not May 2nd.*

Staff Parish Mtg. - Mon. May 9 – 6:30 p.m.

Finance Mtg. - Wed. May 11 – 6:30 p.m.

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.

NOTICE:

The Kingdom Kids Program at New Hope would like to thank all of the children who participated and those who volunteered to make our first year a success.

We invite you to join us again when our programs starts up on September 21st.

Hope to see you then!

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

Response to Former Employee Sentencing

On Sunday, May 15 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



**ON MONDAY, MAY 9TH
THE OFFICE AT NEW HOPE
WILL BE CLOSING AT NOON
FOR TRAINING.**



NEW HOPE FILL-A-SACK FOOD DRIVE

Start saving your food items for the annual Fill-A-Sack Food Drive to benefit God's Helping Hands.

The food drive begins on May 16 and runs to May 23. Bags will be available at New Hope on Sunday, May 15.

This year our challenge is 150 bags! Your generosity helps feed those in need in our community. *Thank you!*

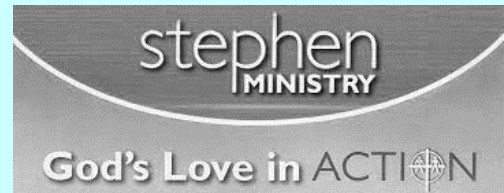
**LIGHT
THE
CHURCH
FOR
A
WEEK**



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*



When we have a problem we like to talk it over with someone. But then, we might feel as though we are complaining all the time and worry that our friends may be tired of hearing about our problems. So why not turn to Stephen Ministry. Our people are trained to listen, offer support and encouragement, and not judge you. A phone call to a Stephen Leader can match you up with your own Stephen Minister for weekly, confidential meetings. Don't worry about "complaining".

We are there for you as long as you need us, and listening is what we do. Stephen Leaders, Don Santer 989-561-2394, or Sherry Anderson 231-972-7679.

BOOTH BROTHERS Concert

Sat. May 14, 6 p.m.

Doors open at 5 p.m.

Tickets are on sale now at the Info Center and are selling fast. This could be a sold-out concert, so don't wait.

Ticket prices are \$17 in advance and \$20 the day of the concert. If the concert sells out, it will be posted on our website: www.new-hope-church.org. Come enjoy a wonderful evening!

For questions, tickets, or information, call Greg or Laura at 231-972-7000.



Join us to celebrate 50 years of ministry, serving the Lord in Michigan's county jails. Discover how the Gospel transforms men and women as they learn God's Word and bear the fruit of the Spirit. Your support makes new beginnings possible.

The Forgotten Man's Ministry Banquet will be held May, 12th – 6:00 p.m. Fellowship, Dinner at 6:30. Trinity Fellowship Church, 15085 220th Avenue, Big Rapids. Please RSVP (no children please) by May 2, 2016. To reserve your seat, please contact your table host, Larry or Nancy Karcher at 989-967-8828.

The Forgotten Man Ministry is in need of a female volunteer to teach anger management at the Mecosta Co. Jail. Please respond to Chaplain John May, 989-352-6959. mecostacounty@forgottenman.org,



Scrip Cards Available For All Your Needs

Mother's Day, graduation, Father's Day and summer weddings will be coming up soon. What a greater gift for your special occasions than a gift card to a favorite store. Most any stores that are preferred are available through our script program. Check it out after service any Sunday.

We not only have gift cards but cards for all your purchases including groceries, gas, prescriptions, books, I-tunes, sporting stores, your favorite restaurant or fast foods and most everything else you might want.

Every card you purchase brings a percentage of profit to New Hope General Fund.

Cards are available after church on Sundays or anytime by contacting Linda Sbraccia, 231-359-1283; Paul Richards, 231-972-0572; or Linda Randall, 231-972-8742. If possible we like to have orders prepaid but you can order and pay when picked up. Some may be available at the time of purchase.

Please continue to help our General Fund and not have to spend money that you wouldn't be spending by purchasing cards at a store. Buying your monthly groceries, gas, prescriptions, etc. is another way of helping New Hope at no extra cost to the purchases you normally make with cash.

Please consider using script cards it is very much appreciated by New Hope. What an easy way to help our church financially. Thanks for your participation.





2016 YARD SALE INFORMATION

An organizational yard sale meeting, on April 26th, was attended by a group of about 15 persons. These interested parties voted to move forward with a 2016 sale, with more division of responsibility and more specifically focused worker contributions of time and talent. A volunteer "Steering Committee" is in place to share responsibility for the entire event. It is composed of the following men, whose contact phone numbers are included for your convenience.

Doug Chapin	231-349-4059
Harry Coles Jr.	231-912-0894
Jerry Smith	231-937-6299

Our plan this year is to divide the yard sale into major categories and have a leader, or co-leaders, to help plan and organize each group. A weekly review meeting will be held to handle and resolve issues. Needs requiring a more rapid resolution will be taken directly to the steering committee by the leader or co-leader as they arise. The leaders and co-leaders will help develop their own teams from people they know or from the volunteer list.

Each team will develop a schedule of volunteers needed and times needing coverage. These leaders and co-leaders will be directly responsible for the accomplishments of their group's assigned tasks, and also responsible for progress updates to the steering committee.

SALE DATES FOR 2016:

Thurs June 16	9-4
Fri June 17	9-4
Sat June 18	9-12
Tear down/clean-up	Sat 11-4

The gym is available JUNE 1 to allow us to begin storage of donations.
 Church drop-off donations accepted June 1 and through Tues June 15
NO CLOTHES, SHOES, OR TELEVISIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED
 Home donation pick up starts Wed June 1
 Tables will be set up as needed

The Yard Sale tasks have been divided into 8 major categories.

Team Leader/Co-leaders

Harry Coles Jr	Pick up & drop off (including church intake schedule?)
Open	Gym design layout/area divisions
Kathleen Reau	Sorting, preparation, pricing and labeling of items
Linda Sbraccia	Publicity
Laura Hall	Collection/Check-out team
Open	Food team
Open	Tear down/Clean-up
Open	Signs for area posting on road & labeling in gym as requested

Leaders and /or Co-leaders are needed as soon as possible. The whole team will support you, so don't be shy. Past, and new, workers can call Doug, Harry or Jerry to volunteer. Your help, no matter how big or small, is greatly appreciated. Our next meeting will be Wed May 11 at 7:00 p.m.

from your pastor's point of view...

5-8-16

Dear Family and Friends,

Today we're continuing our series by looking at things that defeat the seven deadly sins in our lives.

Last week's video on pride really struck a chord, didn't it? Pride is something we all need to defeat, and humbly serving is the best way to make that happen.

This week, we're talking about defeating envy. Envy is actually jealousy on steroids. It's coveting something that belongs to others. It's a fear we have of not matching up, of not being as successful as others. And to be brutal, most of the time it's silliness in our heads. Those whom we are envious of often never know, and they may be envious of someone else! ☺

In Philippians 4:11, Paul writes, "...I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am." That's the secret!

I don't need to run myself into debt so that I can be the "envy" of neighborhood. We can be content with your car, with your home, and with your stuff. And, when we are, we then realize that we don't have to be the "envy" of anyone, but God himself, and because of Christ, no purchase is necessary.

In God's bodacious Grace and tremendous Love,

Pastor Green

Today's Message:

"Defeat Envy – Practice Contentment" (I Samuel 18:1-15)

*"Surviving the Seven Deadly Sins" Series using
"7 Habits of Highly Healthy People" (by Rev. Curry Pikkaart)*

Intro – Envy - a desire to possess what another has, or at the least, make sure that they lose it. (p.31)

Contentment – a sense of well-being, the assurance that everything will be all right. (p. 37, 39)

I – Envy = jealousy + fear = a feeling we'll never be any better

Saul being fearful/jealous of David because God's favor was now on David and the crowds new it!

Envy a) removes the joy from enjoying what we have

b) consumes us – "being green with envy"

c) blinds us – just like any sin, envy blocks our true sight

"Envy can ruin reputations, split churches, and cause murders.

Envy can shrink our circle of friends, ruin our business, and dwarf our souls...I have seen hundreds cursed by it."

Rev. Billy Graham (p. 32)

II – The antidote for envy is contentment...

Contentment is learned, we aren't born with it.

Contentment is about attitude and not circumstance.

Contentment is in this life only comes from a personal relationship with Jesus Christ!

Bottom line: When we're content, there is no envy.

UPCOMING MESSAGES - "Surviving the Seven Deadly Sins" Series

May 15- "Defeat Anger – Apply the Golden Rule" (Matthew 18:21-35)

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, I Peter 1:13-15)

June 12 – "Defeat Excess- Restrain Yourself"

(Ephesians 5:1-20)

