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Attendance

9:45 a.m. – 111 11:15 a.m. – 14

General:	\$4,453.00
Building:	\$ <u>220.00</u>
Total:	\$4,673.00

November 12, 2017 – Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost / International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church

O Lord our God, you are completely righteous and good. In Christ, you call us to worship you in Spirit and truth. Help us to connect our faith with our daily actions. Thank you for the freedom to gather and worship you. Please protect our Christian brothers and sisters in every land. May our church contribute to an unending flow of justice for those in need. Let our lives and offerings be pleasing in your sight. We pray through Christ your Son. Amen. (*Amos 5:18-24*)

November Administrative Meetings

Staff Parish Mtg. Mon. Nov. 6 – 6:00 p. m
Memorial Comm. Mtg. Thurs. Nov. 9 – 6 p.m.
Trustees Mtg. Wed. Nov. 15 – 6:30 p.m.
Finance Mtg. Thurs. Nov. 16 – 5:30 p.m.
Ad Council – Thurs. Nov. 16 – 7:00 p.m.
Staff Mtg. – Mon. Nov. 27 – 6:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES TO REMEMBER

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| S | 11/12 | 9:45 a.m. | Worship |
| | | 11:15 a.m. | “Uncommon” Worship |
| M | 11/13 | 1:00 p.m. | Ladies Bible Study |
| T | 11/14 | 9:30 a.m. | CHRISTMAS Craft Day |
| | | 5:30 p.m. | Men’s Emmaus |
| | | 6:30 p.m. | Men’s Bible Study |
| W | 11/15 | 10:00 a.m. | “Covering the Book”
Bible Study |
| | | 3:00 p.m. | NO Praise Too Practice |
| | | 3:20 p.m. | NO Kingdom Kids |
| | | 4:15 p.m. | NO Choir Practice |
| | | 5:30 p.m. | NO Wed. Night Supper |
| | | 6:00 p.m. | NO Youth |
| SA | 11/18 | 9:30 a.m. | Worship Design |
| | | 10:30 a.m. | Tech and Check |
| S | 11/19 | 9:45 a.m. | Worship |
| | | 11:15 a.m. | “Uncommon” Worship |
| M | 11/20 | 1:00 p.m. | Ladies Bible Study |
| T | 11/21 | 5:30 p.m. | Men’s Emmaus |
| | | 6:30 p.m. | Men’s Bible Study |
| W | 11/22 | 10:00 a.m. | “Covering the Book”
Bible Study |
| | | 3:00 p.m. | Praise Too Practice |
| | | 3:20 p.m. | NO Kingdom Kids |
| | | 4:15 p.m. | NO Choir Practice |
| | | 5:30 p.m. | NO Wed. Night Supper |
| | | 6:00 p.m. | NO Youth |
| TH | 11/23 | NEW HOPE OFFICE CLOSED
HAPPY THANKSGIVING | |
| SA | 11/25 | 9:30 a.m. | Worship Design |
| | | 10:30 a.m. | Tech and Check |
| S | 11/26 | 9:45 a.m. | Worship |
| | | 11:15 a.m. | “Uncommon” Worship |



Wednesday Night Dinner
5:30 p.m.

**There will be no
Wednesday Night Dinner
Wed. Nov. 15 and Wed. Nov. 22
See you on Nov. 29th!!**

Public Invited --- Free-Will Offering

**CARD SHOWER FOR
MARJORY HYDER
TO CELEBRATE HER
90TH BIRTHDAY**

Let's celebrate Marjory Hyder's 90th birthday with her by having a birthday card shower.

Please send all cards to:

Marjory Hyder

New Hope Assisted Living #12

702 E. Remus

Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Benevolence

The Benevolence Joyful Noise offering for October was \$335.50.

We were blessed to assist 2 families in the amount of \$84.05.

God Bless you for continuing to help this ministry.

*In Christ's Service,
Nancy Karcher*

**This week the church is being lit
in memory of
Sherry (Porter) Smith
from Charlie and Joyce Porter**

**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

**CHRISTMAS CRAFT DAY IS A
DAY OF FUN AND LAUGHTER**

For those of you that do not know what that is and maybe do not even know that we have



a weekly Craft Day at New Hope, let me explain. There are 9 or 10 of us that come on Tuesday to work on something of interest to us—knitting, crocheting, card making, embroidery, quilting,

cross stitch and sewing are just a few of the interests, and some days just socializing. We meet from 9:30-3:00.

We would love it if you joined us. Our Annual Christmas Craft Day is on the 2nd Tuesday of November, which this year is the 14th. That is when we invite anyone who does not come regularly to join us for one day of fun, whether it be for crafting or socializing. Most of us are working on projects, but that is not required. We have a pot luck lunch and a very fun day!

If you are not a regular crafter and want to join in the fun of the day, please think about coming. If you would like to try a craft, we have a few simple projects that you can try. If you don't want to try a craft, you can come for the company, the tea, and the pot luck lunch. Truly we have a great day. If you have any questions, or want to find out about crafts, please contact Nancy Santer at 989-561-2394 or see her at church.



There is a God!

If there is no God, nothing matters. If there is a God, nothing else matters.

H G Wells

Psalm 66:8-10

from your pastor's point of view...11-12-17

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A United Methodist View Regarding the Holy Spirit...

In Hebrew, the words for Spirit, wind, and breath are nearly the same. The same is true in Greek. In trying to describe God's activity among them, the ancients were saying that it was like God's breath, like a sacred wind. It could not be seen or held: "The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes" (John 3:8). But the effect of God's Spirit, like the wind, could be felt and known. Where do we find the evidence of the Spirit at work?

Today we continue to experience God's breath, God's Spirit. We sense the Spirit in time alone—perhaps in prayer, in our study of the Scriptures, in reflection on a difficult decision, or in the memory of a loved one. The Spirit's touch is intensely personal.

Perhaps we're even more aware of the Holy Spirit in the community of believers... Somehow the Spirit speaks through the thoughtful and loving interaction of God's people. The Holy Spirit, who brought the church into being, is still guiding and upholding it, if we will but listen. Through these fruits and gifts, the Holy Spirit empowers us for ministry in the world.

(adapted from www.umc.org/what-we-believe/our-christian-roots-the-holy-spirit)

"...Who Sustains (The Holy Spirit)" - John 14:15-27 "There is a God!" series

Intro – "The Holy Spirit is God's present activity in our midst. When we sense God's leading, God's challenge, or God's support or comfort, we say that it's the Holy Spirit at work."
(www.umc.org)

I – Old Testament: The Holy Spirit was there too! (page 2)

II – Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit – John 14:15-17, 25-26

"If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you." (...) "All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you."

III – The Holy Spirit Arrives as Promised – Acts 2:1-4

"When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them."

Bottom Line & Application

The early Christians were vividly aware of God's Spirit leading the new church. The Spirit continues to bring talents and gifts for ministry. The Spirit sustains, leads, and directs us to become more like Christ.

UPCOMING MESSAGES - "There is a God" series – thru Nov. 19

Nov. 19 - "...Who Wants to be Thanked!" (Luke 7:11-19)

"Embracing the Chaos of Christmas" series – thru December 31

Nov. 26 - "Embracing Family" (Matthew 1:1-17)

Dec. 3 - "Embracing the Preparation-John the Baptist" (John 1:6-8,19-29)

Dec. 10 - "Embracing God's Chaos – Joseph" (Matthew 1:18-25)

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.

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H G Wells

Psalm 86:8-10

from your pastor's point of view...11-12-17

The Holy Spirit in the Old Testament, Thomas Nelson website, Feb 21, 2017

No clearer statement of the intimate interworking of the triune God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—and especially of the Spirit's powerful role can be found in the Old Testament than in Isaiah's prophecy of the Servant of the Lord (Is. 42:1–9). The passage summarizes the redeeming work of all three Persons of the Trinity in the salvation of the lost. Thus it ties together in remarkable harmony both the Old Testament and New Testament understandings of God's grace. It also sheds light on our understanding of the Holy Spirit.

Some Bible readers assume that the Spirit's activity in Scripture is limited to the New Testament. But actually He is just as active in the Old Testament:

1. The Spirit participated in creation (Gen. 1:2; Job 26:13; Is. 32:15).
2. The Spirit gives life to humanity and the other creatures (Ps. 104:29, 30). It is interesting that when Genesis says God endows people with life by breathing into their nostrils the "breath of life" (Gen. 2:7), the word for "breath" is the same word translated elsewhere as "spirit."
3. The Spirit strives with sinners (Gen. 6:3), which is perhaps related to His work in convicting people of sin (John 16:8–11).
4. The Spirit came upon certain judges, warriors, and prophets in a way that gave them extraordinary power: for example, Joshua (Num. 27:18), Othniel (Judg. 3:10), Gideon (6:34), Samson (13:25; 14:6), and Saul (1 Sam. 10:9, 10). However, the Spirit later departed from Saul because of his disobedience (16:14).
5. The Spirit played a prominent role in the long span of Old Testament prophecy. David declared that "the Spirit of the Lord spoke by me, and His word was on my tongue" (2 Sam. 23:2). Likewise, Ezekiel reported that "the Spirit entered me when He spoke to me" (Ezek. 2:2).
6. The Spirit inspired holiness in Old Testament believers (Ps. 143:10). And Scripture promised that someday God would put His Spirit in His people in a way that would cause them to live according to His statutes (Ezek. 36:27).
7. The Spirit was crucial in helping God's people anticipate the ministry of the Messiah. For example, Isaiah 11:1–5 is a trinitarian preview of the working of the Father, the Spirit, and the Son, who is the Branch of Jesse. Looking forward to the ministry of Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit inspired Isaiah to prophesy: "The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him" (Is. 11:2), inspiring God's Chosen One with wisdom, understanding, counsel, might, knowledge, fear of the Lord, righteousness, and faithfulness. Thus we come full cycle to the New Testament, where Jesus claimed to be the fulfillment of this prophecy (Is. 61:1, 2; Luke 4:18, 19).

source: (www.thomasnelsonbibles.com/the-holy-spirit-in-the-old-testament)