

## Information for Today!

*Thank You for Serving on Sundays!  
(Call the church office to volunteer.)*

9:45 a.m. Service

Worship Leader: Kyle and Kelly Hondorp  
Multimedia: Bryan Brandou and Steven Stokes  
Nursery: Ashley Doerr and Danielle Long  
Ushers: John Durante, Ken Hixson, Jim Stewart,  
Greg Hall, Jack Smith  
Information Center: Joe and Judy Meyers  
Greeters: Rick and Carol Vandermeer  
Musicians: Lee Haslick, Art Sherwood, Wally Ewing  
Today's Message: Pastor Greg Buchner

**NEW HOPE CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:**  
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*The Sacrament of Communion is normally held every first Sunday at New Hope. Those who wish to walk in a closer relationship with Christ and with one another are invited to share.*

*The Sacrament of Baptism is available for children and adults by contacting the church office and meeting with the pastor.*

***Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday we have a "JOYFUL NOISE OFFERING" that benefits the Benevolence (helping) fund". Save your loose change, bills, and checks to make a joyful noise and help folks all at the same time. Please give as the Spirit leads.***

*Large print hymnals are available from the ushers.*

*PASTOR GREG IS NORMALLY AVAILABLE at the end of each service either at the front of the worship area or in his office when the sign says "Come on in." If you miss him, though, the best way to meet with him is to call the church office and schedule a time.*

*Praise and Prayer Request Cards are available in the pews and can be placed in the offering plate when passed or dropped off at the chapel following worship. They will be prayed over and then shared with the office for our bulletin prayer list. On Sundays, the cards will remain in the chapel for those who wish to copy the praises and prayers for their personal prayer time.*

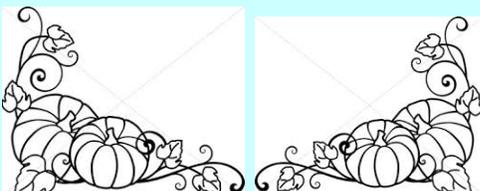
*Laying on of Hands & Praying Over the Praise and Prayer Cards happens every Sunday in the chapel following worship. If you need prayer or would like to join in the praying, please stop by the chapel just after the 9:45 am service.*

*Bulletin Prayer List - Our bulletin prayer list is created from praise reports and prayer requests throughout the week, including those shared with us on Sunday. Please note that some items may be edited for clarity, accuracy, and verification. The bulletin prayer request deadline is on Wednesdays.*

*ALL NEW HOPE CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS are printed here in the bulletin so that everyone will be able to receive the information, and so that everyone gets the opportunity of promoting their items equally on Sunday morning. If you wish to have your information added, please contact the church office by Wednesday. Thank you.*

**NOVEMBER MINISTRY  
OPPORTUNITIES  
TO REMEMBER**

- S 11/13 9:45 a.m. Worship**
- M 11/14 1:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study**  
**1-5:45 p.m. Red Cross Blood Drive**
- T 11/15 5:30 p.m. Tech and Check**  
**6:30 p.m. Worship Design**  
**5:30 p.m. Men's Emmaus**  
**6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study**
- W 11/16 10:00 a.m. "Covering the Book"**  
**Bible Study**  
**3:00 p.m. Praise Too Practice**  
**3:20 p.m. Kingdom Kids Afterschool**  
**4:15 p.m. Choir Practice**  
**5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper**  
**6:00 p.m. Youth**
- SA 11/19 11-1 p.m. Tae Kwon Do**
- S 11/20 9:45 a.m. Worship**  
**4:00 p.m. Ball Brothers Concert**
- M 11/21 1:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study**
- T 11/22 5:30 p.m. Tech and Check**  
**6:30 p.m. Worship Design**  
**5:30 p.m. Men's Emmaus**  
**6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study**
- W 11/23 10:00 a.m. "Covering the Book"**  
**Bible Study**  
**3:00 p.m. Praise Too Practice**  
**4:15 p.m. Choir Practice**
- TH 11/24 HAPPY THANKSGIVING  
NEW HOPE WILL BE CLOSED**
- SA 11/26 11-1 p.m. Tae Kwon Do**
- S 11/27 9:45 a.m. Worship**
- M 11/28 1:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study**
- T 11/29 5:30 p.m. Tech and Check**  
**6:30 p.m. Worship Design**  
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**November Administrative Meetings  
NO STAFF PARISH MTG.**

- Trustees Mtg.** Wed. Nov. 16 – 6:30 p.m.  
**Finance Mtg.** Wed. Nov. 16 – 7 p.m.  
**Memorial Committee** Thurs. Nov. 17 – 6 p.m.  
**Ad Council Mtg.** Thurs. Nov. 17 – 7 p.m.  
**Staff Mtg.** Mon. Nov. 28 – 6:00 p.m.



SCHEDULE

**GALACTIC BLAST**

**Nov. 13 - Bible Story**  
Sue Reed

**Nov. 20 - Snack**  
Mary Coles

**Nov. 27 – Craft**  
Betty Stewart

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

Dear New Hope Friends and Family,  
Thank you again!

We received another \$1,305 in building loan payment donations in this past week. So as of 11-6-16, we have raised together \$41,632! On behalf of the finance team and church leadership:

Thank you for your generosity.  
Thank you for trusting in New Hope.  
Thank you for your stewardship.  
Thank you for answering the call of Christ.  
In God's bodacious Grace, faultless Truth, and tremendous Love,  
*Pastor Greg*

## Wednesday Night Dinner Menu

Thanksgiving Dinner  
with all of the fixings!

**5:30 p.m.**  
**Free-will offering**  
**Public Invited**



We would like to thank everyone that gives me,  
my sister and my dad rides to church every  
Sunday and other rides that are needed.

Thank you from our hearts.

*The Gibbons*

**Thank You for the  
opportunity to take 24  
kids coats to God's  
Helping Hands for  
distribution.**



We received a good selection of size and  
colors.

Just know how much it means to help keep  
a child warm this winter!

God Bless,  
Nancy Karcher

**This week the church is being lit to honor**  
my first husband Harold (Harry) A. Brejcha who  
passed away at much too early an age and my  
second husband, Carlisle (Carl) A. Ritter with  
whom I shared 35 years of marriage before he,  
too, went to live with our Lord and Saviour.

*Marian Ritter*

LIGHT  
THE  
CHURCH



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 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*



We would like to  
invite all ladies to our  
annual **Faith Circle  
Christmas luncheon**  
at the Antler's  
Restaurant on  
Thursday November  
17 at noon.

We do a gift  
exchange with a \$10  
gift. If you would like a gift you just bring a gift.  
We always have a really good time. Time to  
get into the spirit. You do not need to be a  
member of the **Circle to join us.**

Please RSVP to  
Betty Stewart  
972-0009 or  
Michele Martin  
972-8096.



# The Ball Brothers

## Christmas Concert at New Hope

The Ball Brothers will put on their annual Christmas Concert for the first time at New Hope on Sunday, November 20th at 4:00 pm. Doors will open at 3:00 pm. Tickets are on sale now at the Info Center and will be \$12 in advance and \$15 the day of the concert.

The Ball Brothers are two brothers, Andrew and Daniel Ball along with brother-in-law Chad McCloskey and newcomer, Matt Davis. The group travels world-wide, singing their distinctive brand of Christian music.

Since their formation in 2006, the Ball Brothers have rapidly made their mark in Christian music by finding a musical balance between the old and the new. "We've never been to a place where every person in the audience was the same age. On the contrary, most places we go have a mixture of young, middle-aged, and older people. So, our music style and song selection is based around that blend. It's great to see a grandmother and granddaughter worshiping together and enjoying the same music. We get to see that on a regular basis," says lead vocalist, Daniel.

What can someone expect when they hear the Ball Brothers? A mix of musical styles, melted together by tight, four-part harmony. Each song is hand-picked to be message-driven, and theologically sound. Their goal is to spread the message of the Gospel and encourage believers.

From over 15,000,000 online video views, to Gaither videos, to national television appearances; from Youth Conferences to Senior Retreats; from Sunday morning worship service, to Saturday afternoon at the state fair; the Ball Brothers thrive in a balanced ministry, carving out a sound and approach that is uniquely their own. Regardless of your age or musical preference, the Ball Brothers invite you to see and hear the difference.



### Quick Facts:

- Their hit song "It's About the Cross" hit #5 on the iTunes Christian Chart and has been seen over 3 millions times online.
- Their album "Breakthrough" made the top #10 on the iTunes Christian Chart.
- Won the 2011 Singing News "Horizon Group of the Year"
- Appeared on the popular Gaither Homecoming video series.
- Performed on the Main Stage of the National Quartet Convention.
- Over 15 million online video views from 2015-2016
- Shared the stage with some of the biggest names in Christian music including: The Gaither Vocal Band, Point of Grace, Jason Crabb, Ernie Haase and Signature Sound, the Martins, Legacy Five, and many more.
- Travel more than 150 dates per year across the World.

Come enjoy a great afternoon of Christmas music to get us all in the spirit of Christmas!! Any questions, please contact Greg/Laura Hall at 231-972-7000.



The cards from the Salvation Army in Big Rapids are now at New Hope and on the tree in the Narthex. Be sure that if you take a card off from the tree, that you register it on the sign-up sheet next to the tree.

This year will be different from last year in that instead of

purchasing gifts for a specific family, you will be purchasing toys, clothes, games, shoes for age groups and gender.

They have done research and come up with toys, games and clothing which are the most popular with the different age groups. This way you're supplying Christmas gifts the families can choose from rather than try to pick items from the card they filled out at their interview. So New Hope, take a family or child and give them a wonderful Christmas in 2016.

Remember the toys are not to be wrapped or used toys. Please put them into large bags with the card attached. If there are multiple bags, please attach a copy of the card to each bag. Also please close the bag so the items are not visible.

*Don Santer. Dir Missions*

*Registration dates at the Salvation Army to sign up for the Angel Tree Program are Monday-Friday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. until November 18<sup>th</sup>. You must provide proof of income (past 30 days), social security cards for all in the household, valid ID with current address. The Salvation Army registration is at 325 Linden St., Big Rapids.*

### **Annual Christmas Potluck & White Elephant Party**



The Annual Christmas Potluck Party and white elephant gift exchange will be Sunday, December 11 at 5:00 pm.

**Everyone is invited to come!**  
This will also be the Second

Saturday Munch Bunch get together for December. We ask that you bring a dish to pass, and that each person attending bring a "white elephant" wrapped gift to exchange—guys bring a "guys" gift and ladies bring a "ladies" gift. A "white elephant" gift is something that is not useful to you anymore, but might be useful to someone else. Plates, silverware, and beverage will be furnished. Come for some great food, fellowship, and laughs!! There will be a sign up board in the Narthex by the office starting November 27. Questions, call Laura Hall at 231-972-7000.

### **I would like to thank all of the individuals who helped at the Memorial Service luncheon of Lois Skinner.**

I couldn't have done it without you. All of your help, no matter how big or small, was very much appreciated.

Trudy Crowley



### **PRAISE**

#### ***Praise for our youth group and leaders.***

God has blessed New Hope so much with our youth group. When this group was in elementary and middle school, they were blessed to have Fran and Art as camp leaders. Fran and Art are still involved with them. Fran teaches Tae Kwon Do. She also provides transportation to Wed. youth group and Sat. morning Tae Kwon Do. In addition she has taught several of the youth to run the sound board not only for worship on Sunday, but also for funeral and Memorial services.

Art has been known to take the youth to Sherwood's cabin in the U.P. Art also takes care of the pasty orders and delivery from an authentic U.P. bakery.

New Hope has been blessed in so many ways since Rachel and Wally Ewing joined our congregation a few years ago. Wally first became the rhythm section of our Sunday morning worship team. Rachel has been instrumental in our March "reading month" book drive. Rachel has helped with the Wednesday afternoon Kingdom Kids program.

When Sherri Brandt retired from youth group leader supervisor and many other jobs this spring, Rachel and Wally stepped up to be the new leaders. Wally and Rachel are hands-on leaders with many new ideas and activities. Their Music Café this past Saturday was so good and such a unique idea.

I think my most proud moments come when I see the youth participating in our worship services.

Steven, you have become an awesome worship leader. It's wonderful to see members of our youth group singing in the choir. The Saints remembering service on this past Sunday was beautiful.

With Wally, Rachel, the Osterbaans, also Fran and Art's participation, it is taking our New Hope village to raise this wonderful group of our children.

Once again a BIG thanks to each and every one of you.

*Goldie Martin*

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

11-13-16

Hey New Hope Folks,

In Mark we've read that Jesus' whole talk about "dying to save us and then coming back to life again" was too much for the disciples to fathom. And if we're honest, it can be get pretty deep for us too, can't it?

Jesus didn't die as a convicted sinner or thief. He didn't die as a martyr or to make a political speech. Jesus died to save us from our sin and our inability to save ourselves from the consequences of that sin.

Let me be as straightforward as I possibly can, without the cross and Jesus' willing sacrifice on it, every single one of us would be in hell forever. God cannot live where sin lives, so we needed an intercessor.

Thankfully, Jesus saves and He was ready to save us from the beginning. Mercifully, once we accept Him and search out His forgiveness, he fully and completely accepts and forgives it all (Romans 8:1-2), mostly because of His bodacious Grace, faultless Truth, and tremendous Love!

*Pastor Greg*



## Today's Message: "Jesus Died as Our Savior" (Mark 15:33-39)

*"Keeping Jesus the Main Thing" Series*

**Intro** – Our salvation in only 47 verses!

Jesus Before Pilate (Mark 15:1-15)

The Soldiers Mock Jesus (Mark 15:16-20)

The Crucifixion of Jesus (Mark 15:21-32)

The Death and Burial of Jesus (Mark 15:33-47)

Jesus' main purpose was to be our Savior (Luke 19:10)

**I – Jesus, our Savior, redeems us**

Jesus' action bought us, took us off the market, set us free (Galatians 4:1-7; Revelation 5:8-9)

**II – Jesus, our Savior, took our place**

Jesus' action paid the price we owed & took the place of our punishment. (I John 2:2, 4:10; Romans 3:25-26)

**III – Jesus, our Savior, reconciled us**

Jesus' action rebuilt our relationship with our Creator (2 Corinthians 5:17-21)

**Bottom Line**

*So what is our response? (Philippians 3:1-14)*

Jesus saved us, is saving us, and will continue to save us. Jesus wants to be our main thing, for everything, forever!

## UPCOMING MESSAGES –

*"Keeping Jesus the Main Thing (Gospel of Mark)" Series thru 11/20*

Nov. 20 – "Jesus Lives as Our King" (Mark 16:9-20)

*"believe." Series thru December 25.*

Nov. 27 – "Knowing How But Not When" (Matthew 24:36-44)

Dec. 4 - "Changing Hearts! Changing Lives!" (Matthew 3:1-12)

Dec. 11 – "Reporting What You Hear and See" (Matthew 11:2-11)

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