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Thank you!

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November 13, 2016

Attendance: 124

General: \$2,568.00

Bldg: \$87.01

Total: \$2,655.01

Building Loan III: \$797.00

**November 20, 2016 Last Sunday After
Pentecost/ in Kingdomtide – Christ the
King/Reign of Christ Sunday**

(Bible Sunday)

God of majesty, we praise you, for you are the king of the universe. You have conquered sin and death through the cross and resurrection of Jesus, your Son. Now he reigns with you on high. We are grateful that your kingdom abounds in forgiveness, righteousness, and peace. May Christ reign in our hearts, and may we may share his generous love with others. In joy, we offer our time, talents, and treasure to witness to your kingdom as we await the return of Christ in glory. Amen. *(Luke 23:33-43)*



**NOVEMBER MINISTRY
OPPORTUNITIES
TO REMEMBER**

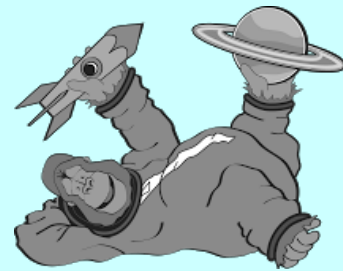
- S 11/20 9:45 a.m. Worship**
4:00 p.m. Ball Brothers Concert
- M 11/21 1:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study**
- T 11/22 5:30 p.m. Tech and Check**
6:30 p.m. Worship Design
5:30 p.m. Men's Emmaus
6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study
- W 11/23 3:00 p.m. Praise Too Practice**
4:15 p.m. Choir Practice
- TH 11/24 HAPPY THANKSGIVING**
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
5:30 p.m. Men's Emmaus
6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study
- W 11/30 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

The "Covering the Book" Bible Study will not be meeting on 11/23 but will resume on 11/30. Have a great Thanksgiving .



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.



Nov. 20 - Snack
 Mary Coles

Nov. 27 – Craft
 Betty Stewart

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

**Wednesday Night
Dinner Menu**

There will *not* be a Wednesday Night Dinner
 On Wed. Nov. 23rd.



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

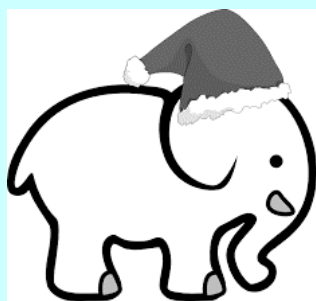
The Church is being lit in memory of
**Dorothy and Roy Laser and
Sister Beverly Brock**



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



The 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.



NOTICE

The office at New Hope will be closed from
**Thursday, November 24 until
Monday, December 5th.**

If you have an urgent pastoral need,
please contact Pastor Greg at 989-621-7782.

The deadline for the bulletin for November
27 and December 4 will be November 22.



Looking for a special gift for someone this Christmas?

Consider giving them
"A Gifts of Love"
Cookbook from the United
Methodist Women of New
Hope. The cost is \$15

each and they are available at New Hope.

If you have questions, contact the church
office at 231-972-2838 or one of the United
Methodist Women.



Larry and I have been truly blessed by the
outpouring of love given to us by this
community and congregation.

We want to give hugs and thanks to Jim
Grace, Phil Marcotte, Art Sherwood, Don
Santer, Charley Porter, Rick Vandermeer, Joe
Myers and Gerry Hermann, who unselfishly
gave of their time and talents to build a roof
over our back porch and steps making it a lot
safer for us this winter. This was truly local
missions at work.

God Bless You!
The Karchers



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 ys. 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



If you are a leader of a small group and wish to have your event(s) publicized, please contact Linda Sbraccia with the information at least one month in advance by calling 231-359-1283.

Remember we are here to ***Love God, Love Others and Serve.***



Benevolence Report

Our Benevolence/Joyful Noise offering for the month of October was \$304.00

We assisted 3 families in the amount of \$467.82.

It is through the generosity of the New Hope Congregation that this ministry can continue. Thanks be to God.

In His Service,
Nancy Karcher
Director of Emergency Funds



The Scrip Program is ending as it did not perform to expectations. Our last order will be placed on Monday, November 28.

Please think about what you may want for Christmas gifts so they can be ordered. Since this is our last order pre-payment would be appreciated.

Thank you to all who have participated. We appreciate your support.

Linda Randall, Paul Richards, Linda Sbraccia.

from your pastor's point of view...

11-20-16

Hey New Hope Folks,

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!

In just a few short days, we'll be taking the time to be intentionally thankful. When we do, we're actually being Biblical at the same time!

1 Thessalonians 5:18 reminds us that "In everything give thanks." But that is often easier said than done, so let me offer up my thanksgiving top 10:

- 1 – my faith in God through Christ
(esp. His grace – truth - love)
- 2 – my family (past-present-future)
- 3 – my call to ordained ministry
- 4 – my New Hope & U.M.C. families
- 5 – my set of experiences - education
and personal life challenges
- 6 – being able to live in the United
States with all of its benefits
- 7 – our armed forces and their
families who sacrifice for #6.
- 8 – music in all its forms
- 9 – nature (esp. Lake Mich. & sunsets)
- 10 – minivans that still run, and yes,
trucks yet to be purchased! ☺

I invite you to make a list too! Hint: it shouldn't look like mine 100%. ☺
We are a blessed people serving a God of blessings. Take some time and I know that you'll find the ways to be thankful, especially considering God's bodacious Grace, faultless Truth, and tremendous Love!

Pastor Greg

Today's Message: "Jesus Lives as Our King" (Mark 16:9-20)

Keeping Jesus the Main Thing" Series

Intro – We've made it! This is week 16! All the way thru Mark. Last Sunday: Good Friday and salvation. Today: Easter and resurrection! Jesus is our RISEN King!

I – Why does having Jesus as our risen King matter?

Without resurrection, we would still have salvation. With resurrection, we have a reason for that salvation: an eternal-life-relationship with our generous King. (Romans 6:9-10) – It gives us hope!

II – The Resurrection was "hope" to Mary and the disciples.

(Mark 16:9-18)

III – The Resurrection is "hope" to us as we carry out what Jesus directed.

(Mark 16:19-20)

Bottom Line

Jesus is our risen King, and He wants to be our main thing, for everything, forever!



UPCOMING MESSAGES –

"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)
- Dec. 18 – "Doing Things Differently" (Matthew 1:18-25)
- Dec. 24 – (Christmas Eve 7pm) – "Believing" (Luke 2:1-20)
- Dec. 25 – "Doing Something with our Belief" (Matthew 11:2-11)
- Jan. 2017 – "God Opportunities" & Feb. 2016 – "Loving Agape Style"

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