

**NOVEMBER MINISTRY  
OPPORTUNITIES  
TO REMEMBER**

- 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**

**DECEMBER**

- SA 12/3 11-2 Tae Kwon Do**
- S 12/4 9:45 a.m. Worship**
- Hanging of the Greens after Service**
- M 12/5 1:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study**
- 1:30 p.m. Mary Martha Mtg.**
- T 12/6 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 12/7 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 12/10 11-2 Tae Kwon Do**
- S 12/11 9:45 a.m. Worship**
- 5:00 p.m. Annual Christmas**
- Potluck and White Elephant Party**
- M 12/12 1:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study**
- T 12/13 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 12/14 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 12/17 11-2 Tae Kwon Do**
- S 12/18 9:45 a.m. Worship**

**Winter Reminder:** We never cancel service on Sundays due to the weather. Please make your best judgement. If you can make it safely, we look forward to seeing you!

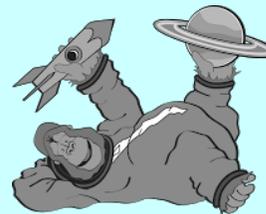
**December Administrative Meetings**  
**No Staff Parish Meeting**  
**No Trustees Meeting**  
**Finance Mtg. Wed. Dec. 7 – 6:30 p.m.**  
**No Ad Council Meeting**  
**Staff Mtg. Mon. Dec. 12 – 6:00 p.m.**



SCHEDULE

**GALACTIC BLAST**

**Nov. 27 – Craft  
Mary Coles**



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

**Wednesday Night  
Dinner Menu**

- Meatballs and Noodles
- Vegetable
- Dessert
- Beverage



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

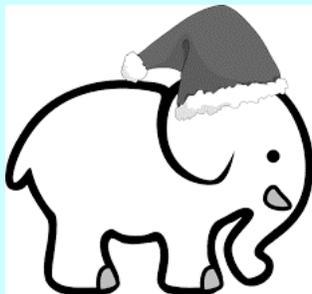
The Church is being lit  
In Honor of Our Servant Volunteers  
from the  
Pastor Parish Relations Committee



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.

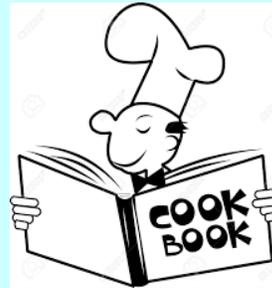


## NOTICE

The office at New Hope will be closed from until Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup>.

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

Hanging of the Greens will take place after the December 4<sup>th</sup> service. A meal will be provided after we get everything up, so please plan on joining us!



**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.

**Special Note: Jerry Smith was mistakenly left off from this thank you. So here's a very special thank you to Jerry.**

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.***



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.

## ***PRAISE GOD!.... AND THANK YOU!***

Praise God. I had a phone call from my Surgeon, and he told me there was no cancer in the tumors he removed.

Thanks to Pastor Greg and Barbara Richards for the phone calls/contacts they made on my behalf, for Michelle and Larry Martin for taking me to Blodgett an remaining to bring me home after the surgery; for Jim Stewart rearranging his schedule to be available; for Sharon Gray for staying all day with Beverly; for Sue Reed for casseroles and visiting; and for all of you that prayed for me; for Steve Stokes, Jason and Nicole for working on the leaves in my yard.

Norvil Brown.