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Attendance

9:45 a.m. – 107 11:15 a.m. – 9

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November 5, 2017 – Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost/All Saints Sunday

God, our helper, you are our great joy! Your Holy Spirit enlightens the minds and hearts of your people. Thank you for always encouraging us to draw near to you in prayer and worship. In times of trouble or concern, we find hope and peace in your presence. Guide our congregation to share the warmth and good news of your love in ministries with people in our wider community. Receive these tithes and offerings in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen. (*Psalm 43*)

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 11/5 | 9:45 a.m. | Worship |
| | 11:15 a.m. | “Uncommon” Worship |
| M 11/6 | 1:00 p.m. | Ladies Bible Study |
| | 1:30 p.m. | Mary Martha Mtg. |
| T 11/7 | 9:30 a.m. | Craft Day |
| | 5:30 p.m. | Men’s Emmaus |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Men’s Bible Study |
| W 11/8 | 10:00 a.m. | “Covering the Book”
Bible Study |
| | 3:00 p.m. | Praise Too Practice |
| | 3:20 p.m. | Kingdom Kids |
| | 4:15 p.m. | Choir Practice |
| | 5:30 p.m. | Wednesday Night Supper |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Youth |
| SA 11/11 | 9:30 a.m. | Worship Design |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Tech and Check |
| 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. | Praise Too Practice |
| | 3:20 p.m. | Kingdom Kids |
| | 4:15 p.m. | Choir Practice |
| | 5:30 p.m. | Wednesday Night Supper |
| | 6:00 p.m. | 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 |



Wednesday Night Dinner
November 8 5:30 p.m.

Thanksgiving Dinner
With All the Fixings

Dessert

Beverage

Public Invited --- Free-Will Offering

To All New Hope Men,

All men who attend New Hope are part of United Methodist Men's Association.

We would like you all to join us on the first Sunday of the month at 7:30 am for breakfast and a monthly meeting at 8:00. We are in need of members to help with some of the functions we present, such as Easter breakfast. We know that is early in the morning, but it is only once a month. In the month of July there is no meeting or breakfast. We are not a real busy group, but we do provide activities for New Hope throughout the year; Easter Breakfast, Ladies Night out are the two biggest. We would really like for you become a regular attender once a month and help when we provide an activity for New Hope.

Join us, you will find it rewarding to get to know more of the men of New Hope.

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



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

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

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.

NEW HOPE GIVING CROSS



Have you noticed the wooden cross in the Narthex? If not, take a moment to find out where it is located.

The cross is specially designed so that all of us have an opportunity to give to those special areas of the Church

operation, in which we have an interest.

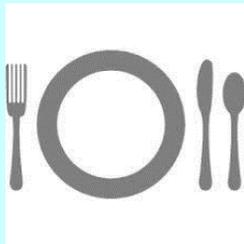
Simply put your coins, bills, or checks in the slot corresponding to your interest. The needs change periodically, so check the cross often to see the current support opportunities.

In recent months the cross donations have been used to support Wednesday night dinners, youth programs, mission trips, church maintenance, and even to help with the mortgage payments.

If you have any questions about the cross, contact the church office or a member of the finance committee.

Second Saturday Munch Bunch

The Second Saturday Munch Bunch will meet for dinner on Saturday, November 11 at 5:00 pm at the Winter Inn in Greenville. The Winter Inn is located at 100 N. Lafayette Street in Greenville.



Opened in 1902 by T.B. Winter, the Inn was one of two first class hotels in town, servicing many of the visitors coming to town by rail. They have everything from specialty burgers to steaks cooked your way and delicious Italian and Mexican cuisine.

The Second Saturday Munch Bunch is open to everyone in the church and is a great way to get to know other people. We usually meet at a restaurant the second Saturday of each month for breakfast, lunch, or dinner.

Come enjoy a great meal, conversation, and fellowship! There is no obligation to going every second Saturday—come when you are able to! If you have never attended one of our outings, why not try us!

There is a sign-up board located in the Narthex by the church office. Any questions, please call Laura Hall at 231-972- 7000.



NOTICE: Please visit our **Military Board in Fellowship Hall** for addresses of our active military connections, and if you have someone you wish to add, leave the information with the church office.

If you are a New Hope Veteran, please notify the church office with that information, as well. We'd be honored to include you on our Veterans list!

Mission to Baton Rouge, LA. Oct 7 - 15



Team Members: Art Sherwood, Sue Reed, Jim & Betty Stewart, Trudy Crowley, Sharon Gray, Linda Snyder, Paula Serra, Mel Houch, Jim Grace

We arrived safely after two long days of driving. It was only 89 degrees when we got there. We stayed at Greenwell Baptist Church in very nice air conditioned accommodations. Our day started with a prayer at breakfast, a devotion from one of our team after breakfast and a little singing. Then off to the work sites. After supper we have share time where we talked about the experiences we had at the work sites. We closed in prayer and went to our rooms too tired to do much else.

South central Louisiana received 24 inches of rain in 24 hours and 31 Parishes (counties) were flooded. Over 100,000 homes were destroyed internally and many totally by 4 to 6 feet of water. Many people had to be rescued by the 'Bayou Navy', local residents who had boats. The Bayou Navy used the flooded streets to aid their neighbors.

Our team was split into three groups and went to different houses. We've been doing finish work like spackling and painting trim, baseboards, crown molding, chair railing and touching up paint splatters on walls left by the contract painters. We installed flooring, tiled bathrooms, installed doors, did some demolition and a number of other odd jobs. The work was long (8 to 4) and hard, but very rewarding.

One of the neat parts of the experience was a number of our crew learned new skills. Another rewarding part of the mission was meeting the home owners. They were overwhelmed with the devastation and continuously thanked us for being there to help them. The staff there (as always) was wonderful. They overflow with God's love. All of us feel honored to be here in God's service and all that we do is for His glory.

On behalf of the Mission Team, Art Sherwood

There is a God!

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

H G Wells

Psalm 86:8-10

from your pastor's point of view...11-5-17

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Dear New Hope Family and Friends,

If I said, "I am redeemed!" what's the first thing that comes into your mind? As a believer, this can be your claim! The video said: "Redeemed, how I love to proclaim it! Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb; Redeemed through His infinite mercy, His child and forever I am." Those words were originally written by Fanny J. Crosby in 1882, but they still speak to that all-incredible joy that comes when we accept that fact that we can't save ourselves, but that Jesus can and did!

R. David Rightmire in an article on redemption for the Baker's Evangelical Dictionary of Biblical Theology says this, "The central theme of redemption in Scripture is that God has taken the initiative to act compassionately on behalf of those who are powerless to help themselves. The New Testament makes clear that divine redemption includes God's identification with humanity in its plight, and the securing of liberation of humankind through the obedience, suffering, death, and resurrection of the incarnate Son." (underlining mine).

Literally, redemption is a legal term that says even though we are absolutely guilty, we are absolutely free. That only happens with God's bodacious Grace, faultless Truth, & tremendous Love,

"...Who Redeems (Jesus)"

(Colossians 1:14-28; Matthew 16:13-20)

"There is a God!" series



Intro – Playing at the "City Rescue Mission" @
607 E. Michigan Avenue, Lansing Michigan

I – Jesus is the Great Reconciler (Redeemer).

"For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross."
(Colossians 1:19-20)

II – Jesus is the Messiah (Savior).

"But what about you?" Jesus asked. "Who do you say I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." (Matthew 16:15-16)

III – Jesus is our Way, our Truth, our Life. (John 14:6)

Bottom Line & Application

The family business is redemption! God sent Jesus to complete the contract we couldn't complete.

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

Nov. 12 - "...Who Sustains (Spirit)" (John 14:15-27)

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)

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're normally at the front of the worship space so that a conversation is easier. Stop and say hi.