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**September 24, 2017**

**Attendance**

**9:45 a.m. – 117    11:15 a.m. – 19**

General:	\$1,893.00
Building:	<u>\$80.00</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1,973.00</b>

### October 1, 2017 – Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost // World Communion Sunday

Most Gracious God, you hold each person's life as more precious than we can imagine. When we turn aside from following your way, you urgently call us back to your way. Send your Spirit to give us a new heart to live as faithful people who show forgiveness to others. We dedicate our lives and our money to help share your good news with our neighbors. We pray through Christ your Son, who gave his life for the sake of the world. Amen. (*Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32*)

#### October Administrative Meetings

**Staff Parish Mtg.** Mon. Oct. 2 – 6:00 p.m.  
**Finance Mtg.** Thurs. Oct. 5 – 6:30 p.m.  
**Trustees Mtg.** Wed. Oct. 18 – 6:30 p.m.  
**Ad Council Mtg.** – Oct. 19 – 7:00 p.m.  
**Staff Mtg.** – Mon. Oct. 23 – 6:00 p.m.

### OCTOBER MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES TO REMEMBER

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| <b>S 10/1</b>   | <b>9:45 a.m.</b>  | <b>Worship</b>                             |
|                 | <b>11:15 a.m.</b> | <b>“Uncommon” Worship</b>                  |
| <b>M 10/2</b>   | <b>1:00 p.m.</b>  | Ladies Bible Study                         |
| <b>T 10/3</b>   | <b>9:30 a.m.</b>  | Craft Day                                  |
|                 | <b>5:30 p.m.</b>  | Men's Emmaus                               |
|                 | <b>6:30 p.m.</b>  | Men's Bible Study                          |
|                 | <b>7:30 p.m.</b>  | Mission Mtg.                               |
| <b>W 10/4</b>   | <b>10:00 a.m.</b> | <b>“Covering the Book”<br/>Bible Study</b> |
|                 | <b>3:00 p.m.</b>  | Praise Too Practice                        |
|                 | <b>3:20 p.m.</b>  | Kingdom Kids                               |
|                 | <b>4:15 p.m.</b>  | Choir Practice                             |
|                 | <b>5:30 p.m.</b>  | Wednesday Night Supper                     |
|                 | <b>6:00 p.m.</b>  | Youth                                      |
| <b>SA 10/7</b>  | <b>9:45 a.m.</b>  | Tech and Check                             |
|                 | <b>10:30 a.m.</b> | Worship Design                             |
| <b>S 10/8</b>   | <b>9:45 a.m.</b>  | <b>Worship</b>                             |
|                 | <b>11:15 a.m.</b> | <b>“Uncommon” Worship</b>                  |
| <b>M 10/9</b>   | <b>1:00 p.m.</b>  | Ladies Bible Study                         |
| <b>T 10/10</b>  | <b>9:30 a.m.</b>  | Craft Day                                  |
|                 | <b>5:30 p.m.</b>  | Men's Emmaus                               |
|                 | <b>6:30 p.m.</b>  | Men's Bible Study                          |
| <b>W 10/11</b>  | <b>10:00 a.m.</b> | <b>“Covering the Book”<br/>Bible Study</b> |
|                 | <b>3:00 p.m.</b>  | Praise Too Practice                        |
|                 | <b>3:20 p.m.</b>  | Kingdom Kids                               |
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|                 | <b>5:30 p.m.</b>  | Wednesday Night Supper                     |
|                 | <b>6:00 p.m.</b>  | Youth                                      |
| <b>SA 10/14</b> | <b>9:45 a.m.</b>  | Tech and Check                             |
|                 | <b>10:30 a.m.</b> | Worship Design                             |
| <b>S 10/15</b>  | <b>9:45 a.m.</b>  | <b>Worship</b>                             |
|                 | <b>11:15 a.m.</b> | <b>“Uncommon” Worship</b>                  |



**CHILDREN'S  
MINISTRY**

### SCHEDULE

Oct. 2 – AnnMarie Buchner

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



## Wednesday Night Dinner

October 4 5:30 p.m.

Chili

Grilled Cheese Sandwiches

Apple Crisp Beverage

**Public Invited --- Free-Will Offering**

## Second Saturday Munch Bunch

The Second Saturday Munch Bunch will meet for dinner on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm at the Remus Tavern in the Green Room. 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.

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*

## Been thinking about doing a bible study?

I have an interest expressed in either Disciple I or II. You have to have taken One before you can do any of the others. Disciple Bible Study is an in depth (32 weeks) study and I think you will find very interesting. One surveys the whole bible and then the others (2, 3, and 4) focus in on certain books, each one half in the Old Testament and the other in the New Testament.

If you are interested, we will start this fall and end next spring late. Ask me any questions you may have and then when I get at least 5 people we will begin.

*Sherry Anderson 231-972-7679.*

ALL  
SAINTS'

## ALL SAINTS SUNDAY NAMES NEEDED

On Sunday,  
October 29, 2016, at

the 9:45 am service, we're going to remember the saints who have passed on before us. It's a special time in the life of the church to remember our loved ones.

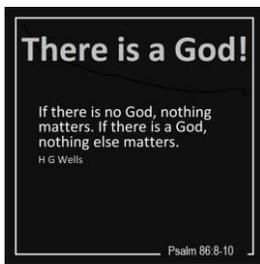
Who is a saint? Well, a saint can be any person of faith who helped us in our faith. We're not looking for perfect people, but those in our family who have meant the most to us who are now enjoying God's eternal promises.

As in previous years, we will two lists available.

The first list will have the names of those who have passed in the last year (November 2016-October 2017.) These names will be read and a candle lit for them on October 29.

The second list, of those saints who have passed before last year, will be printed in the bulletin and will be remembered together as a group on October 29.

In order for the names to be read and to have them in the bulletin, please have them into the church office  
([newhope.mecosta@gmail.com](mailto:newhope.mecosta@gmail.com) or 231-972-2838) by Sunday, October 22, 2016.  
Any questions can be directed there or to Pastor Greg.



# from your pastor's point of view... 10-1-17

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989-621-7782  
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@gmail.com

Dear Family and Friends,

This past week, Fran started us on this "There is a God!" journey. She especially focused on the fact God is a God who there for us...no matter what. Isn't that amazing? The God who knows all, created all, redeemed us all...is there for us all in Jesus Christ.

This week, we continue the series but looking back at something it good to be reminded of from time to time. Of course, we're talking about how God loves us.

I was reminded this past week as we attended the "New Room Conference" down in Tennessee that God is bigger than our imagination, stronger than our hopes and dreams, and more loving than anything or anyone else ever. We can't even begin to know the depths of our Father's love. In Ephesians 3:17-19, Paul writes, "And I pray that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to comprehend the length and width and height and depth of His love, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God..." We can't out-love God! But, because of His bodacious Grace, faultless Truth, and, tremendously tremendous Love, we shouldn't give up trying!

## "...Who Loves" (I John 4:7-19, Romans 8:38-39) "There is a God!" series

**Intro** – "The answer is Jesus." – Fran Norris

### I – "God loves ALL OF US more."

"I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you (to myself) with loving kindness..."  
(Jeremiah 31:3).

### II – God's Love Came First – Love Comes From God

"If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God. And so we know and rely on the love God has for us." (I John 4:15-16)  
God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. (I John 4:7-19)

### III - God's Love is Indestructible!

"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."  
(Romans 8:38-39)

### Bottom Line & Application

God loved us first with a never-failing love. (I Cor. 13)  
What will we do with it? What will we do because of it?  
What will we be and do because of God's love for us?

*"Live like you're loved. Walk like you're free.  
Stand like you know who he made you to be.  
Live like you're loved, like you believe,  
His love is all that you'll ever need!" (Hawk Nelson)*

### UPCOMING MESSAGES

#### "There is a God" series – September 17 through November 12

Oct. 8 - "...Who Is Jealous" - (Deuteronomy 5:8-10, 2 Corinthians 11:1-3)

Oct. 15 - "...Who is All-Knowing" – (Matthew 10:28-31; I Timothy 1:17)

Oct. 22 - "...Who Expects Things in Return for His Blessings"  
(Joshua 24:14-27, Matthew 6:1-4)

Oct. 29 - "...Who Creates" (Genesis 1:1-31, John 1:3)

*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. He's normally at the front of the worship space so that a conversation is easier.*