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October 15, 2017

Attendance

9:45 a.m. – 96 11:15 a.m. – 16

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Total:	\$1,932.25

October 22, 2017 – Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

God of our salvation, through Jesus Christ's self-offering on the cross, you granted eternal life. We who were far off have become members of your household. We belong to you, yet we get caught up in the world that judges others by what they own. Enable us to love you with our whole heart. Free us from clinging to our money and possessions. Use our gifts and offerings to bring relief to people in need of physical and spiritual healing. We ask this for the sake of Christ, our risen Lord. Amen. (*Matthew 22:15-22*)

October Administrative Meetings

Finance Mtg. Thurs. Oct. 5 – 6:30 p.m.
Trustees Mtg. Wed. Oct. 18 – 6:30 p.m.
Staff Parish Mtg. Oct. 19 – 6:00 p.m.
Annual Church Conf. – Oct. 19 – 6:30 p.m.
Staff Mtg. – Mon. Oct. 23 – 6:00 p.m.

OCTOBER MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES TO REMEMBER

- S 10/22** 9:45 a.m. **Worship**
Building Loan Sunday
11:15 a.m. "Uncommon" Worship
- M 10/23** 1:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study
- T 10/24** 9:30 a.m. Craft Day
5:30 p.m. Men's Emmaus
6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study
- W 10/25** 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 10/28** 9-2 p.m. **UMW Holiday Bazaar and
Craft Show**
9:30 a.m. Worship Design
10:30 a.m. Tech and Check
- S 10/29** 9:45 a.m. **Worship**
All Saints Day
11:15 a.m. "Uncommon" Worship
- M 10/30** 1:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study
- T 10/31** 9:30 a.m. Craft Day
5:30 p.m. Men's Emmaus
6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study



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



Wednesday Night Dinner
October 25 5:30 p.m.

Mummy Dogs
Ghoulash
Carrots
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.

Hello New Hope

Well it's time again for those in need to apply for the holiday food voucher. The forms will be at the Information desk starting Sunday October 15th.

If you or someone you know needs help with food for the upcoming holidays, please fill out a form and give it to Don or Nancy Santer or to the Church office. Forms are to be turned in by Sunday, Oct. 29. Vouchers will be given out on Sunday November 5th. 2017.

New Hope Missions.

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 or 231-972-2838) by Sunday, October 22, 2016.

Any questions can be directed there or to Pastor Greg.



***This week the church is being lit in
appreciation of
Pastor Greg and his family
from the
Pastor-Parish Relations Committee***



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



CHURCH CONFERENCE HAPPENING

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 6:30 P.M.

Our Annual Church Conference will be happening Thursday, October 19 at 6:30 p.m.

Rev. Dwayne Bagley, our District Superintendent, who will be bringing a message based on I Timothy 4:1-5 entitled "Telling What You Know." Please note that another focus of the night will be reporting what we've done in 2017 and what our plans are for 2018.

If you have any questions, please see Pastor Greg.

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.

BOOTHS ARE STILL AVAILABLE



New Hope

United Methodist Women

2017 Annual Holiday

Craft Show and Bazaar

October 28.



Contact Betty Stewart at 231-972-0009.

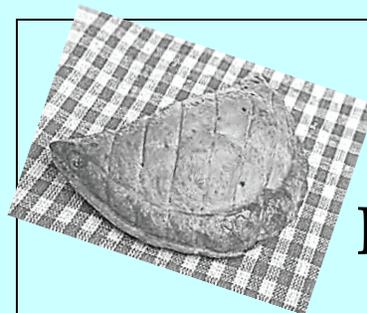
Ladies of New Hope.....

October 28, 9-3 p.m. is our Annual UMW Bazaar. It's time to get out your tried and true baking recipes. Sign up for the bake sale. (Sign up is in the Narthex).

Whatever your baked item is, please make sure the item is in an appropriate container for sale. Please have your items priced. A guide for pricing is on the sign-up sheet.

We are also in need of cashiers that day! Also people to help set up and tear down! Many hands make light work.

Contact Ruth Humphrey, 989-544-0208; Goldie Martin, 231-972-8633 or Mary Coles, 989-382-7953.



Youth Pasty Sale

Oct 28

UMW Bazaar

Oct. 29

following 9:45 worship

\$5.00 ea.

beef, chicken, veggie (12 oz.)
Hiawatha Pasties - Naubinway
Proceeds are for Youth Activities



Operation Christmas Child Shoebboxes

Suggestions for the Operation Christmas Child
Shoebboxes:

School supplies:

- Flash cards
- Safety scissors (blunt points)
- Pencils/pens
- Crayons
- Colored pencils
- Erasers
- If you include pencils,
also include a pencil sharpener
- Solar calculators
- Pencil pouches
- Small notebooks, lined or unlined
- Markers
- Coloring/picture books
- Ruler
- Blank index cards
- Glue stick

Hygiene Supplies:

- Washcloths
- Lip balm (non-liquid)
- Toothbrushes
- Bar soap
- Combs
- Brushes
- Deodorant
- Dental floss
- NO toothpaste
- Band aids
- Reusable plastic containers: cup, water
bottle, plate, bowl, etc.

Games and toys:

- Card games
- Watercolor set
- Travel size checkers or other games
- Stickers
- Small puzzles
- Jump ropes
- Balls (no glitter inside)
- Yo-yo
- Kaleidoscope
- Marbles
- Small cars/trucks/boats
- Stuffed animal
- Sewing kit, fabric (1-2 yards), and
ribbon
- Small musical instrument (such as
harmonica or woodwind recorder)
- Soccer balls (deflated, include
an air pump)

Clothing:

- Socks
- Flip-flops
- Underwear
- Hat/scarf/mittens
- T-shirts
- Wrist watch
- Shoes
- Sun glasses
- Tote bag/purse
- An outfit

A couple weeks ago I had the privilege of listening to a woman who had gone to Uganda and watched children receive their shoeboxes. She described the delight the children have when they open their boxes and see what has been chosen for them. They are told the gifts are from Jesus. And that is right. We are only the channel Jesus uses to reach those children. Not every child in a community gets a shoebox. The parents have to sign them up, and in a lot of areas there is a great distrust of outsiders. But when the children who receive the boxes go out into the community with their treasures, other children see, and learn about this Jesus who cares enough about them to send them a gift. The children also witness to their own families. The fun we have packing the shoeboxes is dwarfed by the pleasure the children have when they open those same boxes.

If you have any questions, please contact the church office or Lois Sherwood at 989-465-7174.

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...10-22-17

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Thank you for your generous stewardship!

Dear New Hope Family and Friends,

As your pastor, I will never be ashamed of asking folks to support us in our God-given mission with their prayers, their presence, their service, their witness, and yes, their giving, as we love God, love others, and serve together.

We take an offering each week, and throughout the year offer other special giving opportunities, so that people may give cheerfully (2 Corinthians 9:7) to the work that God is doing in our midst. New Hope is an amazing congregation where, when given the opportunity, folks like to give in ways that make a difference. Many of you have always been faithful in this regard and we thank you.

To be honest, I long for a day when we don't have to convince folks to strive for a tithe and beyond for the general fund or to ask for payments against a loan for the building fund as we're doing today.

But even if we had it all paid off, I would still be standing before you and saying, "Here are some ways to be a part of what God is doing at New Hope."

Why? It's a good way to be good stewards of God's bodacious Grace, faultless Truth, and tremendous Love,

"...Who Expects Things in Return for His Blessings" (Joshua 24:14-27, Matthew 6:1-4) "There is a God!" series

Intro – How do we show our gratefulness to God?

I – God expects our loyalty...

Joshua said to the people, "But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." (Joshua 24:15)

II – God expects our whole self...

"So I beg you, brothers and sisters, because of the great mercy God has shown us, offer your lives as a living sacrifice to him — an offering that is only for God and pleasing to him. Considering what he has done, it is only right that you should worship him in this way." (Romans 12:1 ERV - Easy to Read Version)

III - God expects we do it for all the right reasons...

"Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven." (Matthew 6:1)

Bottom Line & Application...

"...do justice, love kindness, walk humbly with your God..."

"But the Lord has already made it plain how to live, what to do, what God is looking for in men and women. It's quite simple: Do what is fair and just to your neighbor, be compassionate and loyal in your love, and don't take yourself too seriously—take God seriously." (Micah 6:8 – The Message)

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

Oct. 29 - "...Who Creates the World and Its Saints"

(Genesis 1:1-31, John 1:3)

Nov. 5 - "...Who Redeems (Jesus)"

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

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

Nov. 19 – "...Who Wants to be Thanked!" (Luke 7:11-19)

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.