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Attendance

9:45 a.m. – 99 11:15 a.m. – 19

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Total:	\$3,281.00

October 29, 2017 – Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost

Holy God, you continually work to transform the brokenness of this world into your Kingdom. You lift us up when we stumble in sin, so that we may honor you and live for your noble purposes. Embolden our congregation to tell others about your Son Jesus, whose presence brings new life. Fill our hearts with your Spirit's gift of generosity, so that our lives and our offerings will be pleasing to you. Amen. (*1 Thessalonians 2:1-8*)

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. Oct. 23 – 6:00 p.m.

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES TO REMEMBER

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
W 11/2	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 11/4	9:30 a.m.	Worship Design
	10:30 a.m.	Tech and Check
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



Wednesday Night Dinner

November 1 5:30 p.m.

Pulled Pork Sandwich
Potato Salad
Cole Slaw

Dessert Beverage

Public Invited --- Free-Will Offering

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



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.

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.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR EVON TAYLOR

A memorial ceremony will be held Monday, October 30th, at 11:00 AM, at New Hope United Methodist Church in Mecosta, with Pastor Greg Buchner officiating. Visitation will be held Sunday evening from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM at Janowicz Family Funeral Home in Remus, and again on Monday from 10:00 AM to the time of service at the church.

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.



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



Youth Pasty Sale

TODAY Oct. 29

following 9:45 worship

\$5.00 ea.

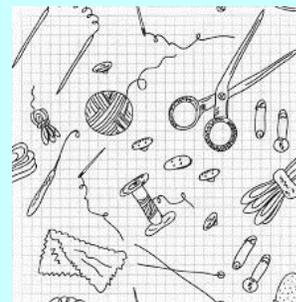
beef, chicken, veggie (12 oz.)

Hiawatha Pasties - Naubinway

Proceeds are for Youth Activities

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.



Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Suggestions for the Operation Christmas Child
Shoeboxes:

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... 10-29-17

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Dear New Hope Family and Friends,

Welcome as we continue our "There is a God!" series on this day when we remember the saints, celebrate service, and worship the Creator of us all.

While I need to be away this week, I know that you're in good hands with Sherry. Just a little over a week ago, she was re-elected by our congregation to be a certified lay speaker. She has been busy this summer in sharing her talents, so it's good to have her back home with us! 😊

What's our bottom line today? Well, we have the opportunity to be a part of God's creative plan. God is working through each one of us, redeemed by His Son, sustained by the Spirit, to continue in the creation miracle that started at Genesis 1:1 and continues to this day.

Max Lucado once wrote, "You weren't an accident. You weren't mass produced. You aren't an assembly-line product. You were deliberately planned, specifically gifted, and lovingly positioned on the Earth by the Master Craftsman." Another proof that there is indeed a God!

In God's bodacious Grace, faultless Truth, & tremendous Love,

"...Who Creates the World and Its Saints"

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

"There is a God!" series

Sherry Anderson, Certified Lay Speaker

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

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)

"Embracing the Chaos of Christmas" series – thru December 31

Nov. 26 – "Embracing Family" (Matthew 1:1-17)

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.