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9:45 a.m. – 126 11:15 a.m. – 14

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**October 8, 2017 – Eighteenth Sunday After
Pentecost // Children's Sabbath**

Almighty God, your wondrous creation testifies to your wisdom. We are in awe of you as we witness an eclipse or a glorious sunset. When a hurricane causes destruction, we ponder your power and feel vulnerable. We would be lost without your life-giving word! Thank you for befriending us in Christ, your word made flesh. May your Spirit give us a loving, childlike heart to reflect your kindness each day. Receive our offerings in Jesus' name. Amen. (*Psalm 19*)

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**

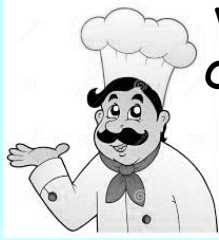
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| S | 10/8 | 9:45 a.m. | Worship |
| | | 11:15 a.m. | "Uncommon" Worship |
| M | 10/9 | 1:00 p.m. | Ladies Bible Study |
| | | 6:30 p.m. | Membership Care Mtg. |
| T | 10/10 | 9:30 a.m. | Craft Day |
| | | 5:30 p.m. | Men's Emmaus |
| | | 6:30 p.m. | Men's Bible Study |
| W | 10/11 | 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 | 10/14 | 9:30 a.m. | Tech and Check |
| | | 10:30 a.m. | Worship Design |
| S | 10/15 | 9:45 a.m. | Worship |
| | | 11:15 a.m. | "Uncommon" Worship |
| M | 10/16 | 1:00 p.m. | Ladies Bible Study |
| T | 10/17 | 9:30 a.m. | Craft Day |
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| TH | 10/19 | 6:30 p.m. | Annual Church Conference |
| SA | 10/21 | 9:30 a.m. | Worship Design |
| | | 10:30 a.m. | Tech and Check |
| S | 10/22 | 9:45 a.m. | Worship |
| | | 11:15 a.m. | "Uncommon" Worship |



SCHEDULE

Oct. 8 – AnnMarie Buchner

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



Wednesday Night Dinner
October 11 5:30 p.m.
Mexican Dinner
Dessert
Beverage

Public Invited --- Free-Will Offering

Second Saturday Munch Bunch

The Second Saturday Munch Bunch will meet for dinner on Saturday, October 14th 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 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.

NEW HOPE UMC GIVING REPORT

	September	YTD
Income	\$21,051	\$184,018
Expenses	\$23,346	\$217,048
Difference	(\$2,295)	(\$33,030)

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.



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.



Youth Pasty Sale

Oct 28

UMW Bazaar

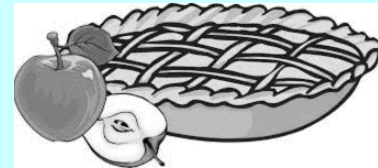
Oct. 29

following 9:45 worship

\$5.00 ea.

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

Thank You!



A big thank you to everyone who helped us get ready for our Apple Pie Sunday. All the organizers, the apple washers and peelers, pastry makers and rollers, spice blenders, butter cutters, pie assemblers, pie baggers and dish washers are all very much appreciated.

You are a great group and I want to thank you so much for volunteering your time.

The guys who came and helped peel apples were really appreciated too. Charlie even became an expert pastry maker! Also a special thanks to Carol and Rick for lending their big freezer space.

Betty Stewart for
Faith Circle



God's Helping Hands is in need of laundry detergent for the local pantry in Remus. We are asking for the small bottles of laundry detergent.

Blessings,
The God's Helping Hands Team

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.



Our Benevolence/Joyful Noise offering for September was \$258.50. We assisted one family in the amount of \$120.53.

May God bless you as we help our neighbors in need.

In Christ's Service, Nancy Karcher

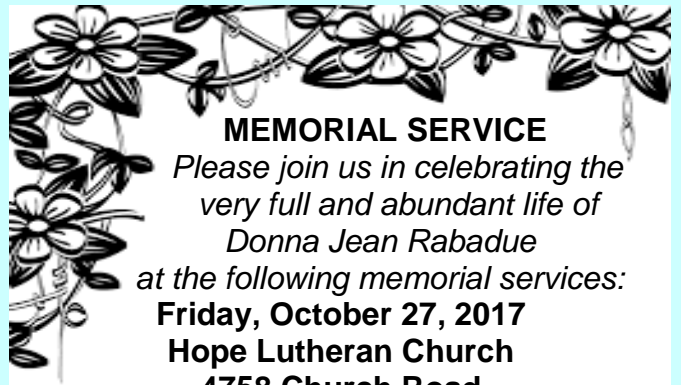
Ladies of New Hope.....

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.



MEMORIAL SERVICE

Please join us in celebrating the very full and abundant life of Donna Jean Rabadue at the following memorial services:

Friday, October 27, 2017

Hope Lutheran Church

4758 Church Road

Rhodes, MI 48652 Phone: 989-879-1777

Visitation: Noon Service: 1 p.m.

Luncheon to follow

Saturday, October 28th, 2017

Dan and Kathy Houts home

8487 Lynwood Lane

Mecosta, MI 49332 Phone: 616-450-1761

Celebration of Life: 4 p.m. Dinner to follow



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:

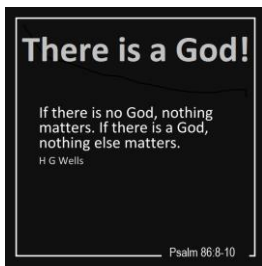
- Card games
- Watercolor set
- Travel size checkers or other games
- Stickers
- Small puzzles
- Jump ropes
- Balls (no glitter inside)
- Yo-yo
- Kaleidoscope
- Marbles
- Small cars/trucks/boats
- Stuffed animal
- Sewing kit, fabric (1-2 yards), and
ribbon
- Small musical instrument (such as
harmonica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



from your pastor's point of view... 10-8-17

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Dear Family and Friends,

I normally write the PPV's like this one at the beginning of each week. So, as I write this on Monday, our headlines are full of what happened on Sunday night in Las Vegas. It amazes me that, when we spent the time last Sunday to rediscover God's love, we were actually preparing ourselves for what was to happen within that very day. The world's way is so different than God's way. Our thoughts and prayers go with everyone effected.

But when we fail to love, and evil happens, then, as humanity, we have to admit that while something isn't right in our world and it may begin with us. Can we honestly say that God is first in our lives; in everything; for everyone?

God wants us all to himself just like any person in any other relationship. He longs for first place in our lives. He's been urgently searching to be in relationship with us even before we're created.

So, here's what we do. Let's take an honest look at where we're putting our presence, our prayers, our gifts, our service, and our witness...and make sure God is first in them all. This would be impossible, of course, without God's bodacious Grace, faultless Truth, and tremendous Love,

"...Who Is Jealous"

(Deuteronomy 5:8-10, 2 Corinthians 11:1-3)

"There is a God!" series

Intro – The difference between sinful & righteous jealousy.

I – God meant that "no other god" thing!

Deuteronomy 5:8-10

Psalm 78:58

Exodus 20:3-5

Exodus 34:14

II – God wants to be more than just our "significant other."

Exodus 32:7-8, 19-20

2 Corinthians 11:1-3

III – Benefits of being in relationship with a jealous God...

"Our Time" – We have no control over the hectic demands of a single day, but God assures us that He is looking out for our best interests.

"Our Possessions" - God created all things, but we are expected to be faithful and wise managers of all that God has entrusted to us. God rewards faithfulness in caring for all His creation.

"Our Purpose" - We must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. God is concerned with the whole person. God becomes our rock and fortress in which our souls find rest and hope.

Bottom Line & Application

Because of what God has done for us, through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, God wants us all to himself... and that's a ~~good~~ **THE BEST** deal for us!

UPCOMING MESSAGES

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

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 the World and Its Saints"
(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.