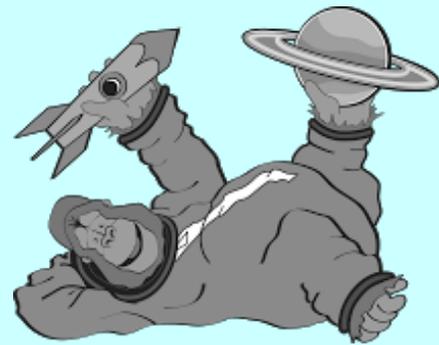


OCTOBER MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES TO REMEMBER



- S 10/16 9:45 a.m. **Worship**
- M 10/17 1:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study
- T 10/18 9 a.m.-3 p.m. **Craft Day**
 5:30 p.m. Tech and Check
 6:30 p.m. Worship Design
 5:30 p.m. Men's Emmaus
 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study
- W 10/19 10:00 a.m. *"Covering the Book"*
 Bible Study
 3:00 p.m. Praise Too Practice
 3:20 p.m. Kingdom Kids Afterschool
 4:15 p.m. Choir Practice
 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper
 6:00 p.m. Youth
- SA 10/22 10-3 p.m. **UMW Craft Show & Bazaar**
- S 10/23 9:45 a.m. **Worship**
- M 10/24 1:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study
- T 10/25 5:30 p.m. Tech and Check
 6:30 p.m. Worship Design
 5:30 p.m. Men's Emmaus
 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study
- W 10/26 10:00 a.m. *"Covering the Book"*
 Bible Study
 3:00 p.m. Praise Too Practice
 3:20 p.m. Kingdom Kids Afterschool
 4:15 p.m. Choir Practice
 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper
 6:00 p.m. Youth
- SA 10/29 11-1 p.m. Tae Kwon Do
- S 10/30 9:45 a.m. **Worship**
BUILDING LOAN SUNDAY

GALACTIC BLAST



October 16 – Craft
Mary Coles

October 19th – Discovery
AnnMarie and Youth

October 23rd – Discovery
Betty Stewart

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

October Administrative Meetings

NO STAFF PARISH MTG.

Ad Council Mtg. Thurs. Oct. 20 – 7:00 p.m.

Staff Mtg. Mon. Oct. 24 – 6:00 p.m.

Trustees Mtg. Wed. Oct 26 – 6:30 p.m.

NEW HOPE UMC GIVING REPORT

	September	YTD
Income	\$18,960.84	\$204,509.79
Expenses	\$26,055.48	\$220,822.16
Difference	(\$7,094.64)	(\$16,312.37)

Wednesday Night Dinner

Menu

Chicken Casserole

Tossed Salad

Vegetable

Dessert

Beverage

5:30 p.m.

Free-will offering Public Invited



The Ladies Bible Study is every Monday through the school year.

The Ladies will meet in Fellowship Hall at 1pm. This session they are studying the Book of James.

Come on Monday, or call ahead if you want-Karen @ 974-6151.

If you have an idea and need assistance, call Karen.

Ladies of New Hope.....

October 22, 10-3 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.

Mary Coles is heading up the bake sale! 1-989-382-7953.



In Genesis 2:18 the Lord said, "It is not good for the man to be alone". We agree, PARTICULARLY WHEN "THE MAN" IS EXPERIENCING ANY ONE OF LIFE'S DIFFICULTIES.

If you, or someone you know, is having a tough time give us a call. We will try to match you with a Stephen Minister who will meet you one a week to listen, encourage and pray as you work through your situation. Everything will be confidential. No one has to know who your Stephen Minister is or what you discuss.

To learn more of how we may be of help, call a Stephen Leader, Sherry Anderson, 231-972-7679 or Don Santer, 989-561-2394.



NEW HOPE IS EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE

that there will be a Christmas Concert on Sunday, November 20 at 4 p.m. featuring the Ball Brothers.

Ticket prices and more information on the Ball Brothers will follow.

What a great way for us to get in the spirit for Christmas!



The Finance Committee invites you to take part 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

GOD'S HELPING HANDS

WINTER COAT DRIVE



**Brothers and Sisters
in Christ....**

Every other year we have a Coat Drive for God's Helping Hands. This year 2016, is that year. Winter will be here probably sooner than we like to think, but we must always be ready to help those less fortunate or those who have fallen on hard times.

Beginning September 26th to October 28th, New Hope will be collecting winter coats. Sizes infant to 2X or 3X. **Coats must be new!!**

They can be left at New Hope in the tote that is provided.

In order to receive a coat, you must be registered at God's Helping Hands.

Distribution of coats will be November 5th from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at St. Michaels Parish.

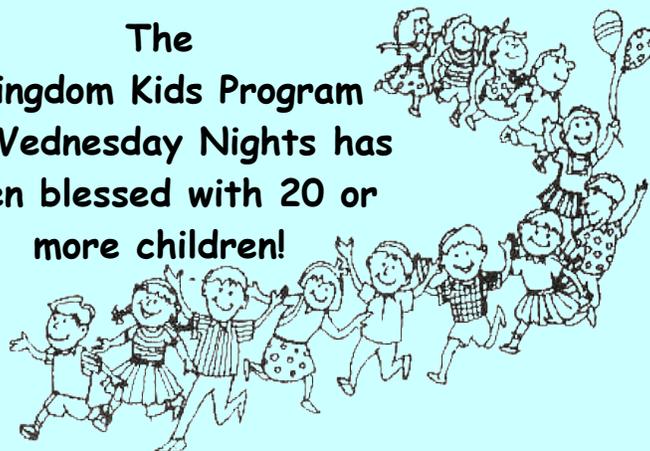
As a reminder....God's Helping Hands hours are Tuesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to noon.

*May God Bless You,
Nancy Karcher*

NOTICE: If you are sending well wishes to Bob and Judy Herndon, please use this address:

Bob and Judy Herndon
15625 Kilmer Rd.
Grass Lake, MI 49240

The
Kingdom Kids Program
on Wednesday Nights has
been blessed with 20 or
more children!



Do you want to be part of one of the most gratifying things you can do? AnnMarie has openings for assistance with this great group of children.

Give AnnMarie a call at 989-621-7681 and give an hour or two of your time to the after school program here at New Hope.

The program starts at 2:45 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. each Wednesday.

EXPLORATION IV CLASS WEDNESDAY, OCT. 26 6-9 P.M.

“EXPLORING LEADERSHIP”

This class looks to help followers become leaders. It's a class personally designed by Pastor Greg using a variety of leadership resources to challenge folks to consider what it means to lead and what some of God's expectations around leaders are.

People must have taken the other three “Exploring” classes (New Hope, God Habits, Service) before taking this course. This class is a requirement for anyone considering church leadership.

While registration is not necessary, it is helpful. Please call the church office (231-972-2838) to pre-register.



BOOTHS ARE STILL AVAILABLE

New Hope

United Methodist Women

2016 Annual Holiday

Craft Show and Bazaar

October 22.

Contact Betty Stewart at 231-972-0009.



JOIN US FOR THE Faith Circle Meeting October 20

Have you ever asked yourself these questions?

1. How does God speak to people today?
2. Is God really sovereign? Does He know "The end from the beginning" as He says through the Prophet Isaiah?
3. Can He take what seems like an "impossible mess" and make something good out of it?
4. Does He change people who seem hopeless?
5. Does He truly lead people in their personal choices?
6. How important is God's Word when it comes to prayer and faith?

If you have ever wondered about any of these, come to the Faith Circle meeting at the church, 1:00 p.m. on October 20th, and hear some personal stories from someone who has asked herself all of the above. You might be encouraged by what she has learned from Him.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact Carol Vandermeer at 517-775-4773.



A big thank you to everyone who helped us get ready for our Apple Pie Sunday last week.

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.

Also, a special thanks to Carol and Rick for lending their big freezer space.

Betty Stewart for Faith Circle



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY NAMES NEEDED

On Sunday,
November 6, 2016,
we're going to

remember the saints who have passed with two lists. A saint, not necessarily a perfect person, can be any person of faith who helped us in our faith.

The first list will have the names of those who have passed in the last year (November 2015-November 2016.) These names will be read and a candle lit for them on that Sunday.

A second list of those saints who have passed before will be printed in the bulletin and will be remembered together as a group. Extra candles will be lit for these names as well.

The families will then be offered the candles to remember their loved one. In order for the names to be read and to have them in the bulletin, please have them in to the church office (231-972-2838 or newhope.mecosta@gmail.com) by Sunday, October 30, 2016. Thank you.

Did You Know That October is Clergy Appreciation Month?



BENEVOLENCE REPORT

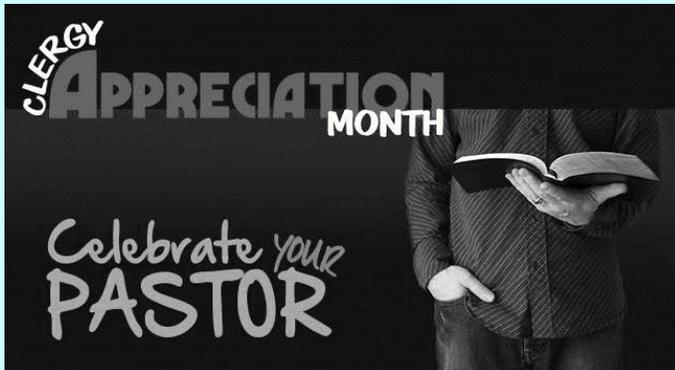
Our September benevolence offering was \$367.51. We assisted one family in the amount of \$179.00.

Praise God for your continued love and support.

Blessings,

Nancy Karcher,

Director of Emergency Funds

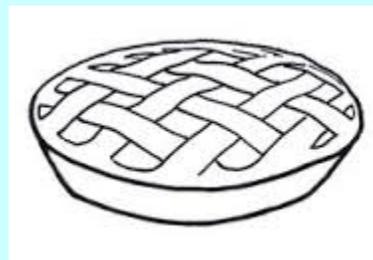


Over the centuries, decades and years, pastors have been recognized and honored, either formally or informally, by many denominations and local churches at various times of the year. It has been a long-standing practice. We believe that the concept started with the Apostle Paul as he was establishing the first Christian churches.

In 1 Timothy, Paul wrote, "The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching" (1 Tim. 5:17). And, in 1 Thessalonians, he said, "Respect those who work hard among you, who are over you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work" (1 Thess. 5:12-13).

What is the best way to make our pastor's family feel appreciated? Well, they've said that gifts aren't necessary. Finding a way to share with Matthew, Jamie, AnnMarie, and Greg, how their ministry at New Hope has positively affected your walk with Christ (in person, on an email, or a note) will do. That simple.

It is also important to remember that appreciation, affirmation and prayer support is appropriate anytime for anyone. That's why in November we'll honor our church volunteers, and in December we'll honor our staff with a special gift too.



APPLE PIES

**IF YOU ORDERED APPLE PIES,
PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO
PICK THEM UP!**

**Please see Betty Stewart or give her a
call at 231-972-0009.**

**ALSO, if you didn't get a chance to
order one, there are approximately 14 pies
left for purchase.**



from your pastor's point of view...

10-16-16

"Keeping Jesus the Main Thing in Political Times Like These" - Pastor Greg Buchner

(this is a rewrite of an article I emailed earlier this year)

At New Hope, we try to be a safe place for any person going through anything for any reason. Our Bibles even tell us that we live in the world but that we're not a part of it (John 7:14-15) and that we're to seek first the kingdom of God. (Matthew 6:33) and then all will be added.

Many come to worship on Sunday or into their small groups during the week with the hope of experiencing some sanctuary from the world we live in. The noise of the world around us is often blaring. And during political seasons like these, it's easy for us to slip into the discussion, pro and con, of particular candidates, positions, and proposals looking for support for our side of things with this group of Christians family and friends. To some extent, when respect is shown and shared, truth can thrive, and this can be a good and healthy thing.

However, there are times when a passionate discussion that doesn't respect isn't as healthy. Never in Scripture does it say to put down and hurt one another. Never in Scripture does it say be disrespectful and dishonor those in leadership. Never in Scripture does it say to not show grace and love even in our politics.

So, in these last days before November 8, I'm asking that we consider doing some healthy things that help us show that grace and love properly.

- 1) Keep this a "house of prayer." Please be sure to place worship, prayer, and relationships over our politics. We can have political discussions using "I" statements, speaking of our experiences, and telling others why we think what we do, but we should be incredibly cautious of having discussions where we tell others what they should think and do. This is hard to do sometimes, but when we put God-things first, it can be done.
- 2) Remind ourselves who we are! We're all Christians. Across our congregation and in many congregations in our area, we have good folks from the left and the right and in the in-between. They love God. They love others. They're trying to serve. We have good folks who are on all places of the political spectrum who often support different views and different candidates. This is our family. We may disagree at times, but we're still family.
- 3) Set the better example. How? Well, maybe we just let people finish a sentence before interrupting with our thoughts. Maybe, we try to understand why others may feel differently than we do. Maybe, we try not getting anxious when we experience thoughts different from our own. Maybe, we attempt to show our maturity in Christ in spite of our differences. To make room, to respect, and to actively listen to others, can be an incredible gift to each other during these crazy days!

There are many places in our world where we can argue politics, but it's my hope that we will be praying for every candidate and their families, we will be praying that our vote will be the one God would have to cast, and we will be praying for whomever wins to God's will and to God's glory.

from your pastor's point of view...

10-16-16

Family of Friends of New Hope,
I'm adding something to my
catch phrase! (Check it out below.)

After attending the Wesleyan
Covenant Association conference
in Chicago this past week, which
was amazing in every way, I got to
thinking about my "bodacious"
catch phrase.

I've been using this phrase for a
very long time and I'm quite fond
of it. It's comfortable...familiar.
But as I flew from GR to Chi-town
and back again over those 48
hours, I became convicted. The
Wendy's "Where's the beef?"
commercial played over and over
in my soul. So...I'm adding truth.

The Spirit has made it clear to
me that the faultless truth of God
is as just important as His grace
and love. So, here it is...new and
improved:

In His bodacious Grace,
tremendous Love,
and faultless Truth,

Pastor Greg



Today's Message: "Fig Trees & Houses of Prayer" (Mark 11:12-20)
"Keeping Jesus the Main Thing" Series

Intro – "...the day after the Triumphal entry." (Mark 11:1-11)

Jesus and the poor fig tree...illustration of what Israel will become.

The rest of the story... "In the morning, as they went along, they saw the fig tree withered from the roots. Peter remembered and said to Jesus, "Rabbi, look! The fig tree you cursed has withered!"

"Have faith in God," Jesus answered. "...Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours." (Mark 11:12-14, 20-24)

Jesus and the poor state of the Temple...and the people's hearts.

People were selling things that people needed for the sacrifices at exorbitant prices – location, location, location. People weren't able to pray/participate because they couldn't afford it. Jesus was quoting the prophets to show his authority: "den of thieves" – Jeremiah 7:11 - "house of prayer" – Isaiah 56:7.

For the scribes and priests against Jesus, this was the last straw. (Mark 11:15-19 – also in other 3 gospels.)

So what's the bottom line?

Jesus kingdom thinking is often opposite of the world's.
He wants to be our main thing, for everything, forever!

UPCOMING MESSAGES –

"Keeping Jesus the Main Thing (Gospel of Mark)" Series thru 11/20
Oct. 23 – "Having Pride in All the Right Places" (Mark 12: 38-44)
Oct. 30 – "Coming Again" (Mark 13:24-27, 32-37)
Nov. 6 – "Judas: Right Ideas, Wrong Proposal" (Mark 14:10-11, 43-50)
Nov. 13 – "Jesus Died as Our Savior" (Mark 15:33-39)
Nov. 20 – "Jesus Lives as Our King" (Mark 16:9-20)

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