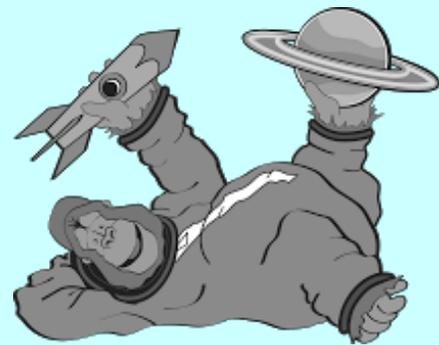


OCTOBER MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES TO REMEMBER

- 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 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. HAS BEEN CANCELLED
Staff Mtg. Mon. Oct. 24 – 6:00 p.m.
Trustees Mtg. Wed. Oct 26 – 6:30 p.m.

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

USHER TRAINING COMING SOON

On October 30, 11:15 am (after worship) there will be a training event for all new and current ushers. While some things may be reviewed from previous training, there will be a significant amount of new information regarding safety and security.

If you are interested in becoming an usher or already are, please make a point to join us, even if you're just curious!

For more information contact Ken Hixson (231-823-4249) or Pastor Greg.

Wednesday Night Dinner

Menu

Ghoulish
 Mummy Dogs
 Coleslaw
 Chips
 Dessert



5:30 p.m.

Free-will offering Public Invited



Dear Friends,

Thank you for your kind expressions of love and caring during the very difficult time when I lost my daughter, Patricia Ann Burns.

Your words of comfort, cards, calls and especially your prayers were deeply appreciated.

I will always be grateful to you for your thoughtfulness and consideration.

May God's richest blessings be yours.

Sincerely,

Helen Morgan and family



Psalm 130:4 says, ". . . But with you there is a forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, serve you". There are times when we feel we have sinned and we struggle with the thought of what we have done. It eats at us and starts to affect us physically. Oh, we know the Lord forgives but just "knowing it" doesn't seem to help.

If you're facing any kind of dilemma we are here for you. We have been trained to serve you by listening, comforting and encouraging you and lead you to forgiveness.

If anything is bothering you we can be with you "through thick and thin". Just call a Stephen Leader, Sherry Anderson, 231-972-7679 or Don Santer, 989-561-2394 to arrange a private discussion of your problem.



TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE FOR AN EXCITING CHRISTMAS SOUTHERN GOSPEL CONCERT AT NEW HOPE!

New Hope will be featuring The Ball Brothers in Concert on Sunday, November 20 at 4 p.m.

Ticket are now on sale -- \$12 in advance, \$15 day of concert and available at the Welcome Center or by calling Greg and Laura at 231-972-7000.

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

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.



We would like to thank all of our church family for all the love and support during the passing of my mother, Betty Saathoff. Those that helped with the

memorial, those who made the lunch, to those that attended the service, the cards and outpouring of love was so powerful. I know that she would have been pleased with all of us.

Blessings to everyone – you are still in our hearts and we could not asked for God to have given us a better church and family 30+ years ago.

And Pastor Greg – no words can be said for the support you have given us all.

Blessings to you all!

The family of Betty Saathoff.

The church is being lit in memory of Kim Momany and Lewie Randall for their October birthdays.

Love,

*Buck and Evon Taylor and
Linda Randall*



**LIGHT
THE
CHURCH**

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.

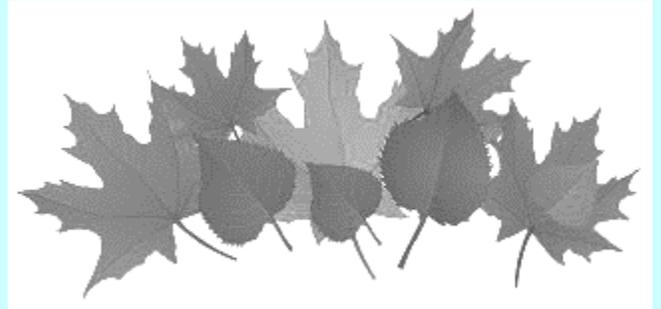
To participate, please indicate on your giving envelope or check that it is for "Light the Church for a Week". *"Let Your Light Shine" Matthew 5:16*

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.



**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?



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.



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*