

**OCTOBER MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES
TO REMEMBER**

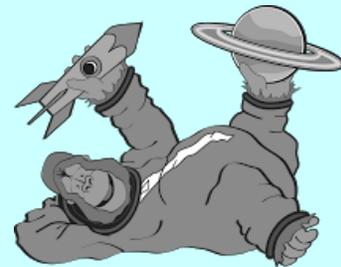
- SA 10/1 11-1 p.m. Tae Kwon Do
 S 10/2 9:45 a.m. **Worship**
 M 10/3 1:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study
 1:30 p.m. Mary Martha
 T 10/4 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Craft Day
 5:30 p.m. Worship Design
 5:30 p.m. Men's Emmaus
 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study
 W 10/5 10:00 a.m. "Covering the Book"
 Bible Study
 3:00 p.m. Praise Too Practice
 4:15 p.m. Choir Practice
 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper
 6:00 p.m. Youth
 SA 10/8 11-1 p.m. Tae Kwon Do
 S 10/9 9:45 a.m. **Worship**
 M 10/10 1:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study
 T 10/11 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Craft Day
 5:30 p.m. Worship Design
 5:30 p.m. Men's Emmaus
 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study
 W 10/12 10:00 a.m. "Covering the Book"
 Bible Study
 3:00 p.m. Praise Too Practice
 4:15 p.m. Choir Practice
 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper
 6:00 p.m. Youth
 SA 10/15 11-1 p.m. Tae Kwon Do
 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. 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
 4:15 p.m. Choir Practice
 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper
 6:00 p.m. Youth
 SA 10/22 11-1 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. 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
 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

October Administrative Meetings
NO STAFF PARISH MTG.

- Finance Mtg.** Wed. Oct. 12 – 6:30 p.m.
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.



GALACTIC BLAST



October 2 – Bible Story
Sue Reed

October 5 – Recreation
AnnMarie and Youth

October 9 – Snack
AnnMarie

October 12 – Craft
AnnMarie and Youth

October 16 – Craft
Mary Coles

October 19th – Discovery
AnnMarie and Youth

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

Wednesday Night Dinner

Menu

Burritos
Taco Salad
Mexican Rice
Nachos & Cheese
Dessert



5:30 p.m.

Free-will offering Public Invited

Check the Small Group list in your Sunday Bulletin and find something that appeals to you, whether it's Craft Tuesday, Men's Bible Study, Mommy's Bible Study, and lots more. You'll be welcomed into to any group.

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.

Second Saturday Munch Bunch

The Second Saturday Munch Bunch will meet for dinner at The Gathering Place at 5:00 pm on Saturday, October 8. The Gathering Place is located at 2959 U.S. 10 in Sears. (Corner of M-66 N and U.S. 10—located about 30 minutes from our church.)

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.

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.



Why does our congregation have Stephen Ministry? There is an often used analogy that a pastor is like a fireman. When there is a fire the fireman puts it out and leaves. He can't stay and clean up afterwards. In a similar manner, the pastor can respond to a crisis in the congregation but he can't continue to stay with every crisis as time goes on.

That is where Stephen Ministry comes in. We are there to support the pastor in the "clean up" stage by meeting with the person who has faced a crisis, listening encouraging and just being there with them while God's healing takes place. And we can be available as long as the person needs us.

Our Christian caring is a confidential one-on-one relationship. If you, or someone you know, is experiencing a difficult time you can call a Stephen Leader to see how we may help.

Your Stephen Leaders are: Sherry Anderson, 231-972-7679 or Don Santer, 989-561-2394.



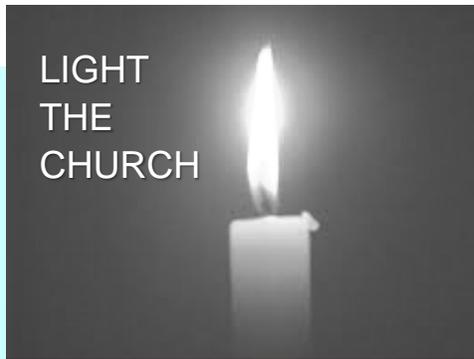
FAITH CIRCLE

The Faith Circle's big fundraiser is their annual apple pie sale. The past two years have been very successful, and we promise the pies this year will be just a good!

**Our pie assembling date is
October 6.**

If you are looking for an organization to join at New Hope UMC, this active group of ladies would love for you to join them on October 6, with apple peeler in hand! We will be meeting in the kitchen and gym at 9:00 a.m. Betty Stewart, our apple pie expert will be there to direct you.

***This week the church is being lit in
Memory of Kim Momany
from George and Carol Novak***

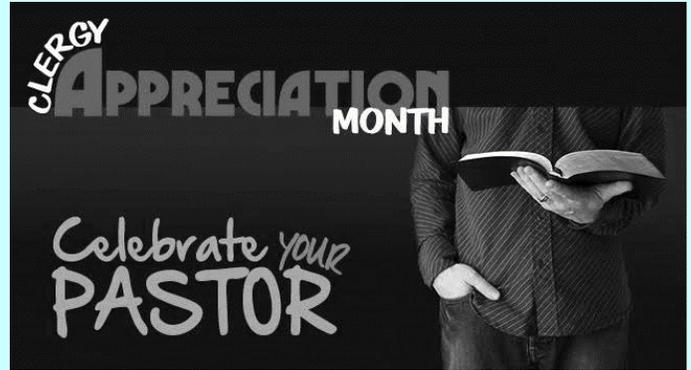


The Finance Committee invites you to take part in an opportunity to help New Hope in a unique way. It's referred to as "Light the Church for a Week."

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

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*

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR BETTY SAATHOFF

A memorial service for Betty Saathoff will be held on Saturday, October 8, at 11 a.m. at New Hope. A luncheon will follow.

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.

Dear New Hope Family,

Thank you for the support given to us during the loss of our daughter, Kimberly K. Momany.

Your prayers, cards and love meant so much and will never be forgotten!

For Pastor Greg, AnnMarie, and others who attended the visitation and the service.

For the many cards from New Hope, the Bible studies and Circles sent to Kim. She enjoyed and appreciated every one.

For the lighting of the Church in memory of Kim.

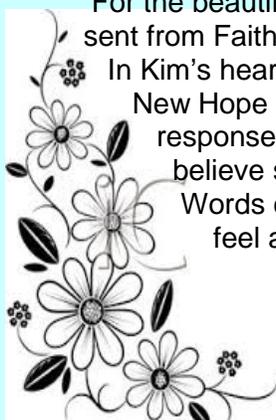
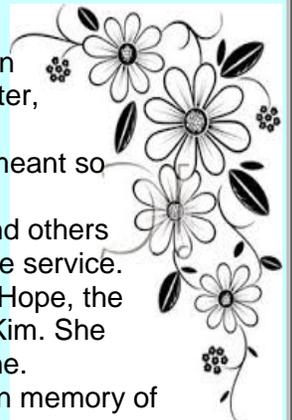
For the beautiful flower arrangement sent from Faith Circle.

In Kim's heart, she felt she belonged to New Hope U.M.C., and from the response from this congregation, we believe she did!

Words can never express how we feel about your love and support.

*In His wonderful love,
Buck and Evon Taylor*

Thank You!



from your pastor's point of view...

10-2-16

Family of Friends of New Hope,

Why does the Transfiguration matter? Well, we know the story right? Peter, James, and John get a special invitation to join Jesus upon on Mount Hermon.

There, the three see something miraculous, but then are told that they could tell no one, at least, not yet. They would later write how this instance transformed their faith into something beyond their imagination.

I think the transfiguration then matters to us now because we now have the opportunity to feel that same transformation in us. While it probably won't happen on a mountain, or even in the presence of Moses and Elijah, it can happen right here, at this moment, in our hearts.

Jesus is in this transformation business, and so can we, especially with his bodacious Grace and tremendous Love.

Pastor Greg



Today's Message: "Transfig. Matters" (Mark 9:1-10)

"Keeping Jesus the Main Thing" Series

Intro – For Peter, James, & John – this was serious & frightening!

Latin – "trans" – becoming something else than the original
"figura" – outward form or appearance

See also - Matthew 16:28-17:13, Luke 9:27-36, John 1:14,
2 Peter 1:16-19 for other transfig passages

This "transfig" moment was formative & transformative!

Formation is about the structure – the process.

Transformation is about the result – creating something new!
(see Mark 9:23-24)

As Jesus predicts his death, not just once, but twice,
we have Moses + Elijah + Jesus = "holy huddle" for the last play:
the cross, death, the an empty tomb, and the second coming!

How will we let Jesus "transfig" us? (Ephesians 4:22-24)

- 1) Get rid of the old. (Ephesians 4:22, I John 1:9)
We can't live in both worlds. Confess the mess! ☺
- 2) Transform what we think. (Ephesians 4:23, Romans 12:2)
The Spirit will help us if we let the Spirit help us.
- 3) Develop behaviors that would please Jesus. (Ephesians 4:24)

So what's the bottom line?

Jesus is in the transformation, not just formation, business.
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. 9 – "On Real Success" (Mark 10:17-31)

Oct. 16 – "Fig Trees and Houses of Prayer" (Mark 11:12-20)

Oct. 23 – "Pride Issues" (Mark 12: 38-44)

Oct. 30 – "Coming Again" (Mark 13:24-27, 32-37)

Nov. 6 – "Judah: Right Ideas, Wrong Proposal" (Mark 14:10-11, 43-50)

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