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9:45 a.m. – 131	11:15 a.m. - 39
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Total: \$6,578.00	

September 10, 2017 – Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Holy God, we praise you for the life you give to each person you dearly love. As we face the mysteries of sin and tragedy, give us wisdom to view them in the light of the cross. We praise you for your redeeming love for the world. Help us to wear the armor of Christ and turn aside from wasteful things, so that we may live according to your way. We dedicate these offerings and ourselves to your service. We pray in the name of Christ, through whose self-giving love you have conquered death forever. Amen. (*Psalm 119:33-40, Romans 13:8-14*)

September Administrative Meetings

Staff Parish Mtg. Mon. Sept. 11 – 6:00 p.m.
Finance Mtg. Wed. Sept. 13 – 6:30 p.m.
Memorial Comm. Thurs. Sept. 14 – 6:00 p.m.
Trustees Mtg. Wed. Sept. 20 – 6:30 p.m.
Ad Council Mtg. – Sept. 21 – 7:00 p.m.
Staff Mtg. – Mon. Sept. 25 – 6:00 p.m.

SEPTEMBER MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES TO REMEMBER

S	9/10	9:45 a.m.	Worship
		11:15 a.m.	“Uncommon” Worship
T	9/12	9:30 a.m.	Craft Day
		5:30 p.m.	Men’s Emmaus
		6:30 p.m.	Men’s Bible Study
		7:30 p.m.	Mission Meeting
W	9/13	10:00 a.m.	“Covering the Book” Bible Study
		3:00 p.m.	Praise Too Practice
		3:20 p.m.	Kingdom Kids Kickoff
		4:15 p.m.	Choir Practice
		5:30 p.m.	Wednesday Night Supper
		6:00 p.m.	Youth Kick Off
SA	9/16	9:45 a.m.	Tech and Check
		10:30 a.m.	Worship Design
S	9/17	9:45 a.m.	Worship
		11:15 a.m.	“Uncommon” Worship
T	9/19	9:30 a.m.	Craft Day
		5:30 p.m.	Men’s Emmaus
		6:30 p.m.	Men’s Bible Study
W	9/20	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	9/23	6:00 p.m.	Mark Trammel Concert
S	9/24	9:45 a.m.	Worship
		11:15 a.m.	“Uncommon” Worship
T	9/26	9:30 a.m.	Craft Day
		5:30 p.m.	Men’s Emmaus
		6:30 p.m.	Men’s Bible Study
W	9/27	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





SCHEDULE

September 10 – AnnMarie Buchner
September 17 – AnnMarie Buchner
September 24 – AnnMarie Buchner

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



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



Wednesday Night Dinner

September 13th

5:30 p.m.

Hot Dogs
Sloppy Joes
Potato Salad
Beverage
Dessert

Public Invited --- Free-Will Offering



OH MY! APPLE PIE!

The Faith Circle's 4th Annual Pie Sale will be September 24th! Get the date on your calendar now!

There will be a sign-up table in the narthex for your orders and payments on Sept. 3, 10, and 17.

Pies are still \$9.00 each or 3 for \$25.00. We are limiting the order to 150 apple pies, so don't wait until the last minute, you may miss out.

On September 24th, you may pick up your frozen (and ready to bake) pies after the worship service. Proceeds from this fundraiser will help with local and international missions!

If you have any questions, or would like to help with this fun project, please contact Betty Stewart, 231-972-0009.

Youth Group KICK OFF

Wed, Sep 13, 6:00-7:30

Join us for the 2017 Youth Kick-off! We will be having a Campfire Program (outside the church), after a welcome and registration time in the youth group room.



The Youth will have an action-packed program including Bible Study, Outreach visits, Overnight Retreats, Movie Nights, Service Projects, Game Night, Outreach Visits and Programs, Mission Trips, and Music events.



If you are the age of 5th-12th grade, we hope to see you on Wednesday nights. If you know someone in that age group, invite them along. Questions?

Contact the Youth Leader, Wally Ewing at 231-414-4793 or New Hope at 231-972-2838.



NOTICE
There will
TEMPORARILY BE

NO Faithfully Fit Classes
TUESDAYS AT NEW HOPE.
*Updates will be posted as to when
classes will return.*

Call 231-349-7359
for more information



NOTICE:
Please visit our **Military Board** in Fellowship Hall for addresses of our active military connections, and if you have someone you wish to add, leave the information with the church office.

If you are a New Hope

Veteran, please notify the church office with that information, as well. We'd be honored to include you on our Veterans list!



The "New Hope for Girls" mission is to create 25 hygiene kits for **Days for Girls International**, a United Methodist Women supported organization. Their goal is to see that every young girl in third world countries has a kit of her own by the year 2020! Oh, yes!

This kit will contain feminine supplies for girls so they will not have to miss school. Joyce Porter has created the kit for us to see, and admits it can be a challenge for those who cannot sew. Well, we are up for the challenge! There are patterns and material to cut out, lots of ironing to do, and varying levels of sewing. The "New Hope for Girls" will be meeting on Tuesday mornings, at 10:00, in Fellowship Hall.

If you are interested in joining us, we would love to have your help. Bring your lunch and stay as long as you want.

The first thing we need to do is get the material to the church. The kits require 100% cotton or 100% cotton flannel. These must be in bright colors, preferably prints.

If you have some material you would like to donate, please contact one of the members involved. Numbers are listed below.

Any questions, please contact Joyce Porter at 231-972-2618, Bev Rothenberger at 317-413-7491, or Betty Stewart at 985-788-8050.

**New Hope UMC Monthly Report
Of All Income & Expenses**

	August	YTD
Income	\$18,332	\$162,967
Expenses	\$25,164	\$193,701
Difference	(\$6,831)	(\$30,734)

Please note that due to rounding, numbers may not add up correctly

KINGDOM KIDS

"The Children's Ministry group would like to thank all of you for your generous gifts. We have pretty much collected all the items we need.

If you would like to still donate, please indicate that during the offering and mark it for Children's ministry!

Thank you so much for supporting our ministry.

Volunteers are still needed. Come join the fun, even if it's for an hour or two a week or every other week. Contact AnnMarie Buchner for details at 989-621-7681.

AnnMarie Buchner and Bev Rothenberger

NEW HOPE GIVING CROSS

Have you noticed the wooden cross in the Narthex? If not, take a moment to find out where it is located.



The cross is specially designed so that all of us have an opportunity to give to those special areas of the Church operation, in which we have an interest.

Simply put your coins, bills, or checks in the slot corresponding to your interest. The needs change periodically, so check the cross often to see the current support opportunities.

In recent months the cross donations have been used to support Wednesday night dinners, youth programs, mission trips, church maintenance, and even to help with the mortgage payments.

If you have any questions about the cross, contact the church office or a member of the finance committee.



Thanks and Blessings

Our Ewing family would like to thank you, our New Hope family, for your warm and loving support during our father's passing.

Your cards, prayers, and presences was, and still is, most appreciated. The comforting love of Christ shone through you, and was truly felt by our own family members. May God bless each of you as we continue our journeys on the path of Christ.

Wally and Rachel Ewing, and Family



Benevolence/Joyful Noise

Our Benevolence offering for August was \$281.00. We assisted one family in the amount of \$240.00

Clients must go through New Hope's office during office hours and fill out a request form for their need.

*In Christ's Service
Nancy Karcher*



Aug. 25, 2017

Dear Church Supporters,
We want to thank you for supporting God's Helping Hands in the School Supplies give-away we held on Saturday,

August 19th.

Because of your remarkable generosity in donating school supplies, we were able to help ninety-one children with school supplies, backpacks, shoes and socks. The children leave so happy with their new things. It is a great way to help needy children get a good start for the school year.

Thank you again and hope you will continue to support this worth cause.

*Many Blessings,
God's Helping Hands*

THE CASE FOR CHRIST

from your pastor's point of view... 9-10-17

Dear Family and Friends,

Today, we close out our The Case for Christ series by asking a very simple question, "Are you ready to be real... to be authentic...to share your faith?"

We've done the investigation and we've explored the evidence. And last week, we even took the time to embrace the truth of Christ summed up nicely in that John 1:12 recap, "believe + receive" and then you "become" a child of God.

So today, as I said, we'll be conversing about how God is ready, willing, and able to help us share our faith with others. In fact, we're going to take a scripture from one of Jesus' most radical sermons to see that Jesus is hoping that we share what we have experienced through Him. It's true. People out there are waiting to hear our stories! In fact, people out there want to hear "authentically" from us about God's bodacious Grace, faultless Truth, and tremendous Love.

Pastor Greg

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**New "uncommon" Service
continuing today at 11:15 am.**

"Explaining the Good News of Christ" (Matthew 5:13-16) "The Case for Christ" series

Intro - first week: investigating the sticking points
second week: Jesus' resurrection – since it's true it changes everything
last week: finding our way back home - accepting the gift that Jesus has bought and paid for.
this week: we need to be ready and willing to share!
How – assuming that Jesus is living in our home!

I – Jesus would PRAY FIRST even to His very last moments.

The first lesson is that before Jesus would talk to his neighbors about the Heavenly Father, he would talk first to his Heavenly Father about his neighbors. So we start with prayer and then keep praying!

II – Jesus would understand if there were questions.

If Jesus lived in our house, he would let everyone know that the door was always open for questions, "Do you have a doubt, an objection, or an obstacle? Come on in we'll talk about it." Never shun a sincere question. Always give the Gospel answer. We have truth on our side.

III – Jesus would know that talk is cheap, but authenticity is priceless.

Jesus didn't just say he loved the world; he showed love. He became a servant. He did miracles for other people's benefit. He gave his life to pay for the sins of the world. We don't have to crawl up on any cross, but authentic Christian living means living out a realistic, genuine faith.

Bottom Line/Application - We need to be ready and willing to share! Christ wants us to impact the world for Him.

UPCOMING MESSAGES

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

Sept 17 - "There is No (g)od Like our God" (Psalm 86:8-10)
Sept. 24 - "...Whom We Can Trust in our Grievs & Joys" (I Pet. 4:6-11)
Oct. 1 - "...Who Loves" – (I John 4:7-19, Romans 8:38-39)
Oct. 8 - "...Who Is Jealous" - (Deuteronomy 5:8-10, 2 Corinthians 11:1-3)

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THE CASE FOR CHRIST

*from your pastor's point of
view... 9-10-17*

Maggie was a young woman who approached Strobel, after he had become a pastor at Willow Creek Church, and then challenged him and Willow Creek to live up their claims. She started by attending a small group. But after a few times, she wrote her group leaders a letter. She eventually accepted Christ and is now active in her congregation. Here's how Strobel remembers it:

"Maggie ended her letter with (this) poem she had written to the Christians who led her group. As you read this poem, imagine Maggie is speaking directly to you – because in a sense, she is. Maggie's story doesn't end with this poem—God was at work in Maggie's heart, and she gave her life to Christ. But I was curious about what brought her across the line of faith. What piece of evidence convinced her that the Bible was true? What facts did she uncover that finally established for her that the resurrection was real? After all, those were the kinds of intellectual issues that played a big part in leading me to faith. Maggie replied, "No, it wasn't like that for me, I just a whole bunch of people who were like Jesus to me."

Maggie's Poem

Copyright Maggie Gross

Do you know, do you understand, that you represent Jesus to me?

Do you know, do you understand, that when you treat me with gentleness
it raises the question in my mind that maybe He is gentle too?
Maybe He isn't someone who laughs when I am hurt.

Do you know, do you understand that when you listen to my question and you don't laugh,
I think, "What if Jesus is interested in me too?"

Do you know, do you understand that when I hear you talk
about arguments and conflicts and scars from the past, that I think,
"Maybe I am just a regular person instead of a bad, no good little girl who deserves abuse."

If you care, I think maybe He cares. And then there's this flame of hope
that burns inside of me. And for a while I am afraid to breathe because it might go out
and I will once again have nothing but a God who mocks and laughs and ignores me.

Do you know, do you understand that your words are His words?
Your face, His face to someone like me. Please be who you say you are.
Please God, don't let this be another trick. Please let this be real. Please.

Do you know, do you understand who you are?

(Source: Strobel, Lee and Mittelberg, Mark, *The Unexpected Adventure* (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan 2009), "Representing Jesus," 133-140.

THE CASE FOR CHRIST

from your pastor's point of view... 9-10-17

Books by Lee Strobel...

Today's Moment of Truth - 180 Devotions to Deepen Your Faith in Christ

The Case for Grace - A Journalist Explores the Evidence of Transformed Lives

The Case for Hope - Looking Ahead with Confidence and Courage

The Case for Christ - A Journalist's Personal Investigation of the Evidence for Jesus.

The Case for Faith - A Journalist Investigates the Toughest Objections to Christianity.

The Case for a Creator - A Journalist Investigates Scientific Evidence That Points Toward God.

The Case for the Real Jesus - A Journalist Investigates Current Attacks on the Identity of Christ.

The Case for Christianity Answer Book - Succinct answers to real questions about Christianity.

The Case for Christ Study Bible - Hundreds of articles and notes investigating the evidence for the faith.

God's Outrageous Claims - Revolutionize your attitude, your character, your relationships, and your life.

The Unexpected Adventure - Inspiring stories of people taking everyday risks to share their faith.

The Ambition

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By Rev. James Craig Noggle
(former New Hope pastor)

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Volume I – ISBN-13: 978-1499330816

Volume II - ISBN-13: 978-1500843816

Volume III - ISBN-13: 978-1505715613

Volume IV - ISBN-13: 978-1511769457

The God Who Knows You:

Getting to Know God

ISBN-13: 978-1523266487

available at: 231-250-8707 (author)

www.jamescraignogglebooks.com

By Mrs. Yulanda (Yo) Bellinger
(New Hope member)

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available at: 231-679-0594 (author) or

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By Marilyn M. Case
(New Hope regular participant)

The Golden Room: God Throne Room

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