

**MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES
TO REMEMBER**

- S 9/11 9:45 a.m. Worship**
M 9/12 1:30 p.m. Mary Martha
T 9/13 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 9/14 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
S 9/18 9:45 a.m. Worship
M 9/19 1-5:45 p.m. Red Cross Blood Drive
 2:00 p.m. Mission Team Mtg.
T 9/20 9a.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 9/21 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 9/24 11:30 -1 Tae Kwon Do Class
S 9/25 9:45 a.m. Worship
T 9/27 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 9/28 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

September Administrative Meetings

- Staff Parish Mtg.** Mon. Sept. 12 - 6:30 p.m.
Finance Mtg. Wed., Sept. 14 - 6:30 p.m.
Ad Council Mtg. Thurs., Sept 15 – 7:00 p.m.
Trustees Mtg. Wed., Sept. 21 – 6:30 p.m.
Staff Mtg. Mon., Sept. 26 – 7:00 p.m.



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Sept. 11 Teacher's Surprise
Sue Reed

Sept. 18 Teacher's Surprise
Mary Coles

Children's Ministry Meeting
TODAY after church.
The meeting will be in room 111.

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



**Wednesday
Night
Dinners**

5:30 p.m.
Free-will offering
Public Invited



Anything bothering you? Anything you would like to talk to someone about? Someone you can trust to keep a secret? Our Stephen Ministers are trained to listen, not judge and keep a confidence.

We will be happy to meet with you an hour a week to share your burden as you work your way through the situation.

To learn more about how the program works and how we may help you please speak to anyone wearing a blue nametag or call a Stephen Leader, Sherry Anderson, 231-972-7679 or Don Santer, 989-561-2394.

New Hope UMC Giving Report

	August	YTD
Income	\$34,265.00	\$185,548.95
Expenses	\$26,303.56	\$194,766.68
Difference	\$7,961.44	(\$9,217.73)

HAVE YOU GOT A BIT OF TIME TO SPARE?

We are looking for some helpers to do prep work in replacing the carpeted area of the Fellowship Hall at New Hope. We are replacing it with carpet squares.

We will be working on it Wednesday and Thursday, September 14 and 15 beginning at 8 a.m.

No experience is necessary and there is not a requirement of staying all day. If you have several hours to spare, that would be great.

Call Charlie Porter if you have any questions at 972-2618. Any help that you have to offer will be greatly appreciated.



I am now home with a new Leader Dog. It will take 6-12 months for us to become a seasoned team since she is still being trained.

Please allow me to decide when, how much, and what kind of interaction that will be allowed between the congregation and Gracie. Remember she is not a pet, she is a working dog whether she is in or out of harness.

Thank you, Nancy Lepkowski



OH, MY! APPLE PIE!

You don't want to miss the Faith Circle's 3rd Annual Pie Sale on October 9th. Get the date on your calendar now!

There will be a sign-up table in the Narthex for your orders and payments on Sept. 4, 11, 18, and 25.

Samples of the tasty apple pies will be served at the sign-up table. Pies are still \$9.00 each or 3 for \$25. We are limiting the order to 150 apple pies, so don't wait until the last minute, you may miss out.

On October 9th, you may pick up your frozen (and ready to bake) pies after worship service. Proceeds for this fundraiser go toward local and national missions.

If you have any questions, or would like to help with this fun project, please contact Carol VanderMeer or Bev Rothenberger.

This week the church is being lit
In Memory of Kim Momany



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 loved 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

Second Saturday Munch Bunch

The Second Saturday Munch Bunch will meet for dinner at the Mecosta County Rod & Gun Club on the third Saturday, September 17 at **4:45 pm.** **We will plan to all meet under the canopy by the entrance door at the Mecosta County Rod & Gun Club in order to all go in together.** The address is 10600 Eleven Mile Road (M-20).

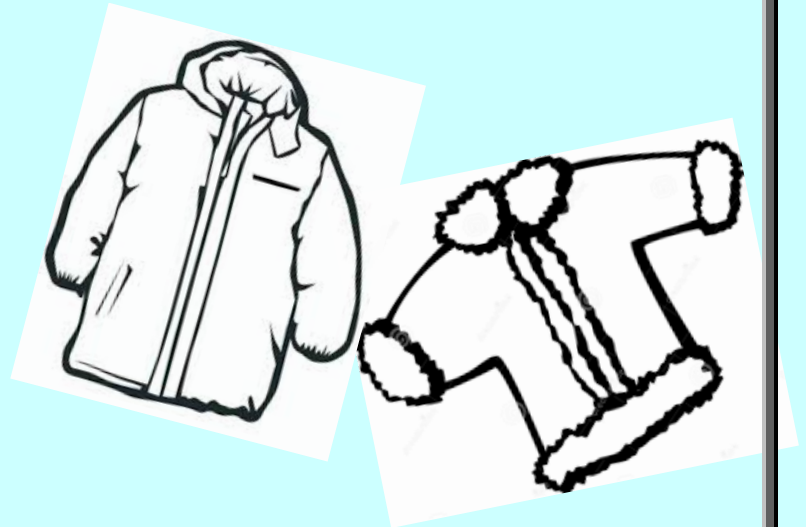
This will be a pig roast with our very own Buck Taylor doing the cooking of the pig!! The cost is \$10 and includes Buck's Famous Roast Pig, scalloped potatoes, coleslaw, baked beans, applesauce, roll, and coffee & ice tea! Ten years & under are \$6.

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.

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*

8 Ways Children's Ministry



Benefits Everyone

1. It is good for public schools. Kids who learn self-control and respect for authority are a blessing in any classroom.
— *Children's Ministry Tip:* Teach kids that God expects these character traits from his followers. Explain how the "fruits of the spirit" relate to the way they behave at school.
2. It is good for homeschoolers. Children's ministry provides another social outlet and opportunities to experience learning in a large group.
— *Children's Ministry Tip:* Be aware of homeschoolers and work to make them feel welcome.
3. Mission projects actually do good to others. When kids plan and do ministry projects these can be powerful acts of mercy.
— *Children's Ministry Tip:* Plan projects that relieve real suffering. These may be harder, but they are worth the extra effort.
4. Good for society. Children who understand God's moral law and how to love their neighbors will make the world a better place.
— *Children's Ministry Tip:* Teach the children how obeying God and loving their neighbors will make the world a better place.
5. It is good for the christian movie industry. Christian booksellers have created a demand for family friendly cinema. Veggie Tales did change the video industry for the better and you should not underestimate the role of children's ministry in spreading an interest in these type videos.
— *Children's Ministry Tip:* Occasionally promote a quality movie (or video series). Consider a church family outing to see it together.
6. It is good for kids book publishing industry. Children's story Bibles and similar resources were created because parents (and churches) were looking for this type of material.
— *Children's Ministry Tip:* Make these resources available to parents in your ministry. Occasionally teach from a story Bible and recommend it for families to use at home.
7. It is good for their future spouses. Children who learn to love their neighbors and follow Jesus in all of life will be ready for marriages that last a lifetime. These values must begin when to be learned early in life.
— *Children's Ministry Tip:* Don't skip the commandments about adultery. Tell children that marriage is important to God and it's for your whole life.
8. It is good for their future employers. Hard work and self-control are virtues that the Bible assumes all Christians will demonstrate. Children's ministry helps produce adults who love Jesus and follow his Word.

ministry-to-children.com/encouragement-for-kidmin/

from your pastor's point of view...

9-11-16

Dear Family and Friends,

Isn't this message timely? For months now we've been on a search for a music minister and I don't have to tell you how hard that search was. We were following God's will but answers weren't immediate. Ever been there? ☺ Wow... we're thankful for Lee and his new God-provided ministry at New Hope.

For months now, Sherri has been incredibly patient with me. Knowing the stress I was in, she held on doing youth ministry until we had the right person. We thought that Rachel and Wally weren't available, but schedules opened. We're thankful to them and to Sherri for God-providing for our youth!

This is all to say that even in times of uncertainty, as we've just seen, God does provide. And the best part of all is that God, in His bodacious Grace & tremendous Love, gave us Jesus. There's nothing better than that! ☺

Pastor Greg



Today's Message: "Jesus Math & Provision" (Mark 6:30-44)

"Keeping Jesus the Main Thing" Series

Intro – Jesus math: 5 loaves + 2 fish = everyone full and 12 baskets of leftovers!

Jesus provides the physical...

"Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks...They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces of bread and fish..." (Mark 6:41-44) (Matthew 6:25-34)

But Jesus also provides the spiritual...sometimes first!

"When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things." (Mark 6:34) (John 4:1-14)

How do we respond?

- 1) Take whatever Jesus is willing to give us.
- 2) Share whatever Jesus has shared with us.
- 3) Be expecting that Jesus has the plan and that we might not ever know what that may be! We have to trust.

So what's the bottom line?

Jesus provides in ways beyond our imagination or ability. He wants to be our main thing for everything forever!

UPCOMING MESSAGES –

"Keeping Jesus the Main Thing (Gospel of Mark)" Series thru 11/20

Sept. 18 – "Real Sin" (Mark 7:1-16)

Sept. 25 – "Our Cross" (Mark 8:34-38)

Oct. 2 – "Transfig. Matters" (Mark 9:1-10)

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)

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