

**MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES
TO REMEMBER
SEPTEMBER**

- S 9/25 9:45 a.m. **Worship**
M 9/26 1:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study
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

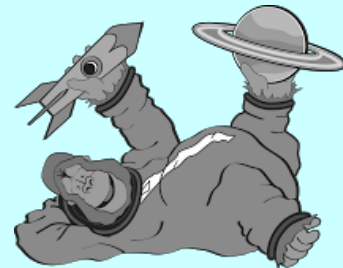
OCTOBER

- 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**



SCHEDULE

GALACTIC BLAST



September 28 - Bible Story

AnnMarie and Youth

October 2 – Bible Story

Sue Reed

October 5 – Recreation

AnnMarie and Youth

October 9 – Snack

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**

Baked Chicken
Scalloped Potatoes

Corn

Dessert

Beverage

5:30 p.m.

Free-will offering Public Invited

September Administrative Meetings

Staff Mtg. Mon., Sept. 26 – 7:00 p.m.

October Administrative Meetings

NO STAFF PARISH MTG.

Finance Mtg. Wed. Oct. 12 – 6:30 p.m.

Ad Council Mtg. Thurs. Oct. 13 – 7:00 p.m.

Staff Mtg. Mon. Oct. 24 – 7:00 p.m.

Trustees Mtg. Wed. Oct 26 – 6:30 p.m.

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.



How tragic the recent news has been. We can only pray for the survivors and hope they have access to Stephen Ministers who will be able to comfort them, pray with them and listen as they recount memories of loved ones lost.

Only God can heal these families but Stephen Ministers can be there for them offering Christian care through their difficult times.

Please remember that whatever your loss, major or minor, we have Stephen Ministers at New Hope who are willing to spend time with you in support and encouragement as you work your way through your problem.

To learn more, or request a Stephen Minister speak with any Stephen Minister with a blue nametag or call a Stephen Leader, 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.



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!

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.

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!

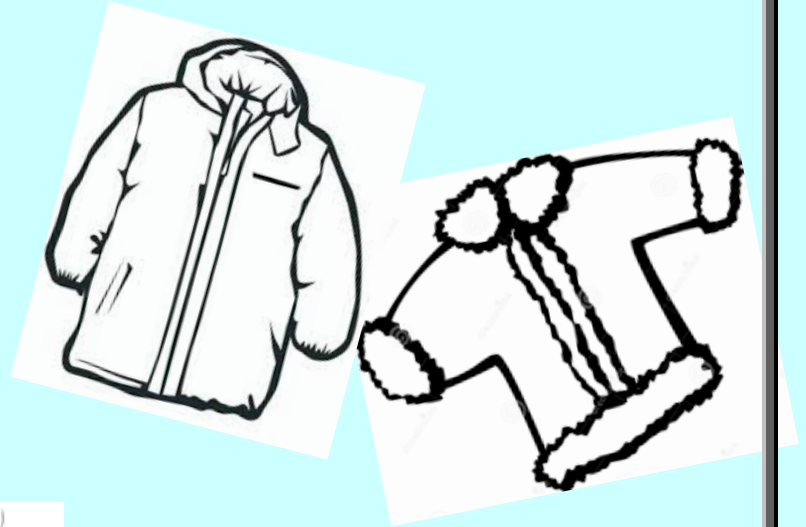
There is no obligation to going every second Saturday—come when you are able to! If you have never attended one of our outings, why not try us!

There is a sign-up board located in the Narthex by the church office. Any questions, please call Laura Hall at 231-972-7000.

GOD'S HELPING HANDS

WINTER

COAT DRIVE



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!

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*

from your pastor's point of view...

9-25-16

From Pastor Greg: I found these to be a useful reminder, and thought I should share them with you.

The 2016 Election 10 Commandments: Based loosely on Exodus 20: 1-17 ¹

1. We must remember that God is still God regardless of what happens in this or any election! He has dealt with bad leaders, struggling societies, and all of humanity's emotions before. He can handle it.
2. We should note that people's ideologies related to leadership, governance, and homeland are important but they should always be a clear second to God. We are "Divinely" blessed because we live as Christian Americans not American Christians.
3. We shall not use God to promote our campaign, political party, or cultural view carelessly and with lack of fear of accountability.
4. We should not get so caught up in politics that you ignore time with God. What if we spent the amount of time we did on politics instead on knowing God more?
5. We should honor, know, and respect the traditions and sacrifices of generations that have gone before. Pride says I know all I need to know and that I am self-sufficient. In short, pride is all about me!
6. We shall not slander (murder) an opposing political view or party. Remember we will be accountable for what we say. Talk humbly and logically and you might actually do something constructive.
7. We should note the character of each candidate within their marriages and family as it is important. If all candidates have significant moral flaws and horrific behavior, it should be more of an indictment on the entire society than the individual candidates.
8. We shall not only avoid stealing financially, by political means or power from the next generation, but also be wary of not providing the morals, time, and example to provide what they need. That is also stealing.
9. We shall not do false commercials and advertising to make ourselves look better and our opponent weaker. This includes what we share amongst ourselves knowingly, in conversations, on Facebook, on Twitter, etc.
10. We shall not wish for a past time or another cultural moment in our history as Americans as each time period and generation has had difficulties and challenges but we must be awake in the moment to take responsibility and enjoy each moment. We are here for such a time as this.

¹ originally done by Rev. John Kavanaugh, johnkavanaugh994@hotmail.com, (318) 728-4853, Rayville United Methodist Church, Louisiana Conference – some clarification/changes by PG

from your pastor's point of view...

9-25-16

Family of Friends of New Hope,

Wow...last week sin and forgiveness, the week before that Jesus providing, and now this week: the Cross, or more specifically "our" crosses, denying and then taking up.

Many folks have been confused over the years saying, "Why would Jesus make me carry my burdens all over again, if he's already saved me from them?" It's a good question.

But Jesus wasn't talking about our burdens here as much as he was talking about the calling we receive from God. Think about it. For Jesus, the "cross" was God's will for his life. 2 Peter 1:3 reminds us, "His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness." That means each one of us has a special duty to perform! ☺

So, let's take up the call of Christ, especially in consideration of his bodacious Grace and tremendous Love,

Pastor Greg

KEEPING JESUS THE MAIN THING

GOSPEL OF MARK



Today's Message: "Our Cross" (Mark 8:34-38)

"Keeping Jesus the Main Thing" Series

Intro

- Mark 8 - another 4,000 fed (7 loaves, fish, 7 baskets left over)
- Jesus reminds the disciples that a little bit of the Pharisees and of Herod could spoil a whole batch!
- Jesus heals a blind man at Bethsaida
 - 1st time – walking trees, 2nd time – fully healed.
- Peter claims that Jesus is the Messiah & then blows it by rebuking & then getting rebuked by Jesus.
- Jesus predicts his death. Everybody's uncomfortable!

Mark 8:34 - "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." How?

1 – We need to keep an eternal life perspective.

- Mark 8:35-36 - Whoever wants to save their life will lose it.
- Why gain the world but forfeit the soul?

2- We need to find pride in the right places and in the right things.

Mark 8:38 - If anyone is ashamed here, Jesus will be ashamed of them in God's presence.

So what's the bottom line?

Our cross is Jesus' calling on/to us – see 2 Peter 1:3-11.
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. 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)
- Oct. 30 – "Coming Again" (Mark 13:24-27, 32-37)

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