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August 20, 2017

Attendance

8:00 a.m. – 17	9:45 a.m. - 95
General:	\$2,617.00
Building:	<u>\$125.00</u>
Total:	\$2,742.00

August 27, 2017

Attendance

8:00 a.m. – 26	9:45 a.m. - 124
General:	\$3,075.00
Building:	<u>\$157.00</u>
Total:	\$3,232.00

September 3, 2017 – Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Living God, you miraculously used the burning bush to attract the attention of Moses. Just as the bush was on fire but not destroyed, so you sustain those you call to fulfill your purposes. Thank you for responding to the needs of your people and nurturing new leaders. By your Holy Spirit, help us to trust you completely as we seek to spend our lives following Jesus, your Son. Let us be bold witnesses of your amazing power and love. We offer you these monetary gifts for the work of your church here and around the world, through Jesus Christ. Amen. (*Exodus 3:1-15*)

SEPTEMBER MINISTRY

OPPORTUNITIES TO REMEMBER

- S 9/3 9:45 a.m. Worship**
11:15 a.m. “Uncommon” Worship
- M 9/4 NEW HOPE OFFICE CLOSED**
- T 9/5 9:30 a.m. Craft Day**
5:30 p.m. Men’s Emmaus
6:30 p.m. Men’s Bible Study
- W 9/6 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**
- SA 9/9 9:45 a.m. Tech and Check**
10:30 a.m. Worship Design
- 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
3:30 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
3:30 p.m. Kingdom Kids
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper
6:00 p.m. Youth
- SA 9/23 6:00 p.m. Mark Trammel Concert**

September Administrative Meetings

- Staff Parish Mtg.** Mon. Sept. 11 – 6:00 p.m.
Finance Mtg. Wed. Sept. 13 – 6:30 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.



SCHEDULE

September 3 – AnnMarie Buchner

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



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](tel:231-972-0009).



**Wednesday Night Dinner
Is Returning September 6th
5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.**

Start making plans to join us for our first
Wednesday Night Dinner with
Entertainment by the Dixie Ramblers



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



Calling all singers, musicians, and wanna-be vocalists!

The Adult Choir wants you! We invite you to join us as we sing praises to our God.

Practices will begin Wednesday Sept. 6 at 4:15 and continue weekly in that time slot.

No experience necessary, ability to read music helpful, but not essential. Questions???
Contact Lee Haslick @ 616-298-4577.

Second Saturday Munch Bunch

The Second Saturday Munch Bunch will meet for dinner on Saturday, September 9 at the Rock Café located at Ferris State University in Big Rapids at 4:00 pm (PLEASE NOTE THE TIME.) We have reserved the Private Dining Room that is located in the Rock Café. This room can accommodate 26 people, so the first 26 people to sign up will get to be in the Private Dining Room.

The Rock Café recommended that we come at 4:00 pm as it would be less busy than 5:00 pm. The restaurant is a buffet with many stations to choose from-- including a Mongolian Barbeque. The price is \$10.25 plus tax and includes beverage, all you can eat, and dessert.

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.



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!



**Every Girl.
Everywhere.
Period.**

This year's UMW Call to Prayer and Self Denial program that was held in June, was about an international organization coordinating hygiene kits for school-age girls in impoverished countries. Days for Girls International has accepted our UMW as a new Team-in-Training! What does that mean? Members of the Faith and Mary Martha Circles are going to become involved by sewing hygiene kits and sending them to girls around the world.

We are gung-ho to get started, and want members and friends of New Hope to know they are welcome to join us! These kits will be sewn and assembled on Tuesday mornings, during the Tuesday morning craft time in the fellowship hall. Our first meeting will be this Tuesday, August 22, at 10:00 a.m. It will be more of a planning meeting, as we figure out the assembly process and gather materials needed. If you are interested and cannot join us this week, show up when you can. There will be work for seamstresses, material will need to be bought and cut, and the kits will need to be assembled. Our commitment is to make 25 kits. If we just love this, and want to continue, we can!

Any questions, please contact Bev Rothenberger via email: rothenberger.bev77@gmail.com or by cell: 317-413-7491. Betty Stewart: jstew70127@aol.com, 231-972-0009.

2017/2018 KINGDOM KIDS

Planning is in the works for the upcoming 2017/2018 Kingdom Kids Afterschool Program at New Hope. The kids are going to have a great time with the Program that has been selected.

In an effort to keep costs down, here's a list of materials that are needed.

54 in. Black Vinyl Fabric
(making straps for spy kit)

~~30 Sheets of White card stock~~

~~40 Sheets of Gray card stock~~

~~Red cellophane~~

Black Sticky-Back felt

(one 1x3 inches per child) (30 kids)

~~2mm Black Cord (25 yards—900 inches)~~

Warm Bodies – Volunteers 3:30 to 6pm or any time in between

~~30 silver plastic spoons~~

~~30 #32 rubber bands~~

Bag of Rice from Sam's Club

(whatever size that is)

Realistic Fake Money 1's 5's 10's and 20's

(at least 2 each)

Small non-breakable magnifying glasses

(at least 10)

Prayers for a successful year and for God to be a part of this all!

Leftover Birthday supplies

(cups, napkins, plates, a used piñata, balloons, birthday Banner etc.)

~~Yellow "Crime Scene" tape (1 roll)~~

~~Balloons (12" or 16") Need about 30~~

THINGS WE WOULD LIKE TO BORROW FROM SEPT. TO THE END OF APRIL

4 trench coats (size and length do not matter)

Briefcase

Green Hat, Vest and/or Socks

(Trying to be Irish!)

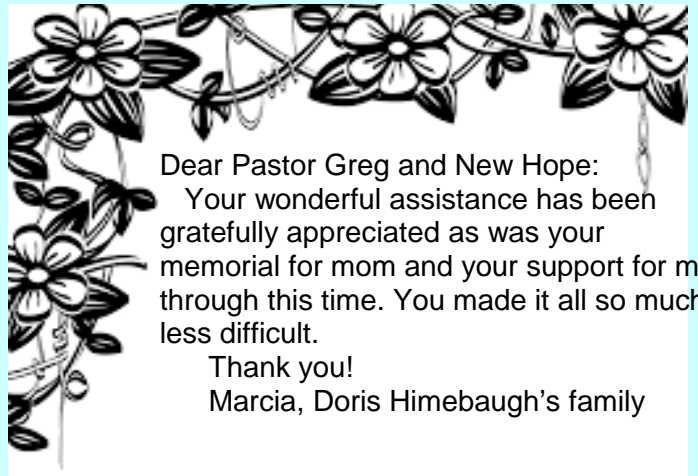
Colorful flowery top

Brightly colored tie

A Black Light

If you wish to donate, we would greatly appreciate it! All items go to AnnMarie or you can leave them in the Jonah Room down at the end of the hallway!

Thanks a million for helping us out!



Dear Pastor Greg and New Hope:

Your wonderful assistance has been gratefully appreciated as was your memorial for mom and your support for me through this time. You made it all so much less difficult.

Thank you!

Marcia, Doris Himebaugh's family



Thank you to everyone at New Hope for all of the expressions of love and kindness shown to me and my family during

the recent illness and passing of Margie.

It is comforting to know that I am part of such a great church family.

Gordon McArthur and family

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.

THE CASE FOR CHRIST

from your pastor's point of view... 9-3-17

Hey New Hope Family and Friends,

A lot is happening today! Thank you for sharing this day with us!

It's our first Sunday for our new 11:15 am service. It's a service we've been planning for months in hopes that it doesn't look too planned! It's hard to be uncommon but we are excited about it! ☺

Today is also our third Sunday of four discovering "The Case For Christ." Many of you have said this has been a meaningful series for you as we look to defend what we believe what we believe.

Today is also Communion Sunday. Today we not only "remember" what Christ has done for us, but it also gives us the chance to "re-order" our lives after the Christ's example, celebrating God's bodacious Grace, faultless Truth, and tremendous Love,



New "uncommon" Service starting today at 11:15 am.

"Embracing the Truth of Christ" (Luke 15:11-32) **"The Case for Christ" series**

Intro - first week: investigating the sticking points
last week: Jesus' resurrection – since it's true it changes everything
this week: finding our way back home - accepting the gift that Jesus has bought and paid for.

Embracing The Way Home – We're all lost kids w/attitude!

God lets us go, but he waits for our return.

Embracing Grace – We all need God's love and grace.

God's love for us before we come to faith.
God's love for us as we come to faith.
God's love for us after we come to faith.

Embracing the Truth – We all have the same opportunity!

- 1 - *We've all blown it, and left to our own devices, we would keep blowing it.* (Romans 3:23, I John 1:8)
- 2 - *There's a penalty for blowing it. All sin has a consequence.* (Romans 6:23, John 3:18)
- 3 - *We can't save ourselves.* (Titus 3:5, James 2:10)
- 4 - *Thankfully, salvation is provided for us.* (Romans 5:8; Ephesians 2:8-10, John 3:16-17, John 14:6)
- 5 - *We just have to believe and receive to become a child in God's family.* (Matthew 11:28-30; Luke 13:3; I John 1:9, Romans 10:9-10, Acts 16:31)
- 6 - *No procrastination allowed! Now is the time to make that decision.* (Joshua 24:15, 2 Corinthians 6:2; Romans 10:13)
- 7 - *God permits do-overs!* (Romans 8:1-2, 31-39)

Bottom Line/Application

We can find our way back home. We can accept (and re-accept) the gift that Jesus has bought and paid for.

UPCOMING MESSAGES

"The Case for Christ" series continues....

Sept 10 – "Explaining the Good News of Christ" (Matt. 5:13-16)

"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)

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