



New Hope United Methodist Church

W7797 Center Avenue
Glenbeulah, WI 53023
(Across from the Wade House Historic Site)

May/June 2021

Upcoming Events

MAY

Sunday	May 2nd	9:30am Worship w/Communion
Sunday	May 9th	9:30am Worship
Monday	May 10th	6:30pm Admin Board Meeting
Sunday	May 16th	9:30am Worship
Sunday	May 23rd	9:30am Worship
Sunday	May 30th	9:30am Worship ~ Peace with Justice Sunday
Sunday	May 30th	11:00am Cemetery Walk/Drive

JUNE

Sunday	June 6th	9:30am Worship w/Communion
Sunday	June 13th	9:30am Worship
Monday	June 14th	6:30pm Admin Board Meeting
Sunday	June 20th	9:30am Worship
Sunday	June 27th	9:30am Worship

Special Sundays

Peace with Justice Sunday

When you support Peace with Justice Sunday, your gift becomes a voice for advocacy around the world. Together we strengthen God's family with ministries that challenge structures of inequality and empower people and communities through systemic change.



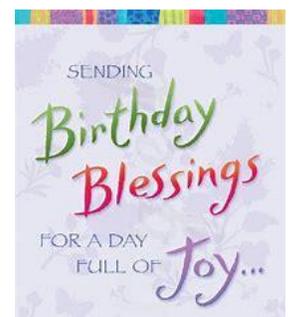
Birthdays

MAY

3 rd	Candy Rieth
5 th	Abby Hau
6 th	Lyle Zimmermann
12 th	Chip Crowe
13 th	Dorothy Behr
16 th	Brayton Zimmermann
26 th	Deb Hellmer

June

7 th	Emma Hellmer
14 th	Warren DeMunck
21 st	Lucas Hellmer
25 th	Christina TeBeest



Greetings from Pastor Ric...

“The Four Rules of Helping”

Let me ask you a question: If somebody showed up on a Sunday morning and after the worship service, shared their story of need and asked for some help. What should we do in response?

This is not just a rhetorical question. I’ve heard of several churches in our county where this very thing has happened. It probably isn’t a matter of “IF” someone comes to ask us for help in their time of need, but “WHEN.” We won’t know in advance when it will happen, but we need to prepare with prayer and discerning discussions about how we can assist in a Christ-like way.

When I was a pastor in downtown Sheboygan, we would often have two or three individuals a week walk into the church office asking for some type of assistance: some needed rent money to avoid eviction, some needed medicine but couldn’t afford the cost, some needed a gas card or food until their next payday. I wanted to help, my heart was touched by their stories and their needs, but after they left, I would ask myself: “Did I really help them?”

I was not always sure I had helped. Especially, when I would see them back again later for other needs or the same one. I felt that I wasn’t addressing their ‘core issues’ of need in my all-too-brief interaction.

These feelings again washed over me recently when I read a short column by Rebekah Simon-Peter in a Ministry Matters email. She shared about a clergy couple who came up with the Four Rules of Helping. They wrestled with the same feelings that the people who came for help weren’t really being helped. The money and the food assisted them temporarily, but their baseline situation never changed appreciably. The pastors knew that they wanted the church’s efforts to make a difference, so they would have to do something different. Here are their four rules for helping as a church leader:

- 1. The person has to need help.**
- 2. The person has to want help.**
- 3. The person has to want *my* help.**
- 4. I can only help them to help themselves.**

When the pastors and their congregation moved away from quick fixes, they landed upon the kind of vision that met all the Four Rules of Helping criteria. Their vision became, **“Equipping people to thrive.”** I love this vision because it’s easy to remember, is biblical, and offers so much more than a quick fix. She wanted people to see themselves in a new light: as new creations in Christ, as capable, confident, able, worthy human beings. People who had what it takes to rise to new heights.

So, how do we stop ‘helping’ and start ‘empowering’ others? I welcome your ideas and prayers about this important issue to inform us to respond in ways that really help our neighbors in need.

May this season of Easter be the time when we can remind everyone of the importance of Empowerment in their lives!

**Blessings to you,
Pastor Ric**

Mission and Outreach

"Donations from the Loose Change Offering were made by the Mission and Outreach Committee to Kettle Moraine Correctional, to purchase special prison-ministry Bibles, and rosaries. Both of these items are often asked for by the inmates, who can buy them at the canteen, but the chaplains like to give them out when asked, as a gesture of love and goodwill.

Please continue to donate to the Loose Change offering - it is distributed every quarter to various local, state, and international charities. If you have a favorite charity to suggest, contact Nancy at the office or Kim Thimmig. We have often donated to the Plymouth Food Pantry, Heifer International, and UMCOR, just to name a few.

It's amazing how a little change from your pocket can add up . . ."

Announcements

Cemetery Walk

We will be having a service at the cemetery on May 30th Weather Permitting. Bring a chair.

VBS this summer

At the last Administrative Board meeting we discussed the need to offer a Vacation Bible School this summer for the children of our families and the community.

If you would like to help us plan for something to reach out to our children and grandchildren, as well as their friends and others, we welcome your time and leadership to create this. We are open to working with other churches to launch our children's summer ministry. Or we can plan something ourselves with our own leaders and teachers.



Please contact Pastor Ric at 920-980-8302 or ricolson2008@gmail.com with questions, or suggestions, or to help us plan this important ministry.



Grass Mowing Time

Please sign up for grass mowing if you are able. There will be a sign up sheet at Church or send us an email.

2nd Annual Cemetery Walk/Drive

We will be having a 9:30am Worship Service at the cemetery on May 30th Weather Permitting. Bring a chair. Following the Worship Service we will have our 2nd Annual Cemetery Walk. ***We are looking for members to share the names and stories of loved ones who are buried at the Greenbush Cemetery.*** Pastor Ric would like to honor those that have been buried there. We are inviting everyone to join us and share stories about their loved ones. If you know of someone buried here who was important in the history of Greenbush, and loved ones who were faithful in our church, please send us a short paragraph telling us about them. We hope to prepare a history of our "saints" and a way to locate them so they will always stay in our hearts. Please contact us with information about your loved one.

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Scholarship



Peter Roth thanked everyone in church on Easter Sunday for choosing him for the Harriet Bote Scholarship this past year.

He is currently attending UW-Madison. Peter will be earning a doctorate degree in Pharmacy this spring, once he finishes his last clinical rotation at UW Health.

The Scholarship Committee wishes to welcome applications from our church members and related students who are pursuing college and advanced studies. Please contact us to receive the new, updated application form and reference forms to begin the process.

Please go to the church website for forms. www.gbnewhopeumc.org

If we are missing your birthday, please contact the church office.



A MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER

Dear Lord, I approach you to give thanks to all mothers who so generously and freely give love, comfort, and guidance to their children every day. I ask you, Lord, to give them strength to carry on doing their work. Give them patience and let them see that they are loved, appreciated and respected. I thank you for the sacrifice each mother makes every day. And I pray you bless them and touch them with your Grace. I pray this is your mighty name.

Amen.



A Prayer for Christian Fathers

Heavenly Father,
you entrusted your Son Jesus,
the child of Mary,
to the care of Joseph, an earthly father.
Bless all fathers
as they care for their families.
Give them strength and wisdom,
tenderness and patience;
support them in the work they have to do,
protecting those who look to them,
as we look to you for love and salvation,
through Jesus Christ our rock and defender.

Amen.

- Author Unknown

The Greatest Gift
I Ever Had
Came From God,
And I Call Him
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Welcome Summer



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