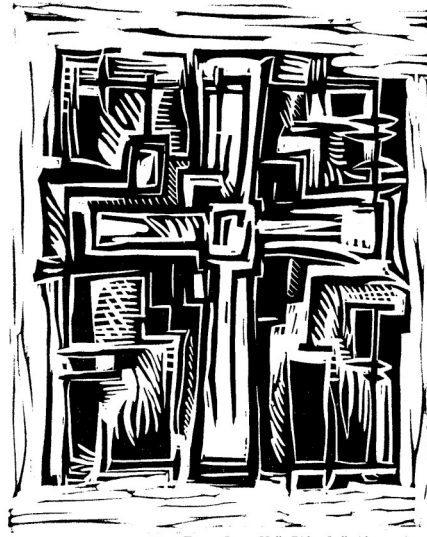


New Hope Presbyterian Church



Easter Cross, Kelly Rider (kellyrider.com)

April 12, 2015

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT NEW HOPE

We are grateful you have joined us today and invite you to participate fully in the worship, education, and mission life of our church.

During Today's Worship

Large-print bulletins and hearing enhancement equipment are available for ease of worship. An usher will be happy to assist you. At the close of worship, please return the unit to the sound booth at the rear of the sanctuary.

Children are especially welcome in our worship services, because faith is formed by the practices that shape it. Red worship bags for young children (non-readers) and blue bags for older children (readers) may be found on the wall outside the sanctuary. An usher will help you locate one. If you would like a worship bag with your child's name on it, you may fill out a request form on the Information Table or call the church office (936.2200). Parents who prefer child care will find the infant nursery on the first floor and the Pre-K nursery on the lower-level.

Worship Feast, an experience to help elementary-age children develop awareness of God's presence and openness to mystery through a variety of prayer practices, is available during the 11:00 service. Children who wish to participate will be dismissed after the Gospel Reading. They will meet in the narthex and be escorted to the lower-level.

Preparing for worship... Please silence cell phones upon entering the sanctuary. The need may arise for you to exit the service early. If so, please refrain from exiting during prayers, reading of scripture and choral anthems. Natural and appropriate exit points are during congregational hymns or sung responses. Your courtesy is appreciated. Also, as a kindness to fellow worshipers, please do not take flash photos during the worship service.

Ushering for today's worship: (8:45) Michael Black, Cindy Martin, Jim & Debbie Phillips.
(11:00) Craig Clarke, Kirk Garten, Bill & Linda Judd, Kristin Judd, Debbie McDanel, Joe Seidler.

Liturgist: (11:00) Deacon Earl Bostic

Sound Booth: (8:45) Bill Irvine (11:00) Deb Garten

Last Sunday's Attendance: 336

If You Are New to New Hope

Information about our church can be found at the Information Table in the foyer.

New Hope Cares

For pastoral care and to notify the church of illness, hospitalization, or death, please contact the church office at 636/936.2200 (lbrown@nhpres.org). To arrange for home bound Communion, contact Pastor James at cqjames@nhpres.org or 936.2200 x.11.

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Second Sunday of Easter

April 12, 2015

8:45 & 11:00 a.m.

THE GATHERING

*As the people gather, worshipers greet one another, welcoming newcomers.
Please silence electronic devices.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

+ GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Prayer of Preparation

The start of the Prelude signals the time to enter a period of quiet reflection.

This prayer is offered as an aid to help worshipers center the heart and mind for worship.

Breathe in this place, O Lord,
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
to open our minds,
unlock our hearts,
and enliven our faith
so that we may welcome
the risen one among us. Amen.

+ *DOXOLOGY (*Glory to God* 607)

OLD HUNDRETH LM

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

*OPENING SENTENCES & PRAYER OF THE DAY

The peace of God is with us.

Christ Jesus stands among us.

By the power of the Holy Spirit,

we have seen the risen Lord.

...who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Amen.

+ *HYMN 245

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

LLANFAIR

(11:00) ANTHEM

This Joyful Eastertide

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 4: 32-35

PSALTER

Psalm 133

How Very Good and Pleasant, cantor

(Glory to God 398)

EPISTLE READING

1 John 1:1 - 2:2

*THE GOSPEL

ACCLAMATION *Christ Is Alive!* (v.5) *(Glory to God 246)*

TRURO

***Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.***

GOSPEL READING

John 20: 19-31

THE ALLELUIA

FESTIVAL ALLELUIA

***Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***

SERMON

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

✠ In silent prayer and reflection you may renew the covenant into which you are baptized. If you would like to learn more about this sacrament, Pastor James would welcome the opportunity to speak with you about it.

(11:00) SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

PRESENTATION

Hank Matthew Besselman

Son of Mark & Katherine Besselman

Clare Jacqueline Murray

Daughter of Tim & Alyssa Murray

PROFESSION OF FAITH

RENUNCIATIONS

*PROFESSION – *the Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER
THE BAPTISM
LAYING ON OF HANDS

*HYMN 487 *These Treasured Children*

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

*GIVING OF THE LIGHT

*WELCOME

...Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ
and into the mission we share:
join us in giving thanks and praise to God
and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

*THE PEACE

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Greet those around you with: "The peace of Christ be with you," responding, "And also with you."

THE EUCHARIST

OFFERING OF OURSELVES & OUR GIFTS

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The prayer continues. After the words, "... who forever sing to the glory of your name:" the congregation sings,

***...Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The prayer continues. After the words, "Great is the mystery of faith," the congregation proclaims,

**...Christ has died;
Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.**

The prayer continues and ends with the Lord's Prayer...

**...Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

☞ Coming to the Table—Ushers will invite worshipers to the Lord's Table by rows. All the baptized may come to the Table at the center and return by the outside aisles.

☞ Receiving the elements—You may take the bread, dip it into the chalice and partake of both together (intinction), or you may partake of the bread first, and then proceed to partake of the juice separately from the tray of individual cups. Gluten-free bread is available with Pastor James from the plate in his left hand.

PRAYER AFTER THE MEAL

THE SENDING
Thine Is the Glory

*HYMN 238

JUDAS MACCABEUS

*BLESSING & CHARGE

*Please rise in body or spirit.

+ Those arriving may be seated.



THE SEASON OF EASTERTIDE

Easter is not simply one day, but a season of the church year known as the Great Fifty Days, lasting for seven weeks from Easter day to the day of Pentecost. Seven weeks times seven days per week equals 49 days, plus one day to express the completeness of resurrection life and the totality by which Christ's resurrection overcame the power of sin and death.

During the season of Eastertide, New Hope is observing the practice of replacing the Prayer of Confession with a prayer of Thanksgiving for Baptism. Following the penitential season of Lent, one way to celebrate Easter is to forgo the practice of corporate confession and give thanks for the new life that Easter brings and the Sacrament of Baptism signifies. Also during Eastertide, New Hope is reading from the Acts of the Apostles as the First Scripture Reading in worship. The Acts of the Apostles is the record of the growth of the early church in the first century after the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ. It is a moving testimony to how the Christian community lives in response to the earth-shattering reality that happened at Easter.

The tall candle near the baptismal font is called the Paschal Candle. "Pascha" comes from the Hebrew word for "Passover," the central festival for the Jewish people in which the Hebrews celebrate their deliverance from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the land of Canaan. On the night before their deliverance through the Red Sea to freedom, the Lord instructed the people to kill a lamb and spread the blood on the doorposts of their homes. That night, the Lord would pass through the land of Egypt and kill the firstborn of every home, but would *pass over* the homes that had the blood of the lamb on the doorposts, thereby sparing the Hebrews the punishment exacted upon the Egyptians (Exodus 12). We read this story in our worship every year on Maundy Thursday.

For us Christians, Christ is our "paschal lamb" who was sacrificed that we might be delivered from slavery to sin to the freedom of life in communion with God and one another. God completed that work with the Resurrection of Christ. So the fullness of Easter, lived out in our worship over the three days from Maundy Thursday to Easter is the Christian Passover, or Pascha. The Paschal Candle is lighted at the Great Vigil of Easter, in which we proclaim that the light of Christ shines in the darkness of sin and death to give light to the world. The candle remains lit throughout the Great Fifty Days of Easter through Pentecost, and then is again lighted at baptisms and funerals. In baptism, we die with Christ and are raised with him to newness of life. Death is the completion of our baptism in which all things are revealed and we are forever united with God.

So the Paschal candle tells our story as Easter people. Ours includes a lamb, a cross and the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, A (Alpha) and Ω (Omega), reminiscent of what Jesus said, "I am the Alpha and Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end" (Revelation 22:13).

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Katie Jones, *Child Care Provider*
Marion Hamilton, *Child Care Provider*
Vickie Moore, *Sexton*

Session

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| <i>Fellowship</i> | <i>Formation for Discipleship</i> | <i>Ministry, Mission & Evangelism</i> |
| Katie Harmon (2015) | Deb Garten (2015) | Jim Salter (2016) |
| Craig Graber (2016) | Shelley Geiger (2016) | Jim Cox (2017) |
| Margo Van Mill (2017) | Jennifer Everly (2017) | |

Worship, Music & the Arts

Michael Ray (2015)
Linda Dencker (2016)
Lynne Snyder (2017)

Administration & Support

Kathy Gibbs (2015)
Bill Pires (2016)
Clark Hurrell (2017)

Diaconate

2015
Jerry Dyer
Jackie Etling
Bill Judd
Kristen Moore
Jim Phillips

2016
Earl Bostic
Ruth Connor
Marion Hamilton
Stan Whiteley
Jan Parker

2017
Laura Eikmann
Steve Gerke
Donna Huffman
Kay McCarthy
Kurt Romkey

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News & Opportunities

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| Sunday, April 12th | | |
| 8:45 a.m. | Word & Sacrament | Worship Space |
| 9:45 a.m. | Christian Formation | Various Locations |
| 11:00 p.m. | Word & Sacrament | Worship Space |
| 12:00 p.m. | Harmony Faith Family | Conference Room |
| 1:50 p.m. | Youth Bowling | Cave Springs Bowling |
| Monday, April 13th | | |
| 10:00 a.m. | Prayer Shawl Ministry | Conference Room |
| Tuesday, April 14th | | |
| 7:00 p.m. | Session Meeting | Senior High Room |
| 7:00 p.m. | A.A. Meeting | Worship Space |
| Wednesday, April 15th | | |
| 6:00 p.m. | Handbell Choir | Worship Space |
| 7:15 p.m. | Choir | Worship Space |
| Thursday, April 16th | | |
| 5:50 p.m. | Employment Ministry Committee | Worship Space |
| 7:00 p.m. | Employment Ministry | Worship Space |
| Friday, April 17th | | |
| 5:45 p.m. | Youth Retreat Departs | |
| Saturday, April 18th | | |
| 8:30 a.m. | Men's Fellowship Breakfast | Narthex |
| Sunday, April 19th | | |
| 8:45 a.m. | Word & Sacrament | Worship Space |
| 9:45 a.m. | Christian Formation | Various Locations |
| 11:00 p.m. | Word & Sacrament | Worship Space |
| 12:15 p.m. | Children's Choir Rehearsal | Worship Space |

NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES

First quarter giving statements will be available soon on the Information Table. Please pick up your copy and make sure the statement reflects your records. Please contact Laurie Brown at the church office with any questions.

FINANCIAL CORNER

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| March Contributions | 40,869.00 |
| Monthly Budget | <u>34,457.00</u> |
| | 6,412.00 |
| Contributions to date | 113,336.89 |
| Budget to date | <u>103,371.00</u> |
| | 9,965.89 |

SCRIP CARDS

SCRIP cards work great if you are planning your summer vacation. There are hotels and car rental agencies available for purchase. We also have your everyday needs such as Walmart. Order on Sunday and pick them up the following Sunday. A portion of each purchase comes back to the church as "free" money. Last year we collected over \$1000 to use for the youth. We are trying to get new furniture for the senior high youth room. If you have any questions, contact Jennifer Everly at 314/369-4398.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES

Nursery: meets in the upstairs nursery
 Pre-K Class: meets in the Butterfly Room on the lower level
 K - Grade 2: meets in the Caterpillar Room on the lower level
 Grades 3 - 5: meets in the lower level kitchen off of the Sunshine Room
 Grades 6 - 12: meets in the Youth Room on the lower level
 Contemporary Issues Adults - meets in the Conference Room
 Think: An Adult DVD and Discussion - meets in room 103 (The Gathering Place)

CHILD CARE PROVIDER

We are now seeking a Child Care Provider. This position is for Sunday mornings and occasional Sunday or week day meetings. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact the church office for an application for employment.

News & Opportunities, which is distributed during Sunday worship, is also available on the Welcome Table in the narthex and at www.nhpres.org.

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CHILDREN

Today, April 12th

Infant Nursery

Ann Rademan

Pre-K Nursery

Jennifer James

April 19th

Barb Griffith

The infant nursery is for babies & toddlers up to age two and is located in the Turtle Room upstairs. The Pre-K nursery is for ages 3-5 and is located in the Butterfly Room downstairs.

Worship Feast, for elementary aged children, is a special program that is designed to help children develop their innate connection to God and their natural openness to mystery through a variety of prayer practices.

Worship Feast Volunteers

April 12th—Elaine Barbee & Shelley Geiger

April 19th—Shelley Geiger & Deb Garten

We need many volunteers to ensure that our children's programs run smoothly. Please consider volunteering one of the nurseries or during Worship Feast! To sign up to volunteer in the infant nursery, pre-k nursery, or Worship Feast, go to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4fa9a829a7fa7-nhpc>

FEMALE CONNECTION

The Female Connection is going to meet at the church to leave at 11:00 AM on Saturday, April 25 (please arrive by 10:45). We will go to the Hill for lunch and then enjoy the afternoon at the Botanical Garden. The cost of Garden admission is \$8. Female Connection is an open ladies group and would love for you to join in our fellowship. For more information, please contact Deb Mackin.

WORSHIP

New Hope worships each Sunday at 8:45 am and 11:00 am

Lectionary for Sunday, April 19th, 2015

Acts 3: 12-19

Psalm 4

1 John 3: 1-7

Luke 24: 36-48

ADMIN & SUPPORT UPDATE

As part of the 50/50 fund drive the playground fence has been straightened and the posts set in concrete. A three block high retaining wall to hold the pee gravel in will be constructed as soon as the ground dries out.

ADULT MISSION TRIP

Spring is here! Need some help with cleaning? The adult mission trip group is still taking calls to help in any work you may have around the house. Members of the team will come to your house in exchange for a free will donation. To set up a time to get help with your spring cleaning call Linda Judd at 636-578-3352.

FLOWER CALENDAR

There is still room available on the 2015 Flower Calendar. The Flower Calendar is available in the Narthex. Sign up for flowers to celebrate a birthday or anniversary, or to remember a loved one. Flowers are \$30.00 and may be taken home after the second service each week.

YOUTH GROUP

TODAY, April 12th—Bowling at Cave Springs (meet at church at 1:50 pm)

Friday, April 17th—Sunday, April 19th—Retreat at Mound Ridge: meet at church at 5:45 pm on Friday. Registration forms were mailed out. If you didn't receive one and would like to attend the retreat, please contact the church office.

2015 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

This year's Vacation Bible School, G-Force: God's Love In Action, is scheduled for July 13 - 17 from 9:00 am until noon. Please plan to be a part of this great week of sharing God's love with boys and girls age 2 through fifth grade. There are many, many opportunities to help! Volunteer forms are now available on the Information Table in the Narthex. We need your help to make this year's VBS a success. Please consider volunteering!

VBS registration forms are now available on the Information Table!

Registration has begun for New Hope's 2015 VBS program! Registration forms are available on the VBS table in the Narthex. This year's VBS will be held July 13 - 17 from 9 a.m. - noon. Please remember to save the VBS dates and tell all of your family, friends and neighbors!

APRIL MEAL-A-MONTH

2 cans chicken, 1 box Chicken Helper, 1 can vegetables, 1 can fruit, 1 box/bag cookies,

PW REGIONAL & CHURCH-WIDE GATHERINGS

Saturday, April 18 PW Giddings-Lovejoy Spring Gathering will be at First of Union Presbyterian Church in Union, MO. "God's Extraordinary Blessings" is the theme. The speaker will be Rev. Dr. Mary Williams, currently a chaplain at a hospital in Joplin, Mo. The cost for the program and lunch will be \$12.00.

June 18-21 The Church-wide Gathering of Presbyterian Women 2015 will be in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The theme is "One Body, One Spirit".

Contact Mary Powers for additional information and to register for these events. marystahr@charter.net or 636-978-1135

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

A Taste of Pampered Chef

Presbyterian Women hope that you join them for an evening with Donna Huffman and your church friends.

On Thursday, April 23rd at 6:30 pm, Donna will offer light appetizers and desserts with a Pampered Chef presentation. Dessert will follow. This event is open to men and women. Please RSVP to Donna by Tuesday, 4/21 at cookindonnastl8286@yahoo.com.

Child care will be provided if requested. Please contact Mary Powers by Tuesday, April 21st (marystahr@charter.net).

If you cannot be present, you may order by visiting Donna's website at www.pamperedchef.biz/donnahuffman. Catalogs are available on the Information Table.