

## CALENDAR

### Sunday, February 25th

8:45 a.m.	Word & Sacrament	Worship Space
9:45 a.m.	Christian Formation	Various Locations
11:00 a.m.	Word & Sacrament	Worship Space
12:00 p.m.	Presbyterian Women	Sunshine Room
4:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts Blue & Gold Banquet	Worship Space

### Monday, February 26th

7:00 p.m.	Formation for Discipleship	Room 104
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### Tuesday, February 27th

7:00 p.m.	Earth Care Team	Room 104
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### Wednesday, February 28th

6:15 p.m.	Handbell Rehearsal	Worship Space
7:15 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal	Worship Space

### Thursday, March 1st

1:00 p.m.	Agape Circle	Conference Room
7:00 p.m.	Joy Circle	Conference Room

### Sunday, March 4th

8:45 a.m.	Word & Sacrament	Worship Space
9:45 a.m.	Christian Formation	Various Locations
11:00 a.m.	Word & Sacrament	Worship Space
12:00 p.m.	Chili Cook-Off	Sunshine Room
12:00 p.m.	Harmony Faith Family	Conference Room
12:30 p.m.	<i>The Journey</i>	Room 104

*News & Opportunities*, which is distributed during Sunday worship, is also available in the Outreach and Information area in the narthex and at [www.nhpres.org](http://www.nhpres.org).

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# News & Opportunities

## February 25, 2018

### NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES

2018 Directories are now available in the Outreach and Information area of the Narthex. Please take one directory per family. If you are in need of additional copies, please call or email Laurie in the church office (636-936-2200 or [lbrown@nhpres.org](mailto:lbrown@nhpres.org)).

### CINNAMON ROLLS

TODAY is the last day to order cinnamon rolls. Order forms are in the Narthex and money is due at the time orders are placed. Rolls can be picked up on Sunday, March 4th, before or after worship service. You don't want to miss out on ordering! If you do, you'll have to wait another year to get your yummy home-made rolls!

### CHILI SUPPER

Join us on Sunday, March 4th, after the second service for our annual chili cook-off. Whether you want to Cook & Compete... or just Want to Eat... you're bound to have fun and full bellies! And YOU get to vote for your most favorite chili with cash. There will be prizes for the winners and bragging rights for all of 2018. If you'd like to participate by bringing a chili, there is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. This year, we're also having a dessert competition! Bring your favorite home-made dessert and see how yours stacks up against the competition. Again, prizes will be awarded for the favorite dessert. So please, make plans to join us for lunch and voting on Sunday, March 4th. And sign up to bring your favorite chili and dessert!

### BLOOD DRIVE

The Deacons are sponsoring their semi-annual Blood Drive on Sunday, March 18th, from 9:30 am—12:30 pm. Sign up sheets are in the Outreach and Information area of the Narthex.

## CHILDREN

The nursery is located on the main level, Room 204. It is located out the side door of the worship space at the end of the hallway. The nursery is available for children from birth through five years old.

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

### **Worship Feast Volunteers:**

**February 25th**—Jane Cox & Kathy Mudrovic

**March 4th**—No Worship Feast

We need many volunteers to ensure that our children's programs run smoothly. Please consider volunteering for the Nursery or during Worship Feast. To sign up go to the New Hope Church website at [www.nhpresc.org](http://www.nhpresc.org) and click on the link on the home page.

## MINISTRY, MISSION & EVANGELISM

February Meal-A-Month: 1 can chicken & dumplings, 1 can vegetables, 1 can fruit, 1 box/bag cookies, 1 plastic jar peanut butter.

The OASIS Food Pantry is in need of cake mixes for their birthday bags. Please consider donating a cake mix and placing it in the food pantry donation area.

Teachers and counselors at Harvest Ridge Elementary say thank you for snacks and classroom supplies contributed by New Hope. We deliver about 100 snacks per month, so students can focus on learning rather than being hungry. Of course, facial tissues and Clorox wipes are always needed to help kids stay healthy. You may pick up lists of suggested peanut-free snacks from the Outreach and Information area and drop off contributions in the bin labeled Harvest Ridge.

## WORSHIP

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

### **Lectionary for Sunday, March 4, 2018**

Exodus 20: 1-17

Psalms 19

1 Corinthians 1: 18-25

John 2: 13-22

The handbell choir practices on Wednesday evenings at 6:15 pm and the choir practices on Wednesday evenings at 7:15 pm.

## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Jesus' ministry was among those who were most vulnerable. He preached good news to the poor and release to the captives. One Great Hour of Sharing helps us share this same good news to those same vulnerable people in our world today: those who are hungry, who are suffering from disaster, who are dealing with oppression in society. Join us on Sunday, March 25th and join Christians all across the country in opening their hearts to witness tangibly to the abundant love of God through One Great Hour of Sharing.

## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

At meeting on Monday, Feb. 12, the Session:

- Set the times for Holy Week services;
- Authorized the baptism of Joe Axetell on Mar. 31 at the Easter Vigil;
- Elected to serve as the chartering body of Boy Scout Troop 30;
- Approved a special offering for Presbyterian Children's Home on Feb. 25;
- Elected to inform the congregation about the Clean Missouri initiative and the petition to get it on the ballot in November.

## WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

It is not too late to register for the Bible study on Philippians beginning Wednesday, March 7th at 10:00 a.m. We will be studying the book of Philippians from the study guide "Interpretation Bible Studies, Philippians and Galatians" by Stanley P Saunders. Contact Anne Finks at 636-946-6429, e-mail [annefinks@gmail.com](mailto:annefinks@gmail.com) or contact the church office.

The cost of the study guide is \$13.00. Checks are to be made out to New Hope Presbyterian Church with a note in the memo line for Bible Study. Please add your name, e-mail address and phone number to the sign up sheet at the outreach/information area located to the left of the office in the Narthex.

## YOUTH FOOD CHALLENGE

This four week food drive includes youth groups from several area churches. From February 12 through March 5, four specific food items will be collected each week. The youth will sort, count and deliver the items to Oasis Food Pantry. A tally will be kept as the items are donated by those participating in this friendly challenge. You can find the weekly shopping list in the Information and Outreach area and also in the bulletin. Thank you for your continued support of New Hope's youth and Oasis Food Pantry. Week of February 25—toilet paper (4 pack), breakfast cereal, rice (1 pound) deodorant

## PWGL GATHERING

PWGL Midwest/South Metro Cluster Winter Gathering will be held at the Egg and I Restaurant in Des Peres on Thursday, March 15th from 11:30 A.M. to 2 P.M. Cost of lunch is \$11. Contact Ann Schmid/636-699-2142 and/or see the Winter Gathering Flyer located in the Outreach Area in the Narthex for more information.

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

TODAY, Debra Paulus, Senior Development Officer for Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services (PCHAS), will speak at the 11:00 a.m. worship service. She will also join the congregation following worship for a potluck lunch and presentation. We invite everyone to attend this luncheon to learn how PCHAS helps struggling children and families in our community. Christ's teachings are at the heart of their ministry and programs. Don't miss this special presentation to learn how the members of New Hope can help this important organization. Presbyterian Women will provide the chicken and drinks, but please bring a side or dessert to share.

Thanks to a generous donation, PW received a Cuisinart 4-quart multi-cooker. This 3-in-1 cooker can brown/sauté, slow cook, and steam for an endless variety of foods. It retails between \$150-\$200. We will be having a silent auction starting Sunday, January 14. The highest bidder will be announced at the chili cook-off on March 4th. To bid, simply take a form found in the narthex, write your name and amount you want to bid, then seal it in an envelope and bring it to Laurie in the church office. Please consider bidding on this kitchen NECESSITY to support the PW scholarship fund. And, don't forget to come eat (or bring) some wonderful chili to the cook-off on March 4th! Our current high bid is \$130.00!

## EARTH IMPACT FACT

If everyone went vegetarian just for one day, the U.S. would prevent greenhouse gas emissions equivalent to 1.2 million tons of CO<sub>2</sub>, as much as produced by all of France. - *Huffington Post*