

NEW HOPE PRESS

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Consecration Sunday

October 23rd was New Hope Presbyterian Church's annual Consecration Sunday. On this day we seek to secure our future ministry by recording our financial commitments for 2017. Members and friends made our financial estimates-of-giving confidentially as a part of our worship. We make our financial commitments to the church not because we think the church needs our money, but because being disciples of Jesus Christ urges us to return to God a portion of His many blessings. We give because doing so honors God and enables us grow more fully in our own spiritual development. We give in the sure confidence that our gifts proceed from the Spirit and are used for the common good.

If you were unable to attend either service on October 23rd, an "Estimate of Giving" card has been mailed to you. Please prayerfully consider your financial commitment to New Hope and return your card to the church office.

Harvest of Talents

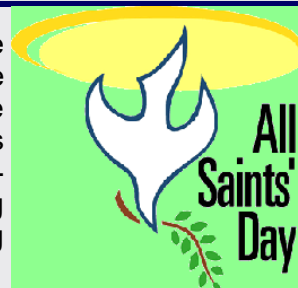
Did God bless you with a special talent to make things? Maybe you are a wood-worker or artisan. Maybe you paint or sculpt. Maybe you sew or bake. Whatever it is, we invite you to share your gifts with New Hope on Sunday, November 13th, immediately following the 11:00 am worship service.

We invite the congregation to share their talents with us! Please start to work on any projects you would like to contribute, such as special food goods, craft works, needle arts, or anything else you can share. All proceeds go towards the Deacon Benevolence Fund, which is used to help members and the larger community in need.



All Saint's Day

On Sunday, November 6th, we will celebrate All Saints' Day. The Festival of All Saints' began in the church around 800 AD. In the Protestant church we recognize all believers as saints, as all of us are made holy by the God who calls us and redeems us. As a part of this celebration, during the Sacrament of Holy Communion, we will be remembering members and loved ones that have died in the Lord during the past twelve months (since November 2015). A list of those being remembered will be included in the November 6th bulletin.



Music Notes

Thanks, everyone, for making my husband and me feel welcome at New Hope.

The choir has been rehearsing diligently during the month of October. Rehearsal is quite a workout. Each rehearsal we start with a prayer or a devotion, followed by warmups. These warmups include physical exercises such as a head or shoulder roll; exercises designed to help with breath control; vocal technique exercises to improve various aspects of singing; we learn or review the congregational hymns for Sunday; and then we work on our anthems. Sometimes, in the middle of all that, we do a musical brain work exercise, sometimes I have a choir story to share, and we laugh a lot. We've got room for more singers, if there's anyone who might like to join the fun.



Thank you, choir, for your service to God and to the church and for playing along with me.

The handbell choir has also been rehearsing each week. They're planning to ring at least once each month this year. Thank you, Terry and handbell choir. We enjoyed hearing your selection on October 16.

And a special thank you to Mike Greene. Even though I have known Mike for a short time, I am very impressed with his talent and professional manner. He will certainly be missed. I hope everyone will be at church to wish Mike well on November 20.

Plans for Advent are firming up. The choir and bells will present a Lessons and Carols service on Sunday, December 11 at 3:00 p.m. I hope everyone will attend this very special service.

Peace,
Gay

Set your clocks **BACK** one hour on 11/6/2015!



Daylight saving time in the United States was first observed in 1918. Most areas of the United States currently observe daylight saving time, with the exceptions being the states of Arizona and Hawaii along with the territories of Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Guam, and the Northern Mariana Islands. Since 2007, daylight saving time starts on the second Sunday of March and ends on the first Sunday of November, with all time changes taking place at 2:00 AM (0200) local time. In 2016, daylight saving time ends on November 6th.

Advent by Candlelight

Save the Date for Advent by Candlelight - December 6, 2016 - 7 p.m.



All "ladies" of the church and guest are invited.

Everyone will enjoy this year's Advent by Candlelight Program.

Please note—Reservations must be made by November 20th!

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!!!!!!

Cookies with Santa



Friday, December 9th ~ 6:30—8:00 pm
Cookies/visit with Santa on December 9th from 6:30 until 8:00 pm. Photos with Santa, cookies, crafts and games!

Mike Greene Reception

All are invited to help us celebrate Mike Greene's 20-year ministry as pianist of New Hope at a luncheon in his honor on his last Sunday, Nov. 20th. To sign-up, please email Laurie Meinert in the church office at lbrown@nhpres.org. or sign up on the clipboard in the Narthex You may contribute to a gift for Mike by making checks payable to NHPC with "Mike Greene" in the memo line.

Holiday House Tour and Dinner



We're starting a new tradition here at New Hope!

We hope you will join us on Saturday, December 10th from 4—9 pm for a Holiday House Tour and Dinner. All participants will visit three houses for appetizers and to see the owners' Christmas decorating style. Then, you'll meet up at church for a sit-down dinner while being waited on by the youth of the church. After dinner, you will again visit three decorated homes for dessert.

The cost per person is \$25.00 and sign up information is in the Narthex. Participation is limited, so, grab a few friends and make your reservations next week for what is sure to be a fun, delicious evening of visiting with friends! All proceeds will benefit the Youth Mission Trip.

Getting Personal

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.... Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." (Matt. 25:35-36, 40)

As Christians we are called to be the hands and feet of Christ, to share God's love with all of His children by serving them. Come to the Faith In Action Event on Tuesday, November 15th at 7 p.m. to learn about opportunities for personal ministry in our community. Guest speakers from local community service organizations who will talk about the mission of their organizations and opportunities for individuals or small groups to support those missions with their time and talents. The organizations scheduled so far include: Habitat for Humanity St Charles, St. Louis Crisis Nursery, O.A.S.I.S. Food Pantry, and Youth In Need.

This event is sponsored by the Journey Leadership Team, but is open to the entire congregation and the community. If you have questions, please contact Jane Cox at 636-244-3183 or jane.cox@hotmail.com.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX MINISTRY

Presbyterian Women will again be collecting Shoe Box gifts to be distributed to needy children through Samaritan's Purse. This year, decorated boxes will be provided, along with tags telling if the gift is for a boy or girl and the age appropriate. Gift suggestions are also provided. The boxes must be returned by Nov. 20 so that they can be sent on. A \$7.00 shipping cost is requested with each gift. Checks may be made out to Samaritan's Purse. Last year we had a wonderful response to this project. We hope everyone will continue their generosity this year.



Mark your calendars for the Choir Christmas Concert on Dec. 11. Also on this Sunday, Presbyterian Women will be holding a Cookie Walk and Fair Trade Market. Members are asked to contribute dozens of their best homemade cookies for the Cookie Walk. The cookies will be sold by the pound. The Fair Trade Market will feature artisan-made crafts, coffee and chocolate. These make wonderful Christmas gifts and promote safe and economically viable opportunities for people in developing countries. The cookie walk and fair trade market proceeds will benefit PW, which provides scholarships, programs and charitable giving throughout the year. Please join us for this special day.

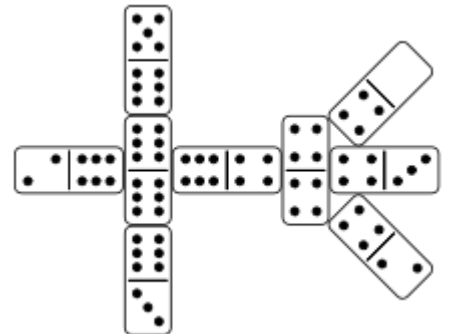


REMINDER: Flower bulb orders are due to Nancy Seals by Nov. 6. Thanks for your support of this project!

Female Connection

Turkey Feet & Holiday Gift Exchange

The Female Connection will be meeting on Thursday, November 17 at 7 PM in the Sunshine Room (open area in the lower level accessing through the back doors) at the Church. Please join us for an evening of fun, fellowship, snacks, and 'turkey feet' (a dominoes game normally known as 'chicken feet'). We will also have a holiday gift exchange that is for Thanksgiving or Christmas with a value from \$6-8, examples include ornaments and candles. All women are invited to attend. Please bring a snack to share; drinks will be provided. For more information or questions, please contact Deb Mackin.



November Birthdays

Jim Phillips	11/01	Kelley Hurrell	11/16
Nicole Faubert	11/02	Melba Nelson	11/16
Barb Knes	11/05	Jason Murphy	11/17
Pat Murphy	11/05	Meredith Saeger	11/17
Jan Parker	11/07	Emily Salter	11/19
Owen Nowakowski	11/08	Jen Bommarito	11/20
Kathryn Salter	11/09	Jennifer Lippert	11/25
Vicky Howell	11/11	Ethan Schrautemeier	11/25
Vi Boyd	11/12	Linda Judd	11/26
Cindy Martin	11/12	Jim Cox	11/30
Samantha Hantack	11/13	Alex Rademan	11/30
Deb Mackin	11/14	Jhevin Faubert	11/30
Jody Romkey	11/15	Kathy Kuehne	11/30
Rhonda Dyer	11/16		



November Anniversaries

Kerry & Donna Huffman	11/06/1982
Terry & Holly Martinez	11/19/1994
Tom & Cindy Wilson	11/22/1986
Jim & Jan Parker	11/24/1963
Mike & Jen Bommarito	11/27/2007

FINANCIAL CORNER

OPERATING	October 2016 To-Date	YTD
Pledges	35,614.00	356,140.00
Actual	35,757.00	341,840.00



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6:30pm The Journey	2 6:15pm Handbells 7:15pm Choir	3 1:00pm Agape Circle 7:00pm Joy Circle	4	5
6 <i>All Saints Sunday</i> <i>Daylight Savings Time</i> 8:45am Worship 9:45am Christian Ed 11:00am Worship	7 7:00pm Deacon Meeting	8 5:00am Board of Elections 6:30pm The Journey	9 6:15pm Handbells 7:15pm Choir	10 6:30pm Boy Scouts	11 <i>Veterans' Day</i>	12 9:45am OASIS Food Pantry
13 8:45am Worship 9:45am Christian Ed 11:00am Worship 12:00pm Advent by Candlelight Planning Team 12:30pm Harvest of Talents	14 6:00pm Fellowship Committee 7:00pm Session Meeting	15 6:30pm The Journey 7:00pm Faith In Action	16 6:15pm Handbells 7:15pm Choir	17 5:50 Employment Ministry Committee 7:00pm Employment Ministry 7:00pm Female Connection	18	19 8:30am Men's Breakfast
20 8:45am Worship 9:45am Christian Ed 11:00am Worship 12:15pm Reception 1:00pm Hanging of the Greens	21 6:00pm Jubilee Circle 7:00pm MME Committee	22 6:30pm The Journey	23	24 <i>Thanksgiving Day</i> Church Office Closed	25 Church Office Closed	26
27 <i>First Sunday of Advent</i> 8:45am Worship 9:45am Christian Ed 11:00am Worship	28 7:00pm Formation for Discipleship	29 6:30pm The Journey	30 6:15pm Handbells 7:15pm Choir			

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