

NEW HOPE PRESS

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Consecration Sunday

October 15th 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 2018. 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 15th, 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

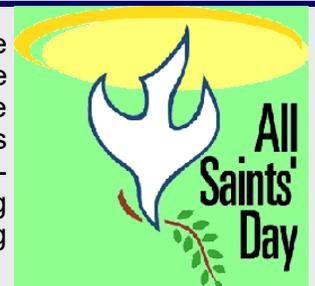
Did God bless you with a special talent to make things? Maybe you are a wood-worker or artisan. Maybe you paint or sculpt. Maybe you sew or bake. Whatever it is, we invite you to share your gifts with New Hope on Sunday, November 19th, immediately following the 11:00 am worship service.

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 Saints' Day

On Sunday, November 5th, 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 2016). A list of those being remembered will be included in the November 5th bulletin.



A Note From Our Pastor



There's nothing quite so intimate in our worship than our sharing the Lord's Supper. Maybe this is on my mind for the month of November because the word Eucharist comes from the Greek word, eucharisto, which means "thanksgiving." The Eucharist, the Lord's Supper, is our thanksgiving meal we share each week we gather for worship together.

So much of what we do involves words. We sing our praises to God. We confess our shortcomings, not only our own, but those of our world, as well. We receive the Word of God in the words of scripture and sermon, and we are blessed and charged to carry that Word back out into the world again. But between the scriptures and the blessing, something else happens. We enact what we've heard in scripture and sermon by coming to the Lord's Table to receive what God promises. We receive some bread and some wine and the promise that God is with us always, feeding us on God's very self.

Standing where I do each Sunday is one of the greatest privileges of my ministry. I get to witness worshippers rise and come to the table. Many will touch the water in the font on their way by, reminding themselves that the bath of baptism is what leads them to this community's communal meal table. We are washed and we are fed. Others come forward rubbing their hands together, enacting with their bodies the hunger they feel, eagerly anticipating what they are about to receive. "Jesus Christ, the bread of life," are the words they hear. Upon receiving the bread, many close their eyes and pause. Some respond, "Thanks be to God." Others, "Amen."

When someone reaches for a piece of bread, often several pieces stick together. I'm struck by the gymnastics people go through to get them unstuck. Someone will turn this glob of bread pieces over to try to extricate one from the mass of two or three pieces stuck together, all while shaking his head, either as a sign of contrition over not wanting to take too much or embarrassment for seeming to hold up the line. Chances are this has happened to you, because it happens a lot. I always want to say something. I promise myself that I'll address this in a sermon or write about it in the New Hope Press. I've been telling myself this for a long time. Well, here we are.

The next time this happens to you, and several pieces of bread stick together, I say take it all. Don't be embarrassed or afraid that you're taking too much. When it comes to our weekly thanksgiving meal at this table, where we receive grace upon grace upon grace, there is no such thing as "too much." The next time several pieces of bread stick together, take them all and give thanks for the magnitude of God's love made available in this meal. I'll be glad you did, because I'll know you know that we all need that much of God and more.

When the meal is over, and we sing the closing hymn that sends us back into the world, I gaze upon the table and am awed each week by the sight of what's left. Crumbs scattered about on the table and floor, empty glasses and crumpled napkins. There could be no mistake. This is not a table pristine and uncluttered, as if a shrine that's not to be touched. Rather, our table says the hungry have gathered here, that a meal has been served and shared together in this place. Now, let's go share with others the love we've received.

Faithfully,



Music Notes

The *Oxyrhynchus Hymn* appears in a 3rd century manuscript which contains the earliest known example of a Christian hymn containing both Greek lyrics and musical notation, although the notation looks nothing like our modern music. The hymn does not appear in any modern hymnals. But two very old hymn texts do appear in the *Glory to God* hymnal. *O Gladsome Light* was mentioned by St. Basil the Great (who died in 379) as a cherished tradition of the church, thus indicating it was already old in his day. Ambrose of Milan (340-397) wrote the hymn *O Splendor of God's Glory Bright*, traditionally sung as a morning hymn. The original music for these two hymns is lost. The music appearing in the *Glory to God* hymnal is in a much later musical style. The music of *O Gladsome Light* dates from the 16th century and was written by Louis Bourgeois, an associate of John Calvin. The music for *O Splendor of God's Glory Bright* is by Michael Praetorius from the 17th century. So how was the original music likely performed? See next month's Music Notes.



Peace,
Gay

Set your clocks **BACK** one hour on 11/5/2015!



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 2017, daylight saving time ends on November 5th.

Advent by Candlelight

To all women of New Hope Church, you are encouraged to participate in Advent by Candlelight on Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at 7 P.M. in the worship space. This special event is for all women of our congregation, their family, friends and neighbors. Reservation forms are available in the Information and Outreach Center in the Narthex. You might consider hosting a table or choosing to attend and be assigned to a table. Detailed information about the event is included in the reservation packet including a form if you choose to display a favorite nativity scene for the evening display. Child care will be available. A free-will offering will be taken supporting the New Hope PW Scholarship Fund and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Don't miss out on this very joyful evening. Reservation forms are due to Laurie in the church office by November 19th. Contact Ann Schmid, 636-699-2142 or Vicky Koonley, 314-550-4920 with any questions.



Cookies with Santa



Cookies with Santa is coming on December 9th from 6:30 until 8:00 pm. Join us for a visit with Santa, cookies and hot chocolate, games and crafts. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Anti-Racism Collective—ARC

In partnership with Metropolitan Congregations United, we invite you to engage in the important work of dismantling racism and white privilege:

Sat., Nov. 4, 10 am-3 pm--Taking on Racism: Foundational Concepts at New Hope Presbyterian Church.

Thurs., Nov. 9, 6:30-8:00 pm--MCU Public Meeting at Harris Stowe State University, 3026 Laclede Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63103.

Questions? Contact Mary Powers (marystahr@charter.net) or Jane Cox (jane.cox@hotmail.com)



Fall Rummage Sale

Please join us on Saturday, November 4th, from 7 am—12 noon for our second annual Rummage Sale!



It's not too late to drop your sale items off in the lower level of the church! We're accepting items through Friday, November 3rd. Please call the church office if you need to drop off items after hours.

Then join us on November 4th and shop all of the treasures that other church members have donated!

All proceeds benefit the 2018 Youth Mission Trip.

Female Connection

The Female Connection will be meeting on Thursday, November 16 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.

Mark your calendar for brunch at Cracker Barrel followed by Shopping on Main to begin at 10 on Saturday, December 9.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Mark your calendars for the Choir Christmas Concert on Dec. 17. 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 be held on December 11th and 17th. It 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 these special days.



November Birthdays

Jim Phillips	11/01	Kelley Hurrell	11/16
Nicole Faubert	11/02	Melba Nelson	11/16
Barb Knes	11/05	Meredith Saeger	11/17
Pat Murphy	11/05	Fritz Waltman	11/18
Owen Nowakowski	11/08	Jen Bommarito	11/20
Kathryn Salter	11/09	Jennifer Lippert	11/25
Vicky Howell	11/11	Ethan Schrautemeier	11/25
Cindy Martin	11/12	Linda Judd	11/26
Samantha Hantack	11/13	Jim Cox	11/30
Deb Mackin	11/14	Alex Rademan	11/30
Jody Romkey	11/15	Jhevin Faubert	11/30
Rhonda Dyer	11/16	Kathy Kuehnle	11/30

November Anniversaries

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



FINANCIAL CORNER

OPERATING	October 2017	YTD
Pledges	35,145.00	351,450.00
Actual	37,419.01	342,820.01



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:15pm Handbells 7:15pm Choir	2 1:00pm Agape Circle 7:00pm Joy Circle	3	4 7:00am Rummage Sale 10:00am Anti-Racism Collective—ARC
5 <i>All Saints Sunday</i> <i>Daylight Savings Time</i> 8:45am Worship 9:45am Christian Ed 11:00am Worship 12:15pm <i>The Journey</i>	6 7:00pm Deacon Meeting	7	8 6:15pm Handbells 7:15pm Choir	9 6:30pm Boy Scouts	10	11 <i>Veterans' Day</i> 9:45am OASIS Food Pantry
12 8:45am Worship 9:45am Christian Ed 11:00am Worship 12:15pm ABC Committee	13 7:00pm Session Meeting	14	15 6:15pm Handbells 7:15pm Choir	16 7:00pm Employment Ministry 7:00pm Female Con- nection	17	18 8:30am Men's Breakfast
19 8:45am Worship 9:45am Christian Ed 11:00am Worship 12:15pm Harvest of Tal- ents	20 7:00pm MME Committee	21 9:30am PW Coordinating Team	22	23 <i>Thanksgiving Day</i> Church Office Closed	24 Church Office Closed	25
26 8:45am Worship 9:45am Christian Ed 11:00am Worship 12:15pm <i>The Journey</i>	27 7:00pm Formation for Discipleship	28	29 6:15pm Handbells 7:15pm Choir	30		

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