

# NEW HOPE PRESS

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## *2016—2017 Sunday School Year*

The 2016—2017 Sunday School Year has begun!  
Below is a list of classes that meet every Sunday at 9:45 am.

Birth—2 year olds meet in the Nursery  
3 Year olds—Pre-K meet in the Butterfly Room  
Kindergarten—2nd Grade meet in the Caterpillar Room  
Grades 3—5 meet in the lower level kitchen  
Mid & Senior High meet in the Youth Room  
Contemporary Issues (Adults) - meets in the Conference Room  
The Confession of Belhar—meets in Room 104



## *CONSECRATION SUNDAY 2016*

**Consecration Sunday, October 23, 2016**

Consecration Sunday, October 23rd, is the day we secure our future by consecrating the estimate of our financial giving for 2017 as an act of worship together. This will be done privately and confidentially by completing an "Estimate-of-Giving" card, bringing it forward and placing it in a basket on the Lord's Table. This is completely voluntary. No one should feel compelled or coerced to come forward. We offer this, however, as an act of worship to remind ourselves that we belong, body and soul, to God. Those who are not able to be with us on October 23rd will receive an "Estimate-of-Giving" card in the mail so they can participate just as fully.

Let me be quick to add that our giving is not a duty, nor an obligation, but rather a privilege, given to us by God so that we might show our gratitude and live out our faith. The Bible teaches that our giving should be regular (1 Corinthians 16:2), proportional (2 Corinthians 8:12), and sacrificial (Mark 12:43-44). When we give regularly, proportionally, and sacrificially, regardless of the amount, we show our dependence on God. Giving is just one of the spiritual disciplines that forms our faith and allows it to grow. Giving, living our lives dependently upon God, and growing in faith are all acts of worship and discipleship! Our giving is not a contest, nor a competition. Our giving is a way of life that allows us to express our gratitude and to rely more fully on God our creator, redeemer and sustainer. As you consider what your commitment will be for 2017, I ask that you do so intentionally, prayerfully, and thankfully.

Our Session has used your financial gifts wisely this year in our ministry together and it needs to know, as accurately as it can, the financial resources we can expect to have available to us for the coming year. The effectiveness of our church's mission and ministries next year depend on the initiative and commitment of you, our members and friends. Please do whatever you need to do to be present on October 23rd!

## *Presbyterian Women*

This fall PW will be selling spring flowering bulbs. The bulbs will be ordered in September & October for fall planting. Many varieties of spring bulbs will be available. Brochures will be out after Labor Day. Proceeds will benefit PW projects. Thank you!



## *Trunk or Treat*

Please join us for New Hope's annual "Trunk or Treat" on Saturday, October 29th from 4 pm—7 pm.

Prizes awarded for the best Halloween costume and decorated car. Hot dogs and hot chocolate will be served and there will be games to play.

Bring your appetite and creativity and join us for a fun filled afternoon.



## *Female Connection Wine & Cheese Oktoberfest*

We're having a Wine & Cheese party! All ladies are invited to attend. We are an open group and would love to have you join us for a wonderful evening of fellowship; a time to get to know each other better. We will be gathering at 7:00 PM on Thursday, October 20 at the home of Lindy Stacy (8 Hope Ct, St. Peters). We are asking each person to bring either a bottle of wine or an appetizer. If you could send an email to Deb Mackin at [deb7@centurytel.net](mailto:deb7@centurytel.net) if you plan to attend and what you plan to bring it would be appreciated. Please contact Deb or Lindy for more information, directions, or any questions.



## *Rummage Sale*

Are you planning on some fall cleaning? Do you have unwanted items in your basement or garage? Don't throw them out! We're having a church wide rummage sale on October 22nd! Start saving your unwanted items now. And ask your family and friends to do the same.

We will be collecting items beginning Sunday, October 17th. If you need to make arrangements to have your donations picked up, please call the church office to schedule a time and date. If you just can't wait, and need to have your donations delivered to church before October 17th, please let Laurie Meinert know.



THEN—join us on October 22nd at 7:00 am for the HUGE rummage sale! Invite your friends and neighbors to come and browse the hundreds of items we will have for sale.

All proceeds from the sale will benefit the 2017 Youth Mission Trip.

As always, thank you all for your support!

## *Jr. Earthcare Team*



The first meeting of the Jr. Earthcare Team at New Hope Presbyterian Church will be held at 12:00 pm on Sunday, October 2nd. We will discuss ways that students can help our Earth at church, home, and everywhere else. All youth age 5—15 are welcome. Lunch (pizza) will be provided. Come join us and help our team to help our Earth!

## *November Events*

Mark your calendar now for these important dates in November:

November 6th—All Saints Sunday

November 6th—Daylight Savings

November 20th—Harvest of Talents



## *Welcome!*

We are pleased to introduce you to Dr. Gay Holmes Spears, who will begin her ministry as New Hope's next Director of Music Ministries.

The unanimous choice of the Director of Music Ministries Search Committee, Gay comes to us with an impressive amount of education and experience. Over the past two-plus decades, Gay has served Methodist, Episcopal and Presbyterian congregations as the director of music and/or accompanist. Most recently, Gay served as the Music Director and Organist at the Faith Des Peres Presbyterian Church in Frontenac, Missouri. Gay's reference there, Faith Des Peres' pastor, could not find enough good things to say about her. Gay holds a Bachelor of Music in Music Education from the University of Tennessee at Martin; a Master of Music in Piano Performance from the Arkansas State University; and a Doctor of Musical Arts in Music Composition from the Memphis State University. She has served as an Adjunct Instructor in the Department of Music at Webster University and currently holds that position at St. Louis University.

Gay's continuing education has included participation at conferences and workshops of the American Choral Directors' Association, the Missouri Choral Directors' Association, and the Presbyterian Association of Musicians, along with seminars with noted composers and leaders in the field of music in worship.

When you get the chance, please introduce yourself to Gay and welcome her to New Hope!

## *And Farewell*

After a while, some things are so sure and certain we can't imagine them any other way. And then a letter like this arrives in the mail that makes us realize times do change and life marches on, whether we like it or not. So in the spirit of changing times, I write to share with you that Mike Greene, New Hope's accompanist of 20 years, will be retiring. His last Sunday with us will be November 20, 2016.

Mike is New Hope's longest-serving employee. He began his ministry among us in late 1996. I don't know that he has ever uttered a word in worship, but by my best estimate Mike has led 1,820 services of worship here at New Hope, not counting weddings and funerals. Mike will also be retiring from his "day job" where he works in the computer support industry. He learned to play the piano as a boy at his grandmother's knee and his love of music became his vocation, his calling, his ministry in Christ's church. Mike's giftedness and raw talent are well known. I know people who sit on the "piano side" of the sanctuary specifically to be closer to hear and watch Mike play. As a pastor, I know I take for granted how well Mike is able to weave the whole of the service together with his music and I can't imagine anyone else in his seat.

I don't know if he planned his departure date on purpose, but his last Sunday "on the bench" (November 20) is the last Sunday of the church's liturgical year, what we know as the Reign of Christ Sunday. From that perspective, he's certainly going out on a high note and I hope you will join me in celebrating Mike's long-tenured ministry among us at a luncheon in his honor immediately following the 11:00 service of worship on that day. Also, the Worship, Music & the Arts Committee is planning a gift from the congregation and invites you to contribute to it. Although he may suspect something is afoot, we do want to keep this as much of a surprise as we can. To contribute, please make checks payable to NHPC and write "Mike Greene" in the memo line.

### *October Birthdays*

Sam Murray	10/01	Bob Mocca	10/13
Jane Rigdon	10/03	Frances Gray	10/18
Bev Waldo	10/05	Katherine Mudrovic	10/21
Jeffrey Connor	10/08	Dave Lynn	10/22
Herb Gibbs	10/08	Marian Dwinell	10/25
Ben Griffith	10/09	Jack Grundy	10/28
Kurt Groat	10/09	Tracy Grundy	10/30
Ava Rademan	10/10	Claire Murray	10/31
Kendall Barbee	10/13		



### *October Anniversaries*

Ben & Kathy Kuehnle	10/02/1971	Kendall & Elaine Barbee	10/24/1998
Chris & Barb Griffith	10/08/1977	Derek & Rachel Steele	10/24/2009
Rick & Bev Waldo	10/11/1986	Brian & Meredith Saeger	10/27/2007
John & Kristen Moore	10/13/2007		
Garry & Sheri Clayton	10/23/1971		

### *FINANCIAL CORNER*

OPERATING	September 2016	YTD
Pledges	35,614.00	320,526.00
Actual	27,845.00	306,083.00

## OCTOBER 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b> 9:30am Festival of Sharing Packing
<b>2</b> 8:45am Worship 9:45am Christian Ed 11:00am Worship 12:00pm Jr Earthcare Team 12:00pm Harmony Faith Family	<b>3</b> 7:00pm Deacon Meeting	<b>4</b> 6:30pm The Journey	<b>5</b> 6:15pm Handbells 7:15pm Choir	<b>6</b> 1:00pm Agape Circle 7:00pm Joy Circle	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 9:45am OASIS Food Pantry
<b>9</b> 8:45am Worship 9:45am Christian Ed 11:00am Worship	<b>10</b> 6:00pm Fellowship Committee	<b>11</b> 6:30pm The Journey	<b>12</b> 6:15pm Handbells 7:15pm Choir	<b>13</b> 6:30pm Boy Scouts	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 8:30am Men's Breakfast
<b>16</b> 8:45am Worship 9:45am Christian Ed 11:00am Worship 12:00pm Advent By Candlelight Planning	<b>17</b> 6:00pm Jubilee Circle 7:00pm MME	<b>18</b> 9:30am PW Coordinating Team 6:30pm The Journey	<b>19</b> 6:15pm Handbells 7:15pm Choir	<b>20</b> 5:50pm Employment Ministry Committee 7:00pm Employment Ministry	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 7:00am Rummage Sale
<b>23 Consecration Sunday</b> 8:45am Worship 9:45am Christian Ed 11:00am Worship	<b>24</b> 7:00pm Formation for Discipleship	<b>25</b> 6:30pm The Journey	<b>26</b> 6:15pm Handbells 7:15pm Choir	<b>27</b> 6:30pm Boy Scouts	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 4:00pm Trunk or Treat
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