

CALENDAR

Sunday, October 22nd

8:45 a.m.	Word & Sacrament	Worship Space
9:45 a.m.	Christian Formation Classes	Various Locations
11:00 a.m.	Word & Sacrament	Worship Space
12:15 p.m.	<i>The Journey</i>	Sunshine Room

Monday, October 23rd

7:00 p.m.	Formation for Discipleship	Room 104
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Wednesday, October 25th

10:00 a.m.	Galatians Bible Study	Conference Room
6:15 p.m.	Handbell Rehearsal	Worship Space
7:15 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal	Worship Space

Saturday, October 28th

6:00 p.m.	Trunk Or Treat	Upper Level
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Sunday, October 29th

10:00 a.m.	Word & Sacrament	Worship Space
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News & Opportunities

October 22, 2017

REFORMATION SUNDAY

To celebrate the 500th anniversary of Reformation Sunday, New Hope will have one worship service on Sunday, October 29th at 10:00 am. There will be no Sunday school classes that day.

FALL RUMMAGE SALE

Are you planning on some fall cleaning? Do you have unwanted items in your basement or garage? Are you getting ready to clean out stuff to get ready for the Christmas gifts that will soon be arriving? Don't throw it out! We're having a church wide rummage sale on Saturday, November 4th! Start saving your unwanted items now. And ask your family and friends to do the same. We will begin accepting items on October 29th in the lower level. If you need assistance moving items, please contact the church office.

HELP WANTED

The Deacons are in need of some transportation assistance. They are in need of a driver to pick up church members and friends from Breeze Park on the first Sunday of the month. If you are able to help, please contact the church office.

TRUNK OR TREAT

The Fellowship Committee, Presbyterian Women of New Hope, and the Formation for Discipleship Committee are co-sponsoring Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 28th from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. The decorated vehicles will be in the side lot. Fellowship will provide refreshments in the Narthex. PW will help serve and is sponsoring the Costume & Decorated Vehicle contests. Formation for Discipleship is adding carnival games and activities in the Worship Space. We need VEHICLES. Please contact the office if you are planning to decorate a vehicle.

We also need VOLUNTEERS for games. This is a community-wide event and we need lots of helpers. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex for volunteering.

HELP SCHOOL KIDS

New Hope is again collecting snacks for school aged children who attend Harvest Ridge Elementary School. You may pick up lists of peanut-free snacks and drop off your donations in the "Information and Outreach" area of the Narthex.

*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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## 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.

**Nursery Volunteer 10/22**—Alyssa Murray

**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:**

**October 22nd**—Jane Cox & Shelley Geiger

**October 29th**—Please sign up!

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.

## HARVEST OF TALENTS

Harvest of Talents will be held on Sunday, November 19th. 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.

## EARTH IMPACT FACT

Outdoor gear manufacturer Patagonia found that the average synthetic jacket released 1.7 grams of microfibers per load of laundry, which can eventually make their way into oceans. - *NPR 9/19/17*

## MINISTRY, MISSION & EVANGELISM

October Meal-A-Month: 2 cans stew, 1 box rice or pasta mix, 1 can vegetables, 1 can fruit, 1 bag/box cookies, 1 item your choice.

## WORSHIP

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

**Lectionary for Sunday, October 29, 2017**

Deuteronomy 34: 1-12

Psalms 90: 1-6, 13-17

1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8

Matthew 22: 34-46

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

## TREASURER'S CORNER

As of the end of September, we are \$11,000 under our revenue expectations for the year. It will take a concerted effort by everyone in the congregation to ensure we end the year as we planned it. We faced a similar situation last year, but by the end of December, we had made up the deficit. Please take a few minutes in the next week to review your pledge, and where you are in relation to it. The Session has done a great job keeping expenses in check because it is committed to a balanced budget. Your help with tithes and offerings in the next three months will make sure the work of the church continues to the greatest extent possible. Thanks for your support.

## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

At its meeting on Monday, Oct. 9, the Session:

- Scheduled Christmas Eve services for 5:00 & 11:00 p.m.
- Agreed to host Commissioners to next year's meeting of the General Assembly for worship and lunch on Sunday, June 17, 2018
- Upon recommendation of the Accompanist Search Committee, and with the agreement of Dr. Gay Spears, closed the search for an accompanist
- Agreed to the request of Dr. James to defer one week of vacation from 2017 to 2018

## 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.

## CONSECRATION SUNDAY

Thank you to everyone who completed an Estimate of Giving card on Consecration Sunday. If you weren't able to attend last Sunday, an Estimate of Giving card has been mailed to you. Please prayerfully consider completing it and returning it to the church office. You can contact Laurie Meinert in the church office with questions.

## FAIR TRADE COFFEE

New Hope will be serving Fair Trade coffee Sunday October 29, 2017. Fair trade is an alternative approach to conventional trade and shares the bounty of the coffee trade with those who grow the crop, helping them build a better future for themselves and their communities. Please sample the coffee which may be available for purchase in the future.

## MICAH 6:8

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

Tues., Oct. 24, 7 pm--Sacred Conversations on Race Task Force meeting at Assumption Catholic Church, 403 N. Main, O'Fallon, MO

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](mailto:marystahr@charter.net)) or Jane Cox ([jane.cox@hotmail.com](mailto:jane.cox@hotmail.com))

## ALL SAINTS DAY

New Hope will celebrate All Saints Day on Sunday, November 6th. 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. If you have a friend or loved one who has died in the last year and you would like him or her mentioned, please call Laurie Meinert at the church office (636) 936-2200, email her at [lbrown@nhpres.org](mailto:lbrown@nhpres.org), or complete the insert in the information area and turn it in to the office.

## FALL BACK!

Don't forget that Daylight Savings Time ends, November 5th. Make sure to set your clocks BACK one hour to make it on time to Sunday service!