

NEW HOPE PRESS

SEPTEMBER 2016

Pancake Breakfast & Formation Fair

On Sunday Sept. 11, at 9:30 am, we will celebrate our third Church Family Gathering of 2016 to kick off the new year in Sunday School! You and your family are invited to a congregational pancake breakfast and "Formation Fair"! Like the Lenten Breakfast, and Pentecost Sunday celebration, this Church Family Gathering will give us another chance for all ages and generations to come together for fellowship and formation. Here are some of the details centered around the morning:

8:45 am – Early Service (note this will be the first Sunday back to the two service schedule)

9:30-10:15 am – A congregational breakfast of pancakes, biscuits & gravy, sausage and fruit salad will be served on the lower level. Gluten free and sugar free items will be available too. (*Allen Rudolph is making his famous homemade gravies to go with the biscuits!)

10:15-10:45 – "Formation Fair" & Sunday School Open-House (Narthex and Sunday School Classrooms)

Children, youth and parents are invited to visit Sunday School classrooms to meet this year's team of Sunday School teachers. There will be fun earth care inspired activities in the classrooms for the children and youth. Please also plan to drop by the Worship Feast Room! In the Narthex, a "Formation Fair" with manned booths centered around important New Hope initiatives and our Adult Sunday School Classes will be open for you to visit! Come learn more about the Oasis Food Pantry, becoming an Earth Care Congregation, Sacred Conversations on Race, The Journey, and a wonderful new Sunday morning adult study called "The Confession of Belhar". Representatives from both Adult Sunday School classes, "Contemporary Issues" and the "Inquiry Class" will share info about ongoing Formation opportunities in their classrooms too.

11:00 – Late Worship Service

The CFG Pancake Breakfast promises to be a large event! To assist the CFG Planning Team, please RSVP by Thursday, Sept. 8, to help ensure there is enough pancakes and seating for all the New Hope families that morning!! As the saying goes, "Many hands make light work." We welcome folks to volunteer to help with setting up the lower level Saturday morning, and flipping pancakes, serving food, and cleaning up on Sunday. Signups will be in the Narthex for volunteers at the CFG table. Thank you! Thank you!

Since breakfast will be provided, we are asking New Hoppers to bring canned fruit items for the Oasis Food Pantry that morning. The food pantry is experiencing a shortage of this food, please help make a difference for other families in our community! Come join us Sunday Sept. 11 at 9:30, for this wonderful Church Family event full of Formation and Fun!

There's something for everyone!!

Church Family Gathering **Pancake Breakfast and Opportunity Fair**

Sunday, September 11th

Breakfast served at 9:30 am

Lower Level

Please join us for
food, fellowship and
formation as we celebrate
the beginning
of another wonderful
Sunday School year!



A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR...



Striving to welcome, worship, grow, serve, and be God's love in the world. This is the slightly condensed version of our purpose statement and we see it each week on the back of our worship bulletin. The full version is, "The New Hope Presbyterian Church strives to welcome

and include all, worship God, grow in Christian faith, serve others, and be God's love in the world." Welcome, worship, grow, serve, and be God's love. That's what we strive to do and be and, as this edition of the New Hope Press reveals, there is a lot going on among us to help it all come alive.

The Journey began a new cycle in August and we have nine Travelers who are meeting weekly to ask questions, learn, pray, and rediscover the great mystery of God's love in their baptismal promises. It is a joy to meet with this group of Travelers, to hear their questions and be a part of the discussion. Some may unite with us in membership, but all will affirm the promises of God in their lives and their hopes to live after God's own heart and mind. I am grateful to Ruth Irvine, Linda Dencker, Terry Martinez, Del Phillips, Nancy Seals, Margo Van Mill and Lynn Harmon for serving on The Journey Leadership Team; to Margo Van Mill and Lynn Harmon for being our two small group leaders; to Nancy Seals and Donna Huffman for coordinating hospitality (meals) for our weekly gatherings; to Paul and Martha Hacker for helping to coordinate Companions; and to Jane Cox for serving as our Ministry Coordinator.

Our Earth Care Team has been working throughout the summer to conduct an "earth care audit" of our congregation so we can put measures in place to apply for credentialing as an Earth Care Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA). The credentialing, of course, is not an end in itself, but rather a means to further educate ourselves about the need to be good stewards of our environment and keep before us the need to continue working at preserving our natural resources in all we do. I am grateful to Cindy Martin for leading up this team, which is also served

by Mark Phillips, Nicole Faubert, Deb Garten, and Bob Dencker. If you are interested in learning more about the work of this team, any one of these people will be happy to talk with you.

The Sacred Conversations on Race Team has a new name—the Micah 6:8 Team. What began as a series of "sacred conversations" has grown into something more, something larger, as best described by the prophet Micah, chapter 6, verse 8: "...and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" The Micah 6:8 Team invited educators within our congregation to a conversation in July about their experiences of diversity within our schools, how it is handled and how we might advocate for justice, kindness and love for all in our educational environments. The work here continues and, because these are complex problems, the work is often slow. If we really do want to welcome and include all, as well as strive to be God's love in the world, like we say we do, then there is no way of getting around dealing with the issues at the heart of racial inequality in our communities. I am grateful to Jane Cox and Mary Powers for heading up this team and if you are interested in learning more, speak to either of them.

Our Church Family Gatherings have been a wonderful time of fellowship and formation. First on Palm Sunday and then on Pentecost, we have come together as a congregation to celebrate who we are as God's people. Our next Church Family Gathering is on Sunday, September 11th, as we share a pancake breakfast, enjoy an "open house" of our Sunday School classrooms and curricula, and learn about other ways we can invest ourselves in our ministry together. Many thanks go to Shelley Geiger, the Formation for Discipleship Team, and soooo many others for planning and executing these Gatherings. They have been a delight!

These, along with the other ministries of our congregation that are highlighted in these pages, give you a glimpse of just how we are striving to welcome, worship, grow, serve and be God's love in the world. I would love to hear more stories about how you are a part of it all!

Peace,

Chris

Ministry, Mission and Evangelism News

Kids Against Hunger

New Hope members and their guests will have the opportunity again this year to help starving children in Haiti.

The second annual Kids Against Hunger event will be Sept. 24 in the church sanctuary. Just as we did last year, we'll set up "assembly lines" to fill hunger kits with nutritional items that will feed thousands of children in Haiti.

Once again, we're seeking at least 40 volunteers to help out, but the more the merrier! The whole process takes just a couple of hours. We are requesting a \$25 donation from each participant, but no one will be turned away. Those who can't be there physically can also contribute.

A sign-up sheet is available at the church and at <http://tinyurl.com/hpesf44>. If you have any questions please contact Jim Cox or Jim Salter, co-chairmen of the church's MME Committee.

If you'd like to know more, please contact Jim Cox, Jim Salter, Mary Powers, or Mark Everly.



Festival of Sharing



For thirty-five years, Festival of Sharing has been held in Sedalia in October. The outpouring of love in action blessed people in Missouri and around the world with much needed food and personal items. Experience the first ever ShareFest in St. Louis! On Saturday, October 8, a mini-Festival of Sharing will be hosted by Immanuel UCC in Ferguson to package food, receive Festival of Sharing packs, worship, share a meal and distribute food and packs to St. Louis area social care agencies. www.festivalofsharing.org

This year New Hope will collect Missouri Readin' and Writin', Missouri Student Dental, and Missouri Women's Prison packs. Watch for sample packs and lists of needed items later this month.

Peacemaking Offering

On October 2nd, NHPC will participate in the PC(USA) Peacemaking Offering. Seventy-five percent of the offering will go to national projects and 25% will go towards a charity designated by the MME Committee. Watch for the News & Opportunities and various inserts for more information.



Deacon Picnic

September 18th—Congregational Picnic, 12:30 p.m. at the Pavilion, hosted by the Diaconate.

Please, for those attending the picnic, bring a pot luck dish based on your family name:

A-G salad, H-M veg side dish, N-Z desert.

At the picnic, we are having some activities for the whole family!

Washer Tournament—team up with a buddy and enter the washer tournament. Winners will receive bragging rights until next year's picnic!

Dessert Challenge—Sign up to make your favorite dessert!

We'll be judging them the day of the picnic!

Bounce House—and games for the kiddos!

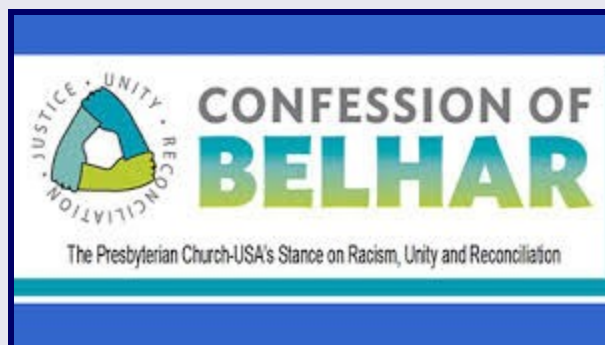


Rummage Sale

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 begin accepting items on October 16th in the lower level. If you need assistance moving items, please contact the church office.



A New Confession



In an historic move, the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA), at its biennial meeting this summer, elected to include The Confession of Belhar to its listing of confessional documents as found in the Book of Confessions. To mark this occasion and to introduce you to The Confession of Belhar, its context and message, Dr. James will lead a six-week class, beginning on Sunday, September 18th, 9:45-10:45 a.m., in Room 104. All are welcome! To ensure enough resource books are available, please sign-up by calling or emailing Laurie Meinert in the church office, 936-2200 or lbrown@nhpres.org.

Presbyterian Women

Tip Toe Through the Tulips

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!

September PW Meeting

The ladies of New Hope will gather on Thursday, September 29 at 6:30 PM to share a soup and salad supper provided by the officers. Master Gardener Linda Masterson, of St. Peter's, MO, will present a program on autumn gardening. Brochures for the spring bulb sale will be distributed. Anyone interested in the program is welcome to attend.



Sani-Panti Project

Good News! A second box of 52 Sani-Panties plus donated colored panties was mailed to Little Dresses for Africa in time for their delivery to Malawi, Africa to help villages with health, schooling and hygiene needs. Special thanks to all New Hope women who made this valuable donation possible. Please see the PW Bulletin Board for more information along with pictures. We need more sewers, so please contact Ann Schmid, 636-699-2142, if you can help!

Fall Gathering

The Presbyterian Women of Giddings-Lovejoy's Fall Gathering will be held on Saturday, September 24, 2016 at John Knox Presbyterian Church in Florissant. Please pick up a copy of the August Linkletter on the information table. The registration form and current mission project is included in the document. Contact Ann Schmid, 636-699-2142 for more information.

Women's Circles

Jubilee Circle—Calling all ladies of the church! If you've ever wanted to join a Presbyterian Women's circle, now is your chance. The jubilee circle will now meet at 6pm the third Monday of each month from September -May for dinner and a lesson. We will meet at Bemo's in Cottleville. The first meeting will be held on September 19 at 6pm at Bemo's, 5373 State Hwy N. Childcare will be provided at the church with reservations. We will use the PW Horizons study guide. If you would like to purchase one, they are \$9.00, payable to New Hope. For more information, please contact Alyssa Murray at 636-875-6277 or amurray03@live.com. Please consider joining us for a Bible study and fellowship with some amazing women!

Agape Circle—meets on the first Thursday of the month from September through May in the conference room from 1 – 2:30 p.m. If you are looking for a circle to join and participate in Bible study and fellowship please consider Agape Circle. This coming year we will be studying A SHEPHERD LOOKS AT PSALM 23 by W Phillip Keller. The cost of the book is \$4.50 and you can pay Nancy Seals or leave your check in the church office. Make your check payable to Nancy Seals. The circle leaders for the coming year are Nancy Seals and Anne Finks. If you have questions please contact Anne at 636-946-6429 or Nancy at 636-294-0295.

Joy Circle— an evening Bible study led by Katie Ward, would like to invite you to join us on the first Thursday of each month from 7:00—9:00 pm in the Conference Room at church. We follow the Horizon Bible Study, "Come to the Waters." We are a close group, supporting one another, enjoying fellowship, friendship and fun. Contact Katie Ward at 636-447-5188 or katewynn31@outlook.com

Financial & Prayer Support for People in Louisiana

Starting August 11, 2016, regions in Louisiana and Mississippi experienced 10-20 inches of rain. FEMA reports that there were 13 fatalities, over 8,000 people in shelters and over 10,000 residential and commercial structures affected.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance has reached out to the Presbytery of South Louisiana and the Presbytery of Mississippi to offer assistance. Three National Response Team members deployed to the Presbytery of South Louisiana on August 20th. An initial grant and a church damage grant has been sent to the Presbytery of South Louisiana.

Partnered with PDA, the group Washington Emergency Recovery Ongoing Cadre (W.E.R.O.C.) focuses on the needs of residents within Washington Parish. The recent floods have nearly exhausted the organization's resources. The group has spent the past three months helping get people back into their homes from March flooding.

"Now we're back to square one. We spent all of the funding we had to take care of the needs from the last flood including replacement of furniture and appliances," said Joe Kelley, CEO of W.E.R.O.C. "We're trying to find funds to get these folks back to their homes again."

Kelley says the biggest problem will be the emotional and spiritual counseling needed for those who are now going through this a second time in as many months. (from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance website)

Caring folks at New Hope asked how to help. We may donate online at <https://pda.pcusa.org> or mail a check to Presbyterian Church (USA), P.O. Box 643700 Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700. Designate your gift for DR000191.

Pray that through the response of the faith community, survivors and those offering assistance will be reminded of the hope that is found in Christ. Our best response

Blood Drive

The Deacons will be sponsoring a blood drive at church on Sunday, September 11th. The Blood Drive will take place between 9:30 am and 12:30 pm in the Blood Mobile, which will be located on the upper parking lot. Sign-ups sheets will be available on the Information Table. Walk-ins will also be welcome that day! For more information, please contact the church office.

Benefits of Donating Blood:

- It feels great to donate!
- You get free juice and delicious Keebler® cookies.
- It's something you can spare – most people have blood to spare... yet, there still not enough to go around.
- You will help ensure blood is on the shelf when needed – most people don't think they'll ever need blood, but many do.
- You will be someone's hero – in fact, you could help save more than one life with just one donation.





September Birthdays

Earl Bostic	09/03	Nathan Nowakowski	09/17
Carl Doerr	09/03	Connie Pettit	09/18
Rick Cassetta	09/06	Jeff Connor	09/19
Mary Powers	09/06	Kirk Garten	09/20
Kristin Judd	09/07	Elaine Barbee	09/21
Cary Lippert	09/07	Ann Wienstroer	09/22
Stan Whiteley	09/07	Kimm Besgrove	09/24
Nancy George	09/08	Katie Besselman	09/24
Mark Phillips	09/08	Rick Waldo	09/24
Dean Isbell	09/09	Shelley Geiger	09/26
Laura Eikmann	09/10	Robin Murphy	09/27
Elizabeth Langley	09/11	William Reilly	09/27
Rachel Eikmann	09/12	Debbie Phillips	09/29
Theresa Edwards	09/15	Patrick Tilk	09/29

September Anniversaries

Herb & Kathy Gibbs	09/09/1989
Eberhard & Deb Mackin	09/12/2010
Randy & Sylvia Malta	09/18/1982
Michael & Ann Ray	09/23/1978

FINANCIAL CORNER

CONTRIBUTIONS	August 2016	YTD
Budget	35,614.00	284,912.00
Actual	37,898.00	278,238.00
Over/Under	2,284.00	- 6.674.00



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 1:00pm Agape Circle	2	3
4 9:30am Christian Ed 10:15am Worship	5 Labor Day Church Office Closed	6 6:30pm The Journey 7:00pm AA Meeting	7 7:00pm Deacon Meeting	8 7:00pm Joy Circle	9	10 9:45am Oasis Food Pantry
11 8:45am Worship 9:30am Deacon Blood Drive 9:30am Church Family Gathering 11:00am Worship	12 6:00pm Fellowship Com- mittee 7:00pm Session Meeting	13 9:30am PW Coordinating Team 6:30pm The Journey 7:00pm A.A.	14	15 5:50pm Employment Ministry Committee 7:00pm Employment Ministry	16	17 8:30am Men's Breakfast
18 8:45am Worship 9:45am Christian Ed 11:00am Worship 12:30pm Deacon Picnic	19 6:00pm Jubilee Circle 7:00pm Ministry Mission & Evangelism Committee	20 6:30pm The Journey 7:00pm A.A.	21	22 6:30pm Boy Scouts	23	24 9:00am Kids Against Hunger
25 8:45am Worship 9:45am Christian Ed 11:00am Worship 12:00 Advent by Candle- light Committee 2:00pm Employment Ministry/Jane Kirkpatrick	26 7:00pm Formation for Discipleship Committee	27 6:30pm The Journey 7:00pm AA Meeting	28	29 6:30pm Presbyterian Women	30	

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