

NEW HOPE PRESS

SUMMER 2018

Summer Worship at New Hope

Beginning on Sunday, May 27th, New Hope will begin its summer schedule.

Please watch the News & Opportunities and other publications for Worship Service and Christian Formation times.

We look forward to seeing you this summer!

Summer Happenings at New Hope

We know that summer is a busy time for many. With plans for vacations, graduations, weddings and get-togethers with friends, sometimes the “dog days of summer” can be more hectic than the other seasons of the year. And we also recognize that summer can be the only down-time many people get, and that it’s even harder waking the kids up in the morning when there’s no school.

This summer, we would like to challenge you to become more active in summer activities and worship services at New Hope.

On Sundays, our Formation for Discipleship committee has some exciting things planned for both children’s and adult Sunday School at 9:30 am.

There are still many activities to participate in at New Hope during the summer.



Don't forget Vacation Bible School beginning July 9th. It's a great time for the children, but it's also a rewarding volunteer experience for adults. (See the article in this edition of New Hope Press for more information)

So whatever your summer plans, we hope to see you at New Hope this summer. And remember, God doesn't take vacations. He'll be waiting for you when you get back!

SUMMERTIME

Youth Fundraiser—Bake Sale & Car Wash

On May 7th, the Youth Mission Trip participants will be hosting a bake sale and car wash. The car wash will take place before, during and after services, in the parking lot off the south doors (outside of the kitchen). The bake sale will be in the hallway by the kitchen and will feature homemade items by the youth and their parents. Please stop by one or both fundraisers on May 7th to show your support for the Youth Mission Trip!



Earth Care Congregation News

Earth Day was Sunday April 22, 2018 and New Hope celebrated with several fun Earth Care activities, crafts and snacks during Formation time. Each class read an Earth Care book followed by a discussion and craft. Everyone gathered for more Earth Care lessons, crafts and snack. Flowers were planted in the corner of the Earth Care Garden. Worship service included an Earth Care lectionary, devotion and hymns. A blessing of the Earth Care Garden was made at both services.

Thanks to everyone who brought used electronic devices for the turn in project. This will really help protect our beautiful Earth from harmful metals used in these products.

The New Hope Earth Care has been constructed, fill dirt added, tilled and ready for planting. Tomato plants, green bean and zucchini seeds are ready to be planted. The bounty from this garden will be given to Oasis Food Pantry. Volunteers are needed to help plant and maintain the garden during the growing season. If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please contact Ruth Irvine or Cindy Martin.



Presbyterian Women

PW Birthday Gathering

Please join us after worship on May 20 in the sunshine room for the annual PW birthday luncheon. We will install our new officers, and celebrate the close of another wonderful year. We will also collect the PW birthday offering at that time.



Diaper Drive



Thank you to everyone who supported the month-long diaper drive to support the St. Louis Area Diaper Bank. To date, we have raised \$1,387.00 towards the wholesale purchase of diapers. We also received numerous packages of diapers. Thank you to everyone!

Mission Opportunities

Are you looking for ways to serve those in need with your time and talents? Here are some upcoming events and opportunities to serve our community in a variety of different ways. One (or more) may be just right for you!

Sacred Conversations + Action: (For more details please contact Jane Cox) Meetings are on the 4th Tuesday of each month from 7 - 8:30pm. Location will vary. Focus is primarily on Education issues (OSS, minority representation in AP courses, diversity in hiring, and Memorandum of Understanding between schools and local police)

Anti-Racism Collective: (For more details please contact Jane Cox) St Charles County Action Network - born of ARC workshop we hosted. Vigils are held the second Sunday of each month.

Harvest Ridge Elementary School Support: (For more details please contact Mary Powers) Help families eligible for financial assistance and reduced fees complete the necessary paperwork. Several NHPC Members have volunteered and we can use more help.

A special day at O.A.S.I.S.: On Saturday, May 12, Letter Carriers' Stamp Out Hunger food drive will bring in truckloads of food from our community. Extra volunteers will be needed to sort donated food beginning at 12:30 that day. The food pantry will be open in the morning, so New Hope volunteers will also assist clients at O.A.S.I.S. food pantry from 9:45 – 11:30 a.m. Sign-up sheets for both times are in the Mission and Outreach area.

Graduating Seniors

Congratulations to New Hope's 2018 graduating seniors! Please take a moment to offer your personal congratulations to the students below:

Aleuria Alderson—attending University of Missouri to study Journalism
 Quinn Barbee—attending University of Alabama—Huntsville
 Maggie Cox—attending University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, to study Biology
 Kelsey Etling—attending St. Louis University to study Marketing
 Will James— attending Truman State University
 Tucker Jones— attending University of Missouri



Blood Drive Update

On behalf of the deacons, I would like to thank everyone who participated in the blood drive that was held at New Hope Presbyterian Church on March 18th, 2018.

I would like to highlight some points from a letter that was sent by Amanda Hess the Director of Donor Relations with Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center. She wanted to thank all the donors of New Hope Presbyterian Church for the blood drive that was held on March 18th, 2018. Donations rates may fluctuate depending on the season, but the demand for blood products at the hospitals they sever is constant.

Staff members in their component production are able to produce as many as four different blood components from every whole blood donation. With all of your support they were able to collect 18 units on the day of the blood drive, which will serve up to 72 patients at the local hospitals.

With our participation in events like this will help to ensure that they have blood on the shelves when patients need it. Mississippi Valley wanted to express their appreciation to all who participated for the commitment to their mission.

Respectfully,
Todd Rasche
Deacon Chair of the blood drive



Music Notes

Last year at this time the Presbyterian Women sponsored a hymn festival. In this program we explored the history of hymnody from early years of the Christian church up to the present day. The articles in the New Hope Press newsletter this year have been essentially information that was presented at that hymn festival. We conclude this academic year's newsletters with information from last year's hymn festival about the "father of English hymnody," Isaac Watts (1674-1748). Watts was a "dissenter" - a non-Church of England Protestant.

Millar Patrick, in his book *The Story of the Church's Song*, states that at the end of the 17th century metrical psalmody was "deplorable in the extreme." Isaac Watts observed that in worship services that among the congregation there was dull indifference and a careless air towards the singing of the psalms. One Sunday he returned from the service, complaining to his father about the psalm-singing that put people off worship. His father replied, "Why don't you write a hymn suitable for congregational singing?" In the course of the afternoon Watts did so. Some of his most beloved hymns include *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*, *Joy to the World*, *O God Our Help in Ages Past*, *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*, and *Alas, And Did My Savior Bleed*.

His hymns became popular because of their ability of give voice to the religious thoughts and emotions of the average believer. Hymn texts allow for more freedom of theological expression than simply paraphrases of Biblical texts. Therefore the singing of hymns (as opposed to metrical psalmody) caused splits within the church. Some complained these hymns were "too worldly." But Watt's legacy has endured. Who are some of the other important writers of hymn texts? Look for the answer in an upcoming issue of the newsletter.

Peace,
Gay



2017 Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School 2018

Hero Central: Discover Your Strength in God!

July 9 - July 13 ~ 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Join us as we lead kids on an action-packed VBS adventure! Cokesbury's Rolling River Rampage invites children on a white-water rafting adventure to experience the ride of a lifetime with God! Along the river, children discover that life with God is an adventure full of wonder and surprise, and that they can trust God to be with them through anything. Relevant music, exciting science, creative crafts, fun recreation, and memorable Bible stories will help kids know that God is always with them as they ride the rapids of amazing grace!

Vacation Bible School will be from 9 a.m. until noon and will include a special snack and t-shirt! Registration is \$25.00 per child, which includes a t-shirt. Early drop-off is available (7:30 am—9:00 am) for an additional charge.

As in previous years, we will end our VBS week with a Celebration Picnic on Sunday, July 15th, following the 11:00 am Worship Service.

Vacation Bible School is a great opportunity for us to share God's love with the children who attend and with each other. We are hoping that you will prayerfully consider helping this year. There are lots of places to help out, and childcare will be provided at both sessions.

Registration forms and volunteer forms are available in the Outreach and Information area of the Narthex. Please feel free to call the church office with any questions.



FINANCIAL CORNER

CONTRIBUTIONS

Budget

To-date Actual

April 2018

35,382.82

38,521.33

Year To Date 2018

141,531.28

139,251.01

May Birthdays

Jocelyn Faubert	05/02	Chase Schrautemeier	05/19
Rick Koonley	05/05	Robert Dencker	05/21
David Howell	05/08	Grace James	05/21
Edward Nowakowski	05/08	Alexandra Steele	05/21
Bryan Yarde	05/09	Luke Hantack	05/23
Maggie Cox	05/12	Sophia Bommarito	05/24
Alyssa Murray	05/12	Carolyn Doerr	05/25
Garry Clayton	05/14	Ken Pinkley	05/27
Ellyn Yarde	05/16	Juanita Bostic	05/28
Stacey Bordes	05/18	Ruth Irvine	05/28
Ryan Dittmar	05/18	Maddy Snyder	05/29
Marissa Malta	05/18	Shannon Rera	05/30

May Anniversaries

Cary & Margaret Lippert	05/06/1989
William & Ruth Reilly	05/12/1984
Kim & Linda Carr	05/16/1987
Kurt & Jody Romkey	05/19/1990
Rick & Jackie Etling	05/21/1994
Jay & Ann Rademan	05/21/2005
Paul & Martha Hacker	05/25/2013
William & Ruth Irvine	05/25/2002
Rick & Vicky Koonley	05/25/1985
Christopher & Jennifer James	05/27/1995
Bob & Arlene Lynch	05/27/1950
Dave & Barb Knes	05/28/1996

June Birthdays

Camellia Callahan	06/01	Aimee Calvin	06/19
Jane Cox	06/01	Mark Everly	06/20
Kim Isbell	06/02	Anna Mae Richardson	06/20
Sharon Barnes	06/06	Anne Finks	06/22
Valery Cassetta	06/06	Lauren Garten	06/23
Vicky Koonley	06/06	Lindsay Gonterman	06/23
Amie Tilk	06/07	Joe Seidler	06/24
Mackenzie Calvin	06/09	Max Barbee	06/25
Matthew Hamilton	06/15	Karen Yarde	06/26
Cole Nowakowski	06/15	Alex Cassetta	06/29
Rory Marshall	06/16	Tonia Cassetta	06/30
Sharon Martin	06/18	Holly Martinez	06/30



June Anniversaries

Erik & Marion Hamilton	06/03/2006
Mark & Katie Besselman	06/04/2011
Bob & Kim Mocca	06/04/1977
Bob & Katherine Mudrovic	06/04/1988
Jim & Debbie Phillips	06/06/1970
Gary & Roberta Looman	06/07/1963
Dean & Kim Isbell	06/09/1990
Neal & Mary Powers	06/10/1979
Ed & Lynne Snyder	06/12/1982
Keith & Karen Yarde	06/18/1983
Del & Susan Phillips	06/22/1968
Joe & Susan Petrowsky	06/25/1971
Richard & Sharon Martin	06/26/1960
Jim & Connie Pettit	06/26/1966

July Birthdays

Susan Petrowsky	07/01	Tom Wilson	07/19
Joann Laycock	07/02	Abby Martinez	07/21
Quinn Marshall	07/04	Peyton Marshall	07/22
Jeanne Brown	07/05	Jackie Etling	07/24
Sylvia Malta	07/05	Rachel Snyder	07/22
Randy Malta	07/06	Margo Van Mill	07/25
Michael Black	07/07	Joseph Murphy	07/26
Richard Martin	07/07	Martha Hacker	07/27
Julie Nowakowski	07/08	Danielle Carr	07/28
Linda Dencker	07/15	Sheri Clayton	07/29
Kyle Graber	07/16	Hank Besselman	07/30
William Irvine	07/17	Bert Langford	07/30
Kayla Martinez	07/17	Aiden Schrautemeier	07/31
Chris Meinert	07/17	Patrick Tilk Jr	07/31
William James	07/19		
Debra Timperley	07/19		

July Anniversaries

Willie & Kelly Hantack	07/01/2000
Patruick & Amie Tilk	07/16/2016
Wynn & Katelynn Ward	07/18/1987
Rick & Tonia Cassetta	07/24/1999
Jean Pierre & Stacy Bordes	07/25

MAY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 3:00pm Boy Scout Blood Drive 7:00pm Cub Scouts	2 6:30pm Girl Scouts 7:15pm Choir Rehearsal	3 1:00pm Agape Circle 6:30pm Boy Scout Troop 30 7:00pm Joy Circle	4	5
6 8:30am Youth Car Wash & Bake Sale 8:45am Worship 9:45am Christian Education 11:00am Worship 12:00pm ABC Committee 12:00pm Harmony Faith Family 12:00 Confirmation Luncheon 12:20 The Journey 2:00pm Bridal Shower	7 7:00pm Deacon Meeting	8	9 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 30 7:15pm Choir Rehearsal	10 6:30pm Boy Scout Troop 30	11	12 9:30am Female Connection 9:45am Oasis Food Pantry 12:30pm OASIS Stamp Out Hunger
13 Mother's Day 8:45am Worship 9:45am Christian Ed 11:00am Worship	14 7:00pm Session Meeting	15 9:30am PW Coordinating Team 7:00pm Cub Scouts	16 6:30pm Girl Scouts 7:15pm Choir Rehearsal	17 6:30pm Boy Scout Troop 30 7:00pm Employment Ministry	18	19 8:30am Men's Breakfast
20 8:45am Worship 9:45am Christian Ed 11:00am Worship 12:30pm PW Birthday Party	21	22	23 6:30pm Boy Scouts Troop 30 7:15pm Choir Rehearsal	24 6:30pm Boy Scout Troop 30	25	26
27 9:30am Christian Ed 10:15am Worship	28 Memorial Day Church Office Closed	29	30	31 6:30pm Boy Scout Troop 30		

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