



NEW HOPE PRESS

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Nominations For Class of 2020 Elders

The Session has called a meeting of the congregation for Sunday, October 8th at 12:00 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the report of the Nominating Committee and electing members of the congregation to the ordered ministries of Ruling Elder and Deacon, and to the Nominating Committee for 2018. Below are the members being nominated for Elders and Deacons

Paul Hacker was raised in the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints church and was a pastor at a non-denominational church in Richmond, Missouri. He has volunteered as a Youth teachers, Youth mission trip leader, home group leader and at New Hope he is a Sunday school teacher and has been a sound booth volunteer. Paul is married to Martha and has two sons, Jeff and Larry. He attended University of Missouri in Kansas City and is currently retired. Having been a pastor at a small church, Paul knows how important it is for Elders and Deacons to not only pray for one another, but to encourage the leaders and Pastor and to bring fresh insight to our church. What excites Paul most about New Hope is knowing that he gets to be a part of the Lord moving in our church!

Lynn Harmon was raised Presbyterian and has been a member of New Hope for 20 years. She has taught the Contemporary Issues Sunday school class since 1998, been involved in *The Journey* since its inception, worked on the Narthex Renovation Committee and is a member of the Finance Committee. Lynn is the daughter of Grace Harmon and she has three sons, Bradley, Daniel and James. She has an MBA and is the President of two real estate ownership companies. Lynn feels she has the time and energy, experience and background to join in leadership; and feel obliged to participate if she feels she has something to offer. What excites Lynn most about New Hope is the comfort she feels in a smaller congregation and the opportunity to be a part of new efforts such as *The Journey*.

Terry Martinez was raised Catholic and has been a member at Dardenne and St Charles Presbyterian Churches before joining New Hope. He has played in and directed Hand Bell Choirs, served on selection committees, volunteered for the Worship Committee, is a Leader for *The Journey*, was a VBS volunteer and teaches Sunday school. Terry is married to Holly and they have 3 daughters, Lauren, Kayla and Abby. He graduated from Missouri State University with a BS of Science and a Masters in Administration and is currently working as a Lab Technician with Eagle Specialty Products. Terry believes that God has called him to use his life experiences, both good and bad, and the impact that his faith in Christ has had on his faith journey, to contribute to the continual growth our congregation. What excites him most about New Hope is that he has been blessed to truly know what it is to be loved, and to experience grace and mercy. The members of New Hope have been there through his family's celebrations, and during some of their most trying times. Through all of these experiences their "extended family" has been there to provide support. The words love, grace and mercy are practiced and are very much a part of who New Hope is as a congregation.

Julie Nowakowski was raised in a non-denominational church and went to summer camps and the youth groups. After marrying, she attended Trinity Presbyterian Church in University City and joined New Hope when she moved to St. Charles in 2000. Her son, Cole, was the first child to be baptized by Pastor Chris! At New Hope, Julie has taught Sunday school, held one term as an elder, attended a youth mission trip and participated in a number of various activities. Julie has been married to Ed for 25 years and they have three sons, Nathan, Owen and Cole. Julie received a BFA from Washington University with a major in Photography. She currently works for Visiting Angels and at Instant Imprints in Chesterfield. Julie is looking for a way to reinvigorate her faith and help the church. She wants to find a way to reach the people in our community and help them realize that there is good, and God, in this world. What excites her most about New Hope is

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seeing new families come through our doors. She believes that New Hope has made big strides lately and she wants to help continue that and help make New Hope even better.

Jim Phillips was raised as a Baptist, grew in his faith as a Protestant in the military, and joined New Hope a month after it began in 1994. He has served New Hope as a Deacon, Elder, President of the Trustees, Director of Personnel, Director of Stewardship and adult Sunday school teacher. Jim is married to Debbie and has two children, Miranda and Logan. He received a BS from Oklahoma State University in Business, an MS from University of Arkansas in Operations Management. Jim is a retired USAF pilot and has retired from St. Charles City as the Maintenance and Construction Superintendent. Jim feels there is an aspect of the church which is like a business and it needs leaders to direct it. He feels it is an obligation to do what he can with the skills God has given him in a loving and caring environment. What excites Jim most about New Hope is the growth and change he has watched. He believes New Hope is a family and will continue to grow and change.

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Sue Dittmar was born and raised in the Presbyterian Church. She joined New Hope in 2012 and volunteered with VBS, Worship Feast, Children's Choir and she maintains the Worship Bags. Sue is married to Russell and they have two sons, Ryan and John. She has a BA from Hope College in Holland, MI and an MLIS from the University of WI-Milwaukee. Sue is currently employed at St. Louis City-County Library and Panathinaikos FC as Administrative Assistant to Soccer, Volleyball and Basketball. She believes that God has called her to become a Deacon based on Ephesians 2:10 - "For as we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God has prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them." What excites Sue most about New Hope is the vibrant congregation capable of doing many things. She quotes Jeremiah 29:11 - "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and hope."

Barbara Lynn was raised by two amazing parents in the Presbyterian Church. She is blessed to have been a charter member of New Hope and is fortunate to be a part of the church choir, Joy Circle, adult Sunday school class and a part of Presbyterian Women. Barbara has two daughters, Melanie and Diana, and three sons, James, Steve and Tim. She has an BS in Education from Truman State University and an MA from Lindenwood University. Barbara is currently a substitute teacher for students in Francis Howell School District. Barbara is honored to have been asked to be a Deacon. She has seen activities in which Deacons have been a part, and find their service to God through the church to be inspiring. What excites Barbara the most about New Hope is the kindness and compassion shown to all who are seeking their place in God's kingdom. She has received the love of the congregation when she has been at her lowest point and knows that their caring for others is authentically honest.

Greg Marshall (Class of 2018)

Todd Rasche - was raised in the Lutheran Church, married in the Presbyterian Church and joined New Hope in 2016. As a Lutheran he attended Sunday school, was involved in youth group, and building and grounds maintenance. At New Hope, he is an usher, performs in the Bell Choir, and attends Men's Breakfast and Sunday school class. Todd is married to Elizabeth and they have one son, Cody. Todd is a high school graduate and attended Lewis & Clark Technical School. He is currently the Field Forman with Duckett Creek Sanitation. Todd is the type of person that likes to be actively involved and help where he can. He is honored to be asked to fill a role as a Deacon so early in his membership. What excited Todd the most about New Hope is the size of the congregation, the nice members and Pastor Chris.

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Joe Seidler

Lindy Stacy

A Note From Our Pastor



When I was a kid I hated Sunday's, but particularly Sunday evenings. For one thing, it meant the weekend was coming to an end with Monday and a whole five days of school before the next one. Sunday evenings meant attending to inevitably unfinished homework and nothing good on television. I should have considered the latter as a blessing for the former, but instead I viewed both as injustices I had to bear. As if to rub it in, my father always watched 60 Minutes on Sunday evenings. That show on Sunday evenings, with its boring news stories and obnoxious ticking of the stopwatch, represented everything that was awful about being a kid.

What a difference a few (many, lots of) years makes. Today I love 60 Minutes. I watch it, or tape it to watch later. I look forward to the interesting stories and news items and remember being a kid every time I hear the tick-tick-tick of that clock.

This past Sunday (Sept. 24), 60 Minutes ran a story that included a focus-group type meeting led by Oprah Winfrey. The group was comprised of 14 people, seven of whom voted for the current President and seven of whom did not. One of the participants made a comment about the problem with our current political climate being that our legislators refuse to come out of their ideological corners and really listen to one another, work together and find consensus so that our country can move forward together. And then he said something to the effect of, "We have completely lost our ability to disagree with one another and still talk to one another in a civil way."

None of this is news. It's been like this for years. We don't know how to talk to one another when we disagree. In large part I blame social media. Facebook and Twitter allow us to share our views, opinions or perspectives, but neither allow for much thoroughness of thought or expression. That is, Twitter, for instance, only allows 140 characters per tweet. That's just enough to say something provocative, but not enough to provide background or rationale. The comment section on Facebook posts quickly regress into misinformed and unsubstantiated pronouncements on one topic or another. Social media allows us to share our opinions and, at the same time, remain insulated and isolated from others' responses to them. It has a way of empowering us to speak our minds and at the same time disempowering our ability to receive how others respond to that. And I confess that when I see people whom I respect post an opinion or respond to someone's post with what appears to be a knee-jerk reaction, it prejudices me against them. All of which is why I don't use social media like a lot of people do. I use it to follow organizations of interest and to try to keep informed, but that, of course, is a double-edged sword.

There is almost always more to a story, opinion, perspective, or viewpoint than can be captured in a post or tweet, and my hope and prayer is that we remain able to communicate with those with whom we disagree without equating the person with the post or their character with the comment. May that be our goal and our guide. I, for one, confess that my struggle with that is ongoing.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Chris".

Consecration Sunday 2017

Consecration Sunday, October 15, 2017

Consecration Sunday, October 15th, is the day we secure our future by consecrating the estimate of our financial giving for 2018 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 15th 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 2018, 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 15th!

Reformation Sunday

Reformation Sunday, October 29, 2017

This year Presbyterians celebrate the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther’s 95 Theses. The theses, which criticized the sale of indulgences by church officials, are considered the opening salvo in the Protestant Reformation—a movement that emphasized individual relationships with God and salvation through faith alone. Luther is also celebrated for a second piece of writing: his translation of the Bible into German. After Pope Leo X excommunicated Luther in 1521, the reformer took refuge inside Wartburg Castle. There he completed his translation of the New Testament, based on Erasmus’s 1516 Bible text.

To celebrate the 500th anniversary of Reformation Sunday, New Hope will have one worship service on Sunday, October 28th at 10:00 am. There will be no Sunday school classes that day.

Earth Care Outing



The New Hope Earth Care team is planning a trip to Missouri Botanical Garden this fall. The trip will include a tour of Gateway Greening's community garden site, guided tour at the Missouri Botanical Garden and lunch at Zia's restaurant on the Hill. This event is planned for Saturday October 14, 2017. It is intended to be an intergenerational outing so plan to bring the whole family or just yourself.

Gateway Greening is a non-profit organization that educates and empowers people to strengthen their communities through gardening and urban agriculture. New Hope has partnered with Gateway Greening in the past for youth stay mission events and recently an adult stay mission day. They are located at 2211 Washington Avenue, St. Louis, Mo. 63103

The Missouri Botanical Garden (Shaw's Garden) is one of the oldest botanical institutions in the United States and a National Historic Landmark. It is known informally as Shaw's Garden for founder and philanthropist Henry Shaw. Garden admission fee is \$12 for adults (ages 13 and over), children and under are free. The Garden is located at 4344 Shaw Boulevard, St. Louis, Mo. 63110.

Zia's restaurant features Italian cuisine. It is located at 5256 Wilson Avenue, St. Louis, Mo. 63110.

This event will start at the New Hope parking lot leaving at 8:30 am. The Gateway Greening tour will start at 9:30 am, guided tour of Shaw's Garden at 11:00 am and lunch at Zia's after the garden visit concludes. If you are interested in attending please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex indicating how many people will be coming and if you are able to drive other participants to and from the event. It should be a great day to enjoy God's marvelous gift to us, the awesome Earth!

Music Notes

Pythagoras was a Greek mathematician. About 5th centuries before the birth of Christ he began to make certain experiments. He created an instrument called the monochord (essentially a string stretched and anchored over a box). When the string was plucked, it sounded a certain note. "When halved in length and plucked again, the cord sounded...the same note at a higher pitch. Pythagoras had discovered...the octave." By plucking the string using other simple mathematical ratios (such as 2/3 of the length of the string), he found other notes which formed pleasing harmonies. "When he found that harmonic music is expressed in exact numerical ratios of whole numbers, he concluded that music was the ordering principle of the world. The fact that music was denominated in exact numerical ratios demonstrated to him the intelligibility of reality and the existence of a reasoning intelligence behind it. Pythagoras wondered about the relationship of these ratios to the larger world. (The Greek word for ratio is *logos*, which also means *reason* or *word*.)"

Harmonious sounds, therefore, were "...an approximation of a larger harmony that existed in the universe, also expressed by numbers, which was "the music of the spheres." (—all quotes from "Music of the Spheres, or the Metaphysics of Music" by Robert R. Reilly - Intercollegiate Studies Institute - home.isi.org)

Pythagoras' experiments laid a significant foundation for western music theory, but Greeks in the early Christian era also contributed to the art and science of music. A document dating from the 3rd century contains the earliest known example of a Greek hymn with both lyrics and music notation. What is it called? What are some other early hymns? See next month's Music Notes.

Presbyterian Women

PW will host a potluck luncheon and business meeting on Sunday, October 15 after the 11:00 worship service. We hope you will join us for fellowship, food and fun!

Bulb sales have been extended! Please have your order forms in by October 8. There are order forms in the narthex, or you can contact Nancy Seals at nseals@charter.net for more information. We hope everyone will support PW and purchase a pack (or two or three) of spring flowering bulbs. They're beautiful and fully guaranteed! Don't have a garden? Don't worry, they can be planted in pots as well!



Trunk or Treat



Please join us for New Hope's annual "Trunk or Treat" on Saturday, October 28th from 6:30 pm—8:00 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.

Rummage Sale

Are you planning on some fall cleaning? Are you getting your house ready for relatives this Christmas season? Do you have unwanted items in your basement or garage? Don't throw them out! We're having a church wide rummage sale on November 4th! Start saving your unwanted items now. And ask your family and friends to do the same.

We will be collecting items beginning Sunday, October 29th (no clothing, please!). 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 29th, please let Laurie Meinert know.



THEN—join us on November 4th 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 2018 Youth Mission Trip. As always, thank you all for your support!

FINANCIAL CORNER

OPERATING	September 2017	YTD
Pledges	35,145.00	316,305.00
Actual		

Female Connection

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 19 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. There's a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Please contact Deb or Lindy for more information, directions, or any questions.



<i>October Birthdays</i>			
Sam Murray	10/01	Frances Gray	10/18
Kailee Gaffney	10/04	Samantha Larrew	10/19
Bev Waldo	10/05	Katherine Mudrovic	10/21
Jeffrey Connor	10/08	Marian Dwinnell	10/25
Herb Gibbs	10/08	Jack Grundy	10/28
Kurt Groat	10/09	Tracy Grundy	10/30
Ava Rademan	10/10	Claire Murray	10/31
Kendall Barbee	10/13		
Bob Mocca	10/13		

<i>October Anniversaries</i>			
Ben & Kathy Kuehnle	10/02/1971	Garry & Sheri Clayton	10/23/1971
Chris & Barb Griffith	10/08/1977	Kendall & Elaine Barbee	10/24/1998
Fritz & Mary Waltman	10/09/1993	Derek & Rachel Steele	10/24/2009
Rick & Bev Waldo	10/11/1986	Brian & Meredith Saeger	10/27/2007
John & Kristen Moore	10/13/2007		

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:45am Worship 9:45am Christian Ed 11:00am Worship 12:30pm <i>The Journey</i>	2 7:00pm Deacon Meeting	3	4 10:00am Galatians Bible Study 6:15pm Handbells 7:15pm Choir	5 1:00pm Agape Circle 7:00pm Joy Circle	6	7
8 8:45am Worship 9:45am Christian Ed 11:00am Worship 12:10pm Congregational Meeting 12:30pm <i>The Journey</i>	9 7:00pm Session Meeting	10	11 10:00am Galatians Bible Study 6:15pm Handbells 7:15pm Choir	12 6:30pm Boy Scouts	13	14 9:00am Earth Care Field Trip 9:30am ShareFest St Louis 9:45am OASIS Food Pantry
15 Consecration Sunday 8:45am Worship 9:45am Christian Ed 11:00am Worship 12:30 Presbyterian Women 12:30pm <i>The Journey</i>	16	17 9:30am PW Coordinating Team	18 10:00am Galatians Bible Study 6:15pm Handbells 7:15pm Choir	19 6:30pm Boy Scouts 7:00pm Employment Ministry	20	21 8:30am Men's Breakfast
22 8:45am Worship 9:45am Christian Ed 11:00am Worship	23 7:00pm Formation for Discipleship	24	25 10:00am Galatians Bible Study 6:15pm Handbells 7:15pm Choir	26	27	28 6:00pm Trunk or Treat
29 Reaffirmation Sunday 10:00am Worship	30	31				

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