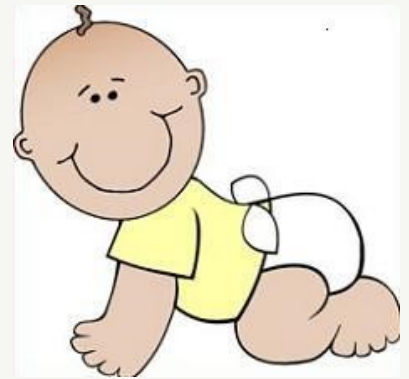


NEW HOPE PRESS

OCTOBER 2019

Presbyterian Women

What could be more precious than gold, frankincense and myrrh? Diapers. All babies and toddlers need them, but many families in the St. Louis area lack the funds to make this necessary purchase. Diaper need is a growing problem in our country, and has negative impacts on moms and children. Unfortunately, no state or federal programs offer diapers. In response, the St. Louis Area Diaper Bank was created. Please join us on Sunday, October 27th as we welcome back Jessica Adams, Executive Director of the St. Louis Area Diaper Bank, to discuss how we can help alleviate the struggle these families face. She will be briefly speaking at the worship service. We will accept an offering during the worship service earmarked for the St. Louis Area Diaper Bank. If you cannot help financially, they are always looking for volunteers. There will be a box for you to bring diaper donations to the church from October 27th through November 3rd. This month-long diaper drive will ensure that the Diaper Bank is well stocked. They especially need the large size diapers (size 4 and up) and training pants.



Emergency Warming Response Team

Whew! It's almost 90 degrees and humid. But we all know it—winter is coming. Yes, we have sweaters, coats, and a good furnace, but not everyone in St. Charles County is so fortunate. Interested in helping those who might be stuck out in the cold this winter? Come learn more about how you can help through New Hope and the county's Emergency Warming Response team. We



will have an informational meeting Sunday, October 6, after church to tell you the various ways our congregation can be of service.

Talk To Me

Beginning in October, New Hope will embark on a Listening Campaign, which are intentional, one-on-one conversations to get know our members and friends better. During these conversations, no one will ask you for money or to be on a committee. Everyone is an important part of New Hope and we simply want to hear your story. If you are asked to be interviewed, please say yes (these conversations will only last 30 minutes). If you would like to be interviewed, we welcome all. Just contact Laurie Meinert in the church office.

Consecration Sunday 2019

Consecration Sunday, October 27, 2019

Consecration Sunday, October 27th, is the day we secure our future by consecrating the estimate of our financial giving for 2020 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 near the Baptismal Font. 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 27th 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 2020, 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 27th!

Christopher Q. James

Harvest of Talents

Do you have a talent you would like to share?

Maybe you sew or crochet or knit.

Perhaps you bake. (In previous years there has been a frenzy to get to the loaves of fresh bread, cookies, fudge, candies and hot sauces)

Do you do woodworking or stained glass?

Maybe you sketch, do oil painting or watercolor.

Whatever your talent, please consider participating in New Hope's Harvest of Talents Sunday, November 24, 2019.

Harvest of Talents is a time for the congregation to share their creative talent. There is no age limit to participate.

On that Sunday, tables will be set up along the walls in the Sanctuary loaded with items from our church family. The congregation will have the opportunity to view all tables before Service. After Service, all items will be available for a Free will offering with proceeds going to the Deacon's Fund.

Any questions, please contact Rhonda Dyer (636.362.3750) or rkdyer01@gmail.com

Earth Care—New Hope Garden

For those of you who bag your ground-up leaves and/or grass clippings, New Hope's Earth Care Garden would like to have about 8-10 bags of good compostable ground-up leaves (no oak leaves, though) or grass clippings. Call or email Ruth Irvine if you can donate a bag or two (636-300-1573 or ruthlirvine@gmail.com). Since we don't want to have too many leaves and clippings, please don't bring your bags up to church without "reserving" your bags with Ruth. Thank you all for your great support of NHPC's Earth Care Garden this year!



Music Notes

The choir began the season with rehearsal on September 4 and a choir workshop on Saturday, September 7. The workshop was followed by fellowship at a local restaurant.

You will hear some extra special music in worship during the month of October. In addition to the choir's anthems, anticipate hearing a men's ensemble, a piano/organ duet, and a brass. A professional singer will join us for part of the Catechumenate Training event.

The choir and handbell ensemble will perform a Christmas concert on the afternoon of December 15. You won't want to miss this special event.

Peace,
Gay

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 26th 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.

College & Military Care Boxes

The Deacons will again be sending Care Packages to college students and military personnel in October. If you have a loved one in one or both of those categories please send his/her name and contact information to the church office by calling or emailing to lbrown@nhpres.org. Please specify if he or she is a college student or military personnel and if there are any allergies. Please submit names and addresses to the office by October 13th.



Blood Drive

GIVE BLOOD



SAVE LIFE

The Deacons will be sponsoring a Blood Drive on Sunday, October 6th, from 9:30 am—12:30 pm. There is a sign up sheet available in the Narthex.

October Birthdays

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|-----------------|-------|--------------------|-------|
| Diana Axetell | 10/01 | Joseph Axetell | 10/21 |
| Sam Murray | 10/01 | Katherine Mudrovic | 10/21 |
| Bev Waldo | 10/05 | Marian Dwinnell | 10/25 |
| Jeffrey Connor | 10/08 | Jack Grundy | 10/28 |
| Herb Gibbs | 10/08 | Tracy Grundy | 10/30 |
| Julie Langasek | 10/08 | Clare Murray | 10/31 |
| Kurt Groat | 10/09 | | |
| Ava Rademan | 10/10 | | |
| Kendall Barbee | 10/13 | | |
| Samantha Larrew | 10/19 | | |

October Anniversaries

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|-----------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|
| Ben & Kathy Kuehnle | 10/02/1971 | Tim & Alyssa Murray | 10/13 |
| John & Bobbi Cusumano | 10/03/1970 | Kendall & Elaine Barbee | 10/24/1998 |
| Chris & Barb Griffith | 10/08/1977 | Brian & Meredith Saeger | 10/27/2007 |
| Fritz & Mary Waltman | 10/09/1993 | | |
| Rick & Bev Waldo | 10/11/1986 | | |
| John & Kristen Moore | 10/13/2007 | | |

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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | 1 7:00pm Cub Scouts | 2 5:30pm Dinner 6:00pm Wednesday Night Study 6:30pm Girl Scouts 6:30pm Boy Scouts 7:20 Choir | 3 1:00pm Agape Circle 6:30pm Boy Scout Troop 30 7:00pm Joy Circle | 4 | 5 11:00am PW/GL Meeting |
| 6 9:15am Christian Ed 9:30am Blood Drive 10:15am Worship 11:30am Harmony Faith Family 11:30am EWR Gathering 11:30am <i>The Journey</i> | 7 7:00pm Deacon Meeting | 8 | 9 5:30pm Dinner 6:00pm Wednesday Night Study 6:30pm Boy Scouts 7:20 Choir | 10 6:30pm Boy Scout Troop 30 | 11 | 12 9:45am OASIS Food Pantry |
| 13 9:15am Christian Ed 10:15am Worship | 14 6:15pm MME Meeting 7:00pm Session Meeting | 15 7:00pm Cub Scouts | 16 5:30pm Dinner 6:00pm Wednesday Night Study 6:30pm Girl Scouts 6:30pm Boy Scouts 7:20 Choir | 17 3:00pm Catechumenate Training Setup 6:30pm Boy Scout Troop 30 7:00pm Employment Ministry | 18 6:00pm Catechumenate Training | 19 8:30am Men's Breakfast 9:00m Catechumenate Training |
| 20 9:00m Catechumenate Training 9:15am Christian Ed 10:15am Worship | 21 | 22 7:00PM Earth Care Team | 23 5:30pm Dinner 6:00pm Wednesday Night Study 6:30pm Boy Scouts 7:20 Choir | 24 6:30pm Boy Scout Troop 30 | 25 | 26 6:00pm Trunk or Treat |
| 27 Consecration Sunday 9:15am Christian Ed 10:15am Worship | 28 7:00pm Formation for Discipleship 7:00pm Metropolitan Congregations United | 29 | 30 5:30pm Dinner 6:00pm Wednesday Night Study 6:30pm Boy Scouts 7:20 Choir | 31 6:30pm Boy Scout Troop 30 | | |

FINANCIAL CORNER

**OPERATING
Budget
Actual**

**To Date September 2019
34,227.59**

**YTD
308,048.31**

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