

## *Back to Sunday School Breakfast*

Bring your appetites Sunday, Sept. 9th! You're going to "flip out" over delicious pancakes as we "kick off" the new year in Sunday School with a Church Family Gathering! You and your family are invited!

The "kickoff" morning will highlight time for food and fellowship. All ages are invited to attend a Formation Class! Meet new people! Reunite with old friends and classmates! Come learn and grow through faith experiences as a church family!

Here is the schedule for the morning:

9:00-9:30 am – Lower Level - A congregational breakfast of pancakes, biscuits & gravy\*, and fruit salad will be served. Gluten free and sugar free items will be available too! \*(Allen Rudolph and Men's Fellowship will once again serve up their famous biscuits & gravy!)

9:30-10 am – Upper and Lower Levels - Sunday School Classes Birth through Adults  
Following breakfast, children, youth and adults are invited to attend a Sunday School class for a mini-lesson and to meet this year's team of Sunday School teachers.

New Hope's two adult classes, "Contemporary Issues" and the "Feasting on the Word" class, will meet together in the Sanctuary so Adult Class organizers can share an overview of each class! Both class groups welcome new folks to come and get a taste of the classes' formats and studies.

10:15 am– Worship Service

To assist the Church Family Gathering Planning Team, please RSVP by Thursday, Sept. 6. This will ensure there are enough pancakes and seating for all the New Hope families that morning!! We welcome folks to help with setting up the lower level Saturday morning (9 am), and clean up on Sunday following Worship. Signups will be in the Narthex for volunteers at the information table. Thank you!

As we as a congregation are so blessed, we are asking New Hope Families to bring food items for the Oasis Food Pantry that morning. Please help be a blessing for other families in our area!

Join us Sunday Sept. 9th at 9 AM, for this wonderful Church Family event full of Formation, Food and Fun! There's something for everyone and a stack of pancakes waiting for you!!



## *The Journey Begins*

Do you ever find yourself searching for more meaning in your life of faith? Have you ever wanted to explore the foundational questions of the Christian faith, not to measure yourself against a prescribed set of “must dos,” but rather to ask questions and discover a fullness of life you’ve always hoped for from your faith? We invite you, then, to become a Traveler on *The Journey*.

*The Journey* is a process led by members of the congregation, and we focus on the questions you raise and on building relationships with God, oneself and others. *The Journey* is a powerful process that transforms the individuals who participate – and in so doing, the congregation itself.

We want to welcome all people into a deeper relationship with Jesus and with each other so we can live faithful lives of discipleship in God’s world. *The Journey* is a four-step process, the first of which, Come & See, begins with lunch on Sunday, September 23rd, immediately following morning worship. To sign-up, call the church office, or email/call Ruth Irvine at [ruthirvine@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ruthirvine@sbcglobal.net) (636/300-1573). If you have questions or want to talk about this, you may contact Linda Dencker, Lynn Harmon, Ruth Irvine, Chris James, Terry Martinez, Del Phillips, Margo Van Mill, or Todd Rasche. Find out more...Come & See!



## *Worship Schedule*

At the August 6th meeting, the Session, upon recommendation of the Worship, Music & Arts and Formation for Discipleship Committees, approved a change to our Sunday morning schedule beginning on Sunday, September 9, 2018, with Christian Formation classes meeting from 9:15-10:00 am, followed by a time of fellowship and one service of worship at 10:15am.

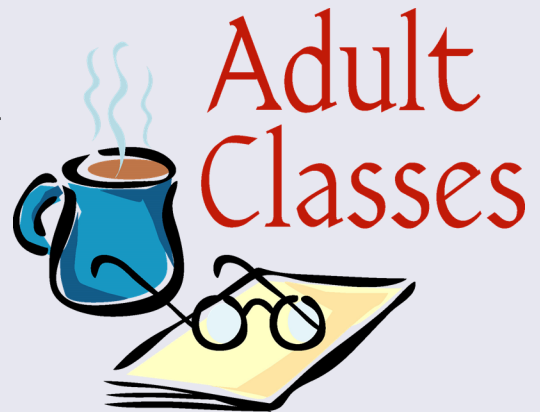
Our current reality is that our overall average worship attendance can be well accommodated with one service of worship. And we believe that the best course of action at this time is to streamline our resources on Sunday morning (not just staff, but ushers, communion servers and sound booth volunteers, to name a few) and work to create other “points of contact” with our community for those who find themselves pulled in other directions on Sunday mornings.

We know that this decision may not please everyone, but we do hope that you will understand that we did not make this decision with haste. We also hope that you will make every effort to adjust to this change so that we may come together on Sunday mornings in our efforts to welcome and include all who yearn to encounter God in our weekly worship together.

*Worship Schedule*

## *Adult Education Opportunities*

**The Journey** is about “. . . proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ through instruction, worship, symbols, and art to people we encounter in our communities.” (from Go Make Disciples)  
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**The Contemporary Issues Class** combines a wide variety of discussion topics with pertinent Bible passages and stories. Issues concerning the specifics of Christian faith, doubts, concerns, understanding, and application are woven into open, accepting conversation about current events and life's challenges.

**Reflecting on Faith** class meets in Room 103 and is a self-led class that uses the “Feasting on the Word” curriculum and follows the weekly lectionary.

**Bible Study of Esther** meets on Wednesday morning, September 19 in the Conference Room and will continue through Wednesday, October 24.  
The study guide is: “Interpretation Bible Studies, Esther and Ruth” by Patricia K. Tull. The cost of the study guide is \$13.00. Checks are to be made out to New Hope Presbyterian Church with a note in the memo line for Bible Study. Checks can be left in the office or placed in the offering plate.  
Please add your name, e-mail address and phone number to the sign-up sheet located in the outreach/information area located to the left of the office in the Narthex.  
If you have any questions please contact Anne Finks at 636-946-6429 or [annefinks@gmail.com](mailto:annefinks@gmail.com)

## *Female Connection*

On Saturday, September 1, the Female Connection will be going to the History Museum to see the special Exhibit for the 100th Season of The Muny. We plan to leave the church parking lot at 9:30 am. We will continue our fellowship at The Old Spaghetti Factory in Chesterfield for lunch on our return back to the church. We are inviting the men to join us for what is sure to be a wonderful day. If you have any questions, please contact Deb Mackin.

## *Advent By Candlelight*

To all women of New Hope Church, you are encouraged to participate in Advent By Candlelight on Tuesday, December 4, 2018 in the worship space. This special event is for all women of our congregation, their family, friends and neighbors. Reservation forms will be available in October in the Outreach and Information Center in the Narthex. Child care will be available. Contact Vicky Koonley 314-550-4920, Ann Schmid 636-699-2142 or Katie Ward 636-447-5188.

## *Covenant Bible Study*

Covenant Bible Study is a 24-week study led by Chris James on Wednesday evenings. The theme of Covenant is foundational to our Presbyterian heritage and Reformed theology. It speaks to an enduring commitment between God and God's people. It is God's promise to live in a loving relationship with us as God's people in community. Three 8-episode segments each explore a different aspect of Covenant life. Each will examine what Covenant means, and the progression of a Covenant relationship with God.

The first 8-week segment, "Creating the Covenant" will go from September 19-November 14 (no meeting on Halloween, Wed., Oct. 31). We will then take a break for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, resuming with the second and third segments ("Living the Covenant" and "Trusting the Covenant") after the first of the year.

Dinner will be from 5:30-6:00 p.m. followed by Bible study from 6:00-7:20 p.m. After dinner, during the study, there will be separate activities for elementary-age children that explore the primary stories of the Bible in fun and interactive ways. Childcare will be available for children through Pre-K.

Chris James will lead the Bible study and Laurie Meinert will lead children's activities. The cost of the Covenant Bible Study is \$25.00, which covers materials for the entire 24-week study and is paid upon registration. The cost for dinner is \$5.00 per person, max. \$12.00 per family, and is paid each week.

Register now (but by noon on Wed., Sept. 12) by calling or emailing Laurie Meinert in the church office (936-2200 or lbrown@nhpres.org) .or by signing up on the clipboard in the Outreach and Information area of the Narthex. To learn more, go to [www.CovenantBibleStudy.com](http://www.CovenantBibleStudy.com).



## *Deacon Picnic*

### **Church Picnic**



September 16th—Congregational Picnic, 11:30 a.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.

Please plan on joining us on September 16th!

## *Spaghetti Luncheon*



Join us for a Spaghetti Luncheon!

Sponsored by The Senior High Youth Mission Trip  
Sunday, September 30th, 2018  
11:30 am

Enjoy Spaghetti & Meatballs, Salad, Rolls, Drinks and  
Dessert

Free-Will Offering Accepted

## *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 3rd! Start saving your unwanted items now. And ask your family and friends to do the same. We will begin accepting items on October 28th in the lower level. If you need assistance moving items, please contact the church office.



## *Earth Care Garden a Success!*

New Hope has delivered 110 pounds of produce to the Oasis Food Pantry as of mid-August! More produce is still ready to be picked in the upcoming weeks. This has been a terrific mission that used the hands, time and talent of many New Hope members. This project has been a wonderful blessing to all those who use the Oasis Food Pantry services.

The raised bed was built earlier this year by Todd Rasche, Greg Marshall, Bryan Eikmann, and Bill Irvine. Bryan Eikmann, Greg Marshall and Pat Tilk spread topsoil and compost mix to put the finishing touches on the garden. Greg Marshall made the beautiful Earth Care Garden sign that makes the garden space just pop and helps let people know where it is located. Chris James blessed the garden as part of the Earth Day celebration in April. Ruth Irvine, Bill Irvine and others planted the tomato plants and seeds for zucchini and green beans when the weather finally warmed in May.

Volunteers helped tend the garden all summer. Everyone's help is truly appreciated. The success of the garden was the result of everyone's efforts. Jennifer James, Diana Axetell and Bobbi Cusumano were faithful in the weekly watering effort. God helped by providing rain from time to time. Weeding was completed by Marty and Paul Hacker, Barb Newman, Dan Duggan, Todd and Liz Rasche and Marilyn Pavia. Landscape fabric is definitely going to be included in next year's budget as that seemed to help with the weeding process. Harvesting the vegetables which included weighing the bounty was accomplished by Paul and Marty Hacker, Leigh Lindahl Truett, Ruth Irvine, Bill Irvine, Cindy Martin, Marilyn Pavia and Todd and Liz Rasche.

There was much to be learned from this year's gardening experience. The green beans never established themselves even after being replanted two times. Blossom bottom rot was on some of the tomatoes which according to the internet is a result of a calcium deficiency in the soil and uptake in the water. The zucchini did very well, some getting very big in size - a few weighed in at over a pound. The size of the garden will remain the same for next year as it seemed to be manageable. All volunteers will be asked to provide input into what they thought about helping with the garden, what could have been done better, what worked for them and how could they make their job easier.

Leaves will be needed to place on the garden in the fall. The congregation will be asked to donate leaves in October.

It just has to be mentioned again that the success of the garden was the result of everyone's efforts. If you were asked to give advice, helped with any of the tasks or prayed for the garden - you are a part of this mission's success. The Earth Care Team and Oasis Food Pantry thank each and every one of you. Let's keep it going and get ready for next year

## *Earth Care at Eckert's Farm*



New Hope Earth Care Team is planning a visit to Eckert's Belleville Farm for apple picking and other fun activities on Saturday September 22, 2018. We will leave from the New Hope parking lot at 9 am. It takes about an hour to get there. There is a field pass fee of \$1 (children under 2 are free). There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex if you would like to go and if you are able to drive. Questions - call Cindy Martin at 636 288-4382.

## Ministry, Mission and Evangelism News



### Peacemaking Offering

On October 7th, 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.

### School Snacks

Between January and May, New Hope provided nearly 600 snacks for students at Harvest Ridge Elementary School. Students returned to classes during the second week of August. Let's continue collecting snacks so these kiddos can focus on learning rather than grumbling tummies.

Lists of recommended snacks are in the Outreach and Information area. Donations may be placed in the container marked for Harvest Ridge. Thank you, New Hope!



### MME Volunteers

The MME Committee is looking for individuals interested in helping to identify opportunities where New Hope can help serve our community. This is a follow-up to the Community Council Moment for Mission and luncheon. If you are interested in learning more please contact: Jane Cox, Jim Cox, Chris James, Alyssa Murray or Kirk Garten.

### Coordinated Entry

Community Council will host Faith Gatherings from 10:00-11:00 a.m. on October 10 at Community Commons, 427 Spencer Road, St. Peters (upper level of Spencer Library). This is an opportunity to talk about resources and ministries area churches are providing and to look for ways to better connect with our neighbors. No reservations are



required; just come.

## *Music Notes*

In the previous newsletter issue, we looked at the author Isaac Watts (1674-1748). Watts is regarded as one of the finest English-language hymn writers of all time. "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross", "Joy to the World", "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun", and "Alas, And Did My Savior Bleed" are but a few of his well-known hymns.

The next important hymn writer after Watts was Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Charles and his brother John were students at Oxford University. They undertook a very strict regimen of worship and discipline, from which they received a nickname, "Methodists." Charles Wesley wrote over 6000 hymns, including "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling", "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing", "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing", and "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus." In next month's Music Notes, you can read John Wesley's directions for hymn singing. Although written in the 18th century, his instructions are applicable today.

If you like to sing, and can commit to weekly Wednesday evening rehearsals and Sunday morning worship, we hope you will join the choir. Please contact Gay if you will be a new singer, so that you can be added to the contact list and so we have copies of music for you. (gspears@nhpres.org).

On Sunday, September 9, we will welcome the St. Louis Trombone Quartet (also known as the Original Boneheads) as they lead musical selections in worship.



### *September Birthdays*

|                   |       |                     |       |
|-------------------|-------|---------------------|-------|
| Earl Bostic       | 09/03 | Jeff Connor         | 09/19 |
| Carl Doerr        | 09/03 | Kirk Garten         | 09/20 |
| Rick Cassetta     | 09/06 | Elaine Barbee       | 09/21 |
| Mary Powers       | 09/06 | Rosemarie Besselman | 09/23 |
| Kristin Judd      | 09/07 | Katie Besselman     | 09/24 |
| Cary Lippert      | 09/07 | Rick Waldo          | 09/24 |
| Stan Whiteley     | 09/07 | Shelley Geiger      | 09/26 |
| Sammi Bordes      | 09/09 | Robin Murphy        | 09/27 |
| Dean Isbell       | 09/09 | William Reilly      | 09/27 |
| Laura Eikmann     | 09/10 | Debbie Phillips     | 09/29 |
| Elizabeth Langley | 09/11 | Patrick Tilk        | 09/29 |
| Aleuria Alderson  | 09/15 |                     |       |
| Theresa Edwards   | 09/15 |                     |       |
| Nathan Nowakowski | 09/17 |                     |       |
| Connie Pettit     | 09/18 |                     |       |

### *September Anniversaries*

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



## SEPTEMBER 2018

| Sun  | Mon   | Tue                            | Wed   | Thu   | Fri       | Sat  |
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| <b>2</b><br>9:30am Christian Ed<br>10:15am Worship   | <b>3</b> Labor Day<br>Church Office Closed  | <b>4</b><br>7:00pm Cub Scouts  | <b>5</b><br>6:15pm Handbells Rehearsal<br>6:30pm Boy Scouts<br>7:00pm Girl Scouts<br>7:15pm Choir Rehearsal   | <b>6</b><br>1:00pm Agape Circle<br>6:30pm Boy Scouts<br>7:00pm Joy Circle | <b>7</b>  | <b>8</b><br>9:45am Oasis Food Pantry<br>10:00am Choir Workshop |
| <b>9</b><br>9:00am Congregational Family Gathering—Back to Sunday School Breakfast<br>10:15am Word & Sacrament<br>11:30am Harmony Faith Family | <b>10</b><br>6:15pm MME Meeting<br>7:00pm Session Meeting<br>7:00pm Deacon Meeting    | <b>11</b>                      | <b>12</b><br>6:15pm Handbells Rehearsal<br>6:30pm Boy Scouts<br>7:15pm Choir Rehearsal  | <b>13</b><br>6:30pm Boy Scouts  | <b>14</b> | <b>15</b><br>8:30am Men's Breakfast                            |
| <b>16</b><br>9:15am Christian Formation<br>10:15am Word & Sacrament<br>11:30am Deacon Picnic   | <b>17</b>   | <b>18</b><br>7:00pm Cub Scouts | <b>19</b><br>10:00am Esther Bible Study<br>5:30pm Covenant Bible Study<br>6:15pm Handbells Rehearsal<br>6:30pm Boy Scouts<br>7:00pm Girl Scouts<br>7:15pm Choir Rehearsal | <b>20</b><br>6:30pm Boy Scouts<br>7:00pm Employment Ministry              | <b>21</b> | <b>22</b><br>9:00am Earth Care at Eckert's Farm                |
| <b>23</b><br>9:15am Christian Formation<br>10:15am Word & Sacrament<br>11:30am The Journey   | <b>24</b><br>6:30pm PW General Meeting<br>7:00pm Formation for Discipleship Committee | <b>25</b>                      | <b>26</b><br>10:00am Esther Bible Study<br>5:30pm Covenant Bible Study<br>6:15pm Handbells Rehearsal<br>6:30pm Boy Scouts<br>7:15pm Choir Rehearsal                       | <b>27</b><br>6:30pm Boy Scouts  | <b>28</b> | <b>29</b>  |
| <b>30</b><br>9:15am Christian Formation<br>10:15am Word & Sacrament<br>11:30pm Spaghetti Luncheon  |   |                                |   |   |           |  |

### *FINANCIAL CORNER*

**CONTRIBUTIONS**

**August 2018**

**Year To Date**

**Budget**

**35,382.82**

**283,062.56**

**Actual**

**30,669.33**

**275,018.91**