

New Hope News

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Membership Ministry

The Membership Ministry is meeting at 7:00 PM on Monday, January 19 at the church. We would welcome anyone who would be interested in joining us. There are large & small tasks that our committee is responsible for and we would appreciate some additional members assisting with those. If you have any questions, just stop by the Welcome Table or come to our meeting!

Children's Fellowship

Last Sunday, boys and girls who attended the first Children's Fellowship voted to name their group Kids Fellowship Club (or KFC). Come this Sunday (from 3 – 4:30 p.m. in the big room downstairs) and bring your favorite board game. We will pop popcorn and have soda as we play! Future activities include a scavenger hunt, bowling, kids in the kitchen, miniature golf and an overnight! Watch the newsletter for more information, or contact Barbi Smith, Director of Christian Education and Spiritual Formation at 636 936-2200 or bsmith@newhopepc.net.

If You Love to be With Children...

We have the opportunity for you! The Kids Fellowship Club is looking for a few advisors to help each week. Advisors are NOT responsible for planning and are not required to be here every week. If you love kids, are available from 3 – 4:30 p.m. on Sundays, and are Safe Sanctuary trained or are willing to be trained, please call Barbi Smith.

Youth Sunday School Class

The Young Adult Sunday Class (primarily for adults age 18 – 30 years) has begun to meet each Sunday during the education hour (9:45- 10:45 a.m.) Our current study is "The Prayers of Jesus" from the Deeper Connections Series. We can be found meeting in the office of the Director of Christian Education and Spiritual Formation (and if we aren't there – look in the kitchen!). All our welcome! For more information, contact Barbi Smith.

Mid-High
Trivia Night
TONIGHT
Sunday,
January 18th
5:00-8:00pm



January
Meal-a-Month

2 Can Beef Stew
1 box of rice
or noodles
1 Can vegetables
1 Can fruit
1 pkg. of cookies

Please find it in
your heart to share!

From the Pastor...

Earlier this month I was in Baltimore for the annual meeting of the North American Academy of Liturgy, an ecumenical and inter-religious association of liturgical scholars who collaborate in research and are “specialists in liturgical studies, theologians, artists, musicians, and persons in related disciplines, whose work affects liturgical expression and furthers liturgical understanding.” I was encouraged to attend by Fred Holper, my thesis advisor at McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago, Illinois.

The Academy, which meets in early January each year, is comprised of several seminar groups that focus on a particular area of liturgical studies. I attended the seminar called Christian Initiation, which deals with issues related to baptism and how people are brought more fully into the Church and developed more fully into the Christian life.

There was only one other Presbyterian in my seminar group, and about 20 altogether at the Academy meeting. Many participants were Roman Catholic, Lutheran, Episcopalian and Methodist, among others.

Often in the church, laboring day in and day out on a local, congregational level, I have found it easy to maintain so many of the stereotypes I have held about other denominations of the Christian church. “They” do this or “they” believe that. Among the richness of my time at the Academy meeting was the discovery that those “other clergy” are really not all that different from me and, on a larger scale, those “other denominations” really care about and struggle with many of the same issues we do, particularly how to worship God in the best and most faithful ways we can. I learned (again) that the Christian church is much bigger than the little world of

it that I inhabit and that the Christian church will be much stronger when we are able to talk over our denominational walls to find those points of agreement and similarity, because those points are much more plentiful than are the points that still keep us divided.

Next year the North American Academy of Liturgy is meeting in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. I plan to go back to participate and continue some of these conversations that have begun. It is my hope that as we grow and develop as New Hope Presbyterians, that our worship might be informed by good theology and best practices from across the Christian church.

Faithfully,

Chris

Building News

Stop by the table in the narthex and see the new floor plan! We listened to your comments and suggestions and have made several major changes. Some of the highlights are:

1. A sound booth has been added to the plan.
2. We added a library and made changes to the brides room
3. Added several closets with more storage to come with the next revision of the basement plan.
4. Nursery with an adjacent restroom has been added.
5. The seating plan has been realigned to a more consistent pattern.
6. The floor slope has been adjusted to allow for a higher chancel area.

7. Added a single user restroom on the main level near the main entrance.

Added baptismal font area in the center of the nave.

Based on comments from last week we will also have on hand the old plans so that it is easier for you to identify the changes we have made. If you missed it last week we also have a new revision of the exterior plan released ready for review.

Please continue to provide us feedback, your comments are making a difference and are greatly appreciated!

In the Circles...

On Thursday, February 5th, the Circles will continue their study of Luke's Gospel for the Poor. Lesson Six, *"Enemies Become Neighbors"* focuses on the parable of the Good Samaritan, teaching us to love our enemies.

Lois Roegge will lead this lesson for the Stay-at-Home Moms Circle at 10:00 am at Church.

The Agape Circle will meet at Nancy Marsh's home at 1:00 pm with Jan Dickson leading lesson 6. At 7:00 pm,

Joy Circle will meet in the Conference Room at church, with Cathy Holder leading this lesson.

The Circles always welcome all who wish to learn more about the Bible to attend at a time of their choice.

Youth Happenings!

Mid-High Youth Group Activity Reminder

Sunday, January 18th – MARK YOUR CALENDARS – TRIVIA NIGHT! This is a very important event because this is the money that will help us have our activities. It is starting at 5:00pm. Door will open to the guests at 4:30pm. The cost is free will donations. We will also be having a canned food drive with all of the donations going towards the Oasis Food Pantry. We will need youth and adults to help as judges, runners, etc. Please let Amy know as soon as possible if you and your parents are able to help.

Additional activities going on will be:

50/50 – Will sell tickets for \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The winner receives ½ of the money collected. The other ½ will be donated to the Oasis Food Pantry

We will also be collecting canned goods for the Oasis Food Pantry

Silent Auction – You are not required to bring in any auction items but they would be greatly appreciated. These items must be turned in no later than that afternoon.

Each youth member will be assigned a job that evening. We will be setting the tables up immediately following church that day. We are asking that all youth members be at church no later than 4:00 that evening.

Saturday, February 14th -- Working at the Oasis Food Pantry -- We will be meeting there at 9:45 am. We will be working from 9:45 am until 11:45 am. If you are able to work at the food pantry, please let Amy know as soon as possible.

Sunday, February 15th – We will be going to the Science Center following church. More details to come!

Senior High Youth Group Activity Reminder

Sunday, January 18th – Mid-High Trivia Night – this will start at 5:00 pm, will doors opening at 4:30 pm. Cost is free will donations and there will be a canned food drive, with all donations going towards the Oasis Food Pantry. Soda and popcorn will be provided. Hope to see you there!

Monday, January 19th -- Bible Study from 6:00 pm until 7:00 pm at Casey Fancher's house. If you need directions, please call Casey, at 447-5457. Casey will be leading Bible Study.

Sunday, January 25th – Bowling at Brunswick Zone from 2:30 pm until 4:00 pm – Cost is \$5.00 per person. If you would like to come and bring friends, please let Amy know who is coming and shoe size no later than Sunday, January 18th. I must have this information in order to reserve your spot. We will be at Brunswick Zone at 2:15.

Sunday, February 1st – Souper Bowl of Caring – We will collect donations as well as canned food, which will be donated to the Oasis Food Pantry. We will need volunteers

after the first and second services. If you are able to help, please let Amy know as soon as possible.

Monday, February 2nd -- Bible Study from 6:00 pm until 7:00 pm at Josh Dalton's house. If you need directions, please call Josh, at 379-8413. Josh will be leading Bible Study.

Sunday, February 8th – Meeting at church from 3:00 pm until 5:00 pm – PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN PLANS. Please bring a snack to share.

Monday, February 16th -- Bible Study from 6:00 pm until 7:00 pm at Tyler Sayer's house. If you need directions, please call Tyler. Tyler will be leading Bible Study. PLEASE NOTE THE CORRECTION IN PLACE.

Saturday, February 21st through Sunday, February 22nd – Winter Camping with Jim – More details to come!

Dates to remember:

Sunday, April 19th – Youth Sunday

Sunday, April 26th – Fundraiser Dinner – all funds that are raised will be going to the Mission Trip

If you have any questions, please contact Amy Kitsmiller at 314-795-9759 (cell) or

E-Mail at kitsmiller@newhopepc.net

Preschool News

New Hope Presbyterian Preschool will begin this fall with classes for three, four and five year olds. In addition, there will be a class for “young threes” who will be **2 years and 9 months by September 8, 2009**. These children would not be age eligible for the traditional Three Year Old Class (3 years old by July 31) but will have a special class designed just for them with a strong emphasis on social skills. Church members and children currently enrolled in Curiosity Corner may register now, Curiosity

Corner alumni and Noah's Nook enrollees may register beginning January 26. There will be a community registration at New Hope Presbyterian Church on February 7 from 8 a.m. – noon. For more information, contact Barbi Smith at New Hope Presbyterian Church or Rhonda Gaines at Curiosity Corner (636 447-4769). Registration forms are available in the church office!

Thank You

Well, New Hope, it was a very nice funeral. It was one that we will always remember when we think of Grandma Carol/MeMe. We will remember the love, cards, telephone calls and e-mails as well. And, oh the cookies, almost as good as Grandma Carol/MeMe's - you understand? The hugs, kisses, visits to the funeral home, the card shower and the words will be cherished always, but the love of New Hope is like no other! Thanks!

Greg, Barb, Andy & Carrie Newman

2009 SESSION MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS

Christopher Q. James, Moderator

Ruth Irvine, Clerk of Session

Worship & Music – Susan Phillips

Congregational Life – Ruth Irvine

Membership – Matt Hutzler

Inreach – Jane Rigdon

Christian Education – Sally Terrell

Youth – Bryan Eikmann, Tyler Salter

Stewardship – Sue White

Congregational Care – Ann Sebaugh

Mission – Jerry Brown

Evangelism – Kirk Garten

Facilities – Mike Black

Budget & Finance – Ben Tutschulte

Personnel – Grace Harmon

Communications – Mike Dame

Long-range Planning – Karen Yarde

Calendar of Events

Sunday, Jan 18

8:45 Worship & Comm.
9:45 Education Hour
11:00 Worship
3:00 Children's Fellowship
5:00 Mid-High Trivia Night

Monday, Jan 19

M. L. King Day--Office Closed
6:00 Sr. High Bible Study
6:30 Capital Campaign
Comm. Mtg.

Tuesday, Jan 20

6:30 N.A. Mtg.
7:00 A.A. Mtg.

Wednesday, Jan 21

7:30 Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, Jan 22

6:00 Healthy Beginnings
7:30 Kerygma Class

Saturday, Jan 24

8:30 Men's Breakfast

Sunday, Jan 25

8:45 Worship & Comm.
9:45 Education Hour
11:00 Worship
12:00 Congregational Mtg.
2:15 Sr. High Bowling
3:00 Children's Fellowship
6:00 Young Adults Dinner
and Video Study

Monday, Jan 26

6:00 Girl Scout Mtg.

Tuesday, Jan 27

6:30 N.A. Mtg.
7:00 A.A. Mtg.

Wednesday, Jan 28

6:30 Capital Campaign
Comm. Mtg.
7:30 Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, Jan 29

7:30 Kerygma Class



Usher Schedule

Sunday, Jan 25th

Carol Botkin
Gary Freeman
Tyler Salter
Bill Reilly
Ruth Reilly
Jim Pettit
Joyce McDonald

Sunday, Feb 1st

Sharon Barnes
Bryan Eikmann
Laura Eikmann
Gary Freeman
Kirk Garten
Craig Graber
Bob Terrell

Substitute List

Al Beamer
Kathy Beamer
Bunny Gauthier
Don Moore
Allen Sebaugh
Ann Sebaugh
Sue Stiegemeier
Gil Stuenkel
Sue White
Jim White
Kathy Freeman
Gary Freeman