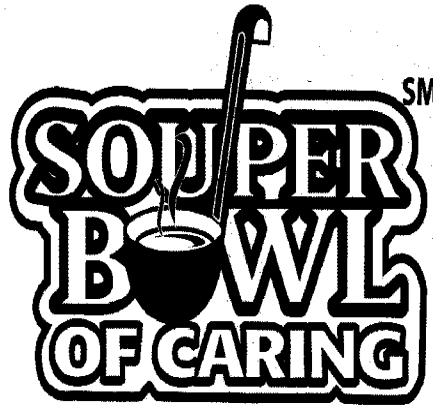


# New Hope News

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## 'Soup'er Bowl of Caring!

The Senior High Youth Group will be hosting the annual 'Soup'er Bowl of Caring, Sunday, February 1st. The youth will be collecting canned goods and cash donations to benefit the Oasis Food Pantry following the 8:45 and 11:00 am Worship services.



*See Page 2 for  
Bible Study  
Circles Dates  
and Locations!*

## Kids Fellowship Club

Boys and girls in Kindergarten through Fifth Grade are invited to come today from 3 – 4:30 p.m. for an awesome scavenger hunt, "Operation Kovert Kids." We will meet downstairs to begin our activity! Friends are welcome! If you have questions, please contact Barbi Smith, Director of Christian Education and Spiritual Formation.

## Worship Bags

Worship bags are still available for boys and girls age 3 and older. The bags contain a special booklet about worship, worship helps, children's bulletins based on the day's scripture readings, crayons and a small snack. To request worship bags, fill out one of the forms on the Welcome Table, call the church office or email Barbi Smith.

## Young Adult Sunday School Class

All young adults (ages 18 – 30) are invited to "Dinner and More" on Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Nancy Harrington (3 Sheran Ct., St. Charles, 63303). We will have dinner then watch the DVD lecture, "The God's Aren't Angry" by popular speaker, Rob Bell. "The God's Aren't Angry" addresses the question, "Where did religion come from?" Following the presentation, we will have dessert and discussion. If you would like to attend, please call the church office or email Barbi Smith at [bsmith@newhopepc.net](mailto:bsmith@newhopepc.net).

## *Deacon's Corner:*

If you know of someone who needs a ride to and/or from church, please notify any of the Deacons or call Ken Pinkley at 314-540-4029.

## Building Committee Update...from the Pastor

Imagine walking into an empty Busch Stadium and taking a seat. Take a look around. What do you see? There is no game going on and no players on the field, yet you see home plate, the base paths with bases, and the pitcher's mound. You can see the dugouts and bullpens. Nothing is going on in the stadium today, but you know what happens there just by the "furniture" that's in place. You can tell what is important for the community that gathers in the stadium just by virtue of looking around. There is no game being played at the moment, but there doesn't need to be a game played for you to know what happens there and what is needed for the players to fulfill their roles.

The same can be said of the place where the church gathers to worship. Walk into any sanctuary and you can see what is important to the community that gathers there. Take a look around and see, just by virtue of the "furniture," what goes on in that room when the people gather and what is needed for the worshipers to fulfill their roles. For instance, a raised central pulpit points to the centrality of the Word of God read and preached. Is the communion table an altar pushed up against the back wall upon which the body of Christ is sacrificed? Or is it a table on the same level with the people around which they gather for a meal of spiritual nourishment? Do you see a baptismal font? What does it tell you? Is it small, like a birdbath, and hidden in a corner, or does it occupy a place of prominence? What does the size of the font suggest about the meaning of baptism for this community?

Architectural space speaks. Without saying a word, it tells a story about what happens in any given space and about what is im-

portant to the community that gathers in it. As a community of Christians embarking on a building project, we will construct a sanctuary that will tell a story...a story about whom we believe ourselves to be. The sanctuary we create will have the capacity to form and shape the community at worship into the body of Christ... or not. We are not simply building a room, but rather creating space in which Christians will be formed and shaped by the worship that goes on in it.

The primary furniture of worship that tells the Christian story is pulpit, font and table, these three. The Worship & Music Committee is working with the Building Committee to create our new worship space that will allow us to worship faithfully and well. In our tradition it is not the space itself that is particularly "holy," but rather what happens in it, the sort of worship that takes place when the community gathers. Nonetheless, as Winston Churchill once said, we are aware of how "people shape buildings and then the buildings shape the people." The sanctuary we create will be a space that, even when unoccupied, will tell a story about the people who gather in it.

Look for more articles to come about these very issues. It is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for most of us to be able to create a place for worship in which Christians will still be gathering and formed into the Christian life long after all of us are gone. That is quite a responsibility, but it is even more a holy privilege.

Faithfully, on behalf of the Worship & Music and Building Committees,

Chris

## Preschool Registration

Registration for New Hope Presbyterian Preschool continues for church families and currently enrolled families at Curiosity Corner for the 2009 – 2010 school year. There are classes for Young Three Year Olds (2 years and 9 months by September 8), Three Year Olds, Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds. The school day is from 9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. for morning classes and from 12:30 p.m. – 3 p.m. for afternoon classes. For more information or for an enrollment form, please call the church office or email Barbi Smith at [bsmith@newhopepc.net](mailto:bsmith@newhopepc.net).



## 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

Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup> -- 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 15<sup>th</sup> -- We will be going to the Science Center following church. More details to come!

Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup> -- We will be having a meeting at church from 12:00 until 2:00 pm. Please bring a snack to share.

Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> -- 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, March 15<sup>th</sup> -- We will be going to the Daniel Boone Home -- more details to come!

Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> -- 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, April 12<sup>th</sup> -- Easter and Confirmation Service

Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> -- Demolition Ball -- more details to come!

Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> -- Senior High Fundraiser Dinner -- all funds raised will be going towards their Mission Trip in June.

## Senior High Youth Activity Reminder

Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup> -- 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 2<sup>nd</sup> -- 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 8<sup>th</sup> -- 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 16<sup>th</sup> -- 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.**

**\*\*I will be sending out more information for Winter Camping with Jim -- please watch for more details to come!\*\***

Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> -- Bible Study from 6:00 pm until 7:00 pm at Sara Martin's house. If you need directions, please contact Sara at 636-

936-0480. Sara will be leading Bible Study.

Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> -- Demolition Ball -- more details to come!

Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> -- Bible Study from 6:00 until 7:00 pm at Tyler Salter's house. If you need directions, please contact Tyler at 636-926-9642. Tyler will be leading Bible Study.

Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> -- Movie Night at church. We will also be stuffing the Easter Eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt on April 5<sup>th</sup>. More details to come!

Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> -- Usher -- we will be ushering at both services. Please be at church no later than 8:15 am. Please no jeans. If you are able to usher, please let Amy know as soon as possible.

### Dates to remember:

Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> -- Youth Sunday

Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> -- Fundraiser Dinner -- all funds that are raised will be going to the Mission Trip.

Sunday, June 21 through Sunday June 28 -- Mission Trip to Detroit, MI

If you have any questions, please contact Amy Kitsmiller at 314-795-9759 (cell) or E-Mail at [al.kitsmiller@newhopepc.net](mailto:al.kitsmiller@newhopepc.net)

## 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*

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### Calendar of Events

#### 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.  
6:00 Building Comm. Mtg.

#### Tuesday, Jan 27

6:00 Building Comm. Mtg.  
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

#### Sunday, Feb 01

*Souperbowl of Caring*  
8:45 Worship & Comm.  
9:45 Education Hour  
11:00 Worship & Comm.  
12:00 Phillips' Faith Family  
3:00 Children's Fellowship

#### Monday, Feb 02

6:00 Sr. High Bible Study

#### Tuesday, Feb 03

6:30 N.A. Mtg.

7:00 A.A. Mtg.

#### Wednesday, Feb 04

7:00 Capital Campaign  
Comm. Mtg.  
7:30 Choir Rehearsal

#### Thursday, Feb 05

10:00 Stay-at-Home Moms  
Circle  
1:00 Agape Circle  
6:00 Healthy Beginnings  
7:00 Joy Circle  
7:30 Kerygma Class

#### Friday, Feb 06

Mid-High Confirm. Retreat

#### Saturday, Feb 07

8-12 Preschool Registration  
for Community

### Usher Schedule

#### Sunday, Feb 1st

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

#### Sunday, Feb 8th

Jim Phillips  
Debbie Phillips  
Michael Black  
Mel Fairchild  
Gary Freeman  
Ben Tutschulte  
Christie Tutschulte

#### 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