

New Hope News

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Female Connection Gets "Crafty"

The Female Connection is going to have a day to work on our crafts. We're taking over the lower level of the church on Saturday, February 21 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Please join us for fun & fellowship while catching up on your latest craft project. Bring your own craft and materials. Plan something with a friend and work on it together. We'll have a variety of activities including scrap-booking, card-making, painting, and needlework. All women are invited to attend; no signup is necessary. Come for a few hours, the morning, the afternoon, or the whole day. Also, please bring a snack to share; drinks will be provided. For more information or questions, please contact Deb Morris. We hope to see you there!

KIDS FELLOWSHIP CLUB - FUN N GAMES

Boys and girls in Kindergarten – Grade 5 are invited to come today from 3 – 4:30 p.m. GAMES, GAMES, GAMES!!! We will have Circle Time, a snack and then play active games and quiet games. For more information, contact Barbi Smith.

Worship Bags Have Moved!

The Children's Worship Bags are now hanging on the wall perpendicular to the Upstairs Conference Room (to the left of the sanctuary). The blue bags for older boys and girls (Grades 1 – 5) are hanging on top, with the red bags for younger boys and girls (ages 3 – Kindergarten) on the bottom. There will be a plastic container outside of the sanctuary for children to place the "used" bags each week. Forms to request worship bags are available on the Welcome Table or you may contact Barbi Smith directly.

Evangelism Tip for February

Evangelism is one part of God's mission. Many Presbyterians are confused about the relation between mission and evangelism. The word mission comes from the Greek for "sending," and evangelism from "good news" or "public messenger of good news." God is at work in our troubled and broken world. This is good news!

Source: <http://www.pcusa.org/today/believe/past/apr02/evangelism.htm>

DINNER, DVD FOR YOUNG ADULTS AND DISCUSSION

The Young Adult Sunday School Class is hosting a "Dinner, DVD, and Discussion" for young adults (age 18 – 30ish) on March 8 at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Nancy Harrington (3 Sheran Court, St. Charles, MO 63303). The DVD presentation will be "The God's Aren't Angry" featuring Rob Bell, creator of the Nooma Series. Please RSVP to Barbi Smith at (636) 936-2200 or bsmith@newhopepc.net.

Meal-a-Month

It's February...a great time to reach out to others in the name of God's love!

The menu this month is:

1 large can chicken & dumplings

1 can ea. fruit & veggies

1 box/bag cookies

1 box biscuit mix

Deacon's Corner:

The Deacons plan to send care packages in March to New Hope family members who are away at college or serving in the military. If you have someone you would like to receive a care package, please provide the name and address to Cathy Holder at 936-2200.

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, Feb. 21st

8:30 am at Church

Over 30 men & boys

attended in January.

Let's top that number

this month!

Building Committee Update...from the Pastor

What marvelous time! Last weekend, February 6-8, 18 New Hopers made the trek to spend a couple of days at Mound Ridge, our presbytery's camp and conference center. It was our annual Confirmation retreat. Eight students and each of their mentors went, along with me and Amy Kitsmiller, to spend the weekend in community learning more about our faith. Specifically, we learned more about the sacraments of baptism and the Lord's Supper, but in addition to that, the students spent time with each of their mentors continuing to work on their statements of faith. We talked about our faith journeys, watched a couple of movies and just relaxed!

I am so grateful to our mentors for packing up and taking the time away from their own families to come together as a church family last weekend. It was no small sacrifice on their part, and our Confirmation students are all the wiser and more cared for because of it. Our Confirmation students will meet with the Session in March to be received into active membership in the church. Their Confirmation is scheduled for Easter Sunday at the 11:00 service of worship. Our Confirmation students are Rachel Eikmann, Heather Gerard, Jordyn Johnson, Kate Kujath, Calvin Lipfert, John Melone, Chandler Platt, and Emily Salter. The mentors who went along with us are Ruth Connor, Barb Griffith, Ruth Irvine, Susan Petrowsky, Debbie

Phillips, Jim Phillips, Ann Ray, and Jane Spurgeon.

On another note, the Session agreed last month for New Hope to serve as a "satellite office" for Care & Counseling, a St. Louis based private, not-for-profit counseling center. In its 41st year, the mission statement describes it this way: Care and Counseling, working with diverse faith and therapeutic traditions, fosters emotional healing and growth in a spiritually informed context by providing affordable psychotherapy, professional education and community outreach. The services offered by Care & Counseling today include direct care of children, adults and families needing professional counseling services, pastoral training and psychoeducational programs. Care & Counseling gets its financial support from individuals, foundations, corporations, organizations and faith communities, so that counseling services are available to those who would otherwise be unable to afford the full cost of psychotherapy. Being a not-for-profit organization, Care & Counseling turns no one away based on one's ability to pay, and it's fees are offered on a sliding-scale.

Because of an increased demand from clientele in the St. Charles area, Care & Counseling approached us about partnering in ministry to our community. New Hope's commitment is to provide space for a counselor from Care & Counseling to meet with clients.

Jean Harmon is the staff member from Care & Counseling who will be the primary counselor scheduling appointments and working out of New Hope. Jean is a licensed professional counselor in the state of Missouri, with extensive experience working with adolescents and their parents. She also works with women, men, and couples, specializing in issues related to anxiety and depression, parenting, divorce, grief and loss, transition, and gay and lesbian issues. We have designated the Sr. High room downstairs as the space available for her to meet with clients on Thursdays, 1:00-9:00 p.m. When the preschool opens in the fall, this time will be adjusted and the church's needs and schedule will continue to be taken into account as we further our partnership in ministry.

Our Session and Deacons see this partnership with Care & Counseling as an extension of our own ministry of caring in our community. To schedule an appointment, you may call Care & Counseling's main office at 314/878-4340 or toll-free at 800/677-3609. You may also learn more about Care & Counseling on its website, www.careandcounseling.org.

Faithfully,

Chris

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 Safe Sanctuary certified or can be, and are available from 3 – 4:30 p.m. on Sundays, call Barbi Smith.

Paging System

A silent paging system has just been installed in the nursery so that we can easily alert parents that they are needed in the nursery. The system is available to use anytime we are using the nursery and parents are remaining in the building.

Preschool News: Community Registration Has Begun!

A community registration for the New Hope Presbyterian Preschool began on February 7 and will continue through the summer months. The 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. 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!

Youth Happenings!

Mid-High Youth Group Activity Reminder

Sunday, February 15th – We will be going to the Science Center following church. We will be eating lunch at church following the second service. Please bring either a snack or dessert to share. After lunch we will be going to the Science Center where we will be watching Dinosaurs Alive at the Omnimax. **If you and your parents are able to go, please let Amy know no later than Sunday, February 8th – we need to purchase tickets before we get there.** We will be back to church by 5:00 pm that evening.

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

Saturday, March 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, March 15th – We will be going to the Daniel Boone Home – more details to come!

Sunday, April 5th -- Easter Egg Hunt following the second service.

Saturday, April 11th -- 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 12th – Easter and Confirmation Service

Sunday, April 19th – Demolition Ball from 1:30 until 3:00 – we will be meeting there. If you are able to attend, please let Amy know no later than Sunday, April 5th.

Dates to Remember

Friday, May 15th through Saturday, May 16th
– Lock-in at church

Senior High Youth Group Activity Reminder

Sunday, February 15th – Deadline to turn in your Medical Forms and \$100.00 deposit for our Mission Trip in June. For any questions, please contact Amy.

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.**

Sunday, February 22nd – All money is due for the camping trip to Amy – cost is \$15.00 per person.

Saturday, February 28th – Sunday, March 1st – Winter Camping at Cuivre River State Park. We will be meeting at church at 8:00 am. Cost will be \$15.00, which is due to Amy no later than February 22. You will need to bring: money for breakfast/snack, as we will stop on the way. We will set then set up camp, have lunch and take a hike. After supper we will gather around the fire before settling in for a warm winter's night. You will also need to bring – a folding chair, winter sleeping bag, warm clothing (layer) and shoes. An extra blanket and ground cover or cot might be wise.

Monday, March 2nd – 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 8th – Demolition Ball from 1:30 until 3:00 – we will be meeting there. If you are able to attend, please let Amy know no later than Sunday, March 1st.

Monday, March 16th – 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 22nd – Movie Night at church from 4:00 pm until 7:00 pm. We will also be stuffing the Easter Eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt on April 5th. We will be ordering pizza for dinner. Please bring a snack to share and also a bag of candle to fill the Easter Eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt. Jane will be picking the

movie for the evening.

Sunday, March 29th – 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 5th – Easter Egg Hunt following the second service.

Sunday, April 19th – Youth Sunday at the 11:00 service

Sunday, April 26th – 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

alkitsmiller@newhopepc.net

Thank You

Rick and I just want to say thank you for all of your prayers and concerns during my dad's illness during the past couple of months. We also want to say thank you for the cards and prayers following his death. Your prayers and love have made this terrible loss so much easier for both us. We are so glad that we have such a wonderful family here at New Hope.

In Christ,
Vicky Koonley

Trivia Night

Trivia Night to benefit the Kim Phillips Scholarship Fun at St. Charles West High is on Saturday, February 21st at 7 pm at the St. Peters Parish Center. Tables of 8 for \$160. The event includes 10 rounds of trivia, beverages (beer and soda), and snacks, 50/50 raffle, and silent auction. Must be 21 or over to attend; contact Chris Birch at 636 851-4850 for more information or to reserve your table. Make checks payable to: Kim Phillips Scholarship Fund. Send checks to Kim Phillips Scholarship Fund, c/o Chris Birch, 1110 North Benton Ave, St. Charles, MO 63301.

It's a Girl It's a Boy

The Ray Faith Family, including: Scott, Misty, Ethan Hause, Matt, Laura and Thomas Hutzler, Cary, Margaret, Calvin, Jennifer Lip-pert, Chris, Jennifer, Will and Gracie James, John and Kristen Moore, Michael and Ann Ray, Rachel Schrautemeier, Scott and Je Taylor are ALL pleased and excited to welcome two little blessings!

Katelyn Christine Hutzler ... 12/4/08

Michael Allen Taylor ... 1/1/09

Joining a Faith Family...

In today's bulletin, you will find an insert inviting you to join a Faith Family group here at New Hope. For those of us who are involved in a Faith Family now, we can only wholeheartedly endorse this program of the church.

Several years ago, a group of people recognized a need for small groups to help nurture individuals and families in their faith and in fellowship. Just like in those years, New Hope continues to grow, and it sometimes can be a challenge to connect with others before and after worship. Faith Families offer every one of us a way to develop personal relationships with others and to grow spiritually within these groups.

Faith Families are a low-key way to achieve connectedness within New Hope. Some groups meet weekly, others get together monthly. All groups spend time learning about one another, to take time out for a devotion or short worship, to discuss issues of our faith, to pray together, and to just grow into a close church family. Needless to say, being good Presbyterians, this all revolves around . . . food, of course!!

Faith Family groups will start in March and covenant to meet together for the next several months (some groups continue throughout the summer, others take a break). Please prayerfully consider joining a Faith Family group for this spring. If you have questions, please call Bill and Ruth Irvine at 636-300-1573.

Calendar of Events

Sunday, Feb 15

8:45 Worship & Comm.
9:45 BLAST Open House
11:00 Worship
12:00 Mid High Outing
3:00 KFC

Monday, Feb 16

7:00 Sr. High Bible Study

Tuesday, Feb 17

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

Wednesday, Feb 18

7:30 Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, Feb 19

7:30 Kerygma

Saturday, Feb. 21

8:30 Men's Breakfast
9:00 Female Connection
9:30 Presbytery Mtg.

Sunday, Feb 22

8:45 Worship & Comm.
9:45 Education Hour
11:00 Worship
3:00 KFC

Tuesday, Feb 24

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

Wednesday, Feb 25

5:45 Soup Supper
7:00 Ash Wednesday
Worship Service
8:10 Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, Feb 26

7:30 Kerygma

Friday, February 27

6:30 Girl Scouts Award
Ceremony
9:30 St. Mark Presbyterian
Church Youth Sleep-over

Saturday, February 28

8:00 Sr. High Campout

Usher Schedule

Sunday, Feb 22nd

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

Sunday, March 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