

# New Hope News

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## Special Sunday School for Adults during Lent

Beginning March 1, the Young Adult Sunday School class invites ALL adults to join them for a special NOOMA presentation. Nooma videos are 11 – 13 minutes presentations which touch on issues that we care about and that we want to talk about in the church. The schedule will include: March 1: “Breathe;” March 8: “You;” March 15: “Store;” March 22: “Today;” March 29: “Open;” and April 5: “Shells.” This class will meet in the kitchen from 9:45 – 10:45 a.m. For more information, contact Barbi Smith at [stlbarbi@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stlbarbi@sbcglobal.net) or (636) 936-2200.

## 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!!

## DINNER, DVD & DISCUSSION FOR YOUNG ADULTS

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](mailto:bsmith@newhopepc.net).

## Around the Circles

On Thursday, March 5, the Circles will meet for Lesson 7 of the Study of Luke. Leading the Stay-at-Home-Moms at church will be Julie Nowakowski. Then, at 1:00 pm, Agape Circle will meet at the home of Margaret Mortland. Please check with Margaret or Jan Dickson for directions. Joy Circle will meet at 7:00 pm in the Conference Room at church. You are always welcome to come to any of the Circles for a time of listening, learning and enlightenment.

### *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*

### **Deacon's Corner:**

Cindy Martin has accepted a call from the Nominating Committee to serve the remainder of an unexpired term on the Board of Deacons. She will be presented to the congregation for approval soon. We're looking forward to having her join our team.

### *Ash Wednesday*

5:45 pm Soup Supper

(hosted by the

InReach Committee)

7:00 pm Worship

(including the imposition of ashes and the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper)

## Kids Fellowship Club

### 3-2-1 Penguins: Save the Planet

Boys and girls in Kindergarten – Grade 5 are invited to come today from 3 – 4:30 p.m. for a fun adventure with 3-2-1 Penguins (from the makers of VeggieTales). In the first video, The Green-Eyed Monster, jealousy between two groups of sheep – separated by only a picket fence – causes green-eyed monsters to appear and eat everything in sight! Can the Penguins restore peace before the planet completely disappears? In addition, there will be games, activities and a snack. For more information, contact Barbi Smith.

### Bowling at St. Charles Lanes

Boys and girls in Kindergarten – Grade 5 are invited to join us on March 1st at 3 p.m. for BOWLING! We will leave from church and drive to St. Charles Lanes in St. Charles and return by 5 p.m. The cost is \$3.00 per child and includes bowling, shoes and a soft drink. Safe Sanctuary Certified DRIVERS will be needed! If you able to drive, or have questions, please contact Barbi Smith at (636) 936-2200 or (314) 807-2211.

## Evangelism Tip Of The Month

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>

## Engagement Announcement

*We are pleased to announce the engagement of our son, Logan Phillips to Anita Salas. Anita is the daughter of Joe and Cathy Salas of Fayetteville, North Carolina. Both Logan and Anita will graduate from the United States Military Academy in New York on May 23, 2009. They will be married at the West Point Chapel the following day, May 24, 2009. We will host a reception for them here at New Hope on Saturday, May 30, 2009 and invite our New Hope Family to join in celebrating their marriage. More details to follow! We would love to have anyone interested in traveling to West Point for the wedding to join us, so please contact us as soon as possible at 636-947-7791 if you can attend the ceremony in New York.*

*Blessings,*

*Jim and Debbie Phillips*

## 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, 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!

**Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>** -- Easter Egg Hunt following the second service.

**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 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 5<sup>th</sup>.

Demolition Ball

1875 Old Hwy 94 South \*\* St. Charles, MO 63303

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

### **Dates to Remember**

**Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>** – Lock-in at church

## Senior High Youth Group Activity Reminder

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

**Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>** – 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 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 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 1<sup>st</sup>.

**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 from 4:00 pm until 7:00 pm. We will also stuff eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt on April 5<sup>th</sup>. We will also order pizza for dinner. Please bring a snack to share and also a bag of candy to fill the Easter Eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt. Jane will pick the movie for the evening.

**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 5<sup>th</sup>** – Easter Egg Hunt following the second service.

**Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>** – Youth Sunday at the 11:00 service

**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: [alkitsmiller@newhopepc.net](mailto:alkitsmiller@newhopepc.net)

### **Easter Egg Hunt**

The Senior High Youth Group is collecting candy and small filler items to fill the Easter eggs they use for the annual Easter egg hunt for the youth. If you can donate, the baskets will be in the church office beginning February 28th and continuing until the youth group fills the eggs on March 22nd. Thanks so much as always for supporting our youth!

### **Be a Good Steward!**

As New Hope grows and more people attend worship and fellowship functions at church, it is more important than ever that all of us make a concerted effort to pick and clean up after ourselves. Check for trash on the floor, in the seatbacks and in the restrooms. Check too for items left behind on chairs, tables, etc.

## Seniors Still in Service

The word “retirement” isn’t in the Bible, at least not in the sense that we ever retire from serving God and others. Seniors who’ve had active lives may want to relax a bit during their retirement years, but continuing in ministry—even just a day or two each month, will help them realize that God still wants what they have to offer. Here are 25 ideas for “senior service” to get you started:

1. Adopt a “grandchild.”
2. Volunteer at a crisis pregnancy center.
3. Help young business entrepreneurs.
4. Provide childcare for MOPS or other young mothers’ programs.
5. Plant flowers in working neighbors’ yards (with their permission, of course).
6. Visit nursing home patients.
7. Volunteer to work at a church camp.
8. Watch a single mom’s kids while she goes grocery shopping.
9. Serve meals at a homeless shelter.
10. Be a prayer partner, or volunteer to coordinate a prayer chain.
11. Teach English as a second language (ESL).
12. Do odd jobs for a neighbor.
13. Collect or distribute food at a local food bank.
14. Volunteer at the humane society.
15. Work on a Habitat for Humanity home.
16. Deliver Meals on Wheels.
17. Teach crafts, music, or another skill.
18. Serve as a hospital volunteer.
19. Help with a community cleanup project.
20. Coach Little League or a kids’ soccer team.
21. Work at a blood drive or flu shot clinic.
22. Serve as an election judge.
23. Provide meals for families with new babies.
24. Deliver prescription medicines to shut-ins.
25. Help a mission or nonprofit organization do mailings.

### Calendar of Events

#### 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  
8:10Choir Rehearsal

#### Thursday, Feb 26

7:30 Kerygma

#### Friday, February 27

6:30 Girl Scouts Awards

9:30 St. Mark Presbyterian  
Church Youth Sleep-over

#### Saturday, February 28

8:00 Sr. High Campout

#### Sunday, March 1

8:45 Worship & Comm.  
9:45 Education Hour  
11:00 Worship & Comm.  
12:00 Phillips’ Faith Family  
12:00 Mid-High Mtg.  
3:00 KFC

#### Monday, March 2

6:00 Sr. High Bible Study  
7:00 Deacons Mtg.

#### Tuesday, March 3

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

7:15 Mission Comm. Mtg.

#### Wednesday, March 4

6:15 Worship & Music  
Comm. Mtg.  
7:30Choir Rehearsal

#### Thursday, March 5

10:00 Stay-at-Home  
Moms Circle  
1:00 Agape Circle  
7:00 Joy Circle  
7:30 Kerygma

### Usher Schedule

#### Sunday, March 1st

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

#### Sunday, March 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