

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 or (636) 936-2200.

NEW HOPE PRESCHOOL NEWS

Registration for the New Hope Presbyterian Preschool continues. 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.

Currently, there are 3 openings in the Young Threes Class, which meets in the morning. The remaining **morning** Three, Four and Five Year Olds Classes are filled. The **afternoon** classes have a few openings: Three Year Olds (4); Three Year Olds Plus (7); Four Year Olds (13) and Five Year Olds (1).

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!

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.

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

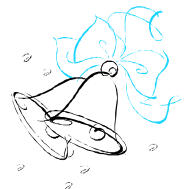
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

This year's Vacation Bible School, "Camp E.D.G.E: Experience and Discover God Everywhere" is scheduled for July 6 - 10. Watch the New Hope News for more information!

Deacon's Corner:

In February, the Deacons made 7 visits to shut-ins and provided MP3 players with sermon and choir music recordings to each of them; made 2 concern telephone calls; sent 3 sympathy cards; provided 2 meals; provided refreshments for a visitation; paid one night's lodging for a person in need, and made a financial contribution to cover a medical expense.



March Meal-a-Month

The statistics tell us that one in every 50 people in Missouri is without a job. What the statistics don't say is how many are going hungry. Please reach deep into your pockets to help a person in need. The menu for March is:

2 cans tuna

1 box tuna helper

1 can each fruit & veggies

1 box/bag of cookies

Did you know the food pantries can also use non-food items? Last month, a member donated shampoo, soap and lotion samples!

Kids Fellowship Club

Boys and girls in Kindergarten – Grade 5 are invited to join us today 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 are needed! If you are able to drive, or have questions, please contact Barbi Smith at (636) 936-2200 or (314) 807-2211.

NOTE: Please bring booster seats who children who require them.

KIDS FELLOWSHIP CLUB will break from March 8 – 29. We will meet again on April 5 for an Easter Party!

KIDS FELLOWSHIP CLUB schedules are available on the Welcome Table.

Chili Cook-Off

Due to an extended winter Pairs 'n' Singles will be sponsoring a chili cook off on Sat, March 21st at 6:00 pm. Please plan to come and bring your favorite recipe for chili, sidedish or dessert to share. Look forward to lots of culinary experiences and, of course, prizes for the best recipes! For you new visiting friends and members please plan to join in the fun. We look forward to meeting you! Childcare will be provided. A sign up sheet is on the table outside the church office. Please call Kay McCarthy 636-946-1942 or Cathy Holder 636-936-2200 with any questions. Let's drive winter into spring. See you all soon for the Chili Cook Off.

From the Pastor...

Today is the first Sunday in Lent, a season of preparation for the gift of Easter. The origins of Lent are both fascinating and complex. Most recently (meaning the past several hundred years) Lent has been a time of prayer and fasting as we the faithful set our faces, along with Jesus, toward Jerusalem and his suffering on the cross. There are six Sundays *in*, as opposed to *of*, Lent. This means that Sunday, as the Lord's Day, is not counted as a day in the season because the Lord's Day is always a "mini-Easter", when we gather to celebrate God's power over sin and death in Christ's resurrection.

Another emphasis for the season of Lent, in the several hundred years before that, was on preparing candidates for church membership for their baptism. Catechumens, as they were called (because they were those who studied the catechisms) spent the season of Lent in prayer and fasting getting themselves ready for the waters of baptism and entrance into the church. The catechumens remained in prayer the night before Easter and greeted the dawn of Easter morning ready to be baptized. Easter was the one day of the year baptism was celebrated, as it represents the forgiveness and new life we have in God's covenant with humanity. We currently have several people preparing to present

themselves or their children for the sacrament of baptism, which we will celebrate together at the Great Vigil of Easter, Saturday, April 11.

The word "Lent" comes from a Latin word for "Spring." Just as the season of Spring brings new life to the earth, the season of Lent is meant to bring new life to our souls. The focus of Lent is repentance. Repentance literally means "to turn," to change directions, to head down a new path. Lent is the time for us to prepare for Easter by reclaiming our baptism, by focusing anew on the promises God has made to us, and refocusing our lives on discipleship. Repentance does not earn us our salvation. It's not a work we perform to gain a reward. Repentance, or turning around, is our thankful, faithful response to God's love poured out in Jesus Christ.

May this Lent be a time of renewal for you. May it be a time of rebirth, renewed hope, renewed focus, and recommitment. May it be so for you and for me.

Faithfully,

Chris

Teacher of the Year

Congratulations to Lindy Stacy who was voted Teacher of the Year at Harris Elementary School in St. Charles! Lindy received this honor after being voted on by her peers. The panel of teachers had nothing but praise for Lindy, describing her as caring, going above and beyond, treating the children with love and dignity, being patient, persevering and willing to make needed modifications so all children can learn. Lindy also has a Mother's Day Tea for the parents of her students, incorporating writing skills, crafts and imagination into the gifts the children present their mothers each May. Within New Hope, Lindy has served as an elder, been on numerous committees and currently sings in the choir. Additionally, Lindy organizes the Secret Santa Shop each year for the children at the same time as Harvest of Talents. Way to go, Lindy!



Youth Happenings!

Mid-High Youth Group Activity Reminder

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.

Demolition Ball

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

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

Dates to Remember

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

Senior High Youth Group Activity Reminder

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 stuff eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt on April 5th. 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 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: alkitsmiller@newhopepc.net

The Hunt for Treats Is On!

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.

March Celebrations

Anniversaries:

Kevin & Diane Harms	3-03-90
Bryan & Laura Eikmann	3-11-89
Tim & Stacey Armstrong	3-20-02
Pat & Robin Murphy	3-25-73
Mark & Cindy Martin	3-26-88

Birthdays:

Ben Kuehnle	3-01
Steve Pinkley	3-01
Sally Pires	3-02
Sara Martin	3-03
Kathy Freeman	3-05
Simon Nelson	3-05
Gil Stuenkel	3-05
Thomas Hutzler	3-06
Cindy Hembrough	3-07
Kurt Romkey	3-07
Jeff Roegge	3-08
Keri Gregg	3-09

James Hutzler	3-10	Dan Salter	3-27
Lydia Harms	3-11	Kim Mocca	3-28
Kathy Beamer	3-11	Jacob Jones	3-30
Zach Freeman	3-12	Bryan Eikmann	3-31
Jeanna Groat	3-12		
Kim Potts	3-14		
Valerie Guntorius	3-15		
Matt Johnson	3-15		
Margaret Lippert	3-15		
Barb Lynn	3-16		
Terry Juden	3-17		
Wayne Anthony	3-20		
Peggy Black	3-21		
Andrew Ledbetter	3-21		
Ben Tutschulte	3-21		
Ron Hritzkowin	3-22		
Thelma Mascik	3-22		
Lynn Harmon	3-22		
Kathy Linss	3-23		
Mike Dame	3-24		
Jane Dame	3-25		
Rick Stacy	3-26		

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.

Calendar of Events

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

4:00 Staff Mtg.
6:30 N.A. Mtg.
7:00 A.A. Mtg.
7:15 Mission Comm. Mtg.

Wednesday, March 4

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

Thursday, March 5

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

Sunday, March 8

8:45 Worship & Comm.
9:45 Education Hour
11:00 Worship
1:30 Mid-High Outing
6:30 Young Adults Dinner

Monday, March 9

6:00 Session Mtg.

Tuesday, March 10

10:00 Staff Mtg.
6:30 N.A. Mtg.
7:00 A.A. Mtg.

Wednesday, March 11

7:30 Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 12

7:30 Kerygma

Saturday, March 13

9:45 Mid-Highs at Oasis
Food Pantry

Usher Schedule

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

Sunday, March 8th

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