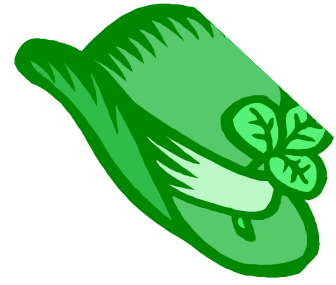


New Hope News



Logos Program Coming in the Fall

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As we reach out to the community through our New Hope Presbyterian Church Preschool, which begins in the Fall, we also want to “reach in” to our own children and youth and continue to nurture and encourage their faith, as well as their participation in their family of faith. Logos, a mid-week program, is scheduled to begin mid-September for children and youth in Kindergarten through Senior High. It will bridge Sunday to Sunday as it complements our B.L.A.S.T., Mid and Senior High Sunday School Programs, as well as our children’s and youth fellowship programs. Bible Study, Worship Skills (such as a vocal choir or hand bell choir), Recreation (games, crafts, cooking, etc.) and Family Time (dinner and activities) are the components of this four part program.

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!

Kids Fellowship Club

KIDS FELLOWSHIP CLUB will break now through March 29. We will meet again on April 5 for an Easter Party. KIDS FELLOWSHIP CLUB schedules are available on the Welcome Table for your convenience.

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 until the youth group fills the eggs on March 22nd. Thanks so much, as always, for supporting our youth!

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:

The Deacons this week sent care packages to 4 New Hope family members serving in the military and to 14 students at college, to let them know we are thinking about them.

The Session has called a meeting of the congregation TODAY, Sunday, March 15 at 12:00 pm for the purpose of electing a deacon and an elder to fill unexpired terms.

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!

Evangelism

Evangelism Tip for March:

Jesus said: "If ye continue in My Word, then are ye My disciples indeed; And ye shall know the Truth, and the Truth shall make you free."

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

Chili Cook-Off

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, side dish 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.

Church Website: Have you visited yet?

Over the past several months the Church Website has been revamped. Did you know we now put the sermon in both Audio (mp3) and Print (pdf) formats? Do you want to be the first one to know what's in the weekly newsletter? You can find it on the website; the current newsletter will usually be added on Thursday or Friday. We also have a monthly calendar! You can also email Chris, Barbi or any of other staff personnel without remembering their email address, just click on "Contact Us" then select the individual.

Did you know our site offers RSS feeds? So you ask, "What's an RSS feed?", RSS (Really Simple Syndication or Rich Site Summary feed) provides summaries of web content in a simple format. It is available through an RSS feed reader, or through some browsers. It will show you what's new since the last time you checked the feed, without having to visit the web-

site itself. If you use Outlook it will automatically check the website each time you check your mail. To start using RSS feeds, just click the little orange icon



in the lower right corner of the home page of the website, and if you have software on your PC for RSS feeds, it should add it.

So take some time this next week surfing our Church's website. While you will find there is some helpful information there, it's not complete just yet. The Communication Committee needs your help in creating content for the website about your Committee or Activity. This coming month we would like to form a short term sub-committee to help chart out what content is missing on the website. Then we need you help writing the content. And you don't have to know

anything about designing or writing web-code. You just need to be able to put into words the message our church wants to present to future members and the world wide web. If you have interest or can help, please contact Mike Dame - Communication Committee Chairperson at 636-978-8316 or email me from the "Contact Us" webpage to the Webservant on the church website <http://www.newhopepc.net>.

Baking Goodies?

Carolyn Rudolph Carolyn has pure Vanilla from Mexico for anyone who wants the "best" for their baking goodies. Donations are appreciated and monies collected will go towards church projects. See Allen or Carolyn at church or call 636.949.5657.

Leaping Leprechauns During Lent

The Female Connection is going to play "Bunco" on Thursday, March 19 at 7 PM in the Narthex at the Church. Please join us for an evening of fun & fellowship. All women are invited to attend; no sign-up is necessary and we'll show you how to play (it's extremely easy). Following Bunco tradition, please bring a gift in the range of \$4-6 to exchange at the end of play. Some type of Easter or spring decoration would be appropriate. Wear your green for St. Patrick's 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!

Mid-High Youth Group

Activity Reminder

Sunday, March 15th – CHANGE IN PLANS

– We will be bowling at the Brunswick Zone. We will be meeting there at 2:15 pm. We will be bowling from 2:30 pm until 4:00 pm. If you would like to go bowling, you must let Amy know no later than Wednesday, March 11th. I have to turn in the reservation. I will also need to know your shoe size.

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

Sunday, April 5th – Must let Amy know if you are going to play Demolition Ball on Sunday, April 19th.

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 – Confirmation at the 11:00 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.

Sunday, April 26th – Senior High Fundraiser 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 Activity Reminder

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

Thank You From The Presbytery

Dear Session,

Thank you for your 2008 giving to the work of Giddings-Lovejoy Presbytery through payment of per capita and your general mission pledge. The Stewardship Network of the Presbytery appreciates your commitment during these challenging times.

Together in Christ's Ministry,

Ann L. Pitman, for the Stewardship Network

-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, some plastic Easter eggs, and also a bag of candy to fill the Easter Eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt. Jane will be picking the movie for the evening. We will also be having a short practice for Youth Sunday at the beginning of Movie Night.

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.

Sunday, March 29th – During the Sunday School hour, we will be practicing for Youth Sunday.

Sunday, April 5th – We will be having the Easter Egg Hunt for the little kids after the second service. If you are able to help, please let Amy know as soon as possible.

Monday, April 5th – Bible Study from 6:00 until 7:00 at Marissa Malta's house. If you need directions, please contact Marissa. Marissa will be leading bible study.

Sunday, April 19th – Youth Sunday during the 11:00 service – Please be at church no later than 9:30. We will be running through the service one more time during the Sunday School Hour. Please no jeans or tennis shoes.

Monday, April 20th – Bible Study from 6:00 until 7:00 at Ellyn Yarde's house. If you need directions, please contact Ellyn. Ellyn will be leading bible study.

Sunday, April 26th – Fundraiser Dinner – all funds raised will go towards the Mission Trip

– Doors will open at 5:30. Dinner will be served at 6:00 – more details to come!

Dates to remember:

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

Sunday, May 17th – Cooking and serving dinner at the Ronald McDonald House

Sunday, May 31 -- Usher

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

Safe Sanctuary

Safe Sanctuary is a program instituted at New Hope Presbyterian Church several years ago for the purpose of setting forth guidelines to protect children, youth and adults with physical, mental or developmental disabilities. In addition, to some degree, it inherently protects the church and our volunteers from false allegations of child abuse. It is a program that is committed to the well being of all those who participate in our community of faith.

All adults who supervise children and youth are required to have Safe Sanctuary Certification. Several classes are scheduled for the near future. The classes are one part of the requirement for certification. During the class, volunteers will learn the procedures, policies and expectations in dealing with children and youth. Volunteers are also asked to fill out a Volunteer Application, an Authorization to Release Information (for a background check by IntelliCorp Records, Inc.), and to sign a Covenant Statement agreeing to observe and abide by all church policies regarding working in ministries with children and youth.

Classes are scheduled for **April 5, 3 - 4 p.m.** (during Kids Fellowship Club); **May 3, 9:45 – 10:45 a.m.** and **June 7, 9:45 – 10:45 a.m.** In order to expedite the class, the Volunteer Application, the Authorization to Release Information and the Covenant Statement are available on the Welcome Table for you to complete before the class.

If you would like to attend one of the classes to become Safe Sanctuary Certified, or if you have questions, please contact Barbi Smith at 636 936-2200

Story to Ponder

First Presbyterian Church in Wrangell, Alaska, a small island community north of Ketchikan, has 52 members and a huge heart that is leaning into God's mission in the world. In the fall of 2006, three boys in a Sunday school class were inspired to hear about the work of Dan and Elizabeth Turk, PC(USA) missionaries in Madagascar, especially their work with vulnerable children.

They learned that church partners in Madagascar were seeking \$5,000 for children's food, clothing and schooling, things these boys took for granted, and they decided they wanted to raise the \$5,000 for the children in Africa. Church members said "We will back you up, but we don't know if you can do it." Their teacher encouraged them, and it became a major focus for the year.

Matthew, Curtis and Tarren started thinking of ways to raise money to help the children. They picked up coins off of the street, had a silent auction of art items they made, held a spaghetti meal after church, handed out mission money jars, gave presentations to the congregation about why they were collecting money and showed pictures of the children, produced a bulletin insert, presented their project to the Synod when it met in Wrangell, and held a giant rummage sale.

These boys, aged 8-11 at the time, have been a part of the church since birth. They have learned that God wants them to be agents of his mission in the world, and they have a special concern for children facing poverty.

The boys reached their goal, sending a check to The Outreach Foundation in the amount of \$5,033.98. They are loving the world in Jesus' name.

When the congregation's pastor and a member later decided in 2008 to travel to Madagascar with The Outreach Foundation to see what God is doing and to build relationships with Christians there, the Wrangell community was so excited about their vision that gifts from outside the church helped to make the trip possible.

Do you see beyond your back door?

Calendar of Events

Sunday, March 15

8:45 Worship & Comm.
9:45 Education Hour
9:45 Safe Sanctuary
11:00 Worship
12:00 Congregational Mtg.
2:30 Mid-Highs - Bowling
No KFC

Monday, March 16

6:00 Sr. High Bible Study

Tuesday, March 17

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

Wednesday, March 18

7:30Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 19

7:00 Female Connection
7:30 Kerygma

Friday, March 20

10:00 St. Mark Youth
Sleepover

Saturday, March 21

8:30 Men's Breakfast
6:00 Pairs & Singles
Chili Cook-Off

Sunday, March 22

8:45 Worship & Comm.
9:45 Education Hour
11:00 Worship
2:30 Sr. High Mtg.
No KFC

Monday, March 23

7:00 Christian Ed. Mtg.

Tuesday, March 24

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

Wednesday, March 25

7:30Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 26

7:30 Kerygma

Saturday, March 28

8:00 Girl Scout Parking
Lot Sale
4:30 Girl Scout Spaghetti
Supper

Usher Schedule

Sunday, Mar 22

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

Sunday, Mar 29

New Hope Youth

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