

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.

Easter Lilies for 2009

Are you disheartened to see all the Easter lilies and poinsettias that go to waste after the holidays? Hospitals and nursing homes are inundated with offers to take them, and health issues limit what they are able to accept from various churches.

Therefore, our Worship & Music Committee has once again decided to give our congregants a choice! You may purchase a “live” lily to adorn our sanctuary on Easter Sunday and take it home following the 11:00 am service. You may also purchase a “virtual” lily, the cost of which will go to the New Hope Deacons’ Benevolence Fund to put them in a better position to meet the needs of the community. Whichever you choose, you will still make your gift in memory—honor—or gratitude of someone or some blessing in your life. That list will appear in the Easter Sunday bulletins.

The cost this year is \$9.00 per lily (live or virtual) and checks are to be written to N.H.P.C. Envelopes & order forms are in the seatbacks and must be turned in by April 5th.

Employment Opportunity

New Hope has a position open for an additional Child Care Provider. This position is scheduled to work on Sunday mornings and at others times child care will be needed. If you know of someone who is reliable, works well with children, and may be interested in this position, please speak with Grace Harmon, Personnel Committee chairperson, at (636) 946-5099. Interested persons may also contact the church office at 936-2200.

Easter Egg Hunt

The Senior High Youth Group will hold it’s annual Easter Egg Hunt next Sunday, April 5th following the 11:00 am worship service. Children between ages 2 and 5th grade may participate and are asked to bring a basket in which to gather their eggs. Please meet at the front door and ask your children to wait until instructed to begin the hunt!

Workday At New Hope

Calling all able bodies to donate a few hours next Saturday morning, April 4th from 8am until noon to do some house-keeping at New Hope! You may work as little or as long as you are able. Chores will include resetting the sanctuary and working to beautify the grounds, in time for Holy Week. We appreciate your service to New Hope and we love our volunteers!

A Service for Wholeness

A new worship opportunity

Sunday, May 3, 5:00 p.m.

See “From the Pastor” in this newsletter

April Meal-a-Month

Thanks to everyone who contributed so generously during the month of March to the food pantries! April is just around the corner and we have a new suggested menu.

1 lg. can chicken & dumplings

1 can each fruit & veggies

1 box/bag of cookies

1 box jello

Did you know the food pantries can also use non-food items? In March, one family donated a package of baby diapers! The pantries appreciate any item that will stretch a budget!

Preschool is Cool!

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.

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!

Faith Families

The Faith Family membership drive was so successful!! We have eighteen families (for a total of 44 people) who have expressed interest in joining our fellowship groups – half of those are visitors and half are members. (There are currently 116 people who are involved in Faith Family groups.) We will soon be contacting all these folks to talk about which Faith Family group might best meet their needs. Our hope is to get everyone ready to participate by early to mid April.

We currently have seven Faith Family groups and will soon have two more. One will be led by Deb Morris and the other by Bill and Ruth Irvine. Mike and Jane Dame have also agreed to begin co-leading the Phillips Faith Family with Del and Susan Phillips. The Faith Families we have right now are:

1. Marty and Kevin Boothman’s group that meets two times a month on Sundays
2. Jan and Rick Dickson’s group that meets twice a month on Sunday evening
3. Deb and Kirk Garten’s group that meets monthly on Sundays
4. Julie and Ed Nowakowski’s group that meets monthly on Sundays
5. Susan and Del Phillips’ group that meets monthly on the first Sunday right after services
6. Ann and Michael Ray’s group that meets weekly on Wednesday evenings.
7. Carol and Deryl Botkin’s group that meets monthly on the third Thursday

It’s never too late to join the Faith Family fellowship groups. Please contact Bill or Ruth Irvine (636-300-1573) for more information or to become a Faith Family member.

From the Pastor...

If you are reading this after having arrived for worship this morning, then you may well already have searched out the answer as to why the office area looks deserted. The answer is that we are preparing the space to receive new office furniture. Last fall, we received grant monies from a St. Charles-based foundation to fund a sprucing-up of our office space. This foundation works for the betterment of our community by supporting health care, religion and education in St. Charles County. We have been in need of this for some time but, as you might guess, there have always been more pressing concerns to address with our operating budget.

When New Hope first moved into this building eight years ago, our secretary’s desk was donated. It was used at the time, but still usable for a new and growing church. The years have taken its toll, however, and the doors and drawers have been repaired more than once. In addition to that, our growing staff has required that we get creative in how we use our limited space. This past fall we moved our Director of Youth Ministries and Finance Department out into the main office area. Making the most efficient use of the space is not our only goal, however. We also do not want to underestimate the importance of first impressions for newcomers into our church. So, these grant monies will allow us to purchase office furniture that makes the best use of our space, gives our staff and volunteers the equipment needed to do their best work, and also coordinate the whole look of the office so we can put our best foot forward when welcoming people into our church home.

We have purchased our new furni-

ture through Modern Business Interiors (MBI), located on Portwest Drive and Highway 94. I met with Dale Poslosky, President of MBI, who is very generously giving us the furniture at-cost, including delivery and installation.

So, this past weekend, we moved the old furniture out to make room for the new furniture that will arrive this coming week. I give great thanks to Peter Timperley, who not only helped to move the furniture out, but then lent his time, energy and resources to shampooing the carpets in the office area. I’m also grateful for Mark Martin, Kirk Garten, Clark and Jake Hurrell, Bryan Eikmann and Joe Seidler for their help in moving the furniture and making the space available to receive the new equipment. Most of the “old” furniture will be reused here at New Hope. Three of the work spaces were comprised of wooden tops placed on filing cabinets as desks. We will still be able to use those in other places, but for now we are grateful for the opportunity not only to spruce up our office space, but make it more productive space as well. Thanks also to Dale Poslosky, Jeff Buchek (our sales representative) and the folks at MBI for their help and generosity in fulfilling this need.

The next time you’re here at church, stop in the office and check it all out!

Faithfully,

Chris

Youth Happenings

Mid-High Youth Group Activity Reminder

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 -- CHANGE IN PLANS -- The OASIS Food Pantry will be closed due to Easter.

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

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 12th -- Easter and Confirmation during the 11:00 service

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 -- We will be setting up the tables immediately following the second service. All youth members are asked to wear black pants and white shirts. Please be at church that evening no later than 4:30. We need parents to help in the kitchen, if you are able and willing to help, please see Amy as soon as possible.

Dates to remember:

Sunday, June 21 - 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

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>

Church Website: Have You Visited Recently?

The Communication Committee is looking for people interested in helping us improve the content of New Hope's website.

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 posted 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 website 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, the software should add it.

So take some time this next week to surf our Church's website. While you will find there is some helpful information there, it's not complete. The Communication Committee needs your help 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 determine what content is missing on the website. Then we need your help writing the content. And you don't have to know anything about designing or writing webcode. You just need to be able to put into words the message New Hope wants to present to future members and the world wide web. If you are interested 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>

Calendar of Events

Sunday, March 29

8:45 Worship & Comm.
9:45 Education Hour
11:00 Worship
12:00 Faith Family
Leadership Training
No KFC

Tuesday, March 31

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

Wednesday, April 01

7:30 Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 02

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

Sunday, April 05

8:45 Worship & Comm.
9:45 Education Hour
11:00 Worship & Comm.
12:00 Easter Egg Hunt
12:00 Phillips' Faith Family
2:00 Bldg. Comm. Mtg.
3:00 Safe Sanctuary
3:00 KFC

Monday, April 06

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

Tuesday, April 07

5:00 Polling Place
4:00 Staff Mtg.
6:30 N.A. Mtg.
7:00 A.A. Mtg.
7:15 Mission Comm. Mtg.

Wednesday, April 08

7:00 Brass Rehearsal
7:30 Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 09

7:00 Maundy Thursday
Worship Service

Friday, April 10

7:00 Good Friday
Worship Service

Saturday, April 11

8:00 Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 12

Easter Sunday
8:45 Worship & Comm
9:45 Education Hour
11:00 Worship

Usher Schedule

Sunday, Apr 5

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

Sunday, Apr 12

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