

New Hope News

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Flowers for Living Cross

We have a wonderful tradition during Easter Week at New Hope that entails shrouding a large Cross with a black cloth on Maundy Thursday evening. Then, on Easter Morning, we bring it back to "life" with fresh flowers! We will celebrate our Lord's resurrection by filling the cross, once again, with an abundance of lovely spring flowers this year. Please bring as many flowers you can find (store bought or home grown) on Easter Sunday, April 12th to both services so that our Cross can "come alive!"

Easter Lilies—Last Day to Purchase

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 choose to 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. Which ever 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 TODAY, 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.

Logos Program this Fall

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.

A Taste of Italy

Sunday, April 26

5:00 pm

Dinner
&
Entertainment

Proceeds Benefit Sr.

High

Mission Trip

Deacon's Corner:

With thanks to Sean Bippen for the design, the new Deacon's Care Cards may now be found in each Fellowship for Friendship pad as well as on the welcome table. It is yet another way for members to alert the Deacons to an issue needing their attention. Hand the completed card to any Deacon or place it in the prayer box on the welcome table. We'll take it from there.

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, 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.

New Office Furniture!

Fortunately, New Hope received a grant to purchase new office furniture and purchase we did! If you have not yet viewed the new furniture, please take a moment to do so. You will be just as delighted to see it as the office staff is to use it!

As you can imagine, we plan to do our best to take excellent care of our new furniture and ask that everyone remember that this is work space for the staff and needs to be treated respectfully.

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 **May 3, 9:45 – 10:45 a.m.** and **June 7, 9:45 – 10:45 a.m.** **PLEASE NOTE THAT THE APRIL 5 CLASS IS CANCELLED DUE TO NO REGISTRATIONS.** 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

Lives speak louder than words

All evangelism is mission, but not all mission is evangelism. Evangelism, compassionate service, and social justice are integral to the Christian's lifestyle. Our lives speak louder than our words and are the first Bible many people will read. The attitudes of respect, compassion and humility should characterize our evangelism and all other participation in God's mission.

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

Monday, April 5th -- PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN PLANS -- Bible Study from 6:00 until 7:00 at Josh Dalton's house. If you need directions, please contact Josh. Josh 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 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)

April Meal-a-Month

Thanks to everyone who contributed so generously during the month of March to the food pantries! April has arrived 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!

Kids Fellowship Club

*Kids Fellowship Club for boys and girls in Kindergarten through Fifth Grade will meet today from 3 – 4:30 p.m. for an EASTER PARTY! There will be games, crafts, an Easter video and a special snack. Come and be a part of the fun!

*Kids Fellowship Club will not meet on Easter, April 12. Have a great day with your families.

*Kids Fellowship Club overnight is coming on April 24 from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 a.m. It will be a busy evening filled with games, crafts, pizza and movies. If your child plans to attend, please MAKE A RESERVATION by calling or emailing Barbi Smith (936-2200). The cost is \$10 per child and includes all activities, dinner Friday night and donuts on Saturday morning.

Thank You!

To All Our New Hope Friends,

Thank you so much for being there for us during Dad's illness and in his death. The cards, calls, visits, food and prayers, as well as your support at the visitation and funeral sustained us throughout a very difficult time and continue to warm our hearts in our time of grief.

Ruth Roth, Don & Vickie Moore & Family

Preschool is So Cool!

Registration for the New Hope Presbyterian Preschool continues. Currently there are openings in the Three Year Old afternoon class and the Four Year Old afternoon class.

Afternoon classes meet from 12:30 p.m. – 3 p.m. with the Three Year Olds meeting on Tuesdays and Thursdays and the Four Year Olds meeting on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

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!

Murder Mystery

Join us for a night of mystery and mayhem, as well as dinner! On Thursday, April 16th at 6:30 pm Female Connection will host the 5th Annual Murder Mystery Dinner Party. We will be taking part in two mysteries, "Stuffed at the Sewing Store" and "Matrimony, Mayhem & Murder". These are the same ones we did last year. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex, please sign up for this event so that you can be assigned a part. If you participated last year, please mark your preference for the one you were not in last year (there's pictures of last years with the signup). If new to this, you can state if you have a preference for either of the mysteries. Your email address or phone number is requested to give you background and information on your character. Please also let us know what dish you will be bringing. Come join the fun and discover who dunnit! For more information, please contact Jana Gerard or Deb Morris.

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.

Pairs 'n' Singles Rascals Game

Join the Pairs and Singles for our annual River City Rascals Baseball game and pre-game parking lot tailgate party, June 13 starting at 4:30. Sign up in the Narthex at the name tag table. \$14 per person buys a shaded seat game admission as well as pre-game fried chicken. Also asking attendees to bring an additional side dish to share, as well as own lawn chairs and drinks. Payment must be made by May 23. An envelope to collect payments will be in the church office. See Cathy Holder for taking payments in the form of either check made out to Patrick Murphy, or cash in separate envelope with name on it. Call Patrick or Robin Murphy at (636) 926-0517 for more information.

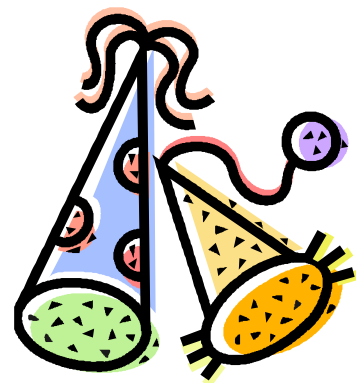
April Celebrations

Anniversaries:

		Jennifer Everly	4-09	Karen Merod	4-25
		Sally Usai	4-09	Jacob Hurrell	4-26
Mike & Sue Ellis	4-01-98	Jamie Holmes	4-10	Kathleen Frosch	4-27
Dave & Barb Lynn	4-04-87	Michael Platt	4-10	Jennifer James	4-28
Phil & Dani Dively	4-12-97	Clark Hurrell	4-11	Patty Nekula	4-29
Aaron & Dawn Black	4-15-00	Sandler Reidt	4-11	Adrian Ledbetter	4-30
Brad & Katie Harmon	4-19-08	Carol Botkin	4-12	Todd Stacy	4-30
Steve & Christine Burroughs	4-22-00	Kendal Kempf	4-12		
Jerry & Margo Van Mill	4-25-64	Susan Phillips	4-13		
Larry & Jewell Nadler	4-28-07	Sophie Reidt	4-13		

Birthdays:

		John Armstrong (J.T.)	4-15		
		Amy Connor	4-15		
Sue White	4-01	Zachary Sayer	4-15		
Betty Osiek	4-02	Kevin Harms	4-16		
Ruth Reilly	4-02	Katie Ward	4-17		
Deb Garten	4-03	Rick Dickson	4-18		
Kelsey Etling	4-05	Julie Melone	4-22		
John Gerard	4-05	Daniel Waitkoss	4-22		
William Hantack	4-05	Libby Reidt	4-23		
Jan Dickson	4-06	Zack Black	4-24		
Boyce Smith	4-06	Rick Etling	4-24		
Calvin Lippert	4-07	Jordyn Johnson	4-24		
Tawna Agee-Hanslick	4-08				



Calendar of Events

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

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

Monday, April 13

Office Closed

Tuesday, April 14

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

Wednesday, April 15

7:30 Choir Rehearsal
& Cookie Social

Thursday, April 16

6:30 Female Connection

Saturday, April 16

8:30 Men's Breakfast

Usher Schedule

Sunday, Apr 12

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

Sunday, Apr 19

Rick Cassetta
Rick Etling
Tyler Etling
Ken Pinkley
Kevin Harms
Joe Seidler

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