

# New Hope News

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## Vacation Bible School News!

This year's Vacation Bible School, Camp E.D.G.E. (Experience and Discover God Everywhere), will be July 6 – 10 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. We will again offer Supper beginning at 5:30 p.m., followed by an Opening, two Rotations per evening and a brief Closing. The Rotations will include Crafts, Music, Drama, Computers, Discover and Reflection Time, Mission and Games. Volunteers will be needed for Rotations, as well as Shepherds, Cooks, and Clean-up Crew. Volunteer Training/Orientations are scheduled for June 24 at 1 p.m. OR June 25 at 7 p.m.

Please look for the VBS Volunteer Sign-up Form in the bulletin or contact the church office for more information! REGISTRATION FORMS for this year's VBS will be available in the Narthex beginning May 31. Please look for the special VBS display!

For more information about VBS, please contact Barbi Smith, Jennifer James or Deb Garten.

## 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.

## Christian Education Committee

THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE is looking for new members! We meet on the fourth Monday of the month at 7 p.m. If you are interested, please contact Barbi Smith (Director of Christian Education and Spiritual Formation) at or Sally Terrell (Elder/Committee Chair) at .

## Evangelism Tip of the Month:

"Evangelism is joyfully sharing the good news of the sovereign love of God and calling all people to repentance, to personal faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, to active membership in the church, and to obedient service in the world"

Source: <http://www.pcusa.org/evangelism/international/>

## Summer Worship Schedule

**Sundays,  
Now through July  
26**

*Christian Education*  
9:00 AM

*Worship*

10:00 AM

*Sacrament of the  
Lord's Supper*

June 7 & July 5

## Deacon's Corner

The Deacons are providing an emergency contact form which will be kept at the church. These are completely voluntary and will only be used in a true emergency. You may pick up a form in the Church Office at your convenience.

## Safe Sanctuary

Why do we do Safe Sanctuary? Several years ago, about the time the program was adopted by New Hope Presbyterian Church, the Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy encouraged ALL churches to institute the program or one like it. Screening and training volunteers and implementing policies and procedures is one of the ways that we work toward providing a safe environment for children and youth, but that is not all that the program does. The Safe Sanctuary Program also protects our church AND our volunteers, *by making the church less desirable to would-be predators, and to those who would falsely accuse volunteers of misconduct for monetary gain (yes, this happens...)*. History and experience has shown that churches with the Safe Sanctuary Program are **generally** avoided by those who come with less than honorable intentions.

Elaine Barbee and Misty Hause do an outstanding screening and training volunteers and helping us to implement the program. Twenty-four volunteers have been trained (or re-trained) so far this year. An additional class is scheduled for **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 this class to become Safe Sanctuary Certified, or if you have questions, please contact Barbi Smith at 636 936-2200 or [t](mailto:barbi@newhope.org).

### Anniversaries:

Ben & Miranda Fleschert	6-02-07
Don & Vickie Moore	6-04-94
Bob & Kim Mocca	6-04-77
Bill & Sally Pires	6-05-71
Jim & Debbie Phillips	6-06-70
Chad & Julie Nelson	6-07-97
Mike & Susan Greene	6-09
Dean & Kim Isbell	6-09-90
Gil & Nancy Stuenkel	6-10-67
Ed & Lynne Snyder	6-12-82
Dave & Keri Gregg	6-15-91
Keith & Karen Yarde	6-18-83
Scott & Misty Hause	6-19-99
Del & Susan Phillips	6-22-68
Jon & Ann Schmid	6-22-74
Donald & Kathy Linss	6-22-74
Jeff & Melanie Boehne	6-24-95
Ernie & Madeline Waren	6-24-50
Joe & Susan Petrowsky	6-25-71
Richard & Sharon Martin	6-26-60
Jim & Connie Pettit	6-26-66
Roger & Patty Nekula	6-27-70

### Birthdays:

Melissa Bippen	6- 02
Kim Isbell	6- 02
Katherine Gerard	6- 03
Meghan Gerard	6- 03
Larry Thompson	6- 03
Bill Barnes	6- 04
Regina Jones	6- 05
Andrew Melone	6- 05
Sharon Barnes	6- 06
Valery Cassetta	6- 06
Vicky Koonley	6- 06
Robert Johnson	6- 07

## June Celebrations

Rachel Anderson	6- 08
Dervan Anderson	6- 11
Jane Spurgeon	6- 12
Andy Newman	6- 13
Kristin Clinton	6- 14
Nicole Connor	6- 14
DiAnne Mueller	6- 14
Joel Potts	6- 14
Cole Nowakowski	6- 15
Matthew Ray	6- 15
Madeline Waren	6- 15
Ethan Hause	6-16
Bill Pires	6- 16
Brian Welch	6- 16
Grant Boehne	6- 17
Brenden Terrell	6- 17
Pam Wagner	6- 17
Robert Frosch	6- 18
Sharon Martin	6- 18
Sally Terrell	6- 18
Aimee Calvin	6- 19
Lois Kempf	6- 19
Chris Waldo	6- 19
Sam Bippen	6- 20
Mark Everly	6- 20
Krystal Jones	6- 20
Anna Mae Richardson	6- 20
Lindsay Dencker	6-23
Lauren Garten	6- 23
Joe Seidler	6- 24
Max Barbee	6- 25
Greg Farner	6- 25
Tyler Salter	6- 25
Hannah Deranja	6-26
Karen Yarde	6- 26
Alex Cassetta	6- 29
Lois Roegge	6- 29
Holly Martinez	6-30
Josh Zigler	6- 30

## Preschool News- Settling In!!!

On Friday, May 22, our preschool began the process of moving in. A truckload of tables, chairs and other furniture was just the beginning of the process. Over the next couple of weeks, the preschool teachers will continue to bring boxes of supplies, materials and curriculum that will be used during the coming years. It will take us all awhile to “settle in” and figure out just how we are going to conduct a top notch preschool and main-

tain quality Christian Education. Please bear with us!!!!

This is a very exciting time in the life of our church as we welcome this wonderful opportunity to minister to the community and the youngest of those among us. THANK YOU to everyone for your patience and understanding while we assimilate this new program into the life of our church!!! Please watch the news-

letter for more information or contact Barbi Smith, Director of Christian Education and Spiritual Formation at (636) 936-2200 or .

## Welcome to New Hope's Newest Members

*United with New Hope in Membership, April 12, 2009*

**Camellia Callahan**  
11978 Brookington Dr.  
Bridgeton, MO 63044  
314/291-0916

**Robert & Linda Dencker**  
724 Washington  
St. Charles, MO 63301  
925-1232

**Lindsay Dencker**  
7300 Tulane Ave., Apt. #1  
St. Louis, MO 63130  
314/608-0020

**Shelley Geiger**  
805 Clark St.  
St. Charles, MO 63301  
946-4715

**William & Linda Judd**  
1011 Treeshade Dr.  
St. Peters, MO 63376  
240-8429

**Terry & Holly Martinez,  
Lauren, Kayla and Abby**  
30 Arbor Point Ct.  
St. Charles, MO 63303  
946-5638

**Kenneth & Barbara Smith**  
108 Briarcliff Dr.  
St. Charles, MO 63301  
940-2223

**Edward & Marianne Thiel**  
#5 Blackberry  
St. Charles, MO 63301  
723-0386

*United with New Hope in Membership, May 17, 2009*

**J. Kim & Linda Carr**  
2407 Bolton St.  
St. Charles, MO 63301  
946-2397

**Erica Carr**  
2407 Bolton St.  
St. Charles, MO 63301  
946-2397

**Danielle Carr**  
2407 Bolton St.  
St. Charles, MO 63301  
946-2397

**Carl Doerr**  
1122 Manor Cove Dr.  
St. Charles, MO 63304  
477-8117

**Linda Grissette**  
619 Hawthorne  
St. Charles, MO 63301  
(cell) 352-7122

**Nancy Harrington**  
3 Sheran Ct.  
St. Charles, MO 63303  
925-0545

**Adam Huffman**  
40 Crescent Hills  
St. Peters, MO 63376  
447-8956

**Donna Huffman**  
40 Crescent Hills  
St. Peters, MO 63376  
447-8956

**Faith Orlando**  
3010 St. Camella  
St. Charles, MO 63301  
946-2649

**Lucille Peterson**  
2935 Rockwood Trail  
St. Charles, MO 63303  
922-2786

**Tena Rasmussen**  
230 Spencer Rd.  
St. Peters, MO 63376

**Scott Taylor**  
2200 Leah Dr.  
St. Peters, MO 63376  
379-0729

**Philip & Patricia Wahler**  
18 Pershing Lake Dr.  
St. Peters, MO 63376  
926-0097

## May Meal-a-Month

God bless you for contributing so generously during the month of April! As the number of families who need assistance continues to grow, your generosity allows the pantries to reach more people in these trying times.

Our May menu is:

**1 lb. pasta, 2 cans mushrooms, 1 large can/jar spaghetti sauce, 1 can each vegetables & fruit, 1 box/bag of cookies**

Please contribute regularly!

## Pentecost Offering

The Pentecost Offering is for Children at Risk, Youth and Young Adults. The Holy Spirit is the Great Teacher, the transformational force that invests our lives with a deeper meaning. As we receive the Pentecost Offering today, May 31st, we offer up our own resources for children at risk, youth, and young adult volunteers.

Congregations keep 40% of the Pentecost Offering to support work on behalf of children at risk. The remaining 60% supports mission at a national level through child advocacy (10%), Youth Ministry (25%) and Young Adult Volunteer opportunities (25%),

To learn more about the Pentecost Offering, visit [www.pcusa.org/pentecost](http://www.pcusa.org/pentecost).

## Kids Fellowship Club

Boys and girls in Kindergarten through Fifth Grade are invited to come today from 3 – 5 p.m. for an afternoon miniature golf at Swing-A-Round Fun Town (3541 Veterans Memorial Parkway) in St. Charles! We will play one round of miniature golf before returning to church. The cost is \$4.00/child and drivers are needed!!! For more information, please contact Barbi Smith at 314 807-2211.

## Parking Lot

This past week the last permit was issued and construction on the new parking lot has begun. Erosion fencing has been put in place and a section of old pavement near the back door was removed to make way for the new lot. This coming week you will see heavy equipment in the back moving dirt so we can move forward, allowing us to accommodate more people and give access to our property off of Central School Road.

## Calling All Acolytes!

If your son or daughter, ages 5 and up would like to be an acolyte, please contact Ruth Connor at 936-2818 or call the Church Office at 936-2200. Ruth provides training and will gladly answer any questions you may have. Most acolytes serve once every three months or so, depending on the number of children who participate.

# Growing Good Corn

Author Unknown

There once was a farmer who grew award-winning corn. Each year he entered his corn in the state fair where it won a blue ribbon. One year a newspaper reporter interviewed him and learned something interesting about how he grew it. The reporter discovered that the farmer shared his seed corn with his neighbors. "How can you afford to share your best seed corn with your neighbors when they are entering corn in competition with yours each year?" the reporter asked.

"Why sir," said the farmer, "didn't you know? The wind picks up pollen from the ripening corn and swirls it from field to field. If my neighbors grow inferior corn, cross-pollination will steadily degrade the quality of my corn. If I am to grow good corn, I must help my neighbors grow good corn."

He is very much aware of the connectedness of life. His corn cannot improve unless his neighbor's corn also improves. So it is with our lives. Those who choose to live in peace must help their neighbors to live in peace. Those who choose to live well must help others to live well, for the value of a life is measured by the lives it touches. And those who choose to be happy must help others to find happiness, for the welfare of each is bound up with the welfare of all. The lesson for each of us is this: if we are to grow good corn, we must help our neighbors grow good corn.

*"It is possible to give away and become richer! It is also possible to hold on too tightly and lose everything. Yes, the liberal man shall be rich! By watering others, he waters himself."*

Proverbs 11:24-25.

## Calendar of Events

### Sunday, May 31

9:00 Education Hour  
10:00 Worship  
11:00 Mission Trip Mtg. -  
Parents & Students  
3:00 KFC  
5:00 Boothman Faith Family  
In Conference Room

### Monday, June 1

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

### Tuesday, June 2

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

### Thursday, June 4

6:30 Joy Circle

### Sunday, June 7

9:00 Education Hour  
10:00 Worship  
11:30 Phillips' Faith Family

### Tuesday, June 9

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

### Thursday, June 11

12:00 Agape Circle

### Saturday, June 13

9:45 Mid-Highs at Oasis  
Food Pantry  
12:00 Melone Graduation  
Party  
4:30 Pairs & Singles  
Tailgate Party & Rascals  
Baseball Game



## Usher Schedule

### Sunday, June 7

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

### Sunday, June 14

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

### Substitute List

Al Beamer  
Kathy Beamer  
Kathy Freeman  
Gary Freeman  
Bunny Gauthier  
Don Moore  
Allen Sebaugh  
Ann Sebaugh  
Sue Stiegemeier  
Gil Stuenkel  
Sue White  
Jim White