

New Hope News

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July Meal-a-Month

The heat of July has moved in and families in financial have a hard time choosing between utility bills and food. As God has provided for your needs, please help others in need. The meal this month is:

- 2 large cans of beef stew**
- 1 box of pasta or rice**
- 1 can each vegetables & fruit**
- 1 box flavored pops (that can be frozen)**

Female Connection Summer Fun

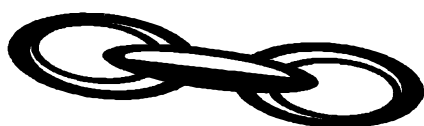
On Thursday, July 16, we are going to dinner and a free concert in the park. We will meet at Lewis & Clark's Restaurant (217 South Main Street in St. Charles – meet outside) at 6:00 PM for dinner. We will then walk a few blocks to Frontier Park and enjoy the sounds of the St. Charles Municipal Concert Band as they present a night of their Summer Concert Series. The concert begins at 8:00 and you will want to bring along a lawn chair or blanket. If you can't join us for dinner, come later and join us for the concert. Just call Deb on her cell phone (636-734-5618) to get our location in the park.

Mark your calendars for Thursday, August 6. We will attend another free concert in the Park at St. Peters City Centre Park. The band will be Trilogy, which plays Golden Oldies & Country. It begins at 7:00, so come at 6:45 and we'll meet up on the eastern side of the little lake by the gazebo there. Again, bring a lawn chair or blanket along with something for yourself to drink and a finger-type snack/food to share.

If you have any questions on Female Connection, please contact Deb Morris.

Prayer Chain News

The Prayer Chain, a vital ministry of New Hope, is in need of a new co-ordinator. Although guidelines are in place to make the process run smoothly and efficiently, a person with a little time and the heart for those in need is requested. If you are interested in pursuing this ministry, please contact Pastor James.



WORSHIP

Sundays through July 26

Christian Education
9:00 AM

Worship
10:00 AM

Beginning Sunday, August 2

Worship & Communion
8:45 AM

Christian Education
9:45 AM
Worship
11:00 AM

Deacon's Corner

Our annual blood drive is next Sunday, July 19. There is a table in the narthex this morning where one of the Deacons will sign you up for a time convenient for you to donate. Please help us - we might be saving someone's life.

Blood Drive 2009

This Sunday, July 12th, will be your last opportunity to sign-up for our annual blood drive. The drive will be held next Sunday, July 19th, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The sign-up sheet is located in the foyer by the front doors before and after worship. Walk-ins will be accepted on the day of the blood drive but we are trying to get as many donors pre-scheduled as possible.



Blessings

Congratulations and best wishes to...

Lindsey James and Chris Truett who were married in our sanctuary on June 20th. The Rev. Dr. Gary Looman officiated at the service.

Emily Alfred and Andrew Hardee who were married in our sanctuary on June 27th. Dr. James officiated at the service.

...and Thank You!

Dear New Hope Presbyterian Church,

We thank you for the wonderful venue for Emily and Andrew's wedding day. You have welcomed them with open arms and we know that they have found a church home. We are honored to be in this house of God with our family and friends celebrating the marriage of our children.

Sincerely,

Ron & Kathy Alfred

Congratulations

Congratulations to Barb Griffith who recently received the annual Dove Award in the Leadership Category from the St. Charles Business Magazine. Barb is the President/CEO of Community Living, Inc. The Dove Awards were created to identify and honor women who, through their personal and professional activities, actively motivate, support and promote their fellow female peers. Barb will be featured in the August/September issue of St. Charles Business Magazine.



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) or Sally Terrell (Elder/Committee Chair).

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 other 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.

360 Connection

The 360 Connection, an organization dedicated to visiting the homeless in the St. Louis area, is led by Catie Daugherty, the neighbor of Christie Tutschulte, and has been doing this for over 20 years. They are in desperate need of supplies as the donations are always lower in the summer than when it's 5 degrees outside. If you would like to donate, please bring your items to the church office, marked

Dear Friends,

Because I treasure the written word, I am always searching for the perfect words to express my feelings. After the wonderful reception held in honor of my "retirement," I now know there are no perfect words; only a perfect outpouring of love as demonstrated by the entire congregation. From the eloquent words spoken by Pastor James to the attention to detail at the reception table; from the kind and encouraging words given from the hearts of our members to the spontaneous hugs and kisses; from the stunning octagonal crystal plaque to the delightful floral arrangements; every single moment is etched in my heart and I will be forever grateful. Special thanks to the InReach Committee and to all who made this day so memorable.

Warmly,

Cathy

360, or contact Christie Tutschulte to arrange for pick-up.

Needs include: jeans, tennis shoes, bug spray, candles, matches, lighters, summer t-shirts / men's and women's, jackets, socks, razors/shaving cream, feminine products, baby wipes, blankets, hand sanitizer, chap stick, tents, board games, art supplies many have great talents but little to no supplies, flashlights, AA,AAA and D batteries and more.

A BIG VBS Thank You!

A special thank you to ALL our amazing VBS helpers

CAMP E.D.G.E.: Experience + Discover God Everywhere was this year's Vacation Bible School held from July 6 – 10 with 55 campers! Everyone began with dinner at 5:30 p.m. Then, two, three and four year olds experienced a "classroom based" program with a different "trek" for each day. Monday was a trek to the Promised Land. Tuesday's trek was to Bethlehem. Wednesday saw the preschoolers visiting the Pharisee's House. Thursday's trek was to the Upper Room. Older kids (5 years through 6th Grade) began with an Opening each night and then experienced two workshops each night (Recreation, Crafts, Discovery, Computers, Mission and Drama) followed by a closing. It was a wonderful week filled with joy, excitement and enthusiasm!

Special thanks to all our amazing VBS volunteers:

Rotation Leaders: Sylvia Bane Malta, Sally Terrell, Shelley Geiger, Marianne Thiel, Terry Martinez, Holly Martinez, Jan Dickson, Rachel Schrautemeier, Melissa Bippen, Jana Gerard, Sue Ellis, Chris James, John Moore, Sean Bippen, Misty Hause, Ann Miller, Donna Huffman;

Music Leaders: Lindy Stacy, Kimm Besgrove.

Preschool Teachers: Theresa Edwards, Camellia Callahan, Regina Jones, Leigh Lindahl Truett, Christie Tutschulte, Aimee Calvin.

Shepherds: Christine Burroughs, Kathy Mudrovic, Stacy Armstrong, Carla Zerbolio, Jackie Etling, Cindy Martin, Amy Kitsmiller, Margaret Lippert.

Adult Class Leaders: Jane Spurgeon, Jen Taylor.

Photographer: John Gerard.

Kitchen Crew: Nancy Harrington, Tina Johnson, Jordyn Johnson, Ann Ray, Kathy Beamer, Sharon Martin, Robin Murphy, Kelley Hurrell, Bob Mudrovic

Clean-up Crew: Dan Reidt, Rick Etling, Ed Thiel, Danielle Ward, AJ Ward, Ben Tutschulte, Kelly Hantack, Joe Seidler.

Youth Helpers: Jennifer Lippert, Katherine Gerard, Calvin Lippert, Tyler Etling, Megan Gerard, Heather Gerard, Kelli Ray, Kaitlyn Isbell, Amy Connor, Marissa Malta and Michael Dishian.

Co-directors: Deb Garten, Jennifer James, Barbi Smith

Substitutes: Kristen Moore and Diane Harms

Festival of Sharing

As people of faith we believe that God calls us to service, to share the burden of all who suffer and to care what happens to the children, the sick, the poor and the homeless. With that in mind, the Mission Committee will again participate in the annual Festival of Sharing, an interfaith, state-wide, ingathering event held each year. Last year 3000 people, young and old, attended the event that takes place on the third Saturday in October at the State Fairgrounds in Sedalia. However, thousands more from 30 denominations participated in such things as collecting supplies and filling kits full of hygiene products, layettes, school supplies for children, emergency clean-up supplies, food boxes and paper products. Last year was our first year to take part, and members of New Hope responded with outstanding generosity. We took 30 Backpacks of Love, 4 Family Food boxes, 10 Paper Products kits, 8 Personal Hygiene kits, 4 Prison kits, 42 Readin' and Writin' kits, 2 Baby Bundles and 12 Student Dental kits to Sedalia which amounted to a total cash value of over \$2600! These kits are distributed to Missouri families in need.

The Mission Committee invites all groups to take part in the Festival of Sharing by adopting a project. Individuals who wish to participate can fill one of the kits. Stop by the Festival of Sharing table in the narthex where the filled kits are on display and pick up a list of supplies needed for the kits.

Thank You!

Jerry Brown, Mission Committee

Blankets for Babies

Bonnie Schmickley, who has single handedly knitted hundreds of blankets for area seniors and babies has two requests. The first is for more yarn. They need not be full skeins. So if you have extra yarn or are willing to pick some up at yard sales, etc, Bonnie would be most grateful. The second request is for help delivering the blankets to area nursing homes, hospitals, etc. These places are always grateful for the donations. By delivering the blankets, you become a vital part of this ministry to St. Charles County and beyond. Please contact Bonnie at 447-3004 if you are able to help.



Is Your Hut Burning?

The only survivor of a shipwreck was washed up on a small, uninhabited island. He prayed feverishly for God to rescue him, and every day he scanned the horizon for help, but none seemed forthcoming. Exhausted, he eventually managed to build a little hut out of driftwood to protect Him from the elements, and to store his few possessions.

Then one day, after scavenging for food, he arrived home to find his little hut in flames, smoke rolling up to the sky. The worst had happened; everything was lost. He was stunned with grief and anger. "God, how could you do this to me!" he cried. Early the next day, however, he was awakened by the sound of a ship that was approaching the island. It had come to rescue him. "How did you know I was here?" asked the weary man of his rescuers.

"We saw your smoke signal," they replied.

It is easy to get discouraged when things are going bad. But we shouldn't lose heart, because God is at work in our lives, even in the midst of pain and suffering. Remember, next time your little hut is burning to the ground - it may be a smoke signal that summons the grace of God.

Calendar of Events

Sunday, July 12

9:00 a.m. Adult Educ.
10:00 a.m. Worship

Monday, July 13

7:00 p.m. Session mtg.

Tuesday, July 14

10:00 a.m. Staff mtg.
7:00 p.m. A.A.

Thursday, July 16

7:00 p.m. St. Peters Choral Society

Sunday, July 19

8:30 a.m. Blood Drive
9:00 a.m. Adult Educ.
10:00 a.m. Worship
11:00 a.m. Irvine Faith Family

Tuesday, July 21

10:00 a.m. Staff mtg.
6:00 p.m. Capital Campaign
Executive Committee
7:00 p.m. Capital Campaign
Communications Team

Usher Schedule

Sunday, July 19

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

Sunday, July 26

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

Substitute List

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