

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

Mark your calendars for Thursday, August 6. We will attend a 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. 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.

Church Picnic

The church picnic will be held on Sunday, September 20, beginning shortly after the late service. Watch for more details as the date gets closer. It will be a wonderful time of food and fellowship and we hope everyone can attend.

NOTICE— SCHEDULE CHANGE!

**Two-service
worship schedule
(8:45 & 11:00),
B.L.A.S.T. & Adult
Education
to resume on
*September 13th!***

(see Pastor's article)

Deacon's Corner

**Thanks to all of
you who are
donating a pint
of blood today.
This is an
important
ministry for the
Deacons each
year and we are
grateful, as
always, for your
support.**

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

Blood Drive TODAY

New Hope, did you know that every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood? Or, that over 14 million blood transfusions are given each year? If you'd like to help with this dilemma you can do so without leaving the comfort of New Hope! Our annual blood drive will be held on Sunday, July 19th so mark your calendar. Whether you're a regular donor or a first timer we have a cot for you! Sign-up forms will be available closer to the actual drive. Donors are reminded that blood can only be donated once

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 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.

Parking Lot Update

You've seen it taking shape over the past several weeks! The start of our parking lot construction out back got delayed about three weeks due to heavy rains in the month of June. Construction of the lot has included bringing in truckloads of fill dirt to bring the property up to grade. It has also included plumbing work, such as moving a fire hydrant and laying drain pipe that will be needed in future construction projects. Laying this now will save money

and time later by avoiding having to dig up the parking lot in the next few years when we get to that point. The continued fits and spurts of rain have produced similar delays along the way, including this past week. Inspections were done early last week on the new location for the fire hydrant and this week we will begin digging holes for the new light standards. Then come curbs and pavement. Also part of this project includes creating space

for a new playground, which will be located immediately to the left upon exiting the rear doors of the lower-level. Depending upon the weather, we are told that the project will be completed the last part of July or the first part of August. This parking lot will be a huge blessing for New Hope and will much better accommodate our Sunday morning traffic, not to mention our Preschool families.

From the Pastor...

They say that things slow down in the summer, but that has not been the case at all here at New Hope! We have been working feverishly to get our facilities ready for the Preschool to open its doors. The first day of class will be on Tuesday, September 8, however we have an open house for parents on at the end of August and a "visiting day" for each age-grades on September 2nd and 3rd. Barbi Smith and Rhonda Gaines, our Director of the Preschool, have been working to arrange our classrooms with all of the equipment and accessories that the Preschool has brought with it, items that we will be able to use for other ministries here, as well, such as for our B.L.A.S.T. children's ministries and Kids' Fellowship Club, among others. They have also been working to make the necessary adjustments required for passing fire and health inspections. Our thanks go to Mike Black of our Facilities Committee for being on hand (often) to attend to these necessary updates and adjustments.

The work goes on and despite our feverish efforts to get everything in place, we have found it necessary to postpone the beginning of our Sunday morning Christian education programming as we continue to work to make all of the pieces here fall into place. The point is that since all of our educational ministries,

both weekday Preschool and Sunday morning educational opportunities, will be sharing many of the same rooms, we are not prepared to know just how to structure Sunday morning until we have the Preschool more fully in place.

Therefore, instead of beginning B.L.A.S.T. on Sunday, August 2nd, as previously planned and communicated, the Session has chosen to begin these ministries on Sunday, September 13th at 9:45 a.m. Our Sunday morning adult opportunities have been expanding as well, and we are currently working on how to accommodate all of our groups' need for space. We have been communicating about this with those groups and that will continue. You have read about the beginning of our LOGOS program, which is a mid-week ministry for all ages. I had been a part of the LOGOS program at the church I served while in Memphis and I am excited about bringing it to New Hope. Because of everything else going on, we have felt the need to postpone the beginning of LOGOS, as well, and so rather than beginning this fall, we will look to introduce LOGOS as a ministry of the church perhaps soon after the first of the year.

Likewise, since the start date for our Sunday morning educational programming has changed, the Session felt it wise

to continue with our one service of worship on Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. We will resume our two-service worship schedule of 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 13th, to coincide with the beginning of the education program year.

This is such an exciting time in the life of our church. Things are changing and that is always hard. But as we keep saying, all of our problems are good problems and all of our challenges are opportunities to respond to the needs of God's people in this place and in our community. The joys of ministry and hard work of it all continues! I am grateful for our very talented staff who give so much of themselves to help you respond to God's call on our lives together. And I am grateful for all of you who display courage, patience, flexibility and forbearance in dealing with the "growing pains" that such faithfulness requires! Press on, for the glory of God!

Faithfully,

Chris

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.

"WHAT HAPPENS IN HEAVEN"

I dreamt that I went to Heaven and an angel was showing me around. We walked side-by-side inside a large workroom filled with angels. My angel guide stopped in front of the first section and said, "This is the Receiving Section. Here, all petitions to God said in prayer are received."

I looked around in this area, and it was terribly busy with so many angels sorting out petitions written on voluminous paper sheets and scraps from people all over the world. Then we moved on down a long corridor until we reached the second section. The angel then said to me, "This is the Packaging and Delivery Section. Here, the graces and blessings the people asked for are processed and delivered to the living persons who asked for them. "I noticed again how busy it was there. There were many angels working hard at that station, since so many blessings had been requested and were being packaged for delivery to Earth.

Finally at the farthest end of the long corridor we stopped at the door of a very small station. To my great surprise, only one angel was seated there, idly doing nothing. "This is the acknowledgment Section," my angel friend quietly admitted to me. He seemed embarrassed "How is it that there is no work going on here?" I asked. "So sad," the angel sighed. "After people receive the blessings that they asked for, very few send back acknowledgments ." "How does one acknowledge God's blessings?" I asked. "Simple," the angel answered. Just say, "Thank you, Lord."

What blessings have you acknowledged?

Calendar of Events

Sun., 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

Mon., July 20

7:00 a.m. Personnel Cmt.

Tues., July 21

4:00 p.m. Staff mtg.
5:00 p.m. Building Cmt. mtg.
6:00 p.m. Capital Campaign
Executive Cmt.
7:00 p.m. Capital Campaign
Communications Team
7:00 p.m. A.A.

Sun., July 26

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

Tues., July 27

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

Fri., July 31

6:00 p.m. Camping & Sr. High Float Trip

Sat., Aug. 1

Sr. High Camping & Float Trip

Sun., Aug. 2

9:00 a.m. Adult Educ.
10:00 a.m. Worship & Communion
11:00 a.m. Sr. Highs Return
12:00 p.m. Phillips' Faith Family

Usher Schedule

Sunday, July 26

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

Sunday, August 2

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

Substitute List

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