

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!***

Deacon's Corner

**Our blood
donation total for
last Sunday was
23 pints, a New
Hope record! A lot
of people will
benefit from your
kindness.**

**Special thanks to
Deacon Sean
Bippen for
coordinating the
event.**

Vacation Bible School Mission Project

Each year we invite the boys and girls attending Vacation Bible School to participate in a special mission project. Again this year, we invited the children to bring school supplies to be donated to the St. Louis Crisis Nursery in St. Charles. Following is a list of all the supplies collected:

33 boxes of crayons
29 glue sticks
8 bottles of glue
23 boxes of pencils
13 boxes of markers
9 boxes of colored pencils
4 packs of ballpoint pens
1 package of index cards
2 rulers
2 packages of highlighters
9 pairs of scissors

9 pencil boxes
2 binder pouches
3 backpacks
1 box of kleenes
29 folders
43 notebooks
35 packages of lined paper
1 container of sidewalk chalk
2 bottles of bubbles

In addition to the school supplies, we collected 53 pairs of socks to be donated to F.I.S.H.

Thank you to everyone who made this wonderful donation possible.

Thank You

Christian Education Committee

I would like to thank the members of New Hope for allowing me the opportunity to assist in the communications at New Hope through the publication of the newsletter for the five years. It has been a pleasure working with each of the committees to publish their activities and information. This is a weekly task that I will greatly miss!

Sincerely,
Jaimee Crawford

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...

Today marks the end of an era, of sorts. Five-and-a-half years ago, **Jaimee Crawford** began her service to New Hope as our Communications Coordinator. It has been Jaimee's responsibility to advertise the church and its activities in the newspaper, make sure our contact information is correct in the phone book, gather information from the various ministries and committees of the church and get the word out about all of that to the congregation. As a part of that role, Jaimee began publication of this weekly newsletter that appears in the worship bulletin each week. It has been a wonderful resource for keeping everyone up-to-date about all of the events and activities of the church.

Today's issue of the *New Hope News* is Jaimee's last as our Communications Coordinator. She went back to school last fall and is stepping back from her commitment here in order to focus more on her studies. Please join me in giving thanks to Jaimee for all of her hard work and dedication to keeping us all better informed over these past several years.

On another note, our Personnel Committee has been working to draft a position description for our

new office staff. This new position will be different from the one Cathy Holder held during her time here. It will likely include some financial bookkeeping, bulletin and newsletter production and other more "routine" clerical responsibilities. Significant computer skills will be required. We will let you know when the position becomes available and when we begin searching for the right person to fill it, both so that you can know what to expect from this new office staff position and so that you can pass along names of those who may be interested and qualified for such a position.

As we move forward toward the end of the summer and the beginning of the fall season, please keep Jaimee and her family, our Session, staff and one another in your prayers. There is much going on here at New Hope and it's an exciting time to be a part of it all!

Until we secure our new office staff person, submissions for the newsletter may be sent to

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

Pairs 'n' Singles

Invites you to experience the **SPIRIT OF BROADWAY** performed by the **St. Louis Harmony Chorus** including **NEW HOPE's** famous chorus member, **CONNIE PETTIT**. The Chorus will be singing songs from some of your favorite shows - **A CHORUS LINE; CHICAGO; MAME;** AND other popular musicals. Performance will be held on **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH AT 2:00 at the Florissant Civic Center, ALSO KNOWN AS James J. Eagan Civic Center in Florissant, conveniently located off Hwy. 270. Matinee Ticket Price \$15.00** (may be discounted if group exceeds 10)

Please use the **SIGN UP SHEET** on the **Welcome Table**, make your **check payable to St. Louis Harmony Chorus** and give to **Kay McCarthy, upon sign up, no later than August 16th. Please call Kay 636-946-1942 if you have any questions.**

Blankets for Babies

Thank you to all who have donated yarn for Bonnie Schmickley's hand-knit blankets for area seniors and babies. She has plenty of yarn for the time being and your generosity will keep her busy for many months to come! Look for requests for more yarn to begin in the mid-winter.

No More With Me

"I'm sorry. Please forgive me! I don't mean to hold you up," he said as he struggled to get off the escalator. I'll admit to it. There have been times when walking or driving behind an older person that I've gotten impatient and upset. I've huffed and zoomed around them, because I was in a hurry to get nowhere. Perhaps I'm more aware of it now, because I see myself there one day soon. Today, I saw myself in this old man's shoes and it caused me to slow down, stop and ask for his forgiveness. He was about five or six people ahead of me. I was in a hurry and saw him as an obstacle. I've seen people get off the end of an escalator and stop dead in their tracks, gather their things and suddenly, there's a pile up of angry people behind them. You can't stop an escalator full of people behind you. Like the Energizer bunny, they keep on going. This man was well aware of the challenge. He tried desperately to step aside. Fumbling with his small packages, struggling to gain his footing, you could see how troubling this was for him. "I'm sorry. Please forgive me! I don't mean to hold you up," he said as he struggled to get off the escalator. I suddenly saw this in a whole new light. It was like I was watching my future. I felt sorry for him. I felt sick to my stomach because this man was apologizing to everyone, when we should have been helping him and calming his fears. One by one, people zipped around him. I heard a few angry comments whispered as one lady passed by him. I saw me. By the time I got to him, he was just about steady on his feet. "Oh, I'm sorry. I didn't know there was more," he said. "No, sir. No more with me," I said. This really hit me hard. I realized right then how sad it was that the world was in such a hurry. That, of course, included me. But no more with me. Count me out. This wonderful man paid his dues. For whatever time he had spent on this earth, he most likely walked many rough roads and too many important miles. Now, he should be apologizing for moving slower? My heart ached as I looked into his eyes. I wished I could see what he had seen all those years. His face weathered from life itself, was creased and wrinkled. The small soft pockets under his eyes and the gentle lines that curved up and around them told me he had many happy moments, too. Those were traces left behind from laughter and a smiling, happy man. "My friend, can I help you with those things?" I asked. Hesitant at first, he finally said, "Well, yes, thank you!" I placed my hand under his left arm and walked with him a safe distance away from the rush of people. "So, what are you shopping for, sir?" "Oh, just a little something for my neighbor. She's a young mother raising kids on her own. She's always so nice to me. I thought a box of candy," he said, stopping suddenly as he searched the inside pocket of his sport coat. "Do you need something?" I asked. "Oh, no. Here. I think I have it right here. I always carry them with me," he said. Then pulling out a hand full of papers, he shuffled through them and handed me a business card that read: "John A. Pomicter: Friend to all. Enemy to no one!" "I said a prayer today and you were the answer. Thank you!" "That's for you," he said. "Thanks for stopping to help an old man." "My friend, you helped me. I discovered that I was unhappy with the world and I was part of the problem. Now, I'll be part of the solution. No more with me!" "Then this was meant to be," he said smiling. "You know God sends me gifts everyday and always at least one special person. You were my gift for today. Let's go get some chocolates, my friend!"

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Calendar of Events

Sun., July 26

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

Mon., July 27

10:00 a.m. Worship
7:00 p.m. Christian Education Cmt. mtg.

Tues., July 28

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

Mon., Aug. 3

7:00 p.m. Deacons' mtg.

Tues., Aug. 4

10:00 a.m. Staff mtg.
6:00 p.m. Capital Campaign Exec. Cmt.
7:00 p.m. Capital Campaign Steering Cmt.
7:00 p.m. A.A.
8:00 p.m. Capital Campaign Team mtgs.

Thurs., Aug. 6

6:45 p.m. Female Connection

Sat., Aug. 8

9:45 a.m. Mid-Highs @ Oasis Food Pantry

Usher Schedule

Sunday, August 2

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

Sunday, August 9

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
Sue White
Jim White