

NEW HOPE
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News & Opportunities

NEWS & RESOURCES

Nominating forms for the offices of elder and deacon are available on the Welcome Table in the narthex. Please use the forms to recommend to the Nominating Committee members of New Hope who have demonstrated spiritual maturity as well as gifts for leadership and ministry. Completed forms may be placed in the offering baskets, dropped off in the main office or mailed to the church.

Discovering New Hope, a seminar for those wanting to find out more about our congregation as well as for those wishing to unite with our congregation in membership, will be offered on Sunday, August 16, 3:00-5:00 p.m. Childcare will be available. Class booklets will be available at the Welcome Table on Sunday, August 9th.

The new parking lot is taking shape! The inspection for the electrical work was completed this past week. This coming week, weather permitting, curbs will be poured followed by asphalt the following week.

WORSHIP

The summer worship schedule of one service at 10:00 a.m. will continue through Labor Day weekend, Sunday, September 6. Our two-

service schedule of worship at 8:45 a.m. (with the Lord's Supper) and 11:00 a.m. will resume on Sunday, September 13th.

The Choir returns to worship on Sunday, August 30. Rehearsals resume on Wednesday, August 26 at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome and newcomers are encouraged to come and make a joyful noise!

LECTIONARY for Sunday, August 9

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 31-33

Psalm 130

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

John 6:35, 41-51

DEACONS' CORNER

Do you know of someone who needs help? Someone with a health concern, someone who is in the hospital, is grieving, or coping with a serious financial or other issue? Our Deacons can provide that help—with your help. Let them know what you know. Stop any one of them that you see (they are easily recognizable with their "Deacon" badges), or call the church office (936.2200) and we'll put you in touch with them.

Sunday, August 2

9:00 a.m. Adult Christian Education
 10:00 a.m. Worship & Communion
 11:00 a.m. Sr. Highs return from camping/float trip
 11:00 a.m. Harmony Faith Family

Monday, August 3

7:00 p.m. Deacons' meeting Conference Room

Tuesday, August 4

6:00 a.m. Polling Place Worship Space
 7:00 a.m. Personnel Cmt. Conference Room
 8:00 a.m. Budget & Finance Cmt. Conference Room
 10:00 a.m. Staff meeting Conference Room
 6:00 p.m. Capital Campaign Executive Cmt. Conference Room
 7:00 p.m. Capital Campaign Steering Cmt. Narthex
 7:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Worship Space
 8:00 p.m. Capital Campaign Team meetings Various

Thursday, August 6

6:45 p.m. Female Connection St. Peters City Centre Park

Saturday, August 8

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

Sunday, August 9

9:00 a.m. Adult Christian Education
 10:00 a.m. Worship

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FELLOWSHIP

Female Connection will gather at the St. Peters City Centre Park this Thursday, August 6, at 6:45 p.m. to hear golden oldies and country music by the band Trilogy. Meet on the eastern side of the lake by the gazebo. Bring a lawn chair or blanket with a drink for yourself and a snack to share. Contact: Deb Morris, 978.7742

On Saturday, September 19, 2:00 p.m., Pairs & Singles will be attending "The Spirit of Broadway," performed by the St. Louis Harmony Chorus, at the Florissant Civic Center (James J. Eagan Civic Center), off of Hwy. 270. The Chorus, which includes New Hope's own Connie Pettit, will be singing songs from some of your favorite shows—A Chorus Line, Chicago, Mame, and many others. Matinee ticket price of \$15.00 (may be discounted if group exceeds 10) may be made payable to the St. Louis Harmony Chorus and given to Kay McCarthy by August 16th. A sign-up sheet is on the Welcome Table in the narthex. Contact: Kay McCarthy, 946.1942

The annual congregational picnic hosted by our Deacons is scheduled for Sunday, September 20th, and will begin shortly after the 11:00 a.m. service of worship. Look for more details to come.

EVANGELISM

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you." (Matthew 28:19-20)

Pray that God might open your heart and mind to sharing your faith and serving others.

MINISTRY & DONATIONS

Current Ministry Needs

People to prepare the sanctuary for worship by straightening chairs, cleaning the baptismal font, filling the candles with oil, etc. Contact: Chris James, 936.2200.

Greeters and ushers for weekly worship. Contact: Kirk Garten, ktg01@charter.net.

Christian Education Committee is looking for teachers and leaders for the upcoming program year to begin on Sunday, September 13th. See bulletin insert for more information.

Current Donation Needs

Individual, pre-packaged non-peanut containing snacks (i.e. cookies, crackers) and boxes of Capri-Sun for Kids' Fellowship Club (KFC). These may be brought to the Christian Education office.

MISSION

August Meal-a-Month

1 can chicken and dumplings
1 can fruit
1 can vegetables
1 box/bag cookies
1 plastic jar peanut butter

The Festival of Sharing is underway! Individuals and groups are welcome to stop by the table in the narthex to pick up a list of supplies to make kits for those in need. Kits include hygiene products, school supplies for children, food boxes and paper products. There are nine different kits from which to choose, which are distributed to families in need in Missouri. See Jerry Brown of the Mission Committee for more information.

Thank you to all who have donated yarn for Bonnie Schmickley's hand-knit blankets for area seniors and babies. Your generosity will keep Bonnie busy for many months to come! Look for other requests for yarn in the mid-winter.

DISCIPLESHIP

For those with a deep yearning to grow spiritually, a Spiritual Formation Group will begin meeting weekly on Thursday, September 3 from 5 – 6 p.m. with the option of going out for dinner after the group meeting. We will spend time in prayer, spiritual reflection and the spiritual practice of examen, using the book *Soul Feast: An Invitation to the Christian Spiritual Life* by Marjorie Thompson (cost \$20). To sign-up or for more information contact Barbi Smith at stlbarbi@sbcglobal.net or 936.2200.

CHILDREN

B.L.A.S.T. Sunday morning children's ministries will resume on Sunday, September 13, at 9:45 a.m.

Kids' Fellowship Club will resume on Sunday, September 13th.

The Preschool will be hosting an information and orientation meeting on Thursday, August 27 at 7:00 p.m., for all who have a child enrolled for the coming school year. Visiting-day for students will be on Wednesday, September 2 (4 & 5 year-olds) and Thursday, September 3 (young 3s & 3 year olds). The school year begins on Tuesday, September 8th.

YOUTH

Mid-Highs will be in mission at the Oasis Food Pantry next Saturday, August 8 at 9:45 a.m.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The position of Child Care Provider is scheduled to work on Sunday mornings and at other times child care will be needed. Inquires or resumes may be sent to the church office.

BLESSINGS & CONGRATULATIONS

Logan Wesley Mackey was born to Tracey and Phillip Mackey on July 25, 2009. Logan's grandmother is Sharon Barnes.

Sarah Hutton recently graduated from Allied College with a certification in medical billing and coding and is now seeking employment.

Jan Parker & Kathy Kuehnle were a part of the Honors Choir of the American Directors of Choral Music, which sang for the governor in Jefferson City on July 24th and for which Kathy was selected as a soloist.

COMPASSION & CONCERNS

The compassion of the congregation is extended to Don Higgason on the death of his mother, Grace Higgason, who died Thursday, July 30, 2009.

John Gaines, husband of Rhonda Gaines, New Hope's Director of the Preschool, is recuperating following surgery this past week for a broken wrist.