



# News & Opportunities

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| <b>Sunday, August 23</b>      | 9:00 a.m. Adult Christian Education<br>10:00 a.m. Worship<br>2:30 p.m. Mid-High Youth   | Worship Space                    |
| <b>Monday, August 24</b>      | 7:00 p.m. Christian Education Committee   | Conference Room                  |
| <b>Tuesday, August 25</b>     | 4:00 p.m. Staff meeting<br>7:00 p.m. A.A.   | Conference Room<br>Worship Space |
| <b>Wednesday, August 26</b>   | 6:00 p.m. Worship & Music Committee<br>7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal  | Conference Room<br>Worship Space |
| <b>Thursday, August 27</b>    | 7:00 p.m. Preschool Parent Orientation  | Worship Space                    |
| <b>Sunday, August 30</b>      | 9:00 a.m. Adult Christian Education<br>10:00 a.m. Worship   |                                  |
| <b>Tuesday, September 1</b>   | 10:00 a.m. Staff meeting<br>7:00 p.m. A.A.  | Conference Room<br>Worship Space |
| <b>Wednesday, September 2</b> | Various times Preschool Visiting Day (4-&5- yr. olds)<br>7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal  | Worship Space                    |
| <b>Thursday, September 3</b>  | Various times Preschool Visiting Day (Young 3s & 3-yr. olds)<br>10:00 a.m. Jubilee Circle Bible Study<br>1:00 p.m. Agape Circle Bible Study<br>7:00 p.m. Joy Circle Bible Study |                                  |

**NEWS & RESOURCES**

**Baue Funeral Homes** is hosting a seminar led by Dr. Alan Wolfelt entitled, "Exploring the Spiritual Aspects of Death, Grief and Mourning," on Wednesday, October 21, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., at The Columns Banquet and Conference Center in St. Charles. For more information, contact Kelly Karavousanos at Baue, 328.0878 or kellyk@baue.com

**In the interest of security**, the doors of the church will be locked beginning Tuesday, September 8. They will be *unlocked* at the beginning and end of each Preschool day, 9:00-9:20 a.m. and 11:15-11:40 a.m. and then again from 12:15-12:45 p.m. and 2:45-3:15 p.m. During those times when the doors are locked, visitors to the church may gain access by ringing the doorbell at the door nearest the main office.

**Parking Lot Update...**The curbs for the new parking lot are completed and fill dirt has been put in place around them. This week gravel will be laid down before the asphalt is poured. Then comes the fencing for the playground and the lights.

**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.

**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 next Sunday, August 30. Rehearsals resume this Wednesday, August 26 at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome and newcomers are encouraged to join in!

**Next Sunday, August 30**, we will be commissioning our Preschool and its teachers for ministry.

**Lectionary for Sunday, August 30**  
Song of Solomon 2:8-13 or Deut. 4:1-2, 6-9  
Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9 or Psalm 15  
James 1:17-27  
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

*News & Opportunities*, which is distributed during Sunday worship, is also available on the Welcome Table in the narthex and at [www.newhopepc.net](http://www.newhopepc.net).  
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## DEACONS' CORNER

**Harvest of Talents...**It is not too early to begin thinking about this year's Harvest of Talents, which will be held on November 22. Each year, many of our members create wonderful items they have sewn, quilted, baked, made of wood, etc. These items are displayed in the sanctuary in a sort of "New Hope Craft Fair" and purchased by the congregation with free-will donations. Proceeds go to the Deacon's Benevolence Fund that go to help members of the church as well as the community who are in need of immediate and temporary financial assistance.

## FELLOWSHIP

**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. *See bulletin insert for more details.*

## 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.

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

**The position of Office Manager** is now open. Significant computer skills are required. Copies of the description are in the main office. Resumes may be sent to the church office and/or inquiries may be made at 936.2200 or [cqjames@newhopepc.net](mailto:cqjames@newhopepc.net).

## 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](mailto: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.

## 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-High Youth** will be meeting TODAY, at 2:30 p.m. in the Worship Space.

**Sr. High Youth** will be meeting next Sunday, August 30, at 3:00 p.m. in the Worship Space.

**Sunday morning Christian Education** for Mid- & Sr. Highs will begin on Sunday, September 13 at 9:45 a.m.

## ADULTS

All women of the church are invited to the women's Bible Study class, which begins Sunday, September 13 at 9:45 a.m. This year's topic is *The Remarkable Women of the Bible* by Elizabeth George. This class is a great way to get to know other women and to grow in your faith. For more information or to get your copy of the book before the first meeting on Sunday, September 13, contact Kathy Salter at 926.9642 or [salter357@hotmail.com](mailto:salter357@hotmail.com)

## DISCIPLESHIP

**A Spiritual Formation Group** will begin meeting weekly on Thursday, September 3 from 5 – 6 p.m. Time will be spent 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](mailto:stlbarbi@sbcglobal.net) or 936.2200.

## Step UP to the Challenge

As part of our capital campaign and evangelism efforts, we will be videotaping at New Hope on Sunday, September 13. If you or any member of your family prefers to not be taped, please request a button to wear upon arrival that morning. The button will identify you to the camera crew as someone who should not be photographed. We also ask that you choose your seat in the marked area that will not be photographed. Your choice not to request the button and not to sit in the designated areas gives us permission to use the footage only for Session authorized uses for New Hope's Ministry. Questions may be addressed to Jim Pettit at 636/441.7117 or Chris James at 636/936.2200. Thank you!

## BLESSINGS & CONGRATULATIONS!

Rose Marie (Rosie) Dodds and Quinten Xavier (Quinn) Dodds were born on August 13, 2009, to Robbie and Katie Dodds. Rosie & Quinn's grandparents are Ken and Barbi Smith.

## COMPASSION & CONCERNS

**The compassion** of the congregation is extended to Tim & Heather Deranja on the death of her father, and to Hannah & Alyssa Deranja on the death of their grandfather, Doug Deason, who died on August 10, 2009.