



# News & Opportunities

<b>Sunday, August 30</b>	9:00 a.m. Adult Christian Education	
	10:00 a.m. Worship & Preschool Commissioning	
	11:00 a.m. Congregational Reception for the Preschool	
	3:00 p.m. Sr. High Fellowship	
<b>Tuesday, September 1</b>		
	10:00 a.m. Staff meeting	Conference Room
	7:00 p.m. A.A.	Worship Space
<b>Wednesday, September 2</b>		
	Various times Preschool Visiting Day (4-& 5- yr. olds)	
	7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	Worship Space
<b>Thursday, September 3</b>		
	Various times Preschool Visiting Day (Young 3s & 3-yr. olds)	
	10:00 a.m. Jubilee Circle Bible Study	
	1:00 p.m. Agape Circle Bible Study	
	7:00 p.m. Joy Circle Bible Study	
<b>Sunday, September 6</b>		
	9:00 a.m. Adult Christian Education	
	10:00 a.m. Worship & the Lord's Supper	
	2:30 p.m. Mid-High Fellowship	
<b>Monday, September 7</b>	LABOR DAY— OFFICE CLOSED	
<b>Tuesday, September 8</b>		
	9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. First day of Preschool!	
	10:00 a.m. Staff meeting	Conference Room
	7:00 p.m. A.A.	Worship Space
<b>Wednesday, September 9</b>		
	9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Preschool	
	6:00 p.m. Worship & Music Committee	Conference Room
	7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	Worship Space
<b>Thursday, September 10</b>		
	9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Preschool	

**NEWS & RESOURCES**

**The Session is pleased to introduce** Monica Schrautemeier as our new Child Care Provider. She has both education and experience in early childhood education and, as a mother of two young children, knows this area well. Monica is the sister-in-law of New Hope member, Rachel Schrautemeier and her first Sunday will be next week, September 6. She will be working in concert with Regina Jones in the area of child care.

**The congregation is invited** to a reception in the narthex immediately following worship today in honor of our Preschool and its teachers and leaders.

**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, 8:45-9:15 a.m. and 11:15-11:45 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...** This past week gravel was laid and the asphalt was poured. Soon come 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.

**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.

*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

**The annual church picnic** will be held on Sunday, September 20. It's a wonderful time of food and fellowship, and a chance to mingle with and get to know the many folks who have joined our church in the past year. We're expecting a large turnout, so please bring any lawn chairs or portable picnic tables you might have. Covered side dishes are especially needed, in amounts to feed a family of 10 please. Chicken will be provided. There will be games for the kids. The picnic will begin immediately following the late service.

## 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.

### **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.

## 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!

## 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.

## 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 a visiting-day for students this 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 next Sunday, September 6 at 2:30 p.m.

**Sr. High Youth** will be meeting TODAY, 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. 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)

Two of the three women's monthly circle Bible studies will begin on Thursday, September 3. **Jubilee Circle** will meet at 10:00 at the church. **Agape Circle** will meet at 1:00 p.m. **Joy Circle** will have its first meeting in October. The title of this year's study is "Joshua: A Journey of Faith."

## WORSHIP

**The summer worship schedule** of one service at 10:00 a.m. will continue through next 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 rehearses** on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome and newcomers are encouraged to join in!

### **Lectionary for Sunday, September 6**

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 or Isaiah 37:4-7a  
Psalm 125 or Psalm 146  
James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17  
Mark 7:24-37

**The banner in the chancel** represents the liturgical season known as Ordinary Time. The whole of the church year can be understood to be an annual rehearsal of the history of salvation as seen in the birth, life, death and resurrection to new life of Jesus Christ. Ordinary Time consists of those days outside of the major festival seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter. This is the time when scriptures about Jesus' life and ministry are read in worship, when our life in the church is marked by spiritual growth, which gives reason for the color of ordinary time (green for growth).

In the banner, the Alpha (A) and Omega (Ω) are the first and last letters, respectively, of the Greek alphabet (the original language of the New Testament). Taken together, they represent God's sacred time which spans between the beginning of time at creation and the ending of time at the consummation of all that is. Jesus said, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end" (Revelation 22:13). Chronos, secular, human time is designated by the sundial.