

CALENDAR

Sunday, September 20		
8:45 a.m.	Worship & the Lord's Supper	
9:45 a.m.	Christian Education	
11:00 a.m.	Worship & Baptism	
12:00 p.m.	Church Picnic	Pavilion
Monday, September 21		
6:00 p.m.	Sr. High Bible Study	Seidler Home
Tuesday, September 22		
10:00 a.m.	Staff meeting	Conference Room
6:00 p.m.	Distribution Team	
7:00 p.m.	Steering Committee meeting	Narthex
7:00 p.m.	A.A.	Worship Space
8:00 p.m.	Pacesetter meeting	Conference Room
Wednesday, September 23		
6:15 p.m.	Handbells	Worship Space
7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal	Worship Space
Thursday, September 24		
11:00 a.m.	Creative Giving Seminar	Narthex
5:00 p.m.	Spiritual Formation Group	Lower-level Kitchen
6:00 p.m.	Creative Giving Seminar	Narthex
7:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Troup 30	Conference Room
Friday, September 25		
10:00 a.m.	Tena Rasmussen Visitation	Narthex
11:00 a.m.	Tena Rasmussen Memorial Service	Worship Space
Saturday, September 26		
8:00 a.m.	Mid- & Sr. High Busch Stadium Tour	

News & Opportunities, which is distributed during Sunday worship, is also available on the Welcome Table in the narthex and at www.newhopepc.net.
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News & Opportunities

NEWS & RESOURCES

A new way to give! Electronic Funds Transfer is now available as a way for you to give securely online to the ministry of New Hope. You may use this for a one-time or on-going contributions. See the bulletin insert for more information. Contact, Ben Tutschulte at 441.1285 or tutschulte@hotmail.com.

Employment Assistance Service Interest in being sought for help in beginning an employment assistance service as a ministry of New Hope. The intent is that this service would be similar to Businesspersons Between Jobs at the St. Mark Presbyterian Church, but this would serve primarily St. Charles County. Are you unemployed? Employed? Retired? Would you be willing to help organize such a ministry? Contact, Bob Yeo at 447.4920 or bobyeo532@aol.com.

Child Care News! Beginning September 13 there are some changes to our child care schedule. For the 8:45 a.m. Worship Service, infants and children through age 5 are welcome in the upstairs Nursery, which will be staffed by Regina Jones and Monica Schrautemeier, our newest Child Care Provider. For the Christian education hour and the 11 a.m. worship service, infants and toddlers through age 2 will remain in the upstairs nursery,

which will be staffed by Regina and a volunteer helper. Children age 3 through 5 will have a Christian education class in the downstairs "Butterfly" room with teachers Lucy Peterson and Theresa Edwards, assisted by Monica. During the 11 a.m. worship service, children age 3 through 5 will be in the "Butterfly" room with Monica and a volunteer helper. If you have any questions, please contact Barbi Smith. If you would like to volunteer with either age group, please contact Christie Tutschulte at 441.1285.

In the interest of hospitality, and as we begin our program year next week, we ask you to wear your nametag when you come to worship and Christian education. The use of nametags is also an essential component of our Safe Sanctuary program. Nametags are on the hooks outside the worship space. If you need a new one, please fill out the form on the Welcome Table and place in the offering basket or return it to the main office.

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.

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 TODAY and will begin shortly after the 11:00 a.m. service of worship.

Faith Families, New Hope's small group ministry, are now forming to help nurture individuals and families in their faith through fellowship. As New Hope continues to grow, it can sometimes be a challenge to connect with others before and after worship. Faith Families offer every one of us a way to develop personal relationships with others and to grow spiritually within these groups. Some groups meet weekly, others get together monthly. All groups spend time learning about one another, as well as sharing a devotion or time of worship, discussing issues of our faith, praying together, and simply growing closer together as the church. Needless to say, being good Presbyterians, this all revolves around...food, of course! New groups will begin in October. Prayerfully consider joining a Faith Family. See the bulletin insert for more information. Contact: Bill & Ruth Irvine at 636/300.1573.

Pairs & Singles will be making its annual trip to the winery on Saturday, October 10th. We will be going to the Augusta Winery in Augusta, Missouri, at 11:30 a.m. Please bring food to share. No water, etc., is allowed. There is a Halloween/Cardinal theme this year. Join in the fun and wear a Halloween or Cardinal shirt. A sign-up sheet is on the Welcome Table. Please sign-up by Sunday, October 4th. Contact, Rick & Vicky Koonley at 922.1469 or Pat & Robin Murphy at 926.0517.

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.

CHILDREN

Sunday Morning Christian Education... Now through October 18th, *The Found Stories*.

Kids' Fellowship Club (KFC) will not meet this afternoon due to the all-church picnic.

YOUTH

Mid-High & Sr. High Youth will join in the all-church picnic immediately after the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

NOTE! Busch Stadium tour has been rescheduled to Saturday, September 26th. Meet at church at 8:00 a.m. Cost, \$3.00/person. RSVP to Amy Kitsmiller no later than TODAY, September 20th.

ADULTS

Women's Circle Bible Studies

Monday, October 5th
Hope Circle, 7:30 p.m.
Contact, Jane Spurgeon at 441.1107

Thursday, October 1st

Jubilee Circle, 10:00 a.m.
Contact, Jennifer James at 926.3239
Agape Circle, 1:00 p.m.
Contact, Jan Dickson at 936.2214
Joy Circle, 7:00 p.m.
Contact, Carol Botkin at 240.4151

A Spiritual Formation Group has begun meeting weekly on Thursdays, from 5 – 6 p.m. Time is 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 or 936.2200.

WORSHIP

New Hope worships each Sunday at 8:45 a.m. (with the Lord's Supper) and 11:00 a.m.

The Choir rehearses on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome!

A Hand-bell choir now forming! Rehearsals will be on Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m. No experience necessary. Contact: Jan Parker at 233.3540 or Terry Martinez at 946.5638

Lectionary for Sunday, September 27

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22
Psalm 124
James 5:13-20
Mark 9:38-50

MISSION

September Meal-a-Month

1 boxed meal (eg. Dinty Moore Classic Bakes or Homestyle Bakes)
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.