

# New Hope News

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## Harvest of Talents

Now that the weather is getting cooler and the kids are back in school, please consider finding time in your busy schedules to make a difference in someone's life! Donating handmade items for Harvest of Talents provides funds for the Board of Deacons to purchase food, provide gas to get to work or to buy a coat for someone experiencing financial difficulty. This much anticipated event will take place on November 23rd after the second service. The items through the years have included everything from handmade jewelry and afghans to homemade jellies and pies, not to mention gift certificates for everything from babysitting to housecleaning!



Please call Cindy Hembrough at 447-5457 for more information.

## Meal — a — Month

Most everyone is feeling the pinch of this sluggish economy. But for those living on the edge of poverty, buying food can be a certain luxury. Please consider sharing a little bit of your food budget with those who have none. The meal for FISH this month is:

- 1 large can of beef stew
- 1 box of rice or noodles
- 1 can each of fruit and vegetables
- 1 box of Jell-O
- 1 bag of all-purpose flour

## Cheerios for the Nurseries



Please remember the little people of the church! The infant and toddler nurseries are in need of boxes of cheerios and packages of bathroom-sized Dixie cups for snack time. Please drop the items off to either nursery. Also, the infant nursery is still in need of volunteers to help from time to time. If you are interested, please call Christie Tutschulte at 441-1285. Thanks so much for helping make the jobs of the nursery attendants just a bit easier!

**Stewardship  
Consecration  
Sunday  
October 26th**

**Proverbs 11:24-25**

*Some give freely, yet grow all the richer; others withhold what is due, and only suffer want. A generous person will be enriched, and one who gives water will get water.*

**Evangelism Tip  
of the Month:**

Father, we join with the prayer of Jesus, as You are One, so let us be one.

## Millionaire Money

For several weeks, New Hope has been asking you, our members, to clip Millionaire Money from the St. Louis Post-Dispatch to try to win an item for the church. Now it is time to say thank you for your efforts and let you know what happened with the “money!” Every Wednesday, Cathy Holder would sign-in on the Post’s website in an effort to win a prize in an online auction. Nothing came of that. She and Jaimee Crawford then took the money to a counting station at the newspaper office. Collectively the church had gathered 1,900,420.00 to spend at the arena’s live auction. That too was an effort in futility! Most items went for 4-8 billion. Cars went for \$55 billion and jewelry was in between those 2 sets of figures. Those who didn’t win a prize at the live auction were given the chance to deposit their certificate in a “last chance” barrel. Those prizes were announced in the Sunday paper and our name was nowhere to be found.

Does this mean we won’t try next year? Of course not! Have we learned anything this year? Of course we have! The online auction is purely chance. So, we will try again. Many of the members weren’t even sure what “millionaire money” was. Next year, we will try to promote it earlier and make sure everyone is better informed. We will also ask you to ask friends and neighbors to donate their coupons, if not using the money themselves. As we spoke to those who came in with several billion, they mostly said it was a concerted effort on the part of all of their members, families, friends or whomever. There were many nice items and we thank you for the opportunity to try to benefit New Hope!

## From the Pastor...

As I mentioned last week, today, the last Sunday in October is known as Reformation Sunday. This is a celebration peculiar to those of us in the Protestant and Reformed traditions. It all began in the 15th and 16th centuries with people like Jan Hus, Martin Luther, Ulrich Zwingli, John Calvin and others who saw the Church being unfaithful to the scripture by which it claimed to shape its life. Many of the Reformers never intended to break away from the Church. When Church leaders (i.e. the pope and his cardinals) chose to cling to their power rather than reform those parts of it that had become corrupted, these reformers realized that they were not breaking away from the Church, but that the Church (that is, its leaders) was breaking away from itself by refusing to address the abuses of power and doctrine that had become rampant.

Every year on this day we honor the tradition of the great Reformation by reminding ourselves of how far we’ve come and the continual work we have to do by reforming ourselves in response to our ever-changing historical context. Reformation Sunday is a time to recall the fact that the Church of Jesus Christ must ever and always be about the business of renewal if it is not to sink into staid traditionalism. It’s a time to recall the fact that the gospel of Jesus Christ is, and of necessity must be, highly adaptive. If the story of our faith cannot be retold in ways that are meaningful to each new generation, it will die.

The achievements of the early Reformers – those we celebrate today – are dramatic: the decentralization of church authority from the monolithic Roman model to more congregational and representative forms of church government; the articulation of the “priesthood of all believers” as opposed to the “preeminence” of clergy;

ordination as a functional responsibility, not some indelible, elitist or-

der; the elevation of preaching and teaching to a level of importance equal to that of sacramental celebration; the mass publication of Scripture and the recognition of the right – indeed the obligation – of all Christians to read and weigh the impact of it for their own lives; the conduct of worship in each congregation’s native language, so that all have equal access to its intellectual, as well as its mystical, rewards; and, the dramatic increase in congregational participation in the act of worship, especially in prayer and song.

Reformation Sunday is an opportunity for us to remind ourselves that these are gifts. It’s a time to remind ourselves of our need to be about the task of continual renewal as a central and ongoing concern. And it’s a time to celebrate those who, with particular devotion, contributed in ways large and small to our great past of which we are the most recent beneficiaries.

As we present our gifts today, let us be ever mindful of the sacrifices made by faithful men and women of the past who have handed on to us the privilege and responsibility of what it is to be followers of Jesus the Christ. As we consecrate our estimates of giving for the ministry of our congregation for 2009, let us be thankful for all those who have kept the faith and continue to keep it today!

Faithfully,

Chris



# Youth Happenings!

## Mid-High Youth Activity Reminder

**Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup>** – Happy Halloween!

**Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Meeting at church from 12:00 pm until 2:00 pm – Please bring either a snack or a bottle of soda to share. We will be working on our project for Harvest of Talents.

**Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>** -- Working at the Oasis Food Pantry from 9:45 am until 11:45 am – we will be meeting at the Food Pantry at 9:45 am. If you are and your parents are able to come, please let Amy know as soon as possible

**Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup>** – We will be playing Laser Tag from 2:00 pm until 3:30 pm. We will be meeting at the Adrenaline Zone at 1:45 pm. The first game will start at 2:00, so please be there no later than 1:45 pm. Cost is \$5.00 per person. If you would like to come, please turn in the attached flyer to Amy no later than Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>** – Hanging of the Greens – Immediately following the second church service, we will be assisting in “Hanging of the Greens.”

## Senior High Youth Activity Reminder

**Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>** – Six Flags – We will be leaving from church after lunch and will return to church between 7:00 and 7:30. The cost will be \$20.00 per person – please make all checks payable to “New Hope Presbyterian Church” **NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12<sup>TH</sup>**. Please see the attached flyer for details.

**Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup>** – We will be having a work day in order to raise funds

for Mission Trip - More details to come!

**Monday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Bible Study from 6:00 pm until 7:00 pm at Ellyn Yarde’s house. If you need directions, please call Ellyn. **PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN PLACE.**

**Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>** -- We will be having a work day in order to raise funds for Mission Trip - More details to come!

**Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup>** – Meeting at church from 3:00 pm until 5:00 pm – We will be working on our project for Harvest of Talents. Please bring a snack or a bottle of soda to share.

**Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup>** -- We will be having a work day in order to raise funds for Mission Trip - More details to come!

**Monday, November 17<sup>th</sup>** – Bible Study from 6:00 pm until 7:00 pm at Maggie Officer’s house. If you need directions, please call Maggie. Maggie will be leading Bible Study. **PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN PLACE.**

**Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>** – We will be serving dinner at the Ronald McDonald House – more details to come!

**Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>** – We will be ushering for both services. Please be at church no later than 8:15 am. Please no jeans or tennis shoes. If you are able to usher, please let Amy know as soon as possible. Immediately following the second church service, we will be assisting in “Hanging of the Greens.”

If you have any questions, please contact Amy Kitsmiller at

314-795-9759 (cell) or

E-Mail at

al [kitsmiller@newhopepc.net](mailto:kitsmiller@newhopepc.net)

# Pairs n Singles

*Come join “Pairs n Singles” for their Annual Holiday Dinner!*

Saturday, December 6th, 2008 at the Mother-In-Law Restaurant (in the Cider Mill Room) located at 500 South Main St., St. Charles, MO 63301.

636-946-9444.

Dinner will be served at 4:00pm, so please plan to arrive around 3:30pm. The cost per person is \$27.00 and includes dinner, drink and gratuity. Each attendee is also asked to bring a wrapped Christmas ornament for an exchange.



After dinner and social time, attendees can also attend Las Posadas beginning at 6:00pm in Old Town.

Signup sheets will be located on the information table in the narthex. **Please sign up by November 23.** Looking forward to seeing all of you! For questions, please feel free to call Sue Stiegemeier at 636-474-1923.

# Story to Ponder

## Is It Recession or Depression?

*No pessimist ever discovered the secrets of the stars, or sailed to an uncharted land,  
or opened a new heaven to the human spirit.*

--Helen Keller

It's a recession when your neighbor loses his job," Harry Truman observed, "and it's a depression when you lose your own." As downturns in the economy disturb more and more households, we begin to question seriously the financial yardstick by which we have been measuring our personal net worth and therefore our happiness.

Perhaps the recession has personally affected you and yours. It's hard to believe there's anybody that it hasn't touched, at least indirectly. Millions of people are scaling down their expectations of what constitutes the good life, redefining their values, reordering their priorities, and accepting the challenge of making a virtue our of necessity. But it's very easy to surrender to an emotional depression when a financial one occurs. It's easy to be pessimistic about tomorrow when today seems so bleak.

It's time we put thoughts of lack behind us. It's time for us to discover the secrets of the stars, to sail to an uncharted land, to open up a new heaven where our spirits can soar. But first we'll have to make changes. And lasting change does not happen overnight. Lasting change happens in infinitesimal increments: a day, an hour, a minute, a heartbeat at a time. And the change I'm encouraging you to make with me is fundamental. Take a deep breath. We're going to learn to become optimists.

Now be reassured. Optimism, like the happiness habit, can be learned. Start today with a little experiment. Smile at everyone you meet. Today expect something good to happen to you no matter what occurred yesterday. Realize the past no longer holds you captive. It can only continue to hurt you if you hold on to it. Let the past go. A simply abundant world awaits!

Sarah Ban Breathnach

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## Calendar of Events

### Sunday, Oct 26

Consecration Sunday  
8:45 Worship & Comm.  
9: 45 Education Hour  
11:00 Worship  
1:00 Sr. High Outing

### Monday, Oct 27

6:00 Supper w/Santa Mtg.

### Tuesday, Oct 28

6:30 N.A. Mtg.  
7:00 A.A. Mtg.

### Wednesday, Oct. 29

7:30 Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, Oct. 30

6:00 Healthy Beginnings

### Friday, Oct. 31

Halloween...watch for  
Little ones!

### Saturday, Nov. 1

All Saints' Day

### Sunday, Nov 02

8:45 Worship & Comm.  
9: 45 Education Hour  
11:00 Worship & Comm.  
12:00 Sr. High Mtg.

### Monday, Nov 03

6:00 Sr. High Bible Study  
7:00 Deacons Mtg.

### Tuesday, Nov 04

6:30 N.A. Mtg.  
7:00 A.A. Mtg.

### Wednesday, Nov 05

7:30 Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, Nov 06

10:00 Stay-at-Home  
Moms Circle  
1:00 Agape Circle  
6:00 Healthy Beginnings  
7:00 Joy Circle

### Saturday, Nov. 08

9:45 Mid-Highs at Oasis  
Food Pantry

## Usher Schedule

### Sunday, Nov. 2nd

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

### Sunday, Nov. 9th

Jim Phillips  
Debbie Phillips  
Michael Black  
Mel Fairchild  
Gary Freeman  
Ben Tutschulte  
Christie Tutschulte

### Substitute List

Al Beamer  
Kathy Beamer  
Bunny Hites  
Don Moore  
Allen Sebaugh  
Ann Sebaugh  
Sue Stiegemeier  
Gil Stuenkel  
Sue White  
Jim White  
Kathy Freeman  
Gary Freeman

