



New Hope Notes

The Monthly Newsletter for New Hope Presbyterian Church

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JANUARY 2020

The New Hope Pastor Nominating Committee has completed their work and been dismissed by the congregation. We have called the Rev. Dr. Brenda Barnes to be installed as our new pastor at 4:00pm on January 26 at New Hope Church. The congregation is invited to attend! We thank you for your prayers throughout this process.

Helen Connors

**Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation;
old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.**

(2 Corinthians 5:7)

Friends in Christ –

Well, here we are again!

Paul's words resound...old things have passed away and all things are becoming new. It's a promise of Christ that each of us is renewed daily in our salvation, in our faith, and in our lives. It's a promise of Christ that together we are renewed as we worship, serve, and love together.

It is a privilege to be back with you and to be part of what God is doing in us, among us, and through us. You have grown. I have grown. We are not the same so we cannot expect "things" to be the same as when I was here before. BUT we can count on one thing – that Christ is moving and we will move with Him as we continue our journey together.

I'm looking forward to hearing more of the ideas, and thoughts, and joy you have already expressed to me. It is a sign that we are, indeed, ready to get into gospel more deeply and spread that joy to others who need to know Christ. It is our one responsibility as a church to do so.

As we begin our time together, I remind you that we are all "in Christ" together. There is great debate about what "in Christ" means – books the size of Miriam-Webster's Dictionary have been written on the subject. And here's my promise to you – we will work on this statement together. We will stay "in Christ" together as we worship. We will stay "in Christ" together as we serve. We will stay "in Christ" together as we reach out to the community because otherwise, we are doing what we do in our own power, and not through the power of Christ's Holy Spirit. And, together, we'll witness to the community the New Hope of God's love in Jesus Christ.

I'm thrilled to be here – in Christ – with you all.

Pastor Brenda

Please join us for the Installation Service of Rev. Dr. Brenda Barnes at 4pm on Sunday, January 26, 2020.

AMAZON SMILE

by John Cherepko

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Many thanks to those who have already participated!

NEW TASK FORCE

The Session is forming a task force to assist during emergency situations. This task force will develop policies and procedures for emergency situations (i.e. fires, etc.). If you are interested in becoming a part of this ministry or learning more about it, please see Bill Siebert.

SESSION SNIPPETS

by Bill Siebert

- Meeting on 12/12/19, the Session...
- Had a time of learning about strongly held traditions (or sacred cows) in churches, including worship time, worship style, role of pastor, and others.
- Approved the minutes of the 11/14/19 Session meeting.
- Heard about worship plans for the balance of 2019 and a planned Communion on 1/5/20.
- Heard from the Care Team for Ministry of Compassion that gifts for homebound members will be distributed by Edith Burdis, Mary Lou Trogolo, and a few Session members.
- Heard from the Care Team for Staff Support about church office holidays scheduled for 2020.
- Heard that Don Barnes will lead a team to work on the church website and that the Clerk will write a note to Rachael Pritz to thank her for her assistance in administering the New Hope website over the past year.
- Approved a budget totaling \$178,111 for 2020.
- Heard a report on training, examination, and installation of ruling elders elected in the class of 2022 (J. Cherepko, C. Shirey, and W. Siebert).
- Decided on assignments of elders for Care Teams and Committees in 2020.
- Called Part 1 of the 2020 Annual Meeting of the Congregation/ Corporation immediately after worship on 2/16/20 for the purposes of receiving annual reports for 2019, hearing a report on the Session-adopted 2020 budget, and conducting other business as appropriate.
- Thanked Paula McFarlane for her years of serving on the Session and for several years as our liaison with NCAA/Norwin Little League.
- Thanked John Simpson for his pastoral leadership as our bridge pastor and Session moderator for the past two years.
- Scheduled the next monthly Session meeting for 1/9/20.

NEW HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 2020 COMMITMENT TO PRESBYTERY OF REDSTONE

For each member, our commitment is:

Presbytery mission - \$8.90

Presbytery per capita - \$22.25

Synod per capita - \$2.40

General Assembly per capita - \$8.95

for a total of \$42.50 per member.

If you would like to help the church pay for our commitment, please use the PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT envelope contained in your 2020 offering envelopes.

The Care Team for Financial Stewardship

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

The deadline for the February newsletter is on Wednesday, January 15. Please submit articles, photos, and committee information to the church office via email. Thank you!

QUICK QUOTES

Wouldn't it be wonderful
if everybody behaved
like he thinks the other
fellow ought to behave?

January 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>From the breath of God, ice is made. And the expanse of the waters is frozen. Job 37:10</p>			<p>1</p> <p>No Meals on Wheels</p> <p><i>NEW YEAR'S DAY</i> Office closed</p> <p>No Handbells No Choir</p>	<p>2</p> <p>7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels</p> <p>5:45-8:00pm GS (Traficante)</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5</p> <p>9am Adult Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service with Communion</p> <p><i>EPIPHANY</i></p>	<p>6</p> <p>7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels</p> <p>7pm GLOH Girls</p>	<p>7</p> <p>7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels</p> <p>6:30-8pm GS mtg. (Simmons) 7pm Missions mtg.</p>	<p>8</p> <p>7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels</p> <p>5-7pm GS (Schwab) 6:30-7:30pm Bells 7:30-9pm Joy Choir</p>	<p>9</p> <p>7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels</p> <p>7pm Session mtg.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels</p> <p>4-9:30pm GS (Schwab)</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12</p> <p>9am Adult Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service Take down Christmas decorations after church</p>	<p>13</p> <p>7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels</p>	<p>14</p> <p>7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels</p> <p>6:30-8pm GS mtg. (Vanischak)</p>	<p>15</p> <p>7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels 10am Finance mtg. <i>February newsletter deadline</i> 6-7:30pm GS mtg. 6:30-7:30pm Bells 7:30-9pm Joy Choir</p>	<p>16</p> <p>7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels 8:30am MOW Board</p> <p>5:45-8pm GS mtg. (Traficante)</p>	<p>17</p> <p>7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19</p> <p>9am Adult Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service</p>	<p>20</p> <p>7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels</p> <p><i>MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY</i></p> <p>7pm Worship mtg.</p>	<p>21</p> <p>7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels</p> <p>6:30-8pm GS mtg. (Simmons)</p>	<p>22</p> <p>7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels</p> <p>5-7pm GS mtg. (Schwab) 6:30-7:30pm Bells 7:30-9pm Choir</p>	<p>23</p> <p>7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels</p> <p>5:45-8pm GS mtg. (Traficante) 7pm Property mtg.</p>	<p>24</p> <p>7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26</p> <p>9am Adult Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service</p> <p>4:00pm Pastor Brenda's Installation Service</p>	<p>27</p> <p>7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels</p>	<p>28</p> <p>7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels</p> <p>6:30-8pm GS mtg. (Vanischak)</p>	<p>29</p> <p>7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels</p> <p>6:30-7:30pm Bells 7:30-9pm Choir</p>	<p>30</p> <p>7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels</p>	<p>31</p> <p>7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels</p>	

JANUARY REMINDERS:

- Annual Reports are due to the church office on or before Friday, January 24.
- Pastor Brenda's Installation Service will be at 4:00pm on Sunday, January 26. All are welcome to attend!

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 10th Pat Glasser
11th Tom Baldrige
12th Sheli Stoves
13th Chris Van Allen;
Donna Van Allen
15th Jackie Hochard;
John Hochlinski;
Joan Walker
16th Paula McFarlane
21st David Thomas
22nd Tony Sacco
28th Vinny Oddo
29th Myron Elder

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 1st Gary & Judy Evan
3rd Bill & Marion Siebert
24th Jim & Betty Jo Wilson
27th Andy & Paula McFarlane

THANK YOU

I want the congregation to know how thankful I am to get the sheet with Scriptures on it, and the bulletins that are sent to me every week. Thank you for the wonderful Christmas gift, and for the cards I get from you, too. Merry Christmas!

Louise Underwood

MISSION AND OUTREACH

by Sue Pressler



BEVERLY'S BIRTHDAYS
www.beverlysbirthdays.org

One simple goal – to make a child feel special.

Beverly's Birthdays is a Pittsburgh non-profit organization that serves Southwestern PA. They partner with over 60 agencies, helping to bring joy to a child on his/her birthday.

Beverly's Birthdays provide birthday cheer for children experiencing homelessness, and families in need. Special milestones, like birthdays, are often overlooked because of their families' personal/financial circumstances. Beverly's Birthdays enriches the lives of the children they serve by making sure they are remembered on their special day.

For the month of January we will be collecting coloring books (children's and adult), crayons, and colored pencils (please include a sharpener if you can).

***Children are a heritage from the Lord,
offspring a reward from him.
---Psalm 127:3 (NIV)***

NEWS FROM OUR TROOPS (GIRL SCOUTS)

Girl Scout Troop 16331 under the leadership of Antonia Traficante will be hosting World Thinking Day at New Hope on February 22, 2020. The Junior Girl Scouts in the troop will be earning their Bronze award. World Thinking Day is a special day in the Girl Scout year when we remember that we are part of a worldwide movement. The World Thinking Day 2020 Theme is "Diversity, Equity and Inclusion." This year, we'll celebrate the immense diversity in our Global Movement.

Two girls in Tanya Schwab's troop recently received letters notifying them that their Gold Awards were approved, while two other girls were notified that their Silver Awards were approved in October. These are the highest and second highest awards, respectively, that a Girl Scout can earn. Congratulations to these scouts on their remarkable achievements!



The newly built dugouts on the NCAA ball-field, as pictured above, were completed as an Eagle Award project by a local Boy Scout.