



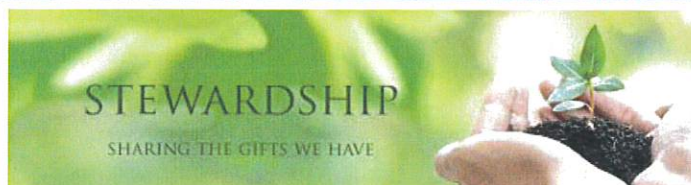
New Hope Notes

The Monthly Newsletter for New Hope Presbyterian Church

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Stewardship. The word always makes our eyes roll... But did you know that stewardship theory is a scientific framework that describes how people are motivated to work (or give their all) for a specific organization?

It is based on the idea that people are more likely to act in the best interests of an organization (like New Hope Presbyterian Church) than in their own self-interest. The theory says that those who give, when left on their own, will act as responsible stewards of the assets and resources of the organization.

In other words - you, as a member of the New Hope family, will do what is in the best interest of the family. The theorists (Donaldson and Davis, 1989) assume that given a choice between self-serving behavior and pro-congregation behavior, you will place higher value on cooperation within the congregation family.

There are five (5) parts of the theory (and I've put them in "church" terms so we understand the theory as related to New Hope), as follows:

Trust – we trust that the Lord Jesus Christ is our shared interest – the person and work of Jesus must be our shared goal.

Intrinsic motivation – we trust that our motivation is not personal, but rather spiritually connected. Our motivation for giving and serving is Jesus himself, and we get our satisfaction from that knowledge.

Collective mindset – we work for the good of Jesus Christ, not for ourselves. That means we serve others before we serve ourselves.

Long-term perspective – we trust that our long-term perspective is Kingdom related. We work without interference because we are working with Christ to grow the Kingdom of God.

Governance – we are all priests in the Kingdom, and we are empowered by Jesus to give and work for the deepest concerns of the Kingdom of God.

Friends, as we begin our fall "stewardship" thoughts, I know that we all trust and have the collective mindset (and governance) that our Lord Jesus Christ is already active and working, and we but join him in his work here on earth. We have the long-term perspective to work until Jesus comes back. But I cannot tell you what YOUR motivation is. I know that spiritually, we are connected and we are generous – but your personal motivation must be determined by you through prayer and understanding what God wants of you.

Pastor Brenda

SESSION SNIPPETS

Session Snippets from the September 12, 2024 Session meeting:

- Approved the procurement of Servant Keeper for church financial and database management.
- Approved an Ethical Conduct and Boundaries Policy.
- Approved an Anti-Racism Policy.
- Approved an increase in Code H12 of the spending plan to _____ for 2024.
- Approved the memberships of _____ (as approved via email prior).
- Approved our Presbytery of Redstone 2025 commitment in the amount of _____
- Approved having the Part II of the 2024 Annual Meeting of the Congregation on November 24, 2024.
- Approved 2025 financial and session officers.
- Approved our elder commissioner for the September Presbytery meeting.
- Pumpkin roll baking will take place on October 12 and November 16.
- Work is underway to remedy the mold issue in one of the classrooms.
- Approved reports of care teams, committees, pastor, clerk, and treasurer.

YOUR NEW HOPE ELDERS

FLOWERS FOR THE LORD'S TABLE

If you would like to order fresh flowers in celebration, honor, or memory of someone, please fill out the request form found in the office. The cost is \$20 for one large bouquet, which is placed in front of the sanctuary. Please see me if you have a specific request, and I'll try my best to fulfill this.

2025 OFFERING ENVELOPES

If you are currently receiving giving envelopes and you do not want them for 2025, OR if you do not currently have envelopes and you would like to have them for next year, please contact _____

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please be sure your newsletter articles for the November issue are received in the office on or before October 15. Photos are welcome and encouraged - let us know what your care team is doing!

October 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels 5-7pm Bountiful Blessings [SS]	2 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels 6pm Handbells	3 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels 10am Finance mtg. 5:45-8pm GS [FH] 6-7pm Alabaster [S]	4 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels 9:00am ROMEOs @ Bob Evans/NH	5
	6 9am Adult Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service w/ Communion 11:30am Coffee & Conv. 11:30am Blood Pressure Screening <i>World Communion Sunday</i> 7:00pm Fireside Chat [P]	7 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels 6pm Dinner prior to: 7pm Class	8 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels 6:30pm Mission mtg.	9 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels 6pm Handbells 6-7:30pm GS [FH]	10 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels <i>Pumpkin Roll donations due</i> 6-7pm Alabaster [S] 7pm Session [FH]	11 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels 9:00am ROMEOs @ Bob Evans/NH
12 9:00am Pumpkin Roll baking [K]						
13 9am Adult Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 12-2pm Blessing of Pets [P] <i>21st Sunday after Pentecost</i> 7pm last Fireside Chat [P]	14 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels 6pm Dinner prior to: 7pm Class	15 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels <i>Nov. newsletter deadline</i> 5-7pm Bountiful Blessings [SS]	16 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels 6pm Handbells	17 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels 9am NAMOW Board [H] 5:45-8pm GS [FH] 6-7pm Alabaster [S]	18 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels 9:00am ROMEOs @ Bob Evans/NH	19 6-9pm Game Night! [FH]
20 9am Adult Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 11:30am Flu Clinic 11:30am Cheapest Lunch in Town [FH] <i>22nd Sunday after Pentecost</i>	21 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels 6pm Dinner prior to: 7pm Class	22 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels	23 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels 6pm Handbells 6-7:30pm GS [FH]	24 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels 6-7pm Alabaster [S]	25 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels 9:00am ROMEOs @ Bob Evans/NH	26
27 9am Adult Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service with Oil Anointing <i>Stewardship Sunday</i>	28 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels 6pm Dinner prior to: 7pm Class	29 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels	30 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels 6pm Handbells	31 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels No Alabaster class		

We invite anyone to come to worship. If you can't be here in person, you can participate virtually. The worship service is livestreamed on the church Facebook page on Sundays at 10:30am at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Presbyterian-Church/New-Hope-Presbyterian-Church-120459321304492/>

C = Campus (building and grounds)
FH = Fellowship Hall (downstairs)
H = Hospitality Room
K = Kitchen
M = Music Room
S = Sanctuary
L = Library
P = Pavilion
W = Waterfall

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Bring your pets on Sunday, October 13 from 12:00-2:00pm for a special blessing from Pastor Brenda. We are collecting various pet items and monetary donations to benefit Drew's Crew, and they will be on site that day with adoptable pets! Please see a bulletin insert or call the church office to find out how you can help!

EARTHCARE AT NEW HOPE

Thanks to the crew of _____ who recently cleared the remaining brush out of the pollinator garden!

It was queued up perfectly for my trip to a native plant fall sale in Pittsburgh on Saturday. I picked up an assortment of plants and some ground cover starters (wild strawberry). Those are in addition to a transplanted native from _____ landscaping at home and some seeds harvested from another native plant doing well in our yard.

Norwin Landscape Supply donated mulch. With Erin's help, we took the blank canvas left by Donna's crew and planted and mulched. Hopefully all the plants weather the winter and we start seeing a beautiful display next year with less maintenance.

All the purchased plants had plant stakes which I put in too so we have a sense where to expect most of what next year.



ON THE CALENDAR

FIRESIDE CHAT

At 7:00pm on Sunday evenings in the Pavilion, through October 13. Enjoy warm cider, hot cocoa, and good conversation in front of a relaxing fire pit. Bring your own lawn chair!

GAME NIGHT

In the fellowship hall from 6:00-9:00pm on the third Saturday of each month. Bring your favorite game and a snack to share. And bring some friends to share the fun. The next date is Saturday, October 19!

GLIMMERS OF HOPE (GLOH Girls)

All women of the church are encouraged to become a part of this long-standing, lively group! Everything from meals and outings to book studies and a friendly smile of support can be found at a GLOH Girls gathering. See

Allen for more information, and let us welcome you soon!

ROMEOs (Retired Older Men Eating Out)

Want to have your morning coffee and swap stories and encouragement with other guys who are grounded in the faith? Meet us at Bob Evans on Route 30 in N. Hunt. on Friday mornings at 9:00 a.m. There's no specific agenda, just shooting the breeze over breakfast!

FLU SHOT CLINIC

We will host a free Flu Shot Clinic after church on Sunday, October 20, from 11:30am until 12:30pm. A representative from Rite Aid will be here to administer the flu vaccine to those who wish to receive it. Please bring your insurance card. This event is open to the community. If you would like to pre-register, or need more information, please contact the church office at 724-863-7702.

BOUNTIFUL BLESSINGS®

Bountiful Blessings® is a Christian-based community outreach program designed to help families and seniors during times of financial hardship by providing specific non-food items for free. There are no income qualifications, photo ID with current address and completed application required, No appointment necessary. Meets downstairs on the first and third Tuesday of each month from 5-7pm. Call the church office for more information.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

OCTOBER MISSION

Drews Crew will be onsite with adoptable animals!

CRAFT & VENDOR SHOW

Saturday, November 2, 10am-3pm

There are many ways to help!

Put a sign in your yard to advertise.

Share the Facebook Event.

Tell your family, friends & neighbors.

Help set up on Saturday morning (6:45am).

Help in the kitchen and/or around the show.

Help with clean-up afterwards (3:00-4:00pm).

SARRIS CANDIES SALE

Don't forget to order Sarris for family, friends, teachers or yourself! Also makes a great treat for out-of-towners!

25% of orders goes towards New Hope's Missions. Orders are delivered directly to you!

www.sarriscandiesfundraising.com

Group Code: 10-1051

Delivery fee is \$7.00

SARRIS CANDY FUNDRAISER

Save these Dates to bake pumpkin rolls!

Saturday, October 12

Saturday, November 16

HAS YOUR CONTACT INFO CHANGED?

Please call the church office with any changes to your address, phone number, or email address so we can update our records accordingly. Thank you!

STEWARDSHIP IS MORE THAN MONEY

by Care Team for Financial Stewardship

Remember that all we have belongs to God and we need to be responsible while managing them.

This is a good time to:

Money –

- Understand where you're spending by prioritizing your needs vs. wants.
- Have an emergency fund. Put some amount away each month.
- Check your 401(k) plans to ensure you are receiving the maximum employer match and that you are meeting the required minimum distribution.

Home

- Change batteries in smoke and CO detectors.
- Clean out dryer vents.
- Winterize perennials and clean out annuals to get a head start on your flower garden.
- Health
- Get enough sleep
- Get your flu, covid, and RSV shots.
- Get some books to read to relax your mind.

Environment

- Blessing of the Animals – love and care of all of creation should be a theme.
- Preserve Your Garden Goodies. Before the first frost hits your vegetable garden, preserve as much of your harvest as possible.
- Use fewer chemicals. Select chemical-free products for lawn & garden, beauty & hygiene, and household cleaners.

"Tithing is not giving; it is bringing."

Unknown

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

NEW MEMBERS

BIRTHS

BEREAVEMENT

Inscribe the Word

THE SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES

FORGIVENESS

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1. Matthew 19:26 | <input type="checkbox"/> 15. Luke 7:39-42 |
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OCTOBER SCRIPTURE WRITING PLAN

Writing out Scriptures is a way to understand God's Word and Hear His voice without distractions.

Each of these Scriptures should take fifteen minutes to copy.

Grab your journal, your Bible, and some pretty pens, and let us INSCRIBE THE WORD together.

For more resources and to join our Inscribe the Word Community, visit

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