



New Hope Notes

The Monthly Newsletter for New Hope Presbyterian Church

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Dear New Hope Church Family and Friends,

Have you ever prayed and prayed and prayed for God to make something happen - and it didn't? Maybe you felt like your were useless. Or maybe it seemed like God wasn't even listening to you!

I have! There are things that I have asked God to do for years, and He has not responded. Or perhaps He said "No." Either way, I wasn't real happy with Him.

Recently, a good friend of mine who had been struggling and praying about a couple things sent me this prayer. I really appreciated it and want to share it with you.

"God, thank you for the closed doors.

Thank you for not allowing me to settle for second best.

Every time I thought I was being rejected by something good,
you were directing me to something better.

God, I pray that you will give me peace when frustration creeps in.

I pray that you will give me strength to press on when I'm told "no."

God, I thank you for teaching me that 'non' is really just a step to a bigger and better "yes."

Amen.

I plan to put a copy of this prayer in my Bible so that I see it each morning when God and I get together to talk. I hope that it is helpful to you - if not today, perhaps someday in the future (or better yet, I hope that all of your most passionate prayers will be found to be wise by God and answered with a big "yes").

Sincerely in Christ,
John
Your Temporary Pastor

P.S. The more time you spend in conversation with God,
the clearer His voice will become to you.
1 Corinthians 2:9



"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Christ,

FINANCE

NEW HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 2019 COMMITMENT TO PRESBYTERY OF REDSTONE

The Care Team for Financial Stewardship

For each member, our commitment is: Presbytery mission - \$8.90, Presbytery per capita - \$22.35, Synod per capita - \$2.30, and General Assembly per capita - \$8.95 for a total of \$42.50.

If you would like to help the church pay for our commitment, please use the PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT envelope contained in your 2019 offering envelopes.

2019 FINANCIAL UPDATE

If you have any questions, please see John Cherepko, the church treasurer.

	INCOME	EXPENSES	NET
Jan	\$9,282.23	\$14,145.60	-\$4,863.37
Feb	\$11,499.29	\$13,489.96	-\$1,990.67
Mar	\$14,454.87	\$17,131.39	-\$2,676.52
Apr	\$13,518.81	\$13,304.68	\$214.13
May	\$10,634.51	\$13,281.75	-\$2,647.24
June	\$15,098.99	\$12,778.58	\$2,320.41
July 1-17	\$6,532.98	\$9,549.58	-\$3,016.60
Total	\$81,021.68	\$93,681.54	-\$12,659.86

NEW HOPE SESSION

SESSION SNIPPETS

by Bill Siebert

Meeting on 7/11/19, the Session...

- Had a short Bible study on wisdom in the Bible as a time of learning.
- Heard that three of our music people plan to attend a Volkwein's music planning seminar with costs to be covered by New Hope's Adult Education Fund.
- Heard about Vacation Bible Camp plans.
- Received replacement pages for the New Hope Session Manual to reflect PA state guidelines for child clearances to be every 5 years for volunteers.
- Heard that the Nominating Committee is ready to make nominations to the Session and Congregation/Corporation for elections later this year.
- Were briefed by Jim St. Clair and Rev. Simpson on P&S Landscaping findings on drainage problems on the church property. The next step is receiving a proposal to correct problems.
- Agreed that Rev. Simpson should contact St. Emma's on their availability to host the Session for a day apart on a Saturday in mid-September.
- Heard that Rev. Simpson contacted the presenter of a Validation Therapy program for adults with dementia to explore the possibility of bringing the program to the Norwin area.
- Scheduled the next Session meeting for 8/8/19.

YOUR NEW HOPE ELDERS

Clerk of Session: Bill Siebert

Class of 2019: John Cherepko, Bill Siebert, Paula McFarlane
Class of 2020: Helen Connors, Sue Pressler, Jim St. Clair
Class of 2021: Edith Burdis, Judy Evan, Donna Van Allen

QUICK QUOTES

Where will you be tomorrow?
Are you sure?

August 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>“Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.” James 1:12</p> 				1 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels	2 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels	3
4 10:30 Worship Service	5 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels	6 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels 7pm Missions mtg.	7 7:30am-12:30pm	8 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels 7pm Session mtg.	9 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels	10
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18 10:30 Outdoor Worship Service in the Pavilion with “Blessing of the Backpacks”	19 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels	20 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels	21 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels	22 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels 8:30am NAMOW Board meeting 7pm Property mtg.	23 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels	24 5:00-8:00pm BBQ & Tunes
25 10:30 Worship Service	26 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels	27 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels	28 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels	29 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels	30 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels <i>Office closed</i>	31

AUGUST REMINDERS:

- Outdoor Worship Service on Sunday, August 18 - bring a lawn chair if desired!
- “Blessing of the Backpacks” on Sunday, August 18!
- BBQ & Tunes in the Pavilion on Saturday, August 24, from 5-8. Bring your friends and have a great time!

DATES TO REMEMBER

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 2nd Mike Sich
5th Sheila Camp-Good
7th David Sacco;
Dylan Sacco
9th Jan Griffin
19th Jill Bitar;
Jeanette Schanz
26th June Best
30th Charlene Holt
31st John Cherepko



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 8th Mike & Kelly Buscemi
12th Gary & Karen Shupe
21st Richard & Kathy Cooper
28th John & Cheryl Gornall
30th Bill & Loretta Peters

OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE

by Judy Evan

On Sunday, August 18, we will enjoy the beauty of worship in a natural setting at an outdoor service in the church pavilion.

It is during this service that we will have our annual back pack blessing, just in time for back to school.

Bottled water and Sunny D will be provided for refreshments. Invite your family and friends to attend, and refresh your spirits with peace and tranquility.

Seating is available at the picnic tables, but feel free to bring a lawn chair if you'd be more comfortable.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

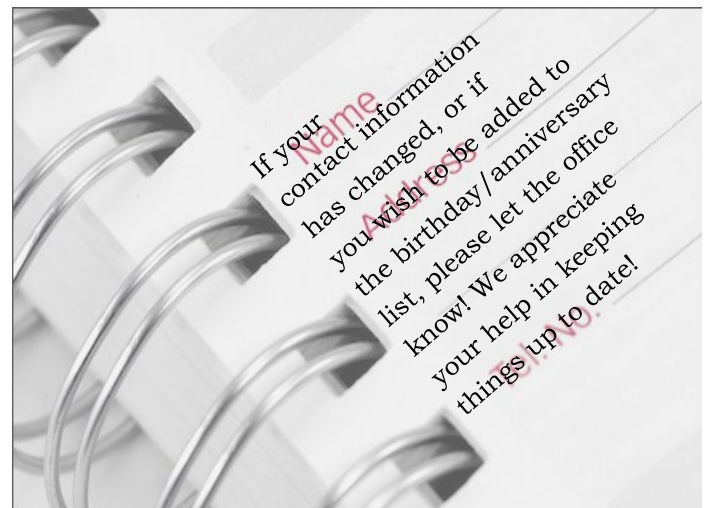


Our Mission of the Month item for August will be new or gently worn men's and women's jeans (mostly men's), which are being collected for distribution to Hands and Hearts for Hope. Hands & Hearts for Hope helps local people in need who suffer from homelessness, clothing, food and shelter insecurity.

Our thanks to those who donated deodorant in June - we collected 121 sticks!

The KING will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

CONTACT UPDATE



SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the September newsletter is on Friday, August 16. Please submit articles, photos, and committee information to the church office via email to contactnewhope@verizon.net. Thank you!



CHRISTIAN NURTURE

VACATION BIBLE SAFARI: LIFE IS WILD BUT GOD IS GOOD

by Donna Van Allen

Thank you to the congregation at New Hope for their tremendous support for VBS. We had 28 children trek with Moses and the Israelites while building bricks in ancient Egypt, experiencing the 10 plagues, crossing the Red Sea and wondering at the miracles of Manna and Quail in the Wilderness. The children learned that when life is unfair, is scary, or changes, God is good. And when life is good, God is good.

The VBS team was amazing and so gifted. They were able to share God's message to the families we were able to interact with. Patty Hart, Mary and Anthony Janetka led the opening and closing celebrations, assisted by Olivia Quinones. Thank you also to John Pressler for building the props necessary to launch the ping pong balls throughout the sanctuary.

Karen Thomas and Cheryl Gornall led the Imagination Station where the children used their imagination to get their tumble drums to stand back up and make paper bead bracelets and rain sticks.

The trekkers, led by fearless leaders Sue Pressler, Karen Shupe, and Donna Van Allen, were then off on Wild Bible Adventures as we followed the Israelites through their flight from Egypt. Thank you also to Pastor John for being a very persistent Pharaoh - he had one line to learn - "NO!"

The Hungry Herd Cafe was next, where fun snacks were prepared by Judy Evan, John Pressler, and Bunny Morrison.

The last stop was at Stampede Sports, led by Trudy Painter and John Sarosi. The Trekkers loved when John launched the New Hope rocket into the sky.

And finally, led by Isaac Anticole, the children retold the nightly story in pictures that were pre-

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sented as a review the next day.

The fearless Group leaders kept everyone on track. Thanks to Marie Campion, Mary Janetka, Olivia Quinones, Amanda Anticole, Anthony Janetka, Chris Van Allen, Carrie Tomko, Eva Campion, Michael Babilya. And thanks to Matt Anticole for managing the sound and videos.

Thanks to everyone who helped set up and take down decor. When Life is Wild, God is good.

FOOD, FAITH, AND FELLOWSHIP

MEALS ON WHEELS GARDEN

Congratulations to our Youth for planting and tending the garden outside Fellowship Hall! Meals on Wheels has already harvested and used one pan of beans, and ten cucumbers were included in a salad. Tomatoes soon to come!

We thank you for your service to Christ, and to the people who are shut-ins!

BBQ & TUNES

Please join us from 5:00-8:00pm on Saturday, August 24, when we'll enjoy a hot delicious meal and some cool music outside in the pavilion. Come and enjoy a cookout with great picnic food, including fresh corn on the cob, icy drinks, and live music in the pavilion by Hamilton Avenue Band. Cost is \$10/person. We'll see you on the 24th!

*Please see the signup sheet in the narthex to donate cookies. Also, volunteers are needed at 1:30pm to help set up and get things cooking; and helpers are needed at 4:30pm to serve food.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

When Life is Wild

GOD IS GOOD!



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