



New Hope Notes

The Monthly Newsletter for New Hope Presbyterian Church

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It is true – the only thing that is constant, is change.

That has certainly been the case these past two, three, four months? Has it been that long? Even that is change – from one month to the next – and the changes come rapidly. I used to think that technological changes were coming more quickly than we could imagine – but the daily news changes how we are to act (social distancing is 6' if you are in the grocery store, 9' if you are talking to someone, 20' if you are singing!); what we are to wear (to wear a mask or to not wear a mask in whatever situation you find yourself); and what the “yellow” phase means compared to the “red” phase, compared to the “green” phase of “re-opening.” It’s mind-boggling for certain!

I have found myself asking God, over and over again, “What are You doing!?” Why does God change things up? Why can’t we just keep things the same? It certainly is easy to remain where we were. And sometimes it is easy to go back to the same old, same old. But, while God reminds us of His faithfulness in the past, we cannot live there – we are moving forward. Jesus Christ is alive (Hallelujah!), the Holy Spirit is loosed, and we cannot go back. In fact, Isaiah tells the people of Israel:

“Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?”
(Isaiah 43:18-19a)

So the question for us is – are we seeing the “new things”? Change is not easy, even when we know that it is God doing the changing. We have to be deliberate to see those new things.

As we begin to move about, please be careful, but watch for the “new things” out there. How has your neighborhood changed? How have your friends changed? How has our congregation changed? Look for what God has done and is doing in our midst. Keep your focus on Jesus and his mission to the world as He calls us to ‘new hope’, even in the changes because Jesus is the same yesterday and today and forever. In that is our lasting hope!

Pastor Brenda

Worship is livestreamed on Facebook on Sundays at 10:30am (New Hope PC)!

Be sure to check your email each week, as we are emailing the link to the worship service so you can even worship after the fact. An order of worship is posted on the church website for download so you can participate in liturgy, just go to newhopepresbyterian.com to access it. We can also mail you this

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Dear Friends,
 On behalf of Excela Health, our frontline healthcare professionals, and the Latrobe Area Hospital Charitable Foundation and the Westmoreland Frick Hospital Foundation, we wish to express our sincere gratitude for your donation of masks in support of our efforts to manage the recent COVID virus threat to our community. Your generous contribution provides much needed help and hope to not only our patients, but to our dedicated healthcare professionals.

Your gift will be put to work right away to ensure that Excela continues to provide the very best in healthcare to each and every patient. We are grateful for your concern at this very difficult time and we applaud your efforts to support your community.

Thank you for your contribution. We wish you the best of health.

Sincerely,
 Albert J. N. , Jr.
 Vice President and Chief Development Officer
 Excela Health



Dear New Hope Presbyterian Church:
 The Norwin Lions and children of the Hahntown, Stewartsville, and Sunset Valley Elementary and Hillcrest Intermediate Schools “Thank You” for your generous donation of \$100 to the Norwin Lions Kitty Sack Program. It is so appreciated to keep the program going for these children who need our help.

Right now the Norwin School District is feeding the children. But your generous donation has helped with what we have already provided to the children and will allow us to start them out in the new school year. Thank you for stepping up to meet such a great need.

Thank you for all you do for the community.

Sincerely,
 Denise P, Secretary
 Norwin Lions Club

BIBLE STUDY

Beginning June 2

10 am Tuesday mornings

1 and 2 Peter – These letters are important documents in a time of deep persecution of early Christians. They were written to encourage those affected to stand firm in their faith by looking forward to the joys and glories of eternal inheritance and to be watchful of false truths and doctrines that turn the faithful from the eternal Kingdom.

Bible study will be held simultaneously on Zoom and “in person” in the sanctuary (maximum attendance = 25 people). Please let Pastor Brenda if you wish to attend in person or on Zoom.



A sign of the times (thank you, Matt A !)

A NEW GIVING OPTION

You can now donate to New Hope Church by using the GivePlus Church app that can be downloaded to your cell phone from the APP STORE or GOOGLE PLAY, or by using the QR code at the bottom of the article.

You can also use this option on the New Hope website. On the home page there is a GIVE NOW button. One can also mail checks to the church or use their bank’s online banking feature.

If you have questions or need guidance with the process, please contact John C



HONORING THE CLASS OF 2020

Although the end of this school year, like everything else, has not gone according to our plans, we would like to celebrate the Class of 2020 by holding them in our hearts, supporting them in their endeavors, and remembering them in our prayers. Congratulations!



Isaac A

Norwin High School

Isaac will be attending the [redacted]. He has been pre-admitted into their School of [redacted] where he will pursue a Doctorate in Physical Therapy after he finishes his undergraduate degree in Biology. He hopes to then focus on helping children achieve their rehabilitation goals.

Vincent O

Norwin High School

Vinny O [redacted] is a 2020 graduate of Norwin High School. He plans to attend [redacted] in the Fall. He is enrolled in the mechanical engineering program and looks forward to all the new experiences that will come his way. He relays his thanks to the entire congregation of New Hope for the years of love and support.

Eva C

Indiana University of Pennsylvania

I recently graduated Summa Cum Laude from Indiana University of Pennsylvania, earning my Bachelor's degree in Criminology and Criminal Justice. While I'm not sure what summer will bring, in the fall I will be attending Duquesne University School of Law. I hope that with a law degree I will be able to help under-served members of our community. I couldn't be where I am today without the prayers and support of all of you, so thank you from the bottom of my heart!

Bradley G

California University of Pennsylvania

Brad attended the California University of Pennsylvania where he earned a Master of Education (M.Ed.) in Counselor Education with a concentration in School Counseling and a Certificate in Student Affairs/Higher Education.

He (and Marie) will be moving to Manassas Park, Virginia, to be a high school counselor for a small school district. Brad says, "I'm incredibly blessed and grateful for the support and opportunities that I have received during this journey!"

Be sure to congratulate Brad on his engagement to Marie and wish them well on their journey together as they plan their nuptials.

Carrie M

Penn State University

Carrie M [redacted] (Lois H [redacted]'s daughter) graduated from the College of Education at Penn State University with her PhD in "Workforce Education and Development."

In addition to working full time working at the head of her department, she is a full time wife and mother who also spends time volunteering at her church, and enjoys acting. Carrie, your mother is very proud of you!

IMPORTANT MESSAGE

Although our Sunday worship looks different, our mission continues.

We encourage that you continue your financial support during this difficult time.

The following methods exist.

- Mail a check to New Hope Presbyterian Church, 12727 Lincoln Way, North Huntingdon PA 15642.
- Use your bank's online billing feature. Set up the church as a new payee.
- Use the GivePlus Church app on your cell phone. Go to the New Hope website at (<https://newhopepresbyterian.com>) and use the GIVE NOW button on the home page. This will take you to the same site as the GivePlus Church.

Words of the Bible Word Scramble

1. svrproe _____
2. ervleaonit _____
3. smtleanaoni _____
4. omrnas _____
5. gnseisie _____
6. bwserhe _____
7. eouksd _____
8. haeos _____
9. snaaltagi _____
10. ojnha _____
11. eudtermooyrn _____
12. rcahahezi _____
13. nbuesmr _____
14. nsppailiiph _____
15. seiephans _____
16. oieplmnh _____
17. eihemjra _____
18. eugjds _____
19. hobaaaid _____
20. hrtsee _____

Answers appear at the bottom of the next column (no peeking)!

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 6th Tyler T
- Lois Z
- 7th Oliver H
- Andy M
- 9th Jessica B
- 12th Prudy W
- 13th Rich Z
- 17th Edith B
- 21st Laurel W
- 23rd Takoda P
- 25th Karen S
- 26th Jim W
- 27th Carrie T
- 28th Walter B
- T J T



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 4th T J & Carrie T
- 8th Rich & Jill B
- 17th Wayne & Michelle M
- 27th Jeff & Vanda W

YOUR NEW HOPE ELDERS

Clerk of Session: Bill S
 Class of 2020: Helen C , Sue P , Jim S
 Class of 2021: Edith B , Judy E , Donna V
 Class of 2022: John C , Bill S , Carl S

1. Proverbs; 2. Revelation; 3. Lamentations; 4. Romans; 5. Genesis; 6. Hebrews; 7. Exodus; 8. Hosea; 9. Galatians; 10. Jonah; 11. Deuteronomy; 12. Zechariah; 13. Numbers; 14. Philippians; 15. Ephesians; 16. Philimon; 17. Jeremiah; 18. Judges; 19. Obadiah; 20. Esther

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