



New Hope Notes

The Monthly Newsletter for New Hope Presbyterian Church

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Dear New Hope Friends and Family,

If you worship with us regularly at New Hope Presbyterian Church, you may or may not have noticed that, when I am leading worship, I leave time for silence. I seldom, if ever, lead a pastoral prayer without significant periods for silent prayer.

One of the reasons for this is that I treasure silence in my own daily life and prayer life. The other reason is that there is so little silence in most people's lives today that I think there should at least be some silence in our worship and prayer together.

In one of his books, Chuck Swindoll suggests 7 things that silence helps to create for us. Please take some time to think about each of these as you read them. He writes:

WHAT DOES SILENCE CREATE?

Silence makes time for listening.

Silence gives freedom to observe.

Silence allows time to think.

Silence provides space in which to feel.

Silence lets us broaden our awareness.

Silence opens us to the entry of peace.

Silence invites us to know our limitations and God's vastness.

To Swindoll's seven, I would like to add an eighth. Silence gives us an opportunity to share ourselves with God, and for God to share Himself with us. I hope that you will take an opportunity to turn off the radio, television, cell phone, and computer today long enough to experience the beauty and wonder that silence can bring to our lives. You may hear things you've never heard before!

Sincerely in Christ,
John

"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

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.

The Care Team for Financial Stewardship

2019 FINANCIAL UPDATE
If you have any questions, please see John C, the church treasurer.

TAX ASSISTANCE FOR THE ELDERLY
Free AARP and IRS sponsored tax counseling is now located on the lower level of the Norwin Community Center (231 Jennie Drive in Circleville).

Appointments are necessary, and may be made by calling 724-382-5133.

NEW HOPE SESSION

SESSION SNIPPETS

by Bill S

Meeting on 2/21/19, the Session...

- Had a time of learning on Five Lies about Church Growth.
- Approved minutes of the 2/17/19 meeting of the Congregation/Corporation.
- Approved an update of New Hope's Inclement Weather Policy and its distribution to groups meeting at the church.
- Heard that a worship service with communion is scheduled for Ash Wednesday, 3/6/19.
- Heard that the pole light near the pond has been replaced.
- Heard a preliminary report on some recommendations from a safety and security evaluation of New Hope's property by a regional representative of Church Mutual Insurance Company.
- Had some discussion about reinstating a memorial fund, having a book to record memorial gifts, and notifying families of memorial gifts.

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

"One proof of being a Christian spirit is being able to disagree without being disagreeable."

CONTACT UPDATE

If your contact information has changed, or if you wish to be added to the birthday/anniversary list, please let the office know! We appreciate your help in keeping things up to date!

March 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p><i>"The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing." Isaiah 35:1-2</i></p>					1 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels WORLD DAY OF PRAYER	2
3 9:00am Adult Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service <i>Transfiguration of the Lord</i>	4 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels 6:15-7:30pm GS (Simmons) 7pm GLOH Girls	5 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels Fat Tuesday Pan- cake & Sausage Supper	6 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels ASH WEDNESDAY 7:00pm Worship	7 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels 5:45-8pm Girl Scouts (Traficante)	8 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels	9 11:00am-3:00pm Daughters of the American Revolu- tion Awards Luncheon in FH
10 9:00am Adult Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service with Communion "Coffee & Conversation" <i>Daylight Saving Time begins - spring forward!</i>	11 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels 6:30-8pm GS (Howard) 7pm Mission mtg.	12 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels 6-8pm Girl Scouts (Vanischak) 7pm Lenten Study	13 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels 10am Financial Stewardship mtg. 5-7pm GS (Schwab) 6:30pm Handbells 7:30pm Choir	14 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels	15 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels	16
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24 9am Adult Sunday Sch. 10:30 Worship Service (Joy Choir sings today)	25 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels 6:15-7:30pm GS (Simmons)	26 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels 6-8pm Girl Scouts (Vanischak) 7pm Lenten Study	27 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels 5:00-7:00pm Girl Scouts (Schwab) 6:30pm Handbells 7:30pm Choir	28 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels 7:00pm Property	29 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels Girl Scouts event in FH (Baker)	30
31 9am Adult Sunday Sch. 10:30 Worship Service						

MARCH REMINDERS:

- FAT TUESDAY PANCAKE & SAUSAGE SUPPER ON TUESDAY, MARCH 5 - BRING A FRIEND!
- Sign up for Pastor John's new Lenten Study - 7:00pm on Tuesdays from March 12 through April 9!
- Order your Easter Baked Goods AND your Easter plants before Sunday, March 31!

DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

3rd Joanne G
7th Lacey P
8th Jane H
12th Richard C
13th Faith S
13th Matthew S
14th Jim P
21st Zach V
24th David C
29th Sharon P
31st Steve S



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

PARKINSON'S DISEASE FITNESS PROGRAM

Redstone Highlands is offering a new, life-changing fitness and mobility program specifically designed for people living with Parkinson's Disease. "Delay the Disease" is designed to improve the physical, mental, and emotional realities for individuals living with Parkinson's Disease. This program empowers people with Parkinson's Disease to live better and experience new levels of hope in their daily walk through symptom-specific exercises that optimize function and restore independence.

OhioHealth "Delay the Disease" participants experience improvement in mobility, posture, balance, handwriting, speech volume, and reduction in daily functional challenges. The classes are a source of fun, social camaraderie, and hope.

This 10 week spring session begins on Tuesday, February 26, from 1:00-2:00pm at the Redstone Clubhouse (772 Frontier Drive, North Huntingdon). To make this more accessible to individuals, Redstone does not charge a fee for this program.

To enroll, please contact Linda Dickson at 724-832-8402, ext. 391.

NEW HOPE CHURCH MAILBOX

To all - I appreciated and enjoyed your Brown Bag Blessing bag. What a great idea! Thank you so much - God bless you.

Ruth P



Dear Friends at New Hope,

What a nice treat I received yesterday from you women at your church. Thank you so much! Everything in the Brown Bag is useful and fun! God bless all of you for your thoughtful kindness.

Sincerely, JoAnne H



Thank you to my friends at New Hope for the cards and well-wishes you have been sending!

Loretta P

BEREAVEMENT

Please pray for the family and friends of the following people who recently passed away:

Ken H on January 15
(Bunny M's brother-in-law)

Charlotte S on January 20
(Beverly B's sister)

Harry B on February 4
(Bonnie B's uncle)

Mark E on February 9
(Bunny M's nephew)



**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE
AT 7:00PM ON MARCH 6, 2019**



CHRISTIAN NURTURE

Hv2 YOUTH CREW

by Matt A

The Presbyterian Church is holding its Youth Triennium this year in Indiana from July 16-20. It is a big huge event that happens once every three years with lots of activities, music, conversation and fun for High School students.

There is a price tag of \$555 per youth, but we anticipate funding assistance to be available. Also transportation may also be available through our Presbytery. For more information visit: <https://presbyterianyouthtriennium.org/>

We're excited about what's ahead for our youth and hope to see as many families participating where and when there is a good fit for individual schedules and interests!

INTERESTED IN JOINING NEW HOPE CHURCH?

The process is fairly simple. If you are interested in joining the church, or would like to learn more, please see Pastor Simpson following the worship service, or call him at 724-244-6114.

LENTEN STUDY

Prayer. What is prayer like for you? Do you find prayer easy or difficult? When do you pray? How do you pray? Is conversation with God a natural part of your life, or is it a struggle for you?

Regardless of where you are in your conversations with God, there is always more to be learned. As an aid to learning, we are going to focus on the book "Before Amen" by Max Lucado, an interesting writer who writes with both humor and insight. We will also spend time in discussion.

I will offer the class for 5 Tuesdays, from March 12th to April 9th, at 10:30 in the morning, and at 7:00 in the evening (if enough people sign up for each class).

The only cost is \$10 for the book, but you can feel free to share one with a spouse or friends. **SIGN UP SHEETS ARE IN THE LOBBY TODAY!!!**

Please feel free to speak with Pastor Simpson if you have any questions.

FOOD, FAITH, AND FELLOWSHIP

"COFFEE & CONVERSATION"

"Coffee & Conversation" will next be held after the worship service on Sunday, March 10, and again on Sunday, April 14.

If you would like to provide treats or help set up for "Coffee & Conversation," please see the bulletin board in the narthex for available dates!

PANCAKE & SAUSAGE SUPPER

All are welcome to join us from 5:00-7:00pm on MARCH 5 for our Annual Fat Tuesday Pancake & Sausage Supper in Fellowship Hall.

Dinner includes pancakes, sausage, juice, coffee, and sweets for the low cost of \$5/person.

Bring some friends and enjoy this evening of food and fellowship with your New Hope Church family!



DELAYS AND CANCELLATIONS

If adverse weather conditions should result in the need to cancel or postpone services or activities, announcements will be televised on KDKA or WPXI.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

Our total food donations for Souper Bowl 2019
98 items donated to St John's Food Bank
80 Brown Bag Blessings were donated to
Meals on Wheels, with 8 food items
in each bag.

32 ceramic bowls were painted and donated to
the Westmoreland County Empty Bowl pro-
ject. Each bowl will be sold for \$15 at The
Empty Bowl event at Hempfield High School on
March 3, 2019.

A monetary donation of \$333.18 was sent to
Westmoreland Food Bank.

80 cans
5 bags of instant potatoes
6 boxes of pasta
1 pkg baby food
1 pkg fruit cups
2 bags chips
2 boxes cereal
1 cup 'o noodle

Thank you to the Mission Care Team, Hv2
Youth Crew, and New Hope Church members
for your support of this effort!

12th ANNUAL RACE FOR GRACE

The Race for Grace at Norwin High School will
be on Saturday, April 6, 2019, with opening ac-
tivities at 7am and race beginning at 9am. We
encourage you to register prior to April 1, 2019
to ensure you will receive a race t-shirt, howev-
er registrants will be accepted from 7-8am on
race day. Extra t-shirts will be available in lim-
ited supply.

Be sure to arrive early to participate in pre-race
entertainment and warm-up. Breakfast will be
available at the concession stand starting at
7:00am. After the race there will be an awards
ceremony, children's activities, charitable hair
donations, dance performances, basket raffle &
silent auction, and full concession stand of lunch
items available for purchase (to donate your
hair, please email [RaceForGrace@reflections
ofgrace.org](mailto:RaceForGrace@reflections
ofgrace.org)).

Visit our merchandise gift store and awareness
areas, which will be open throughout the day
as well. The day's events will conclude around
1:00pm. Hope to see you there!

NEXT MONTH AT NEW HOPE

EASTER BAKED GOODS

Orders will be taken for homemade Easter Baked Goods
from Sunday, March 17, through Sunday, March 31. Choose
your favorites from the following varieties: Apricot, Nut, or
Poppyseed Roll (\$10); Lemon Roll (\$8). Please use the form
included in your weekly bulletin to submit prepaid orders.
These freeze well, and also make great gifts!

EASTER PLANTS

Prepaid orders for Easter flowers may be placed from March
17, through March 31 at \$9/each. See the insert in your bulle-
tin to order lilies, mums, and tulips in a variety of colors.
Please also use the order form to designate whether these
are being ordered in honor or in memory of a loved one.

The deadline for the April newsletter is on Friday, March 22.
Please submit articles, photos, and committee information to
the church office via email at contactnewhope@verizon.net.