



New Hope Notes

The Monthly Newsletter for New Hope Presbyterian Church

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Friends in Christ –

With a heavy heart I write these words while snow is flying in the air and I am not certain when we will be together again. In any event, when we are permitted to gather, we will have to do so with extreme caution and with the greatest of intentions.

When we gather in the future, I suspect we will have to continue to wear masks, possibly be “screened” with a thermometer to be certain we don’t have a temperature before we enter the building, etc. There may be new “norms” we have to get used to for the sake of the safety of others.

Friends, the future is just that – the future. There is nothing scary about it and there is nothing to worry about concerning it. Paul told the Corinthians that the Resurrection is our future, “therefore, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.” (1 Corinthians 15:58)

You honor your pastor by doing just what Paul told the Corinthians to do – stand firm in your faith because it is a strong faith in Jesus Christ which witnesses to who he is in your lives. Let nothing move you from that faith position! And, when you work for the Lord, nothing is more precious than his blessings on jobs well done – checking on friends and neighbors, making masks for anyone who needs them, PRAYING for everyone involved, and most of all, demonstrating your faith in Jesus Christ.

Finally – be sure to thank Patty H, Donna V, Sue P, and Tracy W when you see them. Because of their faithfulness, we have been able to bring you the livestreamed Facebook worship services, newsletters and mailers to help in this time of difficulty and help members of our congregation in ways that are significant. Their faithfulness to our Lord is demonstrated in tangible ways. Also, be sure to thank our youth in their endeavors to bring us comfort through their daily devotions on Facebook.

This too, will end, and the future will be different, but we are people of “New Hope.” Amen!

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 information if you call the office and let us know you want it each week.

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Do you like to sew? Are you interested in helping your friends and neighbors during this difficult time? We are sewing masks for Excelsa Health Norwin Hills. Please call or email Sue P. There are two different types of masks to make, and Sue has patterns for their needs. AND, if you have made masks during this time, please let Sue know how many – we're keeping count!

The Christian Nurture Care Team is sending out emails, mailers, and posting on the Church Facebook page. The information includes weekly worship opportunities for families, and fun things to do for children (Flat Jesus and coloring pages, etc.).

Because we had to cancel the Easter Egg Hunt, the Hv2 youth put together "egg bags" with the filled plastic eggs, a coloring page and information regarding our scheduled Vacation Bible School. We posted on Facebook that these bags would be available for pick up and we had an overwhelming response from the community. We gave out more bags to the community than to our congregation. THANK YOU to Isaac, Amanda, and Donna for this great outreach to North Huntingdon!

Spiritual Formation class via Zoom on Thursday evenings at 7pm. The PowerPoint slides for each class are posted on the church website for download to follow along with the class. Because of security issues with Zoom, you must receive an email with the link and the password to enter into the conversation. You can also join the class via telephone with the meeting number (928 4820 9536) and password (864288). Anyone is welcome!

Beginning in May, Pastor Brenda will conduct a Bible study of 1 and 2 Peter. The class will be via Zoom on Wednesday evenings at 7pm. There will be PowerPoint or pdf documents to download (worksheets, etc.) to help follow along with the discussion. An email and One Call notification will be sent when we start this study.

UPDATE ON M

April 10, 2020

My dearest family and friends,

Thinking of everyone during this difficult and scary time in this world. Here is an update on mom. Starting two weeks ago, mom became a new resident within the memory care unit (same facility for the past two years).

Since she became ill around Christmas time, her health began to decline more which has led to some hospital trips and incident at the facility. I have been so blessed with being kept abreast about mom's daily functions. Although a painful decision to make, it was the right thing to move mom into memory care for safety reasons.

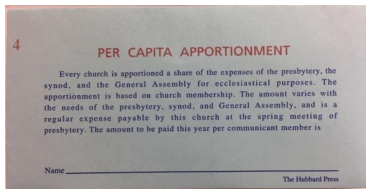
Being placed in this small setting has allowed mom to be more engaged in others. It's a blessing! Believe it or not, mom continues to surprise me. The other day after we did FaceTime on the phone, she actually called me back – wow! Needless to say, she wondered where I went, but I'm still amazed!

Due to the Coronavirus, I am unable to visit mom. I thank the Lord every day for having precious moments when we talk. We sing various versions of "You Are My Sunshine" and sometimes, a resident or two will sing with us. My focus is to be present in the moment to create memories and naturally, do things to laugh.

In lieu of sending any cards to mom, I'm asking that mom's cards be sent to me (*address provided below*). This way I can read and show them to her and share stories about you. I truly believe in my heart that mom loves hearing from people and loves to be loved.

Happy Easter and Love Always,
Stacy

PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT



The per capita apportionment is the way we Presbyterians share responsibility for the costs of our life together in ministry and our mission as one church. Our church shares in this commitment with the PC(USA) by payment of its full per capita apportionment. These funds come out of our general operating cash as part of our annual budget. The total this year is \$42.50 for each person on the membership rolls. We urge everyone who hasn't shared in this responsibility for this year to do so - it is one way you can participate in the mission of Christ to the world by giving just \$1 per week!

THE PASTOR'S REGISTER

Our thoughts and prayers for the family and friends of Ruth B, who passed away on April 7.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE

Although our Sunday worship services have been cancelled, 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.

YOUR NEW HOPE ELDERS

Clerk of Session: Bill S

Class of 2020: Helen C, Sue P, Jim S

Class of 2021: Edith Bu, Judy E, Donna V

Class of 2022: John C, Bill S, Carl S

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP - A NEW GIVING OPTION

New Hope has provided us with a new giving option through the Presbyterian Foundation. By using a cell phone app (GivePlus Church) that can be downloaded from the APP STORE or GOOGLE PLAY, one can donate to New Hope Presbyterian Church. One can also get to this site using the QR code at the bottom of the article.

To donate, one can use a credit card or a checking account. The payment method can be entered each time or if one creates an account (ID and PW), the payment method is saved for future uses. 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, please contact John Cherepko.



AMAZON SMILE

by John Cherepko

New Hope is part of AmazonSmile, a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices, and shopping features as Amazon.com. When you shop on AmazonSmile, please be sure to select New Hope Church in North Huntingdon, and the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the church. You can also use our EIN (20-2944637). The easiest way is to use the link below and then login to Amazon with your current ID and password.

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/20-2944637>

JUNE NEWSLETTER

The deadline for the June issue of the newsletter will be on Friday, May 15. Please submit articles, notes, photos, or committee information to the church via email to contactnewhope@verizon.net.



Women in the Bible Word Scramble



1. ashathbeb
2. bzietlhea
3. clhrae
4. marath
5. hsrara
6. bhraeek
7. mnoia
8. htru
9. teshher
10. belzeej
11. odhbear
12. hahna
13. yarm
14. risalpic
15. atamr
16. hela
17. iodahh
18. hdlelia
19. iabigal
20. miarim

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

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1st Vince O
- 12th Bunny M
- 13th Jim K; Lennon S
- 14th Mollie H; Gale L; Samantha S
- 18th Sue P; Kathy S
- 21st Shelby K
- 23rd Jim S
- 25th Julia K; Howard S
- 28th Cheryl P
- 29th David M
- 31st Marian P; Bruce Z



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 2nd Ron & Lois J
- 6th Steve & Gale L
- 8th Lori & Kevin H
- 29th John & Lynne C

MISSION TRIP PLANNED

A Redstone Mission trip to St. Albans, WV, has been tentatively scheduled for July 11-18, 2020. It includes young people 14 years or older. If interested or for more information, contact Phyllis F at _____ or email her at _____.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Norwin Area Meals on Wheels will need volunteers when they reopen. They also need to fill the position of Treasurer. If you're interested, please speak with Howard S.

1. Bathsheba; 2. Elizabeth; 3. Rachel; 4. Martha; 5. Sarah;
6. Rebekah; 7. Naomi; 8. Ruth; 9. Esther; 10. Jezebel;
11. Deborah; 12. Hannah; 13. Mary; 14. Priscilla; 15. Tamar;
16. Leah; 17. Hodia; 18. Dillah; 19. Abigail; 20. Miriam

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ANSWERS TO WORD SCRAMBLE