



New Hope Notes

The Monthly Newsletter for New Hope Presbyterian Church

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MAY 2019

Dear New Hope Friends and Family,

For a couple of weeks now, a 3x5 card has been sitting on my desk in my study at home. It contains this verse of scripture:

**“Eyes have not seen,
nor have ears heard,
nor has any human mind imagined
the good things that God has for those who love him.”**

1 Corinthians 2:9



Often when I walk by my desk, I read that verse because I find it so encouraging. My ultimate goal is to memorize it so that I will have its encouraging words with me wherever I go.

I find this passage so encouraging because I don't think that Paul is just talking about what God has prepared for us in heaven (although that is certainly a part of it). This passage also speaks to me of what God has prepared for me in this life as well. God intends the lives of those who love Him to be filled with good things in the here and now. And even when life is NOT so good - because of the problems, trials, and hurts that we face - it looks different when we love God and live in relationship with Him each day.

God has been so generous, gracious, loving, and kind to me (and, I trust, to you also) thus far in life, in spite of a few bumps along the way. I find it exciting and impossible to TRY to imagine what He might have in store in the future for those of us who love Him.

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 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
thru Apr 24	\$12,376.61	\$13,304.68	-\$928.07
Total	\$47,613.00	\$58,071.63	-\$10,458.63

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING donations

GARDEN
\$373.30



OGHS
\$928.00

Total collected = \$1,301.30 (*Thank you!*)

NEW HOPE SESSION

SESSION SNIPPETS

by Bill S

Meeting on 4/14/19 and 4/23/19, the Session...

- Received new members - Cheri C, Micci S, Gary S, and Karen S.
- Decided to do short Bible studies as a time of learning in each monthly Session meeting.
- Reviewed our insurance company's recommendations and our actions for improving safety and security of our church including the following:
 - Cleanout of our electrical room - completed.
 - Resurfacing of the playground area with a softer impact absorbing material - initial costs established and awaiting Property Committee meeting for a decision.
 - Installing security cameras - one bid received and awaiting a second bid and Property Committee meeting for a decision.
 - Assured that we have proof of liability insurance with outside groups that regularly use our building and grounds.
- Approved payment of a furnace roof unit repair bill of \$597 using the Maintenance Fund in Special Funds.
- Agreed that we should continue coverage through Church Mutual Insurance Company for the new fiscal year.
- Decided not to host a performance here by the New Generation Singers due to a low number of volunteers to host singers.

YOUR NEW HOPE ELDERS

Clerk of Session: Bill S

Class of 2019: John C, Bill S, Paula M
Class of 2020: Helen C, Sue P, Jim S
Class of 2021: Edith B, Judy E, Donna V

QUICK QUOTES

"You need not confess the sins of others."

May 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
<p>Psalm 98:4 Make a joyful noise to the Lord; all the earth; break forth into a joyous song and sing praises."</p>						
			1 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels	2 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels	3 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels	4
			6:30pm Handbells 7:30pm Choir	5:45-8:00pm Girl Scouts (T)		
5 9:00am Adult Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 11am-9pm "Dining to Donate"	6 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels 6:15-7:30pm GS (S) 7pm GLOH Girls	7 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels	8 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels 10:00am Financial Stewardship 5-7pm Girl Scouts (S) 6:30pm Handbells 7:30pm Choir	9 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels	10 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels	11 9am-2pm Hall reserved: B
12 9am Adult Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service <i>MOTHER'S DAY</i>	13 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels	14 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels 6:30-8:00pm Girl Scouts (V) 7pm Missions mtg.	15 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels 5-7pm Girl Scouts (S) 6:30pm Handbells 7:30pm Choir	16 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels 8:30am NAMOW Board meeting 5:45-8pm Girl Scouts (T)	17 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels <i>May newsletter articles due</i>	18
19 9am Adult Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service "Coffee & Conversation"	20 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels 7pm Worship mtg.	21 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels <i>ELECTION DAY Hall in use</i> 6pm Presbyt. mtg. @ 1 st /Murrysville	22 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels 5-7pm Girl Scouts (S) 6:30pm Handbells 7:30pm Joy Choir	23 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels 5:45-8pm Girl Scouts (T) 7pm Property mtg.	24 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels	25
26 9am Adult Sunday Sch. 10:30 Worship Service with Joy Choir	27 <i>MEMORIAL DAY Office closed</i>	28 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels <i>Norwin School Picnic</i>	29 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels	30 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels	31 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels	

MAY REMINDERS:

- "Dining to Donate" at the Norwin Applebee's from 11:00am until 9:00pm on Sunday, May 5!
- "Coffee & Conversation" in the Hospitality Room upstairs after the worship service on May 19!
- Primary Election on Tuesday, May 21: Fellowship Hall in use as a polling location.

DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY BIRTHDAYS



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

DINING TO DONATE ON MAY 5



When you visit Applebee's Restaurant in North Huntingdon between the hours of 11:00am - 9:00pm on Sunday, May 5, and present the flyer which can be found in your Sunday bulletin, the church will receive 15% of your check - it's as simple as that!

You must present a paper copy of the flier to your server or To Go Specialist in order for the church to receive appropriate credit. Please keep one for yourself and give the second copy to a neighbor.

Thank you in advance for your participation in this fundraiser!

Donation percentage excludes tax and gratuity. Flyers are not to be distributed in the restaurant or within the perimeter of the parking lot. Doing so will result in a voided event.

JUNE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the June newsletter is on Friday, May 17. Please submit articles, photos, and committee information to the church office via email at contactnewhope@verizon.net. Thank you!

NEW HOPE MAILBOX

Dear New Hope Presbyterian Church,
Thank you for your generous donation of \$100 to the Norwin Lions Club's Kitty Sack Project.

Your support is essential for our ongoing capacity to serve the less fortunate. As a supporter, you can take comfort in knowing your donation is being wisely utilized to feed the children in the Elementary and Intermediate Norwin schools.

Thank you!!
Denise, Secretary

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

On Palm Sunday, April 14, four new members were received into the congregation. They are:

Cheri C
Micci S
Gary S
Karen S

Welcome to our New Hope family!

BEREAVEMENT

Your prayers are requested for the A family. Erin's dear grandmother passed away right before Easter.

CHRISTIAN NURTURE

GLOH GIRLS PRESENT WORSHIP DRAMA

by Donna V

Join the GLoH Girls on May 12 for worship service at 10:30am for a time of honoring all women. We will be offering a presentation of "The Other Twelve Disciples," a Chancel Drama about twelve women in Jesus' life.

These are twelve women who represented a cross-section of society. They served Jesus and His disciples on a daily basis. They possessed uninhibited and reckless devotion to Jesus, and we will tell their stories.

NEW HOPE GRADUATES

by Donna V



If you know of a member of New Hope Church who will be graduating from high school, college, or trade school; please call the office at 724-863-7702 with their name, school, course of study, diploma/degree, and future plans.

We plan to recognize their accomplishments during the worship service on Sunday, May 26. Thank you!

MEMORIAL LABYRINTH WALK

Walk a labyrinth to meditational music by The Heavenly Biscuits at 2:00pm on Saturday, May 4, Pavilion D at Hempfield Park, Greensburg. Potluck Picnic begins at 3:30pm - bring a favorite dish to share!

FOOD, FAITH, AND FELLOWSHIP

"COFFEE & CONVERSATION"



"Coffee & Conversation" will next be held after the worship service on Sunday, May 19. Please stay to enjoy this time of fellowship with your church family!

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL



Enjoy fresh strawberries with cake and ice cream from 4:00-7:00pm on Saturday, June 8 in our Fellowship Hall. Hot dogs, ham barbecues, and beverages (soda, bottled water, iced tea) are also available for purchase. Everyone is welcome!

OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE

On Sunday, June 16, we will enjoy the beauty of worship in a natural setting at an outdoor service in the church pavilion. 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.



BBQ & TUNES

August may seem like a long way off, but it will be here before we know it! Go ahead and mark your calendars for Saturday, August 24, when we'll once again enjoy a hot delicious meal and some cool music outside in the pavilion. We'll see you at BBQ & Tunes from 5:00-8:00pm on the 24th!



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!

PANCAKE & SAUSAGE SUPPER

Clay, Lois, and her family had a great time at the Pancake & Sausage Supper on Tuesday, March 5. Here they are in the photo at left as they piled into the elevator. What beautiful smiles!

AWARDS LUNCHEON HELD HERE

Three area high school students, including a senior from Norwin, were recognized with the 2019 Good Citizen of the Year Award from the Queen Alliquippa Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution at a luncheon held in New Hope's Fellowship Hall on Saturday, March 9.

The students were selected by his or her respective high school based upon grade point average and submission of a timed essay.

Each of them received a DAR Good Citizen pin, certificate and wallet recognition card.

