



New Hope Notes

The Monthly Newsletter for New Hope Presbyterian Church

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Dear New Hope Family and Friends,

The Pastor's Page came to me in the form of an email from a friend. It is short, sweet, and very much to the point! But it reminded me of a tendency within myself that Jesus warned us against. It said to me, "Ooops, I need to be careful." See if it speaks to you as well...

A young couple moved into the neighborhood. The next morning when they were eating breakfast, the young woman saw her neighbor hanging the wash outside.

"That laundry is NOT very clean," she said.

"She doesn't know how to wash correctly.

"Perhaps she needs better laundry soap.

Her husband looked on but said nothing.

Every time her neighbor hung the wash out to dry,
the young woman would make the same comment.

About a month later, the young woman was surprised to see
a nice, clean wash on the line, and she said to her husband,

"Look, she has learned to wash correctly! I wonder who taught her this."

Her husband replied,

"I got up early this morning and cleaned our windows."

**AND SO IT IS WITH LIFE!
WHAT WE SEE WHEN WATCHING OTHERS
OFTEN DEPENDS ON THE WINDOWS THROUGH WHICH WE LOOK!**
(Matthew 7:1-5)

Sincerely in Christ,
John



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

AMAZON SMILE

by John Cherepko

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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	\$10,372.68	\$13,577.75	-\$3,205.07
Aug	\$11,452.83	\$12,718.57	-\$1,265.74
Sept	\$11,883.49	\$11,658.83	\$224.66
Total	\$108,197.70	\$122,087.11	-\$13,889.41

SESSION SNIPPETS

by Bill Siebert

Meeting on 10/10/19, the Session...

- Had a time of learning about *the One Call Now* system and its use for contacting members of groups within the church.
- Approved the minutes of the 9/12/19 Session meeting and the 9/29/19 Congregational meeting.
- Heard from Mission and Outreach about plans to have a speaker discuss Bountiful Blessings, a program to help those in need with non-food items, during our worship and fellowship time on 10/20/19.
- Confirmed that a seminar for the Session and Financial Stewardship Team on a "Culture of Generosity" will be led by a Presbyterian Foundation representative on the morning of 10/26/19.
- Heard from the Pastor Nominating Committee that they have identified a candidate to be the next called and installed pastor at New Hope Church. The PNC recommended, and the Session agreed, that a special Session meeting be called on 10/24/19 to hear and act on PNC recommendations for agreed upon terms of call for the candidate.
- Completed a review of the church roll and identified homebound and other members that our Ministry of Compassion Care Team will contact in the next several months.
- Scheduled the next Session meeting for 11/14/19.

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

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

The deadline for the December newsletter is on Friday, November 15. Please submit articles, photos, and committee information to the church office via email to contact-newhope@verizon.net. Thank you!

THANKSGIVING BAKED GOODS

Orders are now being taken for homemade baked goods. Return the order form found in your Sunday bulletin with payment on or before Sunday, November 3. Orders placed after that date can not be filled by the baker. You may pick up orders at New Hope Church on Sunday, November 24.


QUICK QUOTES

There isn't any use
trying to shine
unless you take time
to fill your lamp.

Order Thanksgiving Baked Goods no later than November 3 for pickup on the 24!

November 2019

Christmas Baked Goods and Poinsettia orders accepted from Nov. 17 to Dec. 1!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
 <p>“...let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”</p> <p>Matthew 5:16</p>						1 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels	2 10:00am-3:00pm Craft & Vendor Show at Circleville VFD
3 9am Adult Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service with Communion (no Hv2) ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY Daylight Saving Time ends - turn clocks back!	4 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels 7:00pm GLOH Girls	5 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels ELECTION DAY Hall in use as a polling location	6 7:30am-12:30pm 6:30-7:30pm Bells 7:30-9pm Choir	7 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels 5:45-8pm Girl Scouts (Traficante)	8 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels	9 Fellowship Hall reserved for private party	
10 9am Adult Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service “Coffee & Conversation”	11 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels VETERANS DAY	12 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels 6:30-8pm Girl Scouts (Vanischak) 7pm Missions mtg.	13 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels 10am Financial Stewardship 6-7:30pm Girl Scouts (Howard) 6:30-7:30pm Bells 7:30-9pm Joy Choir	14 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels 7pm Session mtg.	15 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels <i>December newsletter deadline</i>	16	
17 9am Adult Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service with Joy Choir	18 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels 7pm Worship mtg.	19 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels 6:30-8pm Girl Scouts (Simmons)	20 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels 6-7:30pm Girl Scouts (Howard) 6:30-7:30pm Bells 7:30-9pm Choir	21 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels 8:30am MOW Board 5:45-8pm Girl Scouts (Traficante) 7pm Property mtg.	22 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels	23 9:00am-1:00pm Session Retreat at the church	
24 9am Adult Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Pick up Baked Goods Stay after church to decorate for Christmas CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY	25 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels	26 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels 6:30-8pm Girl Scouts (Vanischak)	27 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels 6:30-7:30pm Bells 7:30-9pm Choir	28 No Meals on Wheels THANKSGIVING DAY Office closed	29 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY Office closed	30	

NOVEMBER REMINDERS:

- Due date for orders: Thanksgiving Baked Goods on November 3; Poinsettias on December 1!
- The Glimmers of Hope (“GLOH Girls”) Bible study meeting is on Monday, November 4th!
- Stay after church on Nov. 10 for “Coffee & Conversation,” and on Nov. 24 to help decorate for Christmas!

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1st Mark Rusnak
3rd Trevor Pierce
6th Vonda Miller
10th Lori Hinson
12th Isabella Buscemi;
Katie Jacobovitz
13th Helen Connors
21st Susan Couchenour
27th Wayne Maddock;
Kathy Oddo
29th Mary Lou Trogolo

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 9th David & Vonda Miller
19th John & Sue Pressler

MISSION AND OUTREACH

by Sue Pressler

WELCOME HOME SHELTER IN GREENSBURG

Welcome Home is a temporary emergency shelter located in the heart of Westmoreland County. They offer a clean, safe place to stay for families and single women experiencing homelessness. Welcome Home offers 30-60 days of emergency shelter and provides temporary respite for homeless families and single women.

November's monthly mission: The Welcome Home Shelter is in need of: Comet, Pine-Sol, or Spic & Span household cleaners.

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. (Hebrews 13:16)

During the month of September, 91 pairs of new boxer shorts were collected and delivered to the Union Mission in Latrobe. Thank you!

SIGHT & SOUND CHRISTMAS SHOW

The motor coach will depart Redstone Highlands North Huntingdon at 7am on Tuesday, December 10, bound for Lancaster. The first stop will be lunch and shopping on your own at Kitchen Kettle Village. The group will then go to Sight & Sound for the "Magic of Christmas" production, followed by dinner at an Amish Smorgasbord; arriving back home at around 11pm. Bus, show, and dinner are included at \$150/person. *Please call Amber at 724-832-8401 ext. 370 for more information or to reserve your spot!*

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA ORDERS

It's that time again to think of ordering your Christmas Poinsettias! These are a wonderful memorial and dedication gift for loved ones, especially since they will be used to beautify our sanctuary to the glory of God on Christmas Eve! They then can be picked up after the service. Order forms will be in the bulletin starting November 3 with final order date December 1. No orders will be accepted after this date. Colors available are Red, White, Pink and Marble at a cost of \$9/each. So get your orders and money in and help decorate God's House. Any questions please contact me!

Jan Griffin, Worship and Music Committee

SALVATION ARMY

by Joann Gilbert

ANGEL TREE

For those of you who participate in our Salvation Army Christmas Gift program, our Angels will be available on Sunday, December 1. Gifts must be returned to the church with tags attached no later than Thursday, December 12, so that they can be distributed to the recipients' families in time for Christmas.

RED KETTLE CAMPAIGN

If you wish to volunteer an hour of your time ringing the bell for the Salvation Army this holiday season, please see the signup sheet on the narthex bulletin board with available time slots. New Hope will ring between the hours of 10am and 8pm on Tuesday, December 10, at the Giant Eagle in North Huntingdon (on the Target side).

EMERGENCY SITUATION TASK FORCE

by Pastor Simpson

The Session is forming a task force to assist during emergency situations. This task force will develop policies and procedures for emergency situations (i.e. fires, etc.). If you are interested in becoming a part of this ministry or learning more about it, please call John Cherepko (724-972-6403).