

open hearts  
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## The Responsive Reader

NEW HOPE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
3777 New Hope Road · Pomaria, SC 29126

August 2021

### *From the Pastor*

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As I write this, VBS is only a few days away. VBS is one of the more important community engagement activities of New Hope. It brings in people from all around as their children come to have a bit of fun while learning about Jesus. This will be my first VBS with New Hope and I am really looking forward to it. The group planning for it really has their act together and it involves the whole church, which is very important.

Allen Stanton's book *Reclaiming Rural* comes to mind as we start VBS. Stanton reminds us that rural churches have long been "anchor institutions" for their communities. That is, rural churches have usually been around longer than any other organization in their community and have served the needs of their community more than any other group including governments and non-profits. New Hope, with its long history, is an anchor institution. The community knows that New Hope has been around for a long time and that the church has long strived to meet the needs of the community in which it works. Whether they know it or not, Pomaria depends on you.

You should be proud of this history of serving in the Name of Jesus in this community. As we work together to continue that tradition, I look forward to working with you as we seek new ways to serve Pomaria while continuing the good work already being done. So, keep your eyes open and be ever listening to see what needs are arising in our community that New Hope can meet. Remember, you are an anchor institution helping to keep the community going.

In His love,

Pastor Jesse



Please remember the **Pomaria Community Food Bank** when doing your grocery shopping. All donations are greatly appreciated and can be placed in the purple tub in the back of the church.

## *Serving in Worship – August*

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*Thank you for agreeing to serve in worship. Your willingness to serve is important. If you are unable to fulfill your duties, please make arrangements to change with someone else on the list.*

### **FLOWERS**

- 1 Erik and Natalie Lewis
- 8 Larry and Peggy Longshore in memory of Mr. & Mrs. J.W. Longshore and Mr. & Mrs. John Reese
- 15 Lee and Elaine Bedenbaugh in memory of Earl A. Graham Jr. and in honor of Dianne Graham
- 22 Ann-Marie Carlisle and Jennifer Brunson in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Perry Halfacre and in honor of Lauren and Lilly Brunson
- 29 David and Stephanie Graham

### **GREETERS**

- 1 Grallin and Susan Bullard
- 8 Lee and Elaine Bedenbaugh
- 15 Shane and Linda Livingston
- 22 Danny and Jenny Stone
- 29 Grallin and Susan Bullard

### **ACOLYTES**

- 1 Cullen Davis
- 8 Layla Huffstetler
- 15 Connor Long
- 22 Kursten Long
- 29 Cullen Davis

### **USHERS**

- 1 Danny Stone, Larry Longshore
- 8 Kurt Long, Michael Davis
- 15 Marty Livingston, Buddy Livingston
- 22 Aaron Livingston, Lee Bedenbaugh
- 29 Danny Stone, Larry Longshore

### **COMMUNION STEWARDS**

- 1 Evan and Rebecca Pitts

### **YARD MAINTENANCE**

- 7 David Graham, Mason Graham, Matthew Graham
- 21 Kurt Long, Aaron Livingston

## *Upcoming Events*

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- **School Supply Drive ...** The outreach committee will be sponsoring a school supply drive during the month of August to benefit Pomaria-Garmany Elementary. Please check the bulletin for a list of needs. All donations will be greatly appreciated.
- **Church Picnic ... Sunday, August 8 at 5:30pm.** Please plan to come out and join the fun and fellowship. A hotdog supper and homemade ice-cream will be provided.
- **Blessing of the Bookbags** will be held during the worship service on Sunday, August 15. Students of all ages are encouraged to bring their bookbags and receive this special blessing for the new school year.
- **Earl A. Graham Jr. Memorial Golf Tournament** – Saturday, August 21 at the Country Club of Newberry. Volunteers are needed to help make this a success! Look for a sign up sheet in the vestibule for ways you can help out or contact Elaine.

## *August Birthdays*

- 2 Brenda Waites  
Lauren Brunson
- 4 Russell Hawkins  
Larry Longshore
- 6 Derrick Livingston
- 7 Chris Carlisle
- 8 Barbara Lathrop
- 10 Elsie Fields
- 11 Jesse Harmon
- 13 Connie Graham
- 14 Karen L. Livingston
- 17 Kelly Hawkins  
Trey Simmons  
Lilly Brunson
- 19 Beverly Boulware  
Hannah Livingston  
Kurt Long
- 21 Janet Livingston
- 25 Billy Nichols
- 26 Sheena Kern
- 27 Rodney Wicker
- 29 Lori M. Frampton

## *August Anniversaries*

- 4 Gary and Teresa Ball
- 11 Brandon and Mandy Wicker
- 17 Grallin and Susan Bullard
- 20 Tim and Lynn Livingston
- 22 Quentin and Sheryl Gray
- 30 Bill and Sheena Kern



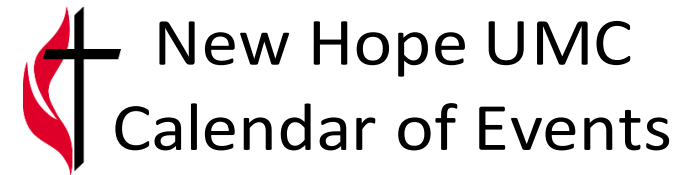
## *Organization News*

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*All meeting will be held in the fellowship hall unless otherwise noted.*

- **Men's Club** will meet on Sunday, August 1 at 8am in the fellowship hall.
- **SOC:** No meeting in August.
- **UMYF:** TBA
- **Young Adults:** TBA
- **Middle Agers:** TBA
- **Women's Prayer Breakfast:** TBA
- **'GO' Group:** will not meet until further notice.

# 2021 AUGUST



## New Hope UMC Calendar of Events


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
01 Men's Breakfast @ 8am Admin Council Mtg @ 7pm	02	03	04	05	06	07
08 Church Picnic @ 5:30pm	09	10	11	12	13	14
15 Blessing of the Bookbags	16	17	18	19	20	21 Golf Tournament
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29	30	31	01	02	03	04
05	06	07	08	09	10	11

## Upcoming Events

- ❖ 8/8 ... Church Picnic @ 5:30pm
- ❖ 8/15 ... Blessing of the Bookbags
- ❖ 8/21 ... Golf Tournament
- ❖ School Supply Drive for Pomaria Garmany Elementary
- ❖ 10/22-10/23 ... Turkey Stew

Do all the good YOU CAN.  
**BY** *all the means* ● *you can.*  
IN ALL THE WAYS YOU CAN.  
**IN ALL THE PLACES**  
===== **YOU CAN.**  
At all the times YOU CAN.  
To **ALL THE PEOPLE**  
**AS LONG** *you can.*  
● *as you ever can.*

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