

open hearts  
open minds  
open doors



## *The Responsive Reader*

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

September 2021

### *From the Pastor*

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We are now a year and a half into the pandemic and an end to the worry does not seem near at hand. Several New Hope members have been severely impacted by this dangerous virus, including hospitalizations and deaths. As I write this, Mimi and I are just three days past being significantly exposed and have chosen to quarantine. Hopefully, by the time the newsletter is published, the incubation period will have passed with no ill effects. For now, we stay at home and pray, just as many of you have done and likely will do.

This has also been a difficult month for the church and the world, with deaths and illnesses confronting us from all sides. Great wildfires rage on every continent. Oppressive and deadly heat has exploded in places that do not see such extremes. Massive floods have killed many and destroyed cities worldwide. And violence seems to be everywhere we turn. It seems as though life in this world just keeps getting more difficult.

For me, this all serves as a reminder of the necessity of relying on God. As Psalm 46: 1 – 2 says,

God is our refuge and strength,  
an ever-present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way  
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,

We cannot know what exactly the future holds in any detail. However, we do know that the God of all creation loves us, cares for us, and is with us through these trials. We also know that He has provided us eternal life through Jesus Christ. So, while tomorrow may not be assured in this life, eternity is guaranteed, bought with the blood of Jesus. “Therefore, we will not fear” for God has promised eternity to us.

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 – September*

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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**

- 5** Jenny Lynn Stone and family in memory of Geneve Morse, Averie Lynn Frampton and Beverly Jean Morse
- 12** Barbara Sue Graham and family in memory of Gerald Graham, Mrs. & Mrs. John Adam Graham and Stevie Graham
- 19** Russell and Kelly Hawkins
- 26** Barbara Smith and family in memory of Lindsay Livingston

### **GREETERS**

- 5** Lee and Elaine Bedenbaugh
- 12** Shane and Linda Livingston
- 19** Danny and Jenny Stone
- 26** Grallin and Susan Bullard

### **USHERS**

- 5** Kurt Long, Michael Davis
- 12** Marty Livingston, Buddy Livingston
- 19** Aaron Livingston, Lee Bedenbaugh
- 26** Danny Stone, Larry Longshore

### **ACOLYTES**

- 5** Layla Huffstetler
- 12** Connor Long
- 19** Kursten Long
- 26** Cullen Davis

### **COMMUNION STEWARDS**

- 5** Lee and Elaine Bedenbaugh

### **YARD MAINTENANCE**

- 4** Russell Hawkins, Michael Hawkins
- 11** Marty Livingston, Stuart Livingston
- 25** Homecoming ---- Men's Club

## *Upcoming Events*

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- **Adopt-A-Highway.....** will be held on Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup> @ 8am. Everyone is invited to come out and participate.
- **Homecoming / Golden Agers Sunday .....**Our annual Homecoming service will be held on Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. We will also be recognizing our Golden-Agers on that day during the worship service. More details to come soon.
- **Turkey Stew .....** Turkey stew will be going on sale by mid-September for \$8 a quart. We will preparing the stew on Friday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> with a drive-thru pick up on Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- **Charge Conference .....**Charge conference will be held on Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup> @ 12:30pm at Capers Chapel UMC.

## *September Birthdays*

- 3 Tracie LaCons  
Don Dennis
- 9 Brewer Holley  
Meleah W. Koenig
- 12 Matthew Graham
- 14 Lydia Parr
- 17 Lisa Yarborough
- 19 Jonathon Nichols  
Silas Pitts
- 22 Mitch Graham
- 26 Buddy Livingston  
Bill Kern
- 27 Phyllis Suber
- 28 Jeff Graham  
Bridger Boulware
- 30 Marilyn Rawls

## *September Anniversaries*

- 1 Don and Debbie Dennis
- 5 Forrest and Tracie LaCons
- 7 Marty and Karen Livingston
- 16 David and Stephanie Graham
- 24 Stuart and Haylie Livingston
- 30 Glenn and Cathy Graham



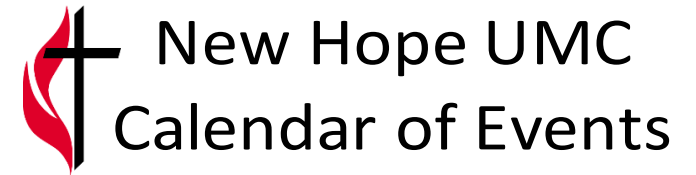
## *Organization News*

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

- **Men's Club** will meet on Sunday, September 5th at 8am in the fellowship hall.
- **SOC:** Meeting September 12<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm in the fellowship hall. Program: Ella Margaret Rawls
- **UMYF:** TBA
- **Young Adults:** TBA
- **Middle Ageds:** Please let Jenny know of October dates that would be good for an "apple run" and mountain visit.
- **Women's Prayer Breakfast:** TBA
- **'GO' Group:** TBA

# 2021 SEPTEMBER



## New Hope UMC Calendar of Events


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	01	02	03	04
05 Men's Breakfast @ 8am Admin Council Mtg @ 7pm	06	07	08	09	10	11 Adopt-A-Highway @ 8am
12 SOC Mtg. @ 7pm	13	14	15 Family Ministries Mtg @ 6:30pm	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 Homecoming and Golden Agers Sunday	27	28	29	30	01	02
03	04	05	06	07	08	09

## Upcoming Events

- ❖ 9/11 .... Adopt A Highway @ 8am
- ❖ 9/26 .... Homecoming and Golden Agers Sunday
- ❖ 10/22-10/23 ... Turkey Stew
- ❖ 11/7 .... Charge Conference

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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