

New Hope Presbyterian Mission Statement

We seek to fulfill Christ's greatest commandment to love God with heart, soul, mind and strength, and our neighbors as ourselves, by assuaging the hunger of our neighbors and ourselves for food, fellowship, and faith to satisfy the body's longing for sustenance, the heart's longing for belonging and the spirit's longing for connection with the Triune God, revealed to us most fully in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



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you.

The **Newton Development Center** would like to thank everyone at New Hope for all the Similac Baby Formula and Baby Wipes we have donated.

The need is always present for these items so continued donations are very much appreciated!



"Be still, and know that I am God." ~Psalm 46:10

Join us the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at 6:30pm for our Taizé Worship Services. The first Sunday of the month is held at Morning Pointe Assisted Living on Shallowford Road.

The third Sunday of the month it is held in the McMillan Building.

The service consists of prayer, scripture reading, music and meditation time. A snack and fellowship time follow the service.



The mission of the Samaritan Center is to meet the basic physical, spiritual, and social needs of people in our area, using the ministry of Jesus as their model.

We here at New Hope have been a support of the Samaritan Center in many ways. The one way we are helping is to accept donations of Laundry Detergent.

If you would like to donate a bottle or more of detergent, you may bring it to the kitchen in the Narthex and place it in the "Washing Machine" box. These donations mean so much to those who can't afford the cost of these necessary items.

Thank you for your support in this mission!



The New Hope News

April 2016

A WORD FROM PASTOR CANDACE

Fellow travelers on the Way:

We have some exciting events planned for April. The Monday morning Bible study will begin again the 4th of April at 11:00am after the prayer meeting and Andy Sanislo is leading a study of C.S. Lewis's classic *Mere Christianity* the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. Also the Wednesday Night Dinners return on the 6th.

There are many different opportunities to deepen your faith and relationship with God and others, whether through one of these or helping pack snacks for kids, serving the students at Hope House, PW Circle, choir, etc. We all need to be connected to each other and God throughout the week and not just on Sun-

days. Following Christ is a way of life, not a once a week activity. In fact, one of the earliest names for Christianity was **The Way**. So I encourage you to find a way that you can grow your faith, serve others, and worship God every day. Don't forget to have fun! After all, our Shorter Catechism states: our purpose as part of creation is to glory God and *enjoy* God forever. So enjoy!

Pastor Candace

(If you would like to contact Pastor Candace you may email her at "WorthPCUSA@live.com")



Please continue to save those **Box Tops for Education** and drop them off in the designated box in the Narthex kitchen.

We continue to send them to East Brainerd Elementary School. Each Box Top is worth 10 cents for the school!



Each month during the year on the third Tuesday of the month volunteers from New Hope go to the Chattanooga Food Bank and pack Sack Packs for families and individuals having a hard time making ends meet and providing food for their families. The need is great in our community and these boxes being put together is so much appreciated.

Last month Pastor Candace joined the group and had a great time putting boxes together! **BUT** more volunteers are needed. If you would like to help out, even for just one time it would be appreciated! Join us the 3rd Tuesday of the month! The next "packing" will be April 19th from 9:00am - 11:00am.

Elder of the Month
Jon Geerlings

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New Hope Presbyterian Church

Session Highlights



The March meeting of the Session was held on March 15th. The following are the highlights from that meeting.

- ◆ The Session approved the baptism of Mollie McDonald to take place on May 15th.
- ◆ The Treasurer's report -
 - ⇒ Giving continues to be down compared with this time last year.
 - ⇒ The Session approved the Treasurer's recommendation that money from memorial funds which have no designated purpose be consolidated into the New Hope Memorial Fund.
- ◆ Wednesday night supper and Bible study will begin again after Easter.
 - ⇒ The cost of supper will be \$7.00.
- ◆ The Session approved the purchase of new pots and pans for the McMillan Building kitchen.
- ◆ April 10th was set as the date to install the Elders of the Classes of 2017 and 2018.
- ◆ Committee assignments were made for the current Session.
 - ⇒ Ron Young – Buildings & Grounds, Jon Geerlings – Education, Barbara Krupp – Worship, Linda Brandon – Mission, and Gerai Kocher – Fellowship.
- ◆ The Buildings & Grounds committee is looking at several projects.
 - ⇒ Ways to revitalize the labyrinth.
 - ⇒ Adding insulation to the attic of the McMillan Building.
 - ⇒ Updating the kitchen in the narthex.
 - ⇒ Installing an additional yard drain.
- ◆ The worship committee reported that the Taizé service at New Hope will resume on the third Sunday of the month.
- ◆ Rev, Worth reported on several items.
 - ⇒ She is trying to make worship more kid friendly.
 - ⇒ She will be meeting with the children after worship on April 3rd to talk about the significant of communion.
 - ⇒ She would like to have a special worship activity for the children every 6 to 8 weeks.
 - ⇒ She is working with the management at the Embassy Suites to let them know of church activities that their guest might like to participate in.

The next Session meeting will be April 17th at 12:15PM.

Submitted by: Peter Savard, Clerk



Our Wednesday night suppers will begin on April 6th at 6:00pm with Bible study to follow at 6:45pm. Currently we will be having the suppers catered by Bud's Sports Bar and the cost will be \$7.00 per person. Children under 12 are free.

Edward Jones Workshop

Join us...On Monday, April 25th, Andy Bailey of Edward Jones will host a workshop for you to learn about important investment strategies. It will begin with dinner at 6:00pm in the McMillan Building.

To reserve space for yourself at this educational workshop, please RSVP to the Church Office at 892-0853, or call the Edward Jones office at 899-0792 by Thursday, April 21st.



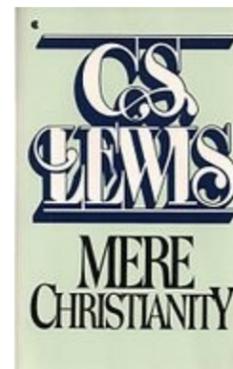
New Hope is re-certified for 2016 as a PC(USA) Earth Care Congregation. This means we qualified in areas of *Worship, Education, Facilities* and *Outreach* by continuing our journey to be better stewards of God's good creation. See our new certificate in the Book Share area in the Narthex. We continue to look for ways our church can be more environmentally friendly, so if you have a suggestion, please speak to Rosie Sanislo.

The April 2016 issue of *Real Simple* magazine has an article called 'Spring Clean Your Eco Habits'. One suggestion is to stick with bar soap for washing up. Liquid soaps and body washes require 5 times more energy for raw-material production, and nearly 20 times more energy for packaging production than bar soaps do. In a hand washing study, consumers used almost 7 times more liquid soap than bar soap. And then there is the issue of all those plastic containers, which I hope are refilled or recycled when empty. We can be kinder to the environment by making bar soap a greener habit.



Thank You,
Rosie - For the Earth Care Team

Sunday Evening Bible Study



A Bible Study on C. S. Lewis' "Mere Christianity" will begin on April 10th from 6:15-7:30pm in the McMillan Building. The class will be led by Andy Sanislo and be held the **2nd** and **4th** Sunday of April and May. If you have questions please speak with Andy.

In the classic *Mere Christianity*, C.S. Lewis, explores the common ground upon which all of those of Christian faith stand together. Join us for an interesting study of his legendary broadcast talks.

The question is not what we intended ourselves to be, but what He intended us to be when He made us. He is the Inventor, we are only the machine. He is the Painter, we are only the picture.
C.S. Lewis



The following is a brief summary from our Treasurer on New Hope's Budget through February 29, 2016.

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| Offerings YTD: | \$17,197.50 |
| % of 2016 Budget: | 11.7% |
| Expenses YTD: | \$22,619.30 |
| % of 2016 Budget: | 15.4% |



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The PW Officers will hold their monthly Board meeting on **Monday, April 4th** at 11:00am in the McMillan Building.

On **Tuesday, April 12th** the Circle Group will be meeting at 10:00am for their Bible Study.

We encourage all the women of New Hope to come to the Annual Spring Gathering on Saturday, April 30th, hosted by New Providence Presbyterian Church in Maryville. The theme this year is "**Building Bridges**". These gatherings are always interesting and enjoyable.



In May we will be having the PW Birthday Offering. Please watch for more information.

Wednesday Volunteers Needed!

On Wednesday, April 6th we will begin our Wednesday Evening Supper and Bible Study. Volunteers are still needed to help in various areas. If you could help in **Set-Up, Serve** and/or **Clean-Up** it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Gerai Kocher or the Church Office to get more information or to sign up.

