

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.



Community Kitchen Needs

Donations may be placed in designated basket.
Thank you!

Coffee	Men's Jackets Size L
Grits/Oats	Thermal Underwear
Powered Milk	(all sizes),
Soups/Broths (dried or large cans)	Plastic Grocery/
Dry Cereal	Garbage Bags,
Tomato Sauce, Pasta	Razors
Cooking Oil	<u>Ongoing Needs:</u>
All Types of Seasonings (salt, pepper, garlic powder, etc)	Napkins
Flour	Cornstarch
Mayonnaise	Canned Meat (large) - tuna/chicken
Ziploc Sandwich Bags	Plastic Dinnerware
Toilet Paper	Instant Mashed Potatoes
Socks	Travel Size Toothpaste
Men's Shoes	Deodorant



The following is a brief summary from our Treasurer on New Hope's Budget through December 31, 2016.

Offerings YTD:	\$139,507.21
% of 2016 Budget:	94.7%
Expenses YTD:	\$134,648.42
% of 2016 Budget:	84.1%



Chattanooga Area Volunteer Opportunities

Operation Song - Veterans Empowered Through Songwriting www.operationssong.org,
Facebook: Operation Song Chattanooga

Department of Veteran Affairs - Ambassador Services, Appointment Reminder Calls, Office Support, Lab Aide, Van Drivers
Contact: Claudia Cox (Bo) at 423-893-6500, ext. 27093

Chattanooga Community Kitchen - Volunteers needed 7 days a week, 24 hrs a day in the following areas: Food Service, Consider the Lilies Thrift Store, Office, Family Housing & Learning Center, St. Matthew's Shelter for Men, General Operations, St. Catherine's Shelter for Women, Front Desk, Maclellan Family Shelter
Contact the volunteer coordinator at 423-756-4222

Partnership for Families, Children & Adults - Partnership programs focus on the specific needs of the Greater Chattanooga community through 5 services: Stability Services, Deaf Services, Mission Driven Enterprises, Victim Support Services & Elder Support Services
Volunteer: 423-697-3824

Foster Grandparent - As a Foster Grandparent, you'll help children in your community develop the academic and life skills that are critical to their development and future successes.
Phone: 423-643-6418
Website: www.NationalService.gov/SeniorCorps

Erlanger - For volunteer opportunities contact Emilia Jones at 423-778-7892 or emilia.jones@erlanger.org or Ann Oliver at 423-778-7478 or ann.oliver@erlanger.org



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The New Hope News

Candace's Pastoral Ponders...

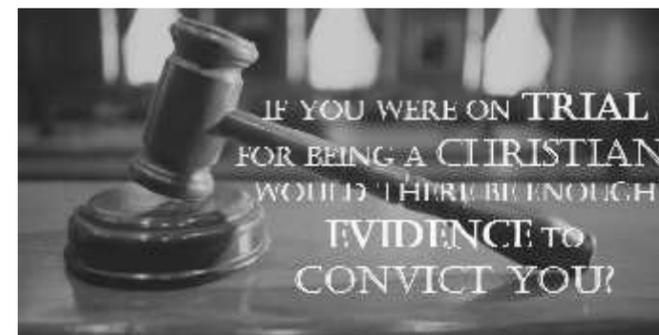
WOW! I can't believe it's been one year already! Preston, Greer and I have truly been blessed by the New Hope family during our first year in Chattanooga and I pray that we have been a blessing to you as well. This is an exciting time in the life of New Hope. I have enjoying trying new things with you all and am looking forward to trying more new things this year. While there seems to be a great deal of joy on your part with being part of New Hope, I hear the quiet and constant refrain 'we are in decline.' The future of this congregation does not feel as certain as it once did. We need to discern what God's vision is for New Hope. Otherwise, as Stan Ott says, "we tend to keep things just the way they are. We do only what is necessary. We make few sacrifices and settle for tradition and repetition. We say 'things are good enough for me.' However, there is no such thing as keeping things the same. We either grow or decline, increase in vitality or die. Our vision either looks behind us to stagnation or forward to life."

Size is **NOT** a factor in vitality. In our Book of Order, the Presbyterian Church states, "The great ends of the Church are:

- ◆ The proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind;
- ◆ The shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God;
- ◆ The maintenance of divine worship;
- ◆ The preservation of the truth;
- ◆ The promotion of social righteousness; and
- ◆ The exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world." F-1.0304

Another way to put it is that the Church is called by God to worship the God who loves us, serve the congregation itself, and reach the surrounding community and world. Usually congregations are better at doing one or two of these but not all three. Where do you see New Hope's strengths and weaknesses?

As we look to our future, let us do so with a 'holy flexibility' that appreciates what God has done among us in our past and is currently doing, while being open to new ideas and approaches that will help us grow in spiritual vitality with God's grace. I'll leave you with one more quote. Stanley Hauerwas and William Williamson write in their book Resident Aliens, "Our use of the images of the church as a colony and Christians as resident aliens was meant to set this matter in stark contrast. From a Christian point of view, the world needs the church, not to help the world run more smoothly or to make the world a better or safer place for Christians to live. Rather, the world needs the church because, without the church, the world does not know who it is. The only way for the world to know that it is being redeemed is for the church to point to the Redeemer by being a redeemed people." We must expect great things from God just as the charter members of New Hope did when they risked forming a new congregation. God can and does do amazing things!



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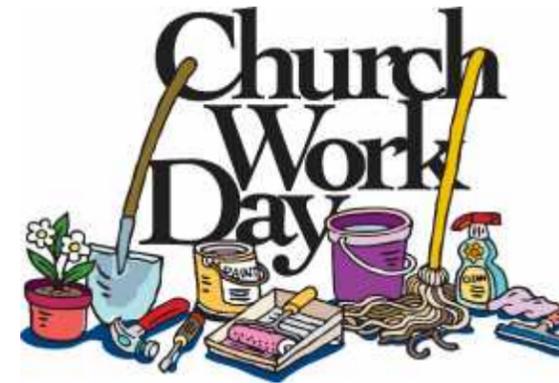
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THINKING GREEN

This month we can literally 'think green' because the color experts at Pantone.com announced that the 2017 Color of the Year is "Greenery" [Pantone 15-0343 TCX]. Pantone is *the* leading color trend forecasting company, sets color standards, and influences fashion, textile, paint and brand colors in materials and industry. The yellow-green color for 2017 is a bright, vibrant, natural hue meant to inspire calm, peace, hope and new beginnings. Just what we need!! All God's colors are beautiful of course, but this year as you see "Greenery" pop up in fashion and house décor, pause and reflect and be refreshed. Spring is just around the corner, and once again green will be in abundance! Maybe you can bring a little of this color into your life.

For the Earth Care Team,
Rosie



Saturday Morning, February 18 at 8am
(weather permitting)

We need to accomplish the following:

- ◆ Weed and deadhead the shrubs in the front of the church
- ◆ Trim the tree on the right side of the entrance
- ◆ Pickup downed limbs on the property
- ◆ Install the bench at the bus stop in front of the church

Chili, cornbread & coleslaw will be served at noon
for all who come to help!

Summary of the Session Retreat - January 21, 2017

- ◆ Rev. Worth led several exercises on leadership.
- ◆ The Session adopted the budget for 2017.
 - ◆ A budget report to the congregation will be available in the near future.
- ◆ The Session welcomed new members Rosie Sanislo and Norris Watkins.
- ◆ Session committee leaders were appointed.
 - ◆ Mission - Linda Brandon
 - ◆ Buildings & Grounds - Ron Young
 - ◆ Education - Jon Geerlings
 - ◆ Fellowship - Rosie Sanislo
 - ◆ Worship - Barbara Krupp
 - ◆ Evangelism & Outreach - Norris Watkins & Phillip Wright
- ◆ Phillip Wright was elected as commissioner to the Presbytery meeting February 11th.
- ◆ The Annual Presbytery Statistical Report was approved.
 - ◆ A copy is available in the office for anyone who is interested.
- ◆ The Session began a discussion on long range planning.
 - ◆ Both long range and shorter range goals are important.
 - ◆ Goals provide a way for us to assess how we are doing.
 - ◆ Six month goals: planning for Vacation Bible School and more involvement of children in the worship service
- ◆ The next Session meeting will be February 19th.



Submitted by
Peter Savard
Clerk of Session

Elder of the Month
Rosie Sanislo



Attention Ladies: a monumental change is coming to our PW Circle. We will now meet on the **second Thursday** of the month, instead of Tuesday. If you have not been able to attend Circle due to a Tuesday conflict, join us now on Thursdays at 10:00am in the McMillan Building. (Circle at Morning Pointe will remain on Tuesdays at 2pm.) Everyone is welcome. We continue to study Horizon's Bible Study "Who Is Jesus?" Our next meeting is Thursday, February 9th. Contact Rosie, Gerai or Lizz with any questions.

Officer Meeting - Monday, February 6 at 11am, McMillan Building
Circle Meeting - Thursday, February 9 at 10am, McMillan Building
Circle Meeting - Tuesday, February 14 at 2pm, Morning Pointe



Fellowship of the Least Coin



Presbyterian Women in countries all over the world celebrate their Fellowship of the Least Coin (FLC) with prayer and a collection of their lowest denomination coins. In 1956 after a trip to Asian countries, Shanti Salomon of India became aware of the need to create a belonging to a worldwide fellowship of faith - even among women who would never travel. Thus, the FLC was born. Sixty years later, the Fellowship continues as a unique prayer movement in many countries. Funds are collected nationally, but the total income from each country is not published. Grants are distributed through an international committee to individual projects, church conferences and organizations, women's programs,

scholarships for young women and emergency grants for disaster relief. Grants for 2016 totaled \$261,800 to fund programs on all continents. Small coins add up! New Hope's PW participates in the Fellowship of the Least Coin with an offering each month at our Circle gatherings. This money is added with other PW groups in our Presbytery at the Spring Gathering, and then sent forward. The collection for 2016 from the Presbytery of East Tennessee was \$1067.06.

Summary from Horizons Magazine November/December 2016