

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.



Help from the Heart of the City

Community Kitchen Needs

Donations may be placed in designated basket.
Thank you!

Powdered Milk	Toilet Paper
Soups/Broths (dried or large cans)	Socks
Dry Cereal	Men's shoes
All types of seasonings	Sheets (all sizes)
Flour	Adult size underwear
Ziploc sandwich bags	Razors
	Toothpaste (travel size)

Thanks from the Mission Committee



We want to thank the congregation for their generosity in providing 17 filled shoe boxes for the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child project. A special thank you to Robin Smith and Andy Sanislo for spearheading the project and making sure the boxes were delivered to the right place at the right time.

Linda Brandon & Phillip Wright

Church Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday
9am - 2pm

Pastor Hours

Monday - Thursday
8:30am - 1:30pm



The following is a brief summary from our Treasurer on New Hope's Budget through November 30, 2016.

Offerings YTD: \$129,602.00

% of 2016 Budget: 88.0%

Expenses YTD: \$124,395.43

% of 2016 Budget: 84.1%



Upcoming PW Events for January

1/2 at 11am - Officer's Meeting, McMillan Building
1/10 at 10am - Circle Meeting, McMillan Building
1/10 at 2pm - Circle Meeting, Morning Pointe

STAFF

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January 2017

The New Hope News

Candace's Pastoral Ponders...

January is the month of new beginnings. We think about the start of a new year as if it is a second (or fiftieth) chance to change things from the way they were the previous year. We make resolutions to do things differently. Webster defines resolve as to settle, sort out, solve, find a solution to, fix, straighten out, deal with, put right, put to rights, rectify. It comes from a Latin root which means to intensely loosen. At first glance the Latin meaning seems at odds with the modern one. When I think about a resolution I think about tightening up not loosening. However the more I pondered, the more I thought about a knotted rope which must be loosened in order to be used again.



Our lives can easily become like a rope or chain haphazardly placed in a drawer. Soon there are knots or tangles which need to be undone if we want to use it. However, if we keep the rope or chain in proper order it is much less likely to develop knots. Walking with God keeps our lives in order so that they aren't as likely to become entangled. When we resolve to straighten out our lives we are loosening the tangles which bind us and taking on the yoke of Christ. I encourage you to make a resolution this year not just as a cultural ritual which has little lasting effect on our lives, but as a spiritual discipline. Christ's death and resurrection enabled us to have new life. So let's let God make new the things in our lives that are keeping us from a deeper relationship with God.

Check all those pant pockets and sofa cushions!!

January 8th is our **2-Cents-a-Meal** pick up day! All of your donations go to our Sack Pack program for East Brainerd Elementary. No change? No problem! Folding money is gladly accepted!



It's Sack Pack time! **New Hope Sack Packs**

We will be packing sacks on Sunday, January 8th! These packs will go to students at East Brainerd Elementary. Many hands make light work—we would love to have your help on January 8th! And remember, all donations to the 2-Cents-a-Meal fund go toward this program!



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THINKING GREEN

I recently read an article about a very large new solar farm near Florence, Alabama that is now hooked into TVA's power grid providing electricity to 15,000 homes. The solar farm features more than 300,000 solar panels covering 645 acres of farmland, and will generate cost-effective, clean, solar energy for years to come. Approximately 105,000 tons per year of carbon dioxide emissions generated by fossil fuels are saved with this one solar farm. Credit belongs to NextEra Energy Resources for developing this project. More and more of these solar farms will appear in our landscape as renewable energy sources gain economic viability.



It was hard to judge just how big 645 acres is. So, a little calculations helps with the perspective. One acre is a square with 208.71 feet per side; 645 acres is a little over 1 square mile. One would walk over 4 miles to hike around the perimeter of this solar farm. I wondered about the previous usage of this land—did Native Americans live there? Did slaves work there picking cotton? Did the land grow corn to feed animals, or fuel our gas takes with ethanol? For now, with today's technology, solar farms seem like a good idea as an alternate use of the land, and a new way to keep the land productive while supporting good stewardship.

For the Earth Care Team,
Rosie

<p><u>January Acolytes</u> 1/1/17 - Sarah Ivey 1/8/17 - Stephen Patrick 1/15/17 - Greer Harris 1/22/17 - Chase Lowery 1/29/17 - Joseph Townley</p>	<p><u>January Greeters</u> 1/1/17 - Gerai Kocker & Dewey French 1/8/17 - Judy Smith & Chase Lowery 1/15/17 - Cheri Perry & Polly Chesnutt 1/22/17 - Dorothy Taj & Teena Bledsoe 1/29/17 - Hank Saeger & Marilyn Suber</p>	<p><u>January Ushers</u> 1/1/17 - Roger Meyer & Peter Savard 1/8/17 - Andy & Rosie Sanislo 1/15/17 - Avery & Beverly McCuiston 1/22/17 - Phillip & JoAn Wright 1/29/17 - Jon Geerlings</p>									
<p><u>January Communion Assistants</u></p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td colspan="3" style="text-align: center;">1/1/17</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="width: 33%;">Peter Savard</td> <td style="width: 33%;">Shaun Townley</td> <td style="width: 33%;">Barbara Krupp</td> </tr> <tr> <td>JoAn Wright</td> <td>Hank Saeger</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>			1/1/17			Peter Savard	Shaun Townley	Barbara Krupp	JoAn Wright	Hank Saeger	
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1/3 Kathryn Ousley-Watkins	1/17 Anoose Taj	1/23 Roger Meyer
1/3 Herb Robinson	1/20 Matt Talley	1/28 Gary Ridge
1/6 Don Kaller	1/23 Jon Geerlings	

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>New Year's Day</i></p> 1 9:45am Bible Study 10:45am Worship 12pm Youth Grp. 5pm OA Mtg. 6pm Sunday Drive	2 10am Prayer Group 11am PW Officer's Mtg. in McMillan Bldg 5:30p S-Anon Mtg.	3	4 7:30p Choir Practice	5 9pm Sewing Group	6 8pm TGIF Support Grp	7
8 9:45am Bible Study 10:45am Worship 12pm Youth Grp. 5pm OA Mtg. 6:30pm Taize Service at Morning Pointe	9 10am Prayer Group 5:30p S-Anon Mtg.	10 10am Circle Mtg in McMillan Bldg. 2pm Circle Mtg at Morning Pointe 7:30p RCA Support Mtg	11 7:30p Choir Practice	12 9pm Sewing Group	13 8pm TGIF Support Grp	14
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