

The New Hope News

Candace's Pastoral Ponders...

Summer is a time when we feel like we are entitled to take a break. School is out, the weather is nice, and days are long. Summer is a time for fun and vacations, time with friends and family. Even though bedtimes may be later and routines may be more flexible, there are still some parts of our routine that cannot be broken. We still have to do things like pay our bills, remember to practice reading, sleep and eat and exercise.

At New Hope, we too are taking time during the summer months to have a more flexible routine and spend our time together building our relationships with one another and with God. We have now entered into what is called the Ordinary Time of the church year, that time between the Lent/Pentecost season and the Advent/Epiphany season. For most of us ordinary is a misnomer. This season is not ordinary because it is boring or time to take a break from God and/or the church. It is merely called ordinary because the church uses ordinals--1st, 2nd, 3rd--to count the Sundays. The dictionary defines ordinary as something "with no special or distinctive features; normal," with synonyms: usual, normal, standard, typical, common, customary, habitual, everyday, regular, routine, day-to-day. In our culture normal or ordinary has taken

on an undesirable connotation--we like to be special, unique, extraordinary. However, *ordinary* in the sense of our faith speaks to daily habits and routines that *order* our walk with God. We are creatures of habit, both helpful and not so helpful. To keep ourselves close to God and on the path that God has for us requires us to have discipline or order within our lives and practices. Daily prayer, Bible study, and meditation are disciplines that help keep us on the right path.

The Liturgical color for Ordinary Time is green. Green is a color used to symbolize growth. During the summer when our schedules aren't so busy and our time may be more flexible we can take time to grow in our faith. The PW is continuing their Bible Study through the summer and the Monday morning Bible study will continue as well, not to mention Sunday worship and the Adult Bible Study. I encourage you to use this wonderful time to year to spend more time with God, whether you are outside or inside. May this Ordinary Time truly be a time of growth for each of us.

Pastor Candace

Elder of the Month
Gerai Kocher

Web Page Updates

If you have submitted information that is on the church's website please take time to review it and send updates to Peter Savard at PGSavard@gmail.com or to the Church Office at NewHope@epbfi.com.

People can't be involved in things that they don't know about or have already taken place.



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TREASURER'S REPORT

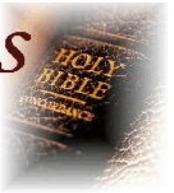
The following is a brief summary from our Treasurer on New Hope's Budget through April 30, 2016.

Offerings YTD: \$41,851.85
% of 2016 Budget: 28.4%

Expenses YTD: \$48,462.40
% of 2016 Budget: 32.9%



Bible Studies



"Explore Ancient Rome"....

The Adult Sunday School Class will examine Paul's Letter to the Romans beginning Sunday, June 12th, at 9:45-10:30 am, in the McMillan Building.

Join us for an in-depth study, discussion and fellowship!

Presbyterian Women



The PW Officers will hold their monthly Board meeting on **Monday, June 6th** at 12:00 noon in the McMillan Building.

On **Tuesday, June 14th** the Circle Group will be meeting at 10:00am for their Bible Study. They will enjoy some light refreshments.



Church Women United

All ladies are invited to join the Church Women United at their General Meeting on Friday, June 3rd. It will be held at Bayside Baptist Church, 6100 Hwy. 58 in Harrison, TN.

"Prayer Over Troubled Waters"



Pastor Tommy Peak from Chattanooga is heading up "Prayer Over Troubled Waters" on Saturday, June 4th. Praying for our community, city leaders, police officers, fire fighters and first responders!

Join them at 1:00pm on the Walnut Street Pedestrian Bridge near the Hunter Museum. They will pray hand in hand from one end of the bridge to the other for our city. For more information contact Pastor Tommy Peak at 423-320-2099, tom-mypeak58@gmail.com.

THINKING GREEN

Our Presbytery of East Tennessee has some great posts and resources to keep us informed about creation stewardship issues. If you don't already get it, sign up for Presbytery's monthly e-newsletter and read about the **Climate & Energy Stewardship Team**. [go to www.presbyteryeasttn.org to find the link]



The Stewardship Team's May 2016 newsletter talks about our individual carbon footprints which contribute to greenhouse gases and global warming by driving our cars and burning fossil fuels in the generation of electricity. Electricity use accounted for 37% of CO2 emissions in the US in 2015. The article goes on to ask "just how much carbon are we releasing when we run our appliances, TVs and air conditioners?" According to the EPA, the average American home emits about 1400 pounds of CO2 each month from electricity use. Something called the 'social cost of carbon (SCC)' was estimated as \$37/ton. That means that electric use in an average household creates a social cost of \$26/month. What are we to do with these numbers? Stay tuned! The Climate and Energy Team promises to post more information in the next few months, so please keep reading and learning. It's all about how "*we can make a difference in caring for God's good creation.*"

Session Highlights



Meetings of the Session were held on April 17th and May 15th.

- † At the May meeting the Session accepted Jean and Sally Thomas as members of New Hope by letters of transfer from Second Presbyterian Church, Chattanooga.
- † The Treasurer reported on the state of contributions for March and April.
 - ◆ While contributions have almost reach projected levels as of April, they are still falling just short of expenses.
 - ◆ Transfers of funds have been made between budget categories in order clean up the budget.
 - ◆ Our investments were up in April.
- † We are still waiting for a plan from the designer to update the Narthex kitchen.
 - ◆ The designer will meet with members of the congregation to get an idea of what we need.
 - ◆ Any changes will be kept simple.
 - ◆ The Session realizes that any update will require additional funds and we may need to run a fundraising program in order to complete the project.
- † The Session discussed how our children can be included in the worship service.
 - ◆ The feeling was that it is important for our children to be present during the worship service so that they can learn what worship is all about and why it is important.
 - ◆ Rev. Worth is working on making the worship service more meaningful for the children.
 - ◆ A children's bulletin will be available to help the children understand what is happening and why.
 - ◆ Positive comments have been received on the children's bulletin.
- † The Session discussed adding the ability to receive contributions electronically.
 - ◆ Peter Savard will check into this and report at the next Session Meeting.
 - ◆ At the May meeting Peter presented information on using PayPal and a service from the Presbyterian Foundation to receive online payments.
 - ◆ These options will be explored further.
- † The Buildings & Grounds committee reported that insulation will be added to the attic of the McMillan Building to reduce heating/cooling costs.
 - ◆ The insulation project has been completed.
 - ◆ Painting of the McMillan building meeting room has been completed.
 - ◆ A new water meter will be installed to help reduce the cost of the irrigation system.
- † The Fellowship committee will continue to use Bud's Sports Bar for food during April.
 - ◆ Congregation members will resume cooking during May.
 - ◆ The cost of the dinner will remain \$7.00.
 - ◆ Wednesday night suppers will continue through the end of May.
 - ◆ There will be no pot-luck supper in May.
- † The Worship Committee announced that the Taizé service at New Hope on the third Sunday of the month will be cancelled. The service at Morning Pointe on the first Sunday of the month will continue.
- † The Education committee announced that Vacation Bible School will be the first week in June. **(The VBS has been cancelled since the Session Meeting).**
 - ◆ Children's Sunday School will continue until the end of May and be suspended for the summer.
 - ◆ The Education committee is open to meeting with parents to discuss how to proceed in the fall.
 - ◆ Adult Bible Study will continue on as it is.
- † Pastor Worth's Report:
 - ◆ The Wednesday Night Bible Study topic will be "Losing Moses On The Freeway."
 - ◆ Rev. Worth is reviving the Monday morning Bible study.
 - ◆ Rev. Worth put an article in the newsletter regarding missions and asked those with ideas to see her, Linda Brandon or Phillip Wright.
 - ◆ There is a need to update information on our website and to keep the information there up to date. Anyone with announcements or updated information can leave it in the office or send it to Peter Savard.
 - ◆ Rev. Worth will be on vacation June 20 – 26.

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

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.



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!



Save the Date



Ladies of New Hope, mark your calendar for Saturday, July 30th at 2:00pm.

We are hosting a Bridal Shower for Trisha Sanislo! More details will be in the July Bulletins and Newsletter.



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!



With the summer months coming things are at a slower pace around the church, so the next newsletter will be a July/August Newsletter.

If you know of an event or information coming in August, be sure and have the information in to the Church Office by June 27th.

You may email your information to NewHope@epbf.com

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