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The New Hope News

PASTORAL WORDS

WORSHIP is the heart of our Christian discipleship. In the long history of the Church, worship has taken an uncountable number of forms. The variations of worship in our culture today is almost endless and for good reason.

WORSHIP is the effort to connect us with God and what works well for some may not work at all for another. What worked well at one time in our life may not work well later on. Some forms of worship can actually turn people away instead of building that bridge that makes life rich with meaning. If we expect people to worship, the experience has to meet their needs in some way.

THIS summer we at New Hope are offering a fresh way of worship on Sunday evenings at 6:30. The service will consist of scripture readings, prayer, music and meditation in a tradition known

as Taize (pronounced Ta-Zay). It will be followed by a time for interacting and sharing some food.

THE diverse world we live in, with its rapid change and generational divides needs to be offered different styles of building a connection with God. I encourage you to attend these services, but even more I encourage you to invite those you know who don't attend traditional services or can't attend on Sunday mornings, to try these evening services. History proves that there are many effective ways to worship. Here is a fresh way to approach God and experience the truth of the gospel which never changes, that God's love calls us into a relationship that gives strength, stability and joy to the sometimes daunting adventure of living.

Pastor Frank Jump

New Hope Presbyterian Church



Summer Ministry Hours

The Session has extended Rev. Jump's contract as Interim Pastor through this August. They agreed to a more flexible schedule for him to accommodate family commitments and some long-standing travel plans. Pastoral care will continue as before on an 'as needed' basis. His time at the church will vary through the summer depending on the circumstances and he will work more from his home. You are encouraged to call him anytime with needs, questions or concerns [886-1517 (h) or 802-6084 (c)] He is glad to arrange appointments either at the church or as home visits.

Elder of the Month
Lizz Savard



Calling all Facebookers

Did you know that New Hope has a Facebook page?

Follow us at ...
New Hope Presbyterian Church.

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New Hope Session May Highlights

The following items were discussed at the Session Meeting held on May 17, 2015:

- ✍ The treasurer presented the financial report for April.
 - ◆ The report indicates that we are somewhat behind in income at this time, but we are still in good shape.
- ✍ The Session received a letter from the Presbytery regarding the Church Relations Team project and asking for participants.
 - ◆ The Church Relations Team is trying to gather the names of people who might be interested in periodically visiting another congregation for worship services and possibly a Session meeting.
 - ◆ The visiting friend will connect with the participating congregation for a period of 2 years. The object is to become familiar with what other congregations are doing and to reconnect with other churches.
- ✍ PNC report.
 - ◆ The PNC had its first get acquainted meeting with a candidate. While the meeting went well, the committee is continuing to look at other candidates.
 - ◆ Rev. Jump provided a list of 21 names of pastors who might be interested in New Hope. We will reach out to those people.
- ✍ Rev. Jump's contract has been extended through the end of August.
- ✍ There was a lengthy discussion of the Congregational Interest Survey with an emphasis of how to follow up on the information. There are 40 people who have indicated areas of interest. While people who responded will not automatically be placed on a committee they could be asked to come together and brainstorm in their area of interest. It was noted that congregation members are always expressing their thoughts and ideas to the members of various committees.
 - ◆ Members of the various committees will contact the people who have expressed an interest to get their suggestions and ideas.
- ✍ The Session discussed a process for maintaining a list of church visitors and their contact information in the church office and how to follow up with that information.
- ✍ The Buildings & Grounds committee reported on updates to the New Hope buildings and landscaping.
 - ◆ The new sidewalk out front has been installed.
 - ◆ Lighted cross on the sanctuary building is fixed.
 - ◆ The lights on the sign and building will be updated with light sensors instead of timers.
 - ◆ There is no problem with the cross on the sanctuary building. It just needs to be repainted.
 - ◆ The committee is looking into installing two washer lights to shine on the steeple.
 - ◆ Landscape should begin the week of the 18th.
 - ◆ There has been a proposal for a major overhaul for the kitchen in the McMillan Building.
 - ◆ A contractor will be contacted to get an estimate.
- ✍ The Session was reminded that all dedicated donations to New Hope must be presented to the Session for approval and acceptance.
- ✍ The Worship Committee reported that planning is continuing for the Taize Services scheduled for June 7th.
- ✍ The committee is looking into getting signs for the front lawn.
- ✍ We will create a Facebook event to advertise.
- ✍ The Education committee reported that Vacation Bible School will be held July 7-10 and will use both the McMillan Building and the Sanctuary.
- ✍ The Mission committee indicated that there will be a Mission Committee meeting Tues. June 2nd.

The next Session Meeting will be June 14th at 12:15pm.

Submitted by: Peter Savard, Clerk



Invite your friends and join us the week of July 7th through the 10th (Tuesday through Friday) for our Summer VBS Program.

Watch the Sunday bulletins for more information to come.



This summer our national Church will hold another Big Tent event in Knoxville, July 30th through August 1st. This gathering is for Presbyterians from all over the country and abroad, to share resources, ideas, worship together and building relationships.

For East Tennessee to host this national event, there are 200 volunteers needed to help things flow smoothly. It's a great opportunity to see the Church at large and to experience a refreshed faith.

There are posters in the Narthex which provide more information and we are hoping a group from New Hope will be a part of hosting the Big Tent.

If you are interested please speak with Rev. Jump for more information.



Check out the next information series of Meet the Nexus: How Food, Water, and Energy are Connected on the Earth Care Bulletin Board.

FYI, Americans throw 40 percent of their food in the trash every year!! This costs the average family as much as \$2,275 annually.

About 25 percent of water consumed in the U.S. each year goes toward food that never gets eaten, and it takes energy to produce and transport that wasted food. Meal planning is a great way to reduce food waste and to save water, energy and money.

How can you be a better steward?

Thanks, from the Earth Care Team



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

NEW Hope is planning to begin a Sunday Evening Taize (Ta-Zay) Worship Service. It will be held in the McMillan Building at 6:30.

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

NOTABLY missing from a Taize service is a sermon. And no church staff will be leading the service. We hope the time and the style may attract some who may be looking for something different from a typical service. All are welcome. We are hoping to promote this service via Facebook and will be asking members to share and invite guests through Facebook contacts. We are committed to six evening services. As we get close to that time we plan to decide if we wish to continue, continue at another time, or discontinue.

TAIZE services originated in France during World War II. A person of the Swiss Reformed heritage purchased a place in France and started the community. Today there are Taize services and youth events in many countries. On the Scottish island of Ionia there is a Taize service with Presbyterian background. The music varies by location. Ours will be led by guitar and possibly a hammered dulcimer if a player can be found. We invite you to support this by attending and inviting friends to join was well.



The Community Kitchen is in need of various items. If you would like to donate, you may bring your items to the Narthex kitchen and place them in the designated basket.

The items needed are: Dry Milk, Cornstarch, Vegetables (# 10 cans), Canned fruit (#10 cans), Napkins, and Jelly. Thank you for your generosity!

The Outreach Committee

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 Colonnade Theater in Fort Oglethorpe is presenting the adult production "Big Fish" on Friday, June 19th at 7:00pm.

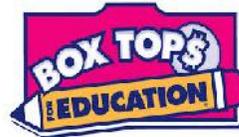
We would like to get a group together to enjoy an evening play. Gerai Kocher's granddaughter, Susan Zeglen has a part in this production!

If we can get 15 or more to attend, the cost will be only \$10 per person. If you are interested please speak with Teena Bledsoe or Gerai Kocher by June 14th.



The PW will have their Board meeting on Monday, June 1st at 11:00am in the McMillan Building.

The ladies had a wonderful time and a delicious meal on Tuesday, May 19th at The Tea Cottage as they got together one last time before summer begins to enjoy fellowship and food! We had a great turnout. Thank you to all that came!



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!



I want to thank everyone for your prayers and get-well cards during my surgery and recovery.

And a special Thank YOU to Rev. Jump for his visit during this time!

Sincerely,
Margaret Dixon

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Rev. Frank Jump

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