



The New Hope News

PASTORAL WORDS

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.



On October 25th you expressed appreciation to me as your pastor these past fourteen months by presenting Dorothy and myself with a generous gift card to our favorite restaurant.

Thank you for thinking so kindly of us. You are a good people with which to work and my appreciation of you is very deep.

Pastor Frank Jump



Serving people with needs is answering Jesus' call to love others as He loves us. That can be outside the congregation as well as inside in our life together.

What concern triggers your interest? Feeding hungry people? Sheltering those who are homeless? Supporting people with special needs?

There are many helpful efforts that depend on volunteers. Being a follower of Jesus is not only about working in your church. God's compassion is worldwide, for all people and we invite you to think about the concerns that touch your heart and sharing yourself with those in need.



With the holidays approaching we remember that not all have a warm home and plenty of food to enjoy through the cold months.

The Community Kitchen is in need of items to help those less fortunate have their needs met during these times. The following is a list that you are welcome to purchase and drop off in the designated box in the Narthex and they will be delivered to the Kitchen. We appreciate your generosity.

Dry milk, Canned fruit - # 10 cans, Mayonnaise, Instant mashed potatoes, Ziplock sandwich bags, Toilet paper, Napkins, Cornstarch, Canned meat (large) tuna/chicken, Plastic silverware, Metal silverware.

Thanksgiving needs for Community Kitchen - # 10 cans sweet potato/yams, #10 cans Italian style green beans, Heavy duty sectional dinner plates, Dessert plates, 3 oz soufflé cups

Christmas cards for military patients at Walter Reed Hospital to send to their friends and family. We need unsigned Christmas Cards/envelopes with stamps. Need by November 15th.

Your support is appreciated!!
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New Hope Presbyterian Church

AS the changes of the Fall season move into our lives, we are invited (or forced) to realize how much of life is change. However carefully we might plan, we find ourselves constantly adjusting our lives to meet the circumstances in which we live. We can spend a lot of our energy on resisting change or we can try to ignore it, but very seldom do our efforts to hold things where we want them to be have success.

IT is my deep conviction that change or movement is God's intention for us and the creation. Life does not seem to be meant to be static or frozen, but rather we are to grow and develop with life as it swirls around us. Sometimes these changes are exciting and welcomed. At other times they are distracting, discomforting, or even terribly hard.

ALL this points us toward the truth which Jesus lived and taught, that life is best lived when it is rooted in faith rather than fearful worry about the future. We cannot program the future. The

future belongs only and always to God. As followers of Jesus we move into each new day trusting that the God revealed in Jesus' life of love and care for the very least among us will bring us to a better place. This trust in God's purpose allows us to live in "joyful peace" as the benediction each Sunday charges us to do.

WE constantly live in the midst of change as individuals and as a congregation. Even the world today is experiencing change at an unprecedented level. As we enter November we will be thinking about our discipleship, what it means to follow Jesus Christ through a sea of change we can neither control nor understand well. But our faith enables us to move ahead with courage because we know the Author of all this and God's care for us is clear in Christ no matter what changes come.

Pastor Frank Jump



Stewardship

a way of life

God's amazing grace invites each of us to respond to God with gifts of time, talents and resources. This month Rev. Jump will be preaching on the theme of being Christ's witnesses in the world and how our gifts enable witness.

This week everyone will receive a letter with information to help you determine your witness to Christ in 2016. The Session is urging everyone to prayerfully consider how they can participate in our life together at New Hope in the coming year.

On Sunday, November 15th, our worship will include the dedication of our lives and gifts as witnesses to the gospel truth that is Jesus Christ. God has shown unconditional love for us and commissions us to proclaim that love to others.

Elder of the Month Barbara Krupp

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Session Highlights - October Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Session was held on October 18th.

- One building use request was approved by the Clerk since the last Session meeting.
 - ◆ A request has been received from a Seventh Day Adventist congregation to rent our facilities. The Session authorized the clerk and the chairman of the Buildings and Grounds committee to meet with representatives of the Seventh Day Adventist Board for fact finding discussion and bring that information back to the Session for further discussion.
- The Treasurer reported that currently finances are in good shape although giving is down from this time last year. He indicated that the Session needs to begin the budgeting process for 2016.
- Lizz Savard will begin to put together an Elder Nominating Committee to nominate Elders for the classes of 2017 and 2018.
- The Session voted to accept the generous gift of a remodel for the McMillan Building Kitchen. The project will begin after the first of the year.
- The Session has designated Sunday, October 25th as Pastor Appreciation Day. We will honor Rev. Jump at the Potluck dinner following the worship service.
- PNC report.
 - ◆ The committee reported that it has two additional in-person interviews scheduled with candidates in November. Hopefully, this will lead to a call for the new pastor for New Hope.
- The Buildings & Grounds committee submitted a preliminary list of projects that will need to be addressed in 2016.
- The Worship Committee reported that the Taizé services continue to go well.
 - ◆ Communion was served to approximately 25 people at Morning Pointe following the service on October 4th.
 - ◆ Service on the 1st Sunday of the month is held at Morning Pointe. Service on the 3rd Sunday at New Hope.
 - ◆ Tricia Dillion Thomas will be in the pulpit on November 22nd, Henry Paris will be here on November 29th.
- The Education committee reported that is still looking for a permanent nursery attendant.
 - ◆ Planning for the 2016 Vacation Bible School will begin soon.
- The Mission committee has had to reschedule their meeting.
- The Fellowship committee reported that there will be Wednesday night dinners on November 4, 11, 18.
 - ◆ There will be no Wednesday night dinners after the 18th through, at least, the end of December.
 - ◆ There will be no potluck dinners in November or December.
 - ◆ New Hope will host its traditional Thanksgiving dinner on Thanksgiving Day.

The next Session Meeting will be November 15^h.

Submitted by: Peter Savard, Clerk of Session



The Annual Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on Thanksgiving Day at 2:00pm in the McMillan Building.

Everyone is welcome!

Please speak with JoAn Wright to let her know how many will be attending and what you would like to bring to share for the meal.

Do you know anyone who . . .

- loves to read to children?
- needs to snuggle a baby once in a while?
- is looking for extra cash for the Holidays?



New Hope is looking for them!

We are seeking a Nursery Attendant during our Sunday worship. If you know a kind, gentle soul that might enjoy working with our young ones for two hours each week, please let them know of our need and let Gerry Kaller know about them.

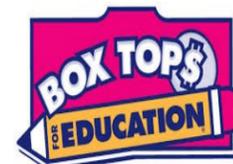


PW Thank Offering

PW Thank Offering Sunday, November 8, 2015
PRESBYTERIAN Women have been making grants to creative ministries since 1888, and in February 2015, the Creative Ministries Committee of Presbyterian Women met to review 62 applications submitted for grants from the 2014 Thank Offering. Thirty-two of the projects were chosen for grants totaling \$710,000. Twenty-two of the projects are ministries serving people in need in the United States. Ten of the projects are international. More than 40 percent of the projects funded are health ministries. **THREE** ministries in our Synod of Living Waters received grants totaling \$92,670. The Siloam Family Health Center Immigrant Outreach Program in Nashville received \$25,000; Maryville College's New Opportunity School for Women received \$33,470; and PW of First Presbyterian Church in Greenville, TN, received \$34,200 for Ruth's Blessings that supplies eligible families with cleaning supplies and hygiene products that cannot be purchased with food stamps and other assistance. **WE** give thanks to God that PW, with the generous support of our church families, have generously and joyfully shared our gifts through the Thank Offering so that others may know God's abundant love. We trust that God will continue to work through us and through our gifts and we hope that all of our New Hope Church Family will give generously to this offering to be received on November 8, 2015.



With the holidays soon approaching and the renovation of the McMillan Building Kitchen after the first of the year, we will not be holding our Monthly Potluck Luncheons on Sundays until further notice.



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!

PW Upcoming Events



11/02/15 - PW Board Mtg 11:00am
McMillan Bldg

11/10/15 - PW Circle Mtg 10:00am
McMillan Bldg

11/17/15 - Sack Packs at Food Bank



Join us on Wednesday evenings for a meal and Bible study. We will meet in November on the 4th, 11th and 18th in the McMillan Building. We will NOT meet on the last Wednesday of the month due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

We ask that you RSVP to the Church Office if you plan to enjoy the meal with us. The cost is \$5 per person.



Operation Christmas Child

A PROJECT of SAMARITAN'S PURSE

A reminder that Sunday, November 8th during our worship service we will be dedicating the Shoeboxes that have been put together for the Operation Christmas Child. If you would still like to participate with this wonderful program please see the following link for any questions you may have, or see the sample box located on the table in the Narthex.

<http://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/what-goes-in-my-shoebox-suggestions/>