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The New Hope News

PASTORAL WORDS

It is a great compliment to be invited to serve New Hope church as your interim pastor. The tenth commandment says, "You shall not covet... anything that belongs to your neighbor" but I confess that I covet your prayers, support and friendship in the months ahead. In particular I covet your sharing with me your dreams, concerns, hopes and anxieties about our congregation.

The call of the interim pastor is somewhat different from that of an installed pastor. An interim is in place to care for the congregation, and provide for worship and teaching. But that is done within the framework of preparing you for your next pastoral leader.

The time in between pastors is the time to step back and take a fresh, clear look at ourselves and our call from Christ to ministry - to each other and to those around us. It is a time to recover from the loss of a faithful pastor and friend, a time to assess our

strengths and weaknesses as a congregation and a time to practice being deeply open to the Spirit of God.

None of those things are easy. Sometimes they can even be downright uncomfortable. But it is the way forward. My task is to help with that in any way I can.

Many good things happen during an interim. The focus on who we are as a family of followers of Jesus gets sharpened. Friendships are refreshed, deepened and new ones are born. Gifts, skills and commitments emerge as people take fresh responsibility for our life together. It will be an exciting time and I feel privileged to be part of your life at this time.

May our prayers for a rich, fruitful time together be raised up high to our God as he hears and responds.

Pastor Frank Jump

New Hope Presbyterian Church



Holy Communion on Sunday, October 5th is celebrated by Christians worldwide. We disciples of Jesus join with other followers of every culture, circumstance and church affiliation to affirm our oneness in Christ at his table. On that date let us truly break bread TOGETHER.



Join us the last Sunday of the month, October 26th following our worship service for a potluck Dinner in the McMillan Building! The church will provide the beverages. Please bring a dish to share. It's a great time to have a delicious meal and wonderful fellowship!

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Have you ever been touched by the Spirit of God? Most people have and few recognize it for what it is.

Beginning on Wednesday evening, October 22nd, Rev. Jump will lead a five week study about **"The Experience of God"**. These are special moments, memories of which never leave us. They are God's invitation into a relationship and a key to understanding God in relationship to us as individuals. Make a special effort to join us for **"The Experience of God"**.



Last month I mentioned shade-grown coffee and its importance to migratory birds and rain forest diversity. As is usually the case, there is more to the story than meets the eye. After some internet research, I learned that the term 'shade-grown' can mean several different things, and it is not regulated. Unfortunately, this type of coffee can be grown among sparse trees, or only under the cover of flimsy banana trees fed with artificial fertilizers and pesticides. Sometimes coffee companies do sell shade-grown products, but do not add a separate label on their packaging, so consumers are unaware.

Most coffee is probably not shade-grown, but Earth Fare on Gunbarrel Rd and Whole Foods on Manufacturers Rd. are local stores that carry certified coffee, and Wild Birds Unlimited on East Brainerd Rd. carries some at Christmas. Several internet companies such as Grounds for Change, and Caffe Ibis looked like good sources for ordering shade grown coffee. For the one cup Keurig coffee machines, you can purchase a Keurig 'My K-cup' accessory which allows you to use your own (preferably) bird-friendly coffee. For more information, check out the Smithsonian Migratory Bird Center at

www.nationalzoo.si.edu/scbi/migratorybirds/coffee/

New Hope Session September Highlights

The following items were discussed at the Session Meeting held on September 10, 2014:

- ↳ **Judd Shaw** and Sandy Winter attended to discuss the next steps in the process of calling a new pastor.
- ↳ **It was** decided that the Nominating Committee that was elected last fall will continue as the PNC Nominating Committee.
- ↳ **The minutes** of the August 3rd Session meeting and August 24th Special Session meeting were approved.
- ↳ **Elders Ron Young** and Peter Savard attended the Committee on Ministries meeting on August 9th to present our request that Rev. Frank Jump become our interim pastor. Our request was approved.
- ↳ **The 40th** Anniversary of New Hope Church was discussed. The PW is holding a Wednesday Night Supper on October 15th and the program will be about the history of New Hope.
- ↳ **Marilyn Suber** presented a report on the Presbytery Meeting held at Second Presbyterian Church on August 16th.
- ↳ **The Building** and Grounds Committee reported that there is a dead tree at the back corner of our property near the hotel parking lot. The tree needs to come down. Ron Young has located a tree service that will take the tree down. Also parts have been ordered to put a rail on the stairs going up to the sanctuary stage.
- ↳ **The Youth** Committee proposed the hiring of a Youth Leader to address the needs of our older kids. The coordinator salary will be covered by donated funds and money already in the budget.
- ↳ **It was** decided to remove the chain across the lower entrance to provide a more welcoming atmosphere for the church.

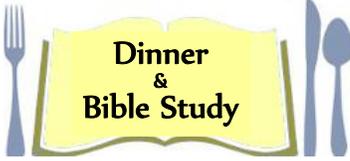
The next Session meeting will be October 19, 2014.

Submitted by: Peter Savard, Clerk



Please bring your **Box Tops for Education** to the Narthex kitchen. We will be sending them to East Brainerd Elementary School. Each Box Top is worth 10 cents for the school!

Wednesday Night



Beginning Wednesday, **October 15th** we will once again hold our Bible Study at

6:30pm in the McMillan Building.

On the first evening the PW will provide a meal at 6:00pm. The cost will be \$4.00 per person or \$15.00 per family.

The discussion during the Bible Study time will be the upcoming 40th Anniversary of New Hope and will be led by our Charter Members, reminiscing about the beginning of New Hope Presbyterian Church.

The following Wednesday Bible Studies will not have a dinner provided prior to the class, but the McMillan Building will be open at 6:00pm if you wish to bring your own Brown Bag Dinner and dine with others doing the same.



Ladies mark your calendar for the coming PW activities!

- ✍ On Monday, **October 6th** the PW Officer's will hold their board meeting at 12:00 noon in the McMillan Building.
- ✍ Saturday, **October 11th** we will be holding a Church Yard Sale from 8:00am until 1:00pm.
- ✍ The PW Circle Meeting will be held on Tuesday, **October 14th** at 10:00 a.m. All the ladies are invited to join us!
- ✍ The first Fall Wednesday Evening Bible Study, **October 15th**, will have a dinner prior, hosted by the PW at 6:00pm

Sunday
ADULT BIBLE STUDY



The Sunday Evening Bible Study group will be completing weeks 5 and 6 of the **Purpose Driven Life** on October 5th and 12th from 6:15 - 7:30. You are always welcome to join us in the McMillan Building.

Interested in studying C.S. Lewis' "MERE CHRISTIANITY" on Sunday nights starting in November 2014? Please speak with Andy Sanislo if you have questions or other topics you feel would be interesting.



It's that time of year again!

Beginning on Sunday, October 5th rehearsals will begin for the Handbells and Youth Choir. The Handbells will meet at 4:00pm and the Youth Choir at 4:45pm.

If you have any questions please speak with Janet Sump.

New Hope will be holding a Yard Sale on Saturday, October 11th from 8:00am - 1:00pm. If you have items that you would like to donate for the sale please price and drop them off any time at the church. **NO clothing please!** See the sign up sheet in the Narthex for more information.



Our annual Trunk or Treat will be held on Saturday, October 25th from 2:00-4:00pm.

Prepare your vehicles and join us for an afternoon of fun!

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.



History of New Hope Presbyterian Church

In anticipation of establishing a new Presbyterian church in the East Brainerd area, six families began meeting in their homes on Wednesday evenings, the first on January 9, 1974, with the Rev. Willard Peak as Leader. This went on until October 1974 when the group began meeting in the home of the newly called Pastor, the Reverend William Warlick. The pastor's home in Holly Hills was purchased by the Presbytery of East Tennessee. The church was officially organized on February 23, 1975 with 35 charter members.

The meetings were well attended and as the group grew, the present property on Shallowford Road was purchased by the Presbytery with the first worship service held in the house (now the McMillan Building) on March 31, 1975. Rev. Warlick was officially installed as Pastor on April 13, 1975

Groundbreaking for the present building was on June 18, 1978 with the first worship service held on March 25, 1979.

Rev. Warlick left New Hope to serve as a missionary in Zimbabwe in 1984 and Rev. Dr. Arthur H. Jones, Jr. was installed as Pastor in July 1985. He retired in April 2006 and Commissioned Lay Pastor Diane Stocker to serve as Interim Pastor July 2006 through December 2007. The Reverend Keith Jones began his pastorate at New Hope on January 1, 2008.

Of the total membership in October 2008 of 121, eight charter members still at New Hope are Sybil Bryant; Martha Hicks, Mary McMillan, Melinda (McMillan) Lowe, Anoose and Dorothy Taj, Steve O'Rear, Thomas O'Rear, and John L. and Peggy Wright.

New Hope began and continues to be a mission-minded church, supporting local and world-wide missions.



Does the clang of forgotten coins in the dryer annoy you? Unload those pennies and quarters on Sunday October 26th! It's 2-Cents-A-Meal pick up day! All your loose change goes toward Sack Packs for East Brainerd Elementary. Silent money (dollar bills) also accepted!

Elder of the Month
Peter Savard

STAFF

Interim Pastor
Rev. Frank Jump

Music Director
Janet Sump

Organist
Larisa Abrahamyan

Office Secretary
Debbie Cessna