



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.

TAIZE SERVICES AT MORNING POINTE

The Taize worship is being offered on the first Sunday evening of the month at the Morning Pointe Assisted Living facility on Shallowford Road. The service also takes place on the third Sunday of each month in our building. Elder Jon Geerlings leads the Taize service which consists of scripture readings, silent reflections, music and prayer.

Our member Sybil Bryant, a resident at Morning Pointe, asked about serving communion at the service and the Session approved that for October 4th. Rev. Jump will conduct that part of the service at the conclusion of Taize. The service begins at 6:30 and visitors are welcome. Several of our members have attended at Morning Pointe before.

The Taize service is a great opportunity for anyone interested in a different worship experience. It is also an opportunity to invite others outside our congregation to experience a fresh, meaningful form of worship. Join us on the first and third Sundays of the month at 6:30pm and bring a friend.



The following is a summary of an Associated Press article of a problem I am sure none of us has been aware of. It states scientists are finding increasing percents of tiny bits of plastic debris in the Great Lakes (where extensive sampling was done). This plastic comes from synthetic fibers used in garments, cleaning cloths and other consumer products. They are 'microfibers'-- exceedingly fine filaments made from materials such as polyester and nylon that are woven into fabrics.

When we launder our clothes, some of these microfibers break off and go down the drain and thus, enter our bodies of water. The fibers are so small that people do not realize that their favorite fleece pullover can shed thousands of them with each washing. And waste treatment facilities do not capture these fibers.

Plastic in any form is not healthy for any part of our natural environment. Microfibers are ingested by marine organisms such as invertebrates, fish, and turtles, and can affect the entire food web. Another form of microplastic litter prevalent in fresh and ocean waters is abrasive microbead particles found mainly in personal care products such as facial scrubs, body washes and toothpastes. A number of companies are removing microbeads from their products, and some states ban them altogether. But that is another story.

Awareness and information should lead to action. Think about your next clothing purchase and check the tag. Cotton, anyone??

From the Earth Care Team, Rosie Sanislo

Reference: Chattanooga Times Free Press, January 10, 2015, John Flesher, The Associated Press "Great Lakes teeming with synthetic fibers"

September begins my second year as your Interim Pastor and I am happy to be able to continue through November if needed (see the Pastoral Leadership article). As we move into the fall there are several important things I want to call to your attention.

The Wednesday programs, "Scripture, Church and Change" is an opportunity to understand how the followers of Jesus faced change in new testament times and at other crucial times in history. As we face changes of major proportions, it is best to face those changes with open eyes, open minds and open spirits as we strive to discern the presence of God's Spirit among us. I hope you will make a special effort to join us on Wednesdays.

The Session has streamlined our organization by focusing on the five basic areas of worship, Fellowship, Education, Outreach/Mission and Building and Grounds. Rather than recruit standing committees for each of these areas, the work needed will be done by "action groups". People

will be encouraged to find the place in our life together which is most important to them or which needs their talents (for example, Vacation Bible School, providing food at an elementary school, maintaining our property, ect.). People can participate in specific tasks and the activities which will be coordinated by an Elder. This works more efficiently than standing committees which have monthly meetings.

We will be thinking about church support this fall as we did last year. The tools needed to do ministry, from supporting a pastor to providing resources for important ministries outside our congregation, are essential to our future strength. God calls us to share our blessings in significant ways and we will hear that call and, I believe, respond in positive ways.

This fall is a time to move ahead with excitement about the future. I am honored to have a part in leading you into God's tomorrow.

Pastor Frank Jump



Thank You!!!

On September 15th Rosie Sanislo, Gerai Kocher, Dixie Saeger and Norma Capone packed 300 sack packs.

There is always room for one more person to help with this project. We meet at the Food Bank from 9:00 to 11:00am.

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New Hope Presbyterian Church

Supporting PW Missions

The PW invite everyone to join New Hope PW Council in supporting the budget itemized below with a contribution toward our missions. Thank you in advance! PW Contribution envelopes are located in the pews and on the table in the Narthex.

Chattanooga Room In The Inn Dinners	\$200.
Christmas Stockings - Renaissance Church	\$150.
Columbia Friendship Circle Scholarship	\$120.
Graduating Seniors of New Hope	\$100.
PW Mission Pledge	\$125.
PW Scholarship for Seminary Student	\$ 75.
LifeTime Membership	\$ 95.
Santa For All Seasons	\$150.
Thank Offering (November)	\$100.
Bible Study Teacher's Horizon Magazine	\$ 25.
UTC Luncheons	\$700.
Total	\$1,840.



Elder of the Month
Jon Geerlings

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Session Highlights - August Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Session was held on August 20th.

- ⇒ Several building use requests have been approved by the Clerk since the last Session meeting.
- ⇒ An informative CD was received from Camp John Knox. The CD shines light on the virtues of Camp John Knox. The CD is available for viewing upon request.
- ⇒ The Session authorized the formation of a new Elder Nominating committee. Lizz Savard will chair the committee.
- ⇒ The Session sent a reply to the Presbytery regarding budget priorities.
- ⇒ Elders of the month were designated for the remainder of the year.
 - The following volunteered to be Elders of the month: Jon Geerlings – October, Barbara Krupp – November, and Gerai Kocher - December.
- ⇒ Rev. Jump has agreed to continue as Interim Pastor until at least the end of November. Rev. Jump will be away some Sundays because of family commitments.
- ⇒ The Session has decided to continue the stewardship campaign started last year. Rev. Jump will lead this effort.
- ⇒ PNC report.
 - * The committee reported that they had an in-person interview with a pastoral candidate in September.
 - * The committee attended a sermon delivered by the candidate at Northminster Church.
 - * Skype conferences with two additional candidates have been scheduled.
- ⇒ The Buildings & Grounds committee reported on updates to the New Hope buildings and landscaping.
 - * The landscaping project has been completed. An irrigation system has been installed.
 - * The old lighting has been fixed and new lighting has been installed in front of the church.
 - * Thanks Ron Young for all your hard work.
 - * The committee also provided a preliminary report on the kitchen renovation project.
- ⇒ The Worship Committee reported that the Taizé services continue to go well. Services are scheduled for the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. Service on the 1st Sunday is held at Morning Pointe. Service on the 3rd Sunday is at New Hope.
 - * Serving of communion at Morning Pointe was authorized by the Session.
 - * The Education committee is looking for a new Nursery Attendant.
- ⇒ The Mission Committee met on August 11th.
 - * The Snack Pack program continues again this year in the capable hands of Beth Hibbard and Lynne Brock.
 - * School Supplies will be collect in January. There will be a big push for items like Lysol Wipes.
 - * We continue to collect Laundry Detergent for the Samaritan Center.
 - * Trunk or Treat will be held on October 24th, noon until 2:00PM.
 - * The Mission committee is looking into sponsoring a Blue Grass BBQ, open to the public, in the spring.
- ⇒ Rev. Jump submitted his report on activities since the last Session Meeting.
- ⇒ Rev. Jump shared his comments about our new committee structure.
 - * For a church of our size, action groups may work better than committees. Actions are carried out by members of the congregation who have an interest. An Elder keeps track of what action groups are doing.

The next Session Meeting will be October 18^h.

Submitted by: Peter Savard, Clerk of Session



New Hope will host a Trunk-or-Treat for the community on Saturday, October 24th from 12:00pm - 2:00pm with free hot dogs, drinks and games for every one! If you have a trunk that you would like to decorate and give goodies to

Trick or Treaters, please speak with Lynne Brock.

We are collecting bags of **CANDY** to pass out to the children; if you would like to donate a bag or two, you may bring your donations to the Narthex and place them in the appropriate box.



Operation Christmas Child

A PROJECT of SAMARITAN'S PURSE

It is time for Operation Christmas Child shoebox ministry! A small shoebox can have a big impact. What goes into the box is fun, but what comes out of it is eternal. Be a part of changing children's lives

all over the world in Jesus' name through the power of a simple gift with Operation Christmas Child. We need to have our shoeboxes ready by **November the 8th, 2015**. You can get started making a shoebox with your family. Follow these easy steps: Find a shoebox, you can start with a cardboard or plastic shoebox with a lid: you can wrap it if you wrap the lid separate. You will need to add a **\$7.00 check** made out to **The Samaritan Purse** for the shipping of each box. Decide on a box for a girl or a boy ages: 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14.

Ideas include: Soccer ball with pump, Stuffed animal, Toys (puppets, trucks, etc.), Doll (baby, Barbie, etc.), Musical instrument. Include items that children will immediately embrace such as toy cars, yo-yos, jump ropes, balls, toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries), etc.

School Supplies: pens, pencils and sharpeners, crayons, markers, notebooks, paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

Non-liquid Hygiene Items: toothbrushes, bar soap, combs, washcloths, etc.

Accessories: T-shirts, socks, hats, sunglasses, hair clips, jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries), etc.

Crafts: Make your own items such as hair bows, finger puppets, and friendship bracelets.

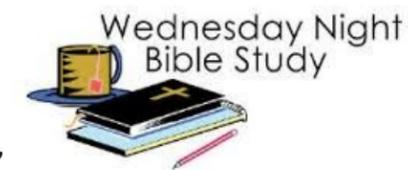
A Personal Note: You may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. If you include your name and address, the child may be able to write back.

Do Not Include: Used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; out-of-date candy; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

Look online for additional information: <http://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/what-goes-in-my-shoebox-suggestions/>

If you have any questions please speak with Norma Capone.

Thanks for your support!



Wednesday evening study, "**Scripture, Church and Change**", will continue through

October. Rev. Don Kaller will lead the study on October 7th, looking at the changes experienced by Christians as they came to America and how they responded.

On the 14th and the 21st we will host two exceptional guest leaders, the Rev. Carol Howard Merritt and the Rev. Tom Bagley. Both of these people are nationally recognized experts on the Church in changing times. They will share their insights with us with a time for questions and responses. As a congregation facing significant change, both within our walls and outside in our culture, these Wednesday evenings are a special opportunity to think together about the future before us.

A meal is provided at 6:00, followed by the program from 6:30 - 7:15. Child care is provided. Meals are \$5 and reservations are encouraged. They can be made with the Church Office up until noon on Tuesdays. Join us for these important times.

PASTORAL LEADERSHIP

The Session and Rev. Jump have agreed to extend his interim leadership through November. He will continue to provide pastoral care and perform administrative responsibilities. However, the agreement allows him to be free of leading worship on two Sundays in October and two in November. This allows him to keep family commitments with his family which had been arranged several months ago.

PW Upcoming Events

10/05/15 - PW Board Mtg 11:00am McMillan Bldg

10/10/15 - Trip to Mission Haven, Columbia Seminary & Villa International

10/13/15 - PW Circle Mtg 10:00am McMillan Bldg

10/20/15 - Sack Packs at Food Bank

