



September 2014

The New Hope News

New Hope Presbyterian Church

Interim Pastor

At a special Session meeting on August 24th Session members voted to call Frank Jump as our interim pastor. Frank's first day in the office will be September 2nd and his first day in the pulpit will be Sunday, September 7th. Frank will be available in the office on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

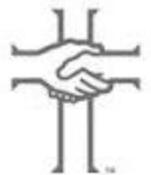
Frank is a retired minister; pastor at Second Presbyterian Church for 27 years. He served the Presbytery as Stated Clerk for 16 years. He is married to Dorothy and has been blessed with four children.

His extensive experience, knowledge and ideas will serve New Hope well as we move into the next phase of our church's life.

International Peacemaker Visit

An International Peacemaker from Mexico will be speaking at New Hope on the evening of September 29th from 6:30-7:45.

Jocabed (Joca) Gallegos serves as the Mexican Coordinator with Frontera de Cristo, a Presbyterian border ministry located in the sister cities of Agua Prieta, Sonora and Douglas, Arizona. She is well acquainted with issues of violence, poverty, trade, health care, and family life faced by these two cities along the US/Mexico border. Joca is a graduate of the Presbyterian Seminary in Mexico City and has served in the Presbytery of Chihuahua. She worked alongside her father in Hispanic Ministry in South Carolina for 3 years before returning to Mexico to develop her ministry. She is a 4th generation Presbyterian, something that is uncommon in northern Mexico. Joca's visit is very timely considering all the border problems our country is dealing with at the present time. Please plan to attend and take advantage of this unique opportunity to hear her perspective of the difficulties faced by these border communities and how we can best re-



Fall Spiritual Retreat "Come Be A Part"

Join us on Saturday, Sept. 20th at Rivermont Presbyte-

rian Church, 3319 Hixson Pike, from 9:30a - 2:00p for our Fall Spiritual Retreat. The program "Discovering Our Gifts" will be presented by **Judy Persons**, Leadership Training Coordi-

nator of our PW Synod of Living Waters. **Lucretia Meese**, Co-moderator of PW of Holston Presbytery, will provide special music on her zither. We will also have a Bible Study Overview, short craft project, dedication of our mission pledges, communion service, delicious lunch and great fellowship.

New Down Under is our mission opportunity and each person attending has been asked to bring new, packaged, 100% cotton underwear for men, women or children. They will be given to Mission Haven, furlough home for Presbyterian missionaries. Please let Gerai Kocher or Marilyn Suber know if you would like to attend so that reservations can be made by Sept. 15th. Lunch cost is \$8.

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Weekend snacking! Do you enjoy having a snack over the weekend? While watching TV, visiting with friends?

How about this snack: carton of milk, cereal, granola bar, macaroni, fruit and ravioli... These items are what constitute a sack pack. They go home with children from East Brainerd Elementary every Friday. These children have been identified as "at risk" for hunger. Thanks to your generous contributions, we are able to provide these (with other community churches) every week during the school year. Because we are "designed shopper" at the Chattanooga Food Bank we purchase food at a deep discount each pack costs about \$2. So THANK YOU for helping us continue this great mission.



Pastor Nominating Committee

Want to see your name in print? Want to be an important elected official? Meet some interesting and talented people? Help decide the future course of our congregation? Then, volunteer for the Pastor Nominating Committee! Prayerfully consider how you can serve, and please speak to Rosie Sanislo.

Thank you.



Ellie, Sarah and I are participating in the Pirates & Princesses 5K to raise funds for Bethany Christian Services.

We discovered Bethany through New Hope, and we owe them so much for bringing Sarah into our lives. If anyone would like to contribute, please see us or go to our fundraising website: <http://goo.gl/HFJQMF>

New Hope Session Highlights

The following items were discussed at the Session Meeting held on August 3, 2014:

- ⇒ The minutes of the June 8th Session meeting and the July 6th Congregational meeting were approved.
- ⇒ The clerk presented a report of building use requests that were approved since the last Session meeting.
- ⇒ A note was received from the Presbytery of East Tennessee stewardship committee thanking New Hope for our support.
- ⇒ There was a brief update by the Interim Search Committee. They have interviewed candidates and are continuing the search.
- ⇒ A suggestion to schedule an illusionist to present a faith based performance was discussed and referred to the Outreach Committee for further investigation.
- ⇒ A requests from the Missions Committee from Rivermont to contribute to a well project they are sponsoring was discussed. This was also passed to the Outreach Committee for further investigation,
- ⇒ It was decided to allow the Lookout Farmer's Market Mission to use church property to run a farmer's market on Mondays or Wednesdays from 4:00pm to 6:00pm.
- ⇒ The Buildings and Grounds committee submitted a plan to revamp the landscaping in front of the church and McMillan building. This was tabled until Session can review the remaining Road Money allocations.
- ⇒ Three new handicap parking spaces have been added next the sanctuary and McMillan building entrances.
- ⇒ The Worship Committee presented a schedule of pastors through end of August.

The next Session meeting will be September 10, 2014.

Submitted by: Peter Savard, Clerk



Over the summer, I read several articles in our city's daily newspaper that spotlighted areas of encouraging environmental action. Our awareness and stewardship are improving.

IF YOU RESIDE in the city, you can now fill large 96 gal recycling cans with your newspapers, cardboard, plastics (# 1-7), aluminum and steel food cans, and mixed paper. It's easy, with no sorting required. Call 311 to have a container delivered. Glass recycling also may soon be available via curbside pickup.

AN ARTICLE BY David Cook (Tuesday, June 17, 2014), brought to our attention how our environment is intricately connected to far away places. A beautiful, small and rapidly disappearing song-bird called the Cerulean Warbler summers in our Tennessee River Gorge and Cumberland Plateau, but flies south to Columbia for its winter season. There it inhabits the tall trees of shade-grown forests of coffee plantations. We can help save this little bird by checking labels on our coffee purchases, and buying **shade-grown coffee** if at all possible. These plantation shade forests support great plant and animal diversity, and who knew our morning coffee choice was so important?



CLOSER TO HOME, Soddy-Daisy purchased 285 acres of pristine wilderness along Big Soddy Creek to help protect the undeveloped land, and hopes to add the land to Justin P. Wilson Cumberland Trail State Scenic Trail State Park. This pre-empted a land auction that would have allowed developers access to it, with more destruction of wild areas. Thank you, Soddy-Daisy! (Times Free Press, June 21, 2014)

For the Earth Care Team, Rosie Sanislo



The "Purpose Driven Life" classes have started on Sunday evenings from 6:15-7:30 in the McMillan Building. Everyone is welcome to join us! The dates we will be meeting in September are: September 7th & 14th. If you would like more information please see Andy Sanislo.



Summer is coming to a close and we can reflect on the good times we spent dining together at tea rooms, the lovely baby shower for Elea Geerlings Mahla and enjoying the slower pace of summer. We can now look forward to our monthly circle meetings and Bible Study, the PW Fall Spiritual Retreat to be held at Rivermont Presbyterian Church on Sept. 20th, lunches for UTC Campus Ministries on Sept. 9 and 30, and our Christmas projects.

PW Officers will be installed during our Sept. 7th worship service and our first circle meeting will be on Sept. 9th. A few Horizons Bible Study Books, *Reconciling Paul: A Contemporary Study of 2 Corinthians*, are still available for purchase at \$9 each. We hope many women will be joining us for brunch, a short business meeting and great Bible Study.

Dates to remember:

Sept. 2nd at 11:00am

PW Board Mtg, McMillan Bldg.

Sept. 7th at 10:45am

Worship Service & Installation of Officers

Sept. 9th at 10:00am

Circle Mtg., McMillan Bldg.

Sept. 20th at 9:30am

Fall Spiritual Retreat, Rivermont Pres. Church

Sept. 29th at 6:30pm

International Peacemaker Presentation

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.

*Update From
The Seminary*

Dear New Hope family,

Greetings from Nashville! We miss you, hope you're doing well in this transitional time, and pray for unity and wisdom as you move toward calling a new pastor.

Thank you for your long-distance encouragement and covenantal support during my foray into seminary and beginning the vocational discernment process with the Presbytery of East Tennessee for possible ordination as a Teaching Elder. The past year has been full of the blessings and challenges of changing careers and homes, re-acclimating to school, and seeking a "church home away from home." I found the academic rigor I was looking for (and some I wasn't on tough days!) at Vanderbilt Divinity School, and the first year went well. New Testament was the most demanding and fulfilling course so far, and most of my courses were enjoyable and formative. Weekly chapel, relationships with peers, devotional practices, and participation at Second Presbyterian Church (2PC) nurtured my spiritual life and helped me maintain balance.

This summer, I began working at 2PC in preparation for a two-year field education placement as a pastoral intern. It's a wonderful congregation with several thriving programs and compelling adult education offerings. Helping to plan and lead worship as a liturgist and occasional preacher, augmenting their small-group ministry with a focus on pastoral care and strengthening relationships, and working alongside others in deepening 2PC's commitment as a More Light congregation are among my responsibilities. The coming year holds promise for further development as field education reveals growing edges, and I am blessed to have this opportunity at a church with no shortage of theologically educated mentors.

Jessie, whose unwavering support has been a source of strength this year, was accepted to Peabody College's Master of Education in Higher Education Administration program and began studies this fall. She also started a graduate assistantship with the school's professional development program and will work primarily with PhD students. The course program and assistantship promise manifold opportunities for gaining practical skills that will serve her well as she takes further steps toward the work God has prepared for her and continues to reveal, one glimpse at a time.

We are excited about this journey and heartened to know that the faith community that nurtured me since childhood and Jessie for several years continues to hold us in prayer. Thank you for finding avenues to enable our studies, and please know we feel fortunate to know you and we pray for God's continual blessings in your individual and shared lives and ministries!

Blessings and peace, Dorothy Parks-Piatt

Elder of the Month

Marilyn Suber

STAFF

Interim Pastor
Rev. Frank Jump

Music Director
Janet Sump

Organist
Larisa Abrahamyan

Office Secretary
Debbie Cessna