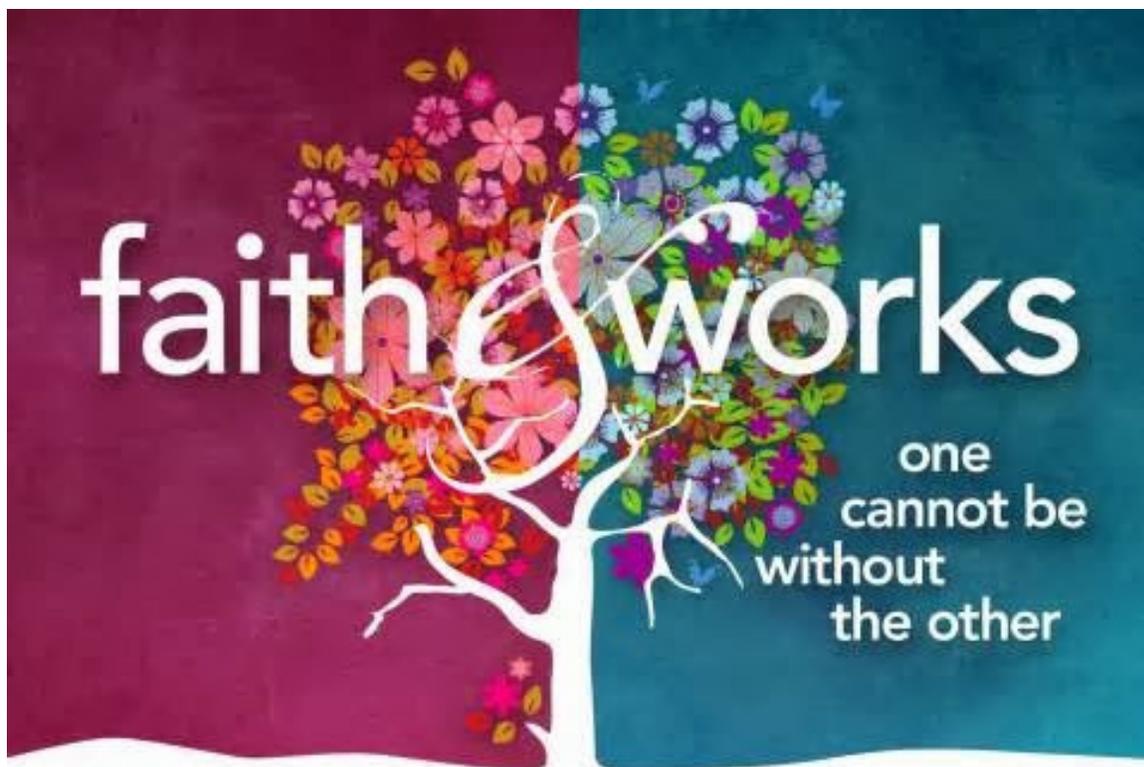

New Life Presbyterian Church

July 1, 2018

10:30 a.m.



James 2:15-18

Welcome to this Lord's Day Worship. We rejoice that you are here!

NLPC Mission Statement (June 2016)

Assured of the new life we have received in Christ, we will live out our faith together through worship, prayer, education, fellowship, and mission.

Being called to love all people, we will use our gifts to serve God in an imperfect world.

Equipped with our faith and filled with the Spirit, we will:

- *reach out in acceptance to a diverse community;
- *embrace the marginalized and show love to all;
- *feed the hungry and care for the sick;
- *search for peace and work for justice.

Child Care is available during our worship service.
Ask an usher for the location of the Childcare Room.

Large Print Bulletins, Hymnals, and Bibles are available.

Participating in Worship

Worship Leader:	Rev. Mary Bahr-Jones, Pastor
Music Leader:	Frank Kunz
Liturgist:	Marge Kunz
Ushers:	Francis Booth, Bruce Duff, Jodie Horan and Don Soule

Service for the Lord's Day
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Now is the Time to Worship* Band

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to worship today because God loves us;
And we need to be reminded of how much.

We come to worship today because we love God;
And we want to love God more.

We come to worship needing more love in our lives:
*Love for family, love for friends,
Love for strangers, even love for enemies.*

In this hour of worship let God:
touch our hearts, fill our hearts, open our hearts
to God's love in Jesus which passes all understanding!

*HYMN #188 *Jesus Loves Me!*

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Loving Lord Jesus,
You came into the world as the fulfillment
of God's promise to the people of Israel.
Challenging their expectations,
You reached out to those who
were of little account in the ancient world by:
Healing lepers, eating with tax collectors,
Welcoming little children to come to you,
Even healing the child of a Gentile woman.
Knowing that you love everyone,
We fall short of loving one another well:
We tend to favor people who are like us;
We allow ourselves to be blinded by wealth and power;
And we overlook those suffering poverty and rejection.
You came into our world the embodiment of God's love,
Show us each day how to love others better.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

...May the peace of Jesus be with you!

And also with you.

Please share the peace of Jesus with those worshipping around you..

*SONG OF PRAISE

#582 *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

THE WORD INTERPRETED FOR CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE WORD OF GOD

Mark 7:24-30

James 2:1-10, 14-17

Pew Bible NT p. 40

Pew Bible NT p. 215

This is the Word of the Lord;

Thanks be to God.

SERMON SERIES

Jesus Will Always Love Us

SERMON

No VIPs

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN #317

In Christ There Is No East or West

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

God expressed love for all humankind through Israel, whom God chose to be a covenant people to serve him in love and faithfulness. When Israel was unfaithful, God disciplined the nation with judgment and maintained the covenant through prophets, priests, teachers, and true believers. These witnesses called all Israelites to a destiny in which they would serve God faithfully and become a light to the nations. The same witnesses proclaimed the coming of a new age, and a true servant of God in whom God's purpose of Israel and for humanity would be realized. Out of Israel, God in due time raised up Jesus. His faith and obedience were the response of the perfect child of God. He was the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel, the beginning of the new creation, and the pioneer of the new humanity. He gave history its meaning and direction and called the church to be his servant for the reconciliation of the world.

(Confession of 1967: 9.15-9.17)

SHARING GOD'S GIFTS

OFFERTORY *What if Jesus Came Back Like That"* Band

*SONG OF DEDICATION #614 *Great Are You, Lord*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

As Presbyterians, we welcome all those who trust in Christ to come to the Lord's Table with us, trusting not in our own worthiness, but in God's grace. We will receive communion today by intinction. At the indicated time, you may come forward by the center aisle to take a piece of bread from the basket, dip one end of it in the cup, and eat before returning to your seat by the side aisles.

A separate plate and chalice will be provided for those who choose gluten free bread. There is no alcohol in the communion juice.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

COMMUNION ANTHEM *Hungry*

Band

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you!

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Our LORD God,...

...LORD Jesus who taught us to pray together, saying:

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And

lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

...These are the gifts of God for the people of God;
Thanks be to God!

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

CONCLUDING PRAYER

SENDING OUT INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN #366 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

Go forth now...

...And let all God's people say:
Alleluia! Amen.

POSTLUDE

Every Move I Make

Band

**Those that are able may stand.*

New Life Opportunities & Announcements



Coffee Time- Please join your fellow NLPC members and guests in a time of fellowship following the service this morning. Everyone is welcome!

Notes and reflections on this week's sermon:

*Today's liturgy was inspired and adapted from: Confession of 1967;
re: WORSHIP.com; Sharing Liturgy by Richard Bott;
Carol Penner.typepad.com/leadinginworship/love; and Laughing Bird Liturgical
Resources.*



Canned Goods – Today is the first Sunday of the month so we are collecting canned goods for the needy in our community. Please place your donation in the baskets in the sanctuary. Please be sure that all food donated is not expired. Thank you for your cooperation.

Summer Food Baskets



New Life Presbyterian Church assembled and delivered Summer Food Baskets yesterday to 11 families in need in our community. The Baskets were filled with food and various household needs, and a grocery gift card.

Thank you to all those who helped to make our program successful in assisting those in need during the summer months.. You are wonderful!



Rachel Circle The ladies of Rachel Circle will meet on Thursday, July 12th at 12:30 pm at Lakeside Family Restaurant. It is located on Schoenherr just S. of Lakeside Mall behind the Kroger Gas Station. Please let Lynn (586-781-6753) know if you will attend.



The Minister's Memo-Gentile



“Gentile” was a description used for any person from a nation of the world other than Israel. The people of Israel were the chosen people of God; other people were not. Because the Jewish people understood Yahweh – the God of Abraham – to be the one true God, Gentiles were considered followers of false gods and worshippers of idols. Consequently, Jewish laws were strict in preventing any corruption of everyday life or religious life through contact with idolatrous Gentiles. This led the Jewish people to often view Gentiles with contempt. In the story of the Syrophenician woman in the Gospel of Mark even Jesus seems to show contempt toward a woman of Gentile origin. When the Apostle Paul declared that God had commissioned him to preach the Gospel to the Gentiles, he initially met with strong resistance from the followers of Jesus, who were Jewish-Christians. Through the work of Paul, the early churches were predominantly filled with Gentiles.

Cereal for Summer



New Life PC will be participating in the Presbytery Of Detroit's annual Cereal for Summer campaign. With 1 in 6 families in the metro Detroit area considered food insecure, this extra food is needed, especially during the summer months.

We will be collecting boxes of cereal through Sunday, July 29 and donating half to food pantries in our area and the other half to the POD for distribution through their programs.

Contact Sharon Gire for more information.



Baseball!

Are you ready for some baseball? The USPBL semi-pro baseball league season has begun and NLPC is scheduled to attend a game on Sunday July 15 at 1:00 PM. Mark your calendar for a fun

day at Jimmy Johns Field to see the Birmingham Bloomfield Beavers take on the Eastside Diamond Hoppers! Tickets are \$15 each and can be purchased from Phil Cunningham.



Summer Music!



Sing a song, play an instrument, recite your favorite Bible passage, inspirational poem or get a group together and put on a short skit or choral reading.

Sign-up on the Bulletin Board to say you will share your gifts with us this summer!.

Summertime...

Summer is here and with it comes the joy of vacation travel! We hope that you take advantage of the wonderful weather and have the opportunity to share this blissful time with family and friends.

While the travels of summer may take you away from our worshipping community, we ask that you keep current with your pledge commitments through these summer weeks. Even though you may take a much needed break, the work of our church continues. Thank you for your faithful support and enjoy your vacation journeys!



Church Communication

Would you like to have a church event or announcement included in the Newsletter or Sunday bulletin? Would you like to invite church members to a special event? Please submit a Publication Request form to the church office for all announcements to be included in the Newsletter and/or Sunday bulletin. The deadline for Sunday bulletin publication is the prior Wednesday. Request forms can be found on the bulletin board outside the church office. You can also email your request to westcampus@newlifepresby.org.



Thank you for your cooperation in keeping the lines of communication open here at New Life Presbyterian Church.

Listening for God's Whisper



In our effort to listen for God's guidance at this pivotal moment in the life of our church, the Session has posted a book on the bulletin board in the hall. This book –entitled Old and New – is for ideas. The church leadership would like to hear about your ideas of things the church family might do to be more hospitable to both friends and strangers. These could be things that the church has done in the past, which we could do again, or they could be things that the church has never tried.

Please, share your thoughts with your church leaders ... you never know when God is whispering to us through you!

Prayer Shawls



Do you know someone who would be blessed by receiving a prayer shawl? Prayer shawls have been hand made by members of our congregation (and even our VBS kids have contributed to these heart warmers!) to provide comfort to those in need of prayer and healing. Please see Pastor Mary for more details.





Beautiful Flowers!

Please remember that you may order flowers to display in the sanctuary for any occasion throughout the year. Warm someone's heart while beautifying our sanctuary! Honor a special person or occasion or place flowers in memory of a loved one. Order forms are available on the bulletin board across from the office. See Margie Hurst for more details.



2018 Per Capita

One of the regular expenses in the church budget is Per Capita, a yearly apportionment that each Presbyterian congregation is asked to pay to cover the administrative costs of the governing bodies. Your Per Capita contribution allows our mission dollars to be spent directly on mission projects rather than on the costs of administering a mission.

Per Capita for the year 2018 is \$26.33 per church member. The total apportionment for New Life Presbyterian Church is \$5,213.34 . This is how much more New Life would have available for programs and missions if each member paid their per capita for the year. You may use the blue "Per Capita" envelope included with your offering envelope pack or clearly mark your contribution as "per capita". Feel free to contact the church office for more details on Per Capita contributions.



Congregational Care Fund

New Life Presbyterian Church has established a Congregational Care Fund to assist members of the congregation when they face unexpected crises. Over the past years we have been able to help members who have faced problems such as unexpected loss of employment, mortgage foreclosure, illness and other things. The assistance we have been able to provide to individual members has made a genuine difference in helping stabilize their lives. Much of the fund has come through individual donations from members of the congregation. If you would like to make a contribution, please include a note indicating it is to be allocated to the congregational care fund. This fund makes it possible to provide assistance where appropriate. Thank you for your consideration.



**Please join us at 11:45AM in Agape Hall for light refreshments.
12:00 PM Sunday School
Childcare is available from 10:00AM-1:00PM.**

By providing educational opportunities for all ages our mission is to deepen knowledge and understanding of the Bible, strengthen relationships with Christ, increase the desire to share our faith and to grow Christian leaders both within and outside the church community.

Sunday School/ VBS

The children have completed the curriculum for the year and we look forward to their return in the fall. We hope they will all attend our *Polar Blast* Vacation Bible School Program that runs June 22nd and 23rd and concludes with a special VBS themed worship service on June 24th. Details are in today's bulletin. Registration forms are available in the narthex or through the church office. See you there!

Prayer Group

Thursdays: 11:00 am – NOON

The Greek word for Gospel is evangelium. It means simply "good news." It is the root of the word "evangelism." Before Jesus ascended, he commanded his followers to go into the world as his witnesses. In response, the Apostles faithfully went out into the world and became evangelists. Evangelism is a word that makes most Presbyterians recoil. Any suggestion that we should be evangelists makes us run for the hills! Yet, as followers of Jesus we are, indeed, called by Jesus to share the Good News about him. On Thursdays at 11:00, our Prayer Group will be studying what it means to be Contagious Christians. Come join us as we learn how to become the kind of Christians, who break the "evangelism" stereotype, yet share the Good News about Jesus.

Faith Lessons Video Series-

Mondays: 10:30 am – 11:45 am in Agape Hall

In June, we will be beginning another study from the Faith Lessons Series. Experience the places of history recorded in the Bible for yourself. This in-depth Bible study, which is recorded on location, will visit the archeological sites of the Early Church. In this study, Ray Vander Laan—a noted historian and teacher—will help us to understand what gave the early believers the passion to go out into the world and found the Church. Join us to gain a better understanding of how the early followers became a light in the darkness of the ancient world and deepen your own faith through that understanding.

PRAYER CONCERNS

PRAY FOR HEALING

Daniel Paul- (Joyce Harrison's grandson)
Tara Sumners- (friend of Joyce Harrison)
Bill Mundle-(JoAnn DiPasquale's cousin)
Jeanne- (friend of the Robbins family)
Steve Jones
Baby Scarlett (Sandra Day's great granddaughter)
Veronica's Dad
Brinlee Capazolli- (Jeff Turner's cousin)
Lana Horvath
Lillian Dodge- (friend of the Goughs)
Wendy Quick
Marge Kunz
Sallie Bousquette- (George Bousquette's
 sister-in law)
Jodie Horan
Autumn Zeisler
John Turner
Patti Jones- (Cliff Robbins' sister)
Nancy Bechtel
Terry North
Michael DiPasquale
May Shorthouse
Winnie Fulton
Glenn Watterworth
Shirley Honor
Joan Mc Bride

STRENGTH AND HOPE

Brendan Bonkowski and family
Carlene Kneebone
Catherine Meeka- --(friend of Shelley)
Curt & Lisa Albrecht & Family--(friends of
 Schroeders)
Diane Burr-(Lori Haralson's friend)
Dean- (Margie Hurst's nephew)
Ken Pawlitz
Tom Dittman
Marilyn Anderson
Helen Goltz

COMFORT IN MOURNING

Family of Shirley Wintermuth- after her recent
 passing
Pastor Renee & Family- after the recent passing of
 her brother
Family of Janet Riggs- after her recent passing
Family of Rosemary Janowicz- (Chuck Gough's
 aunt) after her recent passing
Family of Dorothy Johnson- after her recent
 passing

SERVING IN THE MILITARY

SrA Shawn Konikson- US Air Force
Mike Stroud- US Air Force (Shirley Coar's
 grandson)
Kendra- requested by Fred Walker
Jason Barr -- Booths' cousin
PFC Julian Lee- US Army
Col. Jason Hollaran-US Army

GENERAL/GLOBAL

Those suffering loss and hardship from recent
 natural disasters
 Those struggling in personal and spiritual crisis
 Victims of unrest & injustice throughout the world
 Second Mile Center
 Those seeking work
 Missionaries serving worldwide
 Those experiencing homelessness
 An end to violence in our nation

Please inform the church office of updates or if you know of someone who is well enough to be removed from our prayer chain. Thank you.

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SESSION

Moderator: Rev. Mary Bahr-Jones

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Dorothy Harrington
Marge Kunz
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Sharon Gire
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Randy Tuck

Judy Doverspike
Jodie Horan
Margie Hurst

Bob Hitchcock
Cheryl Konikson
Joan Lockard

NLPC Weekly Calendar

MONDAY, July 2, 2018

9:00 AM Honey-Doers
10:30 AM Study Group
8:00 PM AA

SUNDAY, July 8, 2018

10:00 AM Prayer Partners
10:30 AM Worship
11:45 AM Coffee & Fellowship
12:00 PM Faithful Listeners

TUESDAY, July 3, 2018

8:00 PM AA, Alanon, Alateen

WEDNESDAY, July 4, 2018

Church Office Closed



THURSDAY, July 5, 2018

11:00 AM Prayer/Study Group
7:00 PM Band Practice