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# *New Life Presbyterian Church*

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July 21, 2019

10:30 a.m.



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:	Cheryl Konikson
Ushers:	Francis Booth, Jodie Horan and Don Soule

Service for the Lord's Day  
6th Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Heavenly creatures stood above him... and they called to one another, saying:

*"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory."*

Their voices caused the frame around the door to shake. The Temple filled with smoke.

*I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, I have unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips. But my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"*

Then one of the heavenly creatures flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. He touched my mouth with it and said:

*"Look, your guilt is burned away. Your sin is blotted out."*

Then I heard the Lord's voice say, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?"

*I said, "Here am I; send me!"*

\*HYMN #720      *Jesus Calls Us*

### LITANY OF CONFESSION

The lures of the world distort our lives.

*Call us into Your way of life, O God!*

The tensions of our lives twist our minds and cloud our vision.

*Lead us into Your vision of life, O God!*

The troubles of our culture fill our ears.

*Speak to us your message of forgiveness, O God!*

The trials and tribulations that surround us break our hearts.

*Guide us through your example of living for others, O God!*

The attitudes toward Christians in our time tie our tongues.

*Give us your words of Grace, O God!*

Fill our eyes, fill our hearts, fill our ears with Your love, O God.

*Let us be Your hands and feet in the world;*

*Let us be the face and voice of Jesus, O God!*

## SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

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

*And also with you.*

*Please share Christ's peace with those worshipping around you*

\*SONG OF PRAISE #325 *By All Your Saints Still Striving*  
(vv. 1,5)

## LISTENING FOR THE WORD

### THE WORD INTERPRETED FOR CHILDREN

ANTHEM

*Shout to the Lord*

NLPC Band

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### THE WORD OF GOD

1 Corinthians 2:1-13

Pew Bible NT p. 156

This is the Word of the LORD;

*Thanks be to God.*

SERMON SERIES

GO FISH

SERMON

*Be Bold - Be You*

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*HYMN #288

*Spirit of the Living God*

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray.

O God of Spiritual Wisdom, ...

...Hear us as we pray the prayer that Jesus taught us to say together:

### 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.*

### SHARING GOD'S GIFTS

OFFERTORY

*I Will Follow*

NLPC Band

### Offerings of Treasure

*Tangible offerings in support of the church's ministry may be placed in the offering plates as they are passed along the pews.*

## Offering of the Heart

*After making our offers of treasure,  
You are asked to do the Personal Style Questionnaire  
WHICH  
is included in your Bulletin.*

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

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## SENDING OUT INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN #291 *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*

\*RESPONSIVE CHARGE AND BLESSING

We go nowhere by accident. Wherever we go,  
*God is sending us.*

Wherever we are,  
*God has put us there.*

God has a purpose in our being there.

*Christ calls us to follow in his footsteps and to be the bearers of his  
light, where we are...right now!*

Believe this and go in the grace and love and power of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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

POSTLUDE

*Salt and Light*

NLPC Band

*\*Those that are able may stand.*

Today's liturgy inspired/ adapted from the following resources:

Sermon Series by Andy Stanley: *Go Fish!*

1 Litany of Confession adopted from A Litany of Call written by written by Rev. Mindi, on her Rev-o-lution blog: <http://rev-o-lution.org/>

2 Sermon influenced by *Go Fish!* by Andy Stanley.

3 Charge and Benediction from:

Worship Service @ First Presbyterian Church of Ypsilanti.

# 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:

### **Cereal for Summer**



New Life PC will again 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.

**Next Sunday**, July 28 is the deadline to donate cereal. We are 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.

### **Greeters Needed!**



We are in need of greeters to welcome all who enter our doors each Sunday. No experience is necessary, just sign up on the bulletin board and arrive with a smile on Sunday! The sign up sheet is posted across from Pastor Mary's office with many opportunities. Thank you in advance for being the face of our warm and welcoming congregation.

### **Campfire Connections**



Longing for meaningful connections? Join us Thursday evenings in a fun, relaxed atmosphere around the fire for conversations and song as we kindle a welcoming place to share. Fire and devotions start at 7PM- favorite songs and s'mores to follow! Come as you are and invite a friend!

Contact Shayla Hansen at 586-733-6576 for more details.

### **Attention Friends!**



As you all know, moving to a new place and living apart from your friends and family can be a challenge. Jeffrey Turner has requested visitors in his new place so if you are available and would be interested in spending a few minutes in conversation, he would be grateful for the company. His current address is Park @ Franklin, 28301 Franklin Road Apt B-303 in Southfield. If you are not able to make the trip he can also be reached by phone at 313-570-1705.

Thank you for your consideration.



June 30 giving statements marking the half way point of our pledge year are available in the Narthex. Please pick yours up today. If you are behind on your pledge giving we would be grateful if you could bring it current. If you find an error, please contact the church office. Thank you.



### Shop at Meijer! (here's why)

The Meijer store on Hall Road at Hayes has once again partnered with NLPC on our Food Basket Program by donating \$500 to help fund the food purchases for our Summer Food Baskets. You may recall that they also donated toward our Christmas Food Baskets last fall. Meijer's contribution enables NLPC to grow our Food Basket Program and help more families. Let's thank Meijer at Hall and Hayes by shopping there for our general, food and summer entertaining needs. What a great way to show our appreciation for their commitment to our community!



### Have Yarn, Will Knit!

Our supply of prayer shawls that help to provide comfort to those in need of prayer and healing is running low! If you have the talent and time to help us replenish our supply of healing shawls, please let Pastor Mary know. Yarn can be supplied if needed. Thank you for your help in this mission.



### Looking for Liturgists!

No experience is necessary! If you can serve at one of our worship services, we would love to have your help so sign up today! We look forward to hearing many voices from our congregation lead us in praise each Sunday!

### Church Office Hours This Week



Monday- Thursday  
Friday

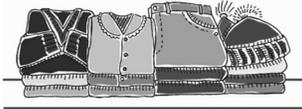
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM  
OFFICE CLOSED

## 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!



### Clothing Drive



### Fashion for Foster Families

In our ongoing effort to reach out to the community, there is no better place to start than with those groups that already use our church on a regular basis. Orchards Family Services is a support group for foster families and adoptive families that meets at our church every month.

When asked how we could best help them, we were told "we need clothes for our kids". Many of these children are moved into foster homes with just the clothes on their backs. So while you are bringing out summer clothes for your family, please put aside any gently used items that could be used by these children. Anything from infant to adult clothes are welcome (keeping in mind what teenagers might actually wear). If you could kindly sort them by size and label the bag with the size, that will help the process go more smoothly. Bring them to church and let either Marge Kunz or Lori Haralson know that you have a donation.

## 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 [office@newlifepresby.org](mailto:office@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!

### **Extended Communion**

A new committee of elders and deacons has been formed to offer Extended Communion to anyone who is shut in: at home, in the hospital or in rehabilitation. Pastor Mary has trained these elders and deacons on how to share the elements and there is an abbreviated worship service to accompany communion. This service is available on the first Sunday of each month.

If you know anyone interested in receiving communion in this manner please contact Dorothy Harrington at 586-552-7969 by the Thursday prior to the first Sunday of the month. This will allow time to make arrangements to serve all who request this service.



### **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 Fellowship Hall for light refreshments.  
Childcare is available from 10:00AM-12:00PM.

### **Sunday School / VBS**

The children have completed the curriculum for the year and we look forward to their return in the fall. We held our *Yee Haw* Vacation Bible School Program June 21 and 22 where all enjoyed a fun time learning about God's gifts. Enjoy the rest of your summer and we will see you in the fall when our Sunday School program returns.

### **"Souper" Study – Go Fish**

Thursdays: 6:00 pm

Our Thursday night dvd study series has ended. We enjoyed a shared meal of soup and bread followed by our 6 part study series by Andy Stanley that that offered a new perception of the word "evangelism" by showing how we can make it a natural, easy part of everyday life.

The series was enjoyed by all participants and we are planning to bring anew study with the same format to you this fall. Have a great summer!

### **Prayer Group**

Thursdays: 11:00 am - NOON

Join with Pastor Mary and other members of our congregation to pray for special intentions here in our church and offer support for those needing God's guidance and healing love.

### **GO FISH**

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

Join Pastor Mary for a 6-part DVD study series by Andy Stanley that will help us explore the motivation behind sharing our faith. We will engage in thought-provoking dialogue that can help change the way we approach others and share our faith. Christianity is based on historical events that must be reported in order to be realized; moreover, Christianity is too counterintuitive to be recognized without help. Unless we tell others about Jesus, they'll never know.

# ***PRAYER CONCERNS***

## PRAY FOR HEALING

**Cameron Duff**  
**Tara Duff**  
**Jeffrey-**(Joyce Lawrence's son)  
**Wendy Quick**  
**Lynn Booth**  
**Sharon Gire**  
**Ken Pawlitz**  
**John Turner-** (Jeff Turner's brother)  
**Patti-**(Cliff Robbins' sister)  
**Patty-** (Shelley's sister-in-law)  
**Pastor Henry**  
**Sue Gough**  
**Jodie Horan**  
**Marilyn Winter**  
**Nancy Bechtel**  
**Dana and family** – (friend of Shelley)  
**Alyssa-** (Wendy Martin's granddaughter)  
**Tara Sumners-** (friend of Joyce Harrison)  
**Jeanne-** (friend of the Robbins family)  
**Marge Kunz**  
**Joan Mc Bride**

## STRENGTH AND HOPE

**Jeff Turner**  
**Shirley Honor**  
**Alex Rimac-**(friend of Wendy Quick)  
**Kenneth Bonkowski and family**  
**Savana**  
**Bill & Joyce Pitchford**  
**Josie**  
**Marlene Kanthook**  
**Pete Wickens & Family--**(friend of Haralsons)  
**Carlene Kneebone**  
**Tom Dittman**  
**Marilyn Anderson**

## COMFORT IN MOURNING

**Paul Hurst & family-** after the recent passing of his brother, David  
**Joan McBride & family-** after Jim McBride's recent passing  
**Family of Jacob Mathis-** after his recent passing  
**Karen Duff & family-**after Bruce Duff's recent passing

## SERVING IN THE MILITARY

**Nathan Call-** US Army (Valerie Robbins' nephew)  
**Justin Wright-** (grandson of Marilyn Wright)  
**SrA Shawn Konikson-** US Air Force  
**Mike Stroud-** US Air Force (Shirley Coar's grandson)

## GENERAL/GLOBAL

All people dealing with hardship and loss from recent natural disasters, including evacuees and first responders  
 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.

## ***New Life Presbyterian Church***

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*Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:00AM to 3:00 PM*

[office@newlifepresby.org](mailto:office@newlifepresby.org)

*Reverend Mary Bahr-Jones, Interim Pastor*

### **CHURCH STAFF**

Edyta Jaros  
Music Director

Shelley Claeys  
Secretary

Sana Mansour  
Child Care Supervisor

### **SESSION**

Moderator: Rev. Mary Bahr-Jones

Clerk: Valerie Robbins

Lori Haralson  
Frank Kunz  
Valerie Robbins  
Calliandra Bowman-Tomlinson

Bill Bowman  
Sharon Gire  
Charles Gough

Shayla Hansen  
Dave Konikson  
Marge Kunz

### **DEACONS**

Moderator: Joan Lockard

Secretary: Dorothy Harrington

Judy Doverspike  
Jodie Horan  
Margie Hurst

Bob Hitchcock  
Cheryl Konikson  
Joan Lockard  
Dorothy Harrington

Lou Angyal  
Lynn Booth  
Francis Booth

## **NLPC Weekly Calendar**

### **MONDAY, July 22, 2019**

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

### **THURSDAY, July 25, 2019**

11:00 AM Prayer Group

### **FRIDAY, July 26, 2019**

**Church Office Closed**

### **TUESDAY, July 23, 2019**

8:00 PM AA, Alanon, Alateen

### **SUNDAY, July 28, 2019**

10:00 AM Prayer Partners  
10:30 AM Worship  
11:45 AM Coffee Time

### **WEDNESDAY, July 24, 2019**

7:00 PM Band Practice