
New Life Presbyterian Church

July 28, 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:	Joyce Harrison
Ushers:	Francis Booth, Jodie Horan and Don Soule

Service for the Lord's Day
7th 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 deform our lives.

Call us into Your way of life, O God!

The disquiet of our lives distorts our minds and clouds our vision.

Lead us into Your vision of life, O God!

The disruptions of our culture fill our ears.

Speak to us your message of forgiveness, O God!

The distress that surrounds us breaks our hearts.

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

The disdain toward Christians in our time mutes 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

SPECIAL MUSIC *When You Believe* Calli Bowman-Tomlinson

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE WORD OF GOD

Acts 1:1-12

Pew Bible NT p. 113

This is the Word of the LORD;

Thanks be to God.

SERMON SERIES

GO FISH

SERMON

Boldly We Will Go

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN #298

Lord You Give the Great Commission

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray...

...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

You Save Me

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 invited to break up into small groups of two or three.*

Share with one another:

What is your style?

Direct, Intellectual, Testimonial, Interpersonal, Invitational or Serving?

Does recognizing your style help you to feel

THAT

God really can use you to reach out to other people?

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING OUT INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN #295 *Go to the World*

*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

Shine, Jesus, Shine

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-olution blog: <http://rev-olution.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:



Canned Goods – New Life collects canned goods for the needy in our community on the first Sunday of the month. Please bring your donation to church next Sunday but we ask that you be sure that all food donated is not expired. Thank you for your cooperation.

Cereal for Summer



New Life PC is 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.

TODAY 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.

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.

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.

Church Office Hours This Week



Monday
Tuesday- Friday

OFFICE CLOSED
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM



Red Cross Blood Drive— New Life is hosting a blood drive on Thursday, August 15th from 2:00 pm to 7:45 pm in Fellowship Hall. Please help the Red Cross fight the summer blood shortage by signing up to donate blood that day. Sign up on the bulletin board or call the office to make an appointment. Walk-ins are always welcome, too. Contact the Church Office with any questions.



Bakers and Hosts Needed!

We are in need of volunteers to donate baked goods (pies and cookies) and also to host the Canteen on August 15th for 2 hour time slots. To volunteer to help in any way, sign up on the bulletin board or call Bruce Short.



Special thanks to all who are able to volunteer to make our drive a success!



Rachel Circle The ladies of Rachel Circle will meet on Thursday, August 8th 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. Everyone is welcome!



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.

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.



2019 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 2019 is \$28.55 per church member. The total apportionment for New Life Presbyterian Church is \$3,939.90 . 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.

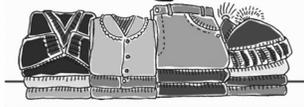
Summertime...

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.



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.

"Campfire Connections"

Thursdays: 7:00 pm

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!

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.

Watch for more engaging studies/groups to form this fall. Enjoy your summer!

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

Ewa Grzybowska – (friend of Edyta)
Lee Rosen-
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.

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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

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Joan Lockard
Dorothy Harrington

Lou Angyal
Lynn Booth
Francis Booth

NLPC Weekly Calendar

MONDAY, July 29, 2019

Church Office Closed

9:00 AM Honey Doers
8:00 PM AA

TUESDAY, July 30, 2019

8:00 PM AA, Alanon, Alateen

WEDNESDAY, July 31, 2019

7:00 PM Band Practice

THURSDAY, August 1, 2019

11:00 AM Prayer Group
7:00 PM LIFE Kids
7:00 PM Campfire Connections

SUNDAY, August 4, 2019

10:00 AM Prayer Partners
10:30 AM Worship
w/ Communion
11:45 AM Coffee Time
7:00 PM Venture Crew

