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Voice of **New Hope**

“Transformed by Grace, Faith and Love!”

The theme for this year's stewardship emphasis is *Transformed by Grace, Faith, and Love*. We will begin this emphasis on **January 21, 2018**. As God's people, we have been given the high honor of being his stewards. As his stewards, we are called to manage faithfully all that we've been entrusted with

according to God's will and benefit. Because of God's generous gifts of grace, faith, and love, we can accomplish all that God asks us to do. God works in and through us as we become his hands, feet, and mouth. Each week during this three-week emphasis, we will be focusing on one of the three virtues, grace, faith, and love.

In week one, our focus is on God's undeserved kindness and love which the Bible calls grace. God's grace comes from God through Jesus and his work for us. It is not something we have a right to. Jesus obtained it for us. We get it freely because of the obedience and sacrifice of Jesus. This saving grace also enables and motivates us to be God's stewards. The power of God's grace in our lives compels us to use our time, talents, and money in ways that glorify God.

In week two, we are reminded that it is through faith that we have access into God's grace and a new relationship with him. Through faith, God changes us, and we are born anew of him. Not only does faith justify us and give us peace with God (Romans 5:1), we are told by James and other writers that faith produces works (James 2:18). Faith leads to action. Through faith, we are empowered to fulfill God's purposes. Our deeds as stewards are evidence of our faith.

The third week we will focus on the virtue of love. Love ought to follow faith. Love seeks the welfare of others. *“Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us”* (1 John 4:11-12). God's love in Christ will compel us to do things that appear foolish to unbelievers. God's love prompts us to give freely of our time, talents, and treasures to help others and extend his kingdom. I hope and pray that God will use the sermon messages on *Transformed by Grace, Faith, and Love* to draw you closer to him. We also urge you to make every effort to attend the Bible studies as we focus on grace, faith, and love.



Notes from our Leaders

Vicar Vern's View

Merry Christmas!

Yes, indeed, while we may be quick to take down our trees after family celebrations and the celebration of the New Year, we are still in the midst of the Christmas season. We continue celebrating the incarnation of our Lord, and sharing this good news in our communities, that Christ, the greatest gift of love has come to all people. I pray that your Christmas and New Year celebrations were joyful, filled with the love of family, friends, and memories. For those of you who traveled during these holiday's I pray that your travels were safe and your homecomings joyful! Soon we will celebrate the Epiphany of our Lord, and the celebration of the baptism of our Lord. I encourage you to join us every week for our 10am liturgy and to invite friends to join us for worship as well.



Also, Lent is right around the corner! Ash Wednesday is on February 14th (just over a month away). Please mark your calendars for this time when we will gather to begin our journey to the cross remembering the reality that we are but dust, yet that we have hope through the passion and resurrection of our Lord.

I want to take a minute to tell you all how thankful I am for your ministry and for the support I have received from you in our beginning months together. God is at work in this congregation, and has gifted the people of this community with many gifts to be the light of Christ in the world. As we begin this New Year, and as I'm sure many of you like I are working to achieve the goals of New Year's resolutions, ask yourself, "In this New Year, how can I share the ministries of New Hope with others?" May this year be filled with abundant blessings for us all. May we continue to grow in faith and in love for God and God's people. And may the Lord bless us and keep us, and work in us to be a voice of new hope for the Gospel in the world. Blessings to you all, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year!



Peace in Christ,

Vicar Vern

New Hope Council Highlights – December 2017

Present – James Brown, Sylvia Chandler, Pat Glenn, Gerald Hefner, Rudy Hyde, Kathryn Murph, and Daniel Wells. Kathy Hunter, Annette Sloop and Joann Wingler.

Absent was Julie Walter and Cathy Young

-President Brown welcomed new council members: Kathy Hunter, Annette Sloop, and Joann Wingler

-Approved November's treasurer's report

-Approved November's council minutes and Congregational minutes for November 12 and 19

-In inclement weather, President Brown will use the phone tree and call the TV stations, 3 and 9

-Thank you note from CCM for \$210.00

-Thanksgiving and Christmas offering will go to Community Free Clinic

-Operation Team had a written report. The Stewardship Program will be emphasized on January 21, 28, and February 4.

-30 attended Hot Dog Lunch in December

-New officers for council: President – James Brown, Vice-President – Annette Sloop, Secretary – Sylvia Chandler, Treasurer – Kathy Hunter, Financial Secretary – Christine Williams

-Kathy Hunter and Joann Wingler will be serving on the Congregational Life committee

-Annette Sloop will be serving on the Outreach committee

Next meeting – Monday, January 8, 2018 at 7:00 pm



January Pastor Schedule

January 7	Pastor Fore
January 14	Pastor Carl Yost
January 21	Pastor Fore
January 28	Vicar Vern

Noisy Bucket Sunday will be January 21st. The money for January and February will go to Duke Power "Share the Warmth". We will try to let you know this year how much is going out for each of our 6 ministries that we support thru the Noisy Bucket. We need to "pat ourselves on the back" for the fine job we are doing helping others. Thanks for all the coins and folding money donated last year.

Items were taken to CVAN the week of December 10th. A gift card was also taken from the Faith Circle to them. They were very appreciative of the items that was given. We will take the donations to them as needed. Thanks again.

Faith Circle will meet January 15th at Logan's Steakhouse at 6:00 for our December and January meeting. We were not able to go out in December and eat so we will try January. Thank you, Faith Sisters, for all the good work this year.

Free Hot Dog Lunch—Saturday, January 6th, 11:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
Come join us for lunch and help us welcome our community to New Hope.



The Joyful Morning Circle will meet on Wednesday January 3rd at **11:30 am** at Jean Sloop's house. Juanita Brawley is program leader.
All ladies are welcome to join us.



The Good Timers will meet Tuesday January 9th at 11:30 for a covered dish lunch and fun with “what do you remember” trivia questions. All are welcome to join the fun. Contact Pat Glenn at 704-932-5179 with any questions.

SNACK PACK PROGRAM:



Snack Pack Program

Snack Pack Food Sunday will be January 14th. Thank you so much for all the donations in 2017. Any healthy item that is individually wrapped would be appreciated. Items that are needed are as follows: Capri Suns, juice boxes, crackers, granola bars, pudding cups, fruit cups and mac n cheese. Thank you for your help with this ministry.



Remember to bring your old eyeglasses and hearing aids to church and put them in the box provided by the Lions' Club. This is located in the narthex. The Lions' Club will send them to third world countries where they are put to good use. There they help those less fortunate than we are. You may be the source of someone seeing or hearing. Look around the house. If you see any lying around, bring them to the Lions' Club box.

Cooperative Christian Ministry food pantry is in need of the following items:

Sugar Free Items

Sweet Peas

Soup

Plastic Bags (used or unused)

Low Sodium Items

Any Canned Beans

Macaroni & Cheese

Canned Fruit

Toilet Paper

Paper Towels



**Make prayer a part of
your daily life...**



Praying for you:

Patsy Karriker	704-933-1783
Cleo Overcash	704-932-6960
Jack & Juanita Brawley	704-933-9183
Lorine Snow	704-933-9687
Joyce Swanner	704-932-1489
Joann Wingler	704-933-2623
Jennifer Williams	704-305-0952
Kathy Hunter	704-773-1848
Jean Sloop	704-932-0041

For members of the prayer team:
Please call the person after your name in the above list.
If no one is home, please leave the message **BUT CALL THE NEXT PERSON ON THE LIST**. Continue that procedure until you talk with someone in person.

**Ongoing Prayer Concerns —
New Hope Members**

Aderhold Family	Lorine Snow & Family
Thelma Honeycutt	Maurice Staley
Todd Morgan	
Margaret Markus	

**Ongoing Prayer Concerns —
Friends & Family**

Pacey Smith & Family	Rusty & Mary Anne
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Prayer Concerns — New Hope Members

Jack Brawley	Margaret Markus
Max & Mildred Caudill	
Syble & Clinton Dancy	
Sara Karriker	

Prayer Concerns— Friends & Family

Andy Adams & Family	Debbie Wallace
Steve Cook	Tommy Young Family
Beth Crawford	Jacob
Bobby & Jean Cook	Keith
Joan Cook	Julie
Brian Cook	Graham
Sharon Clarke	Frances & Family
Lawrence Cline	Madison
Dulce Deinken	NICU Babies
Amy Davis	Those who suffer loss
Ethel Frick Family	All sick members
Will Fesperman	All cancer patients, their
Lynn Fesperman	Family & caregivers
Patti Follett	All Veterans & Military
James Funderburke	All who travel
Good Family	All who mourn
Everett Gilliam Family	All who are in prison
Carli Goforth Jr	
Martha Helms	
Patty Howell	
Mary Ann Hammonds	
Colleen & James Holcombe	
Anna Lisa Hyde	
Charles Hyde	
Carrie Johnson	
Jackie Linker	
Louise & Rick Mitchell	
Mitterer Family	
Syble Mosely	
Bobby Morris	
Ginger Moore	
Kay Nesbitt	
Oliver Family	
Jim Roof	
Evelyn & James Rae	
Harold Slawson Family	
Mike Tarlton	

Dear New Hope Family,
We want to sincerely thank you for all the acts of kindness shown to our family during the last few weeks. The prayers, phone calls, cards, and food certainly helped to make a very difficult time a little easier. My mom always loved worshipping at New Hope. When I would take her back to home congregation, or she was talking to friends, she told everyone of the beautiful sanctuary, how kind everyone was to her, and how accessible it was for someone who did not maneuver steps or handle long walking distances. New Hope members were always so welcoming and showed great concern for her. We ask for your continued prayers as we adjust to a new way of life without her presence.

Sincerely, Kristie, Ron & Daniel Wells

Given to the glory of God...

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

Given in Memory of :

June Wojciechowski
June Wojciechowski
June Wojciechowski
June Wojciechowski
Ethel Frick
Ethel Frick
Ethel Frick
Ethel Frick
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Ethel Frick
Ethel Frick
Ethel Frick
Ethel Frick
Tommy Young
Tommy Young
Tommy Young
Tommy Young
Larry Harrison
Larry Harrison
Larry Harrison

By:

Patsy Harrison
Her Grand & Great Grandchildren
Mike & Kathy Hunter
Kathy Dayvault
James & Erna Brown
Patsy Harrison
Rudy Hyde
Jack & Juanita Brawley
Mike & Kathy Hunter
The Salter Family
Mr & Mrs Robert Westmoreland
Grace Lutheran Church, Gilbert SC
Grace Lutheran Church WELCA
Mr & Mrs James Brady
Glenn Family
Jean Ray
Jack & Juanita Brawley
Mike & Kathy Hunter
Clinton & Syble Dancy
Karl & Joann Wieland
Kathy Dayvault
Mike & Cathy Young
Albert & Joann Wingler

Given in Honor of :

Ron & Kristie Wells
Patsy Harrison

By:

Mr & Mrs James Brady
Albert & Joann Wingler

Birthdays & Anniversaries...



January 1
January 1
January 2

Michael Hunter
Kathryn Murph
Mildred Caudill

January 22
January 25

Rudy Hyde
Patsy Karriker

Anniversaries

January 6
January 19

Max & Mildred Caudill
Clinton & Syble Dancy

January 23

Charles & Christine Williams

Let's Remember Tommy in the New Year!

The New Hope Chancel and Handbell Choirs invite the congregation to help us collect treats for Tommy Funderburk.

Tommy is a resident at a nursing home in High Point. He has been living there over a year and in that time the choir has communicated with Tommy's daughter.

Snacks are the one thing that Tommy still enjoys receiving! With Christmas goodies a distant memory we are going to make Tommy a "Winter Treat Box!" The following items are suggested for Tommy:

Nuts

Sugar free candies

Low-sugar snacks

Cheese crackers

Tommy doesn't read anymore or do puzzles. Please bring only the items listed above. Place the snacks in the box in the narthex. We will collect during the month of January and deliver the box to Tommy towards the end of the month.

Thank you for your help!

Tristan Gabriel, a scout in Troop 328 at Ebenezer Lutheran Church, is asking New Hope members to help with his Eagle Scout project. Tristen is collecting used prescription pill bottles to help with Matthew 25 ministries. This ministry uses old prescription pill bottles to send medicines to countries with little or no access to medicines. There is a box in the narthex to place your empty bottles. PLEASE REMOVE YOUR LABEL WITH NAME, PRESCRIPTION, ETC.

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Tues 11:30 am-1 pm



a grace
place

The mission of New Hope Lutheran Church is to *live in God's amazing grace and share the Good News of God's love in our community and beyond.*


Our vision is that: *New Hope Lutheran Church will be a faith community where all people can experience God's love and grace, and where we use our gifts of time, talent, and treasure to feed the hungry in body, mind, and spirit.*



JANUARY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 New Years Day	2 7:00 pm Operations team 7:30 pm—N/A Meeting	3 11:30 am—Joyful Morning 7:00 pm—Scouts	4	5 7:30 pm—N/A Meeting	6 11:30 am—Hot Dog Lunch
7 9:00 am—Sunday School 10:00 am—Worship	8 7 pm—Congregation Council	9 10:30 am—Good Timers 7:30 pm—N/A Meeting	10 6:15 pm —Handbell 7:00 pm—Choir 7:00 pm—Scouts	11	12 7:30 pm—N/A Meeting	13
14 9:00 am—Sunday School 10:00 am—Worship Snack Pack Sunday	15 MLK Day 6 pm—Faith Circle @ Logans	16 7:30 pm—N/A Meeting	17 6:15 pm —Handbell 7:00 pm—Choir 7:00 pm—Scouts	18	19 7:30 pm—N/A Meeting	20
21 9:00 am—Sunday School 10:00 am—Worship Noisy Bucket Sunday	22 7 pm—Worship Team	23 7:30 pm—N/A Meeting	24 6:15 pm —Handbell 7:00 pm—Choir 7:00 pm—Scouts	25	26 7:30 pm—N/A Meeting	27
28 9:00 am—Sunday School 10:00 am—Worship	29	30 7:30 pm—N/A Meeting	31 6:15 pm —Handbell 7:00 pm—Choir 7:00 pm—Scouts			


JANUARY 2018—WORSHIP LEADERS



ALTAR GUILD
Brown Family



COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Erna Brown & Rudy Hyde



HEAD USHER


Keith Glenn



OFFERING COUNTERS

Kathy Hunter & Sylvia Chandler

CHILDREN'S SERMON




Children's Sermon

1/7	Kathy Hunter
1/14	Kristie Wells
1/21	Kathy Hunter
1/28	Kathy Hunter


LECTORS

1/7	Kristie Wells
1/14	Mike Young
1/21	Kathy Hunter
1/28	Mike Wojciechowski




GREETER

Patsy Harrison



Augsburg Sunday School Teacher

1/7	Sylvia Chandler
1/14	Erna Brown
1/21	Christine Williams
1/28	Phil Black



If you are unable to serve as scheduled, please find your replacement and call the office to let the secretary know of the schedule change. Thank you.