

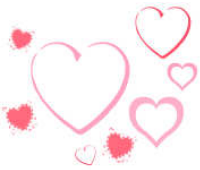
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# *Voice of* **New Hope**



## ***February - From Epiphany to Transfiguration to Lent!!***



How can the shortest month in the year contain so many worship opportunities? If it seems that Lent is coming early this year, it is!

As February begins we are completing the Sundays of Epiphany. Then we move to the Transfiguration of our Lord on February 11. The “alleluia” is put away until Easter and we are enabled to see the God-light in Jesus’ face.

This year Ash Wednesday falls on February 14...yes Valentine’s Day! Somehow that seems odd. But on Ash Wednesday as we receive ashes and experience an intensification of our regular rite of Confession and Forgiveness, we can consider the state of our hearts. The prayer of the day speaks for “new and honest hearts.”

February 18 and February 25 are the first and second Sundays in Lent. This year’s scriptures focus on ***covenant themes***. The first and second Sundays in Lent will highlight God’s covenant with Noah after the flood and God’s covenant with Abraham and Sarah, making them the ancestors of many.

As we journey through this short month of February let’s remember the importance of each of the Sundays. On the last Sunday, February 25, Jesus tells his disciples for the first time what is to come (Mark 8:31-38). Jesus calls his followers...that’s us...to take up our cross and follow the path he takes.



# Notes from our Leaders

## *Vicar Vern's View*

In two weeks we have quite the eventful day on our calendars. Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> is the feast of St. Valentine, also known commercially throughout many regions of the world as Valentine's Day. Many will celebrate the gift of loved ones with flowers and candy; yet, this day also marks the beginning of something else important in the life of the church and our congregation. February 14<sup>th</sup> is Ash Wednesday. This day marks the beginning of Lent, and journey with Christ to the Cross. On Ash Wednesday we remember our mortality, that we are but dust and to dust we shall return. Please take the opportunity to join us for worship on February 14<sup>th</sup> for our Ash Wednesday service.



I also want to propose before you all, as we enter another Lenten season, many of us wrestle with, "Well what do I give up for lent this year? Soda or ice cream? Watching a favorite show on tv? Taking out the trash? I invite you all this year, rather than to engage in a discipline of withholding something during lent, engage in a discipline of adding something to your routine. Perhaps you might participate in a Lenten devotion (there are many resources for those). Or maybe set out a portion of time each day to intentionally pray for yourself and others, the options are plentiful.



I continue to be grateful for the faith of this community, for your love for God and for the church, and for your ministry. I pray that as we prepare for lent and continue in our journey of faith together that you are well in mind, body, and spirit. I especially pray that you all do not experience the effects of this overwhelming influenza outbreak this year. I am blessed to serve this community, and thankful for all you do. As we walk in the shadow of the cross, may the peace of the Lord be with you always...

Peace in Christ,

*Vicar Vern*

## ***New Hope Council Highlights – January 2018***

Present – James Brown, Sylvia Chandler, Pat Glenn, Gerald Hefner, Kathy Hunter, Annette Sloop.  
Daniel Wells, Joann Wingler, and Cathy Young

- Approved December's treasurer's report
  - Approved December's council minutes
  - End of Year Reports due January 31, 2018
  - Noisy Bucket will stay the same as 2017 except May will be Bingo money for the Lutheran Home and June will be Community Free Clinic
  - “Souper” Bowl will be February 4 and proceeds go to CCM
  - Lynn Johnson, Scout Leader, requested use of Fellowship Hall February 4, 2018 for a breakfast and Scout Sunday will be the same day.
  - Pat Glenn requested use of Fellowship Hall September 29, 2018
  - Operation Team reported about the Stewardship Program being emphasized on January 21, 28, and February 4. A new printer will be purchased for the secretary's office.
  - Congregational Life team will meet on January 29, 2018 at 7:00 pm.
  - 15 attended Hot Dog Lunch in January. Annette Sloop also served soup for the Outreach team.
  - Pat Glenn updated the bulletin board in the narthex for the Spiritual Formation team.
  - Worship and Music team will meet January 22, 2018 at 7:00 pm. They will discuss Lent and Easter.
- Next meeting – Monday, February 12, 2018 at 7:00 pm



### **February Pastor Schedule**

February 4	Pastor Fore
February 11	Vicar Vern
February 18	Pastor Fore
February 25	Vicar Vern

Noisy Bucket Sunday is February 13<sup>th</sup>. Donations from January and February are going to Duke Power “Share the Warmth. We plan to let you know how much we get for each of our 6 ministries that we contribute to during the year. Thank you for all the change and folding money.

CVAN items are collected all year long. When we get a lot of items we will take them to the house. Please remember that what you use at your house they need 10X times that amount. Cleaning items, paper products, hygiene products and diapers are just a few of the things that use. Thanks for all your support.

Faith Circle is going to TRY and meet on February 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at Logan's Steakhouse. We have had sickness and have not got to meet for our December meeting yet. Please note that we are meeting on a Tuesday night this month only. Thank you, ladies, for all your support.

**Free Hot Dog Lunch**—Saturday, February 3, 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 February 7th at **11:30 am** at Joann Wingler's house. Patsy Karriker is program leader. All ladies are welcome to join us.



The Good Timers will have a Valentine breakfast meeting Tuesday the 13th at 10 am at Libby's. Wear your red and meet in fellowship.

### **SNACK PACK PROGRAM:**



Snack Pack Sunday will be on February 11<sup>th</sup>. Any individual packed healthy food items are needed. Things like Capri Suns, crackers, pudding cups, fruit cups, granola bars, etc. Thanks for all your help with this outreach.



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

Instant Potatoes

Soup

Plastic Bags (used or unused)

Low Sodium Items

Any Canned Beans

Corn

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	

**Prayer Concerns — New Hope Members**

Max & Mildred Caudill	Albert Wingler
Margaret Markus	

**Prayer Concerns— Friends & Family**

Gail Anderson	Those who suffer loss
Dianne Barker Family	All sick members
Michael Baird	All cancer patients, their Family & caregivers
Steve Cook	All Veterans & Military
Jean Cook	All who travel
Tim Carriker	All who mourn
Kristy Carriker	All who are in prison
Dulce Deinken	
Will Fesperman	
Joan Fyre	
Martha Helms	
Patty Howell	
Ruth Humphries	
Colleen Holcombe	
Anneliese Hyde	
Charles Hyde Family	
Becky Jones	
Louise & Rick Mitchell	
Graham Mangum	
Mike Morton	
Dale Norwood	
Jacob Sykes	
Sunell Sherin	
Asia Sheeks	
Mike Tarlton	
Daisy Williams	
NICU Babies	

**Ongoing Prayer Concerns —  
Friends & Family**

Pacey Smith & Family	Rusty & Mary Anne
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For God so loVed the world  
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iN Him should not perish  
but havE everlasting life.

(John 3:16, NKJV)

# *Given to the glory of God...*

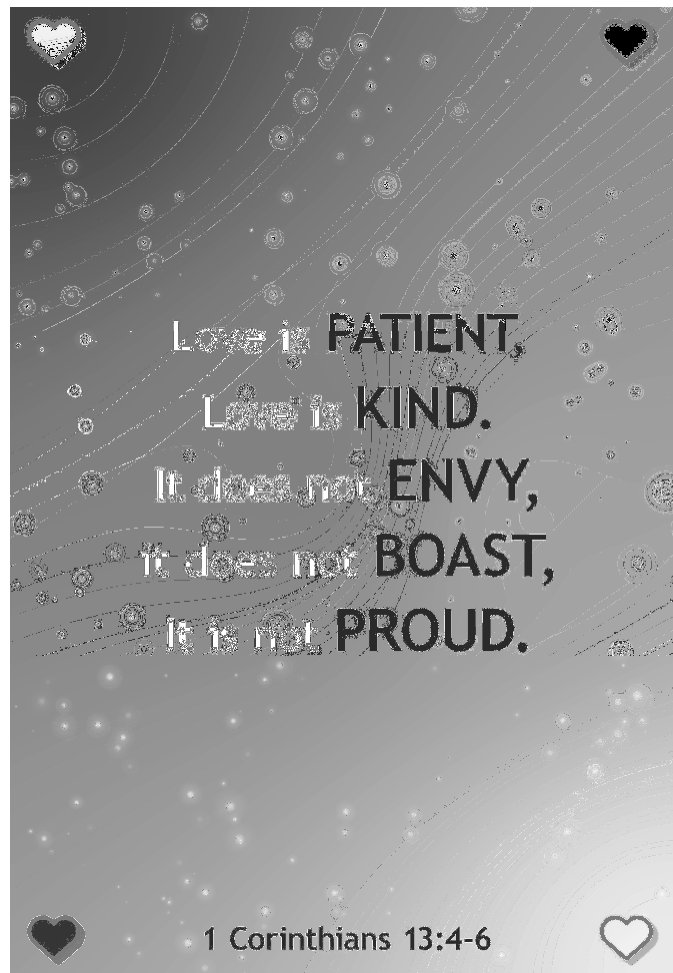
## MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

### Given in Memory of :

Ethel Frick  
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Tommy Young  
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Tommy Young  
Tommy Young  
Charles Hyde

### By:

Geraldine Wood  
Patsy Karriker  
Albert & Joann Wingler  
Curtis & Barbara Freeze  
Ron & Kristie Wells  
Patsy Karriker  
Albert & Joann Wingler  
Erna & James Brown  
Albert & Joann Wingler



# Birthdays & Anniversaries...



February 2	Jean Dancy	February 14	Jacob Sloop
February 5	Thelma Honeycutt	February 19	Kaylee Murph
February 7	Paula Wojciechowski	February 21	Clinton Dancy
February 10	Patsy Harrison		

## Anniversaries

February 12	Keith & Pat Glenn	February 25	Kenneth & Julie Walter
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Now that we have collected empty medicine bottles to help with the Eagle Scout project which was a huge success we are going to continue. They are several places that can use the empty bottles. There is a basket in the narthex for your empty bottle. We will see that they are sent to a place that has a need for them. Thank your help with this ministry.

### 10 biblical ways to love

1. Listen without interrupting. "To answer before listening – that is folly and shame" (Proverbs 18:13).
2. Speak without accusing. "Be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry" (James 1:19).
3. Give without selfishness. "The righteous give without sparing" (Proverbs 21:26).
4. Pray without ceasing. "We have not stopped praying for you" (Colossians 1:9).
5. Answer without arguing. "Better a dry crust with peace and quiet than a house full of feasting, with strife" (Proverbs 17:1).
6. Share without pretending. "Speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of ... Christ" (Ephesians 4:15).
7. Enjoy without complaining. "Do everything without grumbling or arguing" (Philippians 2:14).
8. Trust without wavering. "[Love] always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres" (1 Corinthians 13:7).
9. Forgive without punishing. "Forgive as the Lord forgave you" (Colossians 3:13).
10. Promise without forgetting. "A longing fulfilled is a tree of life" (Proverbs 13:12).

—From various websites; all Scriptures NIV

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Friday 9 am—12 pm  
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.***






# FEBRUARY 2018


Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 7:30 pm—N/A Meeting	3 11:30 am—Hot Dog Lunch
4 <b>Souper Bowl</b> Scout Sunday 9:00 am—Sunday School 10:00 am—Worship	5	6 7:00 pm—Operations Team 7:30 pm—N/A Meeting	7 11:30 am—Joyful Morning 6:15 pm—Handbell Choir 7:00 pm—Choir 7:00 pm—Scouts	8	9 7:30 pm—N/A Meeting	10
11 9:00 am—Sunday School 10:00 am—Worship Snack Pack Sunday	12 7 pm—Congregation Council	13 11:00 am—Good Timers 6:00 pm—Faith Circle 7:30 pm—N/A Meeting	14 <b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> Valentines Day 7:00 pm Service	15	16 7:30 pm—N/A Meeting	17
18 9:00 am—Sunday School 10:00 am—Worship Noisy Bucket Offering	19	20 7:30 pm—N/A Meeting	21 6:15 pm—Handbell Choir 7:00 pm—Choir 7:00 pm—Scouts	22	23 7:30 pm—N/A Meeting	24
25 9:00 am—Sunday School 10:00 am—Worship	26	27 7:30 pm—N/A Meeting	28 6:15 pm—Handbell Choir 7:00 pm—Choir 7:00 pm—Scouts			

# FEBRUARY 2018 — WORSHIP LEADERS





**ALTAR GUILD**  
Wojciechowski Family

**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS**  
Ron Wells & Mike Young




**HEAD USHER**  
Julie Walter



**OFFERING COUNTERS**  
James & Erna Brown

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**




Children's Sermon

2/4	Kathy Hunter
2/11	Erna Brown
2/18	Pastor James
2/25	Vicar Vern

**LECTORS**

2/4	Christine Williams
2/11	Sylvia Chandler
2/18	Erna Brown
2/25	Ron Wells




**GREETER**  
Syble Dancy



**Augsburg Sunday School Teacher**

2/4	Erna Brown
2/11	Sylvia Chandler
2/18	Christine Williams
2/25	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.