

in this issue >>>

President's Note.....2
Prayer Chain.....5
Announcements.....4
Council Highlights3



March 2018
Volume 23
Number 3

Voice of **New Hope**

Palm Sunday, March 25

9:00 am—Sunday School
10:00 am—Worship Service

Maundy Thursday, March 29

7:00 pm - Worship Service

Good Friday, March 30

7:00 pm—Worship Service

Easter Sunday, April 1st

9:00 am—Breakfast
10:00 am—Festive Worship

- * Check the Sunday bulletin for Easter geranium order information.



HOLY WEEK
Worship Services

Easter Breakfast will be served at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, April 1. In order for all our members to join the Worship Service and not be left with the responsibility of clean-up, the menu will be a bit different. Pastries, doughnuts, fruit, juice and coffee will be served. Please bring a friend and join us in celebrating the Risen Lord!



Notes from our Leaders

Vicar Vern's View

Greetings to you all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

I pray that this letter finds that you are all well in mind, body, and spirit as we continue in our journey of faith. This month I simply have several reminders of upcoming events in the congregation, as well as a couple announcements to echo from Sunday's liturgy. We are entering into our 3rd week of Lent, meaning that our Lenten journey is almost half past. In this regard, I want to remind you all of our Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday services. Please refer to the bulletin and the church calendar for times of services. Easter is April 1st this year... APRIL FOOLS, (but seriously). Please join us for a celebration of the resurrection of our Lord.



I received word that after changing my phone service, that on some caller ID's my number appears as "Propst Electric." In that spirit, if you receive a phone call and this is the ID that appears, I promise that it is most likely I, and not a telemarketer or spam call. I apologize for any confusion that this may have caused.



Also, I want to thank you all for your continued prayers for me as my seminary formation continues. For those who were not able to attend Sunday's liturgy and are not social media savvy, it is with great joy that I announce that I have been assigned to the North Carolina Synod for my first call to ministry. I continue to ask you for your prayers as this process continues, and I again thank you for your support.

I continue to be thankful for your faithfulness at New Hope, and I pray that the Lord blesses you all abundantly with goodness and love. My friends, may the Lord bless you and keep you, may the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you, may the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Peace in Christ,

Vicar Vern

New Hope Council Highlights – February 2018

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

- Approved February's treasurer's report
- Approved February's council minutes
- Extended Vicar Vern's contract until May 13, 2018
- “Souper Bowl” results were \$62.47 –money will be sent to CCM
- Thank you letters and notes from Hospice, CVAN, Lutheran Disaster Response, Community Free Clinic, and CCM
- Council decided to give to **Reach 3000** – a program from UNCC to finance a student to go to Montana on a mission trip
- Pat Glenn requested use of Fellowship Hall October 6, 2018
- Suzanne Mattox requested use of Fellowship Hall April 8, 2018
- Operations Team met and discussed trimming the crepe myrtle trees;
- Congregational Life team met and discussed buying round tablecloths for the Fellowship Hall and decided to use the green dish money to purchase these. James Brown will make a stand for them.
- 24 attended Hot Dog Lunch in February. Annette Sloop also served soup for the Outreach team. 3 helpers came to help. Need more helpers. We received the “Bell Ringer Award” for 2017.
- Worship and Music team met and discussed Lent and Easter



Next Council meeting will be March 12, 2018 with Cathy Young having the devotions

March Pastor Schedule

March 4	Pastor Fore
March 11	Vicar Vern
March 18	Pastor Fore
March 25	Vicar Vern
March 29 Maundy Thursday	Pastor Nelson
March 30 Good Friday	Vicar Vern

Noisy Bucket for March will be Sunday March 18th. Monies collected in March and April will be given to the Kannapolis Bible Teachers Association. Their annual banquet will be May 7th at 6:00 p.m. at Shoe Show in Kannapolis. We will take a check for the offering given for this ministry. Members of the Faith Circle go to the banquet. If any member of the church would like to attend the dinner meeting please let Erna Brown know. Thank you for your change and folding money.

Free Hot Dog Lunch—Saturday, March 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 not meet in March



The Good Timers will have their March meeting on Tuesday the 13th at 11:30 at New Hope with a covered dish lunch. We'll have an early St. Patrick's Day celebration.

SNACK PACK PROGRAM:



Snack Pack Program is Sunday March 11th. Please remember any individual snack food is needed. This program is going to end at the close of school this year. Support from all the churches that participate has dropped and they will not be able to provide for all the participants next year. Please participate as you if able to finish out this outreach that we have been a part of for the past 4-5 years. Thank you for your past support.



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

One pound box of spaghetti

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

Clinton & Syble Dancy	Lorine Snow
Kathy Hunter & Family	Albert Wingler
Margaret Markus	
Taylor Murph	
Jean Sloop	

Prayer Concerns— Friends & Family

Adam Family	All sick members
Wanda Black	All cancer patients, their Family & caregivers
Tracy Brooks	All Veterans & Military
Steve Cook	All who travel
Jean Cook	All who mourn
Lawrence Cline	All who are in prison
Dulce Deinken	
Lynn Efid	
Will Fesperman	
Martha Helms	
Michelle Hall	
Becky Jones	
Stella Ledbetter	
Cleo Lloyd	
Willie Langhorn	
Louise & Rick Mitchell	
Graham Mangum	
Anita Massey & Family	
Dale Norwood	
John Peterson	
Mike Tarlton	
Connie Thompson Family	
Michael Wayne Family	
Travis & Family	
NICU Babies	
Those who suffer loss	
Florida shooting Victims	

**Ongoing Prayer Concerns —
Friends & Family**

Pacey Smith & Family	Rusty & Mary Anne
----------------------	-------------------

Given to the glory of God...

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

Given in Memory of :
Larry Harrison

By:
Max & Mildred Caudill

Remembering Billy Graham

Billy Graham has died. That was the news on the morning of February 21. He was ninety-nine years old so it was not a shocking news announcement. Rev. Graham had suffered from Parkinson's Disease and was in poor health. So why did we still feel sadness and loss at this news?

Billy Graham was called the "pastor to the presidents" and the "people's pastor." The state of North Carolina is proud to call him a native son. Most of us grew up watching him preach on television and seeing him on the news as he led crusades around the world. His legacy is that he brought the good news of Jesus Christ and eternal life to people in need of good news. We will never know how many people were brought to Christ through Rev. Graham's preaching. We just know that Billy Graham was always there to offer words of hope when our nation and world needed them.

What follows are some of Billy Graham's "courageous quotes."

- √ *My home is in heaven. I'm just traveling through this world.*
- √ *Christ not only died for all: He died for each.*
- √ *Without the resurrection the cross is meaningless.*
- √ *The will of God will not take us where the grace of God cannot sustain us.*
- √ *I've read the last page of the Bible, it's going to turn out alright.*
- √ *A real Christian is one who can give his pet parrot to the town gossip.*
- √ *The framers of our Constitution meant we were to have freedom of religion, not freedom from religion.*
- √ *We are the Bibles the world is reading; we are the creeds the world is needing; we are the sermons the world is heeding.*
- √ *Believers look up-take courage. The angels are nearer than you think.*

Billy Graham was and always will be remembered for the power found in the first quote. He was a traveler here on his way to his home. Praise God for the life of Billy Graham!



March 1	Hunter Murph	March 21	Mike Hunter
March 2	Kenneth Walter	March 25	Syble Dancy
March 20	Diann Holland	March 29	Pam Brawley

Anniversaries

March 3	Charles & Joyce Swanner
---------	-------------------------



Empty Medicine Bottle are still being collected. We did a great job supporting the scout on his project. Thank you for bringing all your empty bottles for our next outreach project.

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.

CVAN items are an ongoing project. There are a lot of items already in the box. We will take the items as need be. Please remember that anything that you use at home they can use but a lot more of it. Thank you for your support.

Faith Circle will meet March 19th at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Patsy Harrison. Erna Brown will be the program leader. We invite any ladies of the church to visit with us. Thanks to all our ladies for their participation in church events.



Saturday, March 10th

The Senior Health and Wellness Expo is Wednesday, March 14th at the Cabarrus Arena and Events Center from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (4751 NC HWY 49, Concord NC) The event is FREE! They offer Free Health Screening such as vision, hearing, kidney health, physical fitness, etc. They also provide Healthy Food Tasting, Educational Sessions, Hands on Activities, free giveaways, and have about 70+ different exhibitors present at the event. If you have any question or would like more information please contact Michael Dorsey at [\(704\) 920-3488](tel:7049203488)

Puzzle!

Search for these words that are all associated with the Lenten journey.

crown donkey hosanna penance Pilate sins
colt crucifixion forsaken kiss prayer suffer
confess death Gethsemane lots repent thorns
cross denial Golgotha palms silver vigil

E	N	A	M	E	S	H	T	E	G	R	L	W	Y
C	L	E	U	X	B	M	T	H	B	U	C	W	B
N	R	I	K	Y	P	A	T	E	T	I	Y	X	Y
A	V	J	G	A	L	B	R	E	Y	A	R	P	B
N	G	N	L	I	S	N	L	A	I	N	E	D	X
E	W	M	P	R	V	R	D	H	B	N	R	D	F
P	S	O	G	O	L	G	O	T	H	A	B	S	C
D	L	N	R	O	C	O	N	F	E	S	S	I	K
O	T	H	T	C	P	E	K	W	U	O	U	N	D
M	N	S	H	N	P	W	E	D	R	H	F	S	K
U	N	F	O	E	T	K	Y	C	S	G	F	O	E
H	E	C	R	E	V	L	I	S	W	Q	E	C	M
H	V	H	N	C	X	S	O	C	C	J	R	L	O
F	Q	E	S	U	D	S	H	C	A	A	Y	M	C
C	R	U	C	I	F	I	X	I	O	N	S	R	V

New Hope Lutheran Church

1615 Brantley Road

Kannapolis, NC 28083-3917

Email: newhopelutheran@windstream.net

Website: www.livinginnewhope.org

Phone: 704-932-3716

Fax: 704-934-2565



Voice of New Hope
Published monthly by
New Hope Lutheran Church
704-932-3716
704-934-2565—fax

Pastor, James Fore, Stated Supply Pastor

Tricia Hall, Parish Secretary
newhopelutheran@windstream.net

James Brown, Organist/Handbell Director
newhopelutheran@windstream.net

Erna Brown, Choir Director
newhopelutheran@windstream.net

James & Donna Cline, Sextons

Office Hours: M, W, Th 9 am-1pm
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.***



MARCH 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 7:30 pm—N/A Meeting	3 11:30 am—Hot Dog Lunch
4 9:00 am—Sunday School 10:00 am—Worship	5	6 7:00 pm—Operations Team 7:30 pm—N/A Meeting	7 6:15 pm—Handbell Choir 7:00 pm—Choir 7:00 pm—Scouts	8	9 7:30 pm—N/A Meeting	10 Clocks Spring Forward
11 9:00 am—Sunday School 10:00 am—Worship Snack Pack Sunday	12 7 pm—Congregation Council	13 11:30 am—Good Timers 7:30 pm—N/A Meeting	14 6:15 pm—Handbell Choir 7:00 pm—Choir	15	16 7:30 pm—N/A Meeting	17 St Patrick's Day
18 9:00 am—Sunday School 10:00 am—Worship Noisy Bucket Offering	19 7 pm—Faith Circle	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 Palm Sunday 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	29 Maundy Thursday 7:00 pm—Service	30 Good Friday 7:00 pm Service	31


MARCH 2018 — WORSHIP LEADERS



ALTAR GUILD
Wells Family



COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Roger & Annette Sloop



HEAD USHER


Joann Wingler



OFFERING COUNTERS

Kathy Hunter & Julie Walter

CHILDREN'S SERMON




Children's Sermon

3/4	Kristie Wells
3/11	Erna Brown
3/18	Pastor James
3/25	Vicar Vern


LECTORS

3/4	Christine Williams
3/11	Cathy Young
3/18	Kristie Wells
3/25	Mike Young
3/29	Mike Wojciechowski
3/30	Christine Williams




GREETER

Christine Williams



Augsburg Sunday School Teacher

3/4	Sylvia Chandler
3/11	Erna Brown
3/18	Christine Williams
3/25	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.