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Easter

There will be a congregational covered dish luncheon following the worship service on **April 29** honoring Vicar Vern for his service here at New Hope. We hope all will attend and enjoy a time of sharing food and fellowship.



Notes from our Leaders

Vicar Vern's View

Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed, Alleluia! Grace and Peace to you all from God our Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ. This is a season to especially give thanks for the abundant signs of God's goodness and love that surround us as a community. As we celebrate with Joy, in thanksgiving over Christ's triumph over death and all forces that defy God.

I would like to take some time to extend a couple thank you's on behalf of the



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congregation. First, to all who were able to worship with us throughout our Lenten journey and for those who helped in arranging and sharing in our Holy Week services, thank you for your ministry. For all who have shared gifts with our congregation through singing, ringing (handbells), preparing for a congregational meal on Easter, and in setting up the worship space for several different liturgies in the past weeks, thank you for your ministry. For those who have prayed, for those who have given back to the

community, and for those who have visited the sick, thank you for your ministry. And finally, for the continued dedicated ministry of this congregation, and for all who gather in this place, thank you for your ministry.

I pray that your Easter celebrations are joyful! May you be surrounded by loved ones, and many memories made. And thanks be to God for the New Hope that we celebrate in the resurrection of our Lord as we proclaim, Christ is Risen, He is Risen indeed, Alleluia!

The peace of the Lord be with you always,

Vicar Vern

New Hope Council Highlights – March 2018



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

- Approved February's treasurer's report
 - Approved February's council minutes
 - Thank you letter from Main Street Mission in China Grove for our \$1,100.00 donation.
 - Lock-in for Scouts and Cubs on Saturday, March 24.
 - American Red Cross – Camp Ready for Kids – on July 24 and 25 in Family Life Center
 - NC Synod Assembly in Raleigh on June 1-2, 2018- need male and female to go
 - 15 attended Hot Dog Lunch in February – there will be no Hot Dog lunch on Oct. 6, 2018
 - April 29 – Luncheon after church – 5th Sunday – in honor of Vicar Vernon Kinard
- Next Council meeting will be April 9, 2018 with Cathy Young having the devotions

April Pastor Schedule

April 1	Pastor Fore
April 8	Vicar Vern
April 15	Pastor Fore
April 22	Buster Bennet
April 29	Vicar Vern

Noisy Bucket will be collected on Sunday April 15th. Monies collected in March and April will go to the Kannapolis Bible Teacher Association. Their annual banquet will be May 7th at 6:00 p.m. at the Shoe Show. Dinner will be served. Faith Circle members have and will be attending the banquet this year. If you would like to join us, please let Erna Brown know. She is the table hostess for New Hope. Please remember to bring your coins and folding money for this outreach.



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 were taken on March 20th to the house in Concord. They were very appreciative of the items that we collected. Please remember when you shop that anything in your house you need they need that also. The only thing that she mentioned when I asked what they needed in the line of food was any kind of pasta and sauce. Keep this is in mind if you have coupons or see something on sale. Thank you for your support in the ministry.

Free Hot Dog Lunch—Saturday, April 7th, 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 April 4th at **11:30 am** at Patsy Karriker's house. Joann Wingler is program leader. All ladies are welcome to join us.



The Good Timers April meeting will be at Libby's restaurant Tuesday the 10th at 10:00 for breakfast. All are welcome to come join us.



SNACK PACK PROGRAM:

Snack Pack program has been stopped. Ms. Michelle Pitts let me know that because of lack of participation from local churches that the program will have to stop. Contributions have dropped off in all the churches. Without knowing what they were going to receive each month this program cannot continue. We appreciate the ones that have contributed all these years to help with this program. I hope that you will continue to help one of our other ministries at New Hope. We support CCM and CVAN with our donations.

Faith Circle will meet on April 16th at the home of Patsy Harrison. Sylvia Chandler will have the program. Any ladies are welcome to join us for Bible Study and fellowship.



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
Canned Tomatoes or Tomato sauce
Instant Potatoes
Plastic Bags (used or unused)
Low Sodium Items

One pound box of spaghetti

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	Lorine Snow
Clinton & Syble Dancy	
Margaret Markus	
Jean Sloop	
Jacob Sloop	

Prayer Concerns— Friends & Family

Danny Anderson	Emily Sloop Family
Brent Baird	Margaret & Julie Simons
Michael Baird	Ray Smith
Wallace Baird	Jacob Sykes
Wanda Black	Mike Tarlton
Leslie Brett	Wilhelm Family
Bell Family	Tracy
Tracy Brooks	NICU Babies
Scott Carpenter	Those who suffer loss
Steve Cook	All sick members
Jean Cook	All cancer patients, their
Jean Coats	Family & caregivers
Lawrence Cline	All Veterans & Military
Dulce Deinken	All who travel
Terry Dellinger	All who mourn
Greg Dayvault	All who are in prison
Nathan Deir & Family	
Lynn Efid	
Will Fesperman	
Hires Family	
Sharon Hodge	
Ruth Humphries & Family	
Julia Jackson	
Jan Karriker	
Stella Ledbetter	
Ginger Moore	
Margaret Moser Family	

**Ongoing Prayer Concerns —
Friends & Family**

Pacey Smith & Family	Rusty & Mary Anne
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Given to the glory of God...

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

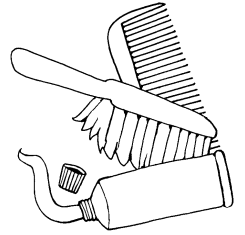
Given in Honor of :
Thelma Honeycutt

By:
Joyful Morning Circle

PERSONAL CARE KITS COLLECTION

The New Hope Women of the ELCA invite you to help us with our PERSONAL CARE KITS COLLECTION!

During April and May we will be collecting items for kits to be sent to *Lutheran World Relief*. When shopping please look for the following items, buy them, and bring them to the church. There will be a box in the narthex to collect the items.



ITEMS NEEDED FOR ONE KIT: (items should be new!)

ONE light-weight bath-size towel (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27"), dark color recommended

TWO or three bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping

ONE adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging (toothbrush multi-packs may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business-size envelope)

ONE sturdy comb

ONE metal nail clippers (attached file optional)

Thank you for helping us with this mission to "go into the world" to serve Christ this spring!



April 3

Kenneth Karriker

April 28

Kenny Walter

Anniversaries

April 14

Roger & Annette Sloop

Easter is a SEASON, not just a DAY!

(from *Sundays and Seasons – Year B 2018*)

The Easter season is a week of weeks, seven Sundays when we play in the mystery of Christ's presence, mostly through the glorious gospel of John.

April 8 – We gather with the disciples on the first Easter, and Jesus breathes the Spirit on us. With Thomas we ask for a sign, and Jesus offers us his wounded self in the broken bread. From frightened individuals we are transformed into a community of open doors, peace, forgiveness, and material sharing such that no one among us is in need.

April 15 – The gospel for the third Sunday of Easter is always one in which the risen Christ shares food with the disciples, meals that are the Easter templates for the meal we share each Lord's day. Into today's gospel, Jesus both shares the disciples' food and shows them the meaning of his suffering, death, and resurrection through the scriptures: the two main elements of our Sunday worship.

April 22 – The image of the Good Shepherd shows us how the risen Christ brings us to life. It is the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, one of mutual knowledge and love, that gives the shepherd authority. The shepherd's willingness to lay down his life for the sheep shows his love. First John illustrates what it means to lay down our lives for one another by the example of sharing our wealth with any sister or brother in need.

April 29 – This Sunday's image of how the risen Christ shares his life with us is the image of the vine. Christ the vine and we the branches are alive in each other, in the mystery of mutual abiding that we read of in the gospel and the first letter of John. Baptism makes us a part of Christ's living and life-giving self and makes us alive with Christ's life. As the vine brings food to the branches, Christ feeds us at his table. We are sent out to bear fruit for the life of the world.

May 6 -This Sunday's image of the life the risen Christ shares with us is the image of friendship. We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve; but for John's gospel, the image of servanthood is too hierarchical, too distant, to capture the essence of life with Christ. Friendship captures the love, the joy, the deep mutuality of the relationship into which Christ invites us. The Greeks believed that true friends are willing to die for each other. This is the mutual love of Christian community commanded by Christ and enabled by the Spirit.

May 13 – The gospel for Easter's seventh Sunday is always taken from the long prayer that Jesus prays for his followers in John's gospel on the night before his death, and always includes Jesus' desire that his followers will be one as he and the Father are one. This oneness is not mere doctrinal agreement or institutional unity, but mutual abiding, interpenetrating life, mutual love and joy. This oneness is the work of the Spirit whom we have received but also await. Come, Holy Spirit!

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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.*




APRIL 2018

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1 EASTER 9:00 am—Breakfast 10:00 am—Worship	2	3 7:00—Operations Team	4 11:30 am Joyful Morning	5	6 7:30 pm—N/A Meeting	7 11:30 am— Hot Dog Lunch
8 9:00 am—Sunday School 10:00 am—Worship	9 7pm Congregational Council	10 10: 00 am—Good Timers 7:30 pm—N/A Meeting	11 6:15 pm—Handbell 7:00 pm—Choir 7:00 pm—Scouts	12	13 7:30 pm—N/A Meeting	14
15 Noisy Bucket 9:00 am—Sunday School 10:00 am—Worship	16 7:00 pm Faith Circle	17 7:30 pm—N/A Meeting	18 6:15 pm—Handbell 7:00 pm—Choir 7:00 pm—Scouts	19	20 7:30 pm—N/A Meeting	21
22 9:00 am—Sunday School 10:00 am—Worship	23	24 7:30 pm—N/A Meeting	25 6:15 pm—Handbell 7:00 pm—Choir 7:00 pm—Scouts	26	27 7:30 pm—N/A Meeting	28
29 9:00 am—Sunday School 10:00 am—Worship Meal to follow worship	30					


APRIL 2018 — WORSHIP LEADERS



ALTAR GUILD
Glenn Family



COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Kenny & Julie Walter



HEAD USHER


Roger Sloop



OFFERING COUNTERS

Kathy Hunter & Sylvia Chandler

CHILDREN'S SERMON




Children's Sermon

4/1	Erna Brown
4/8	Kathy Hunter
4/15	Pastor James
4/22	Kristie Wells
4/29	Vern Kinard


LECTORS

4/1	Kathy Hunter
4/8	Christine Williams
4/15	Mike Wojciechowski
4/22	Erna Brown
4/29	Sylvia Chandler




GREETER

Sylvia Chandler



Augsburg Sunday School Teacher

4/1	Sylvia Chandler
4/8	Christine Williams
4/15	Erna Brown
4/22	Phil Black
4/29	Sylvia Chandler



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.