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# *Voice of* **New Hope**

## *Vicar Vern's View*

Greetings everyone,

This is a bittersweet newsletter article for me to write, both with joy in celebrating the ministry that we've shared in together, while acknowledging that life calls us to different places at different times. As we continue our Easter celebration, I want to encourage us all to be excited, Christ is Risen, Alleluia, and Christ is at work in and through the saints of this congregation. I am blessed to have been a part of the ministry in serving God and the church working alongside you all for the past year.

Together we have celebrated a huge milestone in the history of our church with the 500<sup>th</sup> celebration of the Reformation. We have contributed through several campaigns to provide for the less fortunate, to feed the hungry, and support one another in times of grief and joy. I have also been blessed by the gifts and your willingness to be worship leaders in this congregation. For all who participate in the handbell choir; the voices of our choir in worship; lectors; acolytes; those who have prepared the altar and the sanctuary weekly for worship; and for the leadership of the church council; thank you all for your ministry.

I have seen the compassion and loving hard work of the members in this community. As you continue in your loving and faithful ministries, you are revealing Christ to the world. You have all taught me many great lessons for my ministry going forward. I thank you for your willingness to welcome me, to be flexible with me while in school, and for allowing me the opportunity to get involved in the life of this congregation and in your lives, getting to know you all. I will hold the people of New Hope near to my heart and always be thankful for the ministry that we've shared together.

I pray that God continue to bless you all and this congregation, and I encourage you to continue sharing the hope that we have in our Risen Lord. The Lord bless you and keep you, 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.

Thanks be to God for the faithful saints of New Hope,

*Vicar Vern*



## Notes from our Leaders

Brothers and sisters, grace and peace to you all from the Father and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

I wanted to take a moment and introduce myself and say thank you for allowing me to serve alongside of the saints here at New Hope. My name of course is Buster Bennet, and I am originally from Union County, NC. I grew up in the Fairview area and graduated from Piedmont High School in 1998, which now seems like such a long time ago. I am currently a student in the Distance Learning program of Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minn., where I am pursuing a M.Div degree with a concentration in theology. Of course, I am also a candidate for Word and Sacrament in the NC Synod. A little over 7 years ago our family moved from Monroe, NC to the Kannapolis, NC area. I have three beautiful teenagers, Sabrina 16, Trae 15, and Mykaela 13, all of who are enrolled in Kannapolis City Schools. The most interesting thing that most people find about me is that I spent a vast majority of my life driving race cars, from WKA go-carts all the way to the NASCAR K&N series, and even won a few races along the way!

That being said, I am truly honored and humbled to be able to share in the work of our Lord with you going forward. I want to thank Vicar Vern Kinard for his service over the past year, and Pastor Fore for his continued service. Essentially, I will be taking over for Vicar Vern going forward, presiding over service on the second, fourth, and fifth Sundays. Also, I will be available for pastoral care visits, hospital care, and prayer visits much like Vicar Vern, with the exception that I am closer than he was since I live in Concord. If you need to reach me, my cell number is (704) 301-1260.

I am encouraged by the wonderful spirit I have seen in those that I have had a chance to meet. Over the next few weeks I will make a point to visit every member, to get to know everyone and see what God is doing in your lives and at New Hope. As New Hope transitions through different leaders, I want to take a moment to encourage you all in the words of St. Paul to the church in Corinth,

*“What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God’s servants, working together; you are God’s field, God’s building.” 1 Corinthians 3:5-9*

Remember that we are all God’s church on earth, and that while there have been some changes at New Hope, God will give the growth, not the individual leaders. I am very excited to see what God has in store, not only for New Hope, but for our work in spreading the hope of Jesus Christ in the surrounding community.

Grace and Peace  
Vicar Buster Bennet

There will be a called congregational meeting on **Sunday, May 6** following the worship service for the purpose of discussing and answering questions regarding the requested use of New Hope's facilities by Journey Methodist Church.

## *New Hope Council Highlights – April 2018*

Present – James Brown, Sylvia Chandler, Pat Glenn, Gerald Hefner, Kathy Hunter, Annette Sloop, Daniel Wells, Joann Wingler, and Cathy Young. Visitors included Jennifer Williams and Buster Bennett.

- Discussion held with Buster Bennett about taking Vicar Vern's position when he leaves on May 13, 2018
- Approved March's treasurer's report
- Approved March's council minutes
- NA requests Family Life Center on April 28, 2018 from 2:00 pm – 10:00 pm for their annual fundraising
- Thank you letter from Hospice for our \$100.00 donation.
- Thank you letter from the Synod for \$1,550.00 benevolence.
- Thank you letter from CCM for \$1,325.00 for the year 2017.
- A called congregation meeting is on May 6
- 22 attended Hot Dog Lunch in April



Next Council meeting will be May 14, 2018 with Sylvia Chandler having the devotions

### **May Pastor Schedule**

May 6	Pastor Fore
May 13	Vicar Vern
May 20	Pastor Fore
May 27	Buster Bennet

Empty Medicine Bottles: There is one thing you can say about New Hope's members we are on a lot of medicine. I have the first box to be mailed off this week. They requested that the labels be completely off and not be sticky on the bottle. Sometime this is hard to do. Please try to remove the labels as much as possible. This is an outreach that is not hard to do and it helps with the recycling. Please continue with this outreach.



If you have any questions please see Erna Brown or Patsy Harrison.

CVAN items are collected all year long. CVAN provides shelter for women and children who find themselves in an abusive situation. Usually they flee their homes with just a few of their personal items. The CVAN house gives them a place to feel safe until they can decide what is best for them and their children. Any personal items that you can contribute would be greatly appreciated. Diapers are always needed. They always have a need for paper products, cleaning items and other household items. Gift cards are also another way to help the out. Please remember this when you shop. Most of us are blessed that we have not been in this situation. Please help with this outreach if possible.

**Free Hot Dog Lunch**—Saturday, May 5th, 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 May 2nd 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 visit Memorial Gardens in Concord Tuesday May 8th for a walking meditation through twisting paths of flowerbeds, fountains and yes, tombstones. We will meet at 11:00 at New Hope to carpool to lunch first at Johnny's Farm House restaurant. Information contact Pat Glenn at 704-932-5179.

Faith Circle will meet Monday May 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the Kannapolis Bible Teachers Association at Shoe Show. This will be in place of our regular May meeting.

Noisy Bucket for the month of May will go to the Lutheran Home in Salisbury for Bingo prizes. The residents love to play Bingo and receive a quarter as a prize. Please remember this on Sunday May 20<sup>th</sup> and bring your extra change and folding money.



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

Bars of Soap

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**

Erna Brown	Kenny & Julia Walter
Max & Mildred Caudill	
Clinton & Syble Dancy	
Jean Sloop	
Christine Williams	

**Prayer Concerns— Friends & Family**

Josie Anderson	Sadie Pennell
Andy & Louise Adams	Heather Self
Josie Anderson	Simons Family
Danny Anderson	Ray Smith Family
Brent Baird	Mike Tarlton
Bell Family	Julia Walter
Leslie Brett	A father & daughter
Bell Family	Tracy
Tracy Brook & Family	NICU Babies
Scott Carpenter	Those who suffer loss
Steve Cook	All sick members
Jean Cook	All cancer patients, their Family & caregivers
Lawrence Cline	All Veterans & Military
Dulce Deinken	All who travel
Lynn Efird	All who mourn
Will Fesperman	All who are in prison
Jan & Steve Garmon	
Patty Howell	
Anneliese Hyde	
Christian Hyde	
James & Colleen Holcombe	
Jones Family	
Kiker Family	
Stella Ledbetter	
Rick & Louise Mitchell	
Lori Myers	
Oliver Family	

**Ongoing Prayer Concerns —  
Friends & Family**

Pacey Smith & Family	Rusty & Mary Anne
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# PERSONAL CARE KITS STILL BEING COLLECTED!

The New Hope Women of the ELCA are collecting items for Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief.

Please bring the following items and place in the box in the narthex:

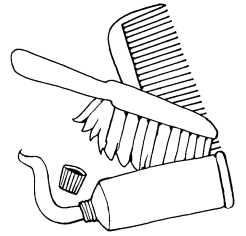
Bath towels

Bar soap

Nail clippers

Combs

Toothbrushes



We will collect the items until the end of May. Thank you for helping others in need.



Sunday, May 13th



May 2	Keith Glenn	May 19	Thomas Funderburk
May 4	Darrell Young	May 19	Ashlyn McLaughlin
May 8	Vennie Sloop	May 22	Corey McAllister
May 9	William Smith	May 27	Landon Hubbard
May 11	Charles Williams		

## **PENTECOST...CELEBRATE THE SPIRIT!**

On Sunday, May 20, the fiftieth day of Easter, we will celebrate the Spirit, through whom and in whom the people of God are created and re-created.

Pentecost is often called the church's birthday, but might more appropriately be called its baptism day, since the gift of the Spirit is the fullness of baptism.

In Christian theology, the spirit we experience is the Spirit of the risen Christ, a spirit of service, a spirit of love, a spirit of resurrection beyond death.

New Hope will celebrate Pentecost by remembering the Holy Spirit being poured out upon the entire community of believers just as Jesus had promised and the scriptures had prophesied. We will also celebrate our TWENTY-THIRD (23!) anniversary as a congregation. New Hope was born on Pentecost Sunday 1995. We are called on Pentecost Sunday 2018 just as we were in 1995. God's Spirit has called and gathered us into life in Christ. May we be "kindled in the fire of the Spirit's love."

Happy Birthday, New Hope! May the Spirit guide us in our future paths!

**Newsletter Article**  
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***"Come on people now, Smile on your brother"***  
**Celebrate the Ministries of Lutheran Services Carolinas in May**



*"Let no one seek his own good, but the good of his neighbor." - 1 Corinthians 10:24*

Compassion is one of the core values that defines and directs the ministries of Lutheran Services Carolinas. Through smiles, words of encouragement, and support during difficult times, LSC is there to help thousands of our neighbors in need across North and South Carolina.

In 2017, LSC served more than 7,800 individuals and families including seniors and caregivers, children in foster care, those affected by natural disasters, refugees, families living in supportive housing, and adults with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities.

This month, consider ways in which you can show compassion to the vulnerable populations within your own community. You could volunteer your time at a local LSC program or make a tax-deductible contribution. Checks can be made payable to Lutheran Services Carolinas and mailed to P.O. Box 947, Salisbury, NC 28145. Gifts also can be made securely online at [LSCarolinas.net](http://LSCarolinas.net).

Thank you for partnering with LSC as we work together to bring compassion to all of God's children. For more information, visit [LSCarolinas.net](http://LSCarolinas.net) or call 1-800-HELPING.

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A Day for  
Remembering



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.***






# MAY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> 7:00 pm—Operations 7:30 pm—N/A Meeting	<b>2</b> 11:30 am—Joyful Morning 7:00 pm—Choir 7:00 pm—Scouts	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 7:30 pm—N/A Meeting	<b>5</b> 11:30—Hot Dog Lunch
<b>6</b> 9:00 am—Sunday School 10:00 am—Worship Congregational Meeting	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 11:30 am—Good Timer's 7:30 pm—N/A Meeting	<b>9</b> 7:00 pm—Choir 7:00 pm—Scouts	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 7:30 pm—N/A Meeting	<b>12</b>
<b>13 Mother's Day</b> 9:00 am—Sunday School 10:00 am—Worship	<b>14</b> 7:00 pm—Congregation Council	<b>15</b> 7:30 pm—N/A Meeting	<b>16</b> 6:15 pm—Handbell 7:00 pm—Choir 7:00 pm—Scouts	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 7:30 pm—N/A Meeting	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> 9:00 am—Sunday School 10:00 am—Worship Lunch to follow	<b>21</b> 7 pm—Faith Circle	<b>22</b> 7:30 pm—N/A Meeting	<b>23</b> 7:00 pm—Choir 7:00 pm—Scouts	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 7:30 pm—N/A Meeting	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> 9:00 am—Sunday School 10:00 am—Worship	<b>28 Memorial Day</b> Office Closed	<b>29</b> 7:30 pm—N/A Meeting	<b>30</b> 7:00 pm—Choir 7:00 pm—Scouts	<b>31</b>		


# MAY 2018 — WORSHIP LEADERS



**ALTAR GUILD**  
Hunter Family



**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS**

The Choir



**HEAD USHER**


Jennifer Williams



**OFFERING COUNTERS**

James & Erna Brown

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**




Children's Sermon

5/6	Kathy Hunter
5/13	Erna Brown
5/20	Pastor James
5/27	Kristie Wells


**LECTORS**

5/6	Ron Wells
5/13	Jennifer Williams
5/20	Cathy Young
5/27	Kristie Wells




**GREETER**

Albert Wingler



**Augsburg Sunday School Teacher**

5/6	Erna Brown
5/13	Sylvia Chandler
5/20	Phil Black
5/27	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.