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Congregational Meeting

Sunday, June 10th there will be a called congregation meeting for the purpose of voting to allow Journey Methodist to rent our fellowship hall and classrooms. A secret ballot will be held. The council has approved them using our facility during the month of June on a trial basis.



**Sunday
June 17th**



Notes from our Leaders

We have reached the time of the year we refer to as “the time after Pentecost”, or the “ordinary time” in the church calendar. As June approaches we celebrate the end of the school year (for both students and teachers, not necessarily parents), graduations take place and summer vacations remove us from any “ordinary time”. Often the summer is anything but “ordinary”, as our normal schedules and routines change.

Here at New Hope we are entering a season that will seem not too ordinary for us either. As most of you know by now, we are welcoming our brothers and sisters in Christ from Journey Methodist into our building for the month of June. We look forward to enjoying getting to know their staff and congregation. Like all new relationships I expect there to be a few “bumps” in the road, but nothing that we, as loving and grace-filled Christians, cannot navigate.

Speaking of new relationships, I assume that most of us have seen, or at least heard about, the wedding that was just celebrated in May in England. Prince Harry and Ms. Megan Markle asked that the Episcopal Bishop Rev. Michael Curry give the address at their wedding, and boy did he ever! The sermon almost upstaged the wedding, and if you haven’t seen it, take a moment and look it up on YouTube, you won’t be sorry. The addition of Curry to the ceremony broke from tradition, as it was the first time an American Bishop preached an English royal wedding. Typically, the Anglican Bishop of England, who led the official union, gives the sermon. But in breaking with tradition, and the Anglican Bishop gave his blessing, and in doing so, ***brought more attention to the love of God than to the wedding itself.*** It made me realize, as I hope it will you too, that if we are to move forward in sharing the love of Christ with others, I mean ***really sharing love***, that we might have to occasionally step out of our comfort zone. Welcoming Journey into our facility is not an easy task, and I know that many of us share some anxiety about this step, but it is one that I commend you all on, as it is further evidence of your willingness to share the love of Jesus.

As Bishop Curry shared in his message, there *is* power in love. So much power that Christ Himself silenced the Pharisees in Matthew 22 when asked about the greatest of commandments. For Christ said that all the laws and prophet’s messages center around love; love of God, and love of our neighbor. You see, love has the power to help and heal, to lift up and liberate, to share and mend, to redeem us from our sins. If love can save us all for eternity, then think of the things that we can accomplish in our church and neighborhood if we ***truly love*** one another. I realize that new relationships mean new boundaries and new questions. But I encourage each one of us to love one another, not only here and with Journey, but in our communities and lives. As French Jesuit Pierre Teilhard de Chardin once said, “*Love alone is capable of uniting living beings in such a way as to complete and fulfill them, for it alone takes them and joins them by what is deepest in themselves.*” Peace and Love.

Vicar Baster

He said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.” Matthew 22:37-40

New Hope Council Highlights – May 2018

Present – Vicar Buster Bennett, James Brown, Sylvia Chandler, Pat Glenn, Gerald Hefner, Kathy Hunter, Annette Sloop, Daniel Wells, Joann Wingler, and Cathy Young. Visitor was Rev. Sean Barrett Introduced to Rev. Sean Barrett, St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Salisbury – Vicar Buster's mentor



- Approved April's treasurer's report
- Approved April's council minutes
- Vicar Buster's contract signed by Bishop
- Voted to allow Journey Methodist to have a trial month of June
- Set a called congregational meeting for June 10, 2018 for vote for Journey Methodist to lease our Family Life Center – vote will be secret ballot and counted by Executive Board of Council
- Thank you letter from Main Street Mission for our \$350.00 donation.
- Thank you letter from Duke Energy for Share the Warmth donation of \$628.50
- Vicar Buster will be preaching for Pastor James this summer when he cannot be here because of work through August
- Albert and Joann Wingler requested the Family Life Center on June 23, 2018 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm – approved
- Church Operations Team submitted a written report
- Spiritual Formation created a Pentecost Bulletin Board in Narthex
- 23 attended Hot Dog Lunch in May

Next Council meeting will be June 11, 2018

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, June 2, 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 June 6th at **11:30 am** at Patsy Karriker's house. Joann Wingler is program leader. All ladies are welcome to join us.



New Hope Good Timers will meet Tuesday, June 12 at 10 for a breakfast at Libby's. All are invited to come and enjoy the fellowship.

Faith Circle will meet on Monday June 25th at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Debbie Hefner. Debbie will also be the program leader. Please note that this is the 4th Monday not the 3rd as we usually do. If you are interested in joining a circle please visit us.

Noisy Bucket for the month of June will go to the Community Free Clinic. Please remember to bring your change and folding money on Sunday June 17th. Thank you for your 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
Canned Tomatoes or Tomato sauce
Instant Potatoes
Plastic Bags (used or unused)
Low Sodium Items

Peanut Butter
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

Bonnie Ketner	Kenny & Julia Walter
Margaret Markus	
Cleo Overcash	
Jean Sloop	
Christine Williams	

Prayer Concerns— Friends & Family

Andy & Louise Adams	Graham Mangum
Ali Aderhold	Leonard Patterson
Keith Anderson	Phillips Family
Val Atwater	Tracie Sittig & Family
Brent Baird	Jacob Sykes
Terry Black	Danny Scott
O'Brien Benton	Mike Tarlton
Tracy Brooks	Wayne Trebes
Cradle Family	Jessie Threadgill Family
Steve Cook	A F Walter Family
Jean Cook	Michael Wingler Family
Lawrence Cline	Meagan & Kevin Young
Dulce Deinken Family	Yost Family
Will Fesperman	Texas Shooting Victims
Amy Frick	NICU Babies
Sandy Fisher	Those who suffer loss
Peggy Funderburke	All sick members
Patty Howell Family	All cancer patients, their Family & caregivers
Anneliese Hyde	All Veterans & Military
Sissy Harker	All who travel
Don Haynes	All who mourn
Janey Hubbard Family	All who are in prison
Holcombe Family	
Jan Karriker	
Frank Klutz	
Stella Ledbetter	
Rick & Louise Mitchell	

**Ongoing Prayer Concerns —
Friends & Family**

Pacey Smith & Family	Rusty & Mary Anne
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Thank you to all who have taken the time to pray, call, send cards, bring food and to ask after me. I am recovering and hope to be out of my cast by the 31st of May but I still have a ways to go on my recovery. I hope to see you all sometime in June. It is good to know that people care about you. Thanks again, Christine



June 6	Lauren Hubbard	June 14	Todd Morgan
June 7	Curtis Simmons	June 20	Deborah Young
June 13	Adam Hart	June 30	James Brown
June 13	Andrew Hart	June 30	Pearl Harrison
June 13	Bonnie Ketner		

Anniversaries

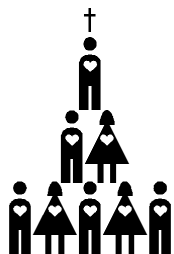
June 1	Mike & Cathy Young	June 22	Gerald & Debbie Hefner
June 8	Diann & Victor Holland	June 23	James & Erna Brown
June 12	Jack & Juanita Brawley	June 24	Ron & Kristie Wells
June 20	Bill & Loree Litaker		

June Pastor Schedule

June 3	Pastor Fore
June 10	Vicar Buster
June 17	Vicar Buster
June 24	Vicar Buster

New Hope Lutheran Church was recognized at the Senior Awards for the Class of 2018 at A.L. Brown on May22 for our participation in the Snack Pack Program for the past 4 years. I (Patsy Harrison) was recognized and given a plaque for my participation in getting the food collected and taking the snacks to the school each month. My granddaughters were the ones that delivered them to school each month. We did a great job supporting this outreach. Thank you again.

The Church is the PEOPLE!!



Some of us remember a song that was taught to our children and young people called “*I am the Church.*” It started out with the words “*I am the church, you are the church, WE are the church together!*”

WE ARE HIS HOUSE. HEBREWS 3:6 Later on, the song ends by proclaiming “*The church is not a dwelling place, the church is the PEOPLE!*”

Sadly, the number of PEOPLE has declined at most churches. In the July 2015 issue of *Living Lutheran*, Kathryn Sime wrote an article entitled “*Doing More with Less.*” Sime highlighted a congregation with only 50 people in worship each Sunday and the church was “wallowing in grief” about their smaller size and not being able to do ministry as they once could, such as sustain a Sunday school.

The pastor of this congregation began to take stock of the strengths and assets of the membership. The building was fully paid off, but an underused asset. (Sound familiar?) Without a viable Sunday school, the eight-room education wing was being used only for storage. (This REALLY sounds familiar!)

Without any purpose, these rooms served as a visible “reminder of who they had been” and it was “abandoned and it felt awful.” This particular congregation ended up renting space to a mental health counseling office and then to a massage therapist. This church also had concerns about the impact of charging rent on the congregation’s tax exempt status, but legal advice helped them understand how to make it work.

A strong statement in this article was made by Stephen P. Bouman, executive director for the ELCA Congregational and Synodical Mission. He said, “Small congregations can still have a big impact on their community. But they will likely need to engage with their community and seek out partnerships and collaborations, building from an appreciation of their collective assets and not a focus on their deficits.”

Can we here at New Hope see a similarity to our new partnership with Journey UMC? Of course we can! Our Family Life Center is about to come alive again with children and young people using long-empty Sunday school rooms for study and praise. Journey was in need of space; New Hope was in need of opening our building (and our hearts) to share God’s blessing of a beautiful building.

New Hope members... ***WE ARE THE CHURCH TOGETHER!***

We just celebrated our twenty-third anniversary as a congregation. We have been given an opportunity to share our resources and more importantly our love with another congregation.

We may HAVE the building but both congregations are the PEOPLE!

Let us pray for the Holy Spirit to continue to lead us in this wonderful opportunity!



Community Worship

~Erna Brown

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Friday 9 am—12 pm
Tues 11:30 am-1 pm



Flag Day



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.***



JUNE 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 7:30 pm—N/A Meeting NC Synod Assembly—Raleigh	2 11:30 am—Hot Dog Lunch
3 9:00 am—Sunday School 10:00 am—Worship Pastor James	4	5 7:00 pm—Operations Team 7:30 pm—N/A Meeting	6 11:30 am Joyful Morning	7	8 7:30 pm—N/A Meeting	9
10 9:00 am—Sunday School 10:00 am—Worship Congregational Meeting Vicar Buster	11 7 pm—Congregation Council	12 10:00 am—Good Timers 7:30 pm—N/A Meeting	13	14	15 7:30 pm—N/A Meeting	16
17 - Fathers Day 9:00 am—Sunday School 10:00 am—Worship Noisy Bucket Vicar Buster	18	19 7:30 pm—N/A Meeting	20	21	22 7:30 pm—N/A Meeting	23
24 9:00 am—Sunday School 10:00 am—Worship Vicar Buster	25 7:00 pm—Faith Circle	26 7:30 pm—N/A Meeting	27	28	29 7:30 pm—N/A Meeting	30


JUNE 2018 — WORSHIP LEADERS



ALTAR GUILD
Walter Family


COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Kathy Hunter & Kathryn Murph



HEAD USHER


Kenny Walter



OFFERING COUNTERS

Kathy Hunter & Sylvia Chandler

CHILDREN'S SERMON




Children's Sermon

6/3	Pastor James
6/10	Vicar Buster
6/17	Kristie Wells
6/24	Erna Brown


LECTORS

6/3	Mike Young
6/10	Kathy Hunter
6/17	Mike Wojciechowski
6/24	Jennifer Williams




GREETER

Roger Sloop



Augsburg Sunday School Teacher

6/3	Erna Brown
6/10	Sylvia Chandler
6/17	Phil Black
6/24	Christine Williams



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.