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Voice of **New Hope**



Tuesday, October 16th—Red Cross Blood Drive

See the sign up sheet in the Narthex.

Blood donations are in high demand as Hurricane Florence has caused the cancellation of over 200 blood drives in our state.

New Hope Lutheran & Journey UMC have joined together for their first blood drive together.

To prepare to donate, get a good night sleep the night before. Eat a good lunch rich in iron and vitamin C. Stay hydrated – before you donate and afterward.

Type O blood donors are most welcomed. These are universal donors because their blood can be transfused to patients with A, B, and AB. Type O negative is used in hospitals when the patient's blood type is unknown. Hospitals find it hard to keep pace with the demand. Course, anyone with any type can donate. Each pint counts!

You may think your pint won't amount to anything, so why give. Right? Wrong. Each pint of blood collected has the potential of saving up to three lives. Yes, I said **'three'**, as in **3** lives. We have members here who can vouch for the fact that some of their family have received numerous pints of blood, & they will always be grateful for the blood & for the donors who came forth to donate.

So, please sign up to donate on Tuesday, Oct. 16. Give a pint. Save up to 3 lives.

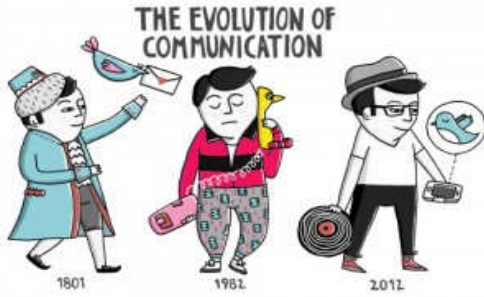
Reformation Sunday—October 28th

Join us October 28 for Reformation Sunday. This day marks an important day of the year for Protestants, especially for us Lutherans, as we are reminded of the constant need to reform the church. Join us in Word and Sacrament, as we thank God for including us in building His church, and pray for new leaders to rise up among us.

Congregational Meeting Dates

Sunday, November 11th—Meeting for accepting nominations for church council from the floor.
Sunday, November 18th—Annual Meeting for election of council, adopting the budget, and any other business





There is no denying that social media has changed how we communicate today. In a recent article that I read regarding social media usage, Facebook is estimated to have 2.01 billion monthly users. Yes, that is billion with a “B”. With various other ways of communication available such as email, texting, Twitter, Instagram, and Snapchat, we often don’t have to wait for the news or even a telephone call. Not only that, we have exposed our thoughts to anyone

who reads what we have written, and in many ways changed the way the world works. Social media has brought the “millennials” back into the news realm, we have access to places and events that are worlds away from us, we can capture and broadcast “live” events, and now there is a sense of urgency to everything. Yet this isn’t just a younger generational phenomenon. Adults of all ages, not to mention teens and adolescents, now have access to this form of communication. And it has opened up entire new worlds for all of us.

As with anything, there are positives and negatives, proper uses and abuses. I often find myself reading things on these sites from people that make me wonder, what was that person thinking? Then I read my own postings and think what was *I* thinking? Yes, I am as guilty of this as anyone else, so this message isn’t me pointing my finger at others. I simply wanted to bring up a few thoughts that may be beneficial for us all.

Many issues that are being argued out in the social media world pertain to the current political state of our country. I am encouraged that so many people fill the need to be engaged in what is going on, I just pray that they take those ideas to the polls to vote to make a difference. However, I am noticing that we have forgotten, or neglected to remember, how to properly communicate. There is a Biblical precedent that will help make us better communicators, and should make for a better world, if we can restrain ourselves! In the first chapter of James, the early Christians were fighting amongst themselves in many of the same ways. James reminds them to “*be quick to listen, and slow to speak*”. The apostle goes on to say that those who cannot control their tongue, make their actions useless. In any relationship the ability to effectively communicate is paramount. Listening to understand the other person’s point of view, instead of listening to respond, is more likely to bring an outcome that is satisfactory to both sides. In the end, we must remember that we are all *Imago Dei*, made in the image of God. So, when we disrespect another person, we are disrespecting another child of God that bears His image. Ultimately we are all sinful human creatures, subject to shortcomings. It is important to remember that Christ gave us grace, and that when we fall short we have His forgiveness. I just wonder if we extend that same grace to others? Peace and Love.

My dear friends, you should be quick to listen and slow to speak or to get angry. If you are angry, you cannot do any of the good things that God wants done. You must stop doing anything immoral or evil. Instead be humble and accept the message that is planted in you to save you. Obey God’s message! Don’t fool yourselves by just listening to it. If you hear the message and don’t obey it, you are like people who stare at themselves in a mirror and forget what they look like as soon as they leave. But you must never stop looking at the perfect law that sets you free. God will bless you in everything you do, if you listen and obey, and don’t just hear and forget. If you think you are being religious, but can’t control your tongue, you are fooling yourself, and everything you do is useless. Religion that pleases God the Father must be pure and spotless. You must help needy orphans and widows and not let this world make you evil. ~ James 1:19-27

STUDENT PASTOR

Denton Bennet

New Hope Council Highlights – September 2018

Present – Student Pastor Denton Bennet, James Brown, Sylvia Chandler, Pat Glenn, Gerald Hefner, Annette Sloop, Daniel Wells, and Joann Wingler. Kathy Hunter was absent.

- Approved August's treasurer's report
- Approved August, 2018 council minutes
- Written report by Student Pastor Bennet
- Defibrillator training – November 17, 2018
- Debbie Bennet to be welcomed into New Hope Church on September 23, 2018
- Purchased 2 rectangle tables and one round table for Family Life Center
- Life-line Screening – December 20, 2018
- Congregational meetings – Nominations – November 11, 2018 and Annual Meeting – November 18, 2018
- Council members going off council – Sylvia Chandler, Gerald Hefner, and Cathy Young – need to recruit potential council members for 2019-2021
- Budget requests due to Kathy Hunter by September 30, 2018
- Written report by Church Operations – bought 4 new 55 gal. Garbage cans
- 25 people at September Hot Dog lunch
- Written report by Worship Team

Next Council meeting will be October 8, 2018 at 7:00 pm

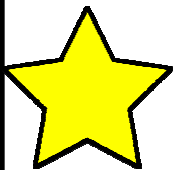


Sunday, October 14th—Healing Service



At this service, all who sense the need for God's healing in any aspect of their lives, may join in prayer for others and themselves. Each person may come to receive a word of blessing and prayer, and also receive a physical gesture of healing through the laying on of hands. In this service, we lift up and celebrate God's presence with strength and comfort in the time of suffering, God's promise of wholeness and peace, and God's love embodied in the community of faith. Please come and join us for this very special service.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



This month we feature **Kristie Wells** for our spotlight. Kristie works hard to ensure we have flowers on the altar every Sunday. She is also very instrumental in buying and caring for our Poinsettias during Advent. Kristie is married to Ron Wells and has two sons and two precious grandchildren. Please help us in letting Kristie know how much we appreciate her.

Know someone you would like to nominate? Let your church council members know!

NEW MEMBER ALERT

On Sunday, September 23rd we welcomed our newest member, Debbie Bennet. She moves her membership from Kimball Lutheran Church. Debbie was born in Concord and graduated from A L Brown High School so she a local! She resides at 4501 Fenton Drive in Concord and her birthday is March 15. Please welcome Debbie to New Hope!

There will be no Hot Dog Lunch the month of October.
Make plans for November 3rd



The Joyful Morning Circle will meet on Wednesday October 3rd at **11:30 am** at Joann Wingler's house. Patsy Karriker is program leader. All ladies are welcome to join us.



The Good Timers October 9th meeting will be a breakfast meeting at Libby's at 10 AM all are welcome to come and join in the fellowship.

Faith Circle will meet Monday October 15th 7:00 p.m. Christine Williams is the hostess and program leader. If anyone is interested in attending a circle meeting you are very welcome to join us.

Noisy Bucket for the month of October will go to the Salvation Army. This money will be placed in the kettle when we ring the bell at Sam's in December. Annette Sloop will let us know the date in December. Please remember this and bring your coins and extra folding money on October 21st for this outreach.

Empty Medicine Bottles: There is one thing you can say about New Hope's members we are on a lot of medicine. The Second box of bottles have been mailed and we are working on the 3rd box. 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.



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

Canned Carrots
Bars of Soap
Canned Fruit other than Pears
Toilet Paper
Spaghetti Sauce



**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	Maurice Staley
Todd Morgan	
Margaret Markus	
Lorine Snow & Family	

Prayer Concerns — New Hope Members

Syble Dancy	Cleo Overcash
Sylvia Chandler	Jean Sloop
Pearl Harrison	Kenny Walter, Jr & Julia
Kathy Hunter	

Prayer Concerns— Friends & Family

Marty Atkinson	Authurine
Joy Belk Family	Jan & Keith
Terry Black	NICU Babies
Steve Cook	Those who suffer loss
Lawrence Cline	All sick members
Allen Clark	All cancer patients, their Family & caregivers
Will Fesperman	All Veterans & Military
Gary Frank Family	All who travel
Barbara Freeze & Family	All who mourn
Gary Goodman & Family	All who are in prison
Donna Hawkins	
Mary Ann Hammond	
Don Hines	
Frank Klutz	
Phillip Karriker	
Jackie Linker	
Danny Little	
Zacky Moore Family	
Ginger Moore	
Debbie O	
Susan Painter	
Mike Painter	
Emilee Stevens	
Christy Stevens	
Phillip Sloop	
Jessica Sullivan	
Mike Tarlton	
Wayne Trebes	
Sarah Tysinger	
Mike & Lacy Williams	

**Ongoing Prayer Concerns —
Friends & Family**

Pacey Smith & Family	Rusty & Mary Anne
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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. There is a special need for 13 gallon trash bags and new towels and washcloths. Gift cards are also another way to help the out. There is always a need for paper products. 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.



October 1	Phil Black	October 19	Joann Wingler
October 1	Albert Wingler	October 20	Melissa McAllister
October 8	Andrew Glenn	October 29	Julie Walter
October 8	Jennifer Williams		
October 9	Tim Aderhold		
October 11	Bill Litaker		



NC Synod Disaster Relief

Hurricane Florence

We know that in times of disaster, we all want to help. Hurricane Florence took its own sweet time coming ashore and then moving across our synod and the Southeast. How can we respond in order to have the most impact?

Lutheran Services Carolinas (LSC) and Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) are in the process of establishing longer-term relief efforts. They are still on the ground working on Hurricane Matthew relief from two years ago. For that matter, LDR is still on site on the Gulf Coast with Katrina recovery and definitely in Houston with Harvey recovery! Giving to LSC and LDR will be money put to good use in this disaster and for years to come.

You may feel called to give items in addition to money. Think about connections you might have with a congregation on the coast in need. Call them to see if there would be ways you can help them directly. Often the most helpful assistance comes through personal relationships. Continue to watch Synod E-News for new opportunities for giving as they come to our attention.

Additionally, I have contacted Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Raleigh by way of Bishop Zarama. They have a substantial infrastructure in place already for distribution. Read below to see how we can join in their work.

Responding to those in greatest need is how we might BE the Gospel, good news, for the sake of the world!

Walking with you

Bishop Tim Smith

There are multiple ways we can give to help our brothers and sisters in Christ. If you are interested in giving blood, donating money, collecting items, or have property impacted by

Don't Forget.....

Sunday, October 7th at 2 pm—ReNewing Hope Session

We have attempted this in the past but the third time is the charm. Please make plans to attend!



Forest Park Elementary

Brrrrrrrrrrr.....

It will be winter before we know it.

Remember to think about collecting winter clothes items. Many children don't have the necessary warm winter clothes or they get stolen, this is a big item for the school. Needs include sweat pants and shirts (single color) and light weight zippered jackets without hoods work best.



This is *your* chance to be a hunger fighter. To show the world you care.

CROP Hunger Walks help children and families worldwide – including here in the U.S. – to have food for today, while building for a better tomorrow. CROP Hunger Walkers, volunteers and sponsors put their caring into action, raising funds to help end hunger and poverty at home and around the world.

Our church is walking in the Cabarrus County CROP Hunger Walk and we'd like to invite you to join our team – Team New Hope Lutheran Church. Just go to <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/cabarrusnc/newhopektown>, then click the orange "Join Our Team" button in the right column.

The walk will be held on Sunday, October 14, @ 2:00 pm. Registration opens at 1:00 pm and the walk has two distances available, 1 mile and 3 miles. The event begins at Kimball Memorial Lutheran Church in downtown Kannapolis. If you can't attend, please consider donating online or in person. Please see Pat Glenn to sign up or for more information.



Set you clocks back Sunday, November 4th!

We will have a class on how to use our defibrillator on Saturday, November 17.
Stay tuned for more details.

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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.*



OCTOBER 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 7:00 pm Operations team 7:30 pm—N/A Meeting	3 11:30 am—Joyful Morning 6:15 pm —Handbell 7:00 pm—Choir 7:00 pm—Scouts	4	5 7:30 pm—N/A Meeting	6
7 9:00 am—Sunday School 10:00 am—Worship 2:00 pm—Renewing Hope	8 7 pm—Congregation Council	9 10:00 am—Good Timers 7:30 pm—N/A Meeting	10 6:15 pm —Handbell 7:00 pm—Choir 7:00 pm—Scouts	11	12 7:30 pm—N/A Meeting	13
14 9:00 am—Sunday School 10:00 am—Healing Service 2:00 pm—CROP Walk	15 7:00 pm—Faith Circle	16 3—7:30 PM—Blood Drive 7:30 pm—N/A Meeting	17 6:15 pm —Handbell 7:00 pm—Choir 7:00 pm—Scouts	18	19 7:30 pm—N/A Meeting	20
21 9:00 am—Sunday School 10:00 am—Worship Noisy Bucket Sunday	22	23 7:30 pm—N/A Meeting	24 7:00 pm—Scouts	25	26 7:30 pm—N/A Meeting	27
28—Reformation Sunday 9:00 am—Sunday School 10:00 am—Worship	29	30 7:30 pm—N/A Meeting	31 Halloween 6:15 pm —Handbell 7:00 pm—Choir 7:00 pm—Scouts			


OCTOBER 2018—WORSHIP LEADERS



ALTAR GUILD
Hunter Family


COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Kathy Hunter & Patsy Harrison



HEAD USHER


Albert Wingler



OFFERING COUNTERS

Kathy Hunter & Sylvia Chandler

CHILDREN'S SERMON




Children's Sermon

10/7 Erna Brown
10/14 Kristie Wells
10/21 Kathy Hunter
10/28 Denton Bennet


LECTORS

10/7 Cathy Young
10/14 Kristie Wells
10/21 Mike Young
10/28 Kathy Hunter




GREETER

Patsy Karriker



Augsburg Sunday School Teacher

10/7 Phil Black
10/14 Sylvia Chandler
10/21 Erna Brown
10/28 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.