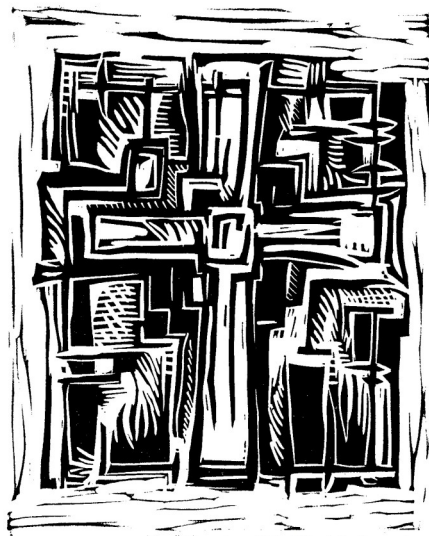


New Hope Presbyterian Church



Easter Cross, Kelly Rider (kellyrider.com)

April 19, 2015

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT NEW HOPE

We are grateful you have joined us today and invite you to participate fully in the worship, education, and mission life of our church.

During Today's Worship

We welcome to our pulpit this morning the Rev. Edward C. Wicklein, who is leading worship today while Pastor James is with our youth on retreat.

Large-print bulletins and hearing enhancement equipment are available for ease of worship. An usher will be happy to assist you. At the close of worship, please return the unit to the sound booth at the rear of the sanctuary.

Children are especially welcome in our worship services, because faith is formed by the practices that shape it. Red worship bags for young children (non-readers) and blue bags for older children (readers) may be found on the wall outside the sanctuary. An usher will help you locate one. If you would like a worship bag with your child's name on it, you may fill out a request form on the Information Table or call the church office (936.2200). Parents who prefer child care will find the infant nursery on the first floor and the Pre-K nursery on the lower-level.

Worship Feast, an experience to help elementary-age children develop awareness of God's presence and openness to mystery through a variety of prayer practices, is available during the 11:00 service. Children who wish to participate will be dismissed after the Gospel Reading. They will meet in the narthex and be escorted to the lower-level.

Preparing for worship...Please silence cell phones upon entering the sanctuary. The need may arise for you to exit the service early. If so, please refrain from exiting during prayers, reading of scripture and choral anthems. Natural and appropriate exit points are during congregational hymns or sung responses. Your courtesy is appreciated. Also, as a kindness to fellow worshippers, please do not take flash photos during the worship service.

Ushering for today's worship: (8:45) Rick Cassetta, Rick Etling, Ken Pinkley. (11:00) Earl & Juanita Bostic, Mark & Jennifer Everly, Ken Pinkley, Joe Seidler.

Liturgist: (11:00) Deacon Bill Judd

Sound Booth: (8:45) Joe Petrowsky (11:00) Bill Irvine

Last Sunday's Attendance: 166

If You Are New to New Hope

Information about our church can be found at the Information Table in the foyer.

New Hope Cares

For pastoral care and to notify the church of illness, hospitalization, or death, please contact the church office at 636/936.2200 (lbrown@nhpres.org). To arrange for home bound Communion, contact Pastor James at cqjames@nhpres.org or 936.2200 x.11.

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Third Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2015

8:45 & 11:00 a.m.

THE GATHERING

*As the people gather, worshipers greet one another, welcoming newcomers.
Please silence electronic devices.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

+ GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Prayer of Preparation

The start of the Prelude signals the time to enter a period of quiet reflection.

This prayer is offered as an aid to help worshipers center the heart and mind for worship.

Holy One, you have made us witnesses
to the good news of the Gospel—
that Jesus Christ, our flesh and bone,
is risen from the dead.

Open our minds to understand these things,
and let your word be fulfilled in us
so that we may share the bread of life
with a hungry world;
through Jesus Christ, our peace. Amen.

+ *DOXOLOGY (*Glory to God* 607)

OLD HUNDRETH LM

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

*OPENING SENTENCES

Call on the name of the Lord in praise;
make known God's deeds among the nations!

**Sing to God with joyful songs;
tell of God's wonderful deeds!**

+ *HYMN 244

This Joyful Eastertide

VRUECHTEN

*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.

**Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.**

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.
Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives
with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

**To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

THE PEACE

Greet those around you with: "The peace of Christ be with you," responding, "And also with you."

RESPONSE OF PRAISE *Glory Be to the Father (Glory to God 581)* GLORIA PATRI
***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.***

(11:00) ANTHEM *Gloria* Sonja Poorman

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 3: 1-19

PSALTER

Psalm 4

O God, Be Gracious, cantor

(Glory to God 776)

EPISTLE READING

1 John 3: 1-7

*THE GOSPEL

ACCLAMATION *Christ Is Alive! (v.5) (Glory to God 246)*

TRURO

***Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.***

GOSPEL READING

Luke 24: 36-48

THE ALLELUIA *(Glory to God 586)*

ALLELUIA 7

***Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***

SERMON

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

☞ In silent prayer and reflection you may renew the covenant into which you are baptized. If you would like to learn more about this sacrament, Pastor James would welcome the opportunity to speak with you about it.

THE EUCHARIST

OFFERING OF OURSELVES & OUR GIFTS

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The prayer continues. After the words, "... who forever sing to the glory of your name:" the congregation sings,

...Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The prayer continues. After the words, "Great is the mystery of faith," the congregation proclaims,

...Christ has died;

Christ is risen;

Christ will come again.

The prayer continues and ends with the Lord's Prayer...

...Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come, thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our debts,

as we forgive our debtors;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

∞ Coming to the Table—Ushers will invite worshipers to the Lord’s Table by rows. All the baptized may come to the Table at the center and return by the outside aisles.

∞ Receiving the elements—You may take the bread, dip it into the chalice and partake of both together (intinction), or you may partake of the bread first, and then proceed to partake of the juice separately from the tray of individual cups. Gluten-free bread is available with Pastor James from the plate in his left hand.

PRAYER AFTER THE MEAL

THE SENDING

Be Thou My Vision

*HYMN 450

SLANE

*BLESSING & CHARGE

*Please rise in body or spirit.

+ Those arriving may be seated.



THE SEASON OF EASTERTIDE

Easter is not simply one day, but a season of the church year known as the Great Fifty Days, lasting for seven weeks from Easter day to the day of Pentecost. Seven weeks times seven days per week equals 49 days, plus one day to express the completeness of resurrection life and the totality by which Christ's resurrection overcame the power of sin and death.

During the season of Eastertide, New Hope is observing the practice of replacing the Prayer of Confession with a prayer of Thanksgiving for Baptism. Following the penitential season of Lent, one way to celebrate Easter is to forgo the practice of corporate confession and give thanks for the new life that Easter brings and the Sacrament of Baptism signifies. Also during Eastertide, New Hope is reading from the Acts of the Apostles as the First Scripture Reading in worship. The Acts of the Apostles is the record of the growth of the early church in the first century after the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ. It is a moving testimony to how the Christian community lives in response to the earth-shattering reality that happened at Easter.

The tall candle near the baptismal font is called the Paschal Candle. "Pascha" comes from the Hebrew word for "Passover," the central festival for the Jewish people in which the Hebrews celebrate their deliverance from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the land of Canaan. On the night before their deliverance through the Red Sea to freedom, the Lord instructed the people to kill a lamb and spread the blood on the doorposts of their homes. That night, the Lord would pass through the land of Egypt and kill the firstborn of every home, but would *pass over* the homes that had the blood of the lamb on the doorposts, thereby sparing the Hebrews the punishment exacted upon the Egyptians (Exodus 12). We read this story in our worship every year on Maundy Thursday.

For us Christians, Christ is our "paschal lamb" who was sacrificed that we might be delivered from slavery to sin to the freedom of life in communion with God and one another. God completed that work with the Resurrection of Christ. So the fullness of Easter, lived out in our worship over the three days from Maundy Thursday to Easter is the Christian Passover, or Pascha. The Paschal Candle is lighted at the Great Vigil of Easter, in which we proclaim that the light of Christ shines in the darkness of sin and death to give light to the world. The candle remains lit throughout the Great Fifty Days of Easter through Pentecost, and then is again lighted at baptisms and funerals. In baptism, we die with Christ and are raised with him to newness of life. Death is the completion of our baptism in which all things are revealed and we are forever united with God.

So the Paschal candle tells our story as Easter people. Ours includes a lamb, a cross and the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, A (Alpha) and Ω (Omega), reminiscent of what Jesus said, "I am the Alpha and Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end" (Revelation 22:13).

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Marion Hamilton, *Child Care Provider*
Vickie Moore, *Sexton*

Session

<i>Fellowship</i>	<i>Formation for Discipleship</i>	<i>Ministry, Mission & Evangelism</i>
Katie Harmon (2015)	Deb Garten (2015)	Jim Salter (2016)
Craig Graber (2016)	Shelley Geiger (2016)	Jim Cox (2017)
Margo Van Mill (2017)	Jennifer Everly (2017)	

Worship, Music & the Arts

Michael Ray (2015)
Linda Dencker (2016)
Lynne Snyder (2017)

Administration & Support

Kathy Gibbs (2015)
Bill Pires (2016)
Clark Hurrell (2017)

Diaconate

2015
Jerry Dyer
Jackie Etling
Bill Judd
Kristen Moore
Jim Phillips

2016
Earl Bostic
Ruth Connor
Marion Hamilton
Stan Whiteley
Jan Parker

2017
Laura Eikmann
Steve Gerke
Donna Huffman
Kay McCarthy
Kurt Romkey

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News & Opportunities

Sunday, April 19th		
8:45 a.m.	Word & Sacrament	Worship Space
9:45 a.m.	Christian Formation	Various Locations
11:00 p.m.	Word & Sacrament	Worship Space
12:15 p.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Worship Space
Monday, April 20th		
7:00 p.m.	MME Committee	Conference Room
Tuesday, April 21st		
7:00 p.m.	A.A. Meeting	Worship Space
Wednesday, April 22nd		
6:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir	Worship Space
7:15 p.m.	Choir	Worship Space
Thursday, April 23rd		
6:30 p.m.	PW's "A Taste of Pampered Chef"	Narthex
Friday, April 24th		
3:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Blood Drive	Narthex
Sunday, April 26th		
8:45 a.m.	Word & Sacrament	Worship Space
9:45 a.m.	Christian Formation	Various Locations
11:00 p.m.	Word & Sacrament	Worship Space
3:00 p.m.	Youth Group	Youth Room

NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES

First quarter giving statements are available on the Information Table. Please pick up your copy and make sure the statement reflects your records. Please contact Laurie Brown at the church office with any questions.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

A Taste of Pampered Chef

Presbyterian Women hope that you join them for an evening with Donna Huffman and your church friends.

On Thursday, April 23rd at 6:30 pm, Donna will offer light appetizers and desserts with a Pampered Chef presentation. Dessert will follow. This event is open to men and women. Please RSVP to Donna by Tuesday, 4/21 at cookindonnastl8286@yahoo.com.

Child care will be provided if requested. Please contact Mary Powers by Tuesday, April 21st (marystahr@charter.net).

If you cannot be present, you may order by visiting Donna's website at www.pamperedchef.biz/donnahuffman. Catalogs are available on the Information Table.

FINANCIAL CORNER

March Contributions	40,869.00
Monthly Budget	<u>34,457.00</u>
	6,412.00
Contributions to date	113,336.89
Budget to date	<u>103,371.00</u>
	9,965.89

CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES

- Nursery: meets in the upstairs nursery
- Pre-K Class: meets in the Butterfly Room on the lower level
- K - Grade 2: meets in the Caterpillar Room on the lower level
- Grades 3 - 5: meets in the lower level kitchen off of the Sunshine Room
- Grades 6 - 12: meets in the Youth Room on the lower level
- Contemporary Issues Adults - meets in the Conference Room
- Think: An Adult DVD and Discussion - meets in room 103 (The Gathering Place)

CHILD CARE PROVIDER

We are now seeking a Child Care Provider. This position is for Sunday mornings and occasional Sunday or week day meetings. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact the church office for an application for employment.

News & Opportunities, which is distributed during Sunday worship, is also available on the Welcome Table in the narthex and at www.nhpres.org.

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CHILDREN

Today, April 19th

Infant Nursery
Barb Griffith
Pre-K Nursery

April 26th

Sylvia Bane Malta
Jen Bommarito

The infant nursery is for babies & toddlers up to age two and is located in the Turtle Room upstairs. The Pre-K nursery is for ages 3-5 and is located in the Butterfly Room downstairs.

Worship Feast, for elementary aged children, is a special program that is designed to help children develop their innate connection to God and their natural openness to mystery through a variety of prayer practices.

Worship Feast Volunteers

April 19th—Shelley Geiger & Deb Garten
April 26th—Kelly Hantack & Sue Dittmar

We need many volunteers to ensure that our children's programs run smoothly. Please consider volunteering one of the nurseries or during Worship Feast! To sign up to volunteer in the infant nursery, pre-k nursery, or Worship Feast, go to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4fa9a829a7fa7-nhpc>

FEMALE CONNECTION

The Female Connection is going to meet at the church to leave at 11:00 AM on Saturday, April 25 (please arrive by 10:45). We will go to the Hill for lunch and then enjoy the afternoon at the Botanical Garden. The cost of Garden admission is \$8. Female Connection is an open ladies group and would love for you to join in our fellowship. For more information, please contact Deb Mackin.

WORSHIP

New Hope worships each Sunday at 8:45 am and 11:00 am

Lectionary for Sunday, April 26th, 2015

Acts 4: 5-12

Psalm 23

1 John 3: 16-24

John 10: 11-18

ADMIN & SUPPORT UPDATE

The playground retaining wall is complete and the fence posts have been reset. New pea gravel will be distributed soon. The cost to construct the wall and straighten the fence were paid for with funds generated by the 50/50 campaign.

ADULT MISSION TRIP

Spring is here! Need some help with cleaning? The adult mission trip group is still taking calls to help in any work you may have around the house. Members of the team will come to your house in exchange for a free will donation. To set up a time to get help with your spring cleaning call Linda Judd at 636-578-3352.

FLOWER CALENDAR

There is still room available on the 2015 Flower Calendar. The Flower Calendar is available in the Narthex. Sign up for flowers to celebrate a birthday or anniversary, or to remember a loved one. Flowers are \$30.00 and may be taken home after the second service each week.

YOUTH GROUP

April 26th—Field Day! Join us for outdoor fun at 3:00 p.m. on the lower level of the church!

2015 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

This year's Vacation Bible School, G-Force: God's Love In Action, is scheduled for July 13 - 17 from 9:00 am until noon. Please plan to be a part of this great week of sharing God's love with boys and girls age 2 through fifth grade. There are many, many opportunities to help! Volunteer forms are now available on the Information Table in the Narthex. We need your help to make this year's VBS a success. Please consider volunteering!

VBS registration forms are now available on the Information Table!

Registration has begun for New Hope's 2015 VBS program! Registration forms are available on the VBS table in the Narthex. This year's VBS will be held July 13 - 17 from 9 a.m. - noon. Please remember to save the VBS dates and tell all of your family, friends and neighbors!

SCRIP CARDS

SCRIP cards work great if you are planning your summer vacation. There are hotels and car rental agencies available for purchase. We also have your everyday needs such as Walmart. Order on Sunday and pick them up the following Sunday. A portion of each purchase comes back to the church as "free" money. Last year we collected over \$1000 to use for the youth. We are trying to get new furniture for the senior high youth room. If you have any questions, contact Jennifer Everly at 314/369-4398.

PW REGIONAL & CHURCH-WIDE GATHERINGS

June 18-21 The Church-wide Gathering of Presbyterian Women 2015 will be in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The theme is "One Body, One Spirit".

Contact Mary Powers for additional information and to register for these events. marystahr@charter.net or 636-978-1135

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

At its meeting last Tuesday, April 14, the Session:

- Received Fritz & Mary Waltman into membership;
- Authorized for Pastor James to celebrate the Lord's Supper on the Confirmation/Youth Retreat;
- Scheduled a service of ordination/installation for April 26th for Kay McCarthy, Margo VanMill and Steve Gerke;
- Discussed and made plans for the discontinuation of the preschool;
- Made plans for its meeting with our Confirmation students on May 3rd;
- Discussed the Hunger Project as a possible mission opportunity; and
- Discussed the ratification of Amendment 14F to the Constitution of the PC(USA).

APRIL MEAL-A-MONTH

2 cans chicken, 1 box Chicken Helper, 1 can vegetables, 1 can fruit, 1 box/bag cookies,

EXTRA EASTER EGGS

PW and the youth are collecting unwanted Easter eggs for next years hunt. If you have any eggs you would like to donate please leave them in the youth room.