

CALENDAR

Sunday, March 6th

8:45 a.m.	Word & Sacrament	Worship Space
9:45 a.m.	Christian Formation	Various Locations
11:00 a.m.	Word & Sacrament	Worship Space
12:20 p.m.	The Journey	Sunshine Room

Monday, March 7th

7:00 p.m.	Deacons’ Meeting	Conference Room
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Tuesday, March 8th

7:00 p.m.	A.A.	Narthex
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Wednesday, March 9th

7:15 p.m.	Choir Practice	Worship Space
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Thursday, March 10th

6:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts	Youth Room
7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts	Narthex

Saturday, March 12th

9:45 a.m.	OASIS Food Pantry
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Sunday, March 13th

	<i>Daylight Savings Time Begins</i>	
8:45 a.m.	Word & Sacrament	Worship Space
9:45 a.m.	Christian Formation	Various Locations
11:00 a.m.	Word & Sacrament	Worship Space
12:20 p.m.	The Journey	Sunshine Room
12:30 p.m.	PW Many Hands Workshop	Narthex

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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NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES

Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 13th. Make sure you set you clocks forward one hour before you go to bed on March 12th!

2016 Spring Directories are now available on the Information Table. Please limit one copy per family. If you would like additional copies, please call or email Laurie in the church office.

WORK DAY

The Administration & Support Committee is planning a spring work day on Saturday, March 19th, after the Men’s Fellowship Breakfast. Our plans are to tackle special projects and to “spruce up” the church, inside and out, in preparation for the Easter holiday and the spring season. Everyone is invited to help! There will be projects for all types—big and small! Please plan on joining us on March 19th!

EASTER LILIES

Order a “live” lily to adorn our sanctuary on Easter Sunday and take it home with you after the 11:00 am service that day. You may also purchase a “virtual” lily, the cost of which will go to the Deacon’s Benevolence Fund. Whichever you choose, you may still dedicate your gift in memory, honor or gratitude to someone. The list will appear in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

Please use the envelope provided on the Information Table for your order. The cost of either the live or “virtual” lily is \$10.00 each. Checks can be written to NHPC. Orders must be received by March 20th.

HEARD ALONG THE JOURNEY

“I have been a part of the Presbyterian Church all my life, but this is the first time I feel that there is a purpose.” -
a Traveler

YOUTH NEWS

Save the date of March 12th for a youth lock-in! We’ll be preparing and baking the cinnamon rolls that Saturday, too!

CHILDREN

The nursery is located on the main level, Room 204. It is located out the side door of the worship space at the end of the hallway. The nursery is available for children from birth through five years old.

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

March 6th—No Worship Feast
March 13th—Jane Cox

We need many volunteers to ensure that our children’s programs run smoothly. Please consider volunteering during Worship Feast! To sign up to volunteer in Worship Feast, go to: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4fa9a829a7fa7-nhpc2>

YOUTH MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISING

The Senior High Mission Trip participants are selling Homemade Cinnamon Rolls as a fundraiser. These rolls are similar to “Cinnabons” and are sold in 8X8 pans for \$10.00 if your order before March 6th. The Cinnamon rolls will be available for pick-up during both services on March 13th. Order forms are available on the welcome table. We will also be selling the 8X8 pans on March 13th for \$12.00 if you didn’t place a preorder. Please call the church office if you have any questions.

CHURCH WIDE FELLOWSHIP

On Saturday, April 2nd, the Fellowship Committee is planning a field trip to Purina Farms. We’ll be taking a bus to the farm where they’ll be tours, a petting area, wagon rides, canine performances and more! Watch the News & Opportunities for more information coming soon!

WORSHIP

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

Lectionary for Sunday, March 6, 2016
Isaiah 43: 16-21
Psalm 126
Philippians 3: 4b-14
John 12: 1-8

New Hope Holy Week Schedule:
Palm Sunday (March 20th) - Word and Sacrament at 8:45 am and 11:00 am
Maundy Thursday (March 24th) - Word and Sacrament at 7:00 pm

Good Friday (March 25th) - Service of the Word at 7:00 pm

Easter Vigil (March 26th) - Service of Light, Word, Baptism and Eucharist at 7:30 pm

Easter Sunday (March 27th) - Word and Sacrament at 8:45 and 11:00 am

The choir practices on Wednesday evenings at 7:15 pm.
The choir is in need of singers. If you have sung in a choir, please come and join us! We especially need sopranos, but we would also welcome altos, tenors and basses. Please prayerfully consider joining us at practice on Wednesday nights from 7:15 until 8:30 pm. If you have never sung in a choir, you are welcome to join us! Be brave and try something new for God. All are welcome!

SCRIP CARDS

SCRIP cards work great for filling the Easter baskets and for Easter egg hunts. 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. Proceeds from the sales of the scrip cards are scheduled to help subsidize the cost of the Youth Mission Trip.

PW—MANY HANDS WORKSHOP

March PW Gathering – “Many Hands Workshop” - Sunday, March 13 at 12:00, PW will host Many Hands Workshop. After a light lunch, we will assemble 100 hygiene kits for homeless men who receive help from Peter and Paul Community Services, and we will stuff Easter eggs for New Hope’s annual egg hunt. Many hands will be needed to complete these projects, so plan to join us. Child care may be requested. Contact Mary Powers 314-277-5440 or marystahr@charter.net. We still need donated items to put in the hygiene kits. A list of items may be found on the information table. Please deliver donations to the church by the morning of March 13. The Peter & Paul Community Services Emergency Shelter provides case management, access to health care, substance abuse counseling and food for approximately 500 men annually. This program serves up to 60 men nightly, 365 days per year. The basic needs of shelter, food, showers, lockers and staff support are available nightly. Most importantly, the shelter provides a warm, safe, caring alternative to living on the street. The shelter is located in the Souldard neighborhood of St. Louis.

Good news and thanks to everyone who helped sew santi-panties and donated colored panties and money for this important project! The first box of 41 sani-panities with colored panties has been mailed to the facilitators in Michigan. The organizers plan to travel to Malawi, Africa in April and August. PW plans to continue working on the santi-panties project so more girls can be helped. We need more sewers, so please contact Ann Schmid at 636-699-2142 if you are interested in helping.

MINISTRY, MISSION & EVANGELISM

March Meal-A-Month: 1 boxed meal (like Dinty Moore Classics or Homestyle Bakes), 1 can vegetables, 1 can fruit, 1 bag/box cookies, 1 plastic jar peanut butter.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

“I was hungry and you gave me food.” - Matthew 25:35. All across the world, our church works in countless communities where people lack access to basic necessities like food, clean water, education, or sanitation. Your gift to “One Great Hour of Sharing” supports programs that work to end hardships. Please consider giving to the “One Great Hour of Sharing” collection on Palm Sunday, March 29th and watch for inserts in the coming weeks giving more information about “One Great Hour of Sharing.”

FINANCIAL CORNER

February Contributions	32,759.00
Monthly Budget	<u>35,614.00</u>
	2,855.00
Contributions to date 2016	71,661.00
Budget to date	<u>71,228.00</u>
	433.00

FEMALE CONNECTION

The Female Connection is going to play "Bunco" for a celebration of St. Patrick’s Day and the beginning of Spring on Thursday, March 17 at 7 PM in the Narthex at the Church. Please join us for an evening of fun & fellowship. All women are invited to attend; no sign-up is necessary and we’ll show you how to play (it’s extremely easy). Following Bunco tradition, please bring a gift in the range of \$7-10 to exchange at the end of play; an Easter or spring item would be appropriate. Wear your green!! Also, please bring a snack to share; drinks will be provided. For more information or questions, please contact Deb Mackin. We hope to see you there!