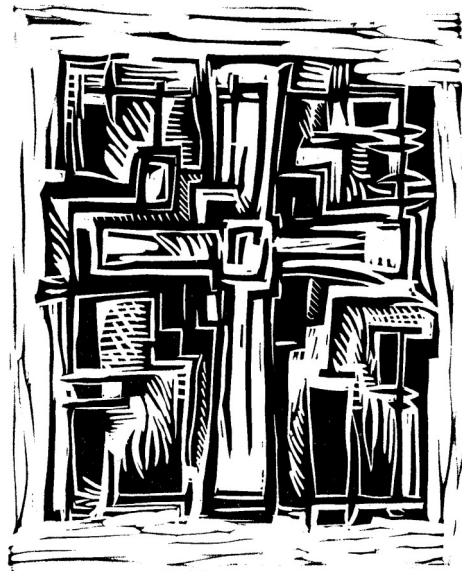


New Hope Presbyterian Church



Easter Cross, Kelly Rider (kellyrider.com)

May 17, 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

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) Jerry & Rhonda Dyer, Margo VanMill. (11:00) Kim & Linda Carr, Mel Fairchild, Jim Pettit, Bill & Ruth Reilly.

Flowers: To the glory of God and in celebration of their 30th anniversary, given by Rick & Vicky Koonley; and, to the glory of God and in celebration of their 25th anniversary, given by Kurt & Jody Romkey.

Liturgist: (11:00) Deacon Bill Judd

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

Last Sunday's Attendance: 189

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
Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 17, 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 Spirit of God,
open us to the possibility that we are being chosen
to be new disciples with new ministries
in Jesus' name. 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 & PRAYER OF THE DAY

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us be glad and rejoice in it!

...in faith and love and service, now and forever.

Amen.

+ *HYMN 267

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

MADRID

(11:00) PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO SECOND GRADERS—John Dittmar

LITANY OF PRESENTATION

What is the church?

We are the church:

**the people who believe the good news about Jesus,
who are baptized, and who share in the Lord's Supper.
Through these means of grace,
the Spirit renews us so that we may serve God in love.**

How do we know this good news?

**Through reading the Bible and hearing it taught and preached.
The Holy Spirit inspired those who wrote the Bible
and helps us rely on its promises today.**

from Belonging to God: A First Catechism, PC(USA), Questions 35, 37

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

**Holy God, in baptism we promise to guide and nurture
by word and deed, with love and prayer,
encouraging one another to know and follow Christ
and to be faithful members of his church.
We pledge ourselves anew to this promise.
As these children read and study their Bibles,
may your Spirit help them
to learn about your love for them in Jesus Christ,
that they may know you, love you
and follow you with the whole of their lives. Amen.**

(11:00) ANTHEM

Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

Carl F. Mueller

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26

EPISTLE READING

1 John 5: 9-13

*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

John 17: 6-19

THE ALLELUIA

FESTIVAL ALLELUIA

***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

*HYMN 295

THE SENDING
Go to the World!

SINE NOMINE

*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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Vickie Moore, *Sexton*

Session

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

CALENDAR

Sunday, May 17th

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.	PW Women Luncheon	Worship Space

Monday, May 18th

7:00 p.m.	MME Committee	Conference Room
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Tuesday, May 19th

7:00 p.m.	A.A. Meeting	Worship Space
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Wednesday, May 20th

6:30 p.m.	Preschool Finishing Touches	Worship Space
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Thursday, May 21st

5:50 p.m.	Employment Ministry Committee	Youth Room
6:30 p.m.	Preschool Finishing Touches	Worship Space
7:00 p.m.	Employment Ministry	Youth Room

Sunday, May 24th

<i>Pentecost</i>		
9:45 a.m.	Christian Formation	Various Locations
10:30 a.m.	Word & Sacrament	Worship Space

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

NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES

New Hope's Summer Worship Schedule Beginning on Sunday, May 24th, New Hope will begin it's summer worship schedule below:
9:45 am—Christian Formation Classes
10:30 am—Word & Sacrament

Wear your red next Sunday, May 24th, in honor of Pentecost Sunday!

PER CAPITA

The blue envelope in your giving envelopes pack is to be used for the per capita apportion. New Hope is required to pay the per capita apportion for each active church member. To date, we have received \$1,767.27, which is 17% of our total per capita apportionment. If you did not receive an envelope, please contact the church office. Per capita apportionment is \$30.30 per church member.

PAMPERED CHEF ORDERS

The items that were ordered during the PW Pampered Chef party are here! Items are sorted and in boxes in the church office. Please stop by an pick up your order today!

FINANCIAL CORNER

April Contributions	34,241.00
Monthly Budget	<u>34,457.00</u>
	- 216.00
Contributions to date	147,577.89
Budget to date	<u>137,828.00</u>
	9,749.89

KITCHEN NEWS

During Spring Work Day, several of our wonderful ladies spent the day scrubbing down the kitchen and cleaning out cabinets. Many dishes were found that have been left here over the past months. Please check the kitchen counter to see if any of the items stacked there belong to you!

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

CHILDREN

Today, May 17th **May 24th**

Infant Nursery
Barb Griffith
Pre-K Nursery
Martha Lamey

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

May 17th— Jennifer James & Sue Dittmar
May 24th—Jeanna Groat

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

Ladies, it's time for a little Putt-Putt. On Thursday, May 21, we'll meet at 6:30 PM at the Swing-A-Round Golf Center on Veteran's Parkway (that's the south service road of I-70) between Zumbuhl and Cave Springs. We'll play a fun round of miniature golf and then we'll swing over to Culver's on Muegge for some frozen delights. Please join us; no signup is necessary, just show up. We always have a great time and we always enjoy the extra fellowship that a new person brings to our group. In case of rain, we'll meet at Culver's at 6:30. For more information or questions, please contact Deb Mackin. We hope to see you there!

WORSHIP

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

Lectionary for Sunday, May 24, 2015

Acts 2: 1-21
Psalm 104: 24-34, 35b
Romans 8: 22-27
John 15: 26-27; 16: 4-15

PW BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

TODAY!

PW has many reasons to celebrate this year. In May, we will recognize our scholarship recipient, elect and install officers, and receive a birthday offering to support two organizations that minister to abused women and children and to victims of trafficking, prostitution and addiction. PW's national organization has designated Bethesda Christian Community Center and The Community of St. Therese of Lisieux as recipients of this year's Birthday Offering grants. Sign up at the information table to join PW for a soup and salad lunch after church on May 17. Please bring a salad to share. To request child care, contact Mary Powers by May 14 at 314-277-5440 or marystahr@charter.net.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

We recognize that there has not been much said lately about our strategic planning process, but we want you to know that we are still very much at work meeting, studying, and discerning where God is leading us. You will hear more from us in the near future, but for now we ask that you continue to keep us in your prayers. Thank you! Strategic Planning Team, Kelly Hantack (chair), Kirk Garten, Ruth Irvine, Del Phillips, Linda Dencker, Bill Judd

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!

DEACON HELP NEEDED!

Ever thought about volunteering at church but just can't seem to find the time during the day or on a weekend? We have the perfect opportunity for you! The deacons are looking for volunteers to help with their home meal assistance. The program works like this: volunteers would receive a phone call asking them to prepare a meal for a church member in need. Once the meal is prepared, the volunteer would deliver the meal to the member. It's that easy! And it makes a big difference to a family who is working their way through an illness, loss of a loved one, or other traumatic event. If you feel called to help the deacons with this important mission, or you know someone who could benefit from a home-cooked meal, please contact the church office.

MAY MEAL-A-MONTH

2 cans tuna, 1 box Tuna Helper, 1 can vegetables, 1 can fruit, 1 box/bag cookies,

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

OUR CONDOLENCES

Our condolences to Deb Mackin on the death of her father, George Turner on May 9th. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, May 13th, in Henryville, IN. Our condolences to Margaret Reschetz on the death of her husband, Ray Reschetz, on Sunday, May 10th. Visitation for Ray is on May 22nd from 10:30-11:30 am at Breeze Park with a memorial service to follow. Please keep Deb and Margaret, and their families, in your prayers.

AGAPE CIRCLE

Agape Circle has just concluded a wonderful year of Bible study and fellowship. Thank you Connie Hopkins for hosting us at our annual salad luncheon. New circle co-leaders for the coming year will be Margaret Mortland and Anne Finks. Agape Circle is open to all the ladies of the congregation and you are encouraged to attend. We meet on the first Thursday afternoon of each month from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. in the conference room.

This coming year, September 2015 through May 2016 we will be studying COME TO THE WATERS by Judy Record Fletcher. The cost of the study book is \$8.50 and you can leave your check in the church office no later than June 28. Please make your check payable to New Hope Presbyterian Church and mark the memo line Horizons Magazine. For more information please contact Anne Finks at 636-946-6429.