

Great Expectations

Newsletter of New Hope Lutheran Church Columbia, MD

February 2015

Discernment

From the Pastor:

The word discernment means to sift through, to sort out. Imagine a gold miner sifting and separating the nuggets from the dirt, finding the treasures. New Hope is setting aside the time of Lent, beginning Sunday, February 22 for 40 days of discernment for the treasure of discovering God's direction and perspective for our present and future ministries.



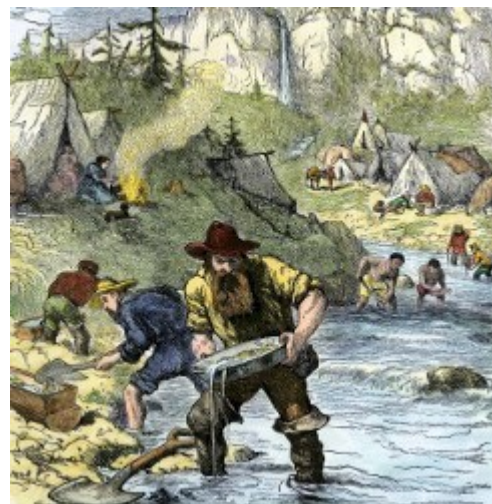
*Together we'll enter into
a time of prayer for God
to reveal how we are called
to serve Christ...*

At New Hope we believe we are in a relationship with a God who is ready to communicate – and so it's up to us to be open to listen! Often it's a challenge to stop and prayerfully attend to the guidance God is giving us through worship, through our fellowship, and through Scripture. During Lent the Sunday worship as well as Wednesday meditations will be focused on the paths of discern-

ment: how we listen to God, identifying our temptations which steer us away from listening, and naming the risks to listening (to name a few). Together we'll enter into a time of prayer for God to reveal how we are called to serve Christ through our neighbor in this place. There will be a prayer team that will support us in this process.

The church council has directed a new team to be dedicated to the visioning process. Look for more information in the Ministry Connections.

Peace
Pastor Ginny





February's Song of the Month

Our Growing in Faith Together (GIFT) focus this month is on learning about Lent, and our song of the month is a song we sing each week in Lent at the beginning of worship at the 10:00 and 11:30 services. It has simple words, but they're in a foreign language – Greek, in fact! How cool is that – to learn a song in a language that we don't speak ourselves? Here's what the first verse looks like using Greek letters (they use a different alphabet than we do): Κύριε, ἐλέησον. When we write the words using our alphabet, we write *Kyrie, eleison*. In English, we would say, "Lord, have mercy."

Now, you may be asking, "Why do we sing a song with words written in a language we don't understand?" It's because these words are even older than Jesus! They were used in various forms of pagan worship including the imperial cult in which the emperor of Rome was called *kyrios* (lord). Since Christians early on adopted the title *lord* to call on Jesus of Nazareth whom they believed to be God's anointed (in other words, Christ or Messiah), the acclamation *kyrie eleison* was quickly incorporated into Christian worship. It was (and still is) often used as the congregation's response in a litany (a series of short prayers). It often alternates with a similar response, *Christe eleison* (Christ, have mercy), which is the second verse of our song.

What does it mean to have mercy? In a law court, a merciful judge might be one who gives a lighter sentence than might be expected. We say that someone who provides help in times of distress is doing "acts of mercy." Mercy is also a deep awareness of someone else's suffering and the compassion which comes from that awareness. When we sing, "Lord, have mercy," we may be asking God to help us in any of these ways. In any case, we are admitting that we need help and that God's the one who can provide what we need!

Wondering about how to pronounce these words? Try this:

Kyrie, eleison = kee-ree-ay ay-lay-ee-zone.
("flipping" the r in *kyrie* makes it sound even more authentic)

Christe, eleison = kree-stay ay-lay-ee-zone. (Roll the "R" in *Christe*)

By the way, watch for other times when we use these words (often the English version) in worship throughout the year. Sometimes we sing them, sometimes we say them. They're an important part of how we communicate with God!

The music for the version we are singing in Lent was composed in 1987 by Dinah Reindorf, a Nigerian woman who was formerly the conductor of the Nigerian National Orchestra. Its jazzy, blues-y sound seems to fit this season well.

Kyrie

1, 3 Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
2 Chris - te e - le - i - son. Chris - te e - le - i - son.
1, 3 Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
2 Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
Chris - te e - le - i - son. Chris - te e - le - i - son.
Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
Christ, . . . have mer - cy. Christ, . . . have mer - cy.

Music: Dinah Reindorf, b. c. 1927
Music © 1987 Dinah Reindorf, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

Entrance Way Contest?

So what's the MPR?

For those of us who've been around for a while, we know it refers to the Narthex

Welcome Center

"the room off the Sanctuary ...or???"

**It's time for a new name,
a name that is**

- ⇒ clear
- ⇒ functional
- ⇒ easily understood

especially by those who are
visiting with us.

Think you have the perfect name?

Send in your suggestions to ginny@newhopelutheran.org or leave a message at the church office. Once we have a good number of names, we'll publish a contest (anonymous) to vote for the best name. Entries will be accepted through the 15th of February.



**Friday,
Feb. 6
6 pm**

Everyone is invited:
enjoy dinner, fellowship
and learning!

Next GIFT Event
Friday, March 6, at 6 pm



Every month we begin our council meeting with a devotion given by a different council member. The devotion is given to help center us as a council and remind us that we are gathered in the name of the Lord. This past month, Dave Riddler gave the devotion. He talked about how, when he was a kid, he always wrote "thank you" notes to those who gave him presents over the holidays or for his birthday. He confessed that it was his parents who made him write the notes and that he wasn't a big fan of doing so (sorry to rat you out, Dave!). Since that time, he admitted that he hasn't written many notes, and wondered whether any of us have kept in the habit of writing thank you notes or giving thanks as we should.

Now, I'm sure that many of us are still pretty good about acknowledging those around us who have contributed to our lives or to the world around us, but I confess that I stink at it! I spend so much time worrying about what's next, that I don't take the time to recognize that which has already been done or is being done. I know that giving thanks is usually a November thing, but I can't think of a better time than right now for me to do so.

To those who show up at Route 1 on Saturday mornings and those who mow our lawns and keep our grounds looking good, thank you. To those who knit prayer shawls and those who serve us coffee and make sure all is right when we have large gatherings in the MPR, thank you. To those who teach our Sunday School, VBS, Bible studies and to those who are adult guides for the scouts and our youth group, thank you. To those who lead us in worship and bless us with their music, thank you. To those who pray for us in our times of need, thank you. To those who serve on council and to our ministry chairs for all their hard work, thank you. To our staff who do their jobs and carry on with their duties, some that we see and many others that we don't see, thank you. To the many New Hope-ians who give of their time other than on Sundays to do the ministries that God has called them to do, thank you. And to all of us at New Hope who come together on Sundays to worship our God as He has called us to do, THANK YOU!!

Perry Anderson

President, Congregational Council

Interested in growing in faith, meeting new people, and learning more about New Hope Lutheran Church?

Join us for
New to New Hope Classes
Sundays, February 15 and 22 at 12:45 pm
(directly after the 11:30 worship service).

2 session class is intended for both those who are interested in learning more about this gathering of Lutheran Christians in Columbia and also for those who would like to make a more formal commitment by formally joining this community. The classes will offer an opportunity to get to know some people from New Hope, learn about some of our ministries, study God's Word and learn about the Lutheran viewpoint, our "lens", within the Christian faith.

We will serve a light lunch and child care will be offered.
Interested? Have any questions? Contact the church office
info@newhopelutheran.org or 410-381-HOPE (4673)

Pancake Supper!
Shrove Tuesday
February 17
5:30 to 7:30 pm

Serving:

Pancakes	Coffee
Sausage	Milk
Bacon	Juice
Applesauce	



The high school & middle school
Youth will be serving!
A free will offering will be collected.
This is a fundraiser for their
Youth Gathering in Detroit
(summer 2015)
See you there!



Special Needs
Worship Service

Sunday, February 22, 2015
1:00 Fellowship & 1:30 Service

St. John Lutheran Church
300 W. Maple Road, Linthicum, MD 21090
410-859-0020 + www.sjlc.org

Join us for lots of music, joyous singing, a brief message presented by The Mustard Seeds of New Hope Lutheran Church, and communion.

Reaching out to enrich the spiritual lives of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, their families, friends, and other supportive community members.

The atmosphere is informal, and they offer an elevator, chair lift, quiet room, projection screen display, and fellowship.

OUTREACH MINISTRY

February 8 New Hope Chili Cook-off



March 8 Hotter-than-Thou Chili Cook-off

We have the chili chefs – now we need your votes.
Come to the New Hope Chili Cook-Off
Sunday, February 8, 12:30 – 2:30 pm
(note: this is a change in time).

Be the judge as to who makes the best chili by voting with your tips. Sample all the chilis, and vote for the one(s) you think are best by placing your donation in their tip jars.

The winner of New Hope's Chili Cook-Off will represent New Hope at the Bridges for Housing Stability **HOTTER THAN THOU CHILI COOK-OFF** on Sunday, March 8.



Drinks, corn bread and other sides and desserts will also be available for a small fee. All money raised will be used to start New Hope's tip jar at the March 8 Chili Cook-off and will be donated to Bridges for Housing Stability.

If you are interested in entering your chili in the New Hope competition, please contact Kathy Piet (kampers1@verizon.net) or call the church. If you would like more information about Bridges to Housing Stability, come to the cook-off, or check out their website at www.bridges2hs.org.



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Thank you for your faithful support of the The Community of St. Dymas. Your gifts are vital in continuing to bring the Gospel to these very special people.

Your contribution of \$1,150.00 from 1/1/2014 through 12/31/2014 is detailed below.

Date	Amount
4/24/2014	150.00
7/21/2014	1,000.00
Total	\$1,150.00

We give thanks for your faithfulness, we hold you in our prayers, and we ask that you continue to remember our brothers and sisters of The Community of St. Dymas in yours.

Yours In Christ,
THE COMMUNITY OF ST. DYSMAS LUTHERAN CHURCH, INC

Gerry Rickel

Gerry F. Rickel, Pastor

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THANK YOU

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Memorial Chapel College Park, MD 20740
(301) 405-8448

December 17th, 2014

Dear New Hope Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for generously providing a meal for our Sunday night The Humble Walk dinner and worship service! We really enjoyed both your wonderful food and company during dinner. People like you who are able to donate their time and talents keep this ministry running and enable us to minister to students from all walks of life at UMD. We have been truly blessed by your gift of food that both gives us nourishment and something to gather around.

In gratitude,

Ray Ranker

Pastor Ray Ranker

Lutheran Campus Ministry at the University of Maryland

301-405-8448

~ lutheran@umd.edu ~

~ www.thehumblewalk.com

Martin Luther King Day of Service

January 19

37 people attended our first MLK Day of Service.

We made 47 jars of bean soup for Amazing Grace Lutheran Church in Baltimore,

6 tied-fleece blankets for Lutheran World Relief,

several dozen oatmeal cookies for Route 1 Day Resource center,

a few balls of Plarn (yarn made from recycled plastic bags) to crochet mats for the homeless, and

3 people practiced crocheting with Plarn.



Tying fleece blankets for Lutheran World Relief.

**What a wonderful way
to honor MLK.**



Above left:
Making PLARN
loops.

Above right:
Assembling bean
soup jars.

Left: Working on
fleece blankets.





Above: Assembling
spices for bean soup



We learned how to crochet with PLARN
to make mats for the homeless

Left: 4 completed fleece
blankets for Lutheran
World Relief



Below:
The Cookie Baking crew



FAMILY MINISTRIES

Making Connections Informal Faith Discussion Group

Sundays, 10am, in the
Multi-Purpose Room



Come as you are able; this is designed to be an informal gathering where we connect for fellowship and group discussion geared to energize and explore faith.

- Do you have a restless little one? Bring him/her along!
- Do you have some basic questions or doubts?
- Can you only join in for half the time? Come anyway!
- There's no preparation or sign up necessary.



Adult Bible Camp

May 11 - May 15

Do you have ideas for ABC?
Can you serve on the
planning committee?

If interested contact Linda Yergey

LCYergey@gmail.com

(410) 992-0492

Book Review

Praying in Color

My sister doodles. She makes pretty swirls and pictures on the margins of her notes. I rarely doodle and if I do, it tends to be squares and triangles. You might not be surprised, then, to learn that I used to dread art class in school because, basically, I wasn't any good at it! I liked doing crafty things, but when it came to drawing, I felt like I just wasn't given that gift. I remember spending hours trying to get a nose right on a portrait we had to draw for class. I never was satisfied with the way it turned out.

Yet, through the years I've wanted to try my hand at "art." I envy people I know who are artists. So when I began thinking about what I wanted to do as a spiritual discipline during Lent this year, I decided to try something having to do with art, something out of my comfort zone.

I found a book called *Praying in Color* by Sybil MacBeth. The subtitle on the front cover is, "Drawing a New Path to God." It is a short, easy-to-read book and I've decided that this is the book I'll be using during Lent to explore a new way to pray.

I'm inviting you to join me in this endeavor. The paperback book costs around \$15. We'll also need some paper, pens, colored pencils and crayons. If you're interested, let me know. I haven't set any particular day and time to meet; I thought we could discuss that as a group with those who want to participate.



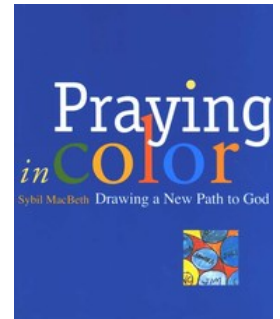
Lent can be a time to expand our spiritual disciplines. I'm looking forward to exploring my artistic side and my prayer life. If you'd like to do that too, call or email me.

Cindy Ranker

Family Ministry Coordinator

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CONGREGATIONAL CARE

NOT-SO-MAJOR CRISES



“My son is in middle school and I am ready to kill him. My wife and I just can’t agree on how to deal with him.”

“My co-worker tells the project manager that he will take care of the details, yet somehow I am the one left to fix things AGAIN. When I began my career I was appreciated and made enough money to not worry. Now I have to do the work of two and a half people and haven’t had a raise in three years.”

“My daughter and her husband are having another bump in their relationship. She calls me all the time to complain, but just doesn’t listen to me. I am worried about her, but I don’t always want to talk to her.”

“My partner doesn’t get along with my family and I am about ready to pull my hair out.”

Do any of these examples feel familiar? Many of us are dealing with problems that aren’t what we consider “major crises”. We talk about our issues and situations until our friends and families may want to avoid us. Stephen ministers don’t want to avoid you! Talking to someone who isn’t going to be judgmental, and who will take the “non-major crises” seriously, can be a gift.

If you feel that life is giving you a little more than you want to take on alone, please think about contacting Pastor Ginny, Cindy Ranker, Sue Pumplin or Sue Biermann.

FELLOWSHIP

Join us for *The Addams Family*
at Toby's Dinner Theatre!

Friday, March 20

All are welcome!

adult tickets \$47.55
(15% less than the regular price),
children 12 and under \$39.05.

This magnificently macabre new musical comedy features an original story – and it’s every father’s nightmare. Wednesday Addams, the ultimate princess of darkness, has grown up and fallen in love with a sweet, smart young man from a respectable family. And if that weren’t upsetting enough, she confides in her father and begs him not to tell her mother. Now, Gomez Addams must do something he’s never done before – keep a secret from his beloved wife, Morticia. Everything will change for the whole family on the fateful night they host a dinner for Wednesday’s “normal” boyfriend and his parents! Come meet the family. We’ll leave the lights out for you.

The evening will begin with an all-you-can-eat buffet, with lots of choices to suit different tastes, served from 6:15 – 7:30 pm. The show will start at 8:15 pm., allowing plenty of time to socialize. As a group, we qualify for a special price. The ticket price includes dinner (including coffee and iced tea), show, all taxes, and tip. (Other beverages are available for purchase.)

Make reservations by filling out a form from the bulletin board in the narthex (gathering area) near the sign-up board. Place your forms and checks in the box on the organ marked “Toby’s”. We have a limited number of seats available, so don't wait!

Deadline for signup is Sunday, February 15!



BIRTHDAYS

1 Vicki Ballard	10 Elwood Johnson Barbara Heikkinen	19 Maureen Heim Sara Clementson
2 Donald Baggett Benjamin Kropf Jesse Ketchum Henrik Struck	11 Ron Kolessar Amelia Rose	20 Maggie Madden
3 Zion Peart	12 Jacob Paul	21 David Riddler
4 Edith Rowe	13 James Cradler	22 Kelsey Lamothe
6 David Doty	15 Grace Proetorius	24 Paul Severson Rachel Heim
7 Patrick Meaney	16 Rocky Smith	26 Bev Jordan
8 Diana Oplinger Elaine Moore Fontell Peart Amanda Ogorzalek Michael Furst	17 Danny Ballard	27 Victor David
9 Vicki Kurrle Charles Wood Laurie Palardy	18 Michelle Harrington Christopher Hedy	28 Zachary Delang
	19 Jean Rossi	30 Brian Aker Ron Hebert
	20 Andrew Zayac	
	21 Linda McCabe	
	22 Marg Goodlin	
	23 Craig Bublitz	

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

5 Brian & Joy Aker (94)
10 Jill Bussey & Patrick Meaney (07)
15 Patricia & Mark Wheeler (92)
18 Ross Kelley & Laurel Holland (89)
25 Victor & Dorothy David (89)

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES

2 Stephanie Caporaletti Charles Frekot Danielle Frekot Betsy Frekot Jesse Ketchum	13 Juliet Collins	24 Shannon Nabors
3 Kate Bateman	14 Julie Lassen	25 Ali Guba
7 Grant Severson	15 Brian McFee	27 Logan King
8 Sharon Myers	18 Jackson Bailey	Additional Baptisms
10 Carlos O'Ryan Reese Adams Gary Burke	19 Katie Schlueter	Carl Christensen
	20 Caleb Peart	Charles Wood
	21 Joshua Peart	Ingrid Bricker
	22 Natana Peart	Debbie Rizzo-Meyer
	23 Zion Peart	Daniel Lentz
	24 Kaelyn Baggett	
	25 Landon Baggett	

FEBRUARY 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Holy Communion served at 8:30, 10, & 11:30am</p> <p>Sunday School at 10am service</p>						
<p>1</p> <p>10a Sunday School 4:30p Mustard Seeds</p>	<p>2</p> <p>5:30p GS 1214 6:30p Single Again 7p Quilt/Craft 7p Property Team</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10a Staff Mtg 7:30p Joyful Noise</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10a Bible Study & Lunch 6p Venture Crew 373 7p Boy Scout Troop 373 7p Den 6 7p Young Adult Bible Study</p>	<p>5</p> <p>6:30p Handbells 6:30p Single Again 7p Tigers 7:30p Choir</p>	<p>6</p> <p>6p Growing in Faith Together</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9a Venture Crew 373 6:30p AA</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Blood Pressure Pie Sunday 10a Sunday School 12:30p Chili Cook-off 4:30p Mustard Seeds 6p Youth Group</p>	<p>9</p> <p>5:30p GS 1214 6:30p Single Again</p>	<p>10</p> <p>10a Staff Mtg 7p BS Comm 7p Cong Council 7:30p Joyful Noise</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9:30a MOMs Club 10a Bible Study 5:30p Confirmation 6p Venture Crew 373 7p B Scout Tr 373 7p Pack Comm</p>	<p>12</p> <p>6:30p Handbells 7:30p Choir</p>	<p>13</p> <p>4p Tr 373 Dinner</p>	<p>14</p> <p>6:30p AA</p>
<p>15</p> <p>10a Sunday School 4:30p Mustard Seeds 6p Youth Grp -Nat Gather 6:30p GS 1009 7p BS PLC</p>	<p>16</p> <p>5:30p GS 1214 6:30p Single Again 7p Quilt/Craft</p>	<p>17</p> <p>10a Staff Mtg 5:30p Pancake Supper 7:30p Joyful Noise</p>	<p>18</p> <p>10a Bible Study 12n Ash Wed Service and Lunch 5:45p Stephen Ministers 6p Venture Crew 373 7p B Scout Tr 373 7p Den 6 7p Young Adult Bible Study 7:30p Ash Wed Service</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9:30a Clown Care 6:30p Handbells 7p Tigers 7p Den 5 7:30p Choir</p>	<p>20</p> <p>4p 30 Hr Famine</p>	<p>21</p> <p>30 Hr Famine 9a MSMTA 6:30p AA</p>
<p>22</p> <p>4:30p Mustard Seeds 6p Youth Group</p>	<p>23</p> <p>5:30p GS 1214</p>	<p>24</p> <p>10a Staff Mtg 7:30p Joyful Noise</p>	<p>25</p> <p>10a Bible Study 5:30p Confirmation 6p Venture Crew 373 7p B Scout Tr 373 7:30p Midweek Meditations</p>	<p>26</p> <p>6:30p Handbells 7p Den 5 7:30p Choir</p>	<p>27</p> <p>6:30p Pack 373 Mtg</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9:30a Meal at Rt. 1 Daycenter 12n Privalte event 6:30p AA</p>



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Sunday Worship:
8:30 & 10:00 & 11:30 am
Holy Communion Served at all services

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Family Ministry Coordinator: Cindy Ranker

Associates in Ministry
Music: Sue Pumpkin, Sharon Punte

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Great Expectations Newsletter Editor:
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and so much more!

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