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# Great Expectations

Newsletter of New Hope Lutheran Church Columbia, MD

February 2016

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## **Brief Word to Ponder FROM THE PASTOR**

Recently at Youth Group one of the youth described how difficult it is to be aware of his/her faith in the midst of everyday life. Faith is easy to talk about, easy to see, easy to connect to at church on Sunday. At school it's another matter altogether. Where is God in the mundane? How is our faith relevant for work, play, school – all those places outside of the building of New Hope? This youth voiced the strong disconnect we sometimes feel.

How do we cultivate eyes to see God's presence in our lives? We come to New Hope to worship God and are equipped to be Christ's presence in the world, with our neighbor. The promise of Christ is sure, 'I'm with you always, even to the end of the age.' Therefore, I invite you to ponder the question of how God is calling you to live your faith outside of these walls?

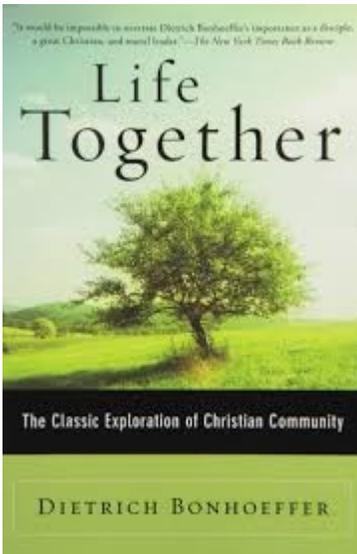
*Pastor Ginny Price*



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## SMALL GROUP BOOK STUDY

### LIFE TOGETHER



This winter/spring – during Lent - we are introducing a new book study on Life Together by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. This is a classic book exploring faith in community. Bonhoeffer was martyred by the Gestapo near the end of World War II for plotting to assassinate Hitler. He was a Lutheran pastor and theologian, whose writings challenge followers of Jesus not to accept the grace of God in vain. Discipleship costs. Life Together is a small (only 5 chapters), but mighty book with powerful insights about what it means to be community in Christ.

We are asking participants to purchase their own books (used copies are available on Amazon for \$11). Several study groups will be offered. Look for more information regarding times that study groups will be held in Ministry Connections.

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## ***LENTEN SERVICE PROJECT***

On Easter, we celebrate the joy and hope of Christ's resurrection. We respond to this gift of new life by answering the call to “care for the orphans and widows” (James 1:27, NRSV) — those living in poverty and marginalization throughout the world.

Are you considering giving up something for Lent this year? How about taking something else on and giving up some of your time? Again this year, New Hope is participating in Lutheran World Relief’s Baskets of Promise Lenten Appeal. Each week in Lent, we’ll collect items to form LWR Personal Care Kits.

You can either bring in specific supplies for Personal Care Kits each week through Palm Sunday or you can assemble kits at home during Lent and bring them to church on Palm Sunday. We will assemble kits on Palm Sunday between services. Directions on how to assemble the kits at home will be available on the Outreach table by the water fountain; or you can go to [www.LWR.org](http://www.LWR.org)

Below is a list of the items needed and schedule for donations along with some suggested stores and costs. This list will also be in each week’s Ministry Connections and is on a poster outside of the Multipurpose Room. All items can be placed in the bin near the prayer wall.

#### **FEBRUARY 14**

Bars of Soap (4 to 5 oz., any brand, in original wrapping)



#### **FEBRUARY 21**

Bath Towels (light-weight, maximum 52" x 27", dark color recommended)

Big Lots \$3.50  
Target \$4.99



#### **FEBRUARY 28**

Toothbrushes (adult size, in original packaging)

Multi-packs are acceptable



#### **MARCH 6**

Combs



#### **MARCH 13**

Nail Clippers (metal, attached file optional)

Fingernail or toenail clippers, no complete sets

Target and Big Lots under \$1.50



#### **MARCH 20 (PALM SUNDAY)**

Bars of Soap





## Yes, and I Ask God to Help and Guide Me

First, we all express thanks to Perry Anderson, David Riddler, Sasha Riddler, and Karen Waters for their faithful service on church council over the last three years. Thanks also to Dennis Howser-Doty, Larry Dadin, and Sharon Norris, who join me as new members of the council.

During the part of our worship when council members are installed, the responses are “Yes, and I ask God to help and guide me.” As individuals and as a group, we do indeed need God’s help and guidance, now and always.

At this point, for example, we are working on revising our budget process, with the dual purpose of having less of a crunch between Consecration Sunday and the annual meeting, and perhaps reducing our use of “faith factors” in the budget.

The Building Expansion and Renovation Team (BERT) continues working on ways to better use the spaces in our building. Discussions about strategic increases in staff are underway.

We will maintain if not increase our emphasis on spiritual growth, outreach, music, youth, stewardship, and so forth.

We are a very active congregation, with many areas of ministry, and we want to do an even better job of informing ourselves about these activities. There is always room for more people to join in. God has big plans for us!

Charles Nicholas  
Congregation Council President



## New Members’ Class

Sundays in Lent  
Feb 14 - Mar 13  
12:45 - 2p (with light lunch)  
Contact Pastor Ginny to register  
[Ginny@NewHopeLutheran.org](mailto:Ginny@NewHopeLutheran.org)

## FIRST COMMUNION

We are celebrating first communion at our Maundy Thursday worship service  
**Thursday, March 24.**

If your child has shown an interest in taking communion and you feel your child is ready for his/her first communion, please contact Cindy Ranker.



[Cindy@NewHopeLutheran.org](mailto:Cindy@NewHopeLutheran.org)  
410-381-4673

*There are two one hour classes for first communion preparation.*

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## SONG OF THE MONTH

“Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive”

The theme for Growing in Faith Together (GIFT) in February is confession and forgiveness. The song “Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive” gives us a chance to think about both of those themes. Often we need to confess our own unwillingness to forgive someone else! God not only loves us and forgives us but also gives us the strength and courage to face and deal with our resentment and bitterness.

Rosamond E. Herklots wrote the words to this song in 1966 after digging out weeds in her garden and thinking how bitterness, hatred, and resentment are like poisonous weeds growing in the Christian garden of life. "Forgive Our Sins" is a hymn about being ready to forgive others again and again-as Jesus said, seventy-times-seven times! We have many hymns about God's forgiveness of our sins, but this one adds a most helpful guide in forgiving others' sins.

The tune comes from an early American collection of folk hymns: *Kentucky Harmony*.

There's a Youtube recording of this song by the Christian band Koiné at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NRTL7jPsZA>.

### Others' thoughts on forgiveness:

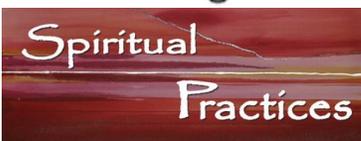
Martin Luther King, Jr. once said, "Forgiveness is not an occasional act, it is a constant attitude." Accepting and giving forgiveness may be one of the most important aspects of living. Forgiveness is not only a personal way of living, but also an attribute of societies. How many times do we observe centuries of hate and hurt that, because of the inability to forgive, continue to fester and cause suffering, death, and destruction?

In South Africa in 1998, Archbishop Desmond Tutu recalled a black woman who asked him, "Who murdered my husband?" Tutu responded, "We do not know." She was insistent, however, and continued, "I must know who killed my husband." Again, the patient Tutu responded, "I'm sorry, but we may never know who killed your husband." Still her question persisted. Finally, Tutu asked, "My dear lady, why must you know who killed your husband?" She responded simply and quietly, "So I can forgive him."

Growing



Faith Together



Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

"Forgive our sins as we forgive,"  
you taught us, Lord, to pray;  
but you alone can grant us grace  
to live the words we say.

How can your pardon reach and bless  
the unforgiving heart  
that broods on wrongs and will not let  
old bitterness depart?

In blazing light your cross reveals  
the truth we dimly knew:  
how trifling others' debts to us;  
how great our debt to you!

Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls  
and bid resentment cease;  
then, by your mercy reconciled,  
our lives will spread your peace.

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## GIFT - Friday, February 12, at 6pm

All are invited – young, young at heart, families, singles, retirees, young adults, everyone!

No need to bring any food, we will have dinner ready for you to eat when you get here!

Come!! even if you didn't have a chance to RSVP.



## **TREK**

Did you get a new FitBit or exercise tracking device for Christmas? Already have one? Have you started a new exercise program and need help keeping it up? Are you already exercising and want to help others along their journey? Join our next trek that will take us through many of the National Parks as the NPS celebrates 100 years.

We will start at Fort McHenry and travel a southern route for the first half of the trek. The trek starts January 31 and will continue all year. You do not need to be at church to enter your miles/steps/minutes. A link to the googledoc will be posted on the church website and facebook page.

Throughout the trek we will be posting pictures and information about the parks that we have reached as well as others in the area. We will also be featuring the parks that our own Josie Zayac has written children's books about. If you have pictures from parks that you have visited that you would like to share on our website/facebook page/bulletin board, please send them to Kathy Piet at [kampers1@verizon.net](mailto:kampers1@verizon.net).



**SHROVE TUESDAY**

## **Pancake Supper**

Tuesday, February 9  
5:30 - 7:30pm

High School and Middle School Youth will be serving. A Free-Will offering will be collected. This is a fundraiser for the Youth Group, especially for the NY Mission Trip in June 2016.

## **LENT & HOLY WEEK EVENTS**

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**  
February 9, 5:30p

**Ash Wednesday Service & Lunch**  
February 10, 12:00p

**Ash Wednesday Service**  
February 10, 7:30p

**First Sunday in Lent**  
February 14

**Midweek Meditations**  
Wednesdays, Feb 17 - Mar 16, 7:30p

**Palm / Passion Sunday**  
March 20, 8:30 / 10 / 11:30a

**Maundy Thursday Service**  
March 24, 6:30p

**Good Friday Service & Lunch**  
March 25, 12:00p

**Good Friday Service**  
March 25, 7:30p

**Easter Sunday**  
March 27, 8:30 / 10 / 11:30a

**GREAT EXPECTATIONS  
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

February 10

Send all articles and pictures to  
Carol Henderson  
(newsletter editor)  
[caroluna@comcast.net](mailto:caroluna@comcast.net).

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## Stephen Ministers are Waiting to hear from you!

We have several Stephen Ministers at New Hope who are waiting for a chance to provide help. Stephen Ministers are members of our congregation who have been trained to be supportive listeners for people who are in the midst of all sorts of situations – great and small. Some of these are:

- the loss of a loved one
- providing care for a family member or friend
- a troubling medical diagnosis
- moving to a new home
- changes at work
- problems with a relationship
- stress due to crazy schedules or high expectations
- financial concerns

Stephen Ministers meet one-on-one with the person they're helping, over a period of time that varies depending on the circumstances. They'll listen to what's on your mind. They won't try to tell you what you *should* do, but they'll support you in finding ways to handle what's going on. And whatever you talk about will be held in strict confidence.

*"It's really a gift to have the chance to say things I can't talk about with other people. Sometimes I'm really fed up, or hurt, or frustrated. Or I think I'm going crazy. Talking with my Stephen Minister lets me be heard by someone who's on my side. She reassures me, helps me think about ways to cope, and really cares about me."* - a New Hope member

Let us know if we can help you! You can get more information from Pastor Ginny and from our Stephen Leaders, Sue Biermann and Sue Pumplun.



**Are you ordering things  
from the internet a lot these days?**

*Don't forget to order through Amazon Smile.*

**A portion of each sale  
will go to the youth group.**

If you haven't signed up already, go to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com), choose New Hope Lutheran Church, Columbia, MD as your charity and shop!

Two important things to know:

1. There are a lot of New Hope Lutheran Churches, so be sure to keep scrolling until you reach New Hope, Columbia, MD
2. New Hope benefits from this only if you start your Amazon shopping at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com). For your convenience, a link to Amazon Smile is on the Home page of New Hope's Website ([www.newhopelutheran.org](http://www.newhopelutheran.org)) under Quick Links in the middle column.

Thank you for supporting the youth!  
~ Cindy Ranker



## Let's Go Snow Tubing - Sunday, February 14th!

Everyone is invited  
- youth, families, singles, young adults!  
Watch for more information & details. (Ski Liberty)  
A sign up sheet will be posted in the narthex.

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# How to Study Scripture Without Even Trying!

I was driving home recently when I noticed a house that was for sale. The realty company was one I had never heard of before, and its sign on the front lawn caught my eye. It was rather plain, without all the fancy stuff--you know, the smiling real estate agent with the big eyes, the bright, bold colors and logos... But what made this sign stand out was a WONDERFUL quote. It said, as if the house were talking:

“I’m gorgeous inside!”

Of course, my first thought was, “Hey, maybe I ought to have a sign like that! Next time anyone starts talking too much about losing weight or working out, I could whip out my sign, attach it to my forehead, and proudly proclaim, ‘Yeah, but I’m gorgeous INSIDE!’”

Well, that got me thinking: How does one “get gorgeous” on the inside? I pondered that all the way home, but by the time I arrived at my driveway, I had it all figured out: by studying God’s word, we can become more like the kind of people He wants us to be: truly gorgeous on the inside!

Studying scripture does 3 things for us:

- 1) **Informs** our minds
- 2) **Transforms** our hearts
- 3) **Conforms** our lives to Christ

A year or so ago I had big plans to read my favorite version of the Bible --*The Message*-- from cover to cover. The way this version is written, using contemporary language, it almost reads like a novel! And let me tell you, some parts of it are pretty juicy! But I have to admit --full disclosure-- I am still wandering around somewhere in the Old Testament. I never did finish! After feeling a little guilty, I realized something: some of the things I have been doing all the time could be considered studying God’s word, and they definitely nourished me spiritually! I’d like to share some of these things with you, because I bet you are doing some of them, too.

As you might expect from me, I will start with being a part of Joyful Noise. Every time I attend a Tuesday night practice, I am in fact engaging in study of God’s word! I like to refer to our practices as “The Mid-Week Miracle,” because I can’t tell you how many Tuesday nights I have dragged myself to practice with a tired body or spirit, but once we start singing and playing and praising God through the words and tunes of our music, something miraculous happens: I feel my spirits lifting, I get energized, and suddenly I am just plain happy! My perspective is healthier, and my attitude is better. Problems? What problems? (They don’t call this place “New Hope” for nothing!) Those of you in other parts of the music ministry here at New Hope undoubtedly know the feeling.

Speaking of music, every time I get into my car, I turn on the radio, usually to a Christian music station. Again, we hear God’s word and love for us through the words and

tunes of these songs. Some days this music gives me the courage to do something that feels scary or uncomfortable, knowing that God is with me every step of the way. Sometimes one small phrase of a song can change my whole outlook, or spark a new idea of ways to serve others. “Who-da-thunk-it”, studying God’s word while driving! (Don’t worry, my eyes are open and I am fully focused on the road! Multi-tasking at its best!) By the way, local Christian music stations are WGTS, 91.9 and WRBS, 95.1).

We have multiple opportunities here at New Hope to learn about God’s word with others: Wednesday morning Bible Study; Adult Sunday School; Children’s Sunday School; we used to have small groups that met and discussed spiritual concepts or books; we have had special discussion groups and classes, and guest speakers. Of course, nothing beats just sitting down with the Bible, but for some variety and maybe a little help interpreting the Bible, there are other things you can read to bring the scripture closer to your heart. There are daily devotionals, like our Lent and Advent devotionals written by our congregation, or *Jesus Calling* (my favorite), which is written as if Jesus is actually talking to you. The concepts and themes each day come from 3 or 4 Bible passages, and the things that are directly from Scripture are in italics in the text, with the scripture reference at the bottom of the page for you to look up--or not! You are still getting the message Jesus wants us to hear! And every day, it is spot on! I must tell you that I have been making some huge decisions lately, and coming from a long line of worrywarts, I have been stressed. In *Jesus Calling*, January’s theme was trusting God. The entry for January 1st included a reference to Jeremiah 29:11, which reads:

*“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”*

This one simple text has helped me make my decisions, and has given me peace, knowing that God will be with me every step of the way.

There are other books like *The Purpose Driven Life* and others that can help bring scriptural relevance to your lives. Of course, the easiest thing of all is attending church regularly! Each week we hear three different readings, one of them from the Gospel. Just by being at church on Sundays, for special mid-week services, or at GIFT, you are ahead of the game!

SO, keep up your good work! Be sure to spend some time in prayer when you do these things, asking the Holy Spirit to open your heart and mind to what you are reading or hearing. You might also develop a personal study plan. It can be as simple as picking the same time each day--like after breakfast, for example--and soon the routine will come as naturally as brushing your teeth! Or, it could be as easy as turning on your radio...

- Marla Stahl



# Notes of Thanks

On behalf of the residents, staff, and Board of Directors at The Baltimore Station, thank you and the congregation of New Hope Lutheran Church for your generous donation of \$500 made to our organization on 12/29/15.

Look no further than The Baltimore Station for a tangible impact of your commitment to the community. Your gift allows for us to grow and excel in providing a therapeutic, residential treatment program which offers life-skills training, access to medical services, education, vocational rehabilitation, and employment for men, primarily veterans, experiencing homelessness, addiction, and poverty.

Your support makes an important difference in assisting our residents to reclaim their lives and become contributing members of the community once again. In the last few months you have assisted:

- 20 clients participation in an all-day fishing outing;
- 10 clients support in the Exelon golf outing at Hayfields Country Club;
- 9 residents attend the pre-season Ravens game;
- 1 client attend GED classes;
- 1 client enroll in trade school;
- 1 client enroll in the Goodwill Services Job Training program and secure housing;
- 3 clients enroll in a computer training course at the NW Career Center;
- 3 clients receive their HUD-VASH voucher and 5 clients move into HUD-VASH housing;
- 1 client enroll in the St. Vincent de Paul Food Training Program;
- 1 client enroll in CCBC classes for fall;
- 2 clients secure and maintain employment at BWI.
- 2 clients attend Code Blue Work Therapy.

None of this would have been possible without your help. A large portion of our funding is made up of gifts from concerned members of the faith community like New Hope Lutheran Church. Thank you for your ongoing support of The Baltimore Station.

Sincerely,

  
Kim E. Callari  
Director of Development

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THE COMMUNITY OF  
ST. DYSMAS  
*I was in Prison - You Came To Visit Me*



Statement Date 12/31/2015

New Hope Lutheran Church  
8575 Gullford Rd.  
Columbia MD 21046-1401

Thank you for your faithfulness to the The Community of St. Dysmas. It is your gifts that sustain this special and important ministry.

Your contribution of \$1,000.00 from 01/01/2015 through 12/31/2015 is detailed below.

Date	Amount
12/28/2015	1,000.00
Total	\$1,000.00

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

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



Gerry F. Rickel, Pastor



Thank you for the lovely Christmas surprises in my office and the check from the congregation this Christmas! It has been a wonderful year working with all of you and I look forward to what 2016 has in store.  
~ Sharon Punte



November 11, 2015

Thank you so much for your most generous contribution of \$125.00 for the Route One Day Resource Center. The Center, now in its eighth year of operation, has served over 1,000 homeless men and women living outside along the Route One Corridor in Howard County. Hundreds of individuals have received basic needs services through this extraordinary partnership between Grassroots and the faith community.

In addition to meals, laundry, showers, and other basic services, our guests can obtain more intensive services and the opportunity to choose a new path in life. Hundreds of individuals have received medical care, obtained health insurance, entered addiction treatment, obtained needed identification documents, applied for and received disability benefits, and ultimately obtained shelter leading to permanent housing in the community.

Thank you for your vital support of this successful and unique program in Howard County.

December 7, 2015

Please share our heartfelt thanks with members of your congregation and all of the wonderful volunteers who participated in the cold weather shelter this year. We were very excited to have New Hope as a new hosting congregation this year. Your coordinator, Sara Seider did a great job of organizing and leading the program. Special thanks also go out to Kathy Piet for all her hard work.

For the past 13 years, the Cold Weather Shelter has been a warm, safe, and inviting place for hundreds of homeless individuals and families who find themselves with no place to sleep during the coldest months of the year. At one of the most difficult times of their lives, these vulnerable citizens have found understanding and fellowship from congregation members who volunteer their time and energy to make sure no one is left out in the cold.

Thank you once again for your partnership. Grassroots would not be able to provide this important service to so many in need without the support of so many Howard County faith communities. We are very grateful for your continued commitment to this program.

December 31, 2015

Thank you so much for your generous donation of \$1,852.99 for the Route One Day Resource Center Medical Clinic. The Center is completed supported by contributions and all care is provided by volunteer physicians and nurses. By supporting the Center, you are helping to provide medical care to those who would otherwise not be served. We also work with our visitors to obtain medical assistance for those who are eligible. Health care is a great need and working together we are making a difference.

The DRC Medical Clinic is a wonderful example of an effective partnership serving those who need our help the most. Thank you for joining in this worthwhile and sometimes life-saving effort.

Sincerely,

*Andrea S. Ingram*  
Andrea S. Ingram  
Executive Director

I want to extend my deepest thanks to the congregation for the many gifts including the monetary gift from the congregation that I received over the Advent/Christmas holiday. I'm so grateful for your thoughtfulness and generosity. It is a sign of your generous spirit and kindness. Thank you!  
~ Pastor Ginny

November 18, 2015

New Hope Church  
8575 Guilford Road  
Columbia, Maryland 21045



**Bridging Cultures. Building Community.**

New Hope Church:

FIRN wants to confirm your contribution to support our work with the foreign-born population of Howard County. Specifically, we acknowledge your donation of 25 Thanksgiving baskets with food and gift cards.

As you know, the items went to 25 families in need for Thanksgiving. The families are very grateful for your donation and it has made their Holiday season much brighter!

For more than 30 years, FIRN has been able to assist immigrant families in Howard County settle in a new community and a new culture. We have been able to do this because of good friends and volunteers like you who share in a longstanding tradition of welcoming and celebrating diversity in our communities.

On behalf of the current Board, the staff, and the new Americans we serve, thank you.

Sincerely yours,

*Hector Garcia*

Hector Garcia  
Executive Director

## ***BIRTHDAYS***

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

## ***BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES***

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

go to [www.NewHopeLutheran.org](http://www.NewHopeLutheran.org) to view the most current calendar.

# February 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> 5:30p GScouts 1214 7p Single Again 7p All Ministry Team Night	<b>2</b> 10a Staff Meeting 5p Daisy Troop 7p Craft Night 7:30p Joyful Noise	<b>3</b> 10a NH Bible St. & Lunch 11a Finance Team 5:30p Confirmation 7p Tr 373 7p Real Faith/Real Life	<b>4</b> 1p Fellowship Bib St. 5:45p Venture Crew 6:30p Handbells 6:30p Den 4 7p Den 2 7p MOHR 7:30p Choir	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 10a Sub Preparation 6:30p AA
<b>7</b> 8:30/10/11:30a Worship 9:30 & 11:00 Sub Pick Up Souper Bowl Sunday 8a Sub Assembly 10a Sunday School All ages 6p HS Youth Group 6:30p GScout 1009	<b>8</b> 5:30p GScouts 1214 7p Single Again	<b>9</b> Shrove Tuesday 10a Staff Meeting 5:30p Pancake Supper 7:30p Joyful Noise	<b>10</b> Ash Wednesday 9:30a MOMs Club 10a NH Bible St. 12:00p Service and Lunch 5:30p Confirmation 7p Tr 373 7:30p Service	<b>11</b> 1p Fellowship Bib St. 5:45p Venture Crew 6:30p Handbells 7p Den 5 7p MOHR 7:30p Choir	<b>12</b> 6p GIFT Dinner	<b>13</b> 8a GScout 522 6:30p AA
<b>14</b> 8:30/10/11:30a Worship Pie Sunday 10a Sunday School 9:15a Sarah's House Breakfast Tubing @ Ski Liberty 12:30p TREK Potluck 12:45p New Member Class 6p HS Youth Group 7p Tr 373 PLC	<b>15</b> 5:30p GScouts 1214 7p Single Again	<b>16</b> 10a Staff Meeting 5p Daisy Troop 7p Council 7:30p Joyful Noise	<b>17</b> 8a Vibrant Faith 10a NH Bible St. 5:30p Confirmation 5:30p Stephen Min. 7p Tr 373 7p Pack Committee 7p Den 6 7:30p Midweek Meditations	<b>18</b> 1p Fellowship Bib St. 5:45p Venture Crew 6:30p Handbells 6:30p Den 4 7p Den 2 7p Den 5 7p BERT Team 7p MOHR 7:30p Choir	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 6:30p AA
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## Up Coming Events

**Pancake Supper - February 9**

**Ash Wednesday - February 10**

12:00p - Service and Meal

7:30p - Service

**GIFT Dinner - February 12**

**Lenten Midweek Meditations**

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