

Great Expectations

Newsletter of New Hope Lutheran Church Columbia, MD

July 2015

NEXT STEPS

The recent events in Baltimore were a jarring wake-up call for some about the challenging issues of poverty and race in our nation, in our neighborhood. For many others the protests and riots were no surprise, as they were informed by their own experiences of injustice. Religious leaders and community folk came together to protest Freddie Gray's death and the larger issues of injustice in Baltimore and other cities like it.

More than a month has passed. The protests have died down. Some people are hopeful that things 'could return to normal'. Others dread that thought, as again their personal experiences inform them 'normal' isn't good.

As many speak of their experiences of those days, a number of people have lifted up the spontaneous march of various religious leaders through the areas of unrest and how the power of their common witness and presence transformed the crowds, even being a positive factor in bringing rival gangs together in the march. It was a sign and an affirmation, many said, of the power of unity and a voice of hope. That's what the church needs to be in the world— a visible sign of hope, taking a risk, standing squarely (or kneeling as it were) in the midst of challenging situations, being a sign of love and reconciliation.

But now time has passed. Other stories are in the news taking our attention away from the stories we learned in and through Baltimore. Then we come to Charleston. Nine people shot because of their color and culture. We grieve for the loss of their lives, their gifts to the world. We marvel at the grace and mercy if their families as they offer words of reconciliation and forgiveness to the killer. We pray for their grieving, we pray for an end to racism, we pray for changed hearts.

How do we as the church not forget or just move on, but instead remain such a living sign of life, of justice, of hope as those religious leaders in the riots? To bring it closer to home, what are we as New Hope being called to do to love our neighbor, to work for justice in such a way as to make a real difference in people's lives?

As people of God we're called not to forget. Faith is not a passive affair, a mere assertion of belief. Rather, faith is an active response to the love which God continues to pour out upon us through the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit gets us up out of our chairs, moves us from 'feigned concern today at the latest crisis then onto business as usual tomorrow', gives us courage to engage the community, to look for and listen to those people and communities that are suffering and have been left behind, to face tough questions about our values, to have those hard conversations about poverty, about color and culture. Then we listen to the Spirit's guidance as to what more we can do to love our neighbor.

The book group studying *The New Jim Crow* (a study of mass incarceration in the U.S.) is coming to a close. What next? Studying the ELCA Social Statement on the Criminal Justice system? Perhaps. Our group is wondering where God is leading us. The DE-MD Synod Racial Justice Ministry Team met at New Hope in May and June and is imagining together some possible ways to respond to these issues. How shall we make a difference? We don't know the answers right now, but we won't stop asking the questions.

Cornel West reminds us, "Never forget that justice is what love looks like in public."

Holy Spirit, fill us, strengthen us, guide us!

— Pastor Ginny



MUTUAL MINISTRY TEAM

What is Mutual Ministry?

Mutual Ministry is the “caring for those who are our servant-leaders.” It is also “the equipping and supporting of all baptized members so that they can, in turn, carry the gospel into the world and into the church.” It developed from the idea of what Luther referred to as the “mutual conversation and consolation among Christians.”**

New Hope has a newly formed team for Pastor Ginny. The team is comprised of Eric Butler, Sandra Payne and Ann Scholz along with Pastor Ginny. The team’s work is primarily to listen and support as well as guide and direct the work of the pastor. It does so by being a listening post for pastor and people. One of the team’s goals is to enhance open communication about the expectations, attitudes, and concerns within the congregation, the community, and the staff. If you have any questions or concerns about the work of the pastor or mission of the congregation, please feel free to communicate with anyone on the committee. (Please note no communication to the team for the pastor will be anonymous).

Other benefits of this team include serving as a group where the pastor could test new ideas, being a “sounding board” in time of personal, professional stress for the pastor and planning continuing education that benefitted both the mission of the congregation and the ministry of the staff.

This team will not meet monthly, but meet regularly.

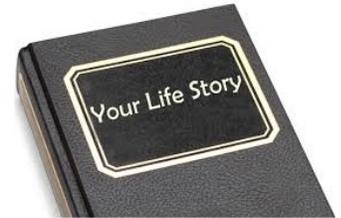
Thank you to those who serve!

*** This information was taken directly from the workbook Mutual Ministry Committee: A Vision for Building Up the Body of Christ, which is a publication of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America.*

SHARING OF GIFTS

It has been an incredible blessing to hear the faith stories of people of our community on the 3rd Sundays of the month. The 5th Sunday Celebration in May was a delight as well, as 5 of us from the community shared how they saw God active in their lives. What an honor to hear the personal challenges and joys of a fellow traveler along the way. In the telling we’ve heard how God is active, sometimes in hidden ways, often only revealed through the passing of time.

As I hear these stories, I’m reminded that we all have a story to tell. Most times our stories don’t have a ‘neat’ ending; can’t be wrapped up in a Hallmark or Touched by an Angel fashion. They don’t provide all of the answers to life’s tough questions. They do, however, reveal timeless truths, like how important it is to be in community along the way, how, in fact, God created us to be in community and that we see and learn more about God when we’re with others.



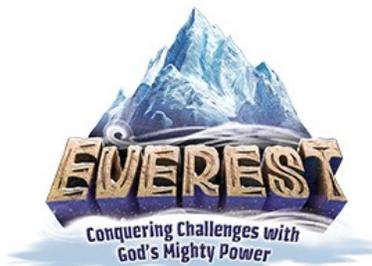
These stories from our brothers and sisters have helped me ‘not lose heart’ (2 Corinthians 4), because they have reminded me that God is at work among us. I wonder who among us needs to hear your story. I imagine some of us think we have no story or we wouldn’t know where to begin to tell a short story of God in our lives. Perhaps, that could be a summer time goal: how would you tell a story of what God has done, is doing with you or where you have seen God in your life? In that simple way our story is how we share our faith – not with some theological treatise with all the answers...just our story. I’d love to hear yours...

To God be the glory!

— Pastor Ginny

Vacation Bible School July 20 - 24, 9 am - 12 pm

Children age 3 1/2 through rising 5th graders are eligible to attend.



Registration forms are available between services and online (www.NewHopeLutheran.org).

Please contact Lois Bailey if you have any questions or would like to volunteer. (Loisbailey9598@gmail.com)

God's Work. Our Hands. Service Weekend September 12 - 13

Choose one or more ways to help our local and international neighbors. You can help with a food drive at local food pantries, learn to knit or crochet prayer shawls or plarn (plastic yarn) mats, bake bread or treats for Route 1 Day Resource Center, assemble school kits, quilts, and blankets for Lutheran World Relief, clean up around New Hope property, pick up trash along Guilford Road or Eden Brook Road, or many other options still being planned.

If you would like to help organize any of these events or have ideas for others, contact Kathy Piet, (kampers1@verizon.net).

If you would like to order a GWOH t-shirt, please complete an order form below and turn it in to the church office by **August 2**.

Orange order form included with this newsletter and at the church.



School supplies needed for GWOH

- 70-page spiral notebooks – plain covers
- 30cm or cm/inch rulers
- Hand held pencil sharpeners
- Blunt tip safety scissors
- #2 unsharpened, plain color, wood pencils
- Black or blue ball point pens
- 2.5 in pink erasers
- 16 or 24 count box of crayons

2015 Synod Assembly

The 2015 Synod Assembly was held in Ocean City, Maryland from May 25th through the 27th. New Hope had four voting members attending: Beth Di-Maria, Karl Heikkinen, Pastor Ginny Price, and Diaconal Minister Cindy Ranker.



Some of the highlights of the assembly were:

- Fantastic worship experiences including preaching by Bishop Eugene Sutton of the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland and Bishop Matti Repo, Bishop of the Tampere Diocese in Finland and musical leadership from the ELCA Global Mission Team
- A keynote address by the Rev. Dr. John Nunes, the Jochum Chair at Valparaiso University (former president and CEO of Lutheran World Relief)
- Several key elections including the election of John Auger (of Grace Lutheran in Hockessin, DE) as the new Synod Council Vice President and the election of 2016 Churchwide Assembly voting members (Cindy Ranker was elected to be one of the voting members)
- A celebration of the Malaria Campaign which exceeded its goal of raising \$300,000 by raising \$312,000
- The adoption of the 2016 Faith Spending plan
- Unanimous support from the voting members to raise \$2.5 million for the ELCA's Always Being Made New Campaign (\$2 million will go to the ELCA, \$500,000 will stay in the synod)

A full summary of each day's events can be accessed at <http://demdblog.weebly.com>



**at Toby's!
Friday, August 28**

Come one, come all - families, friends, singles, couples! You're invited to join a group from New Hope to see Into the Woods at Toby's Dinner Theatre.

The Brothers Grimm hit Broadway with an epic fairytale where worlds collide. The story follows a baker and his wife who wish to have a child, Cinderella who wishes to attend the king's festival, and Jack who wishes his cow would give milk.

When the baker and his wife learn that they cannot have a child because of a witch's curse, the two set off on a journey to break the curse. Everyone's wish is granted, but the consequences of their actions have disastrous results.

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; adult tickets are \$44.00 (more than 15% less than the regular price), and children 12 and under pay \$37.05. 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 in the Narthex. 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, July 26!**

THANK YOUS



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

May 20, 2015

New Hope Lutheran Church
8575 Guilford Rd
Columbia, MD 21046-3301

Dear New Hope Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your recent gift of \$1,650.00 to Nepal Area Earthquake. Gifts like yours make it possible for our church to continue its effective and efficient response to disasters.

Your support helps families and communities get back on their feet again after they have been harmed. Your gifts also provide resources for preparedness and risk reduction programs.

To neighbors who can feel alone and in despair, your gift brings immediate help and hope for the future. We will partner for as long as it takes to rebuild, reclaim and recover.

As Lutheran Disaster Response, we support and pray for the well-being of people all over the world who are recovering from a disaster, and for our partners and volunteers who assist them in their journey to renewal. Thank you for providing help, hope and healing.

In Christ's service,

Daniel Rift

The Rev. Daniel Rift
Director, ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeal
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Thank You

*Thank you!
Robin Brown
Assoc. Dir.
Congregation
Support*

P.S. Please see the reverse side of this letter for your official receipt.



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Re-Connect

Are you age 18-25?

Home from college for the summer?

Live here year around?

Ever wonder what happened
to your friends from church
or just want to keep in touch?

Let's meet at the Greene Turtle in Columbia,
8872 McGaw Road



7 pm on Friday, July 10
and reconnect.

Any questions? contact Cindy Ranker
(Cindy@NewHopeLutheran.org)

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH NEWS



ELCA Youth Gathering Happens This Month!

Several youth and adult advisors will be heading to the ELCA Youth Gathering being held in Detroit. They leave on Wednesday, July 15 and will return Monday, July 20. While there, they'll participate in worship, service, interactive learning and will enjoy hearing various speakers and musicians. They'll get to know youth from all across the country and the world.

For almost a year they've been meeting, participating in Bible Study, and holding fundraisers for this event. Thank you to all who have been so supportive of their efforts.

We wish them all safe travels and ask that you keep them in your prayers: Gary Burke, Katie Heady, Brayden Heim, Dennis Howser-Doty, Kate Lastova, Alan Madden, Ina O'Ryan, Izzy Price, Ben Punte, Martha Rowe, Eric Scholz, Ceili Thomas, Kathryn Witt, Cyndy and Perry Anderson, Pastor Ginny, and Yolanda Tanner.

We look forward to hearing all about their trip when they return!

Cindy Ranker
Family Ministry Coordinator



Help the Youth Group by using Amazon Smile

Do you shop at Amazon? You can shop there and benefit the youth group. Sign up for Amazon Smile at smile.amazon.com, choose New Hope Lutheran Church, Columbia, MD as your charity, and shop!



A portion of the sales will come back to us. 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 and 2) New Hope benefits from this only if you start your Amazon shopping at smile.amazon.com.

For your convenience, a link to Amazon Smile is on the Home page of New Hope's Website (www.newhopelutheran.org) under Quick Links in the middle column.

Thank you for supporting the youth!



Contact Pastor Ginny or
Cindy Ranker regarding
Baptism or 1st Communion.

or contact the church of-
fice or sign up on the Sign
Up bulletin board in the
Narthex.





Congratulations!

GRADUATES

Victor Struck from Elkridge Elementary School to Elkridge Landing Mid. School

Gary Burke from Murray Middle School going to Atholton High School

Evie Howser-Doty from Burleigh Manor Middle to Centennial High

Alan Madden from Murray Hill Middle going to Reservoir High School

Bruce Perry from Patuxent Valley Middle School to Reservoir High School

Colton Smith from Burleigh Manor Middle going to Centennial High School

Jake Ballard from Glenelg High School to University of Maryland

Katie Heady from Marriotts Ridge High School to Ringling College

Jacob Premo from Hammond High School

Isabelle Price from Atholton going to Capital University

Skylar King

Scott Freel from Howard Community College to UMBC

Alex Price from Montgomery Community College to Morgan State University

Kate Bailey from University of Delaware

Amanda Henry from UMBC

Tom Myers from University of Maryland, University College

Melissa Nickolaus from Towson University

Katy Patchan from University of Delaware

Debbie Rizzo-Meyers from Loyola University

God's Work. Our Hands. T-Shirts

**T-shirts cost \$10 each
A portion of each sale goes to the
ELCA Malaria Campaign.**



Please make check payable to **New Hope Lutheran Church.**

ALL ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED AT THE CHURCH OFFICE BY **SUNDAY, August 2, 2015.**

God's Work Our Hands Shirts

Name: _____

T-shirt size and quantity:

Youth sizes: ___ S ___ M ___ L

Adult: ___ S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ 2XL (\$12) ___ 3XL (\$12)

BIRTHDAYS

1	11	22
Betty Roberts	John Burcham	Shelly Walrath
Angela Lores	12	Lucas Baglione
2	Josh Bernet	Landon Baggett
Pat Ploeger	Alyssa Gruneberg	23
Natana Peart	13	Lori Hoffman
3	Amanda Shanks	24
Dave Pumplin	Cole Greaser	Trevor Bublitz
JD Batchik	14	26
Colton Smith	Josie Zayac	Penny Otte
Jenna Seifert	Heather Ailinger	Jason Alt
5	Lauren Berning	27
Marcia Patchan	15	Caylie Zhang
6	Cynthia Mack	Kayla Shanks
Kaz Gardner	Aaron McIntosh	28
7	Jimmy Batchik	Sherri Gruneberg
Charlie Brodine	16	29
Nicolas Mazzei-Willie	Bryan Mack	Beth DiMaria
8	Jennifer Greaser	Alexa Andersen-
Alisa Stacy	Emily Phillips	Proetorius
9	17	Andrew Piet
Carolyn Cradler	Rachel Collins	30
Bill Thomas	Tori Sekela	Doug Hanewinckel
Stephanie Caporaletti	18	Diane Batchik
Claire Blume	Vincent DiMaria	Tom Batchik
Noah O'Ryan	20	Michael Harrington
June Proetorius	Karl Heikkinen	Joseph Brodine
10	Sheri Nagle	
Dawn Blume	21	
	Madison Berning	

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

4	Sandra & Donald Payne (91)
	Janice Smith (98)
6	Jay & Sharon Norris (96)
7	Marie Hughes & Steven Clementson (84)
	Larry & Cathy Dadin (07)
10	Vincent & Beth DiMaria (82)
11	Sharon Roney & Lou Myers (80)
12	Ron & Deborah Kolessar (69)
	Kathy & Pat Piet (81)
16	Per & Sangeetha Struck (99)
19	Larry & Rona Green (69)
22	Jennifer Harrison & Christopher Premo (94)
	Pam & Fred Rowe (95)
26	Patrick & Megumi Gardner (02)
27	Penny & Bob Otte (74)
29	Nick & Bethany Tindall (00)
30	Charles & Brigitte Wood (75)
31	Matt & Rebecca Henry (99)

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES

1	13	22	30
Rod Turnbough	Connor Smith	Avril Yanacek	Catherine David
Scott Lastova	14	Taylor Yanacek	Lizzy David
2	Beth Ann Rank	23	Victor David
Lisa Turnbough	15	Jesse Burns	Eric Zimmerman
Breann Smith	Riley Whittingh	24	Varsha Gazula
3	18	Dawn Ebeling	31
Connor Fleming	Cathy Dadin	26	Amelia Rose
5	Mikie Heady	Tommy Myers	Additional Baptisms
Sebastian Beck-	19	28	Dorothy McGuire
mann	Andrew Burns	Kelsey Lamothe	Ginny Price
Kaz Gardner	20		Herman Delang
7	Tom Berkheime		Jason Alt
Nicolas Janne			Melissa Nickolaus
D'Othee			Izzy Price

go to www.NewHopeLutheran.org to view the most current calendar.

JULY 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Holy Communion and Nursery available at 8:30 & 10 am			1 10a Bible Study & Lunch 6p Venture Crew 373 7p B Scout Tr 373 7p Tech Team	2 7p Moving On	3	4 6:30p AA
5 10a Adult Sun Sch 11:15a Summer Study Sessions	6 7p Single Again 7p Quilt/Craft	7 10a Staff Mtg 7p Ernie 7:30p Joyful Noise	8 9:30a MOMs Club 10a Bible Study 11:30a Finance Team 12p GIFT Meeting 6p VBS Meeting 6p Venture Crew 373 7p B Scout Tr 373 7p Young Adult Bib	9 7p Moving On	10	11 6:30p AA
12 10a Adult Sun Sch 11:15a Summer Study Sessions 6p Rise Up Youth Gathering Meeting w/Parents 7p Tr373 PLC	13 7p Single Again	14 10a Staff Mtg 10a Racial Justice 7p Cong. Council 7:30p BS/Crew Comm 7:30p Joyful Noise	15 Youth Gathering in Detroit 10a Bible Study 6p Venture Crew 373 7p B Scout Tr 373 7p Stephen Ministry 7p VBS Meeting	16 7p Moving On	17	18 4:30p Men's Shelter Dinner 6:30p AA
19 10a Adult Sun Sch 11:15a Summer Study Sessions 6p VBS Set-up	20 9a VBS Youth Return 7p Quilt/Craft	21 9a VBS 10a Staff Mtg 7:30p Joyful Noise	22 9a VBS 10a Bible Study 12p Youth Task Force Plan Mtg 7p Young Adult Bib 7p Ernie Team	23 9a VBS	24 9a VBS 7p VBS Celebration	25 9:30a Breakfast for Rt1 6:30p AA
26 10a Adult Sun Sch 11:15a Summer Study Sessions	27 7p Single Again	28 10a Staff Mtg 7:30p Joyful Noise	29 10a Bible Study 6p Venture Crew 373 7p B Scout Tr 373	30 7p Moving On		

FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

Here at New Hope we are blessed with many families who have young children. The problem is, we don't always have time to get to know each other.

Let's take the time!

Join Cindy Ranker, Family Ministry Coordinator, at the playground at Blandair Regional Park, 5750 Oakland Mills Road, Columbia, anytime from 10 am to noon on **Saturday, July 11.**

She'll bring some snacks and drinks and we can all play a little and hang out together.

If you can't make this date, but would still be interested in meeting other families with young children, let Cindy know by emailing her (Cindy@NewHopeLutheran.org).





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opposite Kings Contrivance Village Center
at the corner of
Guilford Road & Eden Brook Drive.

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

Pastor: The Rev. Ginny Price

Family Ministry Coordinator: Cindy Ranker

Associates in Ministry
Music: Sue Pumplin, Sharon Punte

Parish Administrator: Sharon Punte

Great Expectations Newsletter Editor:
Carol Henderson & Sharon Punte

Up Coming Events

Sunday Summer Worship

8:30 & 10:00 am

Vacation Bible School

July 20 - 24

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