

Great Expectations

Newsletter of New Hope Lutheran Church Columbia, MD

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Great Expectations, the newsletter of New Hope Lutheran Church, is published for the inspiration, education, and entertainment of its members and friends. Comments and suggestions are welcome. Just mail, e-mail or deliver them to the church office.

The next issue of Great Expectations will be published on Monday, January 28. Articles are due to the editor, Carol Henderson, (caroluna@comcast.net) by Wednesday, January 16.

As many of you know we have been in a search for 2 ministry positions since the beginning of November: Parish Administrator and Director of Music Ministry. We are happy to announce that we have filled both positions.

Noah O'Ryan has accepted the administrative position. He began to serve in this position on January 2. Being a child of the congregation, Noah brings many computer and technological skills to this position along with an in-depth knowledge of this congregation as well as church work in general. He also has numerous gifts with social media.

David Fanning has accepted the music position. David comes with many years of education and experience in musical leadership. He has skills in leadership of contemporary bands as well as directing vocal and handbell choirs. He has served in a variety of congregations in different settings throughout the years. David will direct Joyful Noise, Vocal and Handbell Choirs.

Throughout this process, we have had a number of people step into the breach and provide coverage for all of these positions. A special thank you to Kathy Piet, John Madden and Sue Pumplin. Kathy offered her time and skill to the administrative work during the 2 months of the search providing bulletins, church building use and overseeing all publications. There was also a cadre of office volunteers to support her. John took on the leadership of Joyful Noise, choosing songs appropriate for the week, leading practice for the group as well as directing them on Sunday mornings for this 2 month time period. Sue not only continued to lead the congregation with the organ as well as piano, but also took on directing the practice of the choir. There were times that Sue had to choose new anthems to be sung, since there would be no director to lead them on a Sunday morning.

There also were 2 special interview teams for the search. The administrative search team included Leah Shepherd, Deacon Cindy Ranker, Anneliese Quarrier and me. Leah Shepherd, Jada Garrett, John Madden, Sue Pumplin and I served on the music search team. They put in many hours of time and effort in the search. The teams did an excellent job during the interview and selection process.

Thank you for all of your hard work! How beautiful it is when we offer our gifts for service. To God be praised!

Pastor Ginny

THE GYM PASTOR – an article from the January edition of the Living Lutheran, Erin Strybnis

When Ginny Price began her call as pastor of [New Hope Lutheran Church](#), Columbia, Md., one of her first agenda items was to join a gym. “I take to heart the ‘body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you ...’ and have faithfully exercised for many years,” she said, quoting 1 Corinthians 6:19. “Little did I realize the much larger impact this would have on me, the church and the community.”

Between weight sets, Price read books like Bryan Stevenson’s [Just Mercy](#) and Michelle Alexander’s [A New Jim Crow](#). The books garnered interest from fellow gym-goers, leading to talks on racial justice and faith.

Price developed a close friendship with 28-year-old Steven Lewis, who spoke candidly with her about his concerns as a young African American man living in the era of Freddie Gray. “It was a really difficult time,” she remembered.

One day, Lewis told Price he wanted to do something to “proactively strengthen the relationship between the black community and the police.” Price agreed. Together, they formed Conversation in Come-UNITY. The bimonthly meetings connect members of their gym, New Hope and the community at large for discussions on racism, white privilege and current events. The talks have been a source of racial healing and reconciliation for all involved, Price said.

This led the duo to organize Come-UNITY Kickball, an annual game bringing together police with their community, particularly people of color, and Potluck with the Police, an opportunity to share a meal and stories of race relations.

Now, after two years of community organizing, Price said “the gym has changed. ... We’re more connected because of this.” And at New Hope, members embrace racial justice as central to their ministry.

From the pulpit, she often asks the congregation, “Where is your gym?” meaning, “Where is the place you have

an opportunity to minister to people in ways you would never imagine?”

Today, Price continues to be a fixture at the gym. In fact, she’s so popular there, she’s often interrupted while writing sermons on the step machine. Price, for one, is grateful for the opportunity for outreach.

“I have become, in effect, a gym pastor,” she said. “Meeting people where they are at the gym, discovering and sharing God’s love, exercising physical and spiritual muscles, has produced much fruit in unexpected ways and places.”

This article is a sidebar to our January 2019 cover story, [“Fit and faithful.”](#)

Star Words

On Epiphany, January 6th, each person in the congregation had the opportunity to pick a "Star Word," a single word written on a piece of star-shaped paper. Once chosen, this word becomes a word of reflection and connection to God. You're encouraged to place it somewhere you'll see it on a regular basis – the refrigerator, a mirror, in your car.

What is this word? Is it a word that connects with you immediately, one that offers encouragement or challenge, or one you wish to reject off-hand? You may want to look it up in the dictionary to see the origin of the word, or alternate definitions. "Sit" with the word, journal about it, talk with people about it, pray about it. The word might not seem relevant now, but perhaps later in the year it will. Want to discuss it with others? Look on New Hope's Facebook page - on the 6th of every month I'll start a discussion about our Star Words (of course you don't have to wait until then to post something about your Star Word!).

Praying you receive this Star Word as a gift from God and that it helps guide you in your relationship with God for the coming year.

Deacon Cindy

P.S. If you didn't receive a word and would like to, I still have some left. Come see me and you can pick one!



Christian Education News

ICYMI (In case you missed it) : David Ose is our new Christian Education Team leader. David has been teaching Middle School Sunday School for several years. If you have questions, suggestions, or would like to join the team, please let David know. Thank you, David!

Adult Sunday School:

Deborah Rizzo-Meyer is leading Adult Sunday School at the 10:00 hour. The schedule for February is as follows:

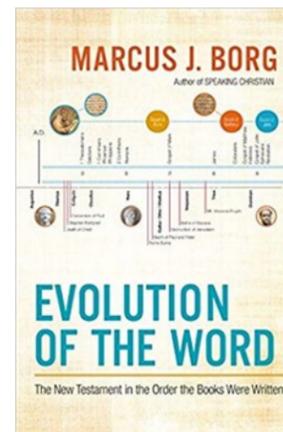
Feb 3 – Prayer

Feb 10, 17 – Beginning a study on the book *Evolution of the Word* by Marcus Borg. Borg presents the New Testament in the order it was written. So, Paul's letters are first, not the gospels. And Revelation isn't last. From the book: "Seeing the documents of the New Testament in chronological sequence illustrates and demonstrates a central theme of this book, namely, that the "Word"—shorthand for the "Word of God"—evolved. By "evolved," I mean simply that it developed and grew over time."

Feb 24 – Discussion on the movie *Patch Adams*. Please watch the movie before you come to class.

In March we continue to study *Evolution of the Word*. Each month, on the last Sunday of the month, there will be a discussion about a particular movie.

Hope to see you there! Any questions, please contact Deborah or Deacon Cindy.



Wednesday Morning Bible Study

The Wednesday morning Bible study group is embarking on a study of the apostle Paul's letters. We'll be guided by the book *Paul's Journey Letters*, which considers the letters in their chronological order – not the order they appear in the New Testament. We're beginning by studying First and Second Thessalonians; next will be First and Second Corinthians.

This group meets every Wednesday morning at 10:00 AM in the conference room. If you can come at that time, please join us! There's no advance preparation expected, and it's fine if you can only come once in a while. The discussions are always lively, and we appreciate new points of view. No Bible expertise necessary!

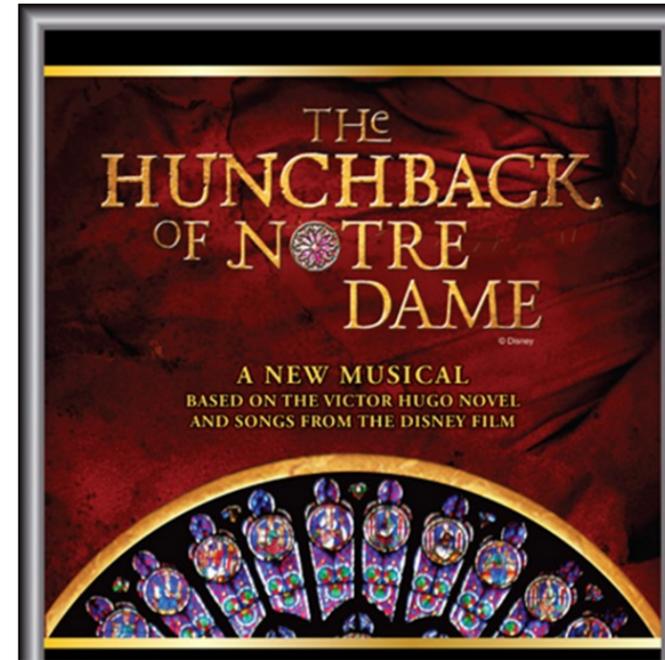
Join us for The Hunchback of Notre Dame at Toby's!

Come one, come all – families, friends, singles, couples! On Friday, April 5, you're invited to join a group from New Hope to see *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* at Toby's Dinner Theatre.

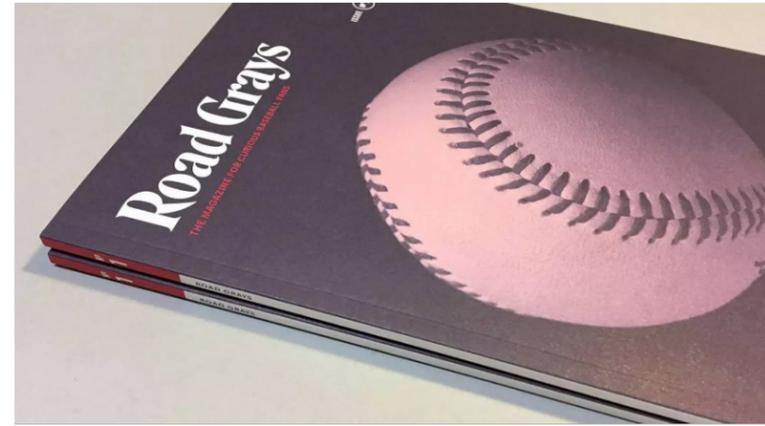
The evening will begin with an all-you-can-eat buffet, with lots of choices to suit different tastes, served from 6:15 – 7:30 p.m. The show will start at 8:00 pm, allowing plenty of time to socialize. Adult tickets are \$60; tickets for children 12 and under are \$49. The ticket price includes dinner (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 (or piano) marked "Toby's". We have a limited number of seats available, so don't wait!

Deadline for signup is Sunday, March 3!



From the Academy Award-winning team of Alan Menken (*Beauty and the Beast*) and Stephen Schwartz comes a stunning retelling of Victor Hugo's epic story of love, acceptance and what it means to be a hero. As the bells of Notre Dame sound through the famed cathedral in fifteenth-century Paris, Quasimodo, the deformed bell-ringer, longs to be "Out There," celebrating the "Feast of Fools." A sweeping score with songs from the Disney animated feature and powerful story make *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* an instant classic. You will be swept away by the magic of this truly unforgettable musical.



Austin Stahl and *Road Grays* Magazine

Kudos to Austin Stahl for the release of his very own (and already popular) magazine, *Road Grays*. It's a baseball magazine with a twist – rather than being about current players, salaries, statistics, etc., it is about people in the industry behind the scenes, the interesting jobs that they have, and how baseball and our culture intertwine. Baltimore Orioles Head Groundskeeper, Nicole Sherry, is among those featured. As a professional graphic designer, Austin not only created the concept, but did all of the layout, graphic design, and some of the writing, and also enlisted contributions of top-notch writers from across the country. We are so proud of Austin!

Austin is Marla Stahl's son. He grew up in New Hope and was the drummer in Joyful Noise during his high school years.

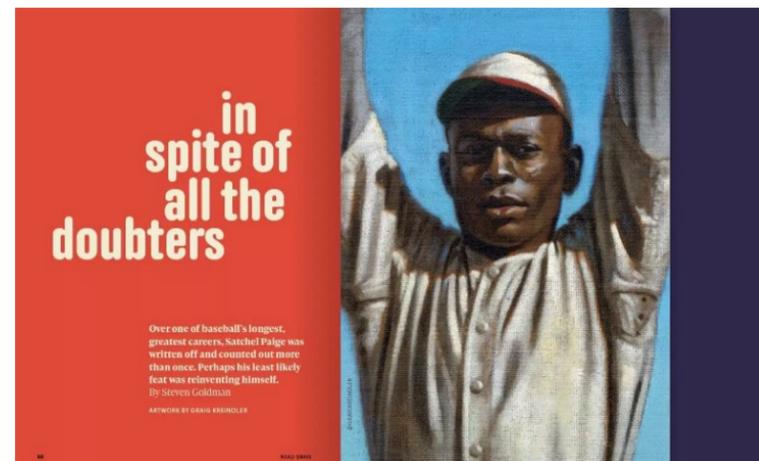


Table of Hope – A Different Way to Worship

For three months last fall, New Hope’s 11:30 service took on a new shape in a new place. We met in the Fellowship Hall, seated around dinner tables. We socialized, shared food (light lunch and communion), listened to Scripture and discussed it together, sang, and prayed. We also cooperated in setting up and cleaning up the space. All this between 11:30 and 12:30!

What we did was based on what we know of the early church’s gatherings – they met in homes, shared meals, and talked together in the context of worshiping. We began our meal by sharing the bread of communion and ended it with the cup. (Did you ever notice that the communion Words of Institution say, “After supper, he took the cup…?”) The Scripture we focused on was the reading chosen as the basis of the sermon for the other services that day; we heard and discussed an abbreviated version of the sermon.

For me, this was a very meaningful and satisfying way to worship. I especially appreciated the opportunity to get to know some fellow worshipers better – different people each week, depending on who I was sitting with. Discussions, conversations, and the opportunity to offer personal prayers set this experience off from traditional worship. The atmosphere was casual and accepting. We moved informally from the gathering area to our tables to the buffet table and back again. Children were welcome and played on the floor if they weren’t busy eating. Lunch (soup, baked potato bar, or waffles) was simple but satisfying and accommodated vegetarians and those with food sensitivities.

We’re going to return to this “Table of Hope” form of worship in mid-February, continuing into May (with the exception of Easter Sunday, which will be our traditional service format). Please join us sometime to experience it for yourself! If you have been thinking about inviting a friend to come to New Hope but think that they may find a regular worship service too formal, encourage them to join you at 11:30. As Pastor Ginny says, “There’s always room for everyone!”
--Sue Pumplin

Join Us for Lunch Church

Table of Hope returns on February 17 with soup and worship.

Try it! You’ll like it!

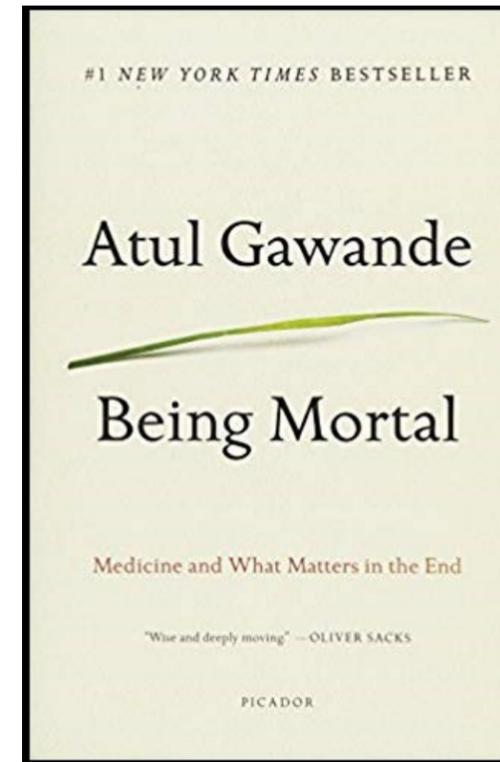
Want to prepare a meal? Sign-ups with suggestions for simple meal offerings will be available for March.

Conversations about the Rest of Your Life

How do you plan for the rest of your life as you age? Where will you live? What about health care? Facing your own mortality? A joint discussion between New Hope and The Lutheran Village at Millers Grant (LVMG) will take place at New Hope. We begin on Friday March 29 by showing the PBS video "Being Mortal" based on the book *Being Mortal* by Atul Gawande, followed by a discussion led by a representative from Gilchrist Hospice. This will take place from 7-9 pm. Then on Sunday, April 7 from 6-8 pm we will have several speakers leading discussions. LVMG Chaplain Stacey Brady will bring a faith perspective to the conversation about aging, including funeral planning. Michelle Rosenheim, Executive Director LVMG, will discuss the faith perspective of aging and living choices. A representative from Right at Home, home care assistance, will provide information.

LVMG is committed to reaching out to local church communities, sharing their experience in senior care. Striving to be good stewards of the gifts God has entrusted to them, they seek to strengthen relationships with the wider church.

This topic will be helpful for those thinking about planning their retirement years, as well as for those with family members facing these decisions. Dessert will be provided. A signup sheet will be posted closer to the date. For additional information, contact Linda Yergey, Lcyergey@gmail.com or Sue Pumplin, SPumplin@icloud.com.



Thank you from Sharon Punte

Wow! Wow! Wow!

Thank you all so much for the wonderful celebration on Sunday, January 27, of my ministries at New Hope Lutheran Church. The dinner, the entertainment, and fellowship shared made me feel so cherished.

Also, thank you for all the wonderful cards of appreciation. I will keep them close to me so that I can always remember the blessings that I received at New Hope during my time of employment.

My new “gym” is at Johns Hopkins University (Maryland Hall) in the Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering department, working with faculty and students. I look forward to seeing you all as a “regular” member at worship on Sunday mornings and other activities.

Yours in Christ, Sharon Punte

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Birthdays

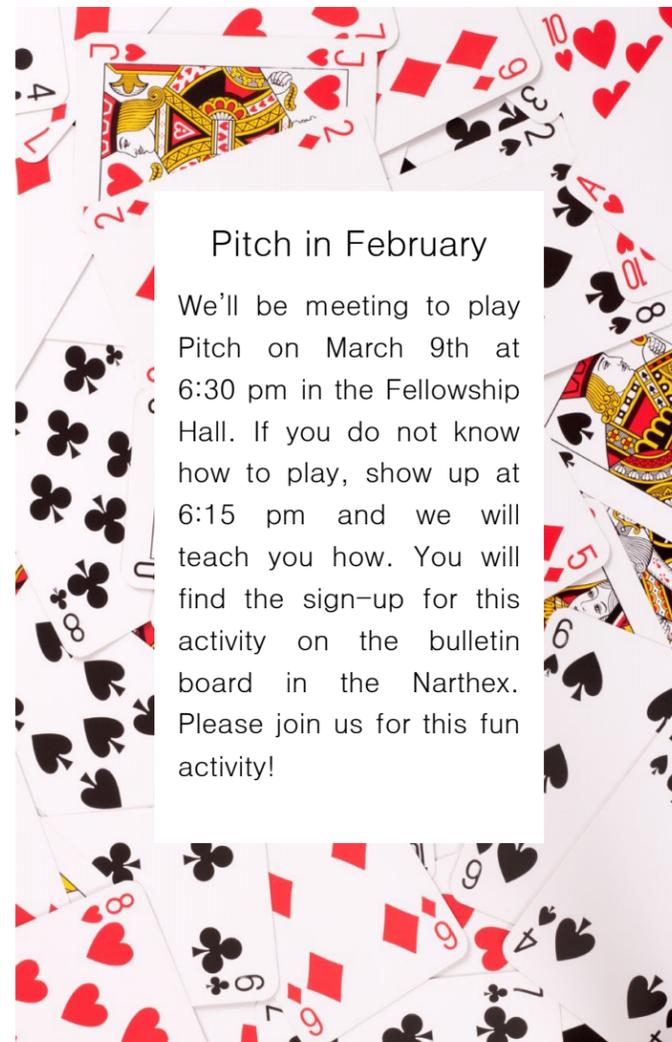
1	Laurie Palardy	16	21
Vicki Ballard	Vicki Kurrle	Bernice Richmond	Beth Anne Ranker
2	Susan Hawman	Michelle Harrington	Dave Riddler
Benjamin Kropf	Charles Wood	Christopher Heady	Kelsey Lamothe
Henrik Struck	10	17	22
Jesse Ketchum	Amanda Schech	Sara McGarity	Marni Wills
Ashlee Herwig	Allison Winslow	Jonathan Bollers	Ted Sekscenski
3	Barbara Heikkinen	Jean Rossi	Paul Severson
Zion Peart	John Richmond	Andrew Zayac	Rachel Heim
4	11	18	24
Edith Row	Nicholas Sekscenski	Marg Goodlin	Nicki Davis-Arriaza
6	Ron Kolessar	Jack Talsma	Bev Jordan
David Doty	Amelia Rose	Linda McCabe	Kathy Johannsen
7	12	Craig Bublitz	26
Patrick Meaney	Jacob Paul	19	Victor David
Da'Juan Sloan	Dean Kremer	Maureen Heim	27
8	Diane Upton	Sara Clementson	Zachary Delang
Mark Simpson	13	Christina Fleming	28
Amanda Ogorzalek	Grace Proetorius	Steven Lloyd	Ron Herbert Jr
Elaine Moore	James Cradler	20	Brian Aker
Fontell Peart	15	Maggie Madden	
Michael Furst	Rocky Smith	Denny Eshoo	
9	Daniel Ballard	Ethan Arriaza	

Baptisms

02	Juliet Collins
Betsy Frekot	14
Charlie Frekot	Brian McFee
Danielle Frekot	Julie Lassen
Jesse Ketchum	18
Stephanie Caporaletti	Jackson Bailey
07	Kati Schlueter
Grant Severson	19
08	William Herwig
Sharon Myers	24
10	Shannon Nabors
Carlos O'Ryan	27
Reese Adams	Logan King
Gary Burke Jr.	
11	
Nancy Beck	
13	

Wedding Anniversaries

5	18
Brian & Joy Aker (25)	Ross Kelly III & Laurel Holland (30)
10	28
Jill Bussey & Patrick Meaney(12)	Emily Phillips & Justin Pladna (4)
25	
Victor & Lizzy David (30)	



Pitch in February

We'll be meeting to play Pitch on March 9th at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. If you do not know how to play, show up at 6:15 pm and we will teach you how. You will find the sign-up for this activity on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Please join us for this fun activity!

**Please Join Us for
A Saturday Afternoon Family Movie
Christopher Robin**
When: Saturday, February 23, 2 pm
Where: New Hope Lutheran Church
Fellowship Hall



Recycled Crayons

Please donate your old, used, or broken crayons for recycling. Crayons will be melted down and molded into new, fun shaped crayons to be donated to charities such as Sarah's House. Please place your crayons in the collection box in the narthex/lobby. Examples of the new, fun shaped crayons can be seen in the Family Worship Space. Thank you in advance for your support of this project.





2016 Trivia Night Winners!!!

**TRIVIA NIGHT
SAVE THE DATE!!!**

Baltimore Lutheran Campus
Ministry
5th Annual Trivia Night and
Silent Auction
Saturday, March 30, 2019, 6pm
Epiphany Lutheran church
4301 Raspe Ave
21236



2018 Trivia Night Winners!!

Teams of up to 8 people \$20/
person, dinner included
Childcare available

New Hope will be defending its
title of 2018 Trivia Night Win-
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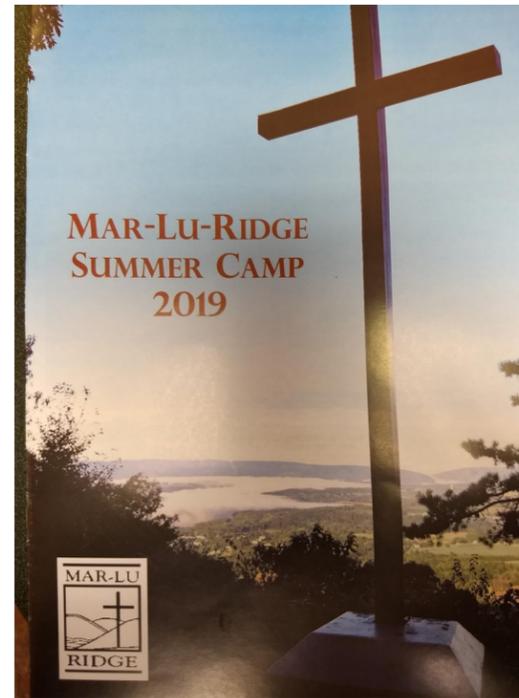
2018 Teams



Who will be on the 2019 teams from New Hope?

You, too can join in all the fun and laughter of Trivia Night!

If you are interested in being part of a New Hope team, contact Kathy Piet. We need players of all ages
and skill levels.



Mar-Lu-Ridge Summer Camp 2019 "Transformed Community!" MLR offers residential programming for ages 6-17, as well as Day camp for ages 6-10. The camp is ACA accredited, and the staff is faith-filled and enthusiastic. MLR offers traditional and specialty camps to meet all interests. Open House dates: March 17 & May 19. Join us as we explore what it means to be "Transformed Community!" Romans 12:2
Contact Mar-Lu-Ridge with questions: mlr@mar-lu-ridge.org
800.238.9974

See the brochures and registration forms on the bulletin board near the nursery.



- Assisting Minister and Cantor
- Lector
- Acolyte (6th- 12th grade)
- Altar Guild
- Usher
- Greeter
- Sound Technician

Training is available for all of these positions and volunteers serve on a rotating basis (so you won't be asked to serve every week!).

If you would like to learn more about these positions before signing up, or would like to volunteer, Deacon Cindy (Cindy@NewHopeLutheran.org).

February 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 10a Sub Prep 230p Jazz Jam 630P AA 630P PITCH Social
3 Worship 8:30 & 10 & 11:30 8a Sub prep and Sales 10a Sunday School for all Ages 6p Youth Group 7p Life Recovery Bible Study	4 530p Piano Lesson 630 Single Again	5 10a Craft Group 10a Staff Meeting 730p Joyful Noise Rehearsal	6 10a Bible Study 5p Jazz jam 530p Confirmation Class 7p Tr 373 Mtg	7 530p Daisy Troop 630 Handbell Choir 630p MOHR 730p Choir Rehearsal 730p Conversation in Come-UNITY@ the turn house	8 630p GS Troop 4514	9 930a Saturday Confirmation Class 1pm Beauty to Behold 630p-8pm AA
10 Pie Sunday Worship 8:30 & 10 & 11:30 9:15a Sarah's House Breakfast 10a Sunday School for all ages 11:15a Witness Team 6p Youth Group 7p Life Recovery Bible	11 530p Piano Lesson 630p Single Again	12 10a Staff Meeting 730 Joyful Noise Rehearsal	13 930a MOMs Club 10a Bible Study 5p Jazz Jam 530p Confirmation Class 7p Tr 373 Mtg	14 530p Brownie Troop 630 Handbell Choir 630 MOHR 730p Choir Rehearsal 730 Pub Theology @ The Corner Stable	15	16 930a Worship Task Force 10a Jazz jam 630p AA
17 Worship 8:30 & 10 & 11:30 10a Sunday School for all Ages 6p Youth Group 7p Life Recovery Bible Study	18 530p Piano Lesson 630p Single Again Global Hope Rehearsal	19 10a Craft Group 10a Staff Meeting 730p Joyful Noise Rehearsal	20 10a Bible Study 5p Jazz Jam 530p Confirmation Class 7p Tr 373 Mtg	21 930a Clown Care 530p Daisy Troop 630p Handbell Choir Rehearsal 630p MOHR 730p Choir Rehearsal 730 Conversation in ComeUNITY @ The Turn House	22	23 9a Day Resource Center Breakfast 10a Jazz Jam 2pm Family Movie Event 3pm Eagles of Fire 630p AA
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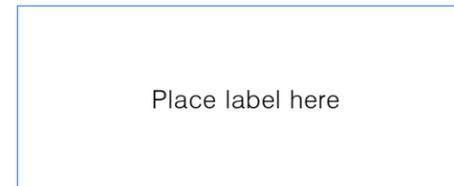
- Have moved?
- Wish to change your membership from your previous church?

Bold - Church Events
Un-bold - non church events

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