

New Hope News

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The Best Time to Invite Someone to Church

Matthew 28:16-20

“Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

In recent years the leadership in many churches across the nation have invested a good amount of time in discerning and stating God’s vision for their church. The Great Commission is nearly always at the heart of these statements. The instruction to “...make disciples...” is pretty clear, our problem often is with the “how.”

For churches in the twenty-first century attracting un-churched persons to attend worship is a dilemma. Some churches have resorted to using advertising, just like a business would; newspaper, billboards, radio, television and direct mail. All of these costly methods have had some success but one other means has outshined them all: church members simply inviting other folks to come to church.

When is the best time to invite someone to church? The simple answer is “today!” But the fact of the matter is that there are 3 times each year that un-churched folks are more likely to respond positively

to an invitation. The first 2times are obvious: Christmas and Easter. But the third time might surprise you. It’s right now, right as school starts back. As families are getting back into their routines, many are open to attending church. We need to seize the moment!

And guess who is the best person to invite folks to New Hope Presbyterian Church? That’s right. YOU!!!!

May the peace, power & joy of Christ be with you,

Andrew



Words of Thanks

Friends, thank you for your continued dedication to our ministry together. What a wonderful Vacation Bible School this year! Thanks to all the adults and youths who volunteered, and especially to Shelley for heading things up. Thanks as well for the volunteers who participated on the NAILS project, for those of you who brought backpacks and school supplies, and for those who have helped with repairs and yard work, and for all who have done the work of the church without recognition. Without any of you we could not be the church! Thank you!





Theology on Tap

Thursday September 1st
7:30 p.m. at the Olney Ale House

Thursday October 6th we'll try some place new!
7:30 p.m. at Growlers in Gaithersburg (227 E. Diamond Ave.)

Thursday November 3rd
7:30 p.m. Location TBD (watch for an email!)

Communion Class

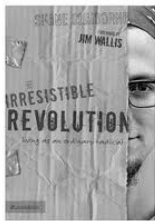


On September 25th and October 2nd, there will be an addition to our normal Sunday School courses. Designed for children, adults may sit in. The class will cover the different elements of Presbyterian worship, primarily focusing on communion. After the class, children will be invited to participate in communion in worship on the 2nd.

The class will be taught by Rev. Plocher. If you have questions please direct them to him.

Adult Education

Come Read with Us on Sunday Mornings!



September 18th – October 23rd

Join us as we read Shane Claiborne's "Irresistible Revolution: Living as an Ordinary Radical" for our adult education time.

The book is autobiographical and is a beautiful glimpse into the life of a young man seeking the love of God. From mega-church to Calcutta with Mother Theresa, Shane takes us along on his journey toward living in intentional community. It is an inspiring and thought provoking read, and you

won't always agree with him. "Irresistible Revolution" is written with humor, love, and intimacy woven into the pages and will be a great discussion for Sunday mornings. We hope you'll come and join us!

We will read two chapters for each Sunday. For September 18th please have read the first two chapters.

The book can be purchased at most booksellers, on Amazon.com, or at Powells.com.

Bible Study



On September 11th, join us in a Bible study on forgiveness as we remember the events of September 11, 2001.

Adult education will be our book study of "Irresistible Revolution" from Sept. 18th – Oct. 23rd.

October 30th we will return to Bible study based on the Lectionary text (assigned scriptures for that Sunday). We will be using the Feasting on the Word curriculum for adults – a wonderful resource for study and conversation!

SUNDAY SCHOOL



The school year is fast approaching which means that it is time to gear up for Sunday

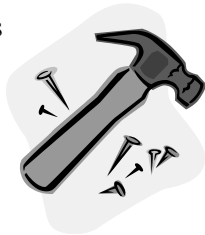
school! A new curriculum, called "Feasting on the Word," has been ordered for our young children (ages 4 through 4th grade) and for our youth (5th grade through 8th grade). This curriculum has received very good reviews. If you would be interested in teaching a Sunday school session (or part of a session), please check your calendar to see if any of the following sessions might work for you: (9-11-10/16), (10/23-11/27), (12/4-1/8), (1/15-2/19), (2/26-

4/1),(4/8-5/13), and (5/20-6/10). You may contact Shelley Kluska or Nancy Elmgren with your availability. A sign-up sheet will also be posted on the bulletin board outside of the church office. Your support is greatly appreciated.

NAILS Work Trip

What do the last several years of NAILS have in common? Roofing!

This year a jolly group of New Hoppers helped build a 'hefty' deck roof for a woman in Cumberland. Debra can now go outside in the winter safely without risk to her back, and she also has a place to sit and watch the beautiful thunderstorms without getting wet.



Many thanks to Doug and Eileen Hillmuth, Jim and Kathy Marcy, Dave and Peggy Gust, and Kurt Elmgren for their great enthusiasm and work! Thanks too for Ken, the NAILS project manager, who supported us with technical guidance, humor, and a zillion tomatoes.

We had a good time of service and fellowship together, and invite you to consider joining us next year! You need not be an expert (I'm not even close), but just have a desire to serve. Thanks to all of you for continuing to support our mission efforts in Cumberland. – Andrew



MISSION MINISTRY NEWS

There will be a **mission committee meeting on Monday, September 12 at 7:30 pm.** Please join us!

The 11th **Annual Tad Marsh Memorial Open** was held on Friday, June 17 at the Worthington Manor Golf Club. Almost 100 golfers were on the course that day, and despite the thunderstorm that

sent us heading inside for a brief time, all had a great time. And we raised \$2300 for our Mexico Mission Trip! Thanks go out to the golfers, the helpers, and most especially to Kevin Kluska for organizing this event.

We would also like to thank the children who participated in our Mission collections during Vacation Bible School. They brought in enough supplies so that early this fall our youth will be putting together **50 Hygiene Kits** that will be sent to Church World Service. With so many disasters in the world, the demand is great and we are happy we can contribute to this ongoing Mission. The children also donated much needed food for **Olney Help**. Many in our area benefit from free or reduced price breakfast and lunches at school and having to feed the children during summer vacation can put an extra burden on families. When you add reduced donations to organizations during the summer months, the demand becomes even greater. Thank you, campers, for your generosity and your willingness to be part of the solution!

Now that summer is ending and the weather is cooler, it must be time to head back to school. And that means **back-to-school supplies!** On August 14 we put together 32 backpacks for delivery to Vera, our social worker from **Montgomery County Child Welfare Services**. When she found out we would be doing this, she said the information could not have come at a better time. Vera is well aware of the times we live in and is grateful for everyone's generosity. She will distribute the backpacks to children in need of assistance so they start the school year with the simple tools for success.

As you know, we postponed our planned trip to **First Fruits Farm** in Freeland, MD back in June. However, we have now rescheduled this trip for **Saturday, September 24**. We will help with the harvest which will then be transported to soup kitchens, food banks and shelters in the Baltimore/Washington region. First Fruits accepts

workers from 5 – 85 so please mark your calendars and look for the sign-up sheet in the foyer.

We will resume our **Fish for Change** collection the third Sunday of the month, so don't forget to bring your change to church and watch the children happily gather the coins. This ongoing project benefits the Tilipia Pond Project in Haiti. Many thanks for your generosity of spirit, time and money. But mostly, thank you for your love and support of our many mission projects. We are blessed to be part of this family known as New Hope Presbyterian Church.

Yolanda Carrera and Kathy Marcy



Summer Update

We have been participants and supporters of Constructores Para Cristo since the summer of

2000, when we sent a single New Hope missionary to Mexico to help build a house. We did not send a mission team in 2011, but want to provide some CPC updates and information. This summer construction session has ended successfully and 25 more families in Piedras Negras, Mexico have sturdy new homes. The fall season begins soon with the building of CPC's 700th house...what a wonderful milestone! In a recent e-mail and video message, founder Dianne Davis explained the seriousness of the current financial situation at CPC which threatens their education programs. As a result, they have seen a dramatic increase in donations as well as an outpouring of offers for support. Unfortunately though, they had to make some difficult cuts to staff and programs. They have decided to close the Land and Hope Preschool for this school year due to lack of reliable funding. They will instead try to incorporate some of the preschool programs

into the library. They also had to lay off Director of Health and Education, Ashlee Demastus, who served with CPC for 3 years. They have seen the positive impact that the medical center, veterinary clinic, preschool, and library have had on the community, and are committed to facilitating medical care and education in whatever capacity they are able for as long as possible. Even though times are tough, all staff members have expressed their dedication to the CPC mission and promise to cut costs wherever possible and utilize available funding wisely. They believe that with the dedication and generosity of their mission partners, they can stay the course and continue to work toward a goal of helping Mexican families break out of their cycle of poverty, creating a better future for themselves and their children.

How You Can Help CPC has a goal of establishing sustainable support for their educational programs. Here are some ways you can help: **1.** Make a monthly pledge and encourage your family and friends to do the same! One-time donations are always appreciated, but monthly pledges provide stability and budgeting capability. **2.** Pledge to support a specific need such as art supplies, books, or staffing. **3.** Help raise funds by organizing an event! Some individuals and groups have their own projects to help raise money and awareness, such as hosting dinners at home or church, benefit concerts, and arts & crafts shows. **4.** Spread the word! The more people each of us tells about CPC and the great things being done, the lighter the burden can be. Forward this information, "Share" the CPC website, Facebook, and Twitter pages, or just mention CPC to friends.

Please send contributions to: Constructores Para Cristo, P.O. Box 661406, Birmingham, AL 35266, or donate through their website: <http://www.cpcmexico.org/>

If you are a Facebook user, please visit and 'Like' their pages: **Constructores Para Cristo (CPC), Biblioteca de Nueva Esperanza (New Hope**

Library), and **Tour de Lectura**. All have great photographs of their ministries in action!

They have also created a library wishlist on Amazon.com that includes books, art supplies and more, at very reasonable prices. Just go to www.amazon.com, click on 'Gifts & Wishlists', and search for 'Ashlee Demastus'. The CPC Library wishlist will pop up.

A final way to support CPC is by doing your internet searches through the search engine www.goodsearch.com and your online shopping through www.goodshop.com on behalf of **Constructores Para Cristo – CPC (Birmingham, AL)**. They receive a small donation for each internet search or purchase!

The New Hope mission committee will be discussing the possibility of a 2012 mission trip to Mexico at upcoming meetings. Please begin to prayerfully consider whether you could commit to joining the team!

-Donna Dettling



The Teal Scholarship has been made possible through the love and generosity of the Teal family. The scholarship supports congregational members who are in financial need and seeking to pursue post high school degree or certification. The 2011 Teal Scholarship has been jointly

awarded to Bronte Emery and Megan Millard. Congratulations to both of these amazing young ladies.



Roy Canagarajah	9/23
Emily Carrera	9/18
Nancy Elmgren	9/2
Fred Hill	9/27
Shelley Kluska	9/3
Linda Marsh	9/3
Daniel Steigerwalt	9/14
Chandra Tagore	9/9
James (LJ) Wood	9/17

Ray Graff	10/14
Dave Gust	10/20
Eileen Hillmuth	10/15
Nicholas Kluska	10/4
Sarah Knowlton	10/8
Cheryl Shaw	10/24
Payton Welch	10/11

Yolanda Carrera	11/7
Art Herbig	11/15
Granville Hill	11/23
Darlene Kranz	11/13
Brian Millard	11/30
Bruce Moran	11/25
Erin Moran	11/17
Rachel Shaw	11/15



Happy Anniversary



Brian & Donna Dettling	10/30
Doug & Eileen Hillmuth	10/21
Bruce & Barbara Moran	10/16
Sandy Haldane & Mark Anderson	11/18



If we have lost track of your birthday or anniversary please email office@new-hope-pc.org with the update.



**DON'T FORGET TO
FALL BACK!!**

November 6th –



Daylight Saving Time!

Lectionary for Sundays and Festivals Scripture Reference

Below are the lectionary texts for September 4th through the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Please know that any of these texts may be preached on or be substituted, as the Spirit so moves.

September 2011

September 4th (23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Exodus 12:1-14
Psalm 149
Romans 13:8-14
Matthew 18:15-20

September 11th (24th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Exodus 14:19-31
Psalm 114
Romans 14:1-12
Matthew 18:21-35

September 18th (25th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Exodus 16:2-15
Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45
Philippians 1:21-30

September 25th (26th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16
Philippians 2:1-13
Matthew 21:23-32

October 2011

October 2nd (27th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Psalm 19
Philippians 3:4b-14
Matthew 21:33-46

October 9th (28th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Exodus 32:1-14
Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23
Philippians 4:1-9
Matthew 22:1-14

October 16th (29th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Exodus 33:12-23
Psalm 99
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Matthew 22:15-22

October 23rd (30th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Deuteronomy 34:1-12
Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Matthew 22:34-46

October 30th (31st Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Joshua 3:7-17
Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13
Matthew 23:1-12

November 2011

November 6th (32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25
Psalm 78:1-7
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-3

November 13th (33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Judges 4:1-7
Psalm 123
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Matthew 25:14-30

November 20th (Christ the King/Reign of Christ)

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Psalm 100



Ephesians 1:15-23
Matthew 25:31-46

WORSHIP SETUP SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER

Communion Set-up: Nancy
Liturgist: Paul Gebicke 9-4; Jim Marcy 9-11; Youth 9-18; Brian Dettling 9-25
Children's Talk: Rev. Andrew 9-4; Shelley Kluska 9-11; Puppets 9-18; Rev. Andrew 9-25
Youth Readers: Joanna Canagarajah & Steve Haldane-Anderson

OCTOBER

Communion Set-up: Shelley
Liturgist: Kurt Elmgren 10-2; Jim Marcy 10-9; Youth 10-16; Dave Gust 10-23; Paul Gebicke 10-30
Children's Talk: Rev. Andrew 10-2; Roy Canagarajah 10-9; Puppets 10-16; Rev. Andrew 10-23; Paula Wood 10-30
Youth Readers: Sydney Wood & Kayla Wood


NOVEMBER

Communion Set-up: Peggy
Liturgist: Kurt Elmgren 11-6; Roy Canagarajah 11-13; Youth 11-20; Nancy Elmgren 11-27
Children's Talk: Rev. Andrew 11-6; Mark Anderson 11-13; Puppets 11-20; Rev. Andrew 11-27
Youth Readers: Joshua Kluska & Nicholas Kluska

If for some reason you cannot make it, please feel free to switch with anyone who is willing and let them know the curriculum that should be used for that Sunday. Thank You Roy



Volunteer Schedule – September 2011

 September	September 4	September 11	September 18	September 25
Sunday School K -4				
Sunday School 4th grade and older				
Children's Talk	Rev. Andrew	Shelley Kluska	Puppets	Rev. Andrew
Greeters	Kluska	Marcy	Rahn	Welch
Acolytes	Tarrah Welch	Emily Carrera	Steve Anderson	Sophia Kluska
Liturgist	Paul Gebicke	Jim Marcy	Youth	Brian Dettling
Regular Counters	Jim Marcy Dave Gust	Kurt Elmgren Cheryl Shaw	Eileen Hillmuth Gail Paulson	Frank Emery Doug Hillmuth
Coffee Hour Hosts	Birthday Celebration			
Communion Set-up	Nancy Elmgren			
Congregational Care	Roy Canagarajah/Paula Wood			
Building Closer	Sandy Haldane	Kurt Elmgren	Kenny Wood	Jim Marcy

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