

News of New Hope

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Summer Sabbath

For most of us, summer brings back memories of vacations gone by. We think of the family road trips, camping trips, dips in the backyard wading pool, the melted popsicles, the cool beverages, the family reunions, and the moments of adventure abroad. Yet in there, somewhere, are moments of stillness. Times when instead of the hustle and bustle of vacation, we actually pause and truly rest. Maybe it was on a beach, a log over a creek, a library, a corner of a hotel room, or even a still patio in between family events. Sabbath.

Sabbath originates in the Old Testament (you may recall the 4th commandment) and normally is associated with Sunday being a day of rest. Yet in this modern day we rarely pause on Sundays. Whether it is the bills to be paid, the children's sports, the things to fix around the house, or even those files we brought home from the office, we rarely stop. We don't let go.

The great Swiss theologian Karl Barth wrote, 'A being is free only when it can determine and limit its activity.' By that definition, I have a hard time counting many 'free' beings among my acquaintances. I know people who can do five things at once who are incapable of doing nothing. I know people who can easily say yes, but do not know how to give less than one hundred percent. Since I have been one of these people, I know that saying no is a more difficult spiritual practice than tithing, praying on a cold stone floor, or visiting a prisoner on death row.

That may be the extreme of it, but I encourage you to ask what we do lose when we do not pause, reflect, breathe: let go. What have you done to give

yourself a Sabbath? What vacations are you going on with your family? Are they all go-go-go or do you have moments to rest (all of you, kids and parents)? What would it take to give yourselves a day of Sabbath? A day away from work, away from technology, away from must and should? There is no prescription for Sabbath. No set model that works for each of us. Yet I encourage you to make some space, even for just a few hours, and have a Sabbath this summer.

E.B. White once said, "If the world were merely seductive, that would be easy. If it were merely challenging, that would be no problem. But I arise in the morning torn between a desire to improve the world and a desire to enjoy the world. This makes it hard to plan the day."

Friends, this is what we are challenged by, too. My charge to you this summer is to find some time to just enjoy the wonder of God's creation, to let go, and to say no for a few minutes or hours. Give yourself the Sabbath we are commanded to take.

Grace and Peace,
Andrew

Pied Beauty -By Gerard Manley Hopkins

Glory be to God for dappled things—

For skies of couple-colour as a brindled cow;

For rose-moles all in stipple upon trout that swim;

Fresh-firecoal chestnut-falls; finches' wings;

Landscape plotted and pieced—fold, fallow, and plough;

And all trades, their gear and tackle and trim.

All things counter, original, spare, strange;

Whatever is fickle, freckled (who knows how?)

With swift, slow; sweet, sour; adazzle, dim;

He fathers-forth whose beauty is past change:

Praise him!

Happy Birthday

Douglas Ehrhardt	7/25
Renata Emery	7/17
Susan Marsh	7/26
Chris Moran	7/30

Bronte Emery	8/7
Frank Emery	8/4
Erin (Gebicke) Smeller	8/27
Doug Hillmuth	8/19
Jim Marcy	8/18
Barbara Moran	8/13
Tim Shaw	8/31
Joanna Steigerwalt	8/12
Kelly Welch	8/7
Tarrah Welch	8/27

Happy Anniversary



Kenny & Paula Wood 7/27

Lisa & Ray Graff	8/11
Bob & Floss Rahn	8/18

If we have lost track of your birthday or anniversary please email office.newhope@verizon.net with the update.

Theology on Tap



Thursday July 14th and August 4th
7:30 p.m. at the Olney Ale House
Join us for good conversation over a pint and a meal (if you desire).

WORSHIP SETUP SCHEDULE

July

Communion Set-up: *Shelley Kluska*
Liturgist: Kurt Elmgren 7-3; Brian Dettling 7-10;
Youth 7-17; Yanisko 7-24; Paul Gebicke 7-31
Youth Readers: Emma Elmgren & Stefani Carrera

August

Communion Set-up: *Peggy Gust*
Liturgist: Anna Zimmer 8-7; Nancy Elmgren 8-14;
Youth 8-21; Kathy Marcy 8-28
Youth Readers: Trent Emery & Jessica Carrera

September

Communion Set-up: *Nancy Elmgren*
Liturgist: Paul Gebicke 9-4; Jim Marcy 9-11;
Youth 9-18; Brian Dettling 9-25
Youth Readers: Joanna Canagarajah & Steve Anderson

**Lectionary for Sundays and Festivals
Scripture Reference
July/August 2011**

July 10th (15th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Matthew 13:1-9

“View from the Back Yard”

July 17th (16th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Romans 8:12-25

“Spirit Led”

July 24th (17th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

“The Kingdom”

July 31st (18th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Genesis 32:22-31

“Wrestling for a Blessing”

August 7th (19th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Matthew 14:22-33

“Left Alone”

August 14th (20th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Matthew 15:10-28

“What We Say & How We Say It”

August 21st (21st Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Romans 12:1-8

“Strengths”

August 28th (22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Romans 12:9-21

Matthew 16:21-28

“Stumbling”



SMILE OF THE WEEK -

A boss asked one of his employees, “Do you believe in life after death?”

“Yes, sir,” replied the new employee.

“I thought you would,” said the boss. “Yesterday after you left to go to your grandmother’s funeral, she stopped in to see you!”



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Vacation Bible School 2011

August 1st-5th

9:30am to 12:00pm

Have you seen the pandas in the hallway? They seem to be multiplying!!!

It is getting to be time to let the pandemonium begin. As always we welcome everyone’s assistance (even if that just means some fervent prayer). Also, please invite friends and family to participate if they have children the right age - four-year olds to fourth grade! Our older youth will be eligible for SSL credit and, as always, a wonderful time of leadership and learning!


Feel free to direct friends to our website for the registration information.

www.new-hope-pc.org



**FIRST DAY OF
SCHOOL
(MONDAY)
AUGUST 29, 2011**

Volunteer Schedule – July 2011








	July 3	July 10	July 17	July 24	July 31
Sunday School K -4	 Summer Break				
Sunday School 4th grade up	 Summer Break				
Greeters	Canagarajah Family	Carrera Family	Elmgren Family	Emery Family	Paul & Darlene Gebicke
Acolytes	Tarraah Welch	Emily Carrera	Stevie Anderson	Sophia Kluska	Andrew Shaw
Liturgist	Brian Dettling	Kurt Elmgren	Youth	Yanisko	Paul Gebicke
Regular Counters	Kurt Elmgren Gail I Paulson	Eileen Hillmuth Nancy Elmgren	Frank Emery Doug Hillmuth	Donna Dettling Roy Canagarajah	Jim Marcy Chandra Tagore
Coffee Hour Hosts	Birthday Celebration				
Communion Servers	Shelley Kluska				
Congregational Care	Roy Canagarajah/Paula Wood				
Building Closer	Dave Gust	Frank Emery	Sandy Haldane	Kurt Elmgren	Kenny Wood

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 August	August 7	August 14	August 21	August 28
Sunday School K -4	Summer Break 			
Sunday School 4th grade up	 Summer Break			
Greeters	Gust	Herbig	Hillmuth	Jeyasunder
Acolytes	Payton Welch	Joshua Kluska	James Wood	Rachel Shaw
Liturgist	Anna Zimmer	Nancy Elmgren	Youth	Kathy Marcy
Regular Counters	Kurt Elmgren Vanita Jeyasunder	Eileen Hillmuth Mark Anderson	Frank Emery Art Herbig	Donna Dettling Frank Smith
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