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Grace and peace to you this joyous Easter season!

The heart of the Easter message is new life and resurrection. These inform the way I see things and the world. When something seems impossible to achieve the resurrection teaches me that God can bring new life out of the strangest places – even a tomb. When I meet people who are broken by events and circumstances my faith reminds me of God’s forgiveness and healing. Good news stories punctuate the Gospels (indeed, gospel means ‘good news’) and good news stories should come from the church as we live in the light of the resurrection.

This Easter season, as I reflect on the good news of our community, and our common stories, I would like to be able to sit down and connect, reflect, and share stories with you. I’ll be arranging a time to make a pastoral call/visit with each of you. We can find a time at home, work, a coffee shop, or other location to sit down together. This is an opportunity for informal conversation, and I come only with the agenda to visit and converse with you.

As I look forward to connecting with all of you, I also rejoice in our community together. What a joy to be the church in the world and live in the light! Our walk to Easter this year was quite busy and I give thanks for the rich Lenten season: the Lenten suppers, education classes, Easter Egg Hunt, and worship services were all meaningful events. Thank you for all that you have done as part of this wonderful community!

I look forward to the transition to summer as our lives slow in many ways and accelerate in others. With a youth lock-in, golf tournament, mission projects, and much more on the horizon be sure to look ahead to all the wonderful things coming up!

In Christ, Andrew

Spiritual Growth: A Reading to Ponder this Easter Season

“In the gospel of John, the risen Jesus first appears to Mary Magdalene, who initially thinks that he is a gardener and asks him if he knows where Jesus’ body has been moved. He says her name – “Mary” – at which point she immediately recognizes him; he then sends her to tell the other disciples of the Resurrection (John 20:14-17). Andrew Hudgins plays with this idea of Jesus as a gardener, creating new life where there seemed only death. The poem ends with Jesus’ Ascension into Heaven (Mark 16:19; Luke 24:50-51; Acts 1:9-11).”

- Karen Keely,

“Ecce Homo: Poems for Lent and Holy Week”

Christ as a Gardener

by Andrew Hudgins, 1991

The boxwoods planted in the park spell LIVE.
I never noticed it until they died.
Before, the entwined green had smudged the word unreadable. And when they take their own advice again – come spring, come Easter – no one will know a word is buried in the leaves. I love the way that Mary thought her resurrected Lord a gardener. It wasn’t just the broad-brimmed hat and muddy robe that fooled her: he was that changed. He looks across the unturned field, the riot Of unscythed grass, the smattering of wildflowers. Before he can stop himself, he’s on his knees. He roots up stubborn weeds, pinches the suckers, deciding order here – what lives, what dies, and how. But it goes deeper even than that.

His hands burn and his bare feet smolder. He longs To lie down inside the long, dew-moist furrows and press his pierced side and his broken forehead

into the dirt. But he’s already done it – passed through one death and out the other side. He laughs. He kicks his bright spade in the earth and turns it over. Spring flashes by, then harvest. Beneath his feet, seeds dance into the air. They rise, and he, not noticing, ascends on midair steppingstones of dandelion, of milkweed, thistle, cattail, and goldenrod.

Andrew Hudgins (1951 –)

Andrew Hudgins, Humanities Distinguished Professor in English at Ohio State University, is the author of several collections of poems as well as of essays on American poets. A Southerner born in Texas, raised a Southern Baptist, Hudgins spent his childhood on military bases because of his father’s career, and all of these biographical elements appear regularly in his poetry.

Did You Know...

That our scripture on Sunday mornings comes from a pre-selected collection of readings from the Bible? Called the Revised Common Lectionary, the readings follow the liturgical year in a 3-year cycle and provides recommendations that compliment the current season of the liturgical year. Not every passage of scripture made it into the 3-year cycle, but much did. In fact, in three years we go through the majority of the three synoptic (which means “summary”) gospels, Matthew, Mark, and Luke. The sequence is most noticeable during Advent and Lent when different gospel versions are used each of the three years.

If you’re unfamiliar with how the liturgical year looks (hence the colors on Andrew’s stole and the communion table), take a look at the diagram below:

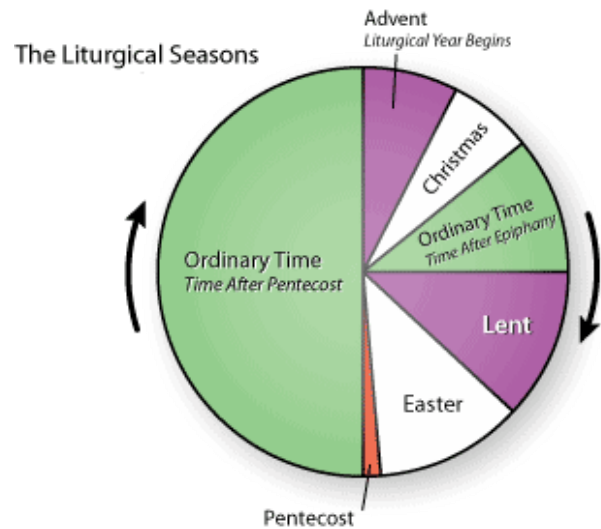
Liturgical Seasons and Colors

The colors of the lectionary are representative of the Liturgical seasons of western Christianity. These seasons are Advent, Christmas, Ordinary Time (Time After Epiphany), Lent, Easter, Pentecost and

Ordinary Time (Time After Pentecost). The liturgical year begins with Advent.

Each season is represented by a color:

- Advent - **Violet** or **Blue**
- Christmas - **White**
- Ordinary Time - **Green**
- Lent - **Violet** or **Blue**
- Easter - **White**
- Pentecost – **Red**



Although it is customarily observed, congregations in the Presbyterian Church (USA) are not required to follow the liturgical seasons or the lectionary.

Service Learning for Montgomery County Public Schools

We are in the process of becoming an approved site for student service learning (SSL) for the Montgomery County Public Schools. Our children, as well as any others that volunteer with our mission work, will be able to receive SSL hours, which are required for graduation. Portions of Vacation Bible School are allowed by MCPS. Stay tuned to find out more! We look forward to being able to offer SSL hours to our youth!

11th Annual Tad Marsh Memorial Golf Tournament



Mark your calendars to come out and golf, assist with the festivities, or to see who wears the zaniest outfit. The funds raised will go to support next year's trip to Mexico to build a home with Constructores Para Cristo. Please contact Kevin Kluska if you wish to participate. More information about assisting will be available as we get closer to the date.

Where: Worthington Manor Golf Club
(www.worthingtonmanor.com)
When: Friday, June 17, 2011
Time: 2:00 p.m. shotgun start (*check-in by 1:30 p.m.*)
Format: Scramble, Captain's Choice
Cost: \$100.00 (*includes greens fee, cart, driving range, prizes, and dinner*)

Also, flyers and information can be found on the church website (www.new-hope-pc.org). Please share this information with friends and colleagues!

MISSION MINISTRY NEWS

There will be a **mission committee meeting on Monday, May 9 at 7:30 pm.** Please join us!

The **15th Annual Shelter Walk 'n Roll** was held on Sunday, May 1 at Rockville Town Center. This event, sponsored by the Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless, helps to raise awareness of the plight of homeless men, women and children in our community and raises crucial funds for MCCH. The cloudy sky and eventual rain did not dampen the spirit of the walkers as all had lots of fun.



New Hope was again a donor for this event and our name was on the t-shirts and promotional materials at the walk as well as on their web-site (www.mcch.net) so check it out.

At our Mission Committee Meeting in April we decided to donate our 40% of the money we received from the Peacemaking Offering to **Joseph's House** which offers compassionate end-of-life care for homeless men and women in Washington, D.C.

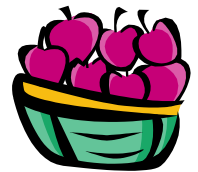
New Hope's Youth Group will be putting together **25 Health Kits** for Japan at their meeting on Friday, May 6. We will be using money that has been donated to Mission for this project. In the bulletin on May 15, we will provide you a list of the contents of a health kit, so if you would like to donate a health kit, you can.



Our annual **infant layette collection** is underway. Don't forget to bring your unwrapped purchases to church on Mother's Day, May 8. The women of the church will pack 8 layette sets into tote bags once everything has been gathered and donate them to the Interfaith Clothing Center. They will be distributed to new mothers in Montgomery County with limited resources to provide for their new baby.

The **11th Annual Tad Marsh Memorial Open** will be held on Friday, June 17 at the Worthington Manor Golf Club. More details on this fund raiser will be forthcoming.

As you know, we will not be going to Mexico this year. However, we have been in contact with **First Fruits Farm** in Freeland, MD where we can help with the harvest. This harvest is then transported to soup kitchens, food banks and shelters in the Baltimore/Washington region. First Fruits accepts workers from 5 – 85 so it sounds like a good match for us. Due to the nature of the work, we are planning on



this just being a one day trip in late June, with a possible second trip later in the season. We will let you know as we get more details and a date is set.

We are also planning on participating in **NAILS** again this year. Look for a sign up sheet in the narthex soon so we can figure out a date for this annual Mission trip to Cumberland, MD.

All around us people are hurting – from the homeless in our backyard, to the victims of the storms in the south, to the people of Japan suffering from the earthquake. We can't help everyone, we can't solve the world's problems, but we can make a difference. Thank you for your support so we can show the world God's love.

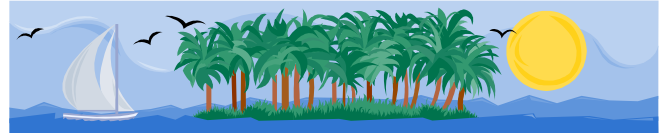
Yolanda Carrera and Kathy Marcy



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

The Easter Bags were delivered to the Betty Ann Krahnke Center on Tuesday, April 20th. The Director of Program Support Services, Rose Wolters, was very nice and thankful. She also mentioned that they could use some youth volunteers during the summer to lead games, coordinate crafts, etc., during the summer vacation which is when they have many of the kids spending all day at the center.

--Yolanda



New Hope Women's Retreat!!

Lisa Graff's Home in Lewes, DE

Friday, May 13th through Sunday, May 15th



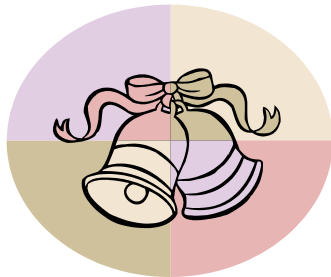
MEMORIAL DAY

Monday, May 30, 2011





Angeline Canagarajah	5/14
Joanna Canagarajah	5/20
Ivan Carrera	5/16
Jessica Carrera	5/1
Donna Dettling	5/3
Kurt Elmgren	5/28
Paul Gebicke	5/30
Vanita Jeyasunder	5/28
Megan Millard	5/28
Gail Paulson	5/17
Swamidoss Tagore	5/18
Sydney Wood	5/19
Anna Zimmer	5/13



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Kurt & Nancy Elmgren	5/15
Art Herbig	5/15
Linda Marsh	5/11
Larry & Peggy Strawhorn	5/29
Swamidoss & Chandra Tagore	5/10

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

WORSHIP SETUP SCHEDULE

MAY

Communion Set-up: Peggy Gust
Liturgist: Anna Zimmer 5-1; Donna Dettling 5-8; Youth 5-15; Doug Hillmuth 5-22; Paul Gebicke 5-29
Youth Readers: Sydney Wood & Joanna Canagarajah

Children's Talk: Rev. Andrew 5-1; Shelley Kluska 5-8; Puppets 5-15; Rev. Andrew 5-22; Kathy Marcy 5-29

June

Communion Set-up: Nancy Elmgren
Liturgist: Nancy Elmgren 6-5; Sandy Haldane 6-12; Youth 6-19; Shelley Kluska 6-26
Children's Talk: Rev. Andrew 6-5; Donna Dettling 6-12; Puppets 6-19; Rev. Andrew 6-26
Youth Readers: Kayla Wood & 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,
Shelley and Nancy*

Worship Schedule

On June 12th worship will begin the summer schedule (10:00 a.m.) Sunday School be on 'vacation' and will resume in September

Lectionary for Sundays and Festivals Scripture Reference May/June 2011

- May 8th (3rd Sunday of Easter)**
Luke 24:13-35
"Do You Recognize Him?"
- May 15th (4th Sunday of Easter)**
Psalm 23
John 10:1-10
"Pastures"
- May 22nd (5th Sunday of Easter)**
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
Acts 7:55-60
"Stones"
- May 29th (6th Sunday of Easter)**
Psalm 66:8-20
John 14:15-21
"Our Advocate"
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- June 5th (7th Sunday of Easter)**
Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35
John 17:1-11
"Prayed For"
- June 12th (Pentecost)**
Numbers 11:24-30
Acts 2:1-21
"Rivers of Living Water"
- June 19th (Trinity Sunday)**
Genesis 1:1-2:4a
Psalm 8
Matthew 28:16-20
"The Three"
- June 26th (13th Sunday in Ordinary Time)**
Genesis 22:1-14
Psalm 13
Matthew 10:40-42
"Welcome"



Vacation Bible School 2010
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



Volunteer Schedule – May 2011

	May 1	May 8 Mother's Day	May 15	May 22	May 29
Sunday School K -4	Nancy/Kurt	Nancy/Kurt	Nancy/Kurt	Nancy/Kurt	Nancy/Kurt
Sunday School 4th grade up	Paula Wood	Paula Wood	Paula Wood	Paula Wood	Paula Wood
Children's Talk	Rev. Andrew	Shelley Kluska	Puppets	Rev. Andrew	Kathy Marcy
Greeters	Paul & Darlene Gebicke	Gust Family	Art Herbig	Hillmuth Family	Jeyasunder Family
Acolytes	Kayla Wood	Andrew Shaw	Cole Anderson	Sophia Kluska	Payton Welch
Liturgist	Anna Zimmer	Donna Dettling	Sydney W. Joanna C.	Doug Hillmuth	Paul Gebicke
Regular Counters	Eileen Hillmuth Mark Anderson	Frank Emery C. Tagore	Donna Dettling V. Jeyasunder	Jim Marcy Art Herbig	Kurt Elmgren Frank Smith
Coffee Hour Hosts	Birthday/Mother's Day Celebration				
Communion Set-up	Peggy Gust				
Congregational Care	Roy Canagarajah/Paula Wood				
Building Closer	Jim Marcy	Doug Hillmuth	Dave Gust	Frank Emery	Sandy Haldane

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