

new hope

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

August 21, 2026

News and Opportunities



"Cool Air Returneth"
Oil on Canvas

August 23, 2026

Exodus 1:8-2:10 ~ Romans 12:1-8 ~ Matthew 16:13-20

Order of Service

This Sunday Worship Returns Inside 10:15 a.m.

Our HVAC contractor completed installing our new commercial air conditioning system this week and we now have cool air in the building!

Therefore, we will return to worship indoors this coming Sunday, August 23rd, and to our normally scheduled time of 10:15 a.m. During our worship this Sunday, we will bless the backpacks and pray for the new school year.

On behalf of the Session, thank you for your patience and flexibility as we replaced our whole-building air conditioning system. Let us give thanks and glory to God this Sunday together in the comfort of our freshly chilled building.

This Week at New Hope

Sunday, August 23

9:00am Contemporary Issues (Conference Room)

10:15am Worship Service (Worship Space)

Monday, August 24

10:00am Blessed Stitches (Conference Room)

7:00pm Formation for Discipleship Committee Meeting (Conference Room)

Tuesday, August 25

1:00pm ABC Committee Meeting (Conference Room)

Wednesday, August 26

3:30pm Prayer Team Meeting (Conference Room)

Thursday, August 27

1:30pm Choir Rehearsal (Conference Room)

6:00pm Girl Scouts (Pavilion)

6:30pm Boys Scout Troop 30 (Pavilion)

August calendar

September calendar

(hard copy of the calendar can be found in the Narthex)



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

This Sunday, August 23 during service we will help prepare students for this new school year by "blessing the backpacks". Students in every grade are encouraged to bring their backpack and to receive a blessing for the upcoming academic year. Teachers and administrators are included as well.



The Traveling Minstrels

The Traveling Minstrels, Carl and Christine Sasse, will be joining us in worship next Sunday, August 30th.
Be sure to join us!



CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulation to Matthew Hamilton on earning the rank of Eagle Scout. Matthew's Eagle Scout projects included creating the doorway between New Hope's Food Pantry main storage room and the adjoining overflow room. He also constructed and installed additional shelving in that room. This provided much easier access for moving the goods and stocking the food pantry. Thank you, Matthew and congratulations!

THANK YOU!

Thank you goes out to youth from New Hope and Boy Scout Troop 30 for their time in helping out recently. Thank you to Patrick Tilk for helping his Mom with food pantry duties and to the Scouts for pulling weeds on the playground.



RENOVATION UPDATE

Thank you to everyone for your patience and cooperation while the building's air conditioning system was being installed over the last several weeks. If you brought in a fan to help cool the worship space, thank you! Your fans can now be picked up from the Narthex.

Now that the building's air conditioning system has been upgraded, the next phase of our lower level renovation project is to replace the floor. The new epoxy floor installation will begin this Monday, August 24. Therefore, from Monday, August 24 through Monday, September 7, there can be no access to the lower level while the epoxy floor is laid and is given time to cure. Food pantry volunteers will stock the food pantry from the Narthex during this time, like they did during floor demolition.

We are almost there folks, with hopefully just about a month to go before we can bring the movers back to unload the trailer so we can reset the lower level. It has been a long process, but an exciting one indeed!

PRAYER REQUESTS

JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR THESE NEEDS

For healing and comfort ~ Tony Mayberry (father of Tawnya Davenport), Nicole Hamilton (sister of Erik Hamilton)

For our nation and world ~ blessings and peace on the start of the new school year for all students, teachers, administrative staff, and parents

Continuing Prayer Requests ~ Please continue to pray for those listed [here](#)

Please help us keep the prayer list up to date by notifying [Trudi Johnson](#) in the church office of any additions or deletions



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Beef stew

Cereal

Granola bars

Peanut butter

Tomato paste or sauce

FOOD PANTRY

Thank you to all of our great volunteers who faithfully sign up to stock the food pantry! And thank you to all who support the food pantry with your designated monetary gifts and food donations. Our goal for the food pantry is to provide a variety of easy to prepare items for those who have limited access to kitchen appliances and to provide supplemental grocery items for those families who do not have the funds to purchase all that they need. Your generous donations of time and money make this ministry possible!

Food pantry volunteers: This is a reminder that from Monday, August 24 through Monday, September 7, the food pantry needs to be stocked from the Narthex. Please refer to the

detailed instructions that were mailed to you. If you have any questions, please contact Colleen Shear. Thank you for your continued service for our Food Pantry!

While the downstairs area is closed, please leave pantry donations in the bin marked "Food Pantry" in the Narthex.

Purchasing items for the food pantry as you do your weekly shopping is a great way of putting the call of Matthew 25 into action in everyday life. Please consider picking up a few of the items listed below when you do your grocery shopping this week. Or, if you prefer, please consider making a monetary donation to the food pantry fund.

These are the most needed items in the pantry this week:

- beef stew
- cereal
- granola bars
- peanut butter
- tomato paste or sauce

For your shopping convenience, orders can be placed through our wish list at [Amazon](#).

Click the link or call the office if you are interested in helping to stock the food pantry. Our MME Committee members will be happy to personally train you. Thank you!

[Sign up link for volunteering](#)

OASIS BIRTHDAY BAGS

Thank you all for your generosity in providing for our birthday bags! We have plenty of cakes and icings, but below are the most needed items currently:

- party plates
- party napkins
- balloons
- toys for boys and girls ages 1-12

Your items can be dropped off to the OASIS bin in the corner of the Narthex. If you have any questions, please contact [Donna Drackert](#) or [Barb MacShane](#). Thank you!



You can find the list for birthdays and anniversaries below

August ~ September

Hard copies can also be found in the Narthex.



***Nursery
Food Pantry
Sunday Morning Safety Team***

Ushering one Sunday a month is a great opportunity to meet your New Hope family. Welcome those that arrive. Hand out bulletins and release folks for communion. If interested, contact [Joe Seidler](#).

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

PC(USA) ministry of LGBTQ+ inclusion and equity



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