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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

July 17, 2026

News and Opportunities



July 19, 2026

Genesis 28:10-19a ~ Romans 8:12-25 ~ Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Order of Service

Livestream

This Week at New Hope

Sunday, July 19

9:00am Worship Service (Worship Center)

10:15am Contemporary Issues (Conference Room)

Monday, July 20

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

Thursday, July 23

6:00pm Girl Scouts (Pavilion)



SUMMER FAITH & FELLOWSHIP

Our three-night Summer Faith & Fellowship event was a wonderful time of learning, laughter, and growing together in Christ! This year's Snowball Mountain Challenge theme brought adults and children together to explore God's Word through engaging Bible lessons, story time, breakout Bible sessions, recreation for the children, and creative art activities for all ages.

Each evening was made even more special by a delicious dinner shared in fellowship. We extend our heartfelt thanks to our amazing kitchen staff for the love, time, and care they put into preparing wonderful meals for everyone. Your service was truly a blessing!

We were thrilled to welcome more than 60 participants over the course of the event. We also extend our sincere gratitude to everyone who generously donated to our mission projects. Thanks to your kindness, we collected much-needed items for Five Acres Animal Shelter and supplies to support students in the Francis Howell School District. Your generosity is a wonderful example of putting our faith into action and caring for our neighbors—both two-legged and four-legged!

Thank you to everyone who attended, volunteered, taught, served, and donated. Your enthusiasm, generosity, and support helped make Summer Faith & Fellowship a joyful and meaningful experience. We are grateful for the opportunity to grow in faith together and for the many blessings we shared during these special evenings!

PRAYER REQUESTS

For healing and comfort ~ Susan Petrowsky, Don Moore (husband of Vickie Moore)

For our nation and world ~ for peace for those suffering, and wisdom and healing for the divided

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



THANK YOU!

A huge THANK YOU goes out to Joe Seidler and Bryan Eikmann who showed up in the blazing heat to remove the weeds and trim the bushes in the lower level parking lot and playground, as well as trim the bushes and weed the upper level parking lot. You are appreciated more than you know. Thank you for helping improve New Hope's appearance to the community!



The Nominating Committee is seeking your suggestions for New Hope members whom you believe God might be calling to serve as Deacons or Ruling Elders, beginning service in January 2027.

You are invited to email your recommendations to Nominating Committee Chairperson [Bill Lamey](#), or speak with any other committee members: Randy Malta, Sheri Mahon, Peggy Black, Rick Cassetta, Deb Garten, or Terry Martinez.

Deacons

"The ministry of deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of compassion, witness, and service, sharing in the redeeming love of Jesus Christ for the poor, the hungry, the sick, the lost, the friendless, the oppressed, those burdened by unjust policies or structures, or anyone in distress. Persons of spiritual character, honest repute, exemplary lives, brotherly and sisterly love, sincere compassion, and sound judgment should be chosen for this ministry." Book of Order, G-2.0201

Ruling Elders

"As there were in Old Testament times elders for the government of the people, so the New Testament church provided persons with particular gifts to share in discernment of God's Spirit and governance of God's people. Accordingly, congregations should elect persons of wisdom and maturity of faith, having demonstrated skills in leadership and being compassionate in spirit.... Ruling elders, together with teaching elders, exercise leadership, government, spiritual discernment, and discipline and have responsibilities for the life of a congregation as well as the whole church, including ecumenical relationships...." Book of Order, G-2.0301



FIVE ACRES ANIMAL SHELTER CRITTER GIVING TREE

Your Board of Deacons are sponsoring a Critter Giving Tree to assist the pets at Five Acres Animal Shelter. Look for the Giving Tree in the Narthex. Grab a tag off the tree, purchase the item listed, and return it to church. Collection of items will continue through July 26. We hope you will be willing to join us in this endeavor!



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!

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:

- Canned beef
- Canned chili
- Canned fruit
- Canned pork
- Snack crackers

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

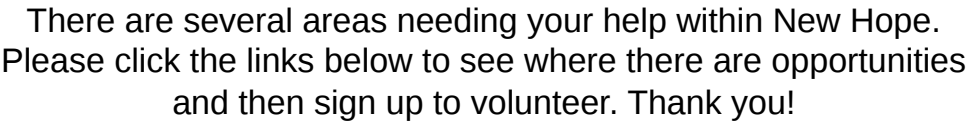
Your items can be dropped off to the OASIS bin in the corner of the Narthex. If you have any questions, please contact [Donna Drackert](#) or [Barb MacShane](#). Thank you!



You can find the list for birthdays and anniversaries below

July ~ August

Hard copies can also be found in the Narthex.



Additional Ways to Get Involved

Thank you for prayerfully considering these options. Hopefully there is a fit for you to get a little more involved at New Hope.

PC(USA) ministry of LGBTQ+ inclusion and equity



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