

new hope

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

July 31, 2026

News and Opportunities



August 2, 2026

Genesis 32:22-31 ~ Romans 9:1-5 ~ Matthew 14:13-21

[*Order of Service*](#)

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP OUTSIDE THIS SUNDAY!

Our HVAC contractor arrived this week and dismantled the old air conditioning system, and the crane arrived this morning to remove the old condensers and deliver the new chillers. As expected, we have no air movement whatsoever inside, and this coming Sunday it will be stagnant and humid.

Therefore, we will hold worship with communion outdoors this coming Sunday, August 2nd at 9:00 a.m. Chairs will be set up outside in the circle drive, and pop-up tents will be on site to help shield the sun. The temperature at 9:00 a.m. is currently forecasted to be in the low 70s. We will have water and other cool drinks available. In addition, all sung music will be a cappella. This will be a fun change of pace. Additionally, because we will be outside this Sunday, we will not be able to live-stream the service. We apologize for any inconvenience.

This Week at New Hope

Sunday, August 2

9:00am Worship Service (Outside Front)

10:15am Contemporary Issues (Conference Room)

Monday, August 3

10:00am Blessed Stitches (Conference Room)

Thursday, August 6

12:00pm Agape Circle (Off-site)

6:00pm Girl Scouts (Pavilion)

6:30pm Boys Scout Troop 30 (Pavilion)

Saturday, August 8

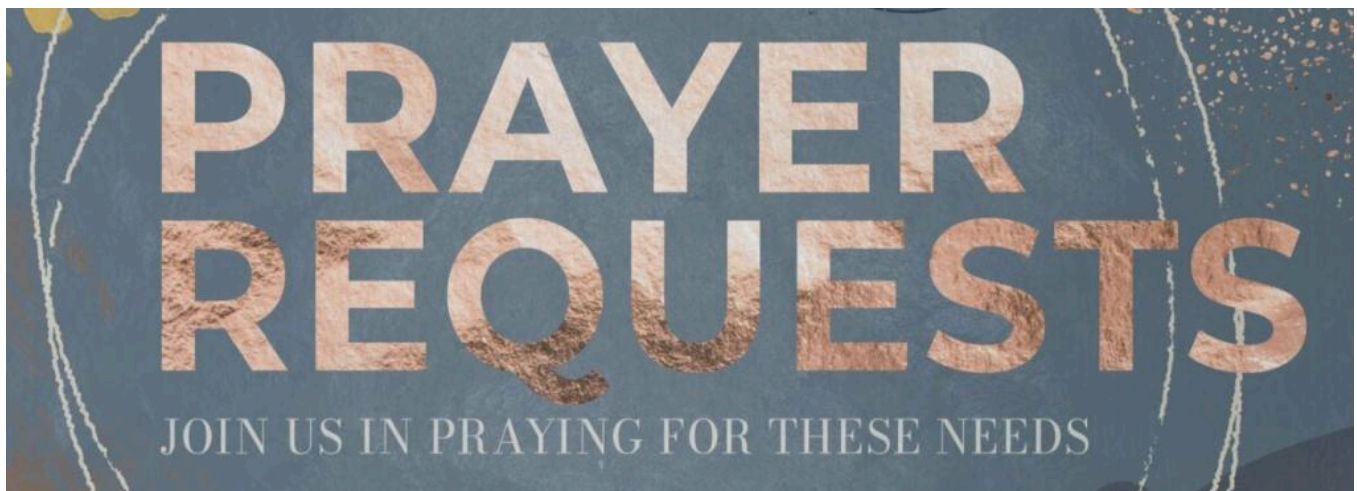
9:45am OASIS Food Pantry

August calendar

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



Much progress has been made this week on the replacement of the commercial AC units. It was fascinating to watch the removal of the old units as well as placement of the new units. Your continued patience throughout the process is appreciated as we continue to move forward with this project as well as the lower level renovation.



For healing and comfort ~ John Cromwell (friend of Donna Huffman), Walter Gifford (father of Jane Johnston), Warner Bradley (father of Julie Nowakowski)

For the grieving ~ Carolyn Doerr and family on the death of her brother, Bruce Ernst (July 27)

For our nation and world ~ for those who are suffering and those without shelter in the heat

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



INTERESTED IN CHURCH MEMBERSHIP?

On Sunday, August 9, at 10:15 a.m. (following our 9:00 a.m. summer worship schedule), the Session will host a gathering for those interested in learning about becoming a member of New Hope. This will be a time to learn about our congregation, ask questions, and meet some of the congregation's leaders. Light refreshments will be served. You may RSVP for this gathering by emailing [Trudi Johnson](#) in the church office.

Mission, Ministry & Evangelism

Please click [here](#) for an update from the MME Committee



BLOOD DRIVE

Boy Scout Troop 30
Thursday, August 13
2:30 PM - 6:30 PM
St. Peters Donor Center ~ 4891 Mexico Rd

It's because of donors like you that ImpactLife is continuously able to provide lifesaving blood products to patients in need for the past 50 years. Click [here](#) to schedule your appointment today. Every successful donation earns rewards. Choose a \$20 e-gift card or points to shop the Rewards Store or donate the e-gift card to your favorite charity.



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

On 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.

PER CAPITA

You may already know that our church, like every Presbyterian congregation, is responsible for paying "per capita" for each active member. Our commitment this year is \$40.00 per active member. For example, a family of two (2) members would pay \$80.00. Simply put, per capita is far more than "membership dues" or a "tax" that some have likened it to and is based on the size of each congregation's membership. The money is a form of mission giving that goes to the larger work of the Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy, the Synod of Mid-America and our General Assembly. New Hope pays this for every member because we believe it is an essential part of what it means to be a connectional church working together to make a greater difference than any one of us can make alone.



Like other congregations, we are asking you to consider paying the per capita amount for each active member in your household. Otherwise, the money will come from our annual operating budget, potentially at the expense of other parts of our congregation's ministries. As a member of the Presbyterian Church (USA), we are committed to honoring this form of mission giving as an expression of our work together as the larger church. We have made some progress in meeting our per capita responsibility to the Presbyterian Church USA. However, to date we have received contributions totaling \$2,223, which is still far short of the goal of over \$6,000.

If you have not yet paid your per capita, it is not too late. Thank you for helping us expand our witness as the larger church.

As you may have noticed, New Hope's garden is in full bloom for pollinators and our veggies have begun to be harvested for use in our own food pantry! We have many to thank for making the garden a successful ministry!

We had several community retailers that made donations in order for us to expand our efforts. Farm & Home Supply/Cottleville donated an entire raised bed and provided a discount on 2 others, Home Depot/Cottleville provided all of the seed for the pollinator's garden and the vegetable plants and Home Depot/Chesterfield donated all of the soil for the raised beds...more than 70 cubic feet!

Thank you also to the helpers at New Hope that keep things watered, weeded and harvested: Deb Mackin, Ruth Connor, Kristin and Mackenzie Moore, Our Girl Scout Troup, the Langasek's, Janet Liley and Andria, Lindy Stacy, Greg Marshall and Jennifer James.





FOOD PANTRY NOTE

**To all pantry stockers:
Thank you for continuing to stock the
food pantry this summer!
We want to remind you that in this HOT
weather we want you to be safe!
Consider stocking early in the morning
or early evening when the temperatures
may be cooler.**





Food Pantry Needs

Canned beef
Canned chili
Canned fruit
Canned pork
Snack crackers

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

August

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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