



News and Opportunities

October 2, 2026



October 4, 2026

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 ~ Philippians 3:4b-14 ~ Matthew 21:33-46

[Order of Service](#)

[Livestream](#)

This Week at New Hope
Sunday, October 4

Ministry Sunday

9:00am

- Grades K-4th Sunday School (Room 100)
- Grades 5th-8th Sunday School (Room 101)
- Grades 9th-12th Sunday School (Youth Room)
- Adult Sunday School - Contemporary Issues (Conference Room)
- Adult Sunday School - Gospel of Luke (Room 104)

10:15am Worship Service (Worship Space)

11:30am Prayer Walk

Monday, October 5

10:00am Blessed Stitches (Conference Room)

7:00pm Deacons Meeting (Room 104)

Tuesday, October 6

1:00pm ABC Committee Meeting (Room 104)

7:00pm Communications Committee Meeting (Conference Room)

Wednesday, October 7

2:30pm Prayer Walk

3:30pm Prayer Team Meeting (Conference Room)

5:30pm Welcome Neighbor Immigrant Dinner (Fellowship Hall)

Thursday, October 8

1:30pm Choir Rehearsal (Conference Room)

6:00pm Girl Scouts (Room 104)

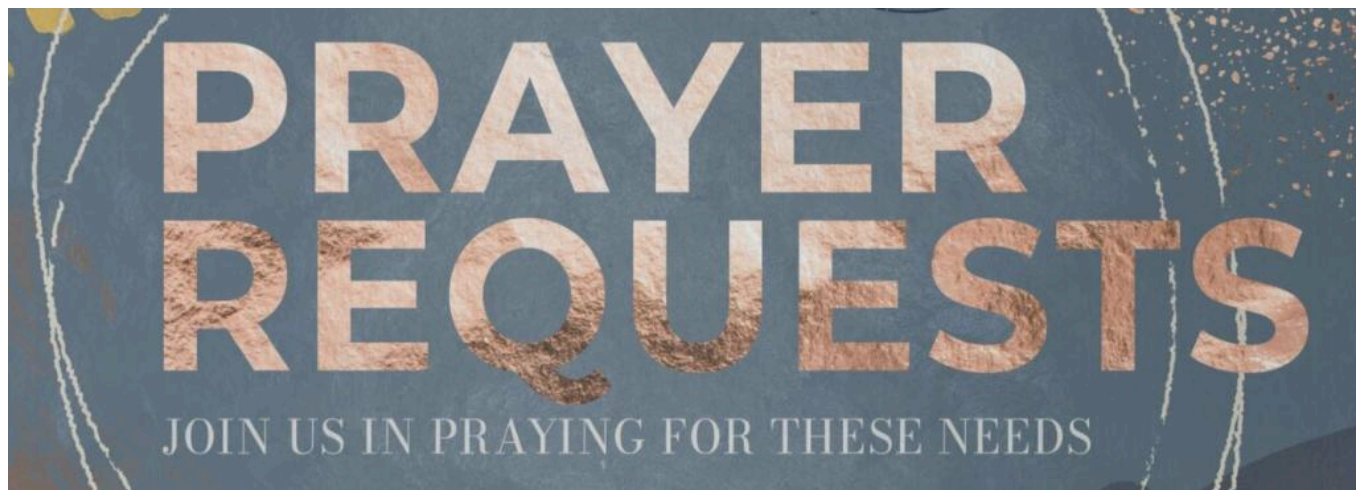
6:30pm Boys Scout Troop 30 (Fellowship Hall)

Saturday, October 10

9:45am OASIS Food Pantry

October calendar

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



For healing and comfort ~ Jessica Pashos (great niece of Karen Miles), Bela Sandor (stepfather of Leigh Lindahl Truett), Benny Lade (brother of Christine Lade)

For our nation and world ~ that bridges are built among cultural, social, and political divisions

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*



**ADULT BIBLE STUDY
GOSPEL OF LUKE**

Beginning this Sunday, October 4, in Room 104 at 9:00am, join us as we begin an adult bible study on the gospel of Luke. We will read the text together, ask questions, consider its historical and biblical setting and explore this gospel's portrait of Jesus.

- Who is Jesus and what did Luke want his readers to understand about him?
- Why does Luke emphasize the outsider, the poor, the stranger, the sinner – and God's welcome to them?
- And what does this Gospel have to say to followers of Jesus today?

Sundays beginning October 4
Room 104
Fellowship at 9:00
Study begins at 9:15



**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11**

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, October 11 at 11:15am, immediately following the worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to receive and act on the report of the 2026 Congregational Nominating Committee to elect Deacons, Ruling Elders, and at large members of the Congregational Nominating Committee to begin service in 2027.

First Sunday Hats



This Sunday, October 4, is the first Sunday of the month. The women of New Hope are invited every first Sunday of the month to continue a long standing tradition of women wearing hats while attending church. Please contact [Donna Huffman](#) with any questions.



21 Day Devotional Journal

Written by Scott McKenzie, PhD

21-DAY DEVOTIONAL & JOURNAL

As we embark on the congregational phase of our *"Rooted in Faith, Growing to Serve"* capital campaign, we invite you to join together in prayer. In the Narthex, there is a [*21-Day Prayer Devotional & Journal*](#) available for you to take home. Our hope is that all of us will hold our congregation and the campaign in prayer during this important season of our life together, because this capital campaign is not just about raising money. It's about raising up people, coming together to give thanks for our first 30-years of ministry and looking ahead to all the ways New Hope will continue to share God's love with our community for generations to come.



We have moved back in folks! The lower level is now open for classes, meetings and gatherings. We do have a few minor housekeeping items to still attend to, however, but nothing that will stop us from utilizing the space. We hope you enjoy the new look as much as we do. Thank you for your outstanding patience throughout the entire process!



PASTOR APPRECIATION DAY!

Sunday, October 11, is Pastor Appreciation Day! Following worship (and the brief congregational meeting), we will show our appreciation for Chris with cake and fellowship at a reception in his honor.



SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING

Safe Sanctuary Training will be offered for volunteers in Children's and Youth programs on Sunday October 11 at noon in the conference room. The training will follow the Congregational meeting and coffee hour and should last about an hour and 15 minutes. This Safe Sanctuary Session will be for those who have never had the training and for folks who were last trained 3 or more years ago and need to renew their certification. The Safe Sanctuary Training focuses on church policies and procedures regarding the safety of minors including emergencies, how to be a state mandated reporter for children and guidelines for how our church programs are run to keep kids safe. Volunteers for Sunday School, Worship Feast, Nursery Care, and other children/youth events need to go through the training and also be background checked. Please sign up in the Narthex if you plan to attend, contact [Shelley Geiger](#) if you have questions. Thank you!



TRUNK OR TREAT

Come and Join Us!

October 18th

4:00 – 6:00

New Hope Presbyterian

1580 Kisker Road



• COME ENJOY
TRICK OR
TREATING,
GAMES, & FOOD! •

• TOP 3 TRUNKS
WIN PRIZES! •

• CONTACT THE
CHURCH OFFICE OR
SIGN UP IN THE
NARTHEX TO HOST
A TRUNK! •

New Hope will be hosting our annual Trunk or Treat on October 18th from 2:00 to 4:00 PM! If you would like to decorate a trunk, you can sign up in the Narthex or by calling the church office. We are also accepting candy donations from the congregation to help make the event a sweet success—please drop donations into the collection bucket in the Narthex. Whether you are decorating a trunk or just bringing the family to trick-or-treat, come join in on the fun!



BRINGING BLESSINGS TO OTHERS

New Hope has now donated over 70 pieces of luggage and over 100 luggage tags to the Foster Kids at Epworth! Thank you for your continuing support of this ministry. You are blessings the lives of many disadvantaged youth. Thank you for your generosity.



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!

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 meats
- Granola bars
- Jelly
- Peanut butter
- Spaghetti noodles
- Spaghetti 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 Mission 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!

The poster features a central image of a young child sitting on the ground at night, holding a glowing jar of light. The background is a dark, starry night sky with some foliage visible on the right. The text is arranged around the central image.

Hope Outshines Hardship
A luncheon event benefiting the children and families of PCHAS

OCTOBER 22nd
- 12:00 pm -
Sheraton Westport Chalet
191 Westport Plaza Drive
St. Louis, MO 63146

RSVP
* Please RSVP to this free event by October 8th

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 **Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services™**



Presbyterian Women at New Hope will be sponsoring a table at the Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services (PCHAS) Luncheon held on Tuesday, October 22, 2026 from 12 Noon to 1 PM. Anyone

interested in attending and making a reservation, please contact [Ann Schmid](#) by October 8th for more information.



You can find the list for birthdays and anniversaries below

October

Hard copies can also be found in the Narthex.



There are several areas needing your help within New Hope.
Please click the links below to see where there are opportunities
and then sign up to volunteer. Thank you!

Nursery
Worship Feast
Food Pantry
Sunday Morning Safety Team

Additional Ways to Get Involved

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](#).

How about giving a ride to church for someone? Occasionally there is need to give transportation to and from church for members. If this sounds like something you may be interested in, contact [Bill Irvine](#).

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

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

[Give to New Hope](#)

NHPC Food Pantry

[Amazon Wish List](#)

[Food Pantry List](#)

[Sign up to Volunteer](#)

[PC\(USA\) ministry of LGBTQ+ inclusion and equity](#)



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