

New Hope News June 2009 Newsletter

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Summer Schedule Begins Sunday June 7th: Worship 9:30am

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

Ordinary time. It is the name given for this time of the Christian year. Pentecost has just happened, the birthday of the church when the Holy Spirit comes upon the 120 assembled together in Jerusalem fifty days after Jesus' resurrection. There are no other high holy days until the distant Fall so we call what is between, ordinary.

But is it really 'ordinary'? For the passages that the lectionary focus' upon are those stories in the Book of Acts and the Epistles that detail to us the growing of the church. It is in this in between time that thousands come to faith, the apostles learn to speak out and baptize in the name of Christ with authority. It is in this time that they learn their way through all that Jesus taught them and make his Word real to people throughout the land, even to the point of dying for Christ. We learn of one named Paul, originally a Jew determined to silence the Christian movement, who is transformed in a moment to become perhaps the greatest evangelist earth has ever known for Christ. What is ordinary about that? Inspired, confident and willing to sacrifice, these men and women set out to make a difference in Jesus' name and they did.

Is our time any less ordinary than those early days of the church? I don't think so. Our world is in desperate need of hearing the good news of Jesus Christ. People are in great need of experiencing the love, mercy and grace of God for themselves. And we have amazing plans in the works to develop a new outreach to young families in need of good, safe child care in our area. Volunteer mission teams are coming to help us fulfill those plans by helping us remodel our education wing to house that ministry, the New Hope Open Arms Child Development Center. We are working on a means of reaching out to the flood victims of Alaska so that they can rebuild their lives, and sooner than later. Our hearts and hands continue to reach out to the local Food Pantry, to Love, INC and other charitable organizations that are hands on ministries with people in need. Our worship and education continue to be strengthened so that all of us can be stronger in faith and in witness to those around us in need of God's presence. Hope stays alive as we care about and for one another and continue to listen for new ways that Christ is calling us to do and be his presence in the world. What is ordinary about that?

And you. You, my friend, are not ordinary. You are spectacular in the spark and inspiration of the Holy Spirit who stirs you to think beyond yourself to the good of your neighbor and Christ's church. It is my prayer that as this summer develops, you will be sure to make time to come and worship. You will help care for our mission teams, do some work on the remodel yourself, help out with on-going fellowship and care needs in the midst of your vacationing, playing and enjoyment of the summer months. That said, I also ask that you make time in your doing to rest in there too, so that come the Fall, you are ready, rested and willing to step into service in Christ's name, to his glory.

Blessings, and the joy of summer to you,
Pastor Karen

ALASKA UNITED METHODIST CONFERENCE

Annual Conference is happening June 5-7, 2009 at St. John's UM Church in Anchorage. Ingrid Clauson, your Lay Member representative, Dennis Tichenor and Pastor Karen will be in attendance. Please keep us and the whole of the Conference in your prayers during this time as we go about the business of the United Methodist Conference here in Alaska.

THANK YOU!

I want to thank each and every one of you who lifted me in prayer and sent cards during my recovery from surgery this past month. Your caring made such a difference in my time recuperating and in my healing. May each of you know the many blessings of our Lord and continue to be his presence here and now through your compassion and faithfulness.

Thank you!
With grateful blessings,
Pastor Karen

From the Trustees

If you've been following our finances lately you will find some encouragement in hearing they look worse than they really are at the moment. We have all our bills paid up to date. We did not have to borrow from the building fund as first thought because some of our members paid their full annual pledge already. Our big fundraisers are not until this summer and fall. We have the rummage sale in July, the PFD giving in October and the wonderful dinner and auctions in November.

Please try to keep up with your pledges. Thanks to all of you for your faith in our church and its leaders.

~*Arlene Cavanaugh*
Trustee Chair

Summer Music

Do you like to sing, or play an instrument? The Bell, Contemporary, and Chancel Choirs take most of the summer off from the weekly practices. The Worship Team would still like to provide special music for our summer worship services. If you are willing to share a talent, please see Lori Buzby or Jackie Pananen to sign up for a Sunday or two. There is no age limit on this. We would love to have more young people involved in the services. We welcome special music at any time during the year. Thank you.

New Hope Open Arms Summer Work Teams

Two mission teams from North Carolina will be arriving soon to help us remodel the old ATCO wing in preparation for its transformation into a refurbished Christian Education Wing. The wing will house the New Hope Open Arms Center, our nursery, kitchen and fellowship areas and our children's and youth Sunday School, among other activities.

The first team will arrive June 4. New Hope will be hosting this team for two weeks as they begin the major remodel project. We will then be continuing with the project on our own with volunteers from our congregation until the second team arrives July 1 for two weeks to help us in another major push forward as we press toward completion of the remodel.

Volunteers are needed! We will be coordinating volunteers for the building project from our congregation all summer long. If you can help days, evenings, or on Saturdays, please e-mail Dan File at file@alaska.net or call 488-2690. We need many people with many skill levels, at many times throughout the week. Even if you have only a few hours, please come alongside and lend a hand! It will take an entire church effort to accomplish this project in the few short weeks of summer.

Sunday School on the Horizon

Our Sunday School is on summer break, but a CE Committee Meeting will be held this summer to plan for the 2009-10 Sunday School year. All interested in helping to put together an overview of classes, from children's through adult and giving input into the calendar are invited. The date of the planning meeting will be announced in the weekly church bulletin and by e-mail.

The first day of Sunday School will be August 23, the first Sunday after the start of the Fairbanks North Star Borough School Year. We'll be returning to a 9:30 am start for Sunday School with church at 11 am at that time (per council, 5/18).

Have a great summer!

Linda File
Christian Education Chair

COMING. . .July Youth Missions Team "Vacation Church Camp"

July 21 - 23, Tuesday - Thursday, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm, we'll be holding a Vacation Church Camp at New Hope for ages Pre-K through 5th grade led by our guest youth missions team from Westminster Presbyterian in Olympia, Washington. Let all the families in your life, your network and your neighborhood know of the dates for this special summer event.

Helpers from our church will be needed. Youth are especially encouraged and invited to come and share in the work and the fun of forming new friendships and teaming together for a cause. Let Linda File know if you can come alongside to work with our visiting youth team.

Lynne Krizek, Outreach Chair, is organizing the hospitality for this team. Please let her know if you can help in any way, from housing to transportation, food, etc.

Youth Ministry Team

From Westminster Presbyterian Church (Olympia, Washington) Arrives July 19-25
The following volunteer opportunities are requested:

- 1) Housing needed for teens and their adult sponsors. Two persons per home preferred. Provide breakfast and possibly some transportation.
- 2) Provide part of an evening meal (one time request).
- 3) Host an evening meal at your home (food will be brought in by other volunteers). Since there will not be cooking facilities at the church, homes are being requested.
- 4) Provide transportation to and from the church or homes / to outings on an as needed basis. (Note: We will be using a van but may need additional vehicles.)

Contact Lynne Krizek if you are able to meet any of these needs.
telephone 488-1244 / Email: krizek@mosquionet.com

A volunteer form outlining all the needs will be circulated at worship services during June.

This is a wonderful opportunity to meet committed youth and their congenial sponsors!

Women's Picnic The Fairbanks Methodist Church women's group has sent an invitation to the women of New Hope Church asking for us to join them for a picnic at the Botanical Gardens at the University on Thursday, July 18th at 11:30 am. They have reserved the shelter by the flower garden. We are to bring a sack lunch, they will provide drinks and dessert. Questions, call Ingrid Clauson, 488-1533.

DISASTER RELIEF FOR EAGLE, ALASKA

The Outreach Committee is asking for monetary donations to aid victims of the recent flooding in Eagle. The money will be sent to Eagle Bible Chapel and member John Borg will assess where the needs exist and funnel the money accordingly. At this time Eagle residents request money and not items or care packages. Many residents are now not living in the area and some are not even in the state. When things dry up, they will return.

If you wish to donate, please make your check out to New Hope Church with EAGLE RELIEF in the memo. If paying by cash, please label your donation with your name so the church treasurer can enter your contribution into your giving statement.

One Eagle family lost three businesses in the flood and had no flood insurance on any of them. This is just one example of how devastating this flood has been to the residents of Eagle. Thank you in advance for your generosity and good will to our neighbors to the east.

Contact Lynne Krizek (tel. 488-1244) for more information

BOOK GROUP

June's Book: "Traveling Mercies" by Anne Lamott

When: Thursday, June 18th 6:30pm

Where: Jackie Pananen's home in Salcha

If you want to carpool be at the North Pole Library by 6pm

July's book will be "People of the Book" by Geraldine Brooks. Meeting will be held at Darcey Sharp's, date pending.

Bingle Camp at Harding Lake

Thinking about summer camps? Check out www.binglecamp.org for their summer camps currently being offered.

Take a look at :
www.newhopempc.com

It is a great source of updated announcements and information for our church.

Attention Garage Sale Experts:

If you bargain hunt at garage sales, we need your help! Please pick up clean plastic Easter eggs for our New Hope Open Arms 2010 Community Egg Hunt. We need 3,000 - 4,000 so any you can find for us are greatly appreciated. Leave them at the church marked for Open Arms. Thanks!



1st ~ Keith & Kerstin Genter
3rd ~ Robert & Maureen Hansen
4th ~ Don & Lori Elgin, Josh & Natalie Callow
5th ~ Jan Stables
6th ~ Jim & Arlene Cavanuagh
8th ~ Merle & Judy Jantz
10th ~ Mark Marshall
Richard & Beverly Ross
11th ~ Gloria Johnson
15th ~ Cheryl Sanders
18th ~ Diane Jewkes
20th ~ Lyndal & Mary Rozelle
21st ~ Lyle & Sylvia Jenkins
24th ~ Joe & Lynne Krizek
26th ~ Ingrid Clauson
27th ~ Jim & Jane Anderson, Brent & Ellen Koenen
29th ~ Betty Page, Evelyn Marshall, Bob Miller

New Hope Church is a spiritual body of believers in Christ who nurture Christian disciples through reverent worship and responsive religious education. Cultivating this ministry produces the fruits of Outreach and Witness.

- Effective worship shall unit and honor the different strands of our congregation.
- Responsive religious education will meet all in their stages of faith and address a variety of needs and interests.

Sunday Worship Service: 9:30 am
Sunday School: Resumes August 23rd
Church Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday 9:00am – 1:00pm

Pastor Karen's Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
10:00am to 12:00noon and by appointment

NEW HOPE CHURCH'S

ANNUAL GARAGE SALE

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY
JULY 10TH AND 11TH

We want to RECYCLE YOUR TREASURES!

1. hardware and gardening tools
2. clean, reuseable kitchen utensils, dishes, glassware
3. furniture (in good condition)
4. clothing...children's and adults
5. appliances...must work
6. books
7. toys, games, videos
8. other "saleable" treasures

PLUS.....

THE GRAND CRAFT SUPPLIES SALE!!

In the Fellowship Room

and
BAKE SALE

<h2>June 2009</h2>						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 VBS 9:30-12:30	2 VBS 9:30-12:30	3 VBS 9:30-12:30	4 VBS 9:30-12:30 <i>VIM TEAM Arrives thru 18th</i>	5 VBS 9:30-12:30 AMC Anchorage	6 AMC Anchorage
7 Worship 9:30am Congregational Meeting	8	9	10	11	12 CDC Peach Festival 6pm	13
14 Worship 9:30am FLAG DAY	15 Council Meeting 6:30pm	16	17	18 Book Group @ Pananen's 6:30pm	19	20
21 Worship 9:30am FATHER'S Day	22 Trustees 6:00pm	23	24	25	26	27 Men's Breakfast 8am
28 Worship 9:30am	29	30				

Bring your garage sale items to the church July 8 & 9. Special arrangements will be made if you are out of town. Questions???
Call Brenda at 488-0655