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New Hope News

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May 2024

Pastor's Note

As we move into the month of May we move into a very exciting season here at New Hope! First of all, we begin our One Worship summer where during the months of May, June, and July we will gather for ONE combined worship every Sunday morning. We will kick off this special worship season on May 5 with our Passage Sunday celebration as we celebrate our graduates and students that are moving up between schools. Other special days of worship in May include Mother's Day on May 12 and Pentecost Sunday on May 19. In the midst of all of this will also host East Forsyth High School's Baccalaureate on May 14. We will need all hands-on deck as we welcome hundreds of parents and students to our campus at 6:30 p.m. that evening.



May will also be a unique month as I will be heading to Fort Jackson, South Carolina, for three months of Army training. I am excited that our soon to be appointed new Assistant Pastor Stephanie Fortuna will be taking the reins as our Interim Pastor from May 15 through August 16. Stephanie has an amazing sermon series plan to share with you based on lessons found in some of our favorite classic hymns. She will kick this series off on May 26 and it will carry us through the summer. There are many more exciting things happening this summer from Vacation Bible School, our youth mission trip, and our Patriotic Sunday celebration on June 30! I know that Stephanie will be excited to share with you about each of these as they get closer and I know that you will be blessed by her leadership during the time that I am gone. I am so thankful that I will be able to continue to worship with you online while I am away and cannot wait to hear how God has moved during the time I've been away.



God is doing amazing things here at New Hope. I'm excited that we will welcome more new members before I leave and I'm sure this will be a continuing trend in the months to come. It is such an honor to serve alongside you as we share the good news of the resurrection with our community.

Pastor Andrew

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KIDS NEWS

Sunday Morning Worship

A children's moment is presented to the kids in the Sanctuary at the 10:00 a.m. service and then they go to the Next Gen. Building for Children's Church.



Sunday School/ Morning Missions meets at 9:00 a.m. in the Next Gen. Building.

Kids Club Activities

May 5: Come and celebrate both the kids and youth program during our passage ceremony on May 5th at 10 am!

May 8: Kids Club Bridge-Meet at Old Keith Bridge Park for a cookout with the youth from 6:00-8:00 p.m.!

Vacation Bible School

June 3 - June 7

Registration is open for both kids and volunteers. Go to newhopeumc.org or talk to Katie Speakman!

(Register by May 26 to guarantee a t-shirt.)



Thank you to everyone who supported the Children's Ministry by buying Easter Lilies.



Katie Speakman
Children's Director
kspeaman@newhopeumc.org

Youth News

Sunday School/Coffee & Missions meets on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in the Next Gen. Building.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

May 1: Regular Youth Night 6-8 p.m.

May 8:



STUDENT LIFE MISSION TRIP

May 27– May 31

May 1: All money and forms are due.

May 15: Last Parent's Meeting for Mission Trip at 6:00 p.m. in the Next Gen Building.



Study hard and do your best on end of year exams. We are praying for you and believe in you!

Stephanie Fortuna
Youth Director
sfortuna@newhopeumc.org



ADULT Involvement Opportunities

~ Sunday School ~
Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

~Men's Breakfast & Bible Study ~
Tuesdays 7:00 a.m., Country Café

~ Elizabeth Smith Women's Group ~
Monday, May 13 at 11:00 a.m.

~ Romans Bible Study Group ~
Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m.

~ Prayer Group ~
Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.

~ Choir Rehearsal ~
Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

~ Disciple IV ~
Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.,
The Phillips' House—Starts May 15

~ Life on Tap ~
Tuesday, May 28 at 7:00 p.m., NoFo

Forsyth County Community **National Day of Prayer Service on Thursday, May 4th at 12:00 p.m.** at Cumming City Center.

HOSPITALITY:

May 5: Sign up to bring desserts for our after-service reception (you can sign up in the narthex or by emailing Stephanie E. (stephanie.eidson@gmail.com) or Stephanie F. (sfortuna@newhopeumc.org))

May 26: Interim Welcome - sign up for fruit, cheese, veggie, and cracker trays in the Narthex or by emailing the Stephanie's.

Monthly Budget & Attendance Info

Through Sunday, April 21

Attendance Info:	Average Number
Sun. 9:00 a.m.	31
Sun. - 11:00 a.m.	50
Online Engagements Sunday	194
Worship Total:	275
Financial:	
2024 Budget	\$390,095.00
Monthly Need	\$32,507.92
Received as of 4-21-24:	\$21,865.80

Save the Date

May 5: Passage Sunday, celebrating our Senior Graduates. A light reception will follow the service.

May 6: Trivia at Miller's Ale House in Dawsonville at **6:45 p.m.** Bring money for dinner or just come hang out and play trivia!

May 13: Hospitality Meeting at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary

May 14: EFHS Baccalaureate Service at 6:30 p.m. Be at church at 5 to help and sign up to bring desserts for the reception.

May 27: The Church Office & Pre-school will be closed in observance of Memorial Day.