



## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE BY IRIS HYMEL

Summer is here. It is hot, humid, and going to get hotter with more humidity. Not to mention the unmentionable hurricane season. It is time to get prepared. Have bottled water, canned goods, non-perishable snacks, ice, batteries and flashlights, and extra medication (if your insurance will let you) on hand. Keep your mobile phone charged and your gas tank full. Test your generator and make sure it is in working condition.

Be prepared to cook outdoors—propane tanks full and/or plenty of charcoal and lighter fluid. Most important, please have a hand can opener. Yes, I speak from experience. We were without power for a week in Louisiana following Hurricane Andrew. We had four children at home and all sorts of canned goods with no hand can opener. Good thing we had a screwdriver and a hammer!!

Our congregation has some major changes coming. Your session needs and welcomes your input. Together we will face the changes and follow the plan God has set forth for us. In the meantime, life continues. The sign-up sheet is posted and please sign up to bring snacks for Coffee Fellowship after service.

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Congregational Life Elder

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## MISSION AND OUTREACH

*By Debra Caldwell*

The New Hope Garden Club had their monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 21.

Thanks Helen Galer and Iris Hymel for your great presentation on Growing African Violets! We will take a break during the summer and resume our activities in September.

Photo by Hal Schelling



The veggies and flowers in the Garden of Grace aren't taking a break though. Greens are still producing and we're starting to pick tomatoes!



### **Red Apple School Supplies and Happy Feet Program 2024**

New Hope is partnering with Katy Christian Ministries to collect donations to give students a new pair of shoes, a backpack and school supplies. \$60 provides funds for one student, but any amount is appreciated!

## Building Congregational Vitality



The Congregational Vitality Committee is working with Session to do a Mission Study. A mission study is a process that a congregation goes through during times of transition. It is a look at our past, present, and future to seek discernment about God's plan for our church.

We will study the history of New Hope, resources, demographics, and our community. We also want to hear from you in gatherings and by doing a congregational survey. Stay tuned for more information!



### New Hope Presbyterian Church of Katy Texas

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**YOUR SESSION AT WORK**

**Linda Owens, Clerk to Session**

Session met on May 19, 2024

we celebrated:

the installation of PW's officers for the 2024/2025 term  
Building and Grounds' report that the storm did no damage to New Hope.

a successful Pentecost celebration

our continuing search for a new location in which to worship.

starting the process of searching for a new minister when the church sells.

The session welcomes your prayers of support as we work to sell the building and build awareness of our church.