



CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

We are still meeting at the Owens' home for worship and fellowship following. Since we were unable to have Trunk or Treat this year, many of us dressed in costume for the service. We had a small catered lunch and played games. Thanks to all who took part. November plans are being discussed and I will let you know.

Iris Hymel, Congregational Life Elder

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Presbyterian Women are continuing our Horizon Bible Study. We are meeting November 6, 2024 at Debra Caldwell's home. Thank you to Debra and Steve for opening your home to us. Our meeting will be a hybrid meeting, both in person and by Zoom. All are welcome. If you need more information or a Zoom invitation, please call or email Iris at iris.hymel@yahoo.com or 281-844-8172.

Faithfully,

Iris Hymel,

Interim PW Moderator

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MISSION AND OUTREACH

By Debra Caldwell

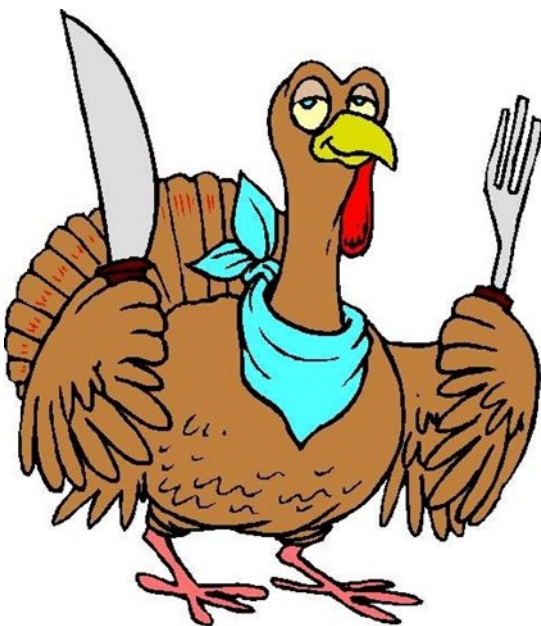


Helen Galer and Debra Caldwell attended the Day of Celebration at St. John's Presbyterian Church on Saturday, October 26. We learned about innovative ministries through mission and outreach. New Hope participates in many of the same mission and outreach activities as other Presbyterian churches.

We learned about several innovative ideas such as tabling at local events, hosting senior gatherings, creating hygiene bags for homeless school children, local study clubs, and many others.

When we find a new home, it will be important to connect with our local community. As Romel Turie, a Methodist minister said, "Most churches aren't a part of their community, they're just in it." New Hope wants to cultivate partnerships and be good neighbors who truly are part of our community.

It's Gravy Time!



We have been asked to contribute 250 packets, jars, or cans of turkey gravy to the Katy Christian Ministry Thanksgiving Feast. It seems that the churches were a little slow in getting organized, so we are trying to collect all the gravy by November 3rd.

KCM also needs turkeys and hams so a monetary donation would be appreciated as well.

Building Congregational Vitality

The New Hope Congregational Vitality committee has applied to participate in the LEAD Connects Strategic Planning program.

There will be several in person learning events on November 23, April 5, and August 16 from 9 am to 2 pm as well as monthly Zoom meetings and monthly committee meetings. Please contact Debra Caldwell debicaldwell33@gmail.com if you would like to be part of our team.



LEAD 

“LOOK, I AM DOING A NEW THING!”

PNC STRATEGIC PLANNING COHORT

The Holy Spirit is always on the move and showing us new ways of being church together, are we paying attention? You are invited to build a team that will work together in a cohort with other Presbyterian churches to discern and discover what God is calling you to as a faith community through a year-long strategic planning process led by LEADconnects.



YOUR SESSION AT WORK

Linda Owens, Clerk to Session

Session met on October 13, 2024, and we voted to:

donate \$102.50 to Hope Impacts from our Peace and Global Witness offering.

purchase a printer for Tim Holder to use to print choir music.

And celebrated the:

work our pastor nominating committee is doing to find us a part-time interim pastor.

the start of our annual “gravy drive” in support of Katy Christian Ministries’ turkey feast.

a blood drive on December 15.

going back under contract on the property on Avenue A and 10th street.

The session appreciates your continued prayers as we work to find a new place to worship.



Words of Worship

Things are changing rapidly for us at New Hope Presbyterian. We have said our good-bye to Rev. Judy Pistole. She has moved by now to Omaha, Nebraska to live near Brenda and Rev. Brian Long, and Ryan. We hope that she will enjoy the Christmas season where it is likely to be a white Christmas!

We are looking ahead to our own Advent and Christmas celebrations. At this time, we still have no firm plans in place for a permanent or semi-permanent place to worship. The Owens continue to graciously allow us to worship in their home, however, our celebration will look a bit different this year with that in mind. We do plan to have Advent Candle Lighting, though, and are hopeful that the season will still be thoughtful and joyful! One more change will be that we will NOT have a Christmas Eve service in the Owen's home. Session is looking into asking St Thomas Presbyterian Church about our congregation worshipping with them on Christmas Eve. We will let everyone know when alternative plans are finalized.

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Words of worship (continued)

Pulpit Supply calendar is almost complete. The dates filled for preachers is as follows:

November 10th - Rev. Jolene Currie
November 17th - TBD
November 24th - Linda Owens - Christ The King Sunday

December 1st - Rev. Cindy Mood
December 8th - Rev. Cindy Mood
December 15th - Rev. Cindy Mood
December 22nd - TBD
December 29th - Fifth Sunday Video Sunday

I thought that you all might like to have a little bit of background information about new preachers for pulpit supply. The Rev. Eid Abdelmassih is originally from Egypt. He was ordained in 1999 and at one time was minister in Sealy. Rev. Jolene Currie was ordained in 2009 and has been permanent pulpit supply for 15+ years! Please welcome each of them at New Hope!

Christ The King Sunday will be on November 24th. This is the Sunday before Thanksgiving this year. The liturgical colors will change for that Sunday to white. The following Sunday will be the first Sunday of Advent and the liturgical colors for Advent are purple, with a pink candle on the third Sunday of Advent. On the first Sunday of Christmas, the color will again be white.

Worship committee is once again looking for people and/or families to be the readers for our Advent candle lighting. This is an easy and meaningful way to participate in our Christmas celebrations. A short liturgy for each Sunday in Advent is supplied to the readers and the Candle(s) will be lit. If you are interested in participating as a reader, please let anyone on worship committee know. The members of the worship committee are Jennye Giles, Helen Galer, Tim Holder, Linda Owens, Ron and Fiona Day, and Lavita Golightly. We can form a group to read with you or you can make up your own group to read.

We look forward to seeing each of you in worship next Sunday and each of the Sunday's in the coming holidays seasons!

Lavita Golightly
Moderator for Worship



Bank Balances: as of October 30, 2024

Operating Account	\$26,043.54
Special Account	\$8,602.08

INCOME VS. EXPENSE

Total Income	\$126,447.62
Total Expense	\$110,970.28

Net Income \$15,477.34

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS	
Patricia Martinez	11/3
Helen Galer	11/8
Kate Sadler	11/10
Brian Long	11/14
Kathy DeSantis	11/19
Nan Bowen	11/20
Ed Nicoletti	11/20
NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES	
NO ANNIVERSARIES	
IN NOVEMBER	

<i>November 2024</i>						
Sun	Mo	Tue	We	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30



COMING EVENTS

11/2	Set your clock back one hour
11/3	Eid Abdelmassih preaching
11/10	Jolene Currie Preaching
11/17	Barbara Retzloff Preaching
11/24	Linda Owens preaching
11/28 –11/29	Thanksgiving Holiday