

From Pastor HK

Hello New Hope UMC!

I pray all is well. I can't believe it's September already! Time is flying by as we continue to seek the Lord. For the entire month of September, we will be reading the entire book of Psalms. That's right, all 150 chapters in a month! We will be reading 5 chapters a day. Your first chapter should be the calendar date and from there, you add 30 chapters.

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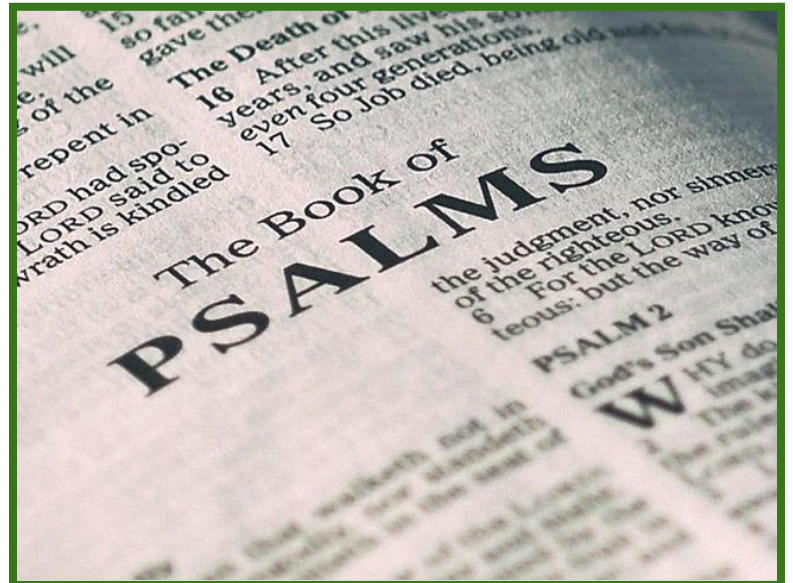
September 1st: Psalms 1, 31, 61, 91, 121

September 2nd: Psalms 2, 32, 62, 92, 122

Our Sunday sermons will be on the Psalms that we are scheduled to read on that day. The heart behind this series is simple: Behold and encounter God through the Psalms, pray through the Psalms, and witness God leading us with His Word as it is the lamp to our feet. (Psalm 119:105)

I want to invite you to do this with your family and friends!

Let's continue to behold the Lamb of God faithfully.



Blessings,
Pastor HK Kim

50's Night

Saturday, September 28th

4pm-6pm

Eat In or Carry Out Only



*Hey Daddy-O,
Don't Be A
Wet Rag!*



Plan now to
join us for our
50's Drive-In
at New Hope UMC!



Burn rubber and
make your way
down here on
Saturday,
September 28th
for some 1950's
style eats and treats!



You'll have it made in the shade!

And all profits will go towards church mission projects!



The following are the minutes from the **AUGUST** meeting of the Administrative Church Council.

The minutes are available to help the entire church family *stay in the know* about how this group is caring for New Hope UMC!

Administrative Council Meeting Minutes - August 22, 2024

Those in attendance: Pastor HK Kim, Becky Breeding, Sandy Wyrick, Corey Johnson, Alicia Copeland, Cindy Deavers, Bill Lalla, Karen Whitmer, Wanda Harding, Linda Howdyshell, Beth Howdyshell, Laura Jenner, Susan Mehler

Becky Breeding called meeting to order, Sandy Wyrick offered devotions, Pastor Kim led us in prayer

Minutes from the July meeting reviewed, no additions, correction, approved by all.

Finance: *(report from Bruce Rogers)*

- Church offerings are being received steadily, 2025 budget is still under review to be presented upon its completion

Treasurer: *(Cindy Deavers reported)*

- All bills are being paid and payroll being met. No issues.

Staff Parish Relations: *(Sandy Wyrick reported)*

- No report, all is well with staff.

Trustees: *(report from Corey Johnson)*

- Propane tank removed from parsonage. During the big dig the internet cable was cut in half, church has no internet at this point, awaiting Comcast to respond for repairs. This issue led to a discussion/suggestion to move from Comcast to New Hope Telephone Coop for the high-speed internet service as possible alternative; an investigation is needed to determine when the Comcast contract would end - apparently auto renews via a credit card number on file – Corey will check with Pastor Mike to get clarification on the internet/ billing process.
- The dehumidifier in the basement had been cleaned and now is properly working. Discussion about carpet cleaning, confirmed the church budget has set funds aside to have carpet cleaned 2x a year.
- Discussion/confirmation the \$1767.00 is being paid to the UM conference for active /retired clergy health fund, as required

United Methodist Women: *(Wanda Harding reported)*

- Both Ladies circles have had meetings in August and are planning September meetings.

District Conference Delegate: *(Wanda Harding and Bill Lalla reported)*

She advised there are 3 important events which the Methodist Conference strongly suggests “we” attend. Usually, the attendees of the meetings are to be the Pastor and his assistant. However, Pastor Kim will be out for his paternity leave, which led to a discussion – suggested the materials which need to be reviewed/signed be received electronically, from the conference -and sent back to conference electronically – also this process would avoid the long trip to /from the places the meetings are to be held. Someone will ask if an electronic process could replace/avoid an actual meeting. Meeting deadlines are as follows:

1. 09/04/2024- Wednesday - 09:30am – District Charges Conference/ Toms Brook UMC (pick up paperwork)
2. 10/24/2024- Thursday - DEADLINE for District Charge Paperwork to be submitted
3. 11/03/2024 – Sunday – District Conf & Charge Conference meeting – Skyline High School – to approve the paperwork submitted/ vote on budget

Lay Leader / United Methodist Men: *(Bill Lalla reported)*

1. Church service attendance is balancing out to 55 people per Sunday, hopeful to see increases now school year has started.
2. United Methodist Men have meeting slated for September
3. Bill advised he completed research in the area of other churches/community groups on how they are doing with Oyster suppers and such. Others are struggling with events due to the pricing of oysters. UMM have decided to table the HOTS dinner again this year. Oysters are at an astronomical price per gallon, and we do not have the “manpower” to undertake a HOTS supper as known in years past. Understandably the community would love for New Hope UMC to host another HOTS, as would we- because we make the best fried Oysters. He suggested we keep building upon the small fundraisers we have like the Friday Night dinners; they work well, less people and with surprising success. All those in attendance agreed with the same.

Membership: *(Karen Whitmer reported)*

- We lost Joanie Troxell Schofield – Joanie passed away on 07/27/2024. She became a member of New Hope UMC 03/31/ 2013, Pastor at the time was Doug Gunsalus.
- Betty Lou Selmon passed away on 08/03/2024- She joined New Hope UMC on 06/08/1986, Pastor at the time was Glen Evans
- Karen also advised she is working on updating/auditing the current membership roll. It is believed apportionments we pay to the UM Conference are not based on the total number of members/ names listed in the membership roll, apportionments are based on a budget we send to the conference. Pastor Kim has reached out to the conference to confirm the same and will get back to council with clarification/ hopefully something in writing. Also, the UM book of Discipline lists several provisions to assist with this process.

Programming & Event Planning:

1. Bruce Rogers reported (via written email statement) the 2 new kitchen stoves are still in the works, and is hopeful to have the new stoves in place by the 50's event 9/28/24.
2. **Fundraiser:** Pork BBQ in line for 08/23/24 -4:30 – 6:30, eat in/ carry out. \$12.00 a plate
3. **Event:** New Hope UMC hosting community dinner Wednesday Sept 4, 2024 – 05:30 pm- Meatloaf with “fixin’s” Free will offering. Time of fellowship.
4. **Fundraiser:** The 50's! Cruise In. Saturday 09/28/24 - New Hope UMC – 4:30 – 6:30pm . Eat in, or you carry out (no car hops this year) 50's prices for Hamburgers/Hot Dogs/Fries/BBQ – Soda and Ice Cream sundaes. Drive your classic/favorite car! Eat in our 50's era/like diner or pick up your food “to go” and enjoy it under the canopy of our century old oak trees. Take in the view of New Hope's pastoral landscape as the sun starts to set – the food /fellowship and the view are worth the drive – cruise on in to New Hope!
5. **Event:** Fall Picnic- Sunday, 10/06/24 Endless View Farm 2513 Rockfish Rd Crimora, VA, After Church service. A venue has been reserved for us to gather, bring your own picnic lunch/drink and picnicware as we enjoy the activities together on this beautiful farm.
6. **Fundraiser:** Fall Bizarre – Saturday 10/12/24 –Endless View Farm – we have secured a spot to set up as a vendor to sell items. At this point we are thinking snacks -like popcorn or Chex mix. Crafts welcome. More information to come on time and confirmation on items to sell.
7. **Event:** Pumpkin Party – Sunday 10/20/24 – After church service in the social hall. Covered dish. Best Fall Pie contest, and activities for the kids/kids at heart – more details as time nears.
8. **Event:** New Hope Christmas Parade- believed to be 12/7/24. Alicia Copeland agreed to get more information from the POC at New Hope Ruritans and report back at the next meeting.

Pastor HK:

- Pastor HK Kim – will be going out on paternity leave any day. Has an online sermon ready if needed, hoped that would be OK – the consensus/response of members at the meeting, “no worries, enjoy your time!! “

Meeting adjourned, next meeting Thursday September 26, Bruce Rodgers to have devotions.
Respectfully submitted – Susan Mehler on behalf of Cindy Sheets- Communication officer.

- 1 - Kevin & Gail Armstrong
- 3 - Nadine Hinebaugh, Lily Ann Myers
- 7 - William & Arlene Crist
- 9 - Beth Howdyshell
- 10 - Lester Herman
Dallas & Pam VanLear
- 11 - Mike & Becky Breeding
Steve Carter, Brandan Whitmer
- 12 - Jeffrey & Rebecca Jo Kraisser
- 13 - Esther Mabry
- 14 - Judy Critzer, Sandy Wyrick
- 15 - Barry Powers
- 16 - Josh Walker
- 17 - Tom Ewers, Bruce Rogers
- 18 - Roger Aldhizer, Greg & Jolene Farrar
- 19 - Mia McLaughlin
- 20 - Alyssa Grande & Brianna Grande, Bill Price

Happy Birthday and
Anniversary to...



- 21 - Jake Botkin
- 22 - Michael Morris
Michael & Susan Reaves
- 24 - Nick Kishpaugh, Dawn Miller
Darryl & Cindy Deavers
- 25 - Adam Mejia, Betty Stout, Brandon White
- 27 - Beth Breeding
- 28 - Donna Walker
- 30 - Martha Fretwell, Russell Brensinger

SEPTEMBER



Upcoming Activities, Events and Meetings at New Hope UMC

Sunday, September 1st ~ Sunday School @ 9:30am
~ Sunday Morning Worship and Holy Communion @ 10:30am

Saturday, September 4th ~ Community Meal @ 5:30pm

Saturday, September 7th ~ Sweet Hour of Prayer @ 8:00am

Sunday, September 8th ~ Sunday School @ 9:30am
~ Sunday Morning Worship @ 10:30am

Monday, September 9th ~ Circle of Hope & Love Meeting @ 6:30pm

Thursday, September 12th ~ Trustees Meeting @ 6:30pm

Saturday, September 14th ~ Sweet Hour of Prayer @ 8:00am

Sunday, September 15th ~ Sunday School @ 9:30am
~ Sunday Morning Worship @ 10:30am

Thursday, September 19th ~ United Methodist Men Meeting @ 6:30pm

Saturday, September 21st ~ Sweet Hour of Prayer @ 8:00am

Sunday, September 22nd ~ Sunday School @ 9:30am
~ Sunday Morning Worship @ 10:30am

Thursday, September 26th ~ Administrative Church Council Meeting @ 6:30pm

Saturday, September 28th ~ Sweet Hour of Prayer @ 8:00am
~ 50's Night from 4pm-6pm

Sunday, September 29th ~ Sunday School @ 9:30am
~ Sunday Morning Worship @ 10:30am

Thank You !!!

Thank you all for the generous donation of school supplies to our third grade classroom at Stuarts Draft Elementary. They will be put to good use as we begin the 2024-2025 school year!

Much Thanks,
Lauren Kelly and class



Strength

by: Cynthia Sheets

Probably like a lot of you, I had been watching as much of the Olympics as I could last month and I will continue to watch the Paralympics this month as well. I watch in amazement at the athlete's physical and mental strength and endurance.

The Olympics represent the pinnacle of athletic competition, where the world's best come together to test their speed, endurance and strength. Achieving such levels of performance requires immense dedication, rigorous training and mental fortitude. The physical strength displayed by Olympic athletes is the result of years of hard work and sacrifice, reflecting the extraordinary capabilities of the human body.

It kinda makes me a little sad to think that I will never be able to reach the unbelievable goals that those athletes have reached, because I do not have the strength.

Then I was reminded of (Phillipians 4:13) "I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength."

We all need to remember to draw upon the strength of the Lord whenever we need it, because it is there for us to use against any type of evil that we may encounter.

David's victory over Goliath is an example of how, with God's strength, we can overcome formidable obstacles that would otherwise seem impossible.

David's strength came from his deep faith in God, rather than from his own physical strength or any weapons that he had. His declaration to Goliath, "You come against me with sword and spear, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty." (1 Samuel 17:45) This shows that David's strength was rooted in his faith.

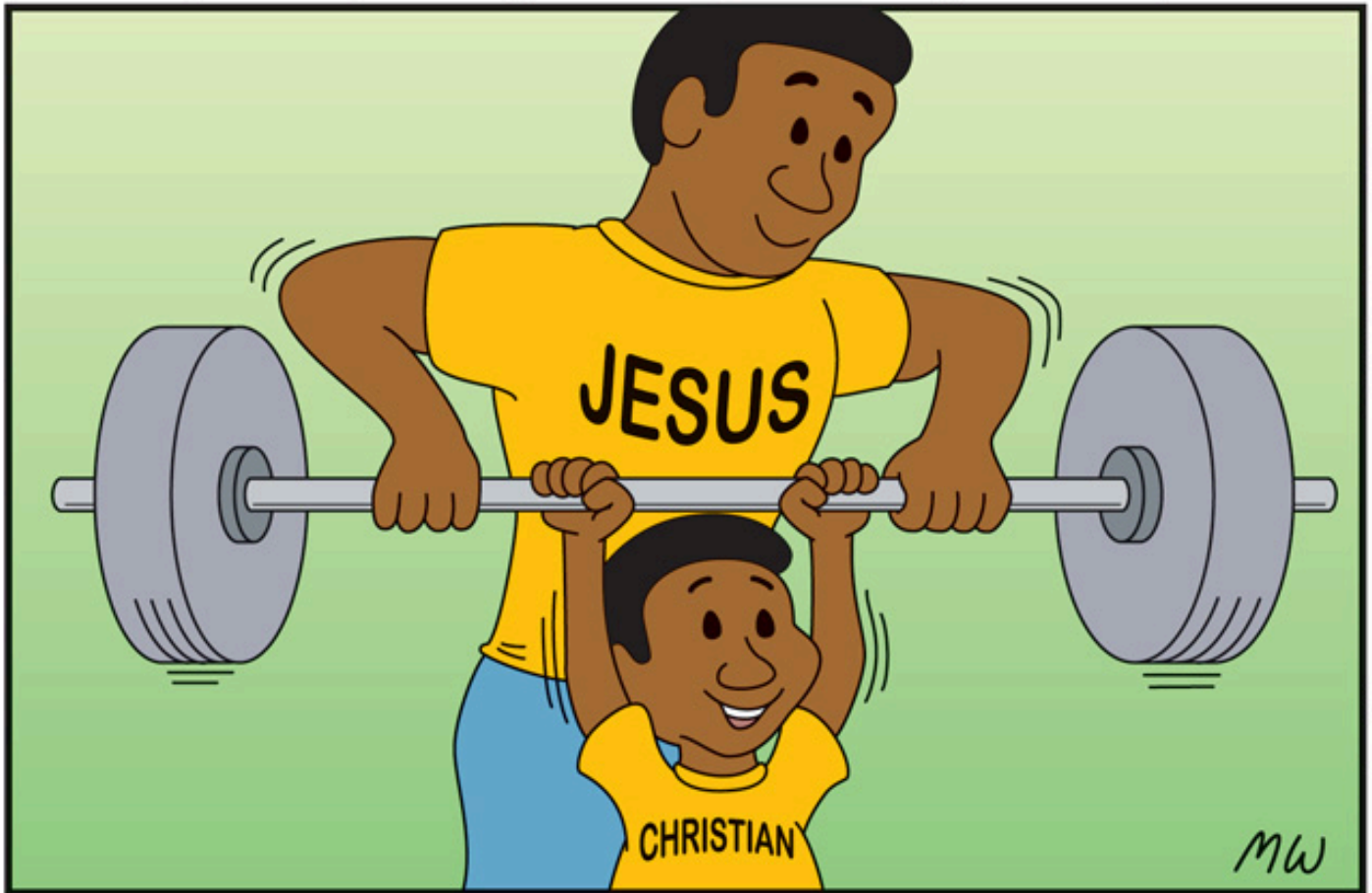
In moments of great difficulty, the story of David and Goliath reminds us that faith can be a powerful source of strength, empowering us to face and overcome challenges that may seem beyond our own abilities.

By seeking God through prayer, meditating on His Word, engaging in worship, and drawing strength from a supportive faith community; we as believers can experience a divine strength that enhances our ability to navigate life's challenges.

In recognizing and relying on God's strength, we are reminded that we are never alone in our struggles and that our strength truly does come from the Lord.



THE LORD IS MY STRENGTH A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



I can do everything through him who gives me strength.

– PHILIPPIANS 4:13 NIV

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