

# Hilltopper

Harrisonburg District

August 2015



Prayers  
Presence  
Gifts  
Service  
Witness

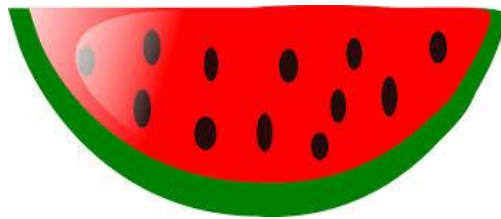
## *Special points of interest:*

- Kids Rock
- Nurse's Health Corner
- Activities & Events
- Anniversaries & Birthdays



School will be starting back soon. Watch out for our kids and drive safely !

## Church Picnic



Summer  
Vacations  
Travel Safely



August 30

Save the date, and bring your friends



Have you heard? Children's Church is getting a new name ! And starting August 16, Kids Rock will be held ***every week.***

New Hope has been blessed over the years by those who have supported Children's Church (Martha and Cindy more recently, but others as well - too many to list here), and of late the Lord has touched the heart of Stephanie Grande. She has collected a number of resources, organized a curriculum that will be both fun and instructional, and has recruited personnel to assist on a rotating basis so that something can be held for our kids each week.

Weekly Kid's Rock will include activities such as:

- Praise Songs
- Prayer, Blessing Basket
- Message (Buck Denver Series)
- Snack
- Praise Songs, Craft or Game (Bible Jingo)

Benefits:

- Something age-appropriate for our kids every week
- Parents can remain in the sanctuary and be nourished by our shared worship experience

Thank you Stephanie, and thanks be to God.

# Our Church in Mission

## A Multi-Generational Experience

by John Morse

17 of the youth and adults from both New Hope UMC and Otterbine UMC left early (4:00 AM), traveled to Reedville and by ferry to Tangier Island on July 16. The stated objective of this mission was to construct 10 double bunk beds for use by mission teams traveling to and working on the island. Teams in the past have brought their own cots or air mattresses.

About a ton of lumber, tools and hardware were transferred from the truck and trailer to the boat; from the boat to the dock; from the dock to a truck; from the truck to the social hall; from the social hall upstairs to the area they were to



be constructed. Once all this was accomplished, they worked to construct the bunk beds and place the mattresses and linens on them. Finally, on their last night there, they were able to "test them out".

All who were on this mission wish to thank the many who contributed so generously to the success of this effort. It truly was an all-church effort. ***At the August 23 Youth Sunday, there will be a more detailed view of the mission.***

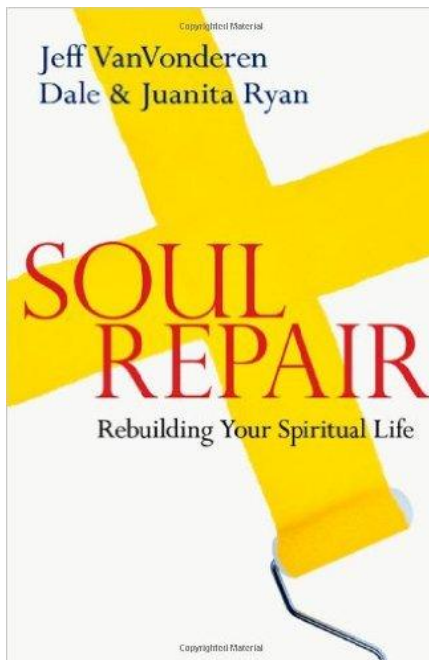
# Prayer Time and Book Review

Over the past 12 weeks or so, a small group has been meeting on Wednesday nights to gather together around the topic and practice of prayer. More to the point, the focus has been on ***learning how we can listen to the voice of God*** in whatever form it may take. We've reviewed chapters from *The Beginners Guide to Hearing God*, and we've explored new ways to pray together.

While we take a sabbatical for a few weeks, you're encouraged to stop by the "prayer wall" in the narthex, process some of the prayer concerns, *and stop for a moment to pray.*

In September, we'll resume our meetings, but this time we will have day and evening sessions.

- Tuesdays at 10 am if you're a morning person
- Wednesdays at 6pm if you're an evening person



As with before, we meet for one hour over a period of 12 weeks and reviewing the book *Soul Repair: Rebuilding Your Spiritual Life*

Come join us.

For more info contact Al Tuten

# The Children's Community Breakfast

initiative will be starting up again in September. This will be a marvelous effort in reaching out to the community, and especially to kids.

The first two attempts in the spring were good "warm ups", but efforts will be even more aggressive going forward. For one thing, we have the registration forms from Vacation Bible School, and a campaign of direct mail can be pursued.



Other mailing efforts are being explored, **but you can help too**. For one thing, please be aware that this is NOT just for kids outside the church. If

you have school age kids, by all means bring them and support this effort. Put this on your prayer list as well.

Let's not miss the opportunity to share the message of "new hope" that's found in Christ, with those who might not otherwise have a chance to learn of it at an early age.

**For more info, contact Julie Botkin.**

## **Mark 10:14 NIV**

*When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them " Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.*



# Imagine No More Malaria

Our Faith In Action.

Congratulations New Hope! All of the small groups who took part in our Commission on Ministries challenge together raised \$1,370. That's 137 lives



saved! We had great participation across the board with contributions coming from ages five to over-eighty. Our winner of the challenge was the Wesley Class with \$500 raised. To celebrate their success, the Commission on Ministries cooked them breakfast on July 26.

A huge thank-you to all participants!

## Cemetery Paved

At the May meeting of the Admin Council, the Trustees reported that there were sufficient funds (about \$15,000) in the Cemetery Maintenance Fund to pave the driveway in the cemetery.

The Cemetery Committee and the Trustees proposed to have the driveway paved with blacktop. A motion (Owen Harner/Kevin Armstrong) to have the paving completed by Hepler Paving at a cost of about \$10,000 was approved. The work has



now been completed, and this means that we will no longer have to slush through the snow and the mud in the future, when having funerals and graveside services.

## Mission Opportunities

Valley Mission—ongoing project of cereal. Bring your boxes of any kind of cereal and leave in Wesley Sunday School Classroom. Regular deliveries are being made. Thank you !!!

Henry Fork Service Center—ongoing project of saving our Campbell Soup labels.

### Mission Trips

Fall 2015      Tangier Island

See John Morse for more details and questions.

## Web Page

Web Page: [mynhumc.weebly.com](http://mynhumc.weebly.com)

Reminder to check out our church web page frequently for updates including the church calendar.

## Lectionary Readings

### 8/2

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a  
Psalm 51:1-12 (UMH785)  
Ephesians 4: 1-16  
John 6: 24-35

### 8/9

2 Samuel 18: 5-9,15,31-33  
Psalm 130 (UMH 848)  
Ephesians 4:25-5:2  
John 6:35,41-51

### 8/16

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14  
Psalm 111 (UMH 832)  
Ephesians 5:15-20  
John 6: 51-58

### 8/23

1 Kings 8:(1,6,10-11), 22-30, 41-43  
Psalm 84 (UMH 804)  
Ephesians 6:10-20  
John 6:56-69

### 8/30

Song of Solomon 2:8-13  
Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9 (UMH 795)  
James 1:17-27  
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS August

### Acolyte

8/2 Cindy Deavers  
8/9 Clara Breeding  
8/16 Taylor Meier  
8/23 Kaylee McLaren  
8/30

### Children's Message

8/2 Tom Murphy  
8/9 Helen Morse  
8/16 Dana Breeding  
8/23 Youth Sunday  
8/30 Cindy Deavers

### Nursery

8/2 Megan Aldhizer & Lynn Tuten  
8/9 Gail Armstrong & Peyton Meier  
8/16 Judy Riner & Christy Powell  
8/23 Teresa Barr & Mary Sheets  
8/30

### Ushers

8/2 Lewis Whitmer & Jake Botkin  
8/9 Helen Shifflett & Al Tuten  
8/16 Henry Breeding & Charlie Bill Fretwell  
8/23 Youth Sunday  
8/30 Kevin Armstrong & Andy Breeding

# Nurse's Health Corner

## **Boating Safety**

As the heart of summer approaches it's time to dust off those life vests and take the boat out. This time of year, watercraft safety is one of the most important topics of discussion. Before taking the boat out, there are several things that you need to keep in mind.

A 2007 law passed by the Virginia General Assembly requires all boat operators to complete a boating safety education course. Beginning July 1, 2015, all personal water craft (PWC) operators age 14 and older and motorboat operators ages 50 and younger need to take a boating safety course. No person under the age of 14 may operate a PWC.

Now that you know the basics about requirements for operating a PWC, here are some safety tips to keep in mind this summer.

- **Be Weather-Wise** – Always check local weather conditions before going out on the water. TV, radio and online forecasts can be useful sources of information. Darkening clouds, sudden drops in temperature and increasing wind speeds are signs of a storm and good indicators of when it's time to get off the water.
- **Follow a Pre-Departure Checklist** – Boating safety means you should be ready for any possibility on the water. Having a checklist is the best way to ensure you didn't overlook anything before hitting the water.
- **Develop a Float Plan** – Whether you choose to inform a family member or staff at your local marina, always be sure to let someone else know your float plan. This should include where you're going and how long you will be gone.
- **Make Proper Use of Lifejackets** – Lifejackets are not only a necessity on any boating endeavor, but they are also required by law. Make sure every member of your boating party is fit for their own personal lifejacket prior to going out in the boat.
- **Avoid Alcohol** – Save the drinks for later. The probability of being involved in a boating accident doubles when alcohol is involved and studies have shown that the effects of alcohol are increased by sun and wind exposure. Not to mention that boating under the influence of alcohol is illegal and getting caught would result in a DUI.

**Learn to Swim** – If you're going to be in and around the water, one of the most important boating safety tips is knowing how to swim in the event of an emergency. The American Red Cross and other local organizations offer swimming classes for all ages and abilities.

Information provided by Josh McDearmon, Intern from JMU, working with Community Outreach, at Augusta Health. Contact Dana Breeding, RN related to the above information at 332-4988 or 932-4988.



# Anniversaries & Birthdays for August

- 1<sup>st</sup> Justin Duncan
- 1<sup>st</sup> Taylor Meier
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Winton & Ava Funk
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Lewis Whitmer
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Tim & Amye Bergman
- 4<sup>th</sup> Hunter Mabry
- 5<sup>th</sup> Michael Harner
- 7<sup>th</sup> John DeJong
- 7<sup>th</sup> Susan Mehler
- 8<sup>th</sup> Kent Darrah
- 8<sup>th</sup> Charles Powers
- 9<sup>th</sup> Monique Houser
- 10<sup>th</sup> Amy Corbin
- 10<sup>th</sup> Catherine Taylor
- 10<sup>th</sup> Otho & Margaret Fitzgerald
- 11<sup>th</sup> Robert Carr
- 11<sup>th</sup> Carolyn Fretwell
- 11<sup>th</sup> Weston Powell
- 12<sup>th</sup> Greg Killough
- 12<sup>th</sup> Alice Ward
- 12<sup>th</sup> Savannah Ritchie
- 13<sup>th</sup> Charles Fretwell
- 13<sup>th</sup> Mary Taylor
- 13<sup>th</sup> Linda Wheatley
- 14<sup>th</sup> Mike Stout
- 15<sup>th</sup> Judith Howard
- 15<sup>th</sup> Adam Shiflett
- 16<sup>th</sup> Chelsea Bosserman
- 17<sup>th</sup> Hunter Black, Jr
- 17<sup>th</sup> Henry Breeding
- 17<sup>th</sup> Rose Sadano
- 18<sup>th</sup> Vanessa Harner
- 19<sup>th</sup> Lester & Amy Herman
- 19<sup>th</sup> Glenwood & Kerry Fretwell
- 20<sup>th</sup> Stoney Caricofe
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Randall Hinebaugh
- 23<sup>rd</sup> George & Mary Taylor
- 24<sup>th</sup> Steve Bosserman
- 26<sup>th</sup> Julia Miller
- 27<sup>th</sup> Karen Maugans
- 30<sup>th</sup> Paul Abbe
- 30<sup>th</sup> Casey Houser
- 30<sup>th</sup> Laura Lewis
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- 30<sup>th</sup> Casey Houser

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If we have any incorrect information or are missing information, please leave updates in mailbox in church library for Hilltopper or email to altuten@vaumc.org

## ACTIVITIES & EVENTS— August

August 3, Monday	9-12am	Food Pantry
	6:00 pm	Mabry Shiflett w/Wanda Harding
August 5, Wednesday	6:30 pm	Men's Chorus
August 10, Monday	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal for Mt. Bethel
August 12, Wednesday	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal for Mt. Bethel
August 15, Saturday	4:00 pm	Mt. Bethel Lawn Party
August 17, Monday	9-12am	Food Pantry
August 18, Tuesday	6:30 pm	UMM
August 19, Wednesday	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
<b>August 30, Sunday</b>		<b>Church Picnic</b>

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## HILLTOPPER

**Mission:** Growing in discipleship, living our faith and reaching others

**Identity:** The New Hope congregation is a family of sharing and caring Christians who gather for worship and fellowship and through whom opportunities for spiritual growth are offered for all ages.

**Vision:** The people of New Hope will allow God to make a lasting and holy difference in us and through us as we apply ourselves to worship, prayer, study, witness and service



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