



# News of New Hope

New Hope United Methodist Church  
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2007



Fall house cleaning time! Don't pack up those summer clothes you can't wear any more. Dig through those winter clothes you just pulled out of the attic.

Wander around the garage and shed and clean things out by bringing them to the New Hope UMC Yard sale.

Items are being collected in the Boyette building and will be brought into the Fellowship Hall during the week of Nov. 6-9. Furniture, garden supplies, tools, athletic equipment, kitchen utensils, towel sets, curtains, clothing, - come on. Bring them down!

And, on Friday, Nov. 9th we're having a sorting and tagging party. All are welcome!

And then, come on back on Saturday, November 10th to do your early Christmas shopping or just looking for bargains.



Come to shop.

Come to eat.

Come for fellowship!

The UMW is holding its annual Fall Bazaar to raise money for the support of missions.

Hand crafts, white elephant knick-knacks, home cooked deserts, Christmas decorations.

Lunch will also be available.



On October 14, we received into membership Brian and Heather Kaye. Their children Cynthia, Fraser and Wesley were baptized and are preparatory members.

Welcome, Kaye Family!

Nov. 1 – Administrative Council @ 7

Nov. 3 – UMW Fall Bazaar 9-2

Nov. 4 – Daylight saving time ends

Adopt-a-highway @3

Nov. 5 – Disciple 1 & 2 @ 7pm

Nov. 9-11 – UMYF in Fayetteville

Nov. 10 – Yard sale

Nov. 11 – Veteran's Day

Nov. 12 – Disciple 1 & 2 @ 7pm

Nov. 14 – Transformation Team @ 4

Nov. 15 – UMW/UMM @7

Nov. 17 – Friends & Family Breakfast @ 7:30 am

Nov. 18 – Transformation Team @ 4  
Community Thanksgiving Service @ Saulston UMC

Nov. 19 – Disciple 1 & 2

Nov. 21 – Newsletter deadline

Nov. 25 – Transformation Team @ 4

Nov. 25 – Praise service @7

Nov. 26 – Disciple 1 & 2 @ 7pm

Dec. 2 – First Sunday in Advent

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## Memory Verse for November

Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

I Thessalonians 5:18

# Church Teams

## United Methodist Men

Thank you to all church members and scouts who helped make this year's fair booth so successful. The UMM presented a check for \$11,569.14 to the church as profit.

—Mike Acree, President

## United Methodist Women

Join us for the Bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 3, 2007, 9:00 AM 2:00 PM. The lunch menu includes home made veggie soup, grill cheese sandwiches, hot dogs, and pumpkin roll slices.

Bless a child with a shoe box gift. Items to include are available in the narthex. Operation Christmas Child is sponsored by Samaritan's Purse. Turn in the wrapped boxes on November 4th and UMW members will deliver them to the drop off station.

—Iris Cox, Treasurer  
Jane Fields, President

## Trustees

A simple "thank you" just doesn't seem to be enough for all the hard work of the volunteers who worked in the fair booth. Having the Scouts join us was also a blessing, as they dug right in to cook, clean, and wait on the customers.

Last call for items for the church wide yard sale. Check your storage buildings, attics, and closets for some good items to contribute and bring them to the church. During office hours 9-1 you can take them to the Boyette Building on the left-

hand side at the back of the building. We sure will appreciate any items you might donate.

Thanks to everyone for all your help and support  
Love in Christ,

—Dan Cox, Chair

## UMYF

Pilgrimage will be held in Fayetteville from November 9-11. This event for UMYF and local church youth groups in which youth and adult advisors are challenged to a new or deeper faith in Jesus Christ. The content of the event will focus on evangelism, faith sharing and discipleship for youth and adult advisors to youth ministry. Pilgrimage is a time and place to discover that faith and discipleship can be fun!

UMYF meets at 5:30 on Sunday Evenings and continues the study in *Ring of Fellowship*,

—Joe & Mandee Wade,  
Youth Sponsors

Enclosed with a contribution to the Maggie Gwatney Memorial Fund ..

## A note from ... Carolyn Watson

*Dear Friends,*

*I appreciate receiving New Hope's newsletter. You are very special to me and I keep you in my prayers.*

*Love in Christ  
Carolyn Watson*

## The Healthy Link



BY LYNN LIGON R.N.

PARISH NURSE

NOVEMBER

I would like to thank all of the churches who have hosted the Flu Shot Clinics this year in the Goldsboro District. Your hard work and dedication to having a successful clinic has been so very much appreciated. Please remember it is not too late to get your vaccination. There are several clinics being offered during November. You can find a schedule by logging on to [www.goldsborodistrictumc.org](http://www.goldsborodistrictumc.org).

For those of you who have conflicting feelings on getting the flu shot please know that contrary to popular belief that you CAN NOT get the flu from the vaccine. The serum used in the vaccine is not comprised of a live virus as it has in the past and there is no scientific possibility of you getting the flu from the vaccine.

Please seriously think about getting a flu shot soon.

November is the month designated as National Alzheimers Awareness Month. This month many organizations will be focusing

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# Is God Worth It?

By  
Jessica Dearth

It is in human nature to keep what belongs to us. If someone borrows an item from us we want it back in a reasonable amount of time. If someone loans us money we are quick to get it back. If someone repeatedly asks us for favors but they never return them we become hesitant about helping in the future. If there was only one thing that someone continually asked of you and that was for you to love them, would you not *give* your love or would you turn your back?

God continually asks you to love Him, yet we do not give Him our love. Even though God always has time for us and loves us more than we can fathom, we think we have better things to do with our time than to sit around trying to figure out how much to love Him! How much longer will we continue to hurt God by not giving our love to Him? Because we are a people who want things given to us, God has given us a way to give our love to him.

Giving to God is ***NOT*** an obligation but it ***IS*** a statement of your faith. It boils down to this: if you do not give to God then you really do not trust in Him. You do not trust that God will provide for you. You do not believe that God has full control over your life. By not giving to God you are boldly proclaiming ‘God, I am taking care of me. I do not need you!’ By not giving to God you are saying, ‘God, I do not love you.’

Are you scared? Scared that you will be hurt? Scared you

won’t be able to make it? Take an honest assessment of how you are living and you will likely find that you can afford to give. We just make excuses to justify why we don’t. The Lord says, ‘if you love me, then you will obey what I command.’ He also says to love him with all of your heart, all of your soul, and all of your mind. By giving to God you are declaring that you do in fact love him.

So why don’t we give to the Lord? Is it because we need to be asked? When confronted and asked to give, we seldom turn it down. We are quick to give what we can. Recently we have given our love and support to the Boy Scouts with their fundraisers and the Roaring Lambs Sunday school class with their endeavor to raise money for church furnishings. We support the Friends and Family Community Breakfast, the fair booth, and have supported Erin and Jami on their mission trip to Jamaica. By giving our love to these few individuals and groups we have proven that we are able to give.

Average attendance between the early service and the eleven o’clock service is 90 people. If every person gave \$50 a week the giving for that week would be \$4500. Now in 2008 there are 52 Sundays. At \$50 a week that totals to \$234,000! Look deep in your soul, talk with God. Is God worth \$50 a week to you? If so, prove it. Promise God that since He is worth it, you

will *give* Him \$50 worth of your love. We all say we believe God can and will take care of us. But how many of us genuinely believe it? Let us prove it! Let us put our money where our mouth is and truly give to God.

What do you owe God? Let’s think about that question for a moment. Honestly, we owe Him everything that we have in our lives. He only wants a small portion of what He has given us. When you truly love someone you do everything in your power to honor them, right? You go out of your way to show the gratitude you have for them. Why do we not do this for God? God continually loves us and yet we take Him for granted. We call on Him when we are in need but forget about Him when things are going great in our lives. We are not told to love God when it is convenient, but to love Him always. If you honestly love God then right here and now pray, “God, you are the Lord of my life. I love you more than anything else, even more than my money. I’m not afraid. To show my devotion, I give you the first of all that you have given me. Praise you Lord for loving me with everything you have. The least I can do is love you more than I have in the past.”

“Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.” (2 Corinthians 9:6)



# November 2007



## \*Sunday Schedule

8:45 First Hope  
 9:30 Fellowship  
 9:45 Sunday School  
 11:00 Worship  
 4:00 2nd & 4th Transformation Team  
 5:00 Hand bells  
 5:30-7 UMYF (Ring of Fellowship)  
 6:00-7:00 Praise Team Rehearsal  
 7:00 Last Sunday Praise Service

Remember your church in your will.

Additions to the calendar of events may be found in Sunday's bulletin or posted on the church bulletin board.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <b>Make Time for GOD</b>				1	2	3
				7pm-Administrative Council	Fellowship Hall Reserved Getting ready for	9am-2pm - UMW Bazaar
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<i>Daylight Saving Time ends</i> 3pm-Adopt-A-rHighway Cleanup	6:30pm-Cub Scouts 7pm-Disciple 1 & 2	Fellowship Hall Reserved for Yard Sale Election Day 7pm-Boy Scouts	Fellowship Hall Reserved Getting ready for Yard Sale 7pm-Choir practice	Fellowship Hall Reserved Getting ready for Yard Sale	Fellowship Hall Reserved Getting ready for Yard Sale 9th-11th UMYF Pilgrimage	<b>YARD SALE</b> in Fayetteville
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
<b>Veterans Day</b> 	6:30pm-Cub Scouts 7pm-Disciple 1 & 2	7pm-Boy Scouts	10am-District Conn. Table meeting (Fellowship Hall) 7pm-Choir practice	7pm-UMM/UMW		7:30-10am-Friends & Family Breakfast
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
4pm-Transformation Team Com. Thanksgiving Service-Saulston UMC 6:30pm-Praise Team rehearsal	6:30pm-Cub Scouts 7pm-Disciple 1 & 2	7pm-Boy Scouts	7pm-Choir practice	 Office closed	Office closed	
25	26	27	28	29	30	
4pm-Transformation Team 7pm-Praise Service	6:30pm-Cub Scouts 7pm-Disciple 1 & 2	7pm-Boy Scouts	7pm-Choir practice			



**Prayer for Healing**

- † Albert Radford
- † Aline Lavin
- † Alma Andrews
- † Anne Anderson
- † Baby Boy Crayton
- † Billy Sutton
- † Bob Jennette
- † Brandon Vinson
- † Cooper Bryan
- † Dee Meadows
- † Dock Crumley
- † Doris Pressley
- † Ethel Boyette
- † Frank Beach
- † Harold Coltrane
- † Joe Turner
- † Jonathan Carter
- † Justin Marm
- † Keith Reed
- † Lois Capps
- † Lois Smith
- † Margaret Wells
- † Martha Padgett
- † Kite
- † Peggy Gerken

- † Preddy Yates
- † Rebecca Lancaster
- † Rob Withey
- † Sue Wallace
- † Will Davies

**Prayer for Bereavement**

- † Family of Maggie Gwatney
- † Family of Lois Smith
- † Family of Sudie Vaughan

**Prayer for Thanksgiving**

- † Our church family
- † Our Pastor & His Family
- † Our Youth at New Hope
- † Christian friends

**Prayer for Intercessions**

- † Members of our armed forces
- † Rings of Fellowship
- † Students and leaders of Disciple 1 & 2 Bible Study
- † The Upward program
- † Our sister church in Pascagoula, MS

**Ms Maggie has a new address.**

On October 5th, one of our charter members, Margaret Elizabeth "Maggie" Triplett Gwatney, left her earthly home to be with the Lord.

Maggie was born ninety-two years ago in Watauga County to the late Luther Triplett and Della Alma Story Triplett. She was married to the late Magnus Thomas "Tommy" Gwatney.

She was also a charter member and past-president of the Methodist Women and was a member of the James Carlisle Sunday school class. Maggie was also an Odd Fellows Alumni.

Ms Maggie is survived by her daughter, Betty Jean Gauss, and her husband, Ed, of Wilson; her sons, Nick Gwatney of Goldsboro and M. Thomas Gwatney Jr. and his wife, Linda, of Goldsboro; her grandchildren, Bert Rose and wife, Romona, Beth Rose Caudle and husband, Henry, Amy Rose Morris, Mary Margaret Radford and husband, Daryl, Niki Gwatney Hooks and husband, Eric, Doubd Gwatney and Harper Story Gwatney; great-grandchildren, Ali Pearson, Mary Glenn Rose Dinger and husband, Brandon, Caroline Rose, Vance Morris, Jaxson Hooks, and Thomas N. Radford; and great-great-grandchild, Cannon Alexander Dinger.

The Maggie Gwatney Memorial Fund has been established at New Hope.



**A Note From the Keys**

Music is such a blessing! For the choir the blessing is "charged" up each Wednesday evening for a time of fellowship and singing. For the hand bell ringers, it is a blessing with every 'bells up" from the director. For the praise team, it is a blessing with every note and beat of the drums.

And, for the congregation, we truly hope it is a blessing as you participate in worship services with the tapping of your toe and the songs in your heart.

- Hope Hicks,  
Director of Music Ministries

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your will.**

## Administrative Council Meeting

October 11, 2007

Highlights from the October meeting:

- † The treasurer's report was distributed.
- † Calendar updates:
  - Nov. 4—Adopt a Hwy
  - Nov. 18 @ 7 Thanksgiving service @ Saulston
  - Dec. 11—Troop 8 Court of Honor
  - Dec. 16 Caroling
  - Dec. 18 Parents Anonymous dinner
- † Dan Cox reported for the Trustees.
  - A Yard sale - Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>.
  - Proposed to have 12 pine trees along the south side of the driveway removed. Vote carried.
- Jane Fields reported for the UMW.
  - Fall Bazaar - Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - Operation Christmas Child information will be available in the narthex.

- † United Methodist Men's Family and Friends Saturday Breakfasts will resume.
- † Altar Guild: 20 poinsettias will be ordered this year for the Advent season
- † Adopt a Grandparent program for Christmas will be held again this year
- † Pastor's Report
- † Presented the 2008 proposed budget. Adopted with minor additions.

## Celebrate

### Birthdays

11/1	Danny Kester
11/2	Jonathan Kester
11/3	Kate Abrahamson
11/4	Mary Anne Kester
11/6	Bill Wiebe
11/8	Jim Godfrey
11/9	Lois Faircloth
11/13	Preddy Yates
11/13	Bill Collins
11/14	Kayla Wiebe
11/15	Elsie Turner
11/17	Dewey Offield
11/18	Joe Turner
11/19	Ray Batts
11/21	Jack Edmonds
11/21	Betty Acree
11/21	Diane Kester
11/22	Stephen Atkinson
11/23	John Gray
11/24	Linda Potter
11/26	Charles Ginn
11/27	Anna Jacobs
11/28	Brooke Morawski
11/28	Taylor Morawski



11/9	Linda & Gayle Potter
11/18	Jessica & Randy Dearth
11/30	Olga & Jim Ivey



Childcare Volunteers



Dear Church Family —

One - t w o - three .. Listen. Pastor Martin challenged the children to listen for a still small voice. He also reminded the big people to have a daily quiet time. It will become a special time to make you available to God.

Did you like the way the children cupped their hands, put in their prayer requests from their minds, and then lifted them up to God? Many adults joined in with the children, especially to pray for rain.

Purr sis tent. That was the word used one Sunday morning. We heard the Bible story of the woman who purred. Or something like that. I think it really meant, don't give up. God knows what we need; but we must show our faith by continuing to pray.

—I'll see ya' in church Sunday.

*A. Churchmouse*

### Coordinator of Nursery Workers

Volunteers to serve in the nursery may signup with Jessica Dearth. A rotation schedule is being developed to have the kindergarten and nursery rooms staffed during worship services.

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on educating the community about Alzheimers disease. It would be a great time for your church to do a service project with the youth or with a mission team that would benefit victims of Alzheimers. Check with your local advocacy group to see where you can be of service. There will be a series of workshop for the caregiver of the Alzheimers patient sponsored by the Wayne County Services on Aging. These sessions will be free of charge. For more information call (919) 705-1785.

There are mental exercises that older adults can do to help stay mentally sharp. The Mayo Clinic offers the following steps in a brain workout.

1. The left side of the brain is responsible for language, computing numbers and the ability to reason. Try reading daily. Try solving a word puzzle or word game. You may balance your checkbook without a calculator as a way to stimulate the left side of your brain.
2. The right side of the brain is your creative side. Imagination, art, and musical abilities are controlled by this side. To stimulate this area of your cognition try reviving a musical talent, singing or playing an instrument is not only a great activity but it is also great for you emotionally and spiritually.
3. Make a change in your

daily routine. When we stay in the same routine day after day we begin to function without having to consciously think about the task we are doing. Make a new friend; try a new route to the store. Change is positive and essential for strengthening our thought processes.

4. Memorize Bible verses. Put to memory the words to a new song. Memorize the names of those people you come into contact with at the bank or the grocery store and when you see them again call them by name. It will really make their day.
5. Meditation. The parts of the brain associated with feelings of happiness are very receptive to meditation. This technique is wonderful for reducing stress and anxiety.
6. Most of all engage in socialization. Interacting socially has been linked in some research studies to the reduction of mental decline.

The upcoming holidays are an excellent time to encourage many of these exercises. Remember faith and fellowship is integral to our well-being. Interacting with children and pets are also a great way to stimulate our thoughts and to nurture or souls. Have a grateful and safe Thanksgiving.

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In the coming months we will be looking at these ideas and evaluating how we look in comparison to this powerful concepts of being a healthy congregation. In Musings I will begin to unpack these so I hope you will stay tuned and pray and think about these concepts and the ideas they generate.

Let us all commit to being a healthy congregation together in Christ.

Martin



# Martin's Musings

## A Healthy Congregation

Our Bishop, Al Gwinn is turning his ministry as bishop toward the concept of building healthy congregations. The primary characteristics of healthy congregations are as follows:

1. A healthy congregation is "Centered in Christ"
2. A healthy congregation is "Making Disciples of Jesus Christ"
3. A healthy congregation is "Focused on Spiritual Formation"
4. A healthy congregation is involved in "Risk Taking Mission & Ministry to the World"

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### **The News of New Hope**

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Community Thanksgiving service  
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Nov. 18 @ 7 pm