

NEWS OF HOPE

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THE WEB OF CREATION

"It is difficult for people to grasp just how extreme our ecological crisis really is." This quote and much more information can be found at webofcreation.org, a wonderful site supported by the Presbyterian Church USA filled with information and suggestions. The text goes on to say that climate change, the accelerated loss of species, the growing awareness that water, as well as many other natural resources, is in fact limited, are problems that humanity has never faced—at least not globally, within the framework of recorded history. So we are entering a time in which decisions and choices are being made and will be made without knowing the end results.

During the month of May we at New Hope will be focusing on ways that we as individuals and as a congregation can fulfill the part of our mission statement which states, "We covenant to recognize the earth as God's creation and our role in caring for it.

What is our role? What is your role? In the Narthex is a devotional guide which provides daily prayers and readings for the coming month as well as information designed to raise our consciousness about the roles we can play in intentionally caring about our environment. In addition, education classes, worship, outdoor experiences, and workshops will be offered to further involve all of us in dealing with this huge problem that we as human beings have never faced.

So come and let us consider ways we can begin to make a difference—as God's people, we really have no other choice.

Anne

Upcoming Events

May 3

Inquirer's Class – Session 1

May 9 (weather permitting)

Standing Indian Hike

May 10

Mother's Day Salad Luncheon

May 16

PW Spring Luncheon

May 17

Inquirer's Class – Session 2

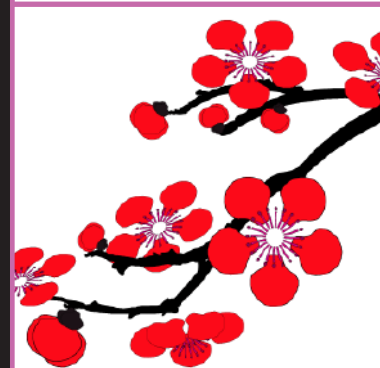
May 23

Church Yard Sale

June 21 at sunset

(exact time TBA)

Summer Solstice Vespers
Bearwallow Mountain



OUTREACH

Room In the Inn at New Hope is a Success

Thirty-eight volunteers made Room in the Inn a success. Room in the Inn is a local interfaith effort to provide shelter in churches for women who would otherwise spend the night on the streets. During the week of March 29-April 5, New Hope provided shelter for 6-8 ladies. The following people served as volunteers.

Coordinator: Annette Sheffield

Meal Coordinator: Ann Lagarde

Transportation Coordinator: Ray Sheffield

Purchase Food/Supplies: Diane Clinton

Drivers: Herschel Lewis, Susan Maveety, David Morgan, Ray Sheffield, Patsy Brison, Terry Randolph

Prepared/ Served Meals: Laura Brown, Helen Cable, Alma Chatfield, Nancy Chatham, Brenda Crossman, Vera Crumley, Lois King, Ann Lagarde, Angela Lepro, Becky Gardner, Kim Presley, Joyce Reaume, Barbara Reynolds, Gail Roberts, Tracy Young, Jessica Young

Spent night: Abby Bates, Nancy Henderson, Becca Ireland, Katy Ireland, Ann Lagarde, Herschel Lewis, Debbie McMillan, Scott Murison, Gail Roberts, Ray and Annette Sheffield, Bud and Sandy Weeks

Contributed food, other supplies, money:
Susan Barbour, Diane Clinton, Rosemma Coppess

Crafts: Gail Roberts, Pam Smith

First Day Setup: Robin Bradley, Bob Clinton, Ann Lagarde, Herschel Lewis, Terry Randolph, Ray and Annette Sheffield

Last Day Cleanup and/or transport mattresses: Bob Clinton, Herschel Lewis, Susan Maveety, David Morgan, Jeff Patton, Terry Randolph, Ray and Annette Sheffield

Wash Blankets: Robin Bradley, Susan Maveety, Anne Lagarde, Mary Jo Limbird, Anne Morgan

Womansong for Women Build

**Benefit Concert for
Asheville Area Habitat 2009 Women Build
Saturday, May 2 at 7:30 PM
Montreat Conference Center
Anderson Auditorium
Advance Tickets: \$15.00**

Info & online tickets:
www.ashevillehabitat.org/www.womansong.org

Women of New Hope, remember to volunteer to help finish the Women Build Habitat House. Just log in at ashevillehabitat.org and then click the Women Build box. After you register you will have access to the calendar of volunteer day openings between now and the completion of the house. Hope to see you there!

MANNAfest Food Drive Report

We have collected 200+ items towards our goal of 1,000 food items. New Hope is participating in Manna's first annual faith-based food drive to help offset decreased industry food donations while meeting the increased requests for food assistance. We hope to collect approximately 10 items per member/family between Easter and Pentecost Sunday, May 31st. You can pick up a list of the Top Ten Most Needed Items in the Narthex. Bring your donations this month and help us reach our goal of 1,000 items!

NHPC at Manna has a monthly schedule

Beginning this month, a group from New Hope will gather at Manna Food Bank the second Thursday of every month from 4 to 6 PM to pack food items into boxes for food pantries and individuals in the greater Asheville area. Come join us! We have a great time. If you need a ride or would like to carpool, call the church office.

EVANGELISM

BBQ, Strawberries & Yard Sale Saturday, May 23

Save the date and sign up to help!

We still need volunteers for the following tasks:

In preparation. . .

Make signs and advertise

Prepare plants to sell

With the yard sale. . .

Set-up the yard sale, especially men

2-3 more folks to clean-up

2-3 more to handle the money

With the strawberries. . .

Prepare dishes, pies, etc.

Prepare and sell strawberry shortcakes

Pack and clean up at the end of the day

You may bring small items to the church—see posted signs downstairs to know where to put your donations. Call Kim Presley if you need items picked up. Tell your friends! A space may be rented for \$20 to sell one's own items, crafts, etc. This day will be used to spread the news about New Hope, raise money to continue to fund our mission efforts, and share information about ways to be a responsible steward of the Earth's resources.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Mother's Day Luncheon

Congregational Life invites you to join us for a salad luncheon to honor mothers following worship on May 10th. Please sign up and list what salad you will bring. Bread and desserts will be provided.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



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Don't forget the spring luncheon of May 16. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. It will be a deli lunch. You are invited to bring guests, just let us know how many. Janet Stewart will lead the program.

Do try to come to Project Linus on the second Thursday of each month at the Reynolds house. The morning session is 10 am to 1 pm and the evening session is from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm.



USHERS, GREETERS AND NURSERY HELPERS

SERVING THIS MONTH	MAY 3	MAY 10	MAY 17	MAY 24	MAY 31
USHERS	Richard and Judy Green	Richard and Judy Green	Richard and Judy Green	Richard and Judy Green	Richard and Judy Green
GREETERS	Ann and Bill Higgins	Nancy Henderson Scott Murrison	Becca, Katy, Jake Ireland	Eddie Parker Melissa Vandermark	Joyce Reaume Helen Cable
NURSERY	Lois King	Anne Lagarde	Ethel Lestrange	Becky Gardner	Linda Lewis

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Educating Christians About Climate Change

Sundays 9:30 & Special Events
 April 26 and May 31
 Topic: Global Climate Change
 Variety of Leaders and Presenters



This study is a down-to-earth look at the practical concerns we should be aware of relating to global climate change. Specifically, how is global climate change actually affecting our land, our water, our air? And what should we be doing about it? By 'we,' we don't mean the government, the Environmental Protection Agency, the scientists, or any other group; rather what can we *personally* do to honor God's creation instead of contributing to its destruction? These studies are full of workable solutions for "greening" our homes and our communities—solutions that are easily incorporated into our daily habits yet still yield measurable results—and perhaps, an immeasurable level of satisfaction!

In addition to the Sunday class there will be hikes, demonstrations, and discussions about sustainability and growing edible plants here at New Hope.

Inquirer's Class

A class will be offered two Sundays, May 3 & 17, for those considering church membership and/or those who are interested in knowing more about New Hope. Lunch will be provided immediately following worship and the class will last from 12:30 - 2:30. Please sign up or let Anne Morgan know if you would like to attend.

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Needed: A few Good Mowers & Gardeners

The Stewardship Committee is looking for a few more people willing to help with gardening or to join one of the lawn mowing teams. It involves two to three hours of mowing and trimming approximately once a month or less during the summer. Please talk to Bob Clinton if you can help.

KidShine
 performing arts day camp
 for rising 3rd-8th graders
July 13-17, 2009
 Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM
 Final Performance 7:00 PM Friday

NHPC Members: \$90 per child
 Discount for members available until May 1st,
 after which the cost is \$120 per child

Non-members: \$120
 \$10 discount for each additional sibling

**Tell your friends—registration is limited to
 40 participants, so sign up soon!**

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Report

2009 BUDGET (through 3/31/09)	To Date Budget	To Date Actual	March Actual
Operating Contributions	35,750	35,436	11,713
Initial Operating Balance	1,654	1,654	
Total Operating Balance	40,296	39,610	14,099
Total Operating Expense	41,628	40,174	9,679
Operating Balance	(322)	(1,090)	
Capital Contributions	1,900	1,829	164

For more detail, please see the Stewardship Committee bulletin in the Nathex.

Congregational Joys & Concerns

JOYS: **Dorcas Zook** is moving to Givens in June! **Becky Gardner's** daughter, Kate, who recently graduated from college found a job! **David Presley** is on the 3rd quarter Honor Roll at Carolina Day School!

CONCERNS: **Jean Magaw's** husband, Don, has been transferred to Skilled Care at Givens; **Alma Chatfield** is recovering from knee replacement; **Bambi Teague** has been diagnosed with early stage breast cancer and is having further tests to determine her options; **Rodney Crossman**, in the death of his brother on March 18; **Kim Gardner; Debbie & Bayne McMillan's** dear friend, Irene Renspie, is in hospice care; **Margot and Bernard Coleman's** grandson, Evan, age 10, is home & recovering from surgery (www.e-nevusnotes.blogspot.com); **Jenny Peters; Dorothy Stephens; Jake Ireland; Robin Bradley; Dan Manning; Rodney Crossman's** sister and brother-in-law; **John Green; Bill and Ann Higgins'** granddaughter; **Andy Barnes, Melissa Vandermark and Abby Bates** are in search of employment. **Catty Gaines & Thalia** are leaving for a two-week trip to Thailand on Monday.

Those with ongoing health problems & their caregivers: **Woody Coppess** (by Rosemma); **Mary Jo Limbird** (for her mother, Jo); **Bud Weeks** (for his mother); **Lillian Cartledge** (by Anne & David); **Patricia Crouse** (for her daughter, Rebecca); **Jessie Davis** (by her daughter, Amy Wulf); **Doris Goewey** (by her daughter, Suzanna); **Judy and Richard Green** (for Richard's parents) **Becky Gardner** (for her dad and mom); **Jean Magaw** (for her husband Don); **Olga Pennington** (by her daughter, Diane); **Nancy Henderson** (for her father); **Joyce Reaume** (for her husband, Bob); **Alice Sorrells** (by her husband, Ted); **Everett Smith** (by Pam); **Maria Young** (by Lynn, Jessica, and Tracey); **Kim Presley** (for her grandmother, Monelle Lawing)

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