



# Connection

New Hope United Methodist Church

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### **March 7, 2010**

“The God Who Never Gives Up on Us”

Dr. Sheila Combs-Francis  
with scripture readings by  
Haleigh Black  
and children's moments by  
Jennifer Liggett

Sunday School  
9:30 am

Worship Services  
10:45 am

*Tapes of Service Available  
Services Televised  
on Channel 11  
Mondays 11:00 pm  
Wednesdays 3:30 pm*

### **New Hope Staff**

Rev. Dr. Sheila Combs-Francis  
*Pastor*

Erin Rummel  
*Administrative Assistant*

Sara Black  
*Music Director*

Debbie Hart  
*Accompanist*

Jim Hudson  
*Hand Bell Director*

Jay Black & Erin Rummel

*Custodians*  
Abby Hoppe  
*Nursery Attendant*

## *Greetings,*

Last week I shared with you the things in worship that people liked best. This week I want to share with you the things that people felt that we could do better. If you remember, there were many things that inspired people and many things that people liked best about worship. This also does not mean that we are not doing a good job. It simply means that there are things that we can do better, things that we can add, and elements that people would like to see us add.

This is known as our minimum factor. We can take the things that we do well and develop those things even more. We may be able to add things. There may be things that we don't need to do at all. Remember, we asked three questions – What inspires you about worship? What do you like best about worship? What could we do better to enhance worship?

This week I want to share the answers to the third question we asked – What could we do better to enhance worship? There were so many answers and great variety to the things that people suggested. Some of the things had several people respond to the same things. The list includes the following responses:

1. Develop a young married class
2. Involve more teens as liturgists/readers/greeters
3. 2 screens
4. Take away extra chairs for more intimacy
5. Increase the sound for the choir
6. Soften the look of the sanctuary with plants, etc.

Communion servers verbalize the words, “The body of Christ given for you” or “The blood of Christ given for you”

Slow down the reading time and/the sung responses to communion and baptism

9. More contemporary songs
10. More young people involved in worship
11. Too much organ and piano sound
12. Tweak the sound
13. Time for silent prayer with soft music

Reduce the amount of movement during worship – people wondering in and out

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15. Arrangement of kneeling rails to make them more accessible
16. Invitation to kneel and pray during communion
17. More praise songs
18. More special Services
19. Explanation of scriptures being read
20. More use of screens – ex: sermon illustrations
21. Titles of instrumental music on the screen and/or in the bulletin ex: prelude, offertory, etc.
22. More use of worship space – different areas of the sanctuary
23. Additional banners
24. Start on time
25. Better sound with Pegasys
26. Wearing our nametags
27. Sitting in different places
28. Better sound for the choir to hear the sermon
29. Better way of recognizing guests.
30. Visual effects on blank walls of the sanctuary
31. Words of anthem on the screen
32. Smoother flow in the liturgy
33. Creative expectation of what can happen in the service
34. Hymns played a little slower
35. More Bibles used
36. More spontaneity
37. More involvement in special services
38. More special music – ex.: music during meet and greet
39. Bible study discussion group
40. Communion more often – possibly twice a month
41. Children’s time – not with only 1-3 children – we need to work on getting more children
42. Kneel for communion

As you can see, there are a wide variety of things that people would like to see us do. There are some things that we have already begun to do as a result of this survey. First, we are beginning to train our communion servers to verbalize the words for communion. Second, we have begun a time for silent prayer with soft music. Third, we have arranged our communion rail kneelers so that there is more space. Fourth, we have started reading an explanation of the scriptures being used. Fifth, our Hidden talents group is in the process of making more banners. Sixth, we have started kneeling for communion on Wednesday evening worship and will begin to alternate kneeling and standing for communion on Sunday mornings so that everyone will have a chance to receive communion in a way that is meaningful for them. As you can see, there are six things that we have immediately been able to start doing.

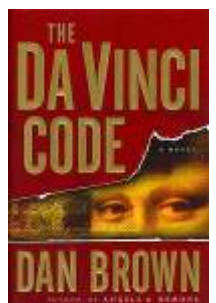
This exploration and discernment time will take approximately 18 months. During this time we have already begun to try different things. These are small things, but I believe, important things. I am encouraged by this process. Please be patient with us, give us good feedback. To simply say “I don’t like it” is not helpful. Tell us why and what we can do better. Finally, pray for us as we seek to be the church God has called us to be.

Shalom,  
Sheila

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## New Hope Book Club

New Hope United Methodist Church book club continues. We are reading The Da Vinci Code by Dan Brown. We meet on Tuesdays at noon at DaVinci’s on Willow. We brown bag for lunch. Bring your own lunch, buy a drink from DaVinci’s and we will eat and study. We look forward to seeing you. Bring a friend!! It is not too late to join us.



# Prayer List

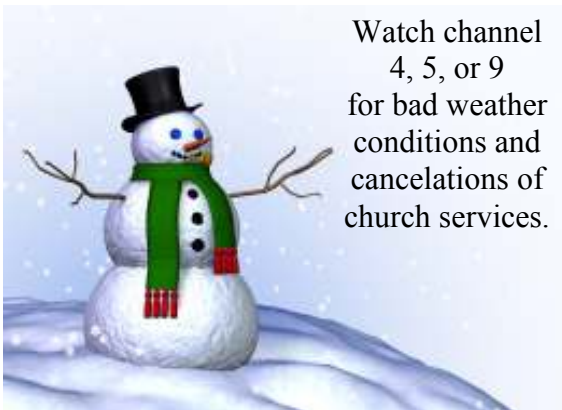
## Thank You

Thank you to everyone at New Hope United Methodist Church! All of the concerned phone calls offering words of encouragement and prayers for our Dad, Ed Sutter, meant so much to us. We want to give an extra Thank You to Dr. Sheila for being right there with us - for all of her visits and prayers. It's easy to see why Dad thinks she is so special. We are so blessed that Dad has such a wonderful and caring church family. We are so thankful that Dad was found and is getting stronger every day.

Again, Thanks!  
Phillip & Jane Sutter  
Ed & Teresa Sutter



**Don't forget!**  
**Daylight Savings Time**  
**March 14, 2010**



Watch channel  
4, 5, or 9  
for bad weather  
conditions and  
cancelations of  
church services.

<b>Bradley Gilbert</b>	Anna Mae Marler's grandson
<b>Reta Slater</b>	Health issues
<b>Linda Lansberry</b>	Allen & Sharon Parker's in-law, cancer
<b>Judy Johnson</b>	Mary Lewis' sister, Alzheimer's
<b>Carolyn Morrow</b>	Marilyn McAtee's sister, health issues
<b>Sicily Zeka</b>	Allen & Sharon Parker's granddaughter, ( <a href="http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/sicilyevelynzeka">www.caringbridge.org/visit/sicilyevelynzeka</a> )
<b>Wilma Suenram</b>	Health issues
<b>Helen Johnson</b>	Sheryl McMullen's cousin, health issues
<b>Kurtis Girty</b>	Rosalie Hasty's friend, lymphoma
<b>Helen Kraus</b>	Bass Hospital room 210
<b>Emily Gariepy</b>	Marty Tydings' friend, 4-wheeler accident
<b>Kathy Penty</b>	Diana Wilson's sister, needs lung transplant
<b>Robert Diamond</b>	Seth Diamond's grandfather, health issues
<b>Clara Wahl</b>	Rosalie Hasty's friend, health issues
<b>Brielle</b>	Marty Tydings' niece
<b>David &amp; Janet Hayes</b>	Susan Bench's parents, recovering at home
<b>Opal Zaloudek</b>	Anna Mae Marler's sister, fell & shattered hip
<b>Isaac Clark</b>	John & Barbara Canning's friend, premature baby with health issues
<b>Braley Bench</b>	Health issues
<b>Ben Chambers</b>	Bee Killam's great-grandson, heart surgery
<b>Bee Killam</b>	Health issues
<b>Ed Sutter</b>	Physical therapy, St. Mary's hospital room 523
<b>Denise Grant</b>	Sharon Parker's niece, in CA hospital with burns
<b>Larry Liggett</b>	Undergoing tests
<b>Diana Wilson</b>	Multiple health problems
<b>Sarah Barreto</b>	Chris Haws's fiancée, stomach cancer
<b>Delana</b>	Sandy Weems's daughter, testing for breast cancer
<b>Jerry Tomlinson</b>	Anne Marie Miller's brother, undergoing tests
<b>Danny Henderson</b>	Health problems
<b>Roy Gillham</b>	Dale Gillham's cousin, terminal cancer
<b>People of Haiti</b>	Devastation from earthquake  War in Afghanistan
<b>43 Health workers</b>	Arrested in the Philippines
<b>VIM</b>	Mission trip to Mexico March 13 - 20



to pray for our Military...

<b>Gabe Davis</b>	<b>Jeffrey Oltmanns</b>
<b>Josh Davis</b>	<b>Kelly Smith</b>
<b>Chris Hossfeld</b>	<b>Drew Stanley</b>
<b>Lee North</b>	<b>Chris Wright</b>



### **Van Driver Schedule**

March 7 - Austin Green  
March 14 - van in Mexico

### **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry is in full swing. This group is making shawls, lap blankets, and afghans for people who are shut-ins, ill, have had a crisis of any sort, or for joyous occasions like the birth of a baby or a wedding. The idea is that people need a special gift that was made just for them with a special touch and a prayer. We have already given away ten shawls and three lap blanket.

You may think that you would like to do something like that but you do not know how to crochet or knit. Take heart! We have people who are willing to teach you even if you have never crocheted or knitted or if you are left-handed! Men and women are welcome to be a part of this ministry. We now have 18 people who are a part of this ministry. This is exciting! Barbara Roberts will help us with crocheting and Beverly Hoffman and Deloris Taylor and Barbara Malicote will help us with knitting. Thanks so much for your willingness to lead!

**We no longer meet on Tuesday evenings. Please join us every Saturday morning at 10:30 a.m. at New Hope UMC.**

### **Thursday Lenten Lunches**

Our Thursday Lenten lunches will be on Thursday, February 25 at 12:00 noon. We will have soup, salad, dessert and drinks. You will want to make this a part of your Lenten devotional time as we prepare for Resurrection Sunday – Easter. Following is the list of dates and speakers for these Thursdays.

Thursday, March 4 -	Rev. Mary Irby
Thursday, March 11 -	Denise Graham
Thursday, March 18 -	Dr. Glen Miller
Thursday, March 25 -	Rev. Gail Edmison

### **Youth**

Ward Petroleum donated \$150.00 to the youth for a breakfast. We will be taking the youth to breakfast March 7, 2010. We are going to the IHOP. Any youth in the church will be able to attend as long as they have signed approval from their parent or legal guardian. Scott Miller and Rodney Layton will have approval slips for any youth wishing to attend. We will provide transportation to anyone needing a ride.

Scott L. Miller



**Only the Best Items at Great Savings!** Just Between Friends hosts these events in clean, well-organized venues where shoppers can find all they need for their family at substantial savings--usually 50 to 90% off retail prices! Merchandise is inspected to insure only high quality items will be sold. At a typical Just Between Friends event, you can find clothing, toys, baby equipment, strollers, high chairs, cribs, joggers, nursery gear, maternity wear, baby carriers, play yards, play sets, coats, shoes...well, you can see the list of items just goes on and on! And so do the savings!

**You can Make Money too!** Those who discover Just Between Friends as shoppers quickly become consignors, selling their items to make up to 70% on sales! They sell the items they no longer need as their children grow and then purchase what they DO need at great savings. It's a savings cycle that has helped thousands of families across the country make the most of every budget dollar. You can sign up online to be a consignor with your local JBF sale. A free, easy-to-use online tagging site is also available, so you can price your items for sale and output tags in a matter of minutes! Plus, it's so much fun to get your consignor check for your item sales—usually just two weeks after the event!

**SAVINGS that HELP the Local Community.** Just Between Friends is glad to serve families with their savings events. Just Between Friends events are proud to partner with local charities who also benefit from these events. A portion of proceeds and/or unsold, donated items are given to non-profit groups who use the clothing and funds to help local families in need. JBF is happy to be a part of helping at this local level.

Shop at the Chisholm Trail Expo Center March 25-27, 2010. \$2 Admission Thursday only. Thursday & Friday 11am - 8pm. Saturday 11am - 6pm (Half Price Sale!).

### A Reminder

We need everyone's help to make sure the church is being locked up daily. As you leave, make sure the front (North) doors are latched. Often, even though they are locked, the doors won't close completely leaving the church open sometimes over night. This is a simple problem that we can all work together to solve.

### A Plea from the Office...

Please send us your email addresses. We would like to begin sending committee meeting updates and changes as well as other news via email. Even if you think we already have your email address, simply send an email (with your name) to [erin@newhopeenid.org](mailto:erin@newhopeenid.org). Thank you for your cooperation.

### 2010 Lent Schedule

Every Thursday of March - Noon - Lenten Lunch  
 Holy Week:  
 Thursday, April 1 - 6:00 pm - Holy Thursday Service  
 Friday, April 2 - 6:00 pm - Tenebrae Service  
 Sunday, April 4 - TBA - Easter Sunrise Service  
 10:45 am - Easter Worship Service



### Worship Schedule

March 7th  
 Braley Bench, Acolyte  
 Anna Combs-Francis, Cross Bearer  
March 14th  
 Kinzy McEachern, Acolyte  
 Desiree Percy, Cross Bearer

### Day of Prayer for Peace

The Garfield County Church Women United will be holding a "Day of Prayer for Peace" on Friday, March 5 at 6:30 p.m. It will be held at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church and dessert will be served at a cost of \$3.00 per person. If you would like to attend, please call Tena Ruggia at 554-6038 or e-mail her at [ruggiatena@aol.com](mailto:ruggiatena@aol.com) We have also been asked to pray for 43 health workers who are being held in detention in the Philippines. They were participating in a training conducted by a non-government organization, where they were arrested.

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## Calendar of Events

Thursday, March 4 - Noon - Lenten Lunch with Mary Irby  
3:00 pm - Tutoring

Friday, March 5 - 6:30 pm - Church Women United "Day of  
Prayer for Peace"

Saturday, March 6 - 10:30 am - Prayer Shawl Ministry

Sunday, March 7 - 5:00 pm - Evangelism Meeting

Monday, March 8 - 6:00 pm - Worship Meeting  
11:00 pm Worship Service on Pegasys  
(Channel 11)

Tuesday, March 9 - 6:30 am - Men's Breakfast @ Burger King  
Noon - Book Club @ DaVinci's  
6:00 pm - Finance Meeting

Wednesday, March 10 - 3:30 pm - Worship Service on Pegasys  
(Channel 11)  
5:15 pm - Meal/Friendship  
6:15 pm - Worship  
7:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal  
8:00 pm - Handbell Choir

Thursday, March 11 - Noon - Lenten Lunch - Denise Graham  
1:30 pm - Pauline Circle  
3:00 pm - Tutoring