

CELTIC WORSHIP

One of the strengths of New Hanover Presbyterian Church is its focus on providing enriching worship opportunities. Our Worship and Music Team, headed by Ruling Elder Melinda Lassiter, has done outstanding work in planning a meaningful range of programming for us all to appreciate and enjoy. In its plans for 2018, the Team continues its good work, and among other offerings has recommended that four times a year -- on months which have a "fifth Sunday" -- we provide the regular Sunday morning service in the Celtic tradition. Our next "Fifth Sunday" is this month, July 29th.

We have offered periodic worship services in the Celtic tradition for a couple of years now at New Hanover Presbyterian Church. These were meaningful programs, much appreciated by those who attended. Many of those who could not attend told me that they would have liked to attend these services, but the Sunday evening time was inconvenient. So, we will be bringing the Celtic tradition into our Sunday morning services on a periodic basis. These services contain all the elements you would expect in any Christian worship service - music, prayers, scripture and the Lord's Supper, but with a different emphasis and feel.

Celtic worship traditions emphasize ideals that are complementary: experience, simplicity, and the senses. Celtic traditions also highlights that our faith is not simply something thought about, but lived and experienced, so each service includes a testimony from a member or friend of how God has been, and is, active in their lives. Our interpretation of Celtic worship is meant to facilitate more intimate encounters with God through music, liturgy, and community. I am very pleased that we can offer this kind of special worship opportunity, and I look forward to sharing this enriching experience with you. – Robert, Pastor

Our Prayer List

- *Liz King*, as she prepares for knee replacement surgery next week
- *Christy and Jeff Presseau* as Christy is in need of a kidney transplant.
- *Summer Foley*, her family and her father, *Bruce*, who has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer as they make decisions for treatment and care.
- *Sue Hornstra* as she anticipates another surgical procedure and further treatment for cancer.
- *Robin Edwards* and her *father*, who is struggling with health issues
- *Hellen Carter* and *Janice Reagan* as she continues to care for her mother
- *Whit & Mary Whitley* (the parents of Carole Wagner) ● *Nancy Bias* (sister of Dan Douglas)
- *Michael Chandler* ● *Harriet Knox* (mother of Carolyn Shute.)
- Those in our congregation who are unavailable to attend church regularly due to illness or limited mobility.
- Our nation, its leaders and our troops serving around the globe.



Sunday, July 15, 2018

IF YOU ARE A GUEST TODAY – WELCOME!

We are so glad you're here with us. Please sign the guest register with your contact information so we can thank you for being with us today.

We are a community of faith seeking to follow Christ. If you are looking to follow Jesus in your daily life with the support and fellowship of a company of believers, you have found the right place. If you seek to commit to active involvement in worship, service and study, we invite you to join us in membership!

Thank You to Today's Volunteers!

Ushers/Greeters: *Faith & Steve Harmon*

Lay Reader: *Ron Gartska*

Assisting Liturgist: *Eric Douglass*

Flowers: *Debbie & Lee Blackburn*

Refreshments: *Tina Egge & Ned Moore*

Sound Board: *Thom O'Brien*

Our Week at a Glance

Session: Monday, July 16, 7 p.m., Pastor's Office

Holy Hops! Men's Group: Tuesday, July 17, 6:00 p.m., at Steve Chau's home

Buildings & Grounds Team Meeting: Thursday, July 19, 7 p.m.

Buildings & Grounds' 2nd Storage Space Clean-up: Saturday, July 21, 9 am

Choir Rehearsal: Sundays at 8:50 a.m., Sanctuary

Worship Service: Sunday, July 22, 9:30 a.m., Sanctuary

Today...

... it is our "**Mission Sunday**" (3rd Sunday of the month) and we will be collecting for the "5-Cents-A-Meal" offering.

... come and enjoy refreshments, after the **Worship Service, in the Laburnum Commons.**

... the nursery is open for children up to 4 years of age (Children's Sunday School is on a break for the summer.) After the Children's lesson, all children 5 years and older will remain in the sanctuary during the service. Activity bags are available in the narthex.

This Week's NEWS...



All ladies of NHPC are invited to a bridal shower for Alison Parcell on August 5th at 2:00 hosted by Suzanne Casey, Stacy Dokos Murrell, and Robin Edwards at the home of Christy Presseau. Come help us celebrate this exciting time for the Parcell family! Please RSVP to Christy Presseau at 630-710-1026. Alison and Nick are registered at Bed, Bath and Beyond, Macy's, Amazon, and Wayfair.

The weekly contribution amount needed to meet budget is \$4,783, which enables us to continue to do God's work in the community. Last week we received \$2,799.



Please save these household items for Vacation Bible School crafts:

1. The cardboard tubes from Toilet Paper and Paper towel rolls.
2. Pringles can with plastic tops.
3. Empty plastic water bottles with their tops (labels removed with no writing on them.)
4. Empty cardboard boxes (medium size and larger, e.g. 12"x12"+.)

There is a box located in the Narthex for these items or you may put them in the Sunday school room - Thank you!



The next Holy Hops! meeting is on Tuesday, July 17, 6 p.m., at the home of Kim and Steve Chau.



Are you available to volunteer for a few hours (9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.) between August 6-10 or can you volunteer for the whole week of Vacation Bible School? If so, please sign-up on the VBS sheets in the Narthex or contact Summer at summer@newhanoverpres.org.