

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 recovers from her successful knee replacement surgery.
- *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 22, 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: *Maureen & John Earley*

Lay Reader: *Marianne Vermeer*

Assisting Liturgist: *Terry Diebold*

Refreshments: *Terry & Larry Diebold*

Sound Board: *Steve Harmon*

Our Week at a Glance

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

Worship Service: Sunday, July 29, 9:30 a.m., Sanctuary. This 5th Sunday service will be in the Celtic tradition.

Today...

... 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 \$2,075.

Good News on the Stewardship Front

The Stewardship Team is pleased to report that through June 30, congregational giving is UP 5.87% over last year at this same time. As of the end of June, total congregational giving was \$92,183, compared to \$87,072 a year ago. This is a very positive sign for our church, and we are deeply appreciative to one and all for their generosity in support of our mission.

To provide our range of worship opportunities, Christian education, nurture and mission work, our budget for the full year 2018 is built on \$190,000 in congregational giving -- so we are doing very well thus far. But to fulfill our goals, we will need to continue this positive momentum between now and December 31st. As expressed by our Pastor in his welcome on our website, our Church is "dedicated to finding thoughtful ways to understand and live out the teachings of Jesus." So let us join together to share the joy in helping New Hanover Presbyterian fulfill this Christian mission -- remembering that our pledge to one another is that this is the place we have committed to serve together, and to support together.



We would be grateful if you would help us ensure that all doors of our Church and facilities are closed doors after all activities - thank you.

At our annual fire inspection, which is required for facilities with schools, we were notified that all metal door stops from all doors, including these: double doors from the laburnum Commons to the school hallway, single doors in the school to the stairs, etc. Now that all of the metal door stops have been removed, the inspector is OK with us propping these doors open with a rubber stop and then closing the door after an activity. In any and all instances of use of a rubber door stop, please be sure that all doors are closed doors after your activity.



We need at least 4-5 more volunteers for a few hours (9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.) between August 6-10 or for the whole week of Vacation Bible School? Please sign-up on the VBS sheets in the Narthex or contact Summer at summer@newhanoverpres.org.