

The Hilltopper

June 2025

From Pastor HK

Hello everyone!

I pray all is well. I can't believe it's already June and I am writing my final Hilltopper as your pastor. Despite our short time together, I thank God for blessing our family with New Hope family this past year. The Christ-centered hospitality we received from this church has been humbling and a blessing to us. The Lord revealed Himself through this church and our family will remember you all in love and grace. Despite the situation, God is in charge and He is present. He's not done with this church! Praise God for His goodness and faithfulness. God is good all the time and all the time, God is good.

Revival: Christ-centered Family

Friday June 6th (6:30pm), Saturday June 7th (6:30pm), and Sunday June 8th (10:30am)

I pray all of us can come to the upcoming revival weekend (6/6-6/8) and behold the Lamb of God together. We pray and hope we will remember what it means to be a Christ-centered family. We will ask, seek, and knock for fresh baptism of the Holy Spirit upon our hearts. Let's prepare our hearts in Spirit and truth. There will be SHOP on Wednesday night June 4th at 6:30pm and SHOP on Saturday morning June 7th at 8am in the chapel to seek the Lord.

Let's continue to enjoy God's presence and give thanks for His grace and mercy.

Let's continue to behold Jesus and make Christ known.

Blessings, *Pastor HK Kim*

Revival

June 6th

June 7th

June 8th

Join us for a powerful time of **worship, renewal, and breakthrough**
at our upcoming **Church Revival!**

Whether you're seeking hope, healing, or a fresh encounter with God, this is your moment!

So plan now to join us on Friday June 6th at 6:30pm, Saturday, June 7th at 6:30pm
and Sunday, June 8th at 10:30am.

Becky Breeding will be delivering the message on Friday evening.

Susan Mehler will be delivering the message on Saturday evening.

Pastor HK will be delivering the message on Sunday morning.

This is more than an event - it's a divine appointment!
Bring your family, bring your friends, and come ready for God to move!

Revive your faith. Rekindle your fire. Restore your purpose.



The following are the minutes from the **May 2025** meeting of the Church Council.

The minutes are available to help the entire church family *stay in the know* about how this group is caring for New Hope UMC!

Administrative Council Meeting Minutes - May 22, 2025

Those in attendance: Pastor HK, Becky Breeding, Alicia Copeland, Wanda Harding, Pastor Jim Harris, Linda Howdyshell, Beth Howdyshell, Bill Lalla, Laura Jenner, Corey Johnson, Susan Mehler, Bruce Rogers, Cindy Sheets, Karen Whitmer and Sandy Wyrick.

Becky Breeding called the meeting to order. Susan Mehler read a devotion on: 'Transitions' from James 4: 13-15

The minutes from the April 2025 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Sandy Wyrick to approve the minutes as written, Susan seconded it and the motion was passed.

Staff Parish Relations Committee: *(Sandy Wyrick reported)*

- Pastor Jim Harris will be our interim pastor. He introduced himself to the group with a brief introduction.
- The parsonage inspection still needs to take place.

Financial Chair: *(Bruce Rogers reported)*

- The church audit is almost complete.
- The organ has been repaired
- Bruce recommended that we pay \$1,870 towards the Health Benefits Apportionment payment, as Cindy Deavers had recommended in her notes.
- We have over and above what we need for the windows. We may need the additional funds if there is any other damage to the window sills.

Treasurer: *(report from Cindy Deavers)*

- \$1000 was moved out of the non-designated funds to pay Mike Whetzel, as agreed, for use of his equipment and work he did to remove the old propane tanks.
- The total received for the window fund is \$10,870 (Easter Eggs sales was \$2,770 and donations was \$8,100)
- \$ 200 was received for Weekday Religious Education.
- The money market dividends still need to be moved to the General Fund and Cindy will do that when she records the dividends for the first quarter of 2025.
- Cindy proposed that we make an apportionment payment for the health benefits and the district as we have only made one payment this year. The total payment would be \$1,870.
- All bills have been paid to date. Payroll and benefits are left to be paid at the end of the month.

Trustees: *(Corey Johnson reported)*

- The date for the removal of the Suburban Propane Tank is June 12th
- The Parsonage Inspection will be conducted in mid-June with the SPRC
- - Until we have a new Pastor, the church will be assuming the parsonage utility expenses
- The Parking Lot lines and curb stops have been repainted. The work was conducted by members of the congregation,
 - The remaining paint and line templates are stored in the basement for future painting.
 - United Methodist Men have graciously covered the cost of the paint - which was \$203.22
- The Parsonage's metal roof above the wrap-around porch will be painted shortly. The work is to be conducted by congregation members.
- Two door openers in the Narthex have gone bad. We have purchased a replacement for one, the other one we are troubleshooting to see if we can repair it. The work is to be conducted by members of the congregations.
- All thermostats have been set to cool. Please do not adjust the thermostat to warm unless there is a sudden unforeseen drop in temperature.
- No solid date on the window installation. Possibly early July.
- The heating at the Parsonage is out. The parts are on order. In the meantime, a couple of space heaters were bought for Pastor HK and family to use.

United Methodist Sisters: *(Wanda Harding reported)*

- The UM Sisters will not meet in June or July.

United Methodist Men: *(Bill Lalla reported)*

- The UMM will not meet in June or July.
- The Cull Family Project that the UMM were working on, will be continued this Saturday, due to running out of mulch.

Lay Leader: *(Susan Mehler reported)*

- Attendance has been good.
- Bible Study and SHOP (Sweet Hour of Prayer) have been going well.

Communications: *(report from Cindy Sheets)*

- After receiving 5 quotes from SVOE - Shenandoah Valley Office Equipment in Verona. We agreed that we would get the cheapest of the options that would cost us \$83 per month to lease. The new copier/printer is to be installed tomorrow.

Programming & Event Planning:

- Homecoming was a great success. Thank you to everyone who helped make it happen.
- Wednesday, May 28th, we will have our Community Meal starting at 5:30pm
- Wednesday, June 4th, we will have SHOP (Sweet Hour of Prayer) at 6:30pm
- Our revival will be June 6th and June 7th starting at 6:30pm. And on June 8th at 10:30am.
- June 27th, we will have our Fundraiser Meal from 5:30pm-6:30pm. The cost will be \$14. We will have tenderloin, gravy, mashed potatoes, rolls, green beans and a dessert. Carry-out will be available.
- Sunday, June 29th, we will have our next Coffee SHOP and it will also be our Farewell to Pastor HK.
- Parents Night Out will be on Friday, July 25th from 5:30pm-7:30pm. The theme will be "Christmas in July". Pre-registration will be required by Sunday, July 20th.

Pastor HK:

- Revival - continue to grow together in Christ. Our theme is "Christ - Centered Family"
- We have a new Connection Card that we can encourage any guests to fill out.

New Business:

- Bruce has been contacted by Lowe's to get an extended warranty for our new stoves. It would cost us \$240 per stove for a 3 year warranty. It was agreed by all not to extend the warranties on those new stoves.
- Cindy Sheets is aware that our website is currently down and is working to rectify that.

Becky closed the meeting and Pastor HK prayed. The meeting ended at 7:32pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Cynthia Sheets, Recording Secretary

The next church council meeting will be Thursday, June 26, 2025.

You Are Invited to a Fabulous Meal!

**Pork Tenderloin Dinner
on Friday, June 27th
from 5:30pm to 6:30pm**

Dine In or Carry Out

\$14.00 per plate

Pork Tenderloin & Gravy

Mashed Potatoes

Green Beans

Cole Slaw

Rolls

Dessert

(Tea or Water) Eat In Only





Upcoming Activities, Events and Meetings at New Hope UMC

Sunday, June 1st ~ Sunday School @ 9:30am
~ Sunday Morning Worship and Holy Communion @ 10:30am

Friday, June 6th ~ Revival @ 6:30pm

Saturday, June 7th ~ Sweet Hour of Prayer (SHOP) @ 8:00am
~ Revival @ 6:30pm

Sunday, June 8th ~ Sunday School @ 9:30am
~ Revival @ 10:30am

Saturday, June 14th ~ Sweet Hour of Prayer @ 8:00am

Sunday, June 15th ~ Sunday School @ 9:30am
~ Sunday Morning Worship @ 10:30am

Saturday, June 21st ~ Sweet Hour of Prayer @ 8:00am

Sunday, June 22nd ~ Sunday School @ 9:30am
~ Sunday Morning Worship @ 10:30am

Thursday, June 26th ~ Church Council Meeting @ 6:30pm

Friday, June 27th ~ Fundraiser Meal @ 5:30pm

Saturday, June 28th ~ Sweet Hour of Prayer @ 8:00am

Sunday, June 29th ~ Coffee SHOP and Farewell to Pastor HK @ 9:45am
~ Sunday Morning Worship @ 10:30am



Sunday, June 29th

We will offer another Coffee S.H.O.P.

During our usual Sunday school time,
(9:45am-10:15am),

we will hold a 'Coffee SHOP' in the Social Hall.

Everyone is invited to join us for coffee, juice, and light breakfast items.

Susan Mehler will lead us with devotions and prayer.

Also during this time, we will have a
farewell celebration for Pastor HK, Sarah & Elias,
coinciding with our Coffee SHOP starting at 9:45am.

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FAREWELL





We have surpassed our goal for 14 sanctuary windows!
We thank everyone for their generosity and prayers for this project!

- ~ In memory of Bobbie L. Beard by Glenna Beard
- ~ In memory of A. Dewey and Myrtle Barnhart Beard
by Glenna Beard
- ~ In memory of the Barnhart Family members who have
attended New Hope UMC by Glenna Beard
- ~ In memory of Jesse and Mildred Hartman by Janice Bell
- ~ In memory of Reverend John and Margaret Davis
by James and Millie Davis
- ~ Cindy Deavers
- ~ Tom and Pat Ewers
- ~ Bruce and Elisabeth Rogers
- ~ Lewis and Karen Whitmer
- ~ Peanut Butter Easter Egg Factory Workers
- ~ Anonymous Donors



High School and College Graduates for 2025



***Will Bergman graduated from UVA,
~ grandson of Jerry and Susan Coffman
~ great-grandson of Dolly Harner***

***Chloe Augusta Breeding graduated
from VCU with a Bachelor of Arts
~ daughter of Andy & Dana Breeding
~ great-granddaughter of
Margaret Breeding***





***Jenna Hinebaugh graduated from
Roanoke College
~ daughter of Randall and Kim
Hinebaugh
~ granddaughter of Nadine Hinebaugh***

***Aiden Shifflett graduated from VA Tech
2 year program Agriculture Technology
~ son of Jason and Kerri Shifflett
~ grandson of David and Kitty Shifflett***



***Mia McLaughlin
graduated from Fort Defiance High School
plans to attend JMU
~ granddaughter of Rob & Judy Riner***

***Landon Powell graduated from Ft. Defiance
plans to attend Lynchburg College
~ son of Broc & Christy Powell
~ grandson of Rob and Judy Riner***

Just a Nickel

5 famous, fresh,
fruity flavors
in **ONE** package!



Candy manufacturer Clarence Crane wanted a “summer candy” that could withstand heat better than chocolate. So, he came up with what was called the “Life Saver” due to its shape resembling that of a traditional ring-style life preserver.

But he did not have much luck selling it. So he sold the rights to Edward John Noble for \$2,900. Noble tweaked the packaging, but what really made the candy take off was his marketing approach. Noble would install Life Savers displays next to the cash registers. He’d encouraged the owners to always give customers a nickel in their change. With the slogan “Still only 5 cents” staring at them there and with a nickel in their hand, customers couldn’t resist.

It’s hard to resist the easy.

That is what Satan does. He makes sin easy. It’s just “fill in the blank”. It is only a little lie. It is just a bit of immorality. It won’t be but a second. And many can’t resist.

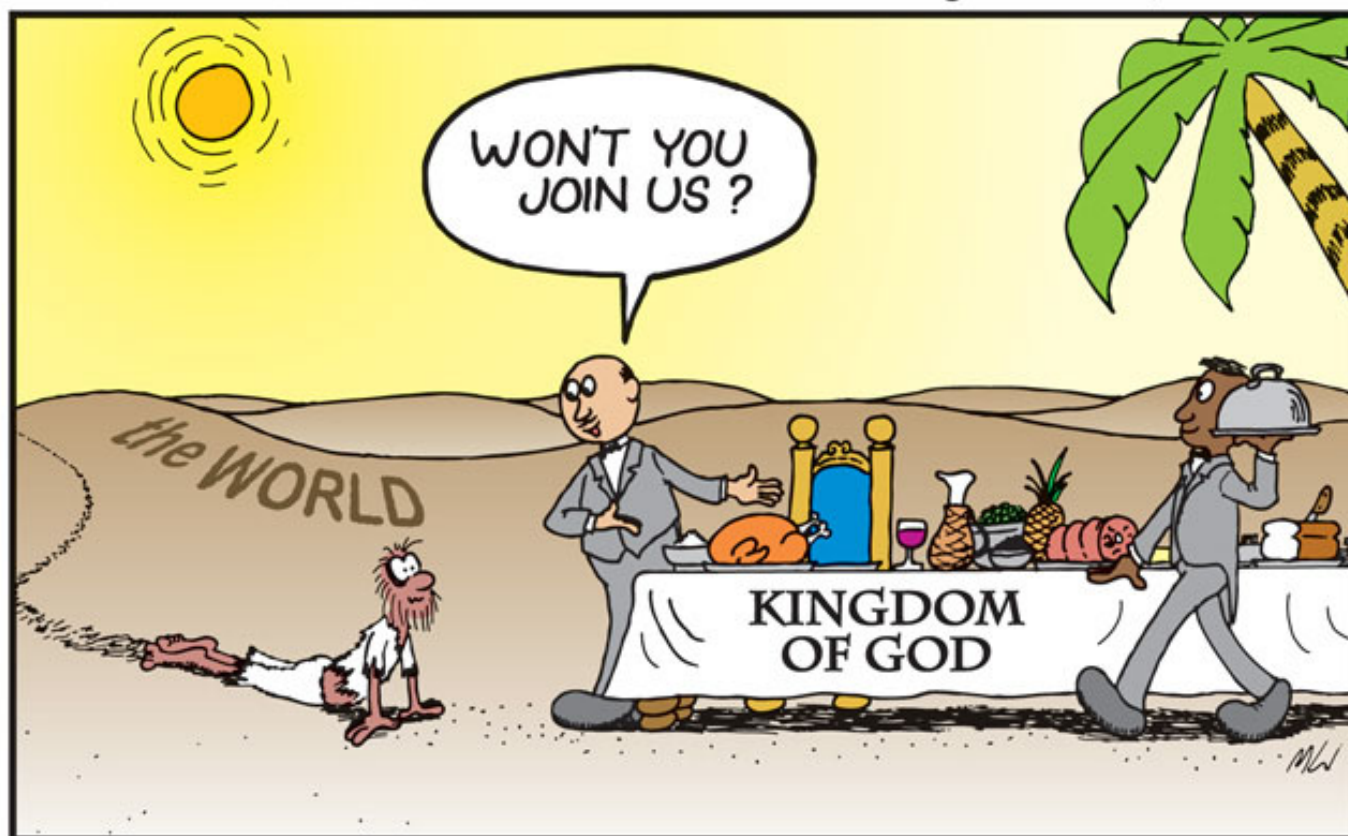
That is why we need to make it easy to do the right thing. Set ourselves up to do the right things that we want to do. If I want to read my Bible every day, set the bible in a place where I’ll see it. If I want to not miss church, I need to clear away anything else in my schedule before it can draw me away.

Paul wrote to the Romans in chapter 16:19 “... *I want you to be wise about what is good, and innocent about what is evil.*”

Let us remember that with Satan it is never only “that easy”, that there is always a catch. We need to be smart in making sure that we are always doing what is good and right in the Lord.

DESERT OASIS

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and your soul will delight in the richest of fare. — ISAIAH 55:2 NIV

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