







## **New Hope News**

Learning, Living, and Sharing

August 2025

### **Tac-Fully Thinking**

Rev Tac loves to encourage people, especially to think. God has given humankind the ability to reason, to think, to use judgement. Being the only of God's creatures created in the likeness of God gives us the abilities to think. Who said that? I heard someone claiming their dog(s) can really think on their own. Some horses have been known to do simple math, such as 1 plus 2 and scraping the hoof on the ground 3 times. Right? Right, exactly they have been trained by the power of repetition, while we have been given the innate ability to reason, to think, literally use logic or common sense to figure things out.

John Wesley, our founder of the United Methodist Church taught us about the Quadrilateral. Scripture is the primacy of all things to learn, tradition (all things sacred but not scriptural), then experience, and finally reason. Scripture, tradition, experience, and reason make up the four elements of Wesley's Quadrilateral. Many of you already know this. Given the opportunity to think for ourselves sets us apart in the Kingdom. God has gifted us with the abilities to figure things out, so I encourage you to do so.

We've merely begun a new journey together. So, what do you think each one of us can do to make this one of the best journeys ever? Think, fully thinking through where we are now and where do we think we can go? Personally, I think God has some great plans for us, here and now. So, like the little train who kept saying "I think I can, I think I can." Let us all brainstorm together and assist each other in the ongoing ministries and missions of this faith community.

Rev. Tac loves good interruptions and typically keeps an open door. So, stop by and let us (two words) ponder some thoughts together.

In Christ's Service and Love.

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### KIDS NEWS

## Sunday Morning Worship

Sunday School meets at 9:00 a.m. in the Next Gen. Building.

Children will attend first part of 10:00 a.m. service and then they go to the Next Gen. Building for Children's Church.

# Wednesday Night Bridge

August 13: Bridge Kickoff 6:00 pm-8:00 pm
August 20 & 27: Bridge in the Next Gen
Building 6:00 pm-8:00 pm
Join us for food, music, games,
lesson, and fun!

#### Important Dates to Remember

August 3 - 10:00 am in the Sanctuary: Blessing of the Backpacks August 13 - 6:00 pm- 8:00 pm in the NGB: Bridge

### Monthly Newsletter

Newsletters are available on the New Hope Kids FB Page or in the Narthex on the Information Station.

Stephanie Eidson Children's Director seidson@newhopeumc.org



## **YOUTH NEWS**

Sunday School meets at 9:00 a.m. in the Next Gen. Building.



August 13: Bridge Kickoff 6:00 -8:00 pm

Youth meets from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. on

Wednesday nights and supper is

provided.

#### **SAVE THE DATE**

Student Life Camp June 1-5, 2026



First meeting Oct 1st: 5 pm in Sanctuary

Stephanie Fortuna Assistant Pastor sfortuna@newhopeumc.org



## **ADULT INFO**

~ **Sunday School**~ Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

~Men's Breakfast & Bible Study~ Tuesdays 7:00 a.m., Country Café

~ **Bible Study Group** ~ Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m.

~ **Prayer Group**~ Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.

~ Choir Rehearsal~ Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

~ Elizabeth Smith Women's Group~ Tuesday, August 12th at 11:30 am Next Gen. Building



~ Team Trivia ~ Monday, August 4th at 6:45 p.m., Miller's Ale House Dawsonville

~ Life on Tap~ Tuesday, August 26th at 7:00 p.m., NoFo Brew Co.



#### Monthly Budget & Attendance Info

Through Sunday, July 27

Attendance Info:	Average Number
Sun. 10:00 a.m.	70
Online Engage- ments Sunday	217
Worship Total:	287
Financial:	
2025 Budget	\$ 399,500
Monthly Need	\$ 33,292
Received as of 07-27-25:	\$21,711.99

#### All of August:

Sunday School at 9 a.m. and One Worship at 10 a.m.

### Save the Date

**Sept 7th -** Church Cookout In honor of First Responders

