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### WORDS OF WORSHIP

We are in our summer doldrums with vacations, a lot of heat, and other activities taking up time in schedules with a little more room, since school is out. I wanted to let you all know that our worship committee continues to meet and plan for the rest of the summer. The next meeting date is July 7th, following worship and fellowship in the parlor. I invite anyone to attend who is interested in helping to plan our last Sunday in the building. We welcome any and all ideas, however we do have a few ideas of our own. The committee believes that we all would like to celebrate our church on that last Sunday and so we are planning to include a video/ photo montage of people and activities that have happened in our church. If you have any digital photos on your phone or computer and would like to include them, please send them to Pam Nicoletti. She is putting together a short presentation for worship and a longer one for the fellowship hour to follow. Last Sunday will likely be on August 4th. That is a communion Sunday and Reverend Judy Pistole will be preaching. We are also sending out invitations to former members and those who are members, but have not attended in a while. We don't want anyone to miss it! If you have updated email addresses that might be helpful to JoAnn, please forward those on to her. And remember, we welcome all ideas for how to celebrate our church!

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## Words of Worship (continued)

There are a couple of other changes that you should be aware of. We will NOT be having Christmas in July. It would occur only 2 weeks before our scheduled move and requires a bit of work putting up the

Also, during the last two weeks of July, there will be no inclusion of a Children's Sermon. I will be out of town and, once again, many will be involved in the move. Once Session makes decisions about our next worship space, we will let everyone know and this will be added back to our worship services. Because of our sale of the church is looking very likely, we have begun to clean out and put away many things that we will be taking with us. I apologize if the church begins to look a bit bare, but packing must happen. The worship portion of the move will not be as onerous as it could be, largely because of the organization efforts of Janet Rainey before their move to Ireland. Many thanks to Janet for being so forward thinking!

The Pulpit Supply for the month of July will be as follows:

July 7th - Rev. Dr. Judy Pistole

July 14th - Linda Owens

July 21st - Rev. Dr. Judy Pistole

July 28th - Linda Owens.

The worship committee voted that when we have a fifth Sunday in a month, we will have a video presentation for our sermon. This digital format has happened twice recently, when we had last minute absence of our pulpit supply due to personal reasons. We will also use the video format in similar circumstances.

Thanks for being understanding and we hope that hearing other voices will be energizing for you.

That's all for now! Stay cool! We look forward to seeing you in worship!

Lavita Golightly, Moderator for Worship



## MISSION AND OUTREACH

*By Debra Caldwell*

The New Hope Garden Club will take a break during the summer and resume our activities in September.



## Red Apple School Supplies and Happy Feet Program 2024



New Hope is partnering with Katy Christian Ministries to collect donations to give students a new pair of shoes, a backpack and school supplies. \$60 provides funds for one student, but any amount is appreciated!

## Building Congregational Vitality

The Congregational Vitality Committee is working with Session to do a Mission Study. A mission study is a process that a congregation goes through during times of transition. It is a look at our past, present, and future to seek discernment about God's plan for our church.



We want to hear from you!

If you didn't have a chance to complete our survey yet, there is still time. Check your email for the form or pick one up from the office, fill it out and return it to Jo Ann by Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup>.





Bank Balances: as of July 1, 2024

Operating Account	\$20,214.99
Special Account	\$9,652.08

As you can see from the balance in the operating account, finances are looking much better. This is because the CDC has give us a lumpsum payment of \$10,500 that covers until December of 2024. This will help us meet expenses connected to closing out some of our contractual obligations as well as insurance payments through August.. The Red Apple donations so far are \$330. 00 from congregation.

**JULY BIRTHDAYS**

Gordan van Dijk 7/10  
 Barry Bettes 7/12  
 Olivia Martinez 7/12  
 Jerry Pettit 7/19  
 Hal Schelling 7/27  
 Selena Saenz 7/31

*July 2024*

Sun	Mon	Tue	We	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			



**Coming Events**

7/4—7/5 4th of July Holiday (church office closed)  
 7/7 Judye Pistole preaching  
 7/10 Congregational Vitality Meeting 10:00 a.m.  
 7/12 Stephen Ministry Meeting 10:00 a.m. (zoom)  
 7/14 Linda Owens preaching  
 7/21 Judye Pistole preaching  
 7/26 Stephen Ministry Meeting 10:00 a.m. (zoom)  
 7/28 Linda Owens preaching