

# NEW HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## DOG DAYS OF SUMMER

Here we are - The Dog Days of Summer already! That means to me that our hottest weather is behind us and we can look forward to (what I consider) the nicest season of the year - FALL!

Where did the term "Dog Days of Summer" originate? The brightest star in Canis Major is Sirius (the big dog). According to the ancients, Sirius is "in line" with the sun and therefore radiates more heat into the atmosphere. Thus, when we get over 100 degree days in August, we can blame Sirius even though we know it to be a myth!

Besides the weather, what does Dog Days of Summer mean to you and me? Well, for me, I begin to think about the events of the fall and winter such as our Fall Rummage Sale at the church. What am I going to gather and donate this time - maybe summer clothes that were not worn this past summer or Christmas ornaments and wrapping paper. There are numerous things in The Palmer House that would be useful to someone else so it is time to do some fall cleaning.

## CHURCH CALENDAR FOR AUGUST

Sunday Worship Services	9am and 11am
Sunday School	10:15am
Baby Shower for Babies Lee and Haggerty	Aug. 6, 3:00pm
Outreach Meeting	Aug. 7, 12:15pm
Education Meeting	Aug. 9, 7:00pm
<b><i>Book Study <u>Have a Little Faith</u> Aug 13, 9am</i></b>	
Church Council Meeting	Aug. 14, 12:15pm
<b>Blessing of the Backpacks Aug. 21, both Services at 9 and 11am</b>	
Property Meeting	Aug. 24, 7:00pm

Then there is the Advent Season which prepares us for Christmas and the birth of our beloved Baby Jesus. How can we spread the word about this Christian event? I pray that each of us will search your own personal resources for your talents to bring this word to friends and neighbors who are looking for a church home. God Bless All.

Joyce Palmer, The Editor

## NEW HOPE MEMBERS IN NEED OF PRAYERS

**Jake Jacobs** and family need our prayers as Jake goes in for amputation surgery above the elbow. According to his team of physicians, this is a "last resort" to give Jake relief from the tremendous pain he has been enduring. His surgery is scheduled for August 9<sup>th</sup>. The **Budnovich Family** needs our prayers during the readjustment period of having the "Patriarch" of the family back home from The VA Extended Care Facility/Home. Wayne has been gone from his home for nearly a year so prayers should be lifted up for a return to a state of normalcy between him and his family. **Annette Powell** has been admitted to another health care facility in the city for further evaluation before she is able to return to her home. Prayers of concern for Annette would continue to promote healing of her knee injury as well as prepare her for her personal day-to-day functions that will confront her in her home.

**CHURCH FRIENDS & FAMILY****BILL AND BARBARA BURNS**

Bill and Barbara are native to MA and NY, respectively. They met and married while working in a mental health facility in NY. Bill is a psychologist and Barbara, a Social Worker/Mental Health Counselor. They have two grown sons, Bill (married) now living in Argentina and working for the State Department and Brian, a Librarian, living in El Paso with his daughter.

When their sons were teenagers, Bill and Barb joined the Navy and after serving 20 years, both retired as Chief Petty Officers in Cryptology. Bill continues to work as Chief of Mental Health Services at the El Paso VA. Barb is fully retired after her many years of service but continues to volunteer at New Hope and in the community.

Barb and Bill have a joint interest in

Bill and Barb Burns



traveling having had the opportunity to do so in the military and continue to travel as time allows. Bill is an avid Red Sox Fan and has an interest in history, especially the Civil War. Barb loves to read, enjoys cooking and genealogy, researching their family history. She recently connected with a distant cousin, a retired Lutheran pastor in St. Paul, MN.

They are gradually becoming more involved in church activities and New Hope is blessed to have them as active members!

**ITEMS OF INTEREST**

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL  
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August 1 - 5, 2011**

Vacation Bible School began August 1 at 9AM to noon through Friday, August 5<sup>th</sup>. The theme for this year is "PANDAMANIA". Steve and Karla Marshall will lead the group of 34 children between the ages of 4 and 13.

The children will be guided by volunteers of the church and will be surrounded by Panda, the bear of love. They will be reassured of how much God Loves Each Child.

This year, we are fortunate to have attracted many children who normally do not participate in church activities during the year. I pray that each and every child will come away with a memory that will be with them and guide them for many years to come.

Thanks to The Marshalls and volunteers for offering this opportunity to our kids!



Below is a quote from Abraham Lincoln which I present to you as very fitting for our Congressional leaders and the President today:

**"If we could first know where we are, we could then better judge what to do, and how to do it."**