

Today we celebrate the ordination and installation of the following officers: Michael Garrett and Virginia Hebert, ordained and installed to the office of elder; Laura Brown, Susan Maveety, and Nancy Spann, installed to the office of elder; Susan Garrett, Susan Lang, and Anita Rice, ordained and installed to the office of deacon; and Tom Fife, installed to the office of deacon.

Out-to-Lunch Bunch

Everyone is welcome to join the Out-to-Lunch Bunch for lunch today! We will be going to Pomodoro’s Cafe. See Tom Fife for details.

Ash Wednesday Worship Service This Wednesday, February 26

The season of Lent begins this Wednesday. Join us in the sanctuary at 6 PM for a special evening service of scripture, song, confession, communion, and the imposition of ashes.

Lenten Theme Beginning Next Sunday: “Going Deeper”

Lent is a season of preparation for the events of Holy Week, when we remember the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Contemplating the meaning of these events can often feel like a wilderness journey, but in the midst of that desert, God provides us with a well, from which we are invited to draw deeply and drink from the waters of the Holy Spirit. Beginning next Sunday, we will be sharing church-wide Lenten opportunities for “going deeper” in our relationship with God.

Beginning Next Sunday: Lenten Class on the Gospel of Mark

Join Charlie Davidson at 9:30 AM on Sundays, March 1-April 5, as he leads us in an exploration of our present discipleship through a study of the Gospel of Mark. Imagine you are living in the last quarter of the first century A.D. in the city of Rome. Imagine, too, as one interpreter put it, that “suffering and death are not merely concepts which one could hold at a safe distance.” For now, unexpectedly, you are being called by the risen Jesus to “take up your cross and follow” him “immediately,” just as he had summoned the martyred Peter and Paul and the rest of his first followers to do the same. Your decision is laden with great risk and potential misunderstanding. So Mark has written his Gospel to share with you the “good news” (evangel) of Jesus’s gift of faith and sight to you, that in trust and courage you may follow him in the face of your fear and hesitation, right now.

Men’s Brunch Bunch will meet at 10:30 AM this Saturday, February 29 at J.K.’s on Long Shoals. Contact John Riley at (828) 575-2894.

MANNA Food Bank

Join our New Hope volunteer team directly at MANNA Food Bank on the second Tuesday of every month from 4:00 to 5:30 PM. We meet directly at MANNA (627 Swannanoa River Road, Asheville) and do a variety of service activities getting food ready for those who need it. You can join us just one time, on a regular monthly basis, or whenever you can. Questions? Contact team leader Linda Lewis at (828) 483-6296.

Deacons Will Be Reaching Out

Did you know that each member of our congregation is assigned to a deacon? Your deacon is here to offer you care, to provide a listening ear in difficult times, and to rejoice with you when things are going well. Now that we have a newly ordained and installed team of deacons, your deacon will soon be reaching out to you to introduce themselves to you and to begin building a relationship with you. For more information about the ministry of the deacons, contact Parish Associate Ken Meeks at kenep56@gmail.com or (706) 202-8821.

Worship bulletin announcements for Sunday, March 1 are due to Administrator, Erin May, by noon on Wednesday, February 26.

Calendar

Sun	23	11:00 AM	Worship
		12:30 PM	New Members Class & Lunch
		12:45 PM	Out-to-Lunch Bunch (see Tom Fife)
Mon	24	6:00 PM	Session Meeting with New Members
Wed	26	6:00 PM	Ash Wednesday Worship Service
		7:00 PM	Choir Practice
Thurs	27	2:00 PM	Presbyterian Women Circle
Sat	29	10:30 AM	Men’s Brunch Bunch
Sun	1	9:30 AM	Sunday Morning Class
		11:00 AM	Worship
		12:30 PM	Out-to-Lunch Bunch (see John Riley)

New Hope Presbyterian Church

We are a welcoming, inclusive faith community, seeking to respond to Christ’s call to love and serve, through ministries of compassion and social justice.

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“Including, Renewing, Serving”

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany
 February 23, 2020
 11 o’clock



“A Community Called to Belonging”

Last in the Series:

Called to Community: Studies in 1 Corinthians 1-3



“So let no one boast about human leaders. For all things are yours, whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all belong to you, and you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God.”
 (1 Corinthians 3:21-23)