

Newsletter

September 8, 2016

NEW HOPE HILLSIDE

This Sunday...

...Is "Shalom and Art of Fence Building" - Rich will share reflections of a summer trying to experience the "Everywhere God" in the "Somewhere" of building a fence in his side yard and learning how nothing challenges your expansive theology of God like the frustrations and trials of a DIY project.

Women's Group Starting Back Up!

Women's Group is back! This year we are meeting on **Tuesday mornings**, 9:30-11:30am at The Village. Come for conversation, coffee and snacks. Women's group is for women of any age, is open at all times to newcomers and comes with free babysitting! Contact Jacqui through the office at info@newhopechurch.ca with any questions.

Volunteers Needed!

Do you like to cut bagels? What about greeting people as they come into church on Sunday mornings? If so, we need you! Join our team of volunteers that help to make NHH the great place that it is! For more info about these and other volunteer openings please contact Pastor Heather heather@newhopechurch.ca

Zootopia Movie Matinee

We will be showing *Zootopia* on **Saturday, September 17th** at **2 pm** in the MP room at The Village. Come join us as we watch the film in preparation for Pastor John's sermon coming up on September 18th! Questions & to RSVP contact Amber info@newhopechurch.ca *Please note the film is rated PG.

Worship Team Opportunities!

NHH is looking for musicians to join the worship team! We especially need bass players and percussionists. We're also looking for any interesting musical instruments that add variety and texture. If you can check off some of the points below, contact karenanderson@shaw.ca. We'll set up a chance to talk.

If you:

- are committed to growing spiritually and musically
- are on board with the church's mission statement and worship vision
- are reasonably confident playing your instrument(s)
- can practice and play with a team once a month
- are willing to spend some time practicing on your own
- want to work and play with some great people...

Consider joining our team!

Another Vision Moment...

This coming Tuesday at 2:30pm! Where will you be? Check your calendar. Do you have plans? Will you be at work? Will it just be part of your regular Tuesday/ weekday routine? What if you knew that (whatever you have planned) God will show up in your life, in that place, this Tuesday at 2:30pm? If you knew that God is already in that place (in God's "eternal present"), waiting for you this Tuesday, 2:30pm?

Of course, it actually is the case that all of the above is true – concerning this coming Tuesday at 2:30pm and concerning all our moments and all our days. It's just that... most of those moments in most of those days we've got stuff to do – work to get done, laundry to fold, dogs to walk, kids to drive places. We know God is present, God cares... And yet... cultivating that awareness is easier in a sermon or worship space than in ordinary life.

Perhaps the most brilliant provincial tourism slogan of all time is the one touted by our neighbours to the west: "Super, Natural British Columbia." It doesn't have to be "supernatural," it's already stunningly super and natural. And it is! Have you seen some of the beauty of nature in those ads?

Maybe... those are the sorts of lines in which we need to re-imagine, re-assess the supernatural in our lives! You don't have to get warm fuzzies, feel ecstatic chills, or arrive at a profound idea... God will still be there. Now. And this Tuesday at 2:30pm.

"All occasions invite his mercies, and all times are his seasons." – John Donne

How could we be the kind of church / community that cultivates that sort of every day awareness of God all-present? How could we help each other to "open the eyes of our heart" in the language of Paul? To remind ourselves and each other that we're loved, God is with us and around us, caring about our huge concerns and tiny happenings, speaking to us in everything?

Here's a closing challenge and... If you are among those rolling your eyes a bit and thinking "Yeah, yeah, we get it, heard it lots..." Especially you! Set a reminder on your clock for Tuesday, 2:30 pm that says something like "RIGHT NOW." I dare you. You'll probably forget about it, and then you'll be wherever-you-are next week and you'll hear a tiny "ping." Then you'll look at your phone, read it, remember, and... at least... smile a little.

Events New Hope Hillsiders Would Like to Share With You!

Jr Joy Sock Ambassador Program

Join the G4orce leadership program for kids grade 4-9! We are looking for a child and a friend to help collect socks or raise money at their school. They identify a fun and easy way to collect socks in their school or community and we will provide them with a positive and impactful leadership program that includes the 4 'G's of impactful leadership. These 4 'G's also are the keys to becoming a more positive and resilient person. We will address how to be more Genuine, Grounded, Generous and Grateful.

Each session will include interactive learning opportunities, goal setting and accountability. We will also be bringing in local business and non profit leaders to share the story of how they became the leaders they are today. Check out the [joysocks website](#) or email Leona leona@joysocks.ca for more details!

Nursery	Samantha V, Leanne R & Jayme W	Welcome Team	3 - Cindy L & Rachel P
KiDZ PS/K	Alisha & Ava M	Set Up Team	3 - Jae C & Sean W, Lisa V, Fran & Edward VS
KiDZ Grades 1-3	Donald & Noah J	Info Table	Marrian P
KiDZ Grades 4-6	Stephanie M	Tech Team	Jamie, Jonah, Lukas & Keith E