

Newsletter

February 2, 2017

NEW HOPE
HILLSIDE

This Sunday...

...is Superbowl Sunday! Can we speak about The Everywhere God present in the playing with the ole' pigskin? Or it just a consumerist, excess laden, hero worship idolatrous festival of sin? Or... maybe just maybe... it's a little bit more nuanced. If you missed last week, here's the sermon video [The Knee - God's Body Language](#).

Name Change Input Wanted!

This past Sunday you may have heard about our plans to change our church name. To that end the Name Change Committee would like to hear from you. How do you respond to the following question;

"As you consider the vision statement and [vision video](#) of our church, what specific words come to mind that capture/reflect the unique essence of who we are as a church?"

Please note that we are NOT looking for name suggestions. We're looking for one or two words that most accurately capture who we uniquely are. The hope is that these words will then point us in the direction of a new name.

Please email your response to brandondharris@gmail.com

And here's the church vision:

"New Hope Hillside is an accepting community called to experience and be God's presence everywhere. We believe that church happens wherever we are - at home, work, school, and play. We want to live into God's dream of a world where everyone and everything is made new. We want to love, serve, and give our lives to help make that happen."

Bagels!

Do you love getting to sleep in Sunday morning because you know you can eat breakfast at church? We are in need of someone to help out with bagels! If you are willing to pickup, prepare, and put away bagels once a month please contact Heather heather@newhopechurch.ca.

Community Event - Skating!

February 12th - Skating Party at Bowness Park! Come and Experience the Theology of Ice together after church! Provide your own lunch, skate rentals available.

Women's Retreat

Join us for this year's women's retreat entitled "Practicing Prayer." As a community of women, we will explore what it means to practice seeing, hearing and responding to God's voice wherever we are. The retreat will be on **February 24th-26th** and cost will be \$230 for the weekend. Jacqui Bonk will be facilitating and location will be [King's Fold Retreat Centre](#). There are registration forms at the info table and the deadline to sign up by is **February 16th**.

Tax Receipts

Your tax receipt will be ready for pickup at the info table next **Sunday, February 12th** as well as the following **Sunday, February 19th**. After the 19th any receipts remaining will be mailed out. Please email the office info@newhopchurch.ca to update your mailing address if you have moved recently, thanks!

2017 Directories

There are 2017 NHH Directories available at the info table. If you would like a copy emailed to you instead please contact Amber info@newhopechurch.ca. If you notice that your info is incorrect, or you missed the cut off date please email your info to be included in next years directory.

Happenings in Our Community at Large

King's Fold Urban - Experience Imaginative Prayer

The emphasis on these contemplative prayer evenings is experience - a chance to create a little bit of King's Fold-type sacred space, in the city. **Tonight, February 2nd**, Jacqui Bonk will lead us in an experience of Imaginative Prayer (with a visual element).

Imaginative Prayer is a way of praying the Scriptures that helps to bring them alive – it gives us a chance to place ourselves right in the story. We imagine that we are there, in a Gospel story with Jesus - present to what is happening, to how God might speak to us through it, in the now.

Location: Crossroads Community Church (912 - 19 St NE, Calgary)

Date: Thursday, February 2nd, 2017

Time: 7:00 pm

Cost: By Donation

Nursery	Sheri B, Leanne R & Jayme W	Welcome Team	4 - Ken & Linda B, Natasha M
KiDZ PS/K	Rachel & Melissa P	Set Up Team	4 - Silas & Becky W, Michelle F, Raz M & Meg B
KiDZ Grades 1-3	Diana S	Info Table	Michael H
KiDZ Grades 4-6	Julie C	Tech Team	Dan L, Rachel K & Jared P