

Aug 2 - Worship - Pastor
Jessica Cain - 9:30 a.m.

Aug 9 - Worship - Pastor
Jessica Cain 9:30 a.m.

Aug 9 - Church Clean Up Day
- directly after worship.

Aug 11 - Deanery - St. Peter's
Marble Falls 9:00 a.m.

Aug 15 - Garage and Bake
Sale 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p. m.

Aug 16 - Worship - Special
Music 9:30 a.m.

Aug 16 - Council Meeting
directly after worship service

Aug 20 - Chamber of
Commerce - Ribbon Cutting
at New Hope 6:00 p.m.

Aug 23- Worship - Pastor
Jessica Cain 9:30 a.m.

Aug 29 - Place at the Table
2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Aug 30 - Worship - Pastor
Rev. Sue Briner 9:30 a.m.

Yard Sale and Bake Sale Saturday

August 15th
8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Items are still being
collected. Pricing
your items ahead of
time really helps.

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Place at the Table
Saturday
August 29th
2:00 - 5 p.m.

We will be
concentrating on our
youngest members
and their friends
ages 4 - 8
Menu-Pizza

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WORSHIP

(9:00 - 9:25 a.m.)Food & Fellowship)
9:30 a.m. Worship

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From the Pastor

Rev. Jessica Cain

Grace to you and peace from our Lord Jesus Christ!

First things first: I would like to thank all of you for the warm welcome I have received here in Blanco. The first few weeks here have been wonderful. I feel accepted and loved already and I look forward to years of working with you in ministry to this community.

Many of you were present for our discussion on July 5 regarding what life will be like going forward with a called pastor at New Hope. Many aspects of our life together are going to change, but not all at once and not without some discussion. We have already voted to change the worship time to 9:30 a.m. beginning on August 2. We hope that this will encourage more people from the

community, as well as ensure that all of us are more well-rested on Sunday mornings! Breakfast will be served at 9 a.m. and Sunday School will continue during the service.

Perhaps the most exciting part for those of you who have missed having a called pastor is my availability to you. I will be in Blanco on Tuesdays and Thursdays as well as Sundays. I will be available for emergent situations at any point and for your everyday needs and questions at least during those three days per week. Please feel free to take advantage of my availability. I am new to Blanco; since I do not live here I would love to have some tours and get to know where you live, work, go to school, and spend your leisure time.

I have already expressed my excitement to some of you regarding this call. There was some doubt on my part that I would *ever* receive a call, given our family limitations on time and travel. And yet here I am—the first person in my graduating class to receive a call! I appreciate your willingness to step out on a limb by accepting a brand-new pastor. I hope that my energy and “freshness” will be a great asset as we try to reach out to the community. Additionally, I am absolutely amazed by New Hope’s commitment to mission and service. You have already been doing God’s work with your hands for years. I am extremely glad to see God at work in you, and I cannot wait to share your enthusiasm with the community!

Let us commit to praying for one another during this new journey. Let us continue to have new hope and energy to do God’s work each day!

Pastor Jessica

Refreshment Corner

Each Sunday Morning one of several talented cooks provides a variety of delicious breakfast treats served between 9:00 and 9:25 a.m. Everyone is welcome to come early and enjoy the food and fellowship.

Schedule

Aug 2 - Knoll for Tomlinson

Aug 9 - Tomlinson for Knoll

Aug 16 - Foegelle

Aug 23- Greathouse

Aug 30 - Granberg

Sept 6 - Johnson

Sept 13 - Tomlinson

Sept 20 - Knoll/Villarreal

Sept 27 - Foegelle

Birthday's/Anniversaries

Birthday's

Aug 28 - Omar Villarreal

We have several events scheduled in August and beyond where we are inviting the community to come to New Hope.

Church Clean Up Day has been scheduled for **Sunday August 9th** directly after worship. We will be cleaning, organizing and donating items to the garage sale. With many hands working together we should be able to finish in record time. To make it fun, a lunch will be served after cleanup for all the members that stay and clean.

LUNCHES OF LOVE - Unfortunately New Hope Lutheran has had to step back and ask to be taken off the rotation for Lunches of Love for the time being. As many of you know Cyndy Hounsell was the guiding force for New Hope to participate in the program as she and her husband Bob made all the deliveries to the participants every week. Cyndy is making great progress every day from the stroke she suffered in early June. She comes home on Friday July 31st. She is doing well but cannot at this time resume delivering the lunches. As we grow our ministry, it is our wish in the future to once again resume a role in this wonderful community service.

ALL FAITHS MEDICAL MINISTRY



Medical Equipment Ministry: During the more than 20 years that All Faiths Chapel occupied the location where New Hope meets today, its members created and maintained a ministry that provides equipment to local residents who have special medical needs. The storage building on the property houses wheelchairs, walkers, powered hospital beds, braces of many different types, crutches, breathing assistance equipment, and assorted other items. These are available on a no-charge basis with a checkout list. New Hope has committed itself to continuing this ministry in conjunction with the people who founded All Faiths.

If you have a need, call either **Connie Granberg: 833-4423**, or **Alan Cooper: 833-4301**.

New Hope Lutheran— Yard and Bake Sale

All proceeds will go to the Rebuild Blanco Flood Relief Fund

Saturday August 15th - 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Please continue to bring your items to the church that you are donating for the Yard Sale. If you can price the items ahead of time that would be very helpful. If you are able to help during the sale please contact Tanja Tomlinson. We will need additional volunteers to package up the items that are left to be taken to the Good Samaritan Center.

Pastor Jessica has arranged for the Chamber of Commerce to put out word of the sale into the community and surrounding areas about our garage and bake sale. The 15th is also Market Days on the square so we should attract lots of customers.

If you are baking for the event please have your goodies wrapped and ready for sale by Friday evening or bright and early Saturday morning. Individually wrapped items like cookies, brownies, small loaves of banana bread, etc. sell well. Larger loaves of bread and even a pie or two are the higher priced items.

Lynn Evich will have her crafts for sale in the Sunday School Room. A portion of her proceeds will be donated to the Rebuild Blanco Flood Relief Fund.

President's Report

August 1, 2015

It's hard to believe that another month has passed, time just keeps moving on. We have welcomed our new Mission Developer Pastor, Jessica Cain to provide our Spiritual needs and to help us to grow as a community. We had a great council meeting this month where we discussed many issues and opportunities. We reviewed Pastors schedule and have scheduled the Sundays that she won't be preaching. They are August 16th, the music group will perform in place of the sermon, September 13th I will provide the sermon, October the 4th Helen and I will provide the sermon, November is to be determined and December 27th the music group will perform.

Thanks to a member of our congregation we are back on with the Blanco Chamber of Commerce and will be having an article published in the Blanco newspaper about all of our changes and opportunities. We will host a ribbon cutting ceremony tentatively scheduled for Thursday, August 20th at 6:00p.m., details to follow.

And speaking of changes we have moved our time of worship to 9:30 a.m. with breakfast and fellowship at 9:00 a.m. effective August 2nd. We hope making our worship time more convenient will allow others to worship with our congregation.

We are scheduled to have Pastor Sue Briner of the Synod office preach and speak with us on August 30th and we will celebrate her visit with a pot luck brunch that we do so well. We are working on the final details for our activity "A Place at The Table", so look for those details to follow as well. Our garage sale is scheduled for August 15th so bring your unwanted items to the church to help raise funds and volunteers are needed to help with this activity.

We signed a covenant with Pastor Cain outlining her expectations and our expectations for her and our church. I will have this document available at the table in the fellowship hall. I also will have available the financial and budget information pertaining to Pastor Cain upon request if any member wishes to review this information. Pastor Cain is heading up the activities for September 13th, "God's Work Our Hands", so be prepared to help and look for more information to follow. This will be an outreach activity for the community.

We will be joining in with other congregations in our community to raise funds for the Blanco Flood Relief Center in Blanco County, in addition to our community church food drive. The Ministerial Alliance of Blanco will be donating two thousand dollars toward the fund and the churches in our community will raise more to donate toward the fund. The Ministerial Alliance welcomed our new Pastors to the community, Jessica Cain of New Hope, Carlos Cloyd of the Methodist Church, and Bill Gernez of the First Baptist Church. The committee scheduled the Fifth Quarter football game activities for this year and New Hope will sponsor the activities on October 23rd.

Look for more opportunities to do God's work within our community and our surrounding communities. Thank you all for all you do and continue to do, Gods Blessings to you and your families.

Worshiping God, Serving Others. New Hope, Where All Are Welcome.

If I can be of assistance please contact me via E-Mail at petefoegelle@yahoo.com or at (830) 833-9910.

Your Friend in Christ,
Pete Foegelle