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New Hope News

Learning, Living, and Sharing Christ's Love with All

May 2019

Pastor's Note

Dear Friends,

May is the month for racing. The Kentucky Derby is on Saturday May 4 and the Indy 500 is on Sunday May 26. These are both big races. The Kentucky Derby takes about 2 minutes to run whereas the 500 is a couple of hours. The winners of these races is the first to the finish line. It takes a lot of practice, patience, and perseverance to prepare for a race. Both Paul and the author of Hebrews use race metaphors to talk about faith. For both Paul and Hebrews, the main point is preparing ourselves to run the race and to persevere. To both winning the race is not necessarily coming in first, although Paul does state this in 1 Corinthians 9:24, but is in persevering to the end; overcoming peer pressure to abandon our faith, doubt, and injuries and illnesses to make it to the finish line and receive our prize. The prize or reward is eternal life with God. One of my favorite Olympic moments came in the 1992 Barcelona Olympics. Derrick Redmond of Great Britain was one of the favorites to win the 400 meters dash. In the semi-final race he tore his hamstring about halfway through the race and went down in agony. He struggled to get up and started painfully limping to the finish line. There was a disturbance in the stands and the cameras pan out to show a man climbing down from the stands and pushing away security to get to the runner. The man is John Redmond, Derrick's father. John proceeds to help Derrick to the finish line with the crowd cheering wildly and enthusiastically. This is the imagery we get from Hebrews. The saints cheering for us to make it to the finish line. And we in turn, we do whatever is possible to cheer, encourage, and help others to the finish line, especially when they are down and out. That's the kind of church I want to be a part of. I'll see you in church every Sunday.

Blessings,
Frank



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UMYF May 2019

Wednesdays @ 5-8pm
#unitedmethodistyouthfellowship

May 1st- Regular UMYF

May 8th- Tool Collection
Wednesday Night Supper

May 15th- Regular UMYF
Supper Volunteer Needed



May 18th
UMYF Movie Day!
We will go see
"Breakthrough"
More info. to come!

May 22nd- Regular UMYF
Last Wednesday night meeting until Fall
Supper Volunteer Needed

May 29th- No UMYF



Crista Heagerty
Youth Director
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New Hope Kids

May 8th @ 6:45pm

- **VBS MEETING** -

*in the Heritage building,
following Wednesday Night
Supper. If you are interested
in being a part of the team
please be there or let me
know. We are in need of
volunteers!! Thanks!*

VBS

"To Mars & Beyond"



June 17-21

6:00-8:30pm

Registration Coming Soon!

Questions?

Contact Linda Caudill:
678-361-3809
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ADULT Involvement Opportunities

~ Book Club ~

Thursday, May 2 @ 7:00pm
In the home of Gwen Garrett
"Spring Fever" by May Kay Andrews

Read ahead & plan to join us!

June: "This is Where I Leave You"
by Jonathon Tropper
Happy Reading!

~ UMW E. Smith Circle One ~
Monday, May 20th @ 11:00 am
Lorene Glover Sunday School Room

~ Nightingals ~

Monday, May 20th @ 7:00pm
Lorene Glover Sunday School Room

~ Wednesday Night Supper ~

May 8th @ 5:45pm

Heritage Building

Menu: Grilled burgers & dogs, with
baked beans, potato salad, & dessert!
Sponsored by the Church Admin. Council

~ Bible Study ~

Tuesdays 10am & Wednesdays 7pm
Education Annex

Join the community!

Don't miss the next



May 8th @ 5:45pm
Heritage Building



There will be a special
presentation about the
Trip to the Holy Land
following supper!

