

## ***Art Camp 2020 Update***

**This year's going to be different, but we think you'll be pleased!**

 In a normal year, we would be gearing up now for our art camp, planning projects and signing up kids for a special week of art. Of course, this isn't a normal year. We held off our decision until the last possible moment, but ultimately concluded that it would be best if New Hope didn't hold an in-person art camp this summer.

 However, that *doesn't* have to mean that we can't do art together! Or discuss Big Ideas together. Or provide your family with a bright, beautiful spot in your summer. (We *are* creative types after all, and we've been thinking up creative alternatives!)

***So here's our plan:***

 **We're going to pack a "love box" for each of your children** that shows them how very special they are to us. It will include, among other little fun surprises, some art supplies for a couple of art projects.

 During the weeks of July 15-31, we are scheduling several Zoom sessions for two different activities:

1) a read-aloud and discussion of C.S. Lewis's wonderful book, *The Magician's Nephew* (one of the six *Chronicles of Narnia*) on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons; and

2) online art class instruction from Tracey Morris and Annie Newton, some of which will use the art supplies in their boxes.

 Near the end of our readings, we want your kids to send us pictures of their completed art projects. We'll then feature them on our web site in an end-of-camp slideshow.

 **We will implement CDC guidelines** to pack the boxes wearing gloves and masks. Additionally, the boxes will sit for a week before distribution. We will also practice social distancing and wear masks and gloves when the boxes are made available to our art camp families.

## ***How do we join the fun?***

❤️ **Who can participate?** Our art camps are usually for grades 1-7, but we plan to be a little more flexible this year, especially if your younger children are able to do the art projects with their older siblings. Also, if any of your older art camp “graduates” would like to join us, we’d love to see them again!

📦 **If your family would like to participate,** please email us at [newhopepresbyterian@newhopebridgeton.com](mailto:newhopepresbyterian@newhopebridgeton.com) by *June 26* and let us know how many of your kids would like a box. To make sure there is a box for each of your children, we need to know their:

\*names

\*ages

\*grades just completed

Early in July, we’ll send out an email with details about coming to the church to pick up your boxes. All the details of our activities will be included.

The boxes of goodies are free, of course, and you don’t have to commit to all the online activities to get one. Our idea is to offer you a fun family break and to give your kids a special way to spend some long summer afternoons. It will be great to see them again, even if for now it’s on Zoom!

📱 Any questions at all, feel free to text or call our art camp director, Tracey Taylor, at (856) 649-3350.

**Hope to see you soon!**