



## Quarterly Report from our Executive Director

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*Our hearts and hands are focused on reflecting Christ's love by reaching out, inviting in, and serving others.*

### Bearing Fruit...

New Song has been busy these past few months! Our doors have been closed, but our hearts have been open. Here is a snapshot of what we have accomplished since the middle of March, when COVID-19 entered our lives.

- We started a **Community Garden** and it is thriving
- We are creating a **New Song Cookbook** and you have shared your recipes
- We donated **3.5 TONS** of food to local food banks and the Backpack Ministry
- We donated over **250 pairs** of shoes for Soles4Souls
- We accrued **\$3,000+** in gift card donations to help families in our community
- We donated **\$750** to assist with local homelessness through Mission of Hope
- We donated **\$2,800** to the Pace Center at VCU to help their mission work
- We began our support of **two new missionaries** (*more information below*)
- We had a wonderful Mother's Day event and were able to support a local business **Roma's Ristorante Italiano**
- We delivered **over 50** Father's Day bags while supporting another local business, **Little Bean Coffee Co.**
- We **furnished and set-up a sober living apartment** for a CARITAS friend in need
- We've made **60** face masks for **Rise Against Hunger**
- We've sent countless cards offering words of encouragement
- We've had the **BEST** birthday parades
- Our youth flocked with flamingos
- We ding-dong-ditched our neighbors leaving them special treats
- We celebrated the accomplishments of our graduating seniors
- We've started new small groups and we've continued others
- We had our first drive-in church service and it was amazing to **SEE** you



**"Good works are not the root of faith, but they are its fruit."**

-- Charles Spurgeon

We are excited to see where God leads us in these next few months. We have some amazing events coming up and a lot more opportunities to bear fruit. Join us!

Blessings,  
[Katie Payne](#)

### Facility Updates

Even though the church building has been closed, we have been hard at work. We have been sanitizing,



disinfecting, and scrubbing in preparation for your return. Closets have been cleaned and organized. Church offices have been updated and restructured for our staff to use more efficiently. We have plans to paint and new carpet is being installed in a few offices. We look forward to showing you soon.

We have been able to upgrade our soundboard in the Worship Center. Our soundboard allows us to take our microphones and instruments and merge them into one

signal that you hear on Sunday mornings. Our old soundboard was no longer functional, so we were able to purchase two in its place. One will be used to replace the one in the Worship Center and one will be available for livestreaming only. We were also able to include assistive listening devices with this upgrade that will allow New Song to be much more inclusive to those with a hearing impairments during our in-person services. This is a huge improvement for New Song and we are so blessed to be able to continue to reach our community (and beyond) with the use of this new technology.

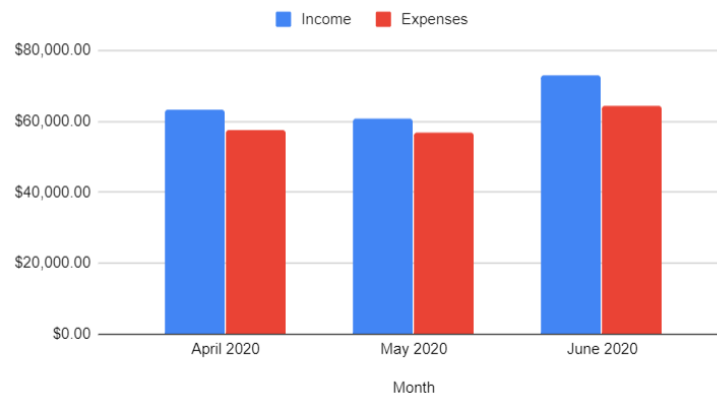
We have an approved building permit in hand from Hanover County for our new pavilion. We hope to break ground soon and are excited for everyone to enjoy this new functional outdoor space. Stay tuned for more details.

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## Financial Updates

New Song strives to be transparent with its members and attendees. Below you will find our last three months income vs. expenditures. We are blessed by your continued financial contributions during this time. We could not continue with our mission without your support.

### 2020 Second Quarter Income vs. Expenses



If you would like to contribute New Song financially, we have many options for you!

- Check out our website at [www.newsongumc.org/give](http://www.newsongumc.org/give)
- Text the word **newsongchurch** to the number 77977
- Download our church app- search New Song UMC
- Mail us a check
- Visit our new locked, outdoor **JOY BOX** (also known as our mailbox)

To view our previous reported financial statements, budgets and newsletters, please [click here](#).

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## New Song's Community Garden



By now, you may have heard of New Song's Community Garden or maybe you are a part of it! We have 20 plots that members of our church and community signed up to utilize through October free of charge. They are growing arugula, squash, zucchini, tomatoes, peas, beans, peppers, and even flowers! If you haven't see their progress, you should stop by and stroll through their plots located right beside the playground. The youth and children of New Song have adopted a plot. Our Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts have plots to tend, too. Our New Song Growing Hope Gardening Group has four plots which they are solely using to grow vegetables to donate to MCEF, Feedmore and Hanover Evangelical Friends Church.

Do you have a backyard garden that is overproducing? If you're tired of having squash for every meal, please consider donating your overabundance to our donation bin located beside our church mailbox. We will take the fresh produce throughout the week to the food bank to share with our neighbors in need.

We are also pleased to announce that our Community Garden has won a \$500 grant from the Hanover County Master Gardener Association. This grant was awarded to New Song because we are managing a community garden that is producing fresh vegetables to feed those in need in our community. We are so proud of our gardeners!

If you have any questions about our Community Garden, please feel free to [email us](#).

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## Executive Ministry Team (EMT)



On June 7, 2020, our District Superintendent led a Charge Conference to switch our governance model to a Simplified Board. This Simplified Board will be known as our Executive Ministry Team or EMT. The EMT will be a small group of church members that will meet monthly to discuss and evaluate all aspects of our church to make sure we are listening to God's direction as we move forward. The current members of our EMT are listed below:

- Mary Eaton, Chair
- RB Lane, Co-Vice Chair
- Dianne Moore, Co-Vice Chair
- Amy Talley
- Sherry Trainum
- Laddie Sykes
- Alan Fearnow
- Linda Perry
- Ben Branson
- Andy Wright, Co-Lay Leader
- Kathy Emond, Co-Lay Leader
- 2 young adult representatives to be added in the fall of 2020
- Katie Payne, Executive Director
- Rev. Chad Herndon, Lead Pastor

To review the church presentation from March 8th or view the EMT job description, please click [here](#).

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## New Song Church VBS 2020



"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you."  
Deuteronomy 31:6

We all have super powers. Courage, Faith, Honesty, Trust, and Love are some of the traits that make us super. You will learn how you can share your super powers with others and be better heroes for GOD!

Won't you join us? We kicked off our first night on Sunday, July 5th, but there is still time for you to join! For more information about how to get involved, please contact [Amy Leonard, our Children's Director](#) or visit our website [here](#).

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## Small Groups



Our Small Groups are still meeting every day of the week; some in person and some virtually. You can visit our [website](#) to see a listing of our current groups.

We would love to help you get connected! Please contact [Sherry Wright](#), *Director of Connections*, if you would like more information.

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## Team Up Against Hunger- July 13th



**Monday, July 13th 11:00 AM- 6:00 PM at New Song  
Drive-Thru Food Drive**

*Are you up for a little friendly competition?!?*

***Team Backpack Ministry vs. Team MCEF!***

When you come to drop off your donated items on **Monday, July 13th**, we will have two bins available-- one for the Backpack Ministry and one for MCEF. Choose your "team" and place your donations in the corresponding bin! The bin that receives the most donations (by weight) will be crowned the winner!

In addition to bragging rights, the winning **charity team** (*the Backpack Ministry or MCEF*) will be **awarded \$500** towards their mission work!

Please consider donating:  
- Non-perishable food items

- Gently-used shoes (rubber-banded together, any size)
- Gift cards for those in financial distress

\*Reminder: if you are symptomatic or have been exposed, please remember we will receive your contributions at a future collection!

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## New Song Cookbook



**RECIPES NEEDED THROUGH JULY 15TH**

We are still collecting recipes for our New Song Cookbook through July 15th! We are just a few shy of having a full, mouthwatering first edition. Share your culinary skills with us!

To submit a recipe (or 4!) go to to our website [here](#).

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## SOLES 4 SOULS

Turning shoes and clothing into opportunity

We are continuing our partnership with Soles4Souls and collecting new and gently used shoes to send to entrepreneurs in developing countries, providing relief, creating jobs and empowering people to break the cycle of poverty.

To date, New Song has collected **over 250 pairs** of shoes that will be sent to Soles4Souls for distribution where they are needed most.

There is still time to donate! All styles are welcome. Please rubber band each pair when you drop them off at the church.

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## Meet our New Missionaries- The Jacksons



Please allow me to introduce you to Whit and Sydni Jackson. This husband and wife team are New Song's newest missionaries.

*"We just returned to the US from France and are excited to begin two new roles within Cru under two different ministries. Sydni is back on full-time staff and will work with Unto (formerly GAIN), creating agricultural training workshops. Cru missionaries and partners around the world will use these workshops to further their local ministries as they share the gospel in some of the toughest places on earth.*

*Whit will work with FamilyLife, Cru's ministry creating hope and change for couples and parents. As FamilyLife adds new programs and expands their reach, Whit will help oversee the change process, providing input on how to create systems that will allow more families to find restoration and share the hope they have in Christ."*

To read more about their journey or donate to their mission, please click [here](#).

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