

NEW HOPE PRESS

JANUARY 2019

The New Year at New Hope

IMPORTANT JANUARY DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday, January 13th ~ Ordination/Installation of Elders/Deacons

Sunday, January 27th ~ 12:00 pm Annual Congregational Meeting



On January 13th, our new Elders and Deacons will be ordained and/or installed to their respective offices and our Elders will begin the work of leading particular ministries of the church, even as together they govern the life of the whole church.

Covenant Bible Study

It's not too late to join the Covenant Bible Study when it resumes in January. The theme of Covenant is foundational to our Presbyterian heritage and Reformed theology. It speaks to an enduring commitment between God and God's people. It is God's promise to live in a loving relationship with us as God's people in community.

Meets on Wednesday evenings.

Dinner 5:30-6:00 pm
\$5.00 per person, max. \$12.00 per family,

Bible Study 6:00-7:20 pm

The cost of the Covenant Bible Study materials is \$25.00.

Jan. 9-Feb. 27...Trusting the Covenant

Mar. 13-May 8...Living the Covenant

No class Mar. 6 (Ash Wed.) or Apr. 17 (Holy Week).

During the study, there will be separate activities for elementary-age children that explore the primary stories of the Bible in fun and interactive ways. Childcare will be available for children through Pre-K. Chris James will lead the Bible study and Laurie Meinert will lead children's activities.

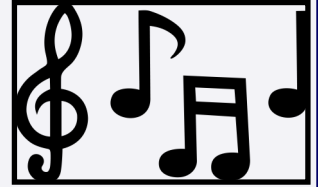
Register by noon on Wed., Dec. 19 by calling or emailing Laurie Meinert in the church office (936-2200 or lbrown@nhpres.org) or by signing up on the clipboard in the Out-reach and Information area of the Narthex. To learn more, go to www.CovenantBibleStudy.com.



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Music Notes

We Three Kings of Orient Are is often sung during the season of Epiphany. The hymn was written by John Henry Hopkins, Jr. (1820-1891). Hopkins was born in Pittsburgh. He earned degrees at the University of Vermont and at the General Theological Seminary in New York City. Following his ordination in 1872, he was rector of the Trinity (Episcopal) Church in Plattsburg, New York (1872-1876) and Christ Church in Williamsport, Pennsylvania (1876-1887).



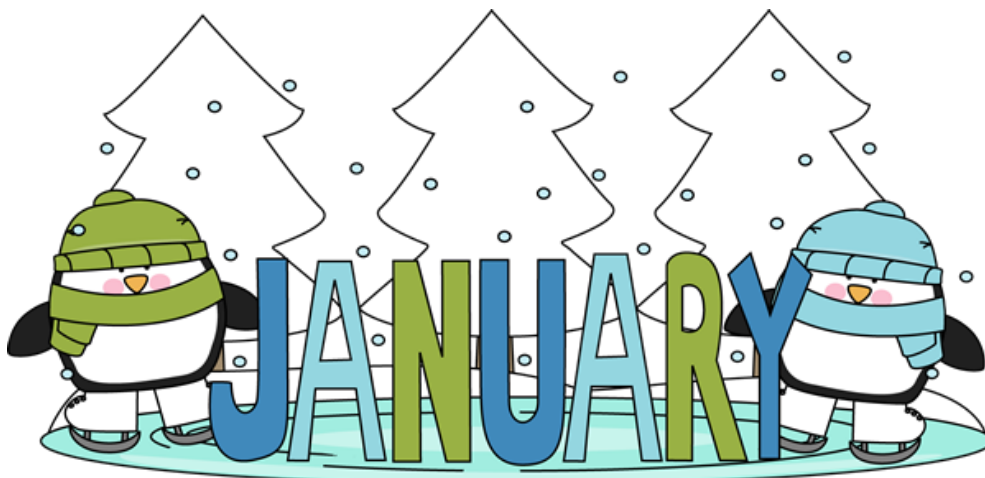
Hopkins wrote both lyrics and music for *We Three Kings* around 1857. The song is based upon the story of the journey of the Magi found in Matthew 2: 1-12. In the original publication, the composer encouraged the song's dramatic possibilities: Verses 2, 3, and 4 were to be sung by three different male soloists. Verses 1 and 5 were to be sung in harmony by these three men. The refrain was written in four-part harmony as seen in our current hymnal, presumably for a congregation to sing.

One Christmas when I was about 10 years old, my grandparents were learning the music for the church Christmas cantata. My grandfather had a solo, verse 4 of this hymn ("Myrrh is mine..."). One afternoon my grandparents came over to our house and he asked me to play the part for him while he sang. I can still imagine hearing him sing this verse in his beautiful baritone voice whenever I hear this song. Are there any hymns that live in your memory in some unique way?

In January the choir will be singing some previously learned anthems, including "Shining Star, Holy Star" from the Christmas concert on Epiphany; "Come and Remember" for Baptism of the Lord Sunday; and a Mozart piece, "Cantate Domino" on January 20. The handbells plan to play on January 27. The choir and ringers are looking forward to another year of sharing many wonderful pieces of music with the congregation as we worship God together.

(The history of this hymn is found on www.umcdiscipleship.org. You can view the original publication of this hymn on hymnsandcarolsofchristmas.com).

Peace, Gay





<i>January Anniversaries</i>	
Russell & Sue Dittmar	01/11/1992
James & Sue White	01/20/1968
Edward & Julie Nowakowski	01/25/1992

<i>January Birthdays</i>			
Kay McCarthy	01/01	James Salter	01/17
Del Phillips	01/02	Sam Connor	01/18
Mary Hunnicut	01/06	Roberta Looman	01/18
Katherine Groat	01/07	Fern Stewart	01/19
Grace Harmon	01/07	J. Emmett Kelewae	01/23
Eliza Langasek	01/08	Donna Huffman	01/25
Terry Martinez	01/08	Ed Snyder	01/25
Adam Huffman	01/09	Joann Stewart	01/28
Kristen Moore	01/11	Kaitlin Isbell	01/30
Chris Griffith	01/12	James White	01/30
Marianne Thiel	01/12		
Jim Pettit	01/13		
James Finks	01/17		



FINANCIAL CORNER

CONTRIBUTIONS	December 2018	Year to date 2018
Budget	35,382.82	424,593.84
To-date Actual		

2018 Giving Statements will be available in the Narthex beginning January 13th.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 New Year's Day Church Office Closed	2 6:15pm Handbell Practice 7:00pm Girl Scouts 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	3 1:00pm Agape Circle 7:00pm Boy Scouts 7:00pm Joy Circle	4 6:00pm Boy Scout Training	5
6 9:15am Christian For- mation 10:15am Word & Sacra- ment, Installation of Offic- ers 11:30pm Harmony Faith Family	7	8	9 5:30pm Dinner 6:00pm Covenant Class 6:15pm Handbell Practice 6:30pm Boy Scouts 7:15pm Choir Rehearsal	10 6:00pm Cub Scouts 7:00pm Boy Scouts	11	12 9:45am Oasis Food Pantry
13 9:15am Christian For- mation 10:15am Word & Sacra- ment	14 6:15pm MME Meeting 7:00pm Joint Meeting of Deacons and Session 7:00pm Cub Scouts	15 7:00pm Cub Scouts	16 5:30pm Dinner 6:00pm Covenant Class 6:15pm Handbell Practice 6:30pm Boy Scouts 7:00pm Girl Scouts 7:15pm Choir Rehearsal	17 3:00pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm Boy Scouts 7:00pm Employment Ministry	18	19 8:30am Men's Breakfast
20 9:15am Christian For- mation 10:15am Word & Sacra- ment	21 Martin L King Day Church Office Closed	22	23 5:30pm Dinner 6:00pm Covenant Class 6:15pm Handbell Practice 6:30pm Boy Scouts 7:15pm Choir Rehearsal	24 6:00pm Cub Scouts 7:00pm Boy Scouts	25 4:00pm Pinewood Derby	26 8:00am Pinewood Derby
27 9:15am Christian For- mation 10:15am Word & Sacra- ment 11:30am Congregational Meeting	28 7:00pm Coordinated Entry 7:00pm Formation for Discipleship Committee	29	30 5:30pm Dinner 6:00pm Covenant Class 6:15pm Handbell Practice 6:30pm Boy Scouts 7:15pm Choir Rehearsal	31 6:00pm Cub Scouts 7:00pm Boy Scouts		

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