

December 20, 2024

News and Opportunities



December 22, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Micah 5:2-5a ~ Hebrews 10:5-10 ~ Luke 1:39-45, (46-55)

Attend in-person or live-stream.

Order of Service

This Week at New Hope Sunday, December 22nd 9:00am Christian Formation (various locations) 10:15am Worship Service (Worship Space)

Tuesday, December 24th 4:15pm Christmas Eve Service (Worship Space) Order of Service

Wednesday, December 25th Merry Christmas! Church Office Closed

> December 2024 calendar January 2025 calendar

(hard copy of the calendars can be found in the Narthex)



In lieu of being able to offer childcare, we invite all children to join us and be together with their families during our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.



Christmas Cantata Sunday, December 29

On Sunday, December 29, the first Sunday of the Christmas season, rather than our traditional Service or Word & Sacrament, our worship will feature our choir and instrumentalists presenting a Christmas cantata called "Night of the Father's Love." This will be a service of music and readings, including familiar Christmas songs. We hope you are able to join us!



Spreading Christmas Cheer!

A big shout out to two of our elves, Nancy Rutherford and Joe Seidler, who helped spread some Christmas cheer by delivering boxes of goodies from Reach St. Charles to a few of our New Hope families!



The deadline to turn in any contributions to allocate towards your 2024 Giving Statement is Monday, December 30th at noon. You may drop them in one of the collection boxes or bring them to the church office.

2024 Giving Statements will be available on Sunday, January 12th in the Narthex. If you are unable to pick up your statement, it will be mailed to you.



2025 Giving

2025 giving envelopes are now available for pickup from the table in the Narthex and are labeled in alphabetical order with your name. Please note that some of your giving numbers have been changed to better help organize our records.

If you give online via Vanco, you will not have a set of envelopes. Please remember to check your records in Vanco to make sure your 2025 contributions are scheduled with the correct amount.

If you do not have a box of envelopes assigned to you but would like some, or if you have questions about contributing via Vanco, please contact *Trudi Johnson* in the church office.



Gift of Stock

We are excited to offer a new way of giving to New Hope! In addition to online giving via Vanco, cash, and check, another way you can now contribute is with the transfer of stock in kind. If you would like details on how to set this up, please contact *Trudi Johnson* in the church office.

Formation for Discipleship

The Birthday Party for Jesus was held last Sunday, and a good time was had by all!



Mission & Ministry

CHILDRENS HATS AND MITTENS NEEDED
FOR HARVEST RIDGE ELEMENTARY!
YOU CAN DROP THEM OFF
IN THE BASKET IN THE NARTHEX
THANK YOU!



Samaritan's Purse collected over 2 million shoeboxes this year to spread joy and the gospel to children around the world.

Thanks to everyone at New Hope who participated in this wonderful ministry!



New Hope Food Pantry

Thank you to all who stock the food pantry! We especially appreciate your dedication in this weather! We also want to thank those who support the food pantry with your monetary gifts and food donations. Our church could not offer this important ministry without all of you!

Below is a list of most-needed items this week. Please consider picking up one or two of these items as you do your weekly shopping or making a directed monthly monetary donation to the food pantry so that we can buy more in our monthly shopping.

Most needed items:

- Saltines
- Canned beef
- Pop Tarts
- Microwave rice pouches
- Diapers sizes 3-6
- Diaper wipes
- Paper towels

For your shopping convenience, orders can be placed through our wish list at *Amazon*. Thank you!

Please click the link below to see more items needed.

Additional Items Needed

And we can always use more volunteers! Don't worry if you're not sure what to do, we'll work with you until you're comfortable. Just let the office know that you'd like some help getting started.

Sign up link for volunteering

OASIS Birthday Bags

Thank you to all who donate to OASIS Birthday Bags. This mission could not continue without people like you. God bless! OASIS Birthday Bags for boys and girls ages 1-12 years.

We are most in need of:

- icing
- small gifts for ages 7-12
- · cake mixes
- crayons

If you have any questions please call Barb MacShane at (636) 426-0461 or Donna Drackert at (636) 778-8254.



This Week's Prayer Requests

For healing and comfort ~ for all those in need of healing, peace and comfort. *For the grieving* ~ for all grieving, especially during the Christmas season. For the nation and world ~ for all of those suffering and in need, especially in the colder weather, that they may find warmth and comfort. Continuing Prayer Requests ~ Please continue to pray for those listed here.

Please help us keep the prayer list up to date by notifying Trudi Johnson in the church office of any additions or deletions



You can find the lists for birthdays and anniversaries below. Hard copies can also be found in the Narthex. December Birthdays & Anniversaries

January Birthdays & Anniversaries

Giving Opportunities

Give to New Hope

NHPC Food Pantry

Amazon Wish List Food Pantry List Sign up to Volunteer

Other

Give to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for: Disaster Relief - Middle East



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