

# New Hope News

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## Collecting Cards for St. Jude Ranch

Thirty-four years ago, Father Ward, wanting to show our donors his appreciation for making St. Jude's Ranch for Children possible and having no money to buy gifts, came up with the idea of turning the previous year's Christmas Cards into Christmas ornaments. Father and the children worked diligently at recycling the cards. The recipients were so delighted with their recycled cards that they asked Father and the children to recycle more cards, but, this time, the donors wanted to *buy* the cards. St. Jude's Ranch for Children's Greeting Card Recycling Program was born.

People from all over the world send us their used card fronts. The children precision trim the cards and glue them onto pre-printed card backs which are then sold to the public through our newsletter, Gift Shop or by word of mouth. Each child is paid fifteen cents for each card that he or she makes. This money is divided between spending money, savings, and their Home Fund (for special group outings).

As part of St. Jude's commitment to *break the vicious welfare cycle* and to *teach the children to learn to earn*, we have expanded the recycling program to include Christmas, Thanksgiving, Mother's Day, Easter and other special occasion cards, as well as all occasion greeting cards, postcards, or just about anything else you can think of that starts with a used greeting card front. Our most popular requests are for angel and teddy bear cards. Custom orders with special printing, fancy cards, gold trim, are also available.

Please bring your used card fronts that can be nicely trimmed to fit their 5"X7" card backs, and that do not have writing on the back of the card to the church office no later than Monday, January 12.



## New Hope Presbyterian Church Preschool

Enrollment time for the New Hope Presbyterian Church Preschool, which will debut in September 2009 is just around the corner! After both worship services on January 11, church members will have the opportunity to enroll their children in either a 3 year old, 4 year old, or 5 year old morning or afternoon classes. The morning classes will meet from 9 – 11:30 a.m. and the afternoon classes will meet from 12:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Please watch for more detailed enrollment information as well as a tuition schedule for the 2009 – 2010 school year.

**Important information regarding the annual report submissions on page 2!**

### January Meal-a-Month

2 Can Beef Stew  
1 box of rice  
or noodles  
1 Can vegetables  
1 Can fruit  
1 pkg. of cookies

**Please find it in your heart to share!**

## Building Committee Update

The Building Committee wants to thank everyone for the great comments received regarding the drawings of the new sanctuary. Continue to keep them coming! The Committee thought you might be interested to know the following:

As part of the building process approximately 90 new parking spaces will be created.

The sanctuary will have a seating capacity of 450 but can be expanded to 750 by using the chairs we already own.

When finished, the approximate square footage of our facility will have doubled!

Both the new sanctuary building and current multipurpose building will be

designed to contain Sunday school and Preschool rooms.

The sanctuary will be designed with a floor that slopes towards the front.

The entry doors are located under the covered drop off.

There will be a new parking lot and entrance from the Central School Road side.

The existing pavilion and walkway will remain where they are.

The floor levels will align with the existing building.

The sanctuary building will be taller than the multipurpose building and have a steeple.

## Youth Sunday School Class

The Young Adult Sunday Class (primarily for adults age 18 – 30 years) has begun to meet each Sunday during the education hour (9:45-10:45 a.m.) Our current study is “The Prayers of Jesus” from the Deeper Connections Series. We can be found meeting in the office of the Director of Christian Education and Spiritual Formation (and if we aren’t there – look in the kitchen!). All our welcome! For more information, contact Barbi Smith.

## Mid-High Youth Trivia Night

**WHO:** You *and* Your Family *and* Your Friends *and* Your Neighbors!

**WHEN:** Saturday, January 18 from 5:00—8:00 pm. Doors open at 4:30 pm.

**WHERE:** New Hope Presbyterian Church  
1580 Kisker Road St. Charles, MO 63304

**COST:** *Free!* However, free will donations will be collected by the Youth to go toward Mid High Youth Activities and to OASIS Food Pantry. We will also be having a canned food drive with all donations given, as well, to the OASIS Food Pantry.

**SNACKS:** Soda and popcorn provided and served by the youth!

**QUESTIONS:** Contact Amy Kitsmiller at 314-795-9759 or [alkitsmiller@newhopepc.net](mailto:alkitsmiller@newhopepc.net).

**See You There!**

## Offering Envelopes

2009 Offering Envelopes have arrived and are located on a table outside of the kitchen. Envelopes have been labeled for everyone who completed an Estimate of Giving Card and all regular contributors. If we inadvertently missed you and would like to have envelopes, please contact Jane Spurgeon or leave a note in the church office.

## Annual Reports

Annual Reports are due no later than January 7, 2009. All reports are to be done single spaced in Times New Roman, size 11. They are to be submitted as an attachment via e-mail to [newhopepresby@juno.com](mailto:newhopepresby@juno.com) or submitted on a disk to Cathy Holder in the Church Office. If you have any questions, please call the Church Office at 936-2200. Your timely submission of your report is gratefully appreciated!

# Welcome 2009!

## Advisors Needed for Children's Fellowship

Adult advisors are needed for the new Children's Fellowship program to begin on Sunday, January 11 (from 3 – 4:30 p.m.). Advisors should be people who LOVE children, LOVE God, LOVE to have FUN and are Safe Sanctuary certified (or willing to be)! Advisors will not be responsible for planning, although input will be gladly accepted! If you think this opportunity might be right for you, please contact Barbi Smith, Director of Christian Education and Spiritual Formation at [bsmith@newhopepc.net](mailto:bsmith@newhopepc.net) or (636)936-2200.

# Youth Happenings!

## Mid-High Youth Group Activity Reminder

**Sunday, January 4th** – Meeting at church from 12:00 pm until 2:00 pm – Please bring a snack to share.

**Saturday, January 10th** -- Working at the Oasis Food Pantry -- We will be meeting there at 9:45 am. We will be working from 9:45 am until 11:45 am. If you are able to work at the food pantry, please let Amy know as soon as possible.

**Sunday, January 18th** – MARK YOUR CALENDARS – TRIVIA NIGHT! This is a very important event because this is the money that will help us have our activities. It is starting at 5:00pm. Door will open to the guests at 4:30pm. The cost is free will donations. We will also be having a canned food drive with all of the donations going towards the Oasis Food Pantry. We will need youth and adults to help as judges, runners, etc. Please let Amy know as soon as possible if you and your parents are able to help.

Additional activities going on will be:

50/50 – Will sell tickets for \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The winner receives ½ of the money collected. The other ½ will be donated to the Oasis Food Pantry

We will also be collecting canned goods for the Oasis Food Pantry

Silent Auction –You are not required to bring in any auction items but they would be greatly appreciated. These items must be turned in no later than that afternoon.

Each youth member will be assigned a job that evening. We will be setting the tables up immediately following church that day. We are asking that all youth members be at church no later than 4:00 that evening.

**Saturday, February 14th** -- Working at the Oasis Food Pantry -- We will be meeting there at 9:45 am. We will be working

from 9:45 am until 11:45 am. If you are able to work at the food pantry, please let Amy know as soon as possible.

**Sunday, February 15th** – We will be going to the Science Center following church. More details to come!

## Senior High Youth Group Activity Reminder

**Monday, January 5th** – Bible Study from 6:00 pm until 7:00 pm at Samantha and Jake Hurrell's house. If you need directions, please call Samantha or Jake, 441-7934. Samantha and Jake will be leading Bible Study.

**Sunday, January 11th** -- Meeting at church from 3:00 to 5:00. Please bring a snack to share.

**Sunday, January 18th** – Mid-High Trivia Night – this will start at 5:00 pm, will doors opening at 4:30 pm. Cost is free will donations and there will be a canned food drive, with all donations going towards the Oasis Food Pantry. Soda and popcorn will be provided. Hope to see you there!

**Monday, January 19th** -- Bible Study from 6:00 pm until 7:00 pm at Casey Fancher's house. If you need directions, please call Casey, at 447-5457. Casey will be leading Bible Study.

**Sunday, January 25th** – Bowling at Brunswick Zone from 2:30 pm until 4:00 pm – Cost is \$5.00 per person. If you would like to come and bring friends, please let Amy know who is coming and shoe size no later than Sunday, January 18th. I must have this information in order to reserve your spot. We will be at Brunswick Zone at 2:15.

**Sunday, February 1st** – Souper Bowl of Caring – We will collect donations as well as canned food, which will be donated to the Oasis Food Pantry. We will need volunteers after the first and second services. If you are able to help, please let Amy know as soon as possible.

**Monday, February 2nd** -- Bible Study from 6:00 pm until 7:00 pm at Josh Dalton's house. If you need directions, please call Josh, at 379-8413. Josh will be leading Bible Study.

**Sunday, February 8th** – Laser Tag – more details to come.

**Monday, February 16th** -- Bible Study from 6:00 pm until 7:00 pm at Tyler Salter's house. If you need directions, please call Tyler, at 926-9642. Tyler will be leading Bible Study.

**Sunday, February 22nd** -- Meeting at church from 3:00 to 5:00 -- We will be talking our dinner that is on April 26th – all funds raised will be going towards to our 2009 Mission Trip. Please bring a snack to share.

**If you have any questions, please contact Amy Kitsmiller at 314-795-9759 (cell) or**

**E-Mail at [al.kitsmiller@newhopepc.net](mailto:al.kitsmiller@newhopepc.net)**

## Children's Fellowship

January 11 marks the beginning of our new children's fellowship program, which will meet weekly on Sunday afternoons from 3 – 4:30 p.m. Lots of fun activities will be planned for boys and girls in Kindergarten through Fifth Grades. We will need adult advisors who love kids and are Safe Sanctuary certified (or willing to be!). If you are interested, please contact Barbi Smith, Director of Christian and Spiritual Formation (636 936-2200).

# N o M o r e W i t h M e

"I'm sorry. Please forgive me! I don't mean to hold you up," he said as he struggled to get off the escalator. I'll admit to it. There have been times when walking or driving behind an older person that I've gotten impatient and upset. I've huffed and zoomed around them, because I was in a hurry to get nowhere. Perhaps I'm more aware of it now, because I see myself there one day soon. Today, I saw myself in this old man's shoes and it caused me to slow down, stop and ask for his forgiveness. He was about five or six people ahead of me. I was in a hurry and saw him as an obstacle. I've seen people get off the end of an escalator and stop dead in their tracks, gather their things and suddenly, there's a pile up of angry people behind them. You can't stop an escalator full of people behind you. Like the Energizer bunny, they keep on going. This man was well aware of the challenge. He tried desperately to step aside. Fumbling with his small packages, struggling to gain his footing, you could see how troubling this was for him. "I'm sorry. Please forgive me! I don't mean to hold you up," he said as he struggled to get off the escalator. I suddenly saw this in a whole new light. It was like I was watching my future. I felt sorry for him. I felt sick to my stomach because this man was apologizing to everyone, when we should have been helping him and calming his fears. One by one, people zipped around him. I heard a few angry comments whispered as one lady passed by him. I saw me. By the time I got to him, he was just about steady on his feet. "Oh, I'm sorry. I didn't know there was more," he said. "No, sir. No more with me," I said. This really hit me hard. I realized right then how sad it was that the world was in such a hurry. That, of course, included me. But no more with me. Count me out. This wonderful man paid his dues. For whatever time he had spent on this earth, he most likely walked many rough roads and too many important miles. Now, he should be apologizing for moving slower? My heart ached as I looked into his eyes. I wished I could see what he had seen all those years. His face weathered from life itself, was creased and wrinkled. The small soft pockets under his eyes and the gentle lines that curved up and around them told me he had many happy moments, too. Those were traces left behind from laughter and a smiling, happy man. "My friend, can I help you with those things?" I asked. Hesitant at first, he finally said, "Well, yes, thank you!" I placed my hand under his left arm and walked with him a safe distance away from the rush of people. "So, what are you shopping for, sir?" "Oh, just a little something for my neighbor. She's a young mother raising kids on her own. She's always so nice to me. I thought a box of candy," he said, stopping suddenly as he searched the inside pocket of his sport coat. "Do you need something?" I asked. "Oh, no. Here. I think I have it right here. I always carry them with me," he said. Then pulling out a hand full of papers, he shuffled through them and handed me a business card that read: "John A. Pomictor: Friend to all. Enemy to no one!" "I said a prayer today and you were the answer. Thank you!" "That's for you," he said. "Thanks for stopping to help an old man." "My friend, you helped me. I discovered that I was unhappy with the world and I was part of the problem. Now, I'll be part of the solution. No more with me!" "Then this was meant to be," he said smiling. "You know God sends me gifts everyday and always at least one special person. You were my gift for today. Let's go get some chocolates, my friend!"

--Unknown

## Calendar of Events

**Sunday, Jan 04**  
 8:45 Worship & Comm.  
 9:45 Education Hour  
 11:00 Worship & Comm.  
 12:00 Mid-High Mtg.  
 5:00 Advent Family Dinner

**Monday, Jan 05**  
 6:00 Sr. High Bible Study  
 7:00 Deacons Mtg.  
 7:00 Girl Scout Mtg.

**Tuesday, Jan 06**  
 6:30 N.A. Mtg.  
 7:00 A.A. Mtg.

**Wednesday, Jan 07**  
*Annual Reports Due*  
 7:00 Bldg. Comm. Mtg.  
 7:30 Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, Jan 08**

10:00 Stay-at-Home-Moms Circle  
 1:00 Agape Circle  
 6:00 Healthy Beginnings  
 7:00 Joy Circle

**Saturday, Jan 10**  
 9:45 Mid-Highs at Oasis Food Pantry

**Sunday, Jan 11**  
 8:45 Worship & Comm.  
 9:45 Education Hour  
 11:00 Worship & Ordination & Installation of Officers  
 3:00 Sr. High Mtg.

**Monday, Jan 12**  
 7:00 Session Mtg.

**Tuesday, Jan 13**  
 6:30 N.A. Mtg.  
 7:00 A.A. Mtg.

**Wednesday, Jan 14**  
 7:30 Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, Jan 15**  
 6:00 Healthy Beginnings  
 6:30 Female Connection  
 7:30 Kerygma Class

**Friday, Jan 16**  
 5:00 Girl Scout Fundraiser

**Saturday, Jan 17**  
 7:00 Pinewood Derby

## Usher Schedule

**Sunday, Jan 11th**  
 Jim Phillips  
 Debbie Phillips  
 Michael Black  
 Mel Fairchild  
 Gary Freeman  
 Ben Tutschulte  
 Christie Tutschulte

**Sunday, Jan 18th**  
 Rick Cassetta  
 Rick Etling  
 Tyler Etling  
 Ken Pinkley  
 Kevin Harms  
 Joe Seidler

**Substitute List**  
 Al Beamer  
 Kathy Beamer  
 Bunny Gauthier  
 Don Moore  
 Allen Sebaugh  
 Ann Sebaugh  
 Sue Stiegemeier  
 Gil Stuenkel  
 Sue White  
 Jim White  
 Kathy Freeman  
 Gary Freeman