

# New Hope News

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## Supper with Santa



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Saturday, Dec. 13th, 5-8pm

At New Hope!

Free to all, accepting donations of  
canned goods to benefit local food  
pantry.

Spaghetti Dinner, Photos with Santa  
and Reindeer, Kids Activities, Carol-  
ing, and New Friends!

Register through church office 636-  
936-2200 or  
[newhopepresby@juno.com](mailto:newhopepresby@juno.com)

Invite your neighbors, friends and family!

## Christmas Concert and Dinner

On Sunday December 21st at 5:30pm come hear the joyous song of Christmas. You will hear many familiar and traditional songs. The adult choir will present a song composed by one of our members. Our adult and children's choirs as well as other groups will be entertaining us while we enjoy a meal. It will be a wonderful way to celebrate the Christmas season.

If you can make cookies for dessert, call Tina Johnson at 939-0855. Please complete the insert in the bulletin so we can make sure we have enough food.

## In The Circles...

The study of the Book of Luke continues among the Circles on Thursday, December 4th with Lesson 4. The Stay-at-Home Moms Circle will meet at 10:00 am in the lower level with Dianna McClenahan leading. The Agape Circle will meet at the home of Nancy Marsh at 1:00 pm. Jeanne Huesemann will lead this lesson. Joy Circle will meet at the special time of 6:30 pm to work on Epiphany Stars and continue their study as led by Ann Schmid. Those attending Joy Circle are asked to bring a light snack for the Dec. meeting. All ladies are invited to attend the circle that best fits their schedules.

## Evangelism Tip of the Month:

Share the mes-  
sage, love and  
spirit of  
Christmas  
through word  
and deed.

## Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

The Session has called a meeting of the congregation for 12:00 PM on Sunday, December 7, for the purpose of electing two elders for the class of 2011. This should be a brief, but very important meeting.

# December Celebrations

December Anniversaries:		Logan Phillips	12-08	Ruth Connor	12-23
		Michael Ray	12-11	Eric Gibbs	12-23
Craig & Nancy George	12-05-98	John Hanslick	12-11	Donald Curless	12-23
Dennis & Cindy Dalton	12-06	Jaclyn Potts	12-13	Marty Boothman	12-26
Carl & Carolyn Doerr	12-10-66	Chris Johnson	12-14	Heather Gerard	12-26
James & Laura Hutzler	12-10-05	Barb Griffith	12-16	Larry Holder	12-26
		Don Higgason	12-16	Leah Farner	12-27
December Birthdays:		Ann Schmid	12-19	Marilynne Counts	12-28
		Ann Sebaugh	12-19	Leliah Curless	12-28
Quinn Barbee	12-02	Gary Freeman	12-20	Raye Armstrong	12-29
Rebecca Harms	12-03	Samantha Hurrell	12-20	Stephanie Rogers	12-29
Mason Hanslick	12-04	Lori Beth Seidler	12-20	Tom Kempf	12-30
Christine Johnson	12-05	Karen Zigler	12-20	Barbara Schikore	12-30
Elizabeth Eikmann	12-06	Adam Juden	12-22	Grace Higgason	12-31
Rachel Barnes	12-07	Wynn Ward	12-22		

## Crisis Nursery Giving Tree

New Hope has been given three families in need from the Crisis Nursery this year for our Giving Tree. The Giving Tree will be located in the Narthex after worship beginning today, November 30. Please consider taking an ornament from the tree and helping a family in need this holiday season. Below are the profiles of the three families we are helping this year:

I've been using the Crisis Nursery to help get back on my feet. The Nursery watched my son so that I could get a job and a place for my family to live. My biggest wish is to find a place for my family to live and keep us together. I'm also trying to get my education so that I can do even better for my family. I work really hard and love my kids so much. I have a daughter and a son. They are great kids, and just want to have a home and be loved and safe. I am so grateful for your help with giving my kids a great Christmas!

I have a chronic illness that causes me to go into the hospital for 7-10 days every few weeks. If there was one thing that I could change for my family, it would be my health so that I could have more time with my three children. My health problems also make it impossible for me to go to work and support my family. The Crisis Nursery has been there for my family when I needed help caring for my kids while I was in the hospital. They also helped out with the basic necessities: clothing, diapers, school supplies, formula, and support for me. Right now I am concerned about how I will pay for some basic repairs that my house needs. I wish that my kids could just be kids without having to worry that my illness will kill me. I wish that they could have a normal life. My kids dream about big things like going to Six Flags, Disney World, and even small things like sports. They really want to play sports, but I just can't afford it. My kids are so great. They try hard to take care of me and the baby. God will bless you and we truly thank you for giving my children a Christmas. May God bless you all.

I am a single mother of three wonderful children. This year was hard because we lost our home to a fire. We all made it out okay but we lost everything. Since it was a rental property there is no insurance although the Red Cross helped us initially. Since that time we have been living with family and I have struggled with depression on and off. I had to take the kids and put them in a new school and find a new job. I'm also trying to go to school. We have been lucky to find a new place to live and will be moving soon. The move will take most of the money I have saved and it would be difficult to provide gifts for my children. Any help you could offer would mean so much to my children and I. Thank you so much and God Bless!

# Youth Happenings

## Mid-High Youth Group Activity Reminder

**Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>** – 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. We will not be decorating cookies at church this day. This will be rescheduled early next year. **PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN PLANS.**

**Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup>** – Christmas Party and Movie Night from 7:00 pm until 9:30 pm – What to bring: Favorite Holiday Move, Favorite Holiday Snack and a \$5.00 gift for our Christmas Gift exchange. If you have any ideas of any Christmas games that you would like to play, please let Amy know as soon as possible.

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

**Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup>** -- 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 18<sup>th</sup>** – MARK YOUR CALENDARS – TRIVIA NIGHT!

## Senior High Youth Group Activity Reminder

**Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>** – We will be ushering for both services. Please be at church no later than 8:15 am. Please no jeans or tennis shoes. If you are able to usher, please let Amy know as soon as possible.

**Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup>** -- Bible Study from 6:00 pm until 7:00 pm at Marissa Malta's house. If you need directions, please call Marissa. Marissa will be leading Bible

Study.

**Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>** – Christmas Lock-In at church – we will begin at 8:00 pm and will end the following morning at 8:00 am. Please remember to bring all of the gifts for our family that we adopted. Please see the attached flyer for more details.

**Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup>** -- Bible Study from 6:00 pm until 7:00 pm at Amy Connor's house. If you need directions, please call Amy. Amy will be leading Bible Study.

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

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

## Female Connection

Female Connection has two great activities planned for December!

\*It's time for Christmas shopping and Main Street has some special evening shopping dates set up for the holidays. We will be meeting at 4:30 PM on Saturday, December 21 at Lewis & Clark Restaurant (corner of Main Street & First Capitol in St. Charles) for dinner before we shop. If you want to join us later, locate us by calling Deb Morris on her cell phone at 636-734-5618. We will do some shopping and then end our evening back at Lewis & Clark for coffee & dessert. The shops are open until 9. For more information or questions, please contact Deb Morris.

\*We're going to see a holiday movie. We will meet in Mid Rivers Mall in the area in front of the Wehrenberg ticket office on Monday, December 8. Check in upcoming weeks for the time, but probably between 6:30-6:45 PM. Our plan is to see the movie and then we'll go for dessert and fellowship after the movie. If you have any questions, please contact Deb Morris.

# Office Changes

Many of you have taken note of the changing landscape of our church office. This is all the result of our growing staff and programming. In order to maximize our efficiency and make the most of our space, we have moved our financial department from the copy room out into the main office area. This will give us more room for storage and workspace for copying, collating, etc. In addition, we have dedicated space in the main office area for Amy Kitsmiller, our Director of Youth Ministries, in preparation to welcome Barbi Smith, our new Director of Christian Education & Spiritual Formation, and the wealth of resources she brings with her.

You are always welcome in the church office, and as we continue to make the changes necessary to respond to our growing congregation, we ask that whenever you come into the office you respect the workspace of our staff. Thank you! –CQJ

## Congratulations!

Congratulations to Tom Wilson for bowling a perfect game in league bowling at Harvest Lanes this past Friday, November 21st! Tom bowls with his wife, Cindy; daughter, Allison; and his mom and dad and all were able to enjoy this special moment together! Tom bowled another perfect game years ago in a practice game that is not recognized officially. This time, Tom received a cash prize and will be awarded a "300" ring to commemorate this special occasion. To add to the merriment, Tom and Cindy also celebrated their 22nd anniversary on Saturday, the 22nd! Way to go, Tom!

## 2009 Flower Chart

The Flower Chart for 2009 is now in the Narthex near the Welcome Table. The cost is \$30 for a floral arrangement that will enhance the communion table for both worship services and may then be taken home with you. The Worship & Music Committee will continue to allow up to three people to sign up for flowers each week. The Church Office will call the week you are signed up to remind you and to ask about the occasion.

## News from Our Christian Education Department...

First of all, I would like to thank everyone for the wonderfully warm welcome I have received at New Hope Presbyterian Church! Ken and I are both very excited to be a part of this great congregation!

As we begin Advent and the new church year, several new opportunities will be available in Christian Education. Included is a listing of these opportunities with more information/sign up sheets to follow!

**Young Adult Sunday School Class** beginning Sunday, December 7. This class is for all young adults (ages 18 – 30 years) and will meet in the Director of Christian Education and Spiritual Formation's office. We will study *The Prayers of Jesus*, a six week dvd study which will look at the historical and cultural background, the biblical text and its meaning with challenging applications of the Bible's message to life today.

**Children's Fellowship** will begin in January and will be scheduled for Sunday afternoons from 3 – 4:30 p.m. This "yet to be named program" will provide fellowship and fun for all children in Kindergarten through Fifth grade.

**Adult Bible Study** will begin on Thursday, January 15 with one of the Kerygma seminar studies. More information and sign up sheets will be available mid-December.

**Children's Worship Bags** will be available for boys and girls to aid and encourage them in worship. The bags will contain worship helps, a Children's bulletin and a small snack. The bags can be personalized so boys and girls can place personal items inside. The Children's Worship Bags are provided by a joint effort of the Worship and Christian Education Committees. Request forms will be available Sunday, Dec. 7.

As we move through Advent, may the joy and excitement of the coming of Christ fill your hearts and may the coming season bring you joy and peace!

Shalom!

Barbi Smith

## Calendar of Events

### Sunday, Nov 30

8:45 Worship & Comm.  
9:45 Education Hour  
11:00 Worship

### Monday, Dec 01

6:00 Sr. High Bible Study  
6:30 Deacons Mtg.

### Tuesday, Dec 02

6:30 N.A. Mtg.  
7:00 A.A. Mtg.

### Wednesday, Dec 03

6:00 Girl Scout Mtg.  
7:00 Bldg. Comm. Mtg.  
7:30 Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, Dec 04

10:00 Stay-at-Home Moms Circle  
1:00 Agape Circle  
6:00 Healthy Beginnings  
6:30 Joy Circle

### Friday, Dec 05

8:00 Sr. High Lock-In

### Saturday, Dec 06

8:00 Sr. High Lock-In Ends  
4:00 Pairs & Singles Dinner

### Sunday, Dec 07

8:45 Worship & Comm.  
9:45 Education Hour  
11:00 Worship & Comm.

### Monday, Dec 08

5:30 Supper w/ Santa Mtg.  
7:00 Session Mtg.

### Tuesday, Dec 09

6:30 N.A. Mtg.  
7:00 A.A. Mtg.

### Wednesday, Dec 10

7:30 Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, Dec 11

6:00 Healthy Beginnings

### Saturday, Dec 13

9:45 Mid-Highs at Oasis  
Food Pantry  
5:00 Supper with Santa

## Usher Schedule

### Sunday, Dec 7th

Sharon Barnes  
Bryan Eikmann  
Laura Eikmann  
Gary Freeman  
Kirk Garten  
Craig Graber  
Bob Terrell

### Sunday, Dec 14th

Jim Phillips  
Debbie Phillips  
Michael Black  
Mel Fairchild  
Gary Freeman  
Ben Tutschulte  
Christie Tutschulte

### Substitute List

Al Beamer  
Kathy Beamer  
Bunny Hites  
Don Moore  
Allen Sebaugh  
Ann Sebaugh  
Sue Stiegemeier  
Gil Stuenkel  
Sue White  
Jim White  
Kathy Freeman  
Gary Freeman