

Sunday, December 6

8:45 a.m.	Worship & the Lord's Supper	Worship Space
9:45 a.m.	Christian Education	
11:00 a.m.	Worship & the Lord's Supper	Worship Space
12:15 p.m.	Confirmation Meeting	
1:00 p.m.	Mid High Youth Demolition Ball	
2:00 p.m.	Book Club	
3:00 p.m.	KFC (Kid's Fellowship Club)	

Monday, December 7

6:00 p.m.	Sr. High Bible Study
7:00 p.m.	Deacon's Meeting

Tuesday, December 8

3:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting	Conference Room
7:00 p.m.	A.A.	

Wednesday, December 9

6:15 p.m.	Hand bells
7:15 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 10

5:00 p.m.	Spiritual Formation
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Saturday, December 12

9:45 a.m.	Mid-High & Sr. High Youth @ Oasis Food Pantry
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Sunday, December 13

8:45 a.m.	Worship & the Lord's Supper	Worship Space
9:45 a.m.	Christian Education	
11:00 a.m.	Worship & the Lord's Supper	Worship Space
12:30 p.m.	Mid-High & Sr. High Youth Pizza Party	
2:30 p.m.	KFC (Kid's Fellowship Club)	

News & Opportunities, which is distributed during Sunday worship, is also available on the Welcome Table in the narthex and at www.newhopepc.net.
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News & Opportunities

NEWS & RESOURCES

Step UP to the Challenge To date 111 estimates-of-giving total \$630,828.

2010 Cost of Ministry To date 118 estimate-of-giving total \$394,866 for New Hope's ongoing ministry for 2010.

It's not too late to give to the *Step UP to the Challenge* campaign or the 2010 cost-of-ministry. Estimate-of-giving cards can be found on the Welcome Table. For more information regarding *Step UP* contact Jim Pettit, 441.7117. For the 2010 Cost-of-Ministry contact Jane Spurgeon, Treasurer at 441. 1107.

At its congregational meeting on November 1, New Hope approved the sale of 2 acres to the Missouri Department of Transportation for the Highway 364 expansion project for \$1,231,682. After our attorney's fees, New Hope will receive \$1,001,621. The Presbytery's Property Committee has concurred with this sale.

Christmas Poinsettias are now ready for order in honor or memory of a loved one or in gratitude for other blessings in your life. You may purchase a live poinsettia to take with you after our Christmas Eve services or you may purchase a "virtual poinsettia" if you wish not to take it with you. All proceeds

from the virtual poinsettias go to the Deacon's Benevolence Fund and are used to assist those in our community in need of temporary financial assistance. *See envelopes in seat backs.*

In the interest of hospitality, we ask you to wear your nametag when you come to worship and Christian education. The use of nametags is also an essential component of our Safe Sanctuary program. Nametags are on the hooks outside the worship space. If you need a new one, please fill out the form on the Welcome Table and place in the offering basket or return it to the main office.

The 2010 Flower Chart is now available in the narthex for you to sign-up to provide flowers for worship in 2010. This is a wonderful way to honor a loved one or celebrate a birthday or anniversary. There are opportunities for as many as three arrangements for each Sunday. As in the past, each arrangement is \$30.00 Checks may be made out to NHPC, marked "Worship Flowers". As your date approaches, you will be contacted as to the wording for the worship bulletin.

DEACONS' CORNER

The Deacons collected \$2,550 from your free-will offerings in the Harvest of Talents last Sunday. It was a great day! Thank to all of you who provided such wonderful gifts and to those of you who took them home. We are grateful for your support. It will enable us to provide a lot of help to those who need it.

FELLOWSHIP

The Female Connection *Christmas Shopping on Main.* Every Saturday Christmas Traditions comes alive with the life and spirit of the holiday. It's time for Christmas shopping on Historic Main St. We will meet at 11 a.m. on Saturday, December 12th at Lewis & Clark Restaurant (corner of Main St. and First Capitol in St. Charles) for lunch 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 enjoy shopping along with the events and characters. For more information or questions, please contact Deb Morris. check out www.stcharleschristmas.com

Looking ahead...Pairs & Singles Annual Chili Cook-Off is February 20th. Start planning

MINISTRY & DONATIONS

Current Ministry Needs

Help with the emerging Employment Assistance Program as a ministry of New Hope. Contact Bob Yeo at 447.4920 or bobyeo532@aol.com.

See item under MISSION regarding the Oasis Food Pantry's Christmas Store.

CHILDREN

Kids Fellowship Club On Sunday, December 13, Kids Fellowship Club for boys and girls in Kindergarten through Fifth Grade will enjoy an afternoon at MONKEY JOE'S in O'Fallon. MONKEY JOE'S is a playroom full of inflatables with lots of opportunities for jumping and sliding! We will leave church at approximately 2:30 p.m. and return about 5 p.m. The cost per child is \$10. Please note socks are required. Drivers and chaperones are needed. Please make RESERVATIONS by calling Barbi Smith at 936-2200 or by email at stlbarbi@sbcglobal.net.

BLAST this Sunday will be Advent: The Shepherds

TODAY, December 6 Sunday, Dec 13

Infant Nursery

Jennifer James

Pre-K Nursery

Stacy Armstrong

Jennifer Everly

Patti Anderson

YOUTH

Mid-High Youth

All RSVP's for Pizza Party are due to Amy for December 13th.

Demolition Ball from 1-3p.m. Meet at 1875 Old Highway 94 South St. Charles, MO 63303

Sr. High Youth

All RSVP's for Pizza Party are due to Amy for December 13th.

Bible study is Monday from 6 to 7 p.m.

WORSHIP

New Hope worships each Sunday at 8:45 a.m. (with the Lord's Supper) and 11:00 a.m.

The Choir rehearses on Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m. Newcomers are always welcome! No auditions required...just come and sing.

Looking for 3-4 hand bell players. Must be able to read music. If interested please contact Terry Martinez at 636/946.5638.

Hanging of the Greens...December 6 today, at 8:45 & 11:00 a.m. A service of worship that explores the symbolism of many of our Advent and Christmas decorations.

Lectionary for Sunday, December 13

Zeph. 3:14-20

Isaiah 12:2-6

Philippians 4:4-7

Luke 3:7-18

MISSION

The Oasis Food Pantry is in need of people who can restock the pantry's shelves. Volunteers (or groups of 5-6) are needed one (1) Saturday each month from 12:30-3:00 p.m., depending upon how much restocking is needed. If interested, please contact Mark or Cindy Ellingson at 978.3837 or moocastle97@yahoo.com. Please indicate if you can work the 1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th Saturday of each month to begin in December.

Another way to help...Oasis will be having a Christmas store for the families that receive help. Hosted by Hope Lutheran Church at 1975 Old Hwy. 94 South on Sat., Dec. 12th & Sun., Dec. 13th. Toys, new hats, gloves and underwear will be provided to these families. Potentially 400 families are served through this Christmas store. You can help by bringing any of the above, plus gently used

children's toys and games, to the Oasis Food Pantry, Tuesday-Saturday, 9:00-5:00 p.m. Items for teenagers are usually in short supply. Contact Amy Kitsmiller, alkitsmiller@newhopepc.net.

The family mission trip will be June 12th through June 19, 2010 in Pensacola, Florida. Adults and youth over 14 are welcome.

December Meal-a-Month

1 can chicken & dumplings; 1 can vegetables; 1 can fruit; 1 plastic jar peanut butter; 1 box/bag cookies

BLESSINGS & CONGRATULATIONS

Ava Marie Rademan was born on October 10, 2009, to Ann and Jay Rademan.

Sarah Hutton, who recently graduated from Allied College with a certification in medical billing and coding has found work in her field of study.

Al Beamer completed the San Antonio Marathon on November 14th.

EVANGELISM

Evangelism is not an event or a marketing campaign – it is the preaching of the gospel, of daily sharing your faith through word and deed. As Christians we preach the Word of God with our very lives...only sometimes do we use words.