

**Sunday, December 13**

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12:30 p.m.	Mid-High & Sr. High Youth Pizza Party	
2:30 p.m.	KFC (Kid's Fellowship Club)	

**Monday, December 14**

6:00 p.m.	Session Meeting	Narthex
6:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts	Conference Room

**Tuesday, December 15**

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

**Wednesday, December 16**

11:00 a.m.	Preschool Christmas Program	Worship Space
2:30 p.m.	Preschool Christmas Program	Worship Space
6:15 p.m.	Hand bells	
7:15 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal	

**Thursday, December 17**

7:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop 30	
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**Friday, December 18**

8:00 p.m.	Sr. High Lock-In	
	Last Day of Preschool before Christmas	

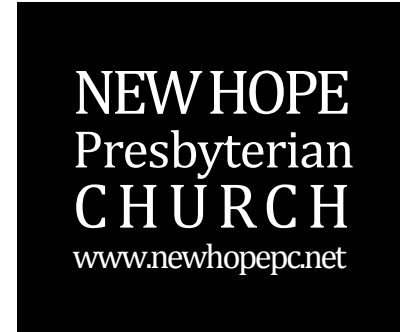
**Saturday, December 19**

8:30 a.m.	Men's Breakfast	
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**Sunday, December 20**

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
12:00 p.m.	Mid-High Youth Christmas Party	
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*News & Opportunities*, which is distributed during Sunday worship, is also available on the Welcome Table in the narthex and at [www.newhopepc.net](http://www.newhopepc.net).  
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# News & Opportunities

**NEWS & RESOURCES**

**Update...**  
**Step UP to the Challenge** To date 112 estimates-of-giving total \$630,828.  
**2010 Cost of Ministry** To date 121 estimate-of-giving total \$401,366 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

Do you know of someone who needs help? Someone with a health concern, someone who is in the hospital, is grieving, or coping with a serious financial or other issue? Help us help...tell a Deacon. Let them know what you know. Stop any one of them that you see (they are easily recognizable with their gold "Deacon" badges), or call the church office (936.2200) and we'll put you in touch with them. Deacons are also at the Welcome Table before and after each of the worship services.

## FELLOWSHIP

**Coffee Hour** Jokingly known as "the third sacrament of the church" worshipers are invited to join together for coffee and conversation following each service of worship before the Christian education hour begins.

**"DVD, Dinner & Discussion"** The Christian Education Committee is hosting this series on Saturdays, January 30, February 27, March 27 and April 17, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Plan to come to one or all of the sessions.

**Looking ahead...** Pairs & Singles Annual Chili Cook-Off is February 20th. Start planning your favorite chili recipe. More details to come.

## 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, today 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

**BLAST Christmas Party** next Sunday, December 20th.

### **TODAY, December 13 Sunday, Dec 20**

*Infant Nursery*

Jennifer Everly

Kathy Beamer

*Pre-K Nursery*

Aimee Calvin

The infant nursery is for babies & toddlers up to age two and is located in the Turtle Room upstairs. The Pre-K nursery is for ages 3-5 and is located in the Butterfly Room downstairs.

## YOUTH

### **Mid-High Youth**

Pizza Party 12:30-2 p.m. given by In-Reach Committee to say "Thank You" for all that you do for the church.

### **Sr. High Youth**

Pizza Party 12:30-2 p.m. given by In-Reach Committee to say "Thank You" for all that you do for the church.

## 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.

### **Lectionary for Sunday, December 20**

Micah 5:2-5a

Psalms 80:1-7

Hebrews 10:5-10

Luke 1:39-55

### **CHRISTMAS AT NEW HOPE**

#### **December 24, Christmas Eve**

5:00 p.m.

Children will be leading the liturgy

11:00 p.m.

Candlelight communion with the choir

#### **December 27, 1st Sunday after Christmas**

8:45 & 11:00 a.m.

Service of Lessons & Carols

## 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 & today, 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

**Maybrie Hope Wilson** was born on December 3, 2009, to Angela Wilson and Andrew Hernandez. Maybrie's grandparents are Tom & Cindy Wilson.

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

## 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.