

**Sunday, December 27**

8:45 a.m.	Worship & the Lord's Supper	Worship Space
9:45 a.m.	Christian Education	
11:00 a.m.	Worship	Worship Space

**Monday, December 28**

6:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts	Conference Room
7:00 p.m.	Christian Education Committee mtg.	

**Tuesday, December 29**

4:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting	Conference Room
7:00 p.m.	A.A.	Worship Space

**Thursday, December 31**

12:30 p.m. Office closes

**Friday, January 1**

**Happy New Year!**  
Office closed

**Sunday, January 3**

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

**Monday, January 4**

6:30 p.m. Preschool back in session!  
7:30 p.m. Session & Deacons' Joint meeting  
Deacon meeting

*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**

**The Session has set the date** for the annual meeting of the congregation for Sunday, January 31st at 12:00 p.m. for the purpose of acting on the terms of call for the pastor and receiving reports of the various committees and ministries of the church.

**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.

**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.

**From the Treasurer...** Thank you for your financial gifts to the church. All gifts received in the church office by noon on December 31st will be credited to your 2009 giving and recorded on your statement to be received in January. All gifts received in the office after that time will be credited to your 2010 giving. If you have any questions, contact Jane Spurgeon after December 25th, 441.1107 or [jespurgeon@yahoo.com](mailto:jespurgeon@yahoo.com)

**Breakfast with Santa** was a wonderful success and a very fun event! We raised \$3,115.50 towards the playground equipment and had over 600 people. We had great participation from NHPC and preschool staff and parents. Several of the preschool helpers commented on how welcomed they felt by the NHPC members and how they truly appreciated our support. Rhonda and I received numerous compliments overall on how well the event went and how much fun people had. In fact one church member stated that she had so much fun that she would definitely help again. Thanks to all for your support and prayers—we make a great team!

## NEWS & RESOURCES cont.

**An easy way to give in 2010!** Electronic Funds Transfer is now available as an easy way for you to give securely online to the ministry of New Hope. You may use this for a one-time or on-going contributions. You may use it to contribute to the *Step UP to the Challenge* campaign, New Hope's 2010 annual cost-of-ministry operating fund, or to make a Preschool tuition payment. To learn more, simply visit our website at [www.newhopepc.net](http://www.newhopepc.net), or contact, Ben Tutschulte at 441.1285 or [tutschulteb@hotmail.com](mailto:tutschulteb@hotmail.com).

## DEACONS' CORNER

The Deacons provided the food and served dinner to 168 homeless men, women, and children at St. Peter and Paul Parish in Soulard on December 10.

The Deacons donated one thousand dollars to the O.A.S.I.S. Food Pantry to assist with providing food to the needy during the holiday season. In addition, the Deacons have adopted two families from the St. Louis Crisis Nursery for the Giving Tree project, and will also be providing gifts to all the adolescents who will be incarcerated at the Missouri Home for Boys on Christmas Day.

## 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. Cookies and snacks are shared on the second and fourth Sundays of the month.

**To strengthen our fellowship**, 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.

**"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.

## CHILDREN

**Kids' Fellowship Club (K.F.C.)** will not be meeting today or next Sunday, January 3rd due to the Christmas holiday.

**TODAY, December 27 Sunday, Jan 3**

*Infant Nursery*

Christie Tutschulte      Christine Burroughs

*Pre-K Nursery*

Kelly Hurrell              Jewell Nadler

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.

**The Preschool** is on Christmas Break until Monday, January 4th.

## 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, January 3**

Jeremiah 31: 7-14

Psalms 147: 12-20

Ephesians 1:3-14

John 1: 1-18

**Upcoming...** Ordination & Installation of Elders and Deacons will be at the 11:00 service of worship on Sunday, January 10, 2010.

## MISSION

**In November**, New Hope contributed 188 items of food to the Oasis Food Pantry.

**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 [mooastle97@yahoo.com](mailto:mooastle97@yahoo.com). Please indicate if you can work the 1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th Saturday of each month to begin in December.

**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

## MINISTRY & DONATIONS

**Current Ministry Needs**

Greeters and ushers for weekly worship. Contact: Kirk Garten, [ktg01@charter.net](mailto:ktg01@charter.net)

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

## 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.