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Voice of **New Hope**

***Would you like to help Santa fill stockings at
Trinity Oaks Health and Rehab?***

*When shopping pick up some of the items listed and bring to the box in the narthex.
Santa's elves will deliver them to the residents!*

Merry Christmas!!

These items are needed for the Christmas Stockings for the Trinity Oaks residents:

Lotions
Lip balms
Nail Polish Remover
Sweat Shirts and pants - all sizes
White Socks
Candy Suckers
Small picture frames

Liquid soap
Nail Polish
Deodorant

Soft candies
Individual wrapped snacks
Gift cards



Sunday, December 24th- Christmas Eve

9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship
7:00 pm Candlelight Service

Notes from our Leaders

Advent - A Wonderful and Challenging Season

Advent begins a new church year while the world is busy finishing a calendar year. December is filled with shopping, pageants, and parties. Society urges us to hurry and spend, but the scripture and tradition beckon us to slow down and wait.

In the *first week of Advent*, we are reminded of our desperate need for a God to restore and save. The psalmist cries on our behalf. “Come and save us” And Mark, the gospel writer whose message is famous for immediacy, warns us to keep alert, stay awake.

In the *second week*, we are urged to reorder our lives. Isaiah proclaims, “Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.” (Isa. 40:4). Clearly, we are in need of a civil engineer in all that we do. How would we reorder our lives if we remembered all will pass away? How would our paths and priorities shift? Perhaps we’d cling even more to the word, water, and meal that help us prepare each week for the return of the Lord. As John the Baptist prepared the way of the Lord, so do we. We prepare our hearts and homes, not in haste, but in love and with longing.

In *week three*, Isaiah promises good news to the captives. We who walk in darkness, especially in this season of waiting and watching, also rejoice. God is turning our mourning into laughter and joy. That’s good news for a people stuck in winter awaiting light. John wasn’t stuck in winter, but he was stuck in the wilderness, breaking forth to testify to the light. We walk in our own wildernesses but are called to join the baptized of all generations to testify to the one who brings light and life to a broken world.

Mary is the focus of the *fourth Sunday of Advent* as the angel Gabriel tells her that God will keep God’s promise to continue the reign of David. Although perplexed, Mary ponders the angel’s word and with confidence is able to say, “Count me in,” to the continuation of this salvation story.

Christmas is coming, it’s just not here yet. It is in the waiting that we learn about ourselves and others, taking important steps toward understanding the joy to come.

Prepare
the way
of the
LORD.

ISAIAH 40:3

The family of Larry B. Harrison would like to thank you for all the cards, visits, phone calls, memorial, food and especially the prayers during his illness and death. Your support has meant a lot to us. Thank you and we love you.

New Hope Council Highlights – November 2017

Present – James Brown, Sylvia Chandler, Pat Glenn, Gerald Hefner, Rudy Hyde, Julie Walter, Daniel Wells, and Cathy Young. Absent was Kathryn Murph

- Approved October treasurer's report
- Approved October council minutes
- Vicar Vernon Kinard's pastoral report
- Thank you to Congregational Life and Worship Teams for help with Reformation 500 celebration
- Thank you note from Deana Lewis, principal at Jackson Park School, for school supplies
- Thank you letter from ELCA for gift of \$480.75 for ELCA World Hunger
- Thank you letter from Main Street Mission for gift of \$630.75
- Suggested fifth Sundays have covered dish lunches beginning with December 31, 2017
- Operation Team had a written report.
- 25 attended Hot Dog Lunch in November

Next meeting – Monday, December 11, 2017 at 7:00 pm



December Pastor Schedule

December 3	Pastor Fore
December 10	Vicar Vern
December 17	Pastor Fore
December 24	Vicar Vern
December 31	Vicar Vern

Noisy Bucket money will be collected on Sunday December 17th. This money and what was collected in November will go to Hospice. Please remember your change and folding money for this outreach at our church.

CVAN items will be taken the week of December 11th. Please have any donations to the church by Sunday December 10th. There is always a need for paper products and cleaning items. Anything that you need at your home they need more for their clients. Thank you for your support this past year.

Faith Circle will meet Tuesday December 12th at 6:00 p.m. at Logan's Roadhouse for our December Meeting. We have done a lot this year to help others and we are treating ourselves to a night out. Good job Faith Circle.

Free Hot Dog Lunch—Saturday, December 2nd, 11:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
Come join us for lunch and help us welcome our community to New Hope.



The Joyful Morning Circle will meet on Wednesday December 6th at **11:30 am** at Joann Wingler's house. Jean Sloop is program leader.
All ladies are welcome to join us.



December the 12th will be the Good Timers Christmas Breakfast at Libby's at 10 AM. Bring a dollar gift for a holiday gift exchange. All are welcome to come and share the joy. Questions contact Pat Glenn at 704-932-5179.

SNACK PACK PROGRAM:

Snack Pack items will be collected on Sunday December 10th. These items will go to help children deemed to need some food items over the week-end. Any individual snack items will be accepted for this program. Examples of items are: crackers, pretzels, pudding cups, fruit cups, drink boxes, Capri suns, mac and cheese and cereal bars. Thank you for your help in supporting this outreach for the past few years. Without our help, this ministry would be not able to help as many children.



Snack Pack Program



Remember to bring your old eyeglasses and hearing aids to church and put them in the box provided by the Lions' Club. This is located in the narthex. The Lions' Club will send them to third world countries where they are put to good use. There they help those less fortunate than we are. You may be the source of someone seeing or hearing. Look around the house. If you see any lying around, bring them to the Lions' Club box.

Cooperative Christian Ministry food pantry is in need of the following items:

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| Sugar Free Items | Any Canned Beans |
| Sweet Peas | Spaghetti (1 lb package) |
| Soup | Canned Fruit |
| Plastic Bags (used or unused) | Breakfast Items |
| Low Sodium Items | Corn |



**Make prayer a part of
your daily life...**



Praying for you:

Patsy Karriker	704-933-1783
Cleo Overcash	704-932-6960
Jack & Juanita Brawley	704-933-9183
Lorine Snow	704-933-9687
Joyce Swanner	704-932-1489
Joann Wingler	704-933-2623
Jennifer Williams	704-305-0952
Kathy Hunter	704-773-1848
Jean Sloop	704-932-0041

For members of the prayer team:
Please call the person after your name in the above list.
If no one is home, please leave the message **BUT CALL THE NEXT PERSON ON THE LIST**. Continue that procedure until you talk with someone in person.

**Ongoing Prayer Concerns —
New Hope Members**

Aderhold Family	Lorine Snow & Family
Thelma Honeycutt	Maurice Staley
Todd Morgan	
Margaret Markus	

**Ongoing Prayer Concerns —
Friends & Family**

Pacey Smith & Family	Rusty & Mary Anne
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Prayer Concerns — New Hope Members

Max & Mildred Caudill	Joyce Swanner
Syble Dancy	Mike Wojciechowski & Family
Patsy Harrison	Albert Wingler
Pearl Harrison	
Sara Karriker	

Prayer Concerns— Friends & Family

Andy Adams & Family	All sick members
Barnes Family	All cancer patients, their Family & caregivers
Claudine Bostian	All Veterans & Military
Steve Cook	All who travel
Andy Caudill	All who mourn
Beth Crawford	All who are in prison
Bobby & Jean Cook	
Lawrence Cline	
Dulce Deinken	
Amy Davis	
Davis Family	
Will Fesperman	
Lynn Fesperman	
Good Family	
Michelle Hall	
Patty Howell	
Anna Lisa Hyde	
Colleen & James Holcombe	
Martha Helms	
Becky Jones	
Frank Jerry	
Alice Lloyd	
Danny Little	
Louise & Rick Mitchell	
Graham Mangum	
Syble Mosely	
Oliver Family	
Jim Roof	
Rev. Bobby Sutherland	
Sloop Family	
Mike Tarlton	
Cindy	
Jacob Sykes	
Sassy	
NICU Babies	
Those who suffer loss	



We extend our Christian sympathy to the family of:
June Wojciechowski
who joined the church triumphant November 6, 2017.
Her funeral was held at New Hope on November 8, 2017.

Given to the glory of God...

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

Given in Memory of :

Larry Harrison
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June Wojciechowski
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Given in Honor of :

Margaret Markus
Bonnie Ketner
Thelma Honeycutt

By:

Jack & Juanita Brawley
Lorine Snow
Ron & Kristie Wells
Patsy Harrison
Cleo Overcash
Patsy Karriker
Rudy Hyde
Erna & James Brown
Lorine Snow
Jack & Juanita Brawley
Joyful Morning Circle
Rudy Hyde
Erna & James Brown
Ron & Kristie Wells

By:

Joyful Morning Circle
Joyful Morning Circle
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Birthdays & Anniversaries...



December 1	Sid Harlow	December 10	Joan Walter
December 5	Jack Brawley	December 18	Lorine Snow
December 7	Margaret Markus	December 21	Bobby Aderhold
December 8	Kathy Dayvault	December 26	Cathy Young
December 9	Gerald Hefner	December 31	Emma McLaughlin

Anniversaries

December 6 Kenneth & Sara Karriker

Tristan Gabriel, a scout in Troop 328 at Ebenezer Lutheran Church, is asking New Hope members to help with his Eagle Scout project. Tristen is collecting used prescription pill bottles to help with Matthew 25 ministries. This ministry uses old prescription pill bottles to send medicines to countries with little or no access to medicines. There is a box in the narthex to place your empty bottles. PLEASE REMOVE YOUR LABEL WITH NAME, PRESCRIPTION, ETC.

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings will be in our community on **Thursday, December 7, 2017** at New Hope Lutheran Church. Ultrasound screenings to Identify risk factors for Cardiovascular disease include; **Carotid Artery** (plaque buildup-a leading cause of stroke), **Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm** (an enlargement or weak area in the main blood vessel that carries blood from the heart to the rest of the body), **Peripheral Arterial Disease** (hardening of the arteries in the legs), a **Heart Rhythm Screening** (an EKG to detect Atrial Fibrillation-irregular heartbeat) and an **Osteoporosis Risk Assessment** for men and women. Being proactive about your health by knowing your risks helps you and your doctor address problems early. **Register online TODAY at www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle and receive your "Community Circle" discount and your Preferred Appointment!**

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Friday 9 am—12 pm
Tues 11:30 am-1 pm



A SEASON
of JOY



a grace
place

The mission of New Hope Lutheran Church is to *live in God's amazing grace and share the Good News of God's love in our community and beyond.*

Our vision is that: *New Hope Lutheran Church will be a faith community where all people can experience God's love and grace, and where we use our gifts of time, talent, and treasure to feed the hungry in body, mind, and spirit.*



DECEMBER 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 7:30 pm—N/A Meeting	2 11:30 am—Hot Dog Lunch
3 9:00 am—Sunday School 10:00 am—Worship	4	5 7:00 pm—Operations Team 7:30 pm—N/A Meeting	6 11:30 am Joyful Morning 6:15 pm Handbell choir 7:00 pm Choir	7 Life Line Screening	8 7:30 pm—N/A Meeting	9 9:00am—Chrismon Tree Decorating
10 9:00 am—Sunday School 10:00 am—Worship Snack Pack	11 7 pm—Congregation Council	12 10:00 am—Good Timers 7:30 pm—N/A Meeting	13 6:15 pm Handbell choir 7:00 pm—Choir	14	15 7:30 pm—N/A Meeting	16
17 9:00 am—Sunday School 10:00 am—Worship Noisy Bucket	18 6:00 pm—Faith Circle @ Logans	19 7:30 pm—N/A Meeting	20 6:15 pm Handbell choir 7:00 pm—Choir	21	22 7:30 pm—N/A Meeting	23
24—Christmas Eve 9:00 am—Sunday School 10:00 am—Worship 7:00 pm—Candlelight Service	25—Christmas Day Office Closed	26 7:30 pm—N/A Meeting	27	28	29 7:30 pm—N/A Meeting	30
31 9:00 am—Sunday School 10:00 am—Worship Covered Dish to follow						


DECEMBER 2017 — WORSHIP LEADERS



ALTAR GUILD
Hunter Family



COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Kenny & Julie Walter



HEAD USHER


Albert Wingler



OFFERING COUNTERS

Kathy Hunter & Julie Walter

CHILDREN'S SERMON




Children's Sermon

12/3	Kristie Wells
12/10	Kathy Hunter
12/17	Pastor James
12/24	Vicar Vern
12/31	Erna Brown


LECTORS

12/3	Christine Williams
12/10	Cathy Young
12/17	Sid Harlow
12/24	Mike Wojciechowski
12/31	Jennifer Williams




GREETER

Roger Sloop



Augsburg Sunday School Teacher

12/3	Phil Black
12/10	Sylvia Chandler
12/17	Erna Brown
12/24	Christine Williams
12/31	Phil Black



If you are unable to serve as scheduled, please find your replacement and call the office to let the secretary know of the schedule change. Thank you.