



News and Opportunities

January 2, 2026



January 4, 2026

Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6~ Ephesians 3:1-12~ Matthew 2:1-12

Attend in-person or [livestream](#)

[Order of Service](#)

This Week at New Hope

Sunday, January 4

9:00am

- Grades K-4th Sunday School (Room 100)
- Grades 5th-8th Sunday School (Room 101)

- Grades 9th-12th Sunday School (Room 102)
- Adult Sunday School - Contemporary Issues (Conference Room)
- Adult Sunday School - Pilgrims Progress (Fellowship Hall)

10:15am Worship Service (Worship Center)

11:30am The Journey (Conference Room)

Monday, January 5

9:00am Knitting Group (Conference Room)

7:00pm Deacons Meeting (Room 104)

Wednesday, January 7

5:45pm Handbells Rehearsal (Worship Center)

Thursday, January 8

1:30pm Choir Rehearsal (Conference Room)

6:00pm Cub Scouts AOL Den Meeting (Room 102)

6:00pm Girl Scouts (Room 104)

6:30pm Boy Scout Troop 30 (Fellowship Hall)

7:00pm Joy Circle (Conference Room)

Friday, January 9

4:00pm Girl Scouts Derby Wood Car Race Setup (Worship Center)

Saturday, January 10

8:00am Girl Scouts Derby Wood Car Race (Worship Center)

9:45am OASIS Food Pantry

January calendar

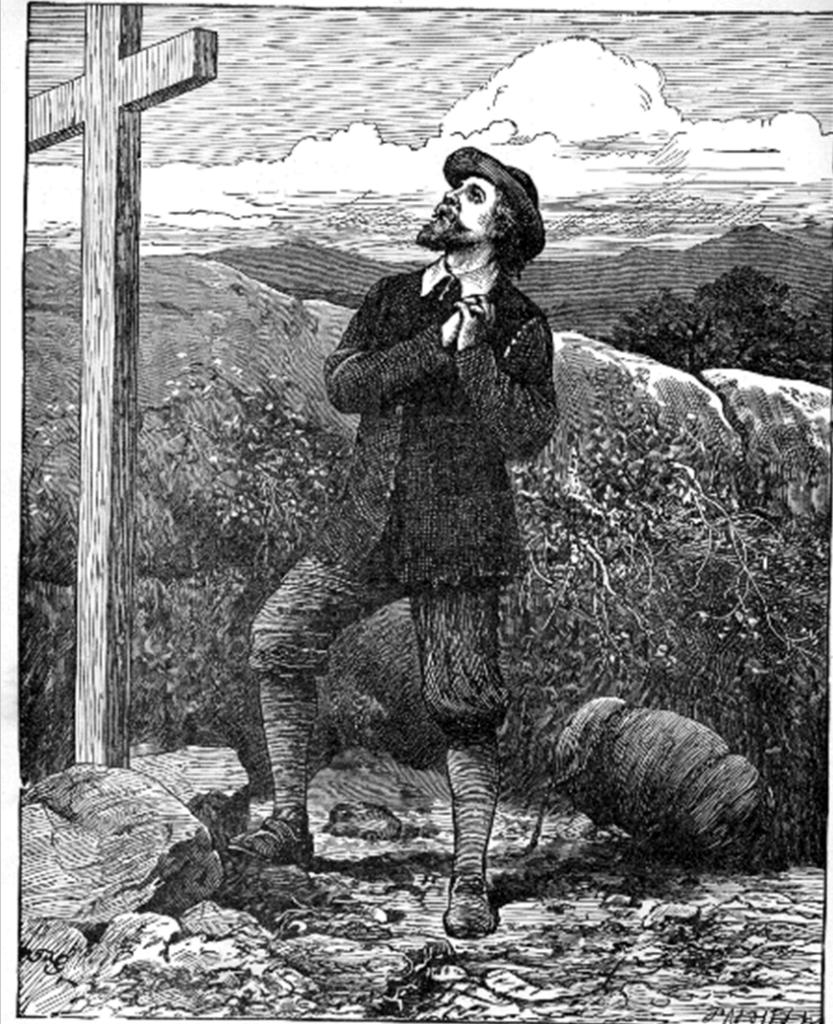
(hard copy of the calendar can be found in the Narthex)

First Sunday Hats



This Sunday, January 4, is the first Sunday of the month. The women of New Hope are invited to continue a long standing tradition the first Sunday of each month of wearing hats while attending

church. Please contact **Donna Huffman** with any questions.



CHRISTIAN BEFORE THE CROSS
"His burden fell off his back, and began to tumble."

Adult Sunday School Pilgrims Progress

Mark Twain once said, "A classic is something that everybody wants to have read and nobody wants to read." This Sunday, our Adult Sunday School class invites you to change that by making a New Year's resolution to read a timeless Christian classic: John Bunyan's *The Pilgrim's Progress*. This allegorical story follows Christian on his journey from the City of Destruction to the Celestial City, reflecting the spiritual pilgrimage each believer undertakes. Along the way, Christian faces doubt, temptation, failure, and encouragement—experiences that mirror our own walk of faith. Reading it together will deepen our understanding of Scripture, enrich our spiritual imagination with enduring images like the Slough of Despond and Vanity Fair, and invite us to reflect on where we find ourselves on the journey. Join us beginning January 4th, as we explore a story that has guided and encouraged pilgrims of faith for more than three centuries. Please see Thom Johnston for a copy of the book.



Thank You!

Thank you to all who wrote cards for Lewis and Clark Gardens nursing home. Thanks to your efforts we were able to send 142 Christmas to the residents there.

Leigh's



Jesus BINGO

1/4/25 Volunteer in the Food Pantry	Hug someone	Participated in Shoebox ministry	Volunteer in worship	Meet someone new
Pray before bed	Honor 4th Sunday in Advent	Tell someone you love them	Ask Pastor Chris a theological question	Send a card to someone
Donate pill bottles	Attend Epiphany Service	<i>Jesus loves you</i>	Celebrate the 1st Sunday in Advent	Make a gift for someone
Lead a meal time prayer	Donate eyeglasses	Thank Pastor Chris	Say AMEN after the anthem	Read the News & Opportunities
Dance during the recessional	Thank the coffee hosts	Participate in Advent by Candlelight <i>WedPrayer</i>	Donate at Boy Scout Blood Drive Dec 11	Volunteer with our young people

How is your JESUS bingo card coming?

You've got one Sunday left to work on your card! Cookies With Santa and Wednesday Centering Prayer where not planned yet when we made the JESUS bingo cards. Feel free to write them in on your card.

Why participate: For fun and merriment.

Winning: We are all winners in the Kingdom

Compare JESUS cards at Baptism of The Lord coffee hour January 11, 2026. Get a high quality Illustrated Ministry sticker for your efforts.

PRAYER

REQUESTS



For healing and comfort ~ Anne Finks

For our nation and world ~ for all of those suffering and in need, that they may find peace and comfort

Continuing Prayer Requests ~ Please continue to pray for those listed [here](#).

*Please help us keep the prayer list up to date by notifying [Trudi Johnson](#)
in the church office of any additions or deletions*



You can find the list for birthdays and anniversaries below.
Hard copies can also be found in the Narthex.

[January Birthdays & Anniversaries](#)



New Hope Food Pantry

Thank you to everyone who has stepped up throughout the year to either volunteer, donate items, money or all of the above to the food pantry! Your generosity has kept the food pantry going strong throughout the year.

Thanks to the bounty of the Boy Scout Scouting for Food drive, we are well set on most items for several months. If you would like to contribute this week, there are a few items that are still needed.

This week's suggested shopping list:

- Breakfast bars
- Coffee
- Cooking oil
- Ketchup
- Shelf-stable milk

Or, as a special Christmas gift to our food pantry patrons, consider donating your favorite shelf-stable food item with a Christmas card containing a message of blessing to them.

We can always use more volunteers! Don't worry if you're not sure what to do, we'll work with you until you're comfortable. Just let the office know that you'd like some help getting started.

[**Sign up link for volunteering**](#)

OASIS Birthday Bags

Thank you all for your generosity in providing for our birthday bags! We have plenty of cakes and icings, but below are the most needed items currently:

- party plates
- party napkins
- balloons
- toys for boys and girls ages 1-12

Your items can be dropped off to the OASIS bin in the corner of the Narthex. If you have any questions, please contact [**Donna Drackert**](#) or [**Barb MacShane**](#). Thank you!



There are several areas needing your help within New Hope. Please click the links below to see where there are opportunities and then sign up to volunteer. Thank you!

*[Nursery](#)
[Worship Feast](#)
[Food Pantry](#)
[Sunday Morning Safety Team](#)
[Acolyte and Opening Reading for Youth](#)*

Additional Ways to Get Involved

Ushering one Sunday a month is a great opportunity to meet your New Hope family. Welcome those that arrive. Hand out bulletins and release folks for communion. If interested, contact **[Joe Seidler](#)**.

How about giving a ride to church for someone? Occasionally there is need to give transportation to and from church for members. If this sounds like something you may be interested in, contact **[Bryan Eikmann](#)**.

Thank you for prayerfully considering these options. Hopefully there is a fit for you to get a little more involved at New Hope.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

THE LINKLETTER

PRESBYTERY GIDDINGS-LOVEJOY

Giving Opportunities

Give to New Hope

NHPC Food Pantry

[**Amazon Wish List**](#)

[**Food Pantry List**](#)

[**Sign up to Volunteer**](#)

[**PC\(USA\) ministry of LGBTQ+ inclusion and equity**](#)



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