



December is a busy time! Here's what is happening at New Hope:

December 1-22 Stuffed Animal Drive

December 1 (10:30-11:30 AM) First Sunday of Advent Service, Rev. Cindy Mood

December 4 (10 AM-12 PM) Presbyterian Women

December 8 (10:30-11:30) Second Sunday of Advent Service, Rev. Cindy Mood

December 9 (10-11:30 AM) Congregational Vitality

December 10 (7-8:30 PM) Garden Club

December 14 (4-5:30 PM) Caroling with the Choir

December 15 (8:30 AM -1:00 PM) Blood Drive, (10-11:30 AM) Christmas Cantata

December 22 (10-11:30 AM) Fourth Sunday of Advent Service, Linda Owens, Christmas Joy Offering

December 29 (10-11:30 AM) First Sunday after Christmas



INSIDE THIS ISSUE

Page 1

December Calendar

Page 2 & 3

Mission / Outreach

Page 4

Congregation Vitality

Page 5

Your Session at Work

Page 6

Financial Report

Page 7

Birthdays, Anniversaries, Calendar



MISSION AND OUTREACH

By Debra Caldwell

Please join The New Hope Garden Club for our meeting on Tuesday, December 10 at 7 pm. We will elect officers for 2025, plan our schedule of presentations and tours for Spring, and discuss highlights in our 2024 garden and plans for the 2025 garden season. Contact Debra Caldwell for more information. debicaldwell33@gmail.com



The Blood Drive will be December 15 from 8:30 am-1 pm at the Owens' house.

The holiday season is one of the lowest donation periods of the year and yet the need continues for all the patients that are in the hospitals undergoing treatments and surgeries, recovering from accidents, etc.

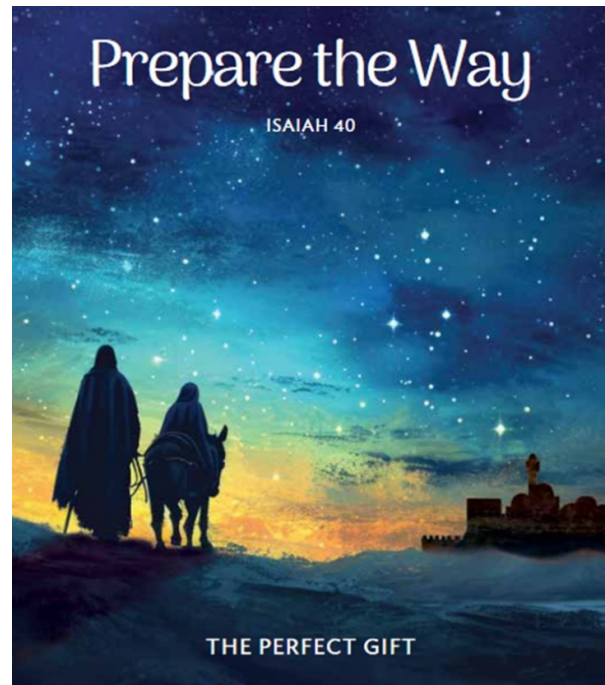
While you consider gifts for the enjoyment of your children, grandchildren, spouse, and others please consider a gift to those that are really in need and give hope for a future with their family and loved ones.

If you can donate or know somebody that can, please contact Terry Owens terryowens@consolidated.net or sign up at: giveblood.org

(continued on next page)

Mission Outreach (continued)

We will collect our Christmas Joy Offering on December 22. It aids current and retired church workers and their families in times of need and develops future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.



Stuffed Animal Drive



We are collecting stuffed animals to donate to the Katy Police Department for first responders to use to comfort children in traumatic situations. Please bring your donations by December 22

Building Congregational Vitality

By Debra Caldwell

the New Hope Congregational Vitality committee sent a team to the first Learning Event in the LEAD Connects Strategic Planning program. We have formed a cohort with a team from John Knox Presbyterian Church. We have two meetings each month--New Hope team and the whole cohort.



What is LEAD's Strategic Planning process?

A LEAD Consultant works with our strategic planning team to do the work of moving our congregation into discerning our unique call as a church. We do this work together in three big moves:



LISTEN for the answers to these three questions:

- What is God's dream for us?
- How are we doing right now?
- What do our neighbors have to teach us?

FOCUS in all that we have heard through the discernment of listening to the Holy Spirit. We will answer these questions:

- What are our values?
- What is our purpose?
- Where are we going?
- Who will make it happen?
- How will we know when we get there?

LAUNCH is the final phase as we walk with you as you begin to put the plan into action. We will answer these questions:

- What are the first steps to execute?
- What needs to stop? What needs to start?
- What structure is needed? Then what?



YOUR SESSION AT WORK

Linda Owens, Clerk to Session

Session met on November 17, 2024, and we voted to:

- move forward on a new property on Avenue A after congregational approval.
- not reach out to the Korean Church as they have asked to leave the Presbytery of New Covenant.

And celebrated the:

- finding one elder to serve on session – still praying God will lead us to a second elder
- having a Thanksgiving Feast this year even without a building to worship in
- the collection of 250+ packets of gravy donated to Katy Christian Ministries for Thanksgiving meals. An additional \$156 in cash was collected and donated to KCM.

The session appreciates your continued prayers as we work to find a new place to worship.



Bank Balances: as of November 26, 2024

Operating Account	\$20,911.27
Special Account	\$8,758.05

INCOME VS. EXPENSE

Total Income	\$132,335.46
Total Expense	\$116,023.39

Net Income \$16,312.07

Our congregational giving is \$89,657 which is \$14,123 below budget expectations. The fact that we are so far below budget on expenses is helping us right now. We always appreciate your gifts of money, time, and talents given to New Hope.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS	
DEBRA CALDWELL	12/3
PAM NICOLETTI	12/7
ADRIAN MARTINEZ	12/14
CATHY BETTES	12/23
NICK BOWEN	12/28
STEVEN CALDWELL	12/28
SAM DESANTIS	12/29
DAVID GALER	12/30

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES
JERRY & JOANN FRANKLIN 12/29
MARRIED 34 YEARS

December 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

