



News and Opportunities

October 9, 2026



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Exodus 32:1-14 ~ Philippians 4:1-9 ~ Matthew 22:1-14

[*Order of Service*](#)

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This Week at New Hope

Sunday, October 11

Pastor Appreciation Day

9:00am

- Grades K-4th Sunday School (Room 100)
- Grades 5th-8th Sunday School (Room 101)
- Grades 9th-12th Sunday School (Youth Room)
- Adult Sunday School - Contemporary Issues (Conference Room)
- Adult Sunday School - Gospel of Luke (Room 104)

10:15am Worship Service (Worship Space)

11:30am Congregational Meeting (Worship Space)

12:00pm Safe Sanctuary Training (Conference Room)

Monday, October 12

6:00pm Mission Committee (Room 104)

7:00pm Session Meeting (Room 104)

Wednesday, October 14

3:30pm Prayer Team Meeting (Conference Room)

5:45pm Handbells Rehearsal (Worship Space)

Thursday, October 15

1:30pm Choir Rehearsal (Conference Room)

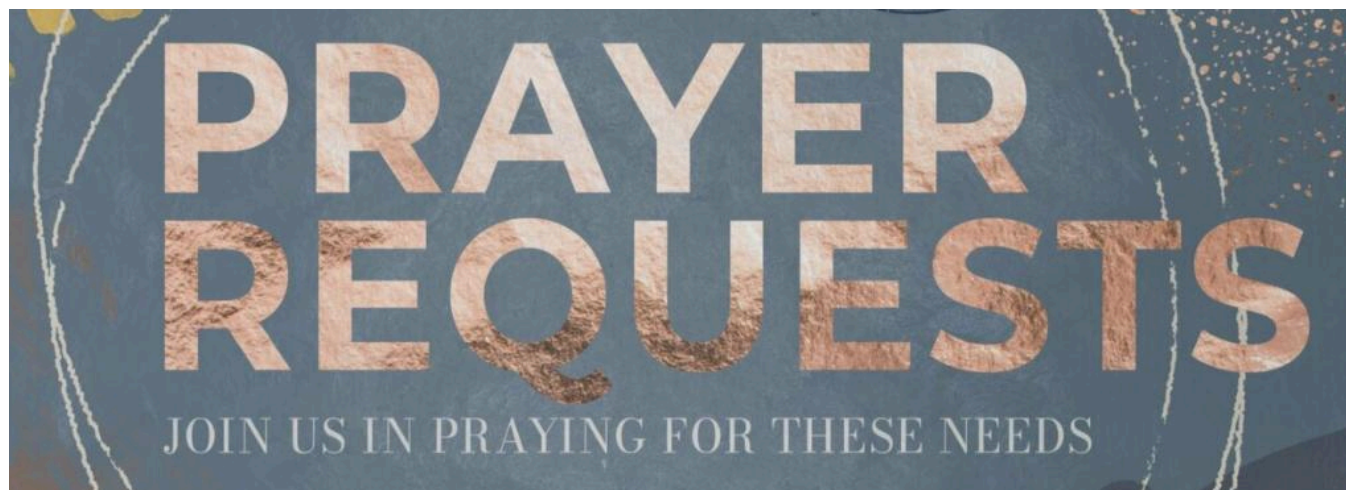
5:00pm Daisy Scouts (Room 104)

6:00pm Girl Scouts (Room 104)

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

October calendar

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



For healing and comfort ~ Fran Pretz (friend of Martha Lamey)

For our nation and world ~ for wisdom, guidance and peace among lawmakers and leaders

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*

Dear New Hope Family,

I just want to say thank you for all the cards, prayers, kind words, and expressions of sympathy after the passing of my sister.

It never ceases to amaze me how thoughtful this congregation is. Just when I think I know how special New Hope is, you folks go and remind me all over again.

I really appreciate everyone who took the time to send a card, say a prayer, stop me at church, or simply let me know you were thinking about me and my family. Those little things may not seem like much when you do them, but believe me, they mean a lot when you're on the receiving end.



We talk a lot about being a church family, and times like this remind me that we really are one.

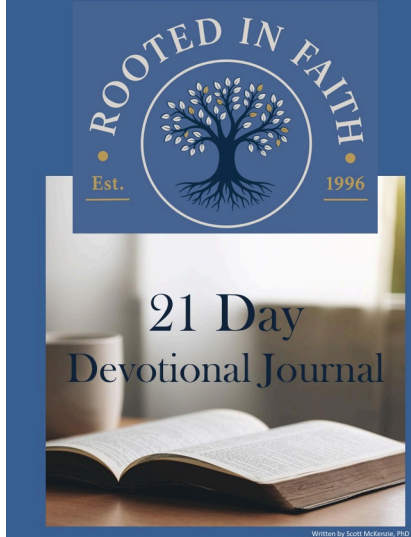
Thank you for caring, thank you for being there, and most of all, thank you for being New Hope.

~ Jerry Dyer



**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11**

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for this Sunday, October 11 at 11:15am, immediately following the worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to receive and act on the report of the 2026 Congregational Nominating Committee to elect Deacons, Ruling Elders, and at large members of the Congregational Nominating Committee to begin service in 2027. Click [here](#) for information on those nominated for election.



As we embark on the congregational phase of our "Rooted in Faith, Growing to Serve" capital campaign, we invite you to join together in prayer. In the Narthex, there is a **21-Day Prayer Devotional & Journal** available for you to take home. Our hope is that all of us will hold our congregation and the campaign in prayer during this important season of our life together, because this capital campaign is not just about raising money. It's about raising up people, coming together to give thanks for our first 30-years of ministry and looking ahead to all the ways New Hope will continue to share God's love with our community for generations to come.

(Click on the link or image to the left to access the devotional & journal)



PASTOR APPRECIATION DAY!

This Sunday, October 11, is Pastor Appreciation Day! Following worship (and the brief congregational meeting), we will show our appreciation for Chris with cake and fellowship at a reception in his honor.



SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING

Safe Sanctuary Training will be offered for volunteers in Children's and Youth programs this Sunday, October 11 at noon in the conference room. The training will follow the Congregational meeting and coffee hour and should last about an hour and 15 minutes. This Safe Sanctuary Session will be for those who have never had the training and for folks who were last trained 3 or more years ago and need to renew their certification. The Safe Sanctuary Training focuses on church policies and procedures regarding the safety of minors including emergencies, how to be a state mandated reporter for children and guidelines for how our church programs are run to keep kids safe. Volunteers for Sunday School, Worship Feast, Nursery Care, and other children/youth events need to go through the training and also be background checked. Please sign up in the Narthex if you plan to attend, contact [Shelley Geiger](#) if you have questions. Thank you!

TRUNK OR TREAT

Come and Join Us!

October 18th

4:00 – 6:00

New Hope Presbyterian

1580 Kisker Road



• COME ENJOY
TRICK OR
TREATING,
GAMES, & FOOD! •

• TOP 3 TRUNKS
WIN PRIZES! •

• CONTACT THE
CHURCH OFFICE OR
SIGN UP IN THE
NARTHEX TO HOST
A TRUNK! •

New Hope will be hosting our annual Trunk or Treat on October 18th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM! If you would like to decorate a trunk, you can sign up in the Narthex or by calling the church office. We are also accepting candy donations from the congregation to help make the event a sweet success—please drop donations into the collection bucket in the Narthex. Whether you are decorating a trunk or just bringing the family to trick-or-treat, come join in on the fun!

POTLUCK DINNER

Sunday, October 25

COME CELEBRATE!

After Worship in the
Fellowship Hall

**You bring a casserole, salad or
dessert**

The Church will provide smoked, pulled
pork ~ BBQ sauce provided on the side

Eat, Have Fun & Celebrate
New Hope and its 30 years as a
chartered church in the Presbytery



NEW HOPE IS CELEBRATING 30 YEARS!

Join us for a potluck dinner on Sunday, October 25, to celebrate New Hope's 30th anniversary! We will gather in the Fellowship Hall immediately following worship. Bring a casserole, salad, or dessert. Smoked, pulled pork will be provided. Eat, have fun, and celebrate 30 years of New Hope as a chartered church in the Presbytery.



Harvest of Talents *Sunday, November 15*

HARVEST OF TALENTS

Harvest of Talents will be November 15th this year. This is the one big fundraiser the Deacons host to support the Benevolence Fund that helps individuals within our church and in the community at large.

For those of you new to Harvest of Talents, this is a great opportunity to show us your talents. Be it baking, woodworking, painting, crocheting, quilting, crafting... the list goes on. On Sunday morning,

November 15th, you can bring those treasures you've created and place them on tables in the Narthex. After service that day you can look over all the items. If you see something you like, simply place a goodwill offering in the baskets provided, and take the item(s) of your choice.

So start thinking about those treasures! If you have any questions, please ask a Deacon for more information. Thank you! We are looking forward to Harvest of Talents.

~Your Board of Deacons



IT'S ALL ABOUT JESUS

Agape Circle is again sponsoring the Shoebox Christmas Ministry. Shoeboxes containing books in the child's language teaching about Jesus are distributed to over 13 million children in 175 countries.

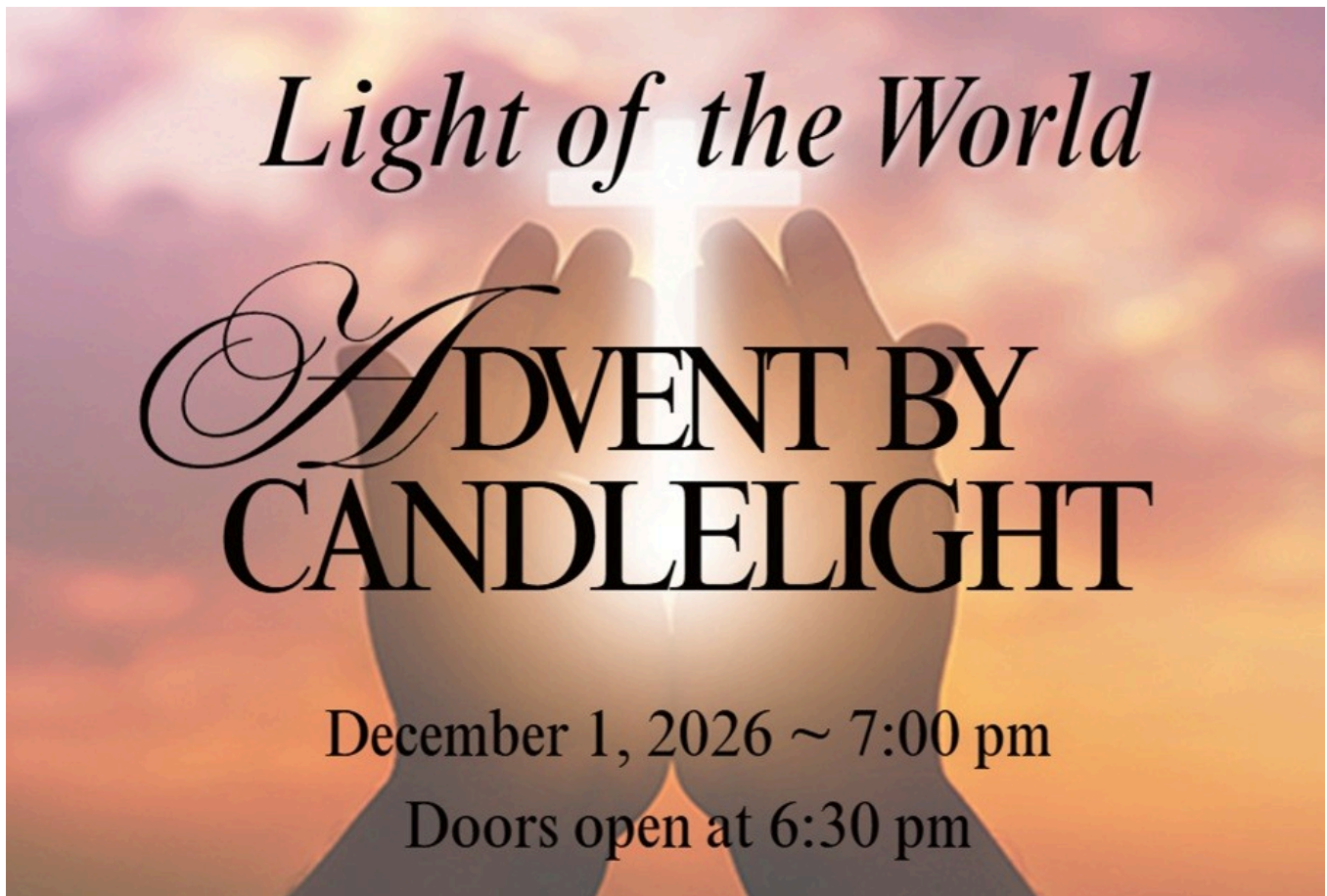
Shoeboxes will be available in the Narthex beginning October 11. They must be returned by November 15.

A list of suggested items is available. Please do NOT include soap, toothpaste, candy, military items, Pokemon or Harry Potter items, as they cause problems in customs. Please use rubber bands or string to secure your box. We are asked not to include monetary donations in the boxes. A donation of \$10 is requested to facilitate shipping costs. All donations are to be mailed to:

Samaritan's Purse
PO Box 3000
Boone, NC 28607

You may include a note to the child who will receive your box. Volunteers who help distribute the boxes will read your note to the child. Please pray for the child who will receive your gift.

Questions? Contact [Nancy Seals](#).



To all women of New Hope: you are encouraged to participate in 2026 Advent by Candlelight with the theme, Receiving the Light of the World, on Tuesday, December 1, 2026 at 7 P.M. in the worship space.

Doors will open at 6:30 P.M. This special event is for all women of our congregation, their family, friends

and neighbors. Reservation forms are available in the "Information and Outreach Center" in the Narthex. You might consider hosting a table or choosing to attend and be assigned to a table.

Detailed

information is included in the Reservation Packet. A free-will offering will be taken to support program expenses, New Hope Presbyterian Women Scholarship Fund and the New Hope Food Pantry. Don't miss

out on this very joyful evening! Reservations are due to Trudi in the church office by Sunday, November

15th, 2026. Contact Ann Schmid or Robin Murphy with any questions. Blessings to all!

**COOKIES WITH SANTA
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Volunteers are needed to help with Cookies with Santa on December 6th, 3:00–5:00 PM.



Help is needed with set-up, crafts, games, welcoming guests, and clean-up.

Please consider sharing your time and Christmas spirit!

To volunteer, contact Kristen Moore at 314-749-6853.



BRINGING BLESSINGS TO OTHERS

New Hope has now donated over 70 pieces of luggage and over 100 luggage tags to the Foster Kids at Epworth! Thank you for your continuing support of this ministry. You are blessings the lives of many disadvantaged youth. Thank you for your generosity.



SUPPORTING THOSE IN NEED HOLLENENBECK CLOTHING DRIVE

Here's a great opportunity for NHPC to help local Hollenbeck Middle School children and their families by supporting the Hollenbeck's Parent-Teacher Organization's (PTO) Care Closet. The Hollenbeck Care Closet provides clothing items to Hollenbeck students' and their families. The Care Closet provides the following items:

- Hoodies
- Sweatpants
- Shorts
- Gloves
- Leggings
- Long sleeve shirts of all kinds
- Tennis shoes
- New undergarments (socks, underwear & sports bras)

Notes:

- They are in most in need of sizes YL - Adult 4X
- The program also needs cloth shopping bags

We are asking NHPC members to donate the above items by **Sunday 11/1**. There will be designated boxes in the narthex near the church office.

For more information, please contact [Kirk Garten](#) and/or [Colleen Shear](#)



FOOD PANTRY

Thank you to all of our great volunteers who faithfully sign up to stock the food pantry! And thank you to all who support the food pantry with your designated monetary gifts and food donations. Our goal for the food pantry is to provide a variety of easy to prepare items for those who have limited access to kitchen appliances and to provide supplemental grocery items for those families who do not have the funds to purchase all that they need. Your generous donations of time and money make this ministry possible!

Purchasing items for the food pantry as you do your weekly shopping is a great way of putting the call of Matthew 25 into action in everyday life. Please consider picking up a few of the items listed below when you do your grocery shopping this week. Or, if you prefer, please consider making a monetary donation to the food pantry fund.

These are the most needed items in the pantry this week:

- Canned meats
- Granola bars
- Jelly
- Peanut butter
- Spaghetti noodles
- Spaghetti sauce

For your shopping convenience, orders can be placed through our wish list at [Amazon](#).

Click the link or call the office if you are interested in helping to stock the food pantry. Our Mission Committee members will be happy to personally train you. Thank you!

[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

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!



**You can find the list for birthdays
and anniversaries below**

October

Hard copies can also be found in the Narthex.



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***

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 [Bill Irvine](#).

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

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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