

From Pastor HK

Hello everyone,

I pray all is well. Last Sunday, we unpacked Jeremiah 33 and witnessed the Messianic hope being prophesied through the prophet Jeremiah 600 years before Jesus' birth. Despite Jeremiah's situation, he desperately held unto God and the promises of God with sincere faith. As we start the Advent season, let us continue to remember to behold the Lamb of God and be in awe of His arrival to redeem the lost and broken.



Join us this Saturday for our morning prayer meeting and our Sunday worship at 10:30 am. Let's continue to be the Christ-centered church that God has called us to be. If you like to meet with me, please do not hesitate to reach out!

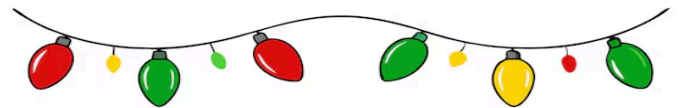
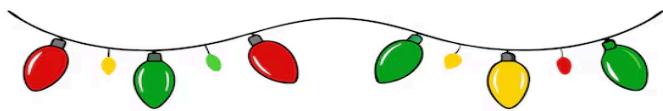
Blessings,

Pastor HK Kim

CHRISTMAS PARADE

Join us on
Friday,
December 6th
starting
at 6:00pm

for the New Hope Community Christmas Parade.
We will have a float in the parade and serve
hot chocolate to keep everyone warm!

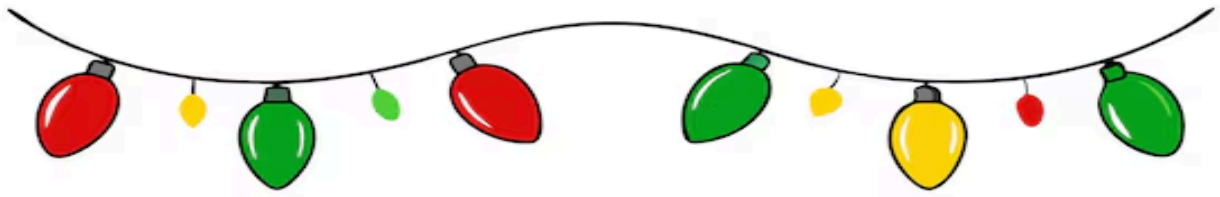


On Wednesday,
December 18th
at 5:30pm, we will have
our Community Dinner.
Please come and join us
and bring a friend!





The minutes to the
November / December
Church Council meeting
will be in the January 2025
issue of The Hilltopper.



- 2 - Sofia Belsky, Robin Craun
- 3 - Carl Lambert
- 6 - Chrissy Via, Karen Whitmer
- 13 - Jake & Julie Botkin
- 13 - Jason & Chrissy Via
- 14 - Karleigh Howdyshell, Layla Taylor
- 16 - B. F. Caricofe III, Carrie Marshall, Paul Whitmer, Shelvie Critzer
- 17 - Kim Maugans, Tim & Suzanne Lank
- 18 - Jason Via
- 21 - Emily Howdyshell
- 23 - Julie Botkin
- 25 - B. F. Caricofe
- 30 - Kim & Karen Maugans
- 31 - Andy & Dana Breeding



Upcoming Activities, Events and Meetings at New Hope UMC

Sunday, December 1st ~ Sunday School @ 9:30am
~ Sunday Morning Worship and Holy Communion @ 10:30am

Thursday, December 5th ~ Church Council Meeting @ 6:30pm

Friday, December 6th ~ New Hope Christmas Parade @ 6:00pm

Saturday, December 7th ~ Sweet Hour of Prayer @ 8:00am

Sunday, December 8th ~ Sunday School @ 9:30am
~ Sunday Morning Worship @ 10:30am

Saturday, December 14th ~ Sweet Hour of Prayer @ 8:00am

Sunday, December 15th ~ Sunday School @ 9:30am
~ Sunday Morning Worship @ 10:30am

Saturday, December 21st ~ Sweet Hour of Prayer @ 8:00am

Sunday, December 22nd ~ Sunday School @ 9:30am
~ Sunday Morning Worship @ 10:30am

Tuesday, December 24th ~ Christmas Eve Service @ 7:00pm

Wednesday, December 25th ~ Merry Christmas!

Saturday, December 28th ~ Sweet Hour of Prayer @ 8:00am

Sunday, December 29th ~ Sunday Morning Worship @ 10:30am

Moving Closer

I just learned recently of a Christmas tradition that I was unaware of. Some people don't include the three wise men in their nativity scenes at the start of the Christmas season. Instead, they set the wise men a good distance from the place where their nativity is positioned, and they inch the wise men closer and closer a little more each day. Until on Christmas day, the wise men reach their destination and join the others in the nativity, along with the new addition of the baby Jesus.

What a unique way to remind ourselves about the story of Jesus' birth during the Christmas holiday.

As I thought about the wise men moving along closer and closer to baby Jesus. I thought about what it may have been like for the real wise men to take that journey across unknown lands with just the faith that they had in their hearts.

My hope is to always be moving closer to Jesus.

And sometimes I feel like I am making good progress in my quest to get closer to Jesus. Sometimes I feel like I am getting pushed closer and closer to Jesus. Sometimes I feel like I am being violently dragged backwards away from Jesus. And sometimes I feel as though I am stuck.... like in quicksand... not going anywhere and barely able to keep my head above it all.



I am sure that most of us have had similar feelings in the past, feeling very close to Jesus at times and feeling very far away from Jesus at other times.

But, if we can keep moving, inching along, closer and closer, little by little, like those wise men in the night, one day we too will reach our ultimate destination, we will find the treasure under the shining star, and we will be close to Jesus for all of eternity.

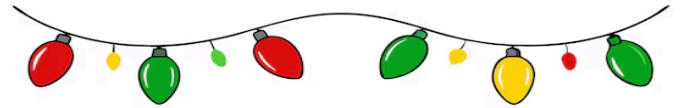
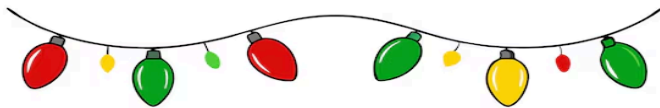
GIFT OF JESUS

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men, for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.

— PSALM 107: 8-9 NIV



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