

*From Pastor HK*

Hello everyone,

I pray all is well with everyone as we enter into a new month. The Lord has been gracious and active as we continue to seek the Lord in this new season as a community of faith. Last month, we had our Amazing Grace sermon series to learn more about God's grace expressed in three ways according to our Methodist tradition. We also had our guest preacher, Pastor Jim Eckard from Faith Community Church come and share the Gospel on the last Sunday of October. I listened to his sermon on our YouTube page and it was a powerful message on God's grace & truth.

For this month, we're going to unpack the essence of having a grateful heart as God's beloved people. Despite many circumstances, we have plenty of reasons to express our thanksgiving to our Savior. As we continue to remember our brothers and sisters in Christ who are resting in God's presence for eternity, let us dive deeper into biblical thanksgiving. Come join us on Sundays and let's encounter God's presence and grow in our discipleship together.

Blessings,

*Pastor HK Kim*



We will have a planning meeting on Thursday, November 7th at 6:30pm, to plan out the events of 2025.

Everyone is encouraged to attend, so that we can plan a full calendar of events for next year.

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*On Sunday,  
November 24th at  
7:00pm, we will  
have our Community  
Thanksgiving  
Service at Laurel  
Hill Baptist Church*







The following are the minutes from the OCTOBER meeting of the Administrative Church Council.

The minutes are available to help the entire church family *stay in the know* about how this group is caring for New Hope UMC!

## **Administrative Council Meeting Minutes - October 24, 2024**

Those in attendance: Pastor HK, Becky Breeding, Sandy Wyrick, Corey Johnson, Bill Lalla, Cindy Deavers, Bruce Rogers, Karen Whitmer, Wanda Harding, Beth Howdysshell, Linda Howdysshell and Susan Mehler

Meeting called to order by Becky Breeding, prayer concerns noted. Cindy Deavers led devotions.

No additions or corrections to the September council meeting minutes all approved as presented.

### **1. Finance Committee - Bruce Rogers:**

- Giving for three Sundays in October have been average
- \$1440.60 have been collected in donations to go to UMCOR to support hurricane Helene relief efforts. These donations are a combination of personal giving and mission fundraisers.
- Reports for charge conference which is to be held on November 3rd have been completed and filed with the district. Many thanks to Becky Breeding for making sure this information was supplied and deadline was met

### **2. Treasurers report- Cindy Deavers**

- Explained money designated for UMCOR \$915.91 noted on balance sheet
- Apportionments accepted have been paid
- Gift and Memorial Fund received money from the 50s drive in fundraiser
- Gifts have been received in memory of Joanie Schofield, UMW Circle Love/Hope to donate \$100 earmarked for kitchen supplies
- New stoves have been paid in full -\$3027.00 for the set. ½ of the cost paid by UMM, the other ½ paid by the UMW plus some additional gift donations. There may be extra charges for installation.

### **3. Financial secretary-Becky Breeding – Nothing to report**

**4. SPRC- Sandy Wyrick –**

- Money in budget for full-time accompanist will be moved/used to pay our part time pianist so as not to rely on Community Dinner or other funds to pay for the same.
- Agreement has been reached with a new custodial service; they will work as 1099 / self-contractors. To begin January 1, 2025

**5. Trustees – Corey Johnson**

- Old propane tanks to be removed from property on/about 10/25/24
- An AV company has been contracted to troubleshoot the AV system on 10/31/24 regarding the continuing camera problem, all Corey's attempts to resolve the issue had been unsuccessful.
- Carpet in the Narthex was cleaned

**6. United Methodist Sisters (formally United Methodist Women) / District Conference Delegate – Wanda Harding**

- Sisters of Faith meeting 11/04/24 at 1:30pm
- Sister of Love/Hope meeting 11/11/24 at 6:30pm at the Church
- UMS will feed the UMM November 21, 2024 at 6:30 pm
- District Conference report: Thanks to all who helped compiling the report needed for the District Charge Conference, all was completed and filed before the deadline.
- Community Meal of 10/23/24 had great attendance, we served between 65 – 70 people from our community. Free will donation of \$230 was obtained, thank you to all who participated in every capacity. Next community dinner will be December 18, 2024 at 5:30pm

**7. Lay Leader, UMM – Bill Lalla:**

- Church attendance month of October is rounding out at about 46 per week thus far
- UMM Workday 10/26/24 – To pick up sticks, straighten out the parking block in parking area, clean up work in the cemetery.

**8. Membership Secretary – Karen Whitmer:**

- Summary for the year as far as membership: Lost 4 members due to their passing. Lost 14 members due to transfer/withdrawal.

**9. Communications – AV Camera situation is still being reviewed.**

**10. Program/Event Planning Update:**

- Evaluated the 50's Drive In – noted it was better than expected due to lack of staffing. Issues to improve on, pre-prep in service line, 2 extra kitchen workers, and 1 – 2 more runners for the takeout orders. Collect flat boxes instead of bags. Music outside, maybe.
- Good participation at Endless View Farms, event brought a lot of children and young families to the church service beforehand.

- Good participation at Endless View Farms for the bazaar, raised over \$700 for UMCOR buckets that day.
- District conference to be held 11/3/24 Bridgewater UMC, 3pm
- Community Thanksgiving service will be at Laurel Hill Baptist Sunday 11/24/24 at 7pm.
- Leverne Herring will be heading up the Apple Tree Project as Christmas mission for us this year, details to come
- Agreed we should participate in the New Hope Christmas parade this year, Dec No float, we will just walk to and from, dress warm and be sure you can walk the distance. Susan Mehler agreed to have hot cocoa and cookies available for the “line Up” before the parade begins.
- November 7<sup>th</sup> 6:30 Planning Meeting for anyone who wants to/needs to put an activity on the 2025 calendar. We would like to put down as much as possible, so we don't have too much going on at one time.

11. **Pastor HK's report:** Guest minister on Sunday 10/27/24 – Pastor Jim Eckard from Harrisonburg VA will fill in. New Hope UMC will be host to the Good Friday service 2025.

Meeting adjourned in prayer by Pastor HK. Next meeting slated for December 5, 2024 6:30pm

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- 1 - Judy Lalla, Larry Shifflett
  - 2 - Susan Coffman
  - 3 - Kathy Killough
  - 6 - Crystal Bell, Joseph Bragg,  
Neveah Marshall
  - 8 - George Taylor  
- Earl & Jackie Willberger ❤️
  - 10 - Jim Gruber, Roy Randolph
  - 14 - Beth Rogers
  - 17 - Lynn Tuten
  - 18 - Lydia Hough
  - 22 - Jeffrey Kraisser
  - 27 - Steven Broyles, Wendy McLaren  
- James & Linda Howdysshell ❤️
  - 30 - Kim Hinkle



Anniversaries  
and Birthdays

Kingsway Prison and Family Outreach is a faith-based non-profit organization that supports inmates, and individuals as they re-enter society. They also support family members.

Kingsway's Christmas Project involves providing Christmas gifts for inmates, and the Apple Tree Project for children of inmates.



Incarcerated parents fill out an application for their children, and people in the community purchase gifts. The gifts are delivered to Kingsway's office, and Kingsway coordinates the deliveries.

Kingsway needs help with the Apple Tree Project this Christmas Season. They supply the Apples, you pick an Apple (or two) and purchase the gift, and then return the item to the church. Monetary donations to assist with postage are also needed.

Gifts and any donation need to be returned to church by Sunday, November 17th. This program is totally voluntary.

Apples and more information will be available in the Narthex.

LeVerne Herring will deliver whatever items are collected and can answer any questions. Thank you for your support!



# October at Endless View Farms

## *Church Picnic, Fall Bazaar, and Trunk or Treat*





# November



## Upcoming Activities, Events and Meetings at New Hope UMC

**Saturday, November 2nd** ~ Sweet Hour of Prayer @ 8:00am (**Daylight Savings**)

**Sunday, November 3rd** ~ Sunday School @ 9:30am

~ Sunday Morning Worship and Holy Communion @ 10:30am

~ District COncference at Bridgewater UMC at 3:00pm

**Monday, November 4th** ~ Sisters of Faith @ 1:30pm

**Thursday, November 7th** ~ Planning Team Meeting @ 6:30pm

**Saturday, November 9th** ~ Sweet Hour of Prayer @ 8:00am

**Sunday, November 10th** ~ Sunday School @ 9:30am

~ Sunday Morning Worship @ 10:30am

**Monday, November 11th** ~ Circles of Hope and Love meet @ 6:30pm

**Saturday, November 16th** ~ Sweet Hour of Prayer @ 8:00am

**Sunday, November 17th** ~ Sunday School @ 9:30am

~ Sunday Morning Worship @ 10:30am

**Thursday, November 21st** ~ United Methodist Men Meeting @ 6:30pm

**Saturday, November 23rd** ~ Sweet Hour of Prayer @ 8:00am

**Sunday, November 24th** ~ Sunday School @ 9:30am

~ Sunday Morning Worship @ 10:30am

~ Community Thanksgiving Service at Laurel Hill Baptist Church @ 7pm

**Thursday, November 28th** ~ Happy Thanksgiving!

**Saturday, November 30th** ~ Sweet Hour of Prayer @ 8:00am

# 23,000 Breaths



“Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!” (Psalm 150:6).

One of the good things about the Thanksgiving holiday is that we are “forced” to stop our busy, self-centered lives and count our blessings. It is so easy to take our blessings for granted!

I was recently reminded of how our loving and powerful God cares for us—in ways we rarely ponder.

The average human being takes 23,000 breaths a day. Unless we are sick, winded from running, choking, or experiencing something else out of the ordinary, we never give this complicated and amazing routine much thought.

The process of inhaling oxygen and exhaling carbon dioxide is a complex task that requires physiological precision in our God-designed respiratory system. And yet, we do it thousands of times each day without so much as a second thought.

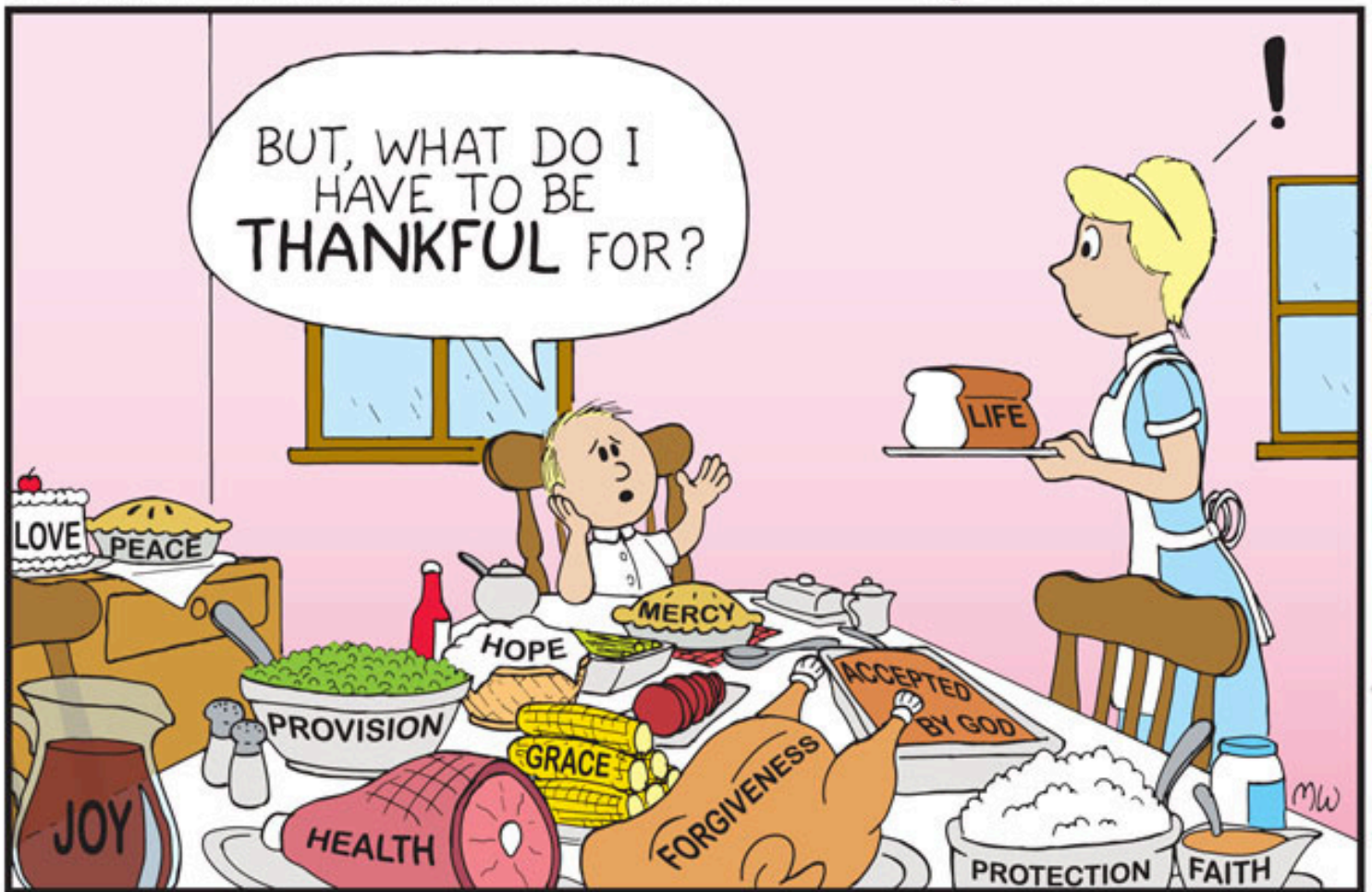
We tend to praise God and give Him thanks for those “big events” that take our breath away. Sometimes it is good to be reminded that our mighty God is blessing us each moment of each day. Let us use the breath we have to praise the Lord and give Him thanks for our many blessings.

“Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them. Full of splendor and majesty in His work, and His righteousness endures forever. He has caused His wondrous works to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and merciful. He provides food for those who fear Him; He remembers His covenant forever. He has shown His people the power of His works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations. The works of His hands are faithful and just; all His precepts are trustworthy; they are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness. He sent redemption to His people; He has commanded His covenant forever. Holy and awesome is His name! The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!” (Psalm 111).

Bart Warren; Glasgow, KY

# COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits—  
— PSALM 103:2 NIV

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