

The Hilltopper

January 2025

From Pastor HK

Happy 2025 everyone!

By God's grace, we have another year to behold the Lamb of God and make God known as a body of Christ. I pray and hope we all had a Christ-filled 2024 as we reflect on God's faithfulness. As we start a new year in God's presence, let us dedicate our lives to the Lord with greater hunger and expectancy for God to be the center of every aspect of our lives. I want to invite the New Hope family to earnestly pray for the following in faith: Let's pray for at least one prodigal in our lives to come to know Christ this year. Whether the person is our family member, friend, co-worker, or neighbor, let's pray Christ will reveal Himself to the individual and that person will experience the prodigal Father's love like never before. Let's pray the Kingdom of Heaven will be established and the light of Christ will shine wherever we go and whoever we meet.

Starting on January 8th, we have our Wednesday gatherings. Please see the information below and join us in growing in our discipleship of Spirit and truth!

Blessings, *Pastor HK Kim*

WEDNESDAY GATHERINGS

Upcoming January 2025

1/8/2025	11:00AM 6:30PM	Sweet Hour of Prayer (SHOP) @ Chapel Sweet Hour of Prayer (SHOP) @ Chapel
1/15/2025	11:00AM 6:30PM	Bible Study @ Social Hall Bible Study @ Social Hall
1/22/2025	11:00AM 6:30PM	Bible Study @ Social Hall Bible Study @ Social Hall
1/29/2025	11:00AM 5:30PM	Community Brunch @ New Hope Market Community Dinner @ Social Hall



Shenandoah River District Training **IN PERSON** Workshops in 2025!

**TIME'S RUNNING OUT -
REGISTER TODAY**

The event will be held on two dates and at different venues. Choose the date and place that works best for you! Classes offered will be the same at each venue.

Register now to attend!

<https://tithe.ly/event-registration/#/9582045>

<https://tithe.ly/event-registration/#/9582054>

Classes offered from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

LAY LEADER - Taught by Wilma Jennings

SPPRC COMMITTEE - Taught by Rev. Dr. Victor Gómez

BOARD OF TRUSTEES - Taught by Kathy Lutman (Conference Trustees)

FINANCE COMMITTEE - Taught by
Carol Draper (Conference Treas. Office)

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD - Taught by Rev. Jason Duley

FRESH EXPRESSIONS - Taught by Rev. Dr. Andy Brock



The minutes to the
November / December
Church Council meeting
will be in the **February 2025**
issue of The Hilltopper.
Sorry for any inconvenience.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

January

- 3 ~ Dana Breeding, Jack Walker
- 5 ~ Shirley Western
- 6 ~ Phyllis Jarvis
- 7 ~ Kristen Walker Kniss
- 12 ~ Phyllis Fretwell
- 17 ~ Rick Grande
- 20 ~ Mike Breeding, Laura Jenner
- 21 ~ Kenneth Fretwell
- 23 ~ Linda McKibbin
- 25 ~ Christian Deavers



Anniversaries
and Birthdays

**If your birthday or anniversary is not listed, please let us know and we will update our records.*



[Upcoming Activities, Events and Meetings at New Hope UMC](#)

Saturday, January 4th ~ Sweet Hour of Prayer @ 8:00am

Sunday, January 5th ~ Sunday School @ 9:30am

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

Wednesday, January 8th ~ Sweet Hour of Prayer @ 11:00am and 6:30pm

Thursday, January 9th ~ Trustees @ 6:30pm

Saturday, January 11th ~ Sweet Hour of Prayer @ 8:00am

Sunday, January 12th ~ Sunday School @ 9:30am

~ Sunday Morning Worship @ 10:30am

Wednesday, January 15th ~ Bible Study @ 11:00am and 6:30pm

Thursday, January 16th ~ United Methodist Men @ 6:30pm

Saturday, January 18th ~ Sweet Hour of Prayer @ 8:00am

Sunday, January 19th ~ Sunday School @ 9:30am

~ Sunday Morning Worship @ 10:30am

Wednesday, January 22nd ~ Bible Study @ 11:00am and 6:30pm

Thursday, January 23rd ~ Church Council @ 6:30pm

Saturday, January 25th ~ Sweet Hour of Prayer @ 8:00am

Sunday, January 26th ~ Sunday School @ 9:30am

~ Sunday Morning Worship @ 10:30am

Wednesday, January 29th ~ Community Brunch at New Hope Grocery @ 11:00am

~ Community Dinner in the Social Hall @ 5:30pm

Resolve to Involve Everything

With the new year comes resolutions. We like a fresh start, and we generally feel that the start of a brand new year is best time to implement changes. I guess it's because we look back on the previous year and analyze successes and failures and make decisions on what we need to do to better ourselves—and that's not a bad thing. We make plans and determinations with great hope of accomplishing them in our lives.

Most people will make resolutions that improve their body (like eating better and/or exercising more), improve their mind (like reading more or learning something new), or improve their attitude. Without a doubt, these are good things to make positive progress in our lives.

But, in making our resolutions, let us not forget about the most important thing to improve in our lives: our spirituality. As Christians, we should always be striving to be growing closer to God, reading the Bible more, increasing in service, and becoming more mature in the faith. Improving our spirituality will also help us to improve anything else we wish to implement into our lives.

Interestingly, Jesus mentioned all of these areas when asked what was the greatest commandment. He mentioned them in connection with our relationship to God. We read it in Mark 12:30, "And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength." Notice how we are to love God with our all—mind, body, heart, and soul. So, it makes sense that we would always want to improve ourselves in all of these areas.

Yes, let us resolve to involve every aspect of our lives in loving, honoring, serving, and praising God, and not just at the beginning of each year, but at the beginning of each and every day.

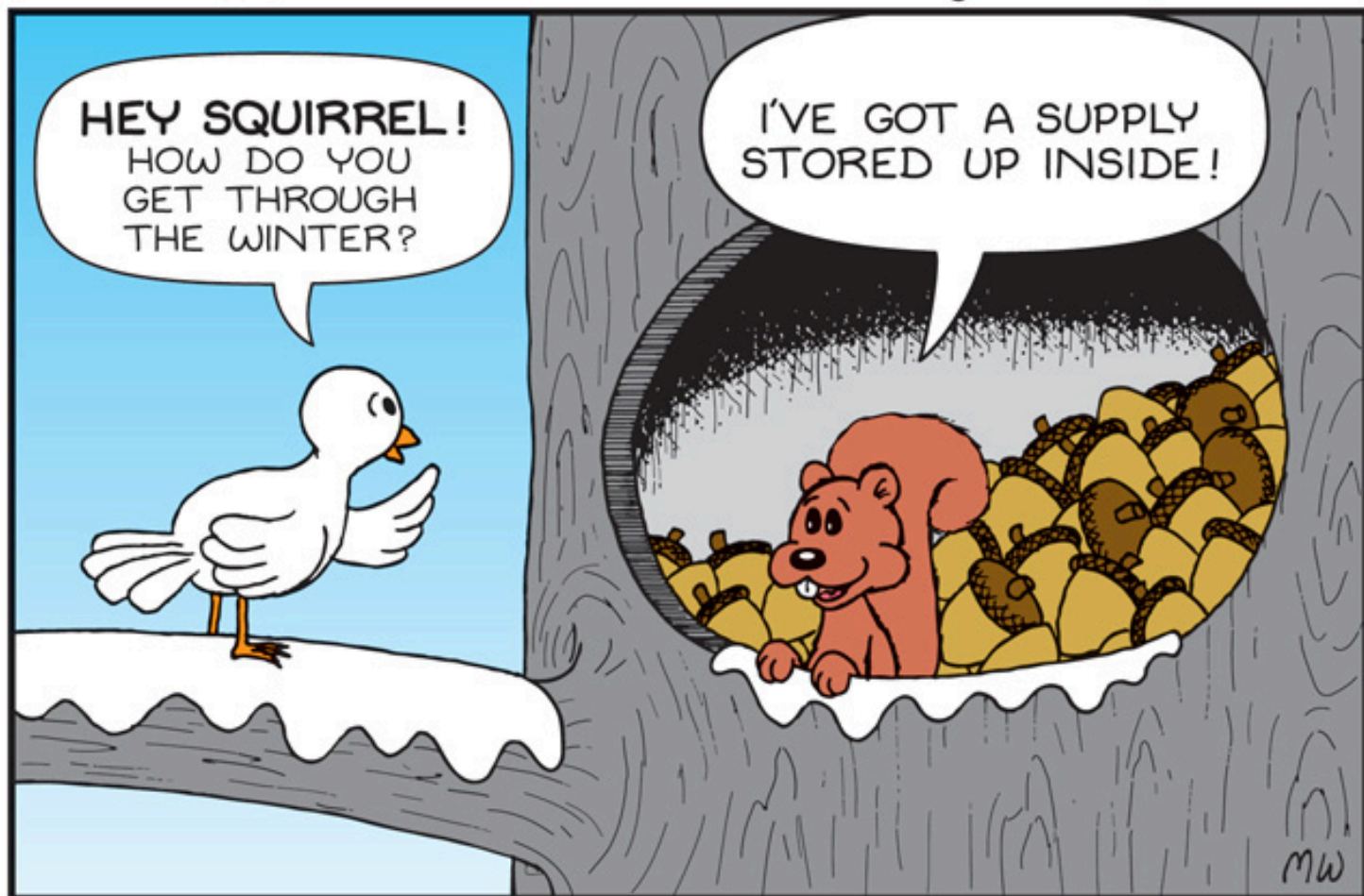
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[Bulletin Digest](#)

INNER SUPPLY

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



My son, keep my words and store up my commands within you.

- PROVERBS 7:1 NIV

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