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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Women in Faith:** The “**Thursday**” group will be having a cookie exchange on **Thursday, December 14** at Lakeside Apartments, 3rd floor west lounge. For more information, contact Helen McClain
- **Christmas Eve** service will be at 6:00P on Christmas Eve.
- **Calendar Items:** Please let the office know of meetings that need to be added to the calendar. I’m currently working on **JANUARY** items. Please let me know of upcoming committee meetings and other events we need to put on the calendar. Thanks.

Christmas Dinner and Program December 17:

Our annual Christmas Dinner and Christmas program will be Sunday, December 17. The Christmas program will take place during worship service, with the dinner immediately following service. Turkey, dressing, ham, gravy, rolls, and mashed potatoes will be furnished. The congregation is asked to bring two of the following three side dishes: vegetables, salad, or dessert.

MISSION COMMITTEE NEWS

Medical Mission donations: Medical Mission Team is once again preparing for their mission trip in January. We are beginning to collect monetary donations for them to purchase supplies. Please indicate “medical mission” on the memo line of your check.

~Mission Committee



Holiday Recipe Book

Thank you to all who contributed recipe(s) to the recipe book. A PDF version is attached to your email for today and I’ll have copies printed for those who would like to have a physical copy. (Please, only one per household.)





End of Year Contributions:

If you would like your church contributions counted toward 2023 tax statement, we must receive your check by December 31. All mailed checks must have a postmark date no later than December 31. Any “extra” gifts you would like to make will be greatly appreciated. ~John King, Finance Chair

Staff Gift:

It's time, once again, to begin collecting donations for Christmas gift for our staff. We want to show them how much they're appreciated for the things they do all year long. If you would like to donate to the staff Christmas gift fund, please make your check payable to HUMC with “staff gift” in the memo line. Thank you! ~Roni Caffrey, Staff Parish Chair

Handicap Accessible Door Buttons:



You may be aware that our handicap door sometimes has issues and refuses to open. The toggle switch at the top of the door should be in the “AUTOMATIC” position. If it is and the door is still not working, make sure you are pressing firmly in the center of the button, especially outside. Sometimes it just takes an extra bit of “oomph” to get it to work.



Have you moved?

Please double-check that we have your correct address. We've had some mail returned “undeliverable” recently. Thanks!



Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday this week to:

Ellen Samuelson, Ray Novak, Carol Peirce, Merlin Dresher, Helen McClain

Happy Birthday next week to:

Allen Hahn, Jack Gish

Happy Anniversary next week to:

Merlin & Sandra Dresher



Current Prayer list:

Kim Witt (surgery recovery), Tom McClain (Buck & Helen’s son; health), family of Joe Hershberger on his passing

Continue to pray for: (Please let me know of any updates/additions/deletions)

Chuck Arens (health), Cayle (Janeen Bezona’s son-in-law), Bob Diehl (LeAnn’s brother; hospice), Bonnie and Jan (friends of LeAnn), David Clark (Chuck Buechman’s nephew; cancer), Paul Hart (friend of Ray Novak; medical issues), Kennedy (from Raelene Kite; health), Robert Kinsley (Marge Hamilton’s brother; improving but still needs prayer), Lee (Pam Arens’ brother; health), Marilyn (Pam Arens’ sister; cancer), Carol Peirce (health), Jan Strecker Hedges (former member; health)

From the Missions Committee:

There will not be a delivery in January.



~Melinda Jantz



Church Mailbox

Please be checking your church mailbox on a regular basis. Save a stamp—check your box.

Blessing Box Needs:

We have several things that are completely out or nearly out. We do not need canned vegetables or canned soup.

- “Just add water” mixes
- Tuna Helper
- Canned tuna / canned chicken
- Spaghetti sauce / spaghetti
- After-school snacks (we have breakfast bars and nothing else)
- Toilet paper

PLEASE—no glass jars. Please do not place opened and/or partially used items in the blessing boxes. (New Hope will take opened/partially used items.) Thanks!



Additional Notes:

- **Fellowship Hall:** If you would like to reserve Fellowship Hall for an event, please schedule with the office. All upcoming reservations will be listed in this section in the weekly emails.
 - Reserved on Mondays, from 6:30P until 8:00P for scouts
 - Reserved Friday night, December 15
 - Reserved Sunday afternoon, January 7
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- **Directory Info:** If your information needs to be updated for the directory, please let me know before the end of the month. Updates will be published when there are changes).
- **Office will be closed** December 25 for Christmas

December 2023

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
3 9:00A Lunch Prep	4 9:00A Lunch delivery	5	6 7:00A Men's Bible Study HAS 9:00A Women's Bible Study 10:30A Missions 3:30P Bells practice 7:00P Youth	7	8	9 1:00P United Women Faith
10 3:45P Christmas Caroling	11	12	13 7:00A Men's Bible Study HAS 9:00A Women's Bible Study 3:30P Bells practice 7:00P Youth	14 2:00P United Women Faith	15	16
17 10:00 Worship/Children's Program 11:00A Fellowship Meal	18	19	20 7:00A Men's Bible Study HAS 3:30P Bells practice 7:00P Youth	21	22	23
24 6:00P Christmas Eve Service	25 Merry Christmas! The office will be closed 	26	27	28	29	30
31	1	Notes Fellowship Hall reserved Mondays 6:30P - 8:00P Fellowship Hall reserved Saturday, December 2, 4-8P Fellowship Hall reserved Friday night, December 15				

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28 Bryce & Keather Hansen	29	30 Katelyn Hamilton	1 Pam Waltner	2
3	4	5	6 Bryce Hansen	7	8 Joey Kueker	9 Howard Baugh
10	11 Ellen Samuelson	12 Ray Novak	13	14	15 Carol Peirce Merlin Dresher	16 Helen McClain
17	18	19 Allen Hahn Jack Gish	20	21 Merlin & Sandra Dresher	22	23
24 Ken Schwanke	25	26 Wilma Garrison Laverna Parrish	27 Henry Martin	28	29	30
31 Bev Perry John & Roni Caffrey	1	Notes				