

Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

*For all who are lonely, or frightened on this day
For those who do not share the joy we feel this morning
For our world where peace is still an elusive goal
For those who are sick and those who are depressed
For the poor and for those unable to shake addictions
For all others who have need of any kind
And for the in-breaking of your kingdom in and through our lives*



New Hope United Methodist Church

The Epiphany of our Lord
January 1, 2012

THIS WEEK

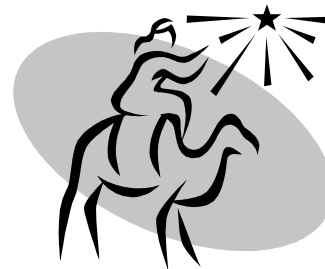
Mon 1/2	No office hours today– call if you need the pastor
Tue 1/3	2:00 pm, Prayer Warriors
Wed 1/4	Office hours 3-6 PM 6:00 pm, Choir Practice
Thurs 1/5	Pastor's Sabbath
Fri. 1/6	Epiphany
Sun. 1/8	9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 Announcements 10:05 Worship– the Baptism of our Lord

<p>Coming Soon! 1/9– Church Council Meeting– New structure and roles will be discussed 1/17– Food Pantry 1/28– UMM Breakfast meeting</p>
<p>Three Simple Rules for Christian Living:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. <i>Do No Harm</i>2. <i>Do Good</i>3. <i>Stay in Love with God</i>
<p><i>Linda and I are deeply moved by your generous gifts for Christmas Thank you.</i></p>



*The mission of the United Methodist Church
is “to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the
transformation of the world”
Enter to worship -- Depart to serve*

*Next Sunday we will celebrate the
Baptism of Our Lord.
The service will include a liturgy to
Reaffirm of our Baptismal Covenant*



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The Epiphany of our Lord

Musician: Ann Butt

PRELUDE, ANNOUNCEMENTS, VISITORS, PASSING THE PEACE

GREETING

Leader: Let us journey to the place where the Christ child awaits us

People: **Where the light of God shines brightly!**

***HYMN** **Angels We Have Heard on High** **NO. 238**

OPENING PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Let us pray:

O God, by the leading of a star your only Son as made known to us. And yet we confess that we have preferred the darkness to light; our own plans and purposes to your guidance and direction; our own pride and will to your power and glory. Forgive us, Lord. Grant us wisdom to behold the radiance that shines upon us and grace to walk in the light of your love.

You guide us into life, and love, God of wonder. You invite us to experience new birth. May the glory of Jesus Christ shine in the darkest places of our lives, and may we receive the gift of salvation that is your desire for us.

Amen

THE FIRST GOSPEL LESSON Luke 2: 22-35,40

Reader: The word of God for the People of God

People: **Thanks be to God.**

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

POEM, PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

***HYMN** **We Three Kings** **NO. 254**

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

CHORAL ANTHEM

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*THE GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 2: 1-12

Pastor: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** The Nicene Creed Hymnal pg. 880

*A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE

The Invitation

Hymnal pg. 20

The Great Thanksgiving

Giving the Bread and Cup

HYMN **Go Tell It on the Mountain** **NO. 251**

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

Lectionary for Next Sunday

Hebrew Bible Reading *Genesis 1: 1-5*

New Testament Reading *Acts 19: 1-7*

Gospel Lesson *Mark 1: 4-11*

Epiphany Prayer:

Everlasting god, the radiance of faithful souls, you brought the nations to your light and kings to the brightness of your rising. Fill the world with your glory, and show yourself to all the nations; through him who is the true light and the bright morning star, even Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.