



# Church Teams— Continued

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## Trustees Team

Class of 2007 **Howard Gerken**  
**Jack Edmonds**  
**Shorty Lewis**

Class of 2008 **Mike Smith**  
**Frankie Sutton**  
vacant

Class of 2009 **Dan Cox**  
**Jerry Wells**  
**Jim Ivey**

## Outreach & Missions Team

**Dawn Potter**      **Rebecca Lancaster**  
**Sharon Mumford** **Janie Woodard**  
**Eugenia Brooks**   **Jim Harr**

## Staff Parish Relations Team

Class of 2007 **Terry Butler**  
**Terry Hampton**  
**Tom Potter**

Class of 2008 **Mike Acree**  
**Jim Ivey**  
**Jessica Dearth**

Class of 2009 **Jim Lynch**  
**Becky Davis**  
**Peggy Gerken**

## Finance Team

**Diane Kester**      **Tom Potter**  
**Dan Cox**          **Joseph Wade**  
**Lois Caps**        **Martin Armstrong**  
**Margaret Wells** **Roger Lewis**  
Chair of Finance Committee-vacant

## Parsonage Team

**Linda Potter**      **Shorty Lewis**  
**Janie Woodard**   **Lynny Coltrane**  
**Howard Gerken**   **Ranate Brasington**  
**Jerry Wells**        **Eleanor Armstrong**

## Lay Leadership Team

**Martin Armstrong**, Chair

Class of 2007 **Rebecca Lancaster**  
**Joseph Wade**  
vacant

Class of 2008 **Mike Acree**  
**Jane Fields**  
**Iris Cox**

Class of 2009 **Greg Forrester**  
**Jennifer Bowen**  
**Doug Davis**

## A place for you!

I am the church!  
You are the church!  
We are the church together.  
All who follow Jesus, all around the world!  
Yes we are the church together.  
The church is not a building,  
The church is not a steeple,  
The church is not a resting place,  
The church is a people.  
— Song, “We are the Church”— written by Richard K Avery and Donald S. March

And so it is at New Hope. Where would you like to serve? Some teams meet monthly. Other teams are at work weekly or even daily. Contact the coordinator or chairperson to learn more about the responsibilities and missions of these groups. There is a place for you!



## UMM

The United Methodist enjoyed an evening of caroling in December and are now making plans for 2007.

All men of the congregation are welcome to attend the meetings and participate in the various service projects and Christian fellowship. Meetings are held at 7 pm on each third Thursday.

-Mike Acree, President

## UMW

Thank you to Peggy Gerken for hosting the UMW Christmas party. Over a dozen women and men enjoyed the refreshments and program.

Participation in the United Methodist Women of New Hope is open to all women—members as well

as visitors to New Hope.

Mark your calendar for January 18th at 7 pm for the next meeting.

- Jane Fields, president

## Trustees

Two maintenance projects are underway. Donations towards repair of the walkway between the Education wing and the Boyette Building total \$1,220. Estimates are around \$6,800, so we may need to tap into our fundraisers to complete this project.

Two years ago we replaced the windows in the Education wing with more efficient installations. Now, we need to do the same for the Boyette building. So far we have received donations for one window and pledges for three more. The Scouts are also considering helping with this energy saving project.

If you would like to donate a window in honor or in memory of someone, please fill out one of the forms that are located in the narthex and place it in the offering plate.

Thank-you and God Bless You.

-Dan Cox, Chair

## UMYF

The youth are ministering to a member of the church living in a nursing home. They will be making regular visits and gifts to present to residents there.

-Mandee & Joe Wade, Advisors

## Worship Team

The chart for donating altar flowers for 2007 has been posted. We have a standing order from Pinewood Florist eliminating the need for individuals to place the order. However, on special occasions, donors may make a special

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Dear Church Family —

I'm not really sure about this add for vents. It has something to do with lighting the candle, though. Each week another family read about the story of Jesus coming to earth and the choir sang about that candle.

Maybe it also had something to do with all the wonderful smells of the greens in the church—and the colorful flowers. It has been a season of waiting—just to see what the next week would bring.

I just love all the music! We had one Sunday with the ringers ringing and the choir singing. All about the birth of Jesus. I'd like to celebrate that way every week!

That evening I was able to slip aboard the hay wagon and joined in the ride to go caroling. So glad we had nice weather this year!

And then, we had another Sunday of music. Seems the Bible prepared folks to what was coming—all those ancestors of Jesus were given a hint of what was to come. And between the readings we all sang Christmas songs—called it Lessons and Carols, I believe.

And now, I'm writing this just as the year is drawing to a close. Soon everyone will pause, give thanks for 2006 and plan for the year to come.

I'll see ya' in church Sunday.

*A. Churchmouse*



HOLY CONVERSATIONS AT NEW HOPE UMC

# Celebrate

## Birthdays

- 1/1 Bonnie Kester
- 1/6 Lynn Collins
- 1/7 Amber Westfall
- 1/10 Jennifer Bowen
- 1/11 Sharon Mumford
- 1/20 Austin Harr
- 1/21 Andrew Wiebe
- 1/21 John Collins
- 1/22 Shorty Lewis
- 1/26 Jason Bedford
- 1/26 Kelyn Young
- 1/27 Hope Lockamy
- 1/27 Anita Poland
- 1/30 Chad Bedford
- 1/31 Dan Cox

## *Celebrating Their* ANNIVERSARY

- 1/1 Lynny & Sheila Coltrane
- 1/23 Frankie & Holly Sutton
- 1/25 Don & Betty Wallace

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request. Please note on the chart the honorees name if you are placing them for a birthday or anniversary. Cost is \$30.

## Finance Team

Giving statements will be printed by January 15th. Looking for a last minute tax deduction for 2006? Consider a donation to New Hope. It may be designated for something specific such as the repair of the walkway or replacement windows for the Boyette Building, or just un-designated. Memorial gifts are welcome in memory of Buddy Watson and his musical contributions to our worship services in the years past.

## Staff-Parish Relations Team

We welcome Janice Rouse to New Hope as our church secretary. Janice began her duties on December 4th and is learning the various responsibilities of the office. Stop by and introduce yourself so she can begin to match faces with the names she reads on the attendance sheets.

-Jim Lynch, Chair

## Visitation & Outreach Team

Thank you to all who participated in the Adopt a Grandparent at the Meadows of Goldsboro project in December. Many have expressed feelings that blessings from this initiative were shared between adopter and adoptee.

-Rebecca Lancaster, Chair

## News of New Hope

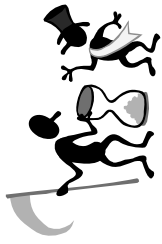
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District Web Site:  
<http://goldsborodistrictumc.org>

We ♥ our church!



# JANUARY 2007

**\*Sunday Schedule**

- 8:45 First Hope
- 9:30 Coffee Fellowship
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Worship
- 4:00 Praise Practice
- 5:00 Handbells
- 5:30-7 UMYF

Additions to the calendar of events may be found in Sunday's bulletin or posted on the church bulletin board.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
				Administrative Council 7:00 pm	Open Arms Bible Study 10:30 am	
7 *	8	9	10	11	12	13
	Cubs 6:30 Disciple I 7:0	B.S. Tp.8 7 pm	Brownies 6:30 Choir 7 pm	50th Anniversary Planning Committee 7 pm	Open Arms Bible Study 10:30 am	Foster Parents Assoc. 10-2:00 pm
14 *	15	16	17	18	19	20
Human Relations Day offering	Cubs 6:30 Disciple I 7:00	B.S. Tp.8 7 pm	Brownies 6:30 Choir 7 pm	UMM /UMMM 7 pm	Open Arms Bible Study 10:30 am	
21 *	22	23	24	25	26	27
Newsletter Deadline	Cubs 6:30 Disciple I 7:00	B.S. Tp.8 7 pm	Brownies 6:30 Choir 7 pm		Open Arms Bible Study 10:30 am	
28 *	29	30	31	2007-50th Anniversary Celebration to conclude with Homecoming Events on June 3rd.		
		B.S. Tp.8 7 pm	Brownies 6:30 Choir 7 pm			

# History of New Hope



Front row: Roger Lewis, Lynny Coltrane, George Lewis, David Kennedy, Joseph Turner, Tom Stafford  
Middle row: Sue Coltrane, Joe Turner, Elsie Turner, Mildred Stafford, Jessie Lewis, George Lewis, Jose Garris  
Back row: Harold Coltrane, Ethel Boyette, Ben Boyette, Helen Carlise, James Carlise, Arthur Best, Ray Kennedy, Evelyn Kennedy, Mary Williams, Mable Coltrain

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## Highlights from the December Administrative Council

- \* Minutes and treasurer reports were accepted.
- \* Rebecca Lancaster agreed to serve as recording secretary.
- \* Trustees: Repairs made in women's rest room; contract awarded for repair of walkway; donations accepted for windows for Boyette Building
- \* Visitation and Outreach: Adopt-a-Grandparent project for families to visit at the Meadows of Goldsboro; seeking ideas for the next outreach project
- \* Staff-Parish Relations Committee: Janice Rouse has been hired as church secretary.
- \* Complements expressed on the touching service during the Hanging of the Greens.
- \* Transformation Team: The study guides have been delivered and the team is being formed for strategic planning for New Hope.
- \* The next Administrative Council meeting will be on January 4 at 7:00. All are welcome to attend.



**Prayer for Healing**

- † Albert Wade
- † Aline Lavin
- † Alma Andrews
- † Bill Reed
- † Dee Meadows
- † Donald Gardner
- † Doug Corbett
- † Ethel Boyette
- † Jessie Stone
- † John Collins
- † Kati Brook Gerken
- † Keith Reed
- † Larry Collins
- † Lois Capps
- † Maggie Gwatney
- † Mandy Hampton
- † Mary Collins
- † Ralph Armstrong
- † Rob Withey
- † Tommy Sykes
- † Will Davies

**Prayer for Bereavement**

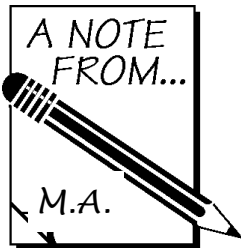
- † Family of Buddy Watson

**Prayer for Thanksgiving**

- † Our church family at New Hope
- † Our Pastor & His Family
- † Our Youth at New Hope
- † Christian friends

**Prayer for Intercessions**

- † Mary Batts
- † Lloyd Johnson
- † Roger & Carla Bedford
- † Members of our armed forces
- † Our sister church in Pascagoula, MS



Eleanor and I thank you our brothers and sisters in Christ for the wonderful gift we received from you for Christmas. Thank you for remembering us in that special way. We are so pleased to be here and look forward

to exciting and effective ministry as the Body of Christ at New Hope United Methodist Church.

Love in Christ,

*Martin and Eleanor*

**Window of Opportunity**

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The window of opportunity is open for charitable gifts from IRA accounts.

The Pension Protection Act of 2006 offers a new benefit for seniors. The legislation offers seniors over 70 1/2 years of age the ability to transfer, tax-free, up to \$100,000 a year in both 2006 and 2007 directly from an IRA to a qualified charity, such as their local church.

“Or, they can make an endowment gift through United Methodist Foundation to benefit the ministries of their congregation,” said the Rev. Jim Mentzer, director of planned giving for the NC Conference United Methodist Foundation, Inc.

This type of charitable gift will satisfy the minimum distribution requirement for traditional IRAs.

“Under long-standing tax law, owners of traditional IRAs must start taking ‘required minimum distributions’ after age 70 1/2 and pay taxes on those distributions. Under the new law, these direct transfers to charitable organizations will not be counted as taxable income.”

Mentzer cautions, however, that money taken out of the IRA must go directly to the charity without the IRA’s owner touching the funds, such as depositing the funds in his or her personal checking or savings account. Otherwise, he said, the gift must be declared as ordinary income and taxes must be paid.

In the past, gifts to churches and charitable organizations could only be deducted by taxpayers who itemized deductions. “This new legislation allows a person taking distributions from an IRA to give some, or all, of those dollars to a church or charity without having it count as income for the year,” Mentzer said.

“Moreover, this reduction in taxable income might mean that one’s Social Security benefit would not be taxed as heavily as could otherwise be the case,” he added.

Mentzer offers a few caveats. “Such gifts can only be made from traditional or Roth IRAs only—not 401(k)s, 403(b)s, or other types of qualified retirement plans, and not from SEP or SIMPLE plans. And, such gifts must go directly to a public charity.

To ensure a clear understanding of the implications of these provisions, one should always consult with personal legal and accounting advisors.

For questions about this legislation or about planned giving opportunities, call Rev. Mentzer at the United Methodist Foundation offices at 800-555-4718.



Note: New Hope UMC has an endowment account with the United Methodist Foundation. It was established in memory of Doug Chesson, church leader, Sunday School teacher, and choir member. The fund, established in October 2000, is named the “Goldsboro/New Hope UMC/Chesson Endowment Fund.”

According to the agreement “distributions shall be used for the support of the mission of the church, particularly maintenance and capital improvements.”

Contributions to the Chesson Endowment are welcomed at any time during the year.



## A Note From the Keys

To paraphrase a song from *My Fair Lady*, “Today my choir you did it, you did it, you did it. You said that you would do it and indeed you did.”

The Chancel Choir presented “Come, Let Us Worship the King” with Kevin Lancaster as the reader and visual effects by Dawn Potter.

As always, please know that you are welcomed and encouraged to join any part of the music program at New Hope UMC.

- Hope Lockamy,  
Director of Music Ministries

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priorities and will for our lives, relationships, and for us as His Church. We have access to the kingdom of God and everything the Lord offers us in it, therefore it must be the best thing to seek after. Let us all seek God’s priorities for our relationship with God and His ministry at New Hope UMC.

*Peace,  
Martin*



## Apportionment

Apportionment: The share each annual conference or local church pays to support international, national and regional (annual conference) mission. The seven apportioned funds of The United Methodist Church include Africa University, Black College Fund, Episcopal Fund, Past Service Liability (retired pastors before pensions), Interdenominational Cooperation, and World Service and Connectional Ministries.

Currently, we designate 15% of each weekly offering. However, we, as a church have not yet met our goal. We are behind just over \$1,500. Wouldn’t it be wonderful to meet our goal in 2006!



The Goldsboro District called for a special Christmas offering. Contributions will go towards organizing and building new churches in the district.

On Christmas Eve, \$321 was collected and will be sent on to the district. Additional contributions are always welcome.

