

# Holy Neck Christian Church

## Newsletter

January 2023



A winter welcome

### Our invitation to you...

We warmly invite all to come and worship in our growing and caring fellowship as we seek to serve Christ both here and around the world.

**Sunday School: 10 AM**

**Worship: 11 AM**

**Our Mission is to  
Share Christ and Build Believers**

### Church Family News

(Note: We love announcing things to celebrate, but it is your responsibility to tell the church office about births, graduations, weddings, etc.! Thanks in advance! ☺)



*What the new year brings to you  
will depend a great deal  
on what you bring to the new year.*

(Vern McLellan)

*Similarly, what God and the church  
can bring to your life will depend a great deal  
on what you bring to God and the church.*

## Welcome to Worship

Each Sunday at 11 AM

**INSIDE OR DRIVE IN SERVICE**

You (still) have a choice!

If you are fully vaccinated, masks are not required.

If you are NOT fully vaccinated, wearing a mask is recommended (as per the CDC and the State of Virginia).

The Worship Service will continue to be broadcast to the parking lot for those persons that have health concerns.

### A Resolution for the New Year

Let us resolve:

First to attain the grace of silence;  
Second to deem all fault-finding that  
does no good a sin ... Third to practice  
the grace and virtue of praise.

-Harriet Beecher Stowe



QUARTERLY  
**Business Meeting**

January 15, 2023  
at 7 PM.

All members attend.





Classes for all ages!

10 AM each Sunday!



## Children's Church (4 years ~ 3<sup>rd</sup> Gr.)

Worship activities for 4-year-olds – 3<sup>rd</sup> graders each Sunday following the Children's Moments.

*(See Susan Sims for info or to volunteer.)*

## Nursery (under 4 years old age)

Child care is provided for children under 4 years old each Sunday.

*(See Susan Vick for info or to volunteer.)*

FYI to Nursery Parents: to provide a safe and organized Nursery, we have pagers & security procedures in place.



*Did you know that we have a "Child Protection Policy" here at HNCC?*

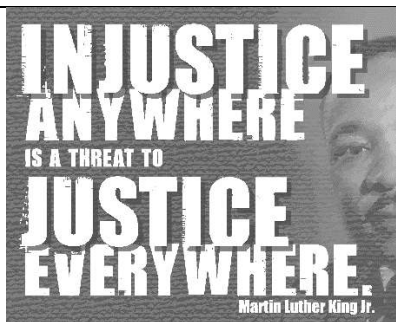
That means that we need at least 2 adults:

- in the nursery during Sunday School and worship
- in the room with Children's Church
- at the Willing Worker and Youth meetings

Each of us can provide a ministry of presence and

Each of us can provide an extra pair of hands!

*Let's help out our children's ministry leaders!*



*"True peace is not merely the absence of tension; it is the presence of justice."*

*—Martin Luther King Jr.*



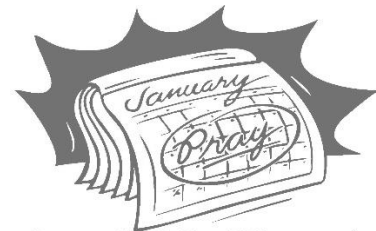
## Goals for the **NEW YEAR**

### A Winning Pattern for the New Year

Some anonymous wise person penned the following directions for living without bringing pain to others or oneself:

“You will never be sorry —  
 for thinking before acting,  
 for hearing before judging,  
 for forgiving your enemies,  
 for being candid and frank,  
 for helping a fallen brother or sister,  
 for being honest in business,  
 for thinking before speaking,  
 for being loyal to God and the church,  
 for standing by your principles,  
 for refusing to participate in gossip,  
 for holding your words when tempted to demean another,  
 for not entertaining impure or hateful thoughts,  
 for sympathizing with the afflicted,  
 for being courteous and kind to all.”

*(copied, adapted)*



Start the New Year with **Prayer**



Any additions or corrections to our “church directory” are needed NOW!

*(Including names, street addresses, email addresses, and phone numbers of members **and** friends!)*

Let the church office know ASAP!  
The 2023 edition will be published soon!





## Mission & Service

## Opportunities



*Don't forget to mail-in your tithes, gifts and offerings. 😊*

(4400 Holy Neck Road, Suffolk, Virginia 23437)

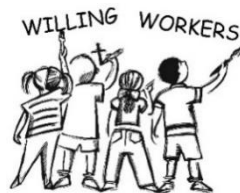


The 2023 offering envelopes are available now.

If you do not find yours or you haven't gotten envelopes before but wish to, see Lisa.

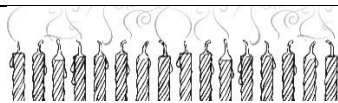
## Willing Worker Group

**New leaders** are needed for this group of 3 – 5 graders that usually meet once a month. If you're interested or have questions, please see Lisa.



## Meals on Wheels volunteers are needed!

See Jimmie Copeland for info or to volunteer. (It requires about 2 hours every 6-8 weeks.)



*“Learn to light a candle in the darkest moments of someone's life. Be the light that helps others see.”*

—Roy T. Bennett

## Backpack Ministry FOOD NEEDED!



HNCC is a partner with Southwestern Elementary School, and on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each school month we provide weekend food for needy children in a Back-Pack Ministry! Bring your donations to the hall collection bin or to the Discovery Class. **A list of options and ideas are on the hall table.** (dark pink sheet!)



**C.A.P.S.** is program that helps the **homeless** in Suffolk and we will be helping to provide some meals for them. If you are interested in helping prepare or serve some of these meals, see Shirley Weaver or Lisa Reece.

## Join the Choir!

We meet most Wednesdays at **7 PM.**

**FYI:** Only those who are **FULLY vaccinated** should participate.

Masks are optional, but please be responsible to wear one if exposed, etc.



The **2023 Sign-up Calendars** are in the sign-up book on the hall table for:

- Altar Flowers
- Nursery Helpers
- Children's Church Helpers



## What Awaits Us?

We're at the starting gate of a new year. What will it hold for us? Only God knows. Yet if God knows, why not try to discover his plan for us each day?

We should carry on a daily dialog with God. Following his lead is always interesting and challenging. And much of the time it's filled with wonder and joy.

I remember the story of a small boy who prayed to God at the end of a fun, interesting Monday:

“It's been a wonderful day, God.

What do you have in mind for Tuesday?”

What does God have in mind for you in 2023? Keep in touch with him, and you'll enjoy the trip around the sun.

—Charles Ferrell



### Did You Know?

... that any additions or corrections to our **"members and friends church directory"** are needed NOW?

.... That western Tidewater sent **9,366 Christmas Child Shoeboxes** all around the world?

... that the 2022 **Pastoral Search Committee** included Brittany Epperson, Hope Griffin, Joanie Hobbs, David Langston, Chuck Sims, and Roseland Worrell? Be sure to thank them for their hard work!

... that we have **large print bulletins** for our worship services available in the foyer? *If you're not able to attend and want one, please call the church office to request having a bulletin mailed to you.*

... that those with allergies thank you in advance for not wearing lots of **perfumed products** to worship? ☺

... that copies of **Paster Halley's sermons** are on the hall table?



Go to Our Web Site  
at [www.holyneckcc.org](http://www.holyneckcc.org).

*For Facebook, click on the "facebook" icon!*

*Check out what's happening at HNCC!*

*(Contact Beth Langston for info or suggestions.)*



**"Thanks for calling the Believer's Support Line. For a word of encouragement, press one. For a verbal pat on the back, press two. For immediate praise and adulation, press three. For a faith that worketh patience, press on!"**



### Time for a Spiritual Assessment

"Hardly anything else reveals so well the fear and uncertainty among [people] as the length to which they will go to hide their true selves from each other and even from their own eyes," says A.W. Tozer. For insights into who we really are as Christians, the theologian proposes "rules for self-discovery." According to Tozer, **"we may be known" by these seven things:**

- what we want most,
- what we think about most,
- how we use our money,
- what we do with our leisure time,
- the company we enjoy,
- who and what we admire,
- and what we laugh at.

The "wise Christian" will find other tests, says Tozer, but these are a starting point to reveal if our desires and priorities conflict with God's will. "Our self-judgment is almost certain to be biased and imperfect," he adds, yet there's "every good reason for us to work along with the Holy Spirit in his benign effort to locate us spiritually in order that we may make such amendments as the circumstances demand."

### Holy Neck Ruritans

Thursday, **Jan. 5, 2023** at 7 PM

### Girl Scouts 00709

Sunday, **Jan. 8 & 22, 2023**  
from 2-4 PM



# Reminders for January



## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### Altar Flowers

(Please note: It is YOUR responsibility to inform Lisa concerning the bulletin dedication by Thursday.)

Jan. 1 - ??  
Jan. 8 - ??  
Jan. 15 - Susan Vick  
Jan. 22 - ??  
Jan. 29 - ??  
Feb. 5 - ??

### Children's Church Helpers' Schedule

Jan. 1 - ??  
Jan. 8 - ??  
Jan. 15 - ??  
Jan. 22 - ??  
Jan. 29 - ??  
Feb. 5 - ??

**Our Children's Church leaders need an extra pair of hands!**  
**We need at least 2 adults in the room!**  
**Consider helping!**

### Deacon News

January

February

Meetings @ 6 PM (4<sup>th</sup> Sun): January 22 February 26  
Greeters: TBA TBA

### Nursery Helpers' Schedule

(For Sunday School & Worship, always having at least 1 adult present. ☺)

Jan. 1 - ??  
Jan. 8 - ??  
Jan. 15 - ??  
Jan. 22 - ??  
Jan. 29 - ??  
Feb. 5 - ??

**Even though we have hired a Nursery Worker, we STILL NEED another adult in the room! Consider helping!**

### Potluck Sunday

January 8, 2023 at Noon (most 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun. at Noon)

### Teller Team Schedule

Jan. 1 - Joan Sullivan & ??  
Jan. 8 - Trudy Stevenson & Debbie Gwaltney  
Jan. 15 - Linda Warren & Shirley Weaver  
Jan. 22 - Joan Sullivan & ??  
Jan. 29 - Trudy Stevenson & Debbie Gwaltney  
Feb. 5 - Linda Warren & Shirley Weaver

### Women's Fellowship Meeting

All Women are invited! (2nd Tuesday of most months @ 7:00 PM)

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, January 10, 2023 @ 7 PM  
Program: Hope Griffin / Hostesses: Kay Simons & Shirley Weaver  
"Children's Moments" snacks: Jan. Hope G. / Feb. Nancy Rountree

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1 Hannah Rachel Bass Susan Walter  
Donna and Daniel Waller (2010)  
3 Jodie Baker Brinkley Rev. Norman March  
4 Donna Rountree Addison Berland  
5 Hattie Grace Fly  
6 Shirley Weaver  
Lance & Lynn Smith (1982)  
7 Mike Raby  
8 Travis Boyce Nancy Rountree Gene Weaver  
James & Terry Bradshaw (2000)  
9 Cathy Walton  
11 Ann Firman March  
12 Joan Hobbs Megan Johnson Pennisi  
15 Richard Ellis Dail Simons Chuck Sims  
16 Jacob Boothe Sarah March  
17 A.P. & Pam Harris (1984)  
18 Matthew March William March  
Gary Moore Erin Rountree Seal  
19 Lauren Adams Jim Hancock  
Karen Jurnigan Brittany Vick Epperson  
20 Jimmy & Shirley Weaver (2006)  
21 Elizabeth Beale Clint Stevenson  
Lorain & Teresa Gardner (2018)  
22 Francis Glover Michael Jurnigan  
24 Hannah Zoe Arnold  
Pat Foley Mary Catherine Langston  
Causey & Taylor Meadors (2022)  
25 Candice Glover Clements James Brodie Jernigan  
Cameron Worrell Roseland Worrell  
J. B. & Faye Varney (1970)  
27 Richard Derby Amy Johnson Stadiem  
Rev. Dr. Reggie Warren  
28 Chris Taylor  
29 Toni Elizabeth Jones Johnny Minter  
30 J. Keith Hobbs  
31 Haley Beale Calhoun Jessica Jaramillo

### Early February Birthdays & Anniversaries

1 Forrest Boyce Tiffany Reese  
2 Tony & Susan Jernigan (1979)  
5 Peyton Brady Clements  
7 Mike Griffin

(Please let us know birthdays and anniversaries we've missed! We depend on YOU to share this information!)