

### Upcoming Events



#### Youth Christmas Party

There will be a Youth Christmas Party on December 19 at 6:00 p.m. at the Concord Church.

Please contact Rebecca Sbacchi for more details.



### Elder's Corner

The Elders are excited to work with the conference office, and President Ted Huskins, in welcoming our new pastor, Kevin Hart, his wife and their four children. In just a few weeks they will set out on their new journey to drive across the country from California to New Hampshire to begin their new ministry here. As they search for a new home, they have asked for prayers that the Lord leads them to the right house. We are thrilled to welcome them into our church family.

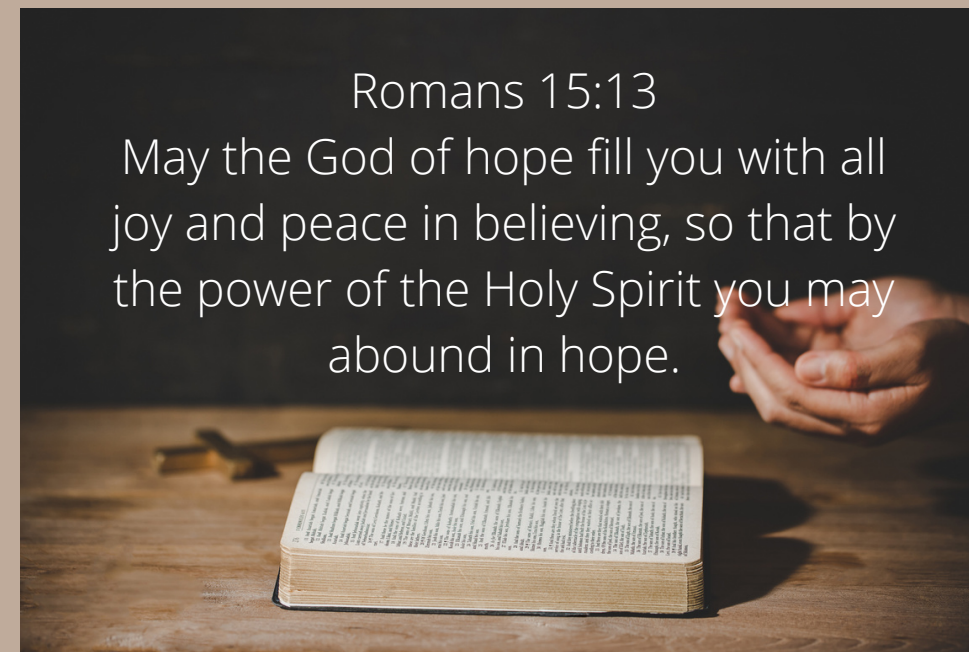
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We continue to closely monitor the increase in daily Covid-19 cases. While working with the conference office and watching the CDC guidelines we are carefully proceeding with the current protections in place at our church. We will continue to require masks and provide sanitation in the building in an ongoing effort to prevent spreading Covid-19 within our membership. As long as we continue to follow these safety guidelines, we will not be closing the church unless recommended by the conference and the health Department. We are working hard together to keep the church open so that people seeking God in these troubled times have a place to come and learn, we would hate to shut the church down and miss an opportunity to win a soul for Christ.

Closing our doors would be a last resort and, even then, only when recommended by a governing power. Please feel free to contact any one of the Elders with questions or comments. We are always welcoming input into our conversations, so we know what you, as a congregation, are wanting and looking for in your church. We thank you for your trust and your faith, but God is leading us to do the best we can do in our church to keep spreading the gospel in these troubled times.

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May God continue to bless and watch over us.



Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.



# Community Services/Personal Ministries

## Blessing Bags

God is an amazing God! Over the course of the last year and a half, God has been inspiring a few women in our church to create Blessing Bags for the homeless and downtrodden.

The initial bags were basic and crude but did the job. It was a simple brown lunch paper bag with a few nonperishable lunch items that was handed out (mainly pre-COVID) to people holding up signs at local shopping plazas looking for handouts.

Recently, God has inspired other women in our church with similar ideas, but has taken it up a notch! Simultaneously without these women knowing, God inspired two of these groups to purchase drawstring backpacks to put food and comfort items in them with a spiritual note attached (see the photo to the right that one of our members created).

Concord Church's own Soap Hope ministry contributed to the bags because of the generous donations it received to supply hygiene products.

The idea behind the drawstring backpack is that it can double as a care package as well as a useful tool to carry their personal belongings.

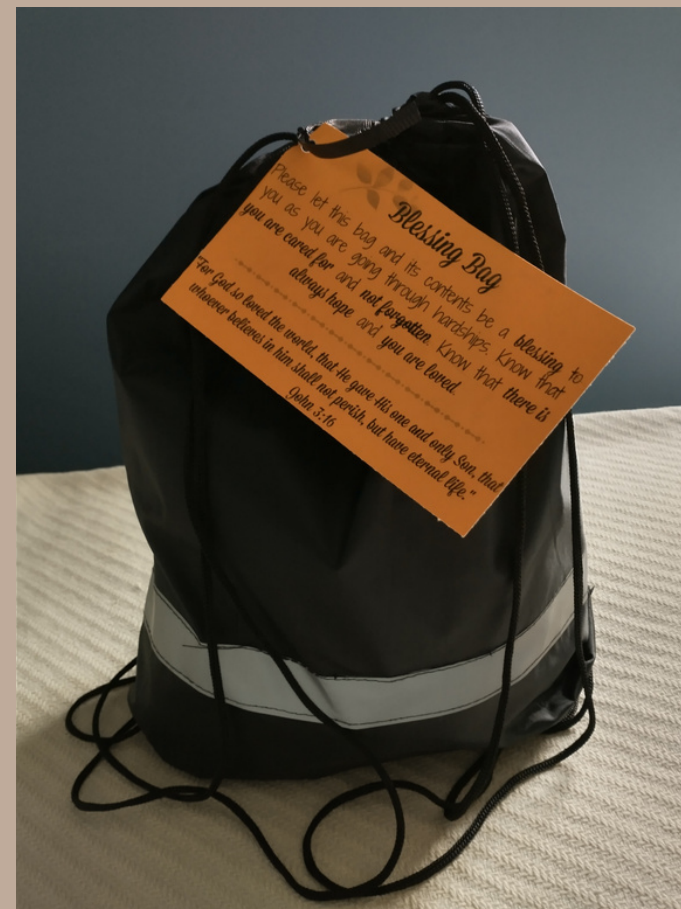


Help is needed! If you would like to help with the bags, donations are needed. Community Services/Soap Hope are in need of the following: socks, hats, gloves, soap, hand sanitizer, tooth brushes and toothpaste, juice boxes, granola bars, nuts, and other healthy nonperishable snacks in individually wrapped serving bags.

With Black Friday and Cyber Monday coming soon in addition to all the other Doorbuster deals expected in the month ahead and beyond, keep the items needed for this project listed above in the back of your mind if you see a good deal.

I can tell you from a personal standpoint that these people sincerely appreciate these bags. Every single one of them have given me a sincere thank you and many have said "God bless you" when I've given the bags out.

This ministry is touching and will be touching many more people in the Concord community and beyond!





# Personal Outreach

Community Services is looking for help to serve a young lady that Laura works with.

This young woman has a serious medical condition that makes her daily living difficult and she has limited financial means. In addition, she's had very little festive holiday experiences because of her upbringing.

Community Services is looking to give a little Christmas joy to this young lady by getting her a Christmas tree, decorations, and blessing her with a few gifts.

In addition, this young woman experienced an unexpected vet bill when her beloved cats got sick which wiped out her entire \$800 in savings which took her two years to build. She was heartbroken and devastated.

This is a great opportunity for our church family to share the love of Jesus to a woman that has little hope and joy. If you are interested in make a financial donation to rebuild her savings, purchasing a physical gift, or buying a gift card for her, please see Laura Underwood.

What a wonderful way to share God's love while praying that this may lead to opening a door to share God's word with her.

