



Thrive Faith Formation Tip - In the Bible, the Greek term that is usually translated as "hospitality" means "love of strangers." How might your home (whether it's a house, an apartment, a dorm room, or another place) become a space to practice the love of strangers? Learn more at crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner: Promises and Peace - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. During Advent, we remember the story of Mary, a teenager, called by God to be Jesus' mother. "How could this be?" she wondered at first. But the angel Gabriel assured Mary. "God's favor is on you," he said. "Anything is possible with God." Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net like the Bible story podcast "The Birth of Jesus."

Groundwork: Jesus: Our Mighty God - The prophet Isaiah next calls the coming Messiah "Mighty God." Join Groundwork as we explore Isaiah 9:6, Isaiah 10:21, Acts 1:6-8, and Revelation 5:6,11-14 to discover what this title communicates to us about Jesus. Together, we'll discuss how his presence as a helpless baby displays the awesomeness of God's power and gives us hope as we anticipate his return. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

World Renew

Deep Christmas Joy - God gave us his Best Gift at Christmas, and Jesus tells us to give as we have so abundantly received. Your donation to the World Renew Gift Catalog will bring real joy to someone who is struggling to survive each day. Donate today at worldrenew.net/gifts or call 800-552-7972

DeMotte Christian Schools

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Moms in Prayer: a community-wide prayer group DeMotte Christian Schools is excited to partner with the local community and offer this wonderful opportunity! Moms in Prayer is for anyone and everyone who wishes to come pray for our local schools, students, teachers, and staff. We have organized monthly prayer topics and prayer requests. We hope you'll join us the first Thursday of each month at Cup of Joy Cafe in DeMotte from 8:15-9:15 am. Feel free to reach out to Amber Donnowitz at communications@dmcsemail.org for more information! Next meeting: TBD.

Carrying on the Promise: If you would like more information on the Carrying on the Promise Campaign, feel free to contact our Finance Manager, Shelley Dexter, at 219-987-3721 ext. 112.

DMCS Job Openings for 2023

Full-Time First Grade Teacher

Part-Time HS Industrial Arts Teacher

Substitute Teacher

Varsity Volley Ball Coach

Para professional position @ KV

Full-Time Middle & High School Secretary

Part-Time HS Construction Teacher

Bus Driver

Applications may be found at <https://www.demottechristianschools.org/about/employment-opportunities.cfm>

DeMotte Christian Schools Important Dates:

Dec 12: DMCM/HS Winter Band & Choir Concert

Dec 19: DMCGS K-5 Christmas Program

Dec 22 - Jan 5: Christmas Break No school

Jan 8: Students return

North Newton Jr./Sr. High School Corp

Phone: 219.285.2228 | Fax: 219.285.2708 www.nn.k12.in.us

<https://www.instagram.com/northnewtonsc/> <https://www.facebook.com/NorthNewtonSchoolCorp/>

Dates to Remember:

Dec 21-Jan 3: Winter Break—No School

Increased pay! Hiring sub bus drivers, instructional assistants, sub custodians. See school website for information.

Every Child Ministries

Give **HOPE** this Christmas season. Are you still searching for the right gift for that someone special? Too much focus on gifts and not enough on Jesus? Maybe you want to give something different this year? We have an option! Give gifts through [ECM's gift catalog](#)!

Give hope this season by providing chickens, tools for employment, a disabilities care package, or other wonderful gift options, to those in Africa that these gifts can greatly bless.

If you include a name, address, and email address in the order notes field, we will notify your loved one that you gave a gift in their name. What a wonderful way to honor Jesus this holiday season!

We appreciate you, and the receiver of your gifts appreciates you! Thank you!

Anew Ministries

"On Wednesday, December 13th from 6-8pm, Anew Ministries is hosting a Momma's Christmas Market at First Church in Hebron. This event will provide a wonderful opportunity to show the love of Jesus to young mommas in this area. Each young mother will get to shop, purchase, and wrap her own gifts for her child, giving her the dignity of being a part of providing Christmas for her child. If you are interested in learning more about volunteering or purchasing toys for this event, please visit anewministries.org for more information!"

First Church of South Holland (16248 South Park Ave., South Holland) invites you to celebrate the Christmas season with song through the "Carols of Christmas" at the **Men of A-Chord's Christmas Candlelight Musi-cale** on Saturday, December 16, at 7:00 p.m. Come join the singing with the carols and songs of the season celebrating Christ's birth! Justin Rich is the director, Beverly Hoitsma is the pianist, Nancy Venema is the organist. A free-will offering will be taken.

Paul's Missionary Journeys in Greece (May 31 - June 11, 2024): Travel by motor coach (7 days) and cruise ship (3 days) to sites connected with Paul's second and third missionary journeys, as well as visit other major sites of biblical, archaeological, and cultural interest. Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading Pauline scholar, hosts this inspirational tour. For more information, contact Dr. Weima at [616-328-3110](tel:616-328-3110) or weimje@calvinseminary.edu.

Self-Help Jobs

Christmas is around the corner creating extra expense. Job search takes time. Get going on your job search now with the coaching help of Self-Help Jobs Program, 708-633-6580, or email selfhelpjobs@sbcglobal.net. Zoom meetings available. Office hours-Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Haven Hospice, in DeMotte, is looking to build their Haven Helper Volunteer Program. Volunteers are a vital part of the care team. Volunteers do everything from administrative work and community outreach to companionship and many areas in between. If you have it in your heart to serve people in your community this may be the role for you.

As Haven Helpers are part of the team, they are also required to do onboarding tasks such as a background check, drug screening, and training. The great thing is the Volunteer Coordinator will work around your schedule and even bring the training to you! Everyone is gifted with something, and we want to be able to give you an opportunity to use those gifts to benefit people in a very special time of need.

If you have any questions about Haven Hospice, the Haven Helper Volunteer Program, or are interested in hearing more please contact Frankie Lane at 219-301-0505 or flane@havenhh.com



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Do you struggle with boundaries? - Women's Process Group could be right for you.

Wednesday evenings
Jan 17th-Mar 27th (no group Feb 14th)
Time: 6-7:30 PM
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