



New Hope in

August, 2021

August Sermon Series: *Awkward Moments*

Sermons and Scriptures

August 1 --Pentecost 10

Too Close to Home

Mark 6: 1 - 13

August 8 --Pentecost 11

Be Careful What You Ask For

Mark 6: 14 - 29

August 15 -- Pentecost 12

Compassion Fatigue

Mark 6: 30 - 34, 53 - 56

August 22 --Pentecost 13

Inside Out

Mark 7: 1 - 8, 14 - 15, 21 - 23

August 29 --Pentecost 14

Listen with Your Heart

Mark 7: 31 - 37



Welcome to our new members:
Eric, Leslie and Nathan Berner
Ann, Caris and Rachel Newman



Synagogue
at Capernaum

Holy Land Trip 2021

from Chris Porter

"On June 5, ten pilgrims from New Hope embarked on a journey of a lifetime to the Holy Land, Israel. Our original trip date was in June 2020, but when the world shut down our trip

was postponed a year. It was worth the wait. We were joined at the New York airport by a father and son."

"After a myriad of Covid tests and paperwork, we were cleared for touring. We had ten full days of touring in the country. We visited Yad Vashem (the Holocaust Memorial and Museum), Capernaum, boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, Nazareth, Cana, Megiddo (aka Armageddon), Masada, the Dead Sea, Magdala (home of Mary Magdalene) and Jerusalem among other sites."

"We were one of only a very small number of tour groups, so at each site we had the site to ourselves to explore. It was surreal touring places that normally are full of crowds. All the Israelis involved in the tourism industry were glad to see tourists again, even stopping to take pictures with us as we walked by. Israel is an incredibly safe country and at no time did we ever feel like we were in any danger."

Chris' account continues on page 2 and there are others on pages 3 & 4



Blessing of the Back- packs!!

This annual event moves to a new time! Bring your back-

packs to either service **Sunday morning, August 8** to have them blessed!

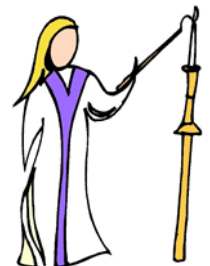


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Acolyte Training

**Saturday,
August 7
10:00 a.m.**

for those in 3rd
grade & above.
Talk to Luisa.





Thoughts from Pastor Rod

Thank you for the warm way you have welcomed me as we begin this journey of faith together. Getting to know you, and the many ministries here, has given me a front row seat to your faith in Christ and your love for this community of faith.

The church has been abuzz this week with Vacation Bible School where I've enjoyed all the singing, dancing, laughter, and snack time – and that's just the adult volunteers! The children's exuberance had been off the charts.

In August, I will preach a series of sermons on the theme of *Awkward Moments*. We begin with Jesus returning to his hometown and receiving a mixed reception. We'll follow him as he encounters waves of people in need, as he argues with the Pharisees over ritual, as he heals a man's deafness using a strange technique, not to mention looking at some nasty business involving John the Baptist. I encourage you to join us on this interesting journey.

Chris' account on Trip to the Holy Land

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" All pilgrims on the trip had a wonderful, spiritually enriching experience. Every evening we had a time of fellowship and reminiscing about the day we just had and looking forward to the next day where we would get to see all the sites important to our faith. It was my 3rd trip to the Holy Land and I am truly grateful to God that I got to travel with such wonderful traveling companions and that the trip even happened, because of how hard travel is these days. I can't wait to go back again!

If you have always dreamed of going to the Holy Land, stay tuned! New Hope may make another trip in a few years, and we would love to have anyone come who wants to experience the trip of a lifetime."

Notes from Vicky, Steve, Teresa & Greg are on pages 3 and 4.



Blessing Box needs:

canned tuna, canned chicken (large) canned fruit, single-servings of canned fruit, boxes of instant white rice, hearty soups, pop tarts, Chef Boyardee products, fruit snacks.

Please, NO perishable or fresh foods of any type, including fruits and vegetables.

Thank you for serving our neighbors.

Second Saturday Outreach

by Donette Johnson

Second Saturday Sandwich Outreach is going well! We are thankful for the extra hands we have had the last two months and are happy each time we see new faces! Some are only able to help at the church and some are only able to go downtown. All your assistance is appreciated!



For August, we will meet on the 14th at 9:30. We will make our sack lunches and pack up donations, then head downtown. This month we will also take hotdogs.

Your donations are a great help! For these hot months we are focusing on shorts, flip flops, water bottles, Bug spray, t-shirts, etc. Donations can be left at the church during the week or dropped off on that Saturday.

Please continue to pray for the folks we serve and those that we miss. Thank you so very much for your continued support!



New Hope will be a Whiz Kids location. See page 5



Food Pantry provided food for eighteen on the first pantry day of July.

Needs now are canisters of oatmeal, spaghetti sauce and noodles, canned soups, canned fruit, crackers, snacks.

The pantry is open from 1 until 3 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesdays each month. We serve our congregation and those in zip codes 73132, 73142 and 73162.



Mary Martha Circle

by Donna Reynolds

It may be the lazy days of summer, but things have been hustle-bustle at New Hope. The Mary Martha Circle served many helpings of cookies and punch to about 100 children and adult volunteers during the five-day VBS at New Hope.

Also, Mary Martha is collecting new children's underwear to be given to Skyline Urban Ministry for their school uniform distribution held during August. Please bring as many pairs of undies (all sizes - some are little bitty, others are big kids) and socks of all kinds. There is a tub and laundry hamper in the gathering area for you put your gifts in. Let's help make this a really fun beginning of a new school year. We need this after last school year!

We have welcomed some new members to Mary Martha and encourage all you ladies to come join us every **SECOND THURSDAY** of every month at 9:30 at New Hope. We usually end our meeting at about 11:00. There are always some really good refreshments or even brunch items to enjoy, a devotional, prayers for our praises and concerns shared at the meeting and hear proposals for new ministries to participate in as well as continuing the ones Mary Martha has done for years now.

Come on, Ladies.

Join our cheerful, loving, giving, Mary Martha Ladies on August 12 at 9:30!!



United Methodist Women

by Earline Baker

Happy Summer to all. The United Methodist Women don't usually meet in the summer months. However, due to various reasons, including Covid-19, we have missed seeing some of you.

Therefore, we will have a meeting at the Church on Thursday, August 19th at 6:30 p.m. and Reverend Newman will attend so we get to know him a little better. Light refreshments will be served.

This group has been in discussion about changing the UMW calendar from *summers off to being off during the winter months of November, January and February*. Please prayerfully consider this and voice your opinions so that a vote may be taken.

If you cannot attend the August 19th meeting. we would still like to hear your thoughts or questions on this subject, please contact a member of the Leadership Team regarding your input. It is important to the UMW that all members have the opportunity to express their opinions.

Upcoming meetings of interest:

CROSSROADS DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING will be held in-person **SEPTEMBER 18th** at Kingfisher UMC Registration begins 8:30 am, meeting begins at 9 a. m.

OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING in-person **OCTOBER 1-2** at Chapel Hill UMC Registration details coming soon. District Officer's training Friday morning.

CHAPEL HILL UNITED METHODIST WOMEN will have its annual fund-raising **Garage Sale** on Friday, August. 6th from 8 a m to 5 pm and Saturday August 7th from 8 a m to noon. Enter at the Fellowship Hall - North Entrance.

Be grateful for every second of every day that you get to spend with the people you love. Our time together is short and very precious". Brad Turnbull

Notes from the Holy Land

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from Vicki Freeman:

The 10 days in Israel were truly a once in a lifetime trip. I had a wonderful time, saw amazing sites and sights, got to walk where Jesus walked, got to know my fellow travelers better (a great group of God's people) and meet new friends. I would encourage anyone who has the opportunity to go to Israel to take it.

from Steve Clark

Kendra and I had such a wonderful time in Israel. I thank Chris Porter for organizing it and the group for all the time and energy we shared.

It was the trip of a lifetime. We were among the first tour groups allowed into Israel after fifteen months and people were so thrilled to see us. Every site we went to, we were the only group there and so we saw everything easily.

We went to all the sites associated with Jesus' life except Bethlehem and it was thrilling to experience the beauty of these churches. We walked three to four miles a day and ate many wonderful meals together. We really had a great time.

Experiences in the Holy Land 2021

from Teresa Coffman:

Hello Friends!

On June 5th ten of us from New Hope departed for Israel. Jim, Kendra, Steve, Rosie, Greg, Vicki, Donette, Chris and Cindy left Oklahoma City and discovered a land rich in history and archeology. We visited eleven churches, ten archeological sites and two museums. The Old City of Jerusalem was one big archeological site.

One of my favorite days was the boat ride on the Sea of Galilee. It was on this ride that I saw the landscape that Jesus would have seen when he was on the two different boat rides in the Bible. That same day we stood in the synagogue at Capernaum and Magdala where Jesus most certainly would have taught. We also walked along a path from Capernaum to Nazareth that Jesus would have traveled extensively.

Another favorite was walking from the Mount of Olives down to the Kidron Valley. This is also known as the Palm Sunday walk. The Garden of Gethsemane is there with trees as old as two thousand years. When you finish the walk, you see steps to the Old City of Jerusalem that Jesus and his family would have used to enter the city.

The Old Testament came to life when we visited Mt. Carmel where Elijah made a stand for God and the Valley of Elah where David fought Goliath.

Our group was one of the first groups to enter Israel after the COVID restrictions. This means that there were very few tourists and we got the sites to ourselves. No lines! Folks in the hotels and shops loved to see us and some took our picture. Israel is a beautiful country and I encourage everyone to go if you ever get the chance!

We picked up two other travelers when we arrived -- a father and son were going to Israel for the son's graduation present. This made our ten a perfect twelve! I enjoyed getting to know them and guess what? They attend New Hope Baptist Church in Atlanta!

At times our own
light goes out and is
rekindled by a spark from
another person.
Each one of us has cause
to think deep gratitude
of those who have lighted
the flame within us

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from Greg Wells:

My trip to Israel in June was a fantastic experience! To have seen where Jesus lived, preached, healed and walked was a fulfilling spiritual journey and I was blessed to be able to take that journey with nine other members of our church, along with a father and son from Atlanta, Georgia who were able to join us. Ironically, they attend New Hope Baptist Church.

We visited many sites while in Israel but visiting Magdala was very special for me.

Located in the Duc In Atum is the Encounter Chapel. Their website states: "The woman represented in this chapel was looking for healing and found it when she touched the hem of Jesus' garment. What a miraculous and life-changing encounter! Today, people can stand on the stones of the marketplace where Jesus walked and have a personal encounter as they experience the historical and spiritual presence of Christ."



I had such an experience and I am still trying to take in what happened to me while standing in this chapel. Father Kelly who was our guide, asked if anyone needed help or healing, and Donette Johnson said she did. He took Donette and positioned her in such a way that the finger you see in the picture became her finger, and he said that if anyone asked her for prayer, she was to show them the picture that he took.

As soon as he made this statement, I was overcome with the Holy Spirit in a way that was only equaled by the first time the Holy Spirit spoke to me and I chose to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

The woman's finger touching the hem of Jesus changed her life and it was a Spiritual Reawakening for me. I came away from Magdala feeling that this was the reason that I felt that God was calling me to make the trip to Israel.



Choir meets at 6:30 every
Wednesday.

Come make a joyful noise!

Talk to Kevin Wilkinson if you
have questions but
you can just show up!

Notes from Marla:

Name Tags for New Hope Kids!

Your kids are an important part of our faith community! And we'd love to make them a name tag (with their first name only). If you'd like your children to have their own name tag, please write their name on the request list. We'll be happy to make them their very own name tag!

Fall Discipleship and Mission Update

As your Associate Pastor of Discipleship and Mission, I am excited to share some exciting news for the fall! On the mission front, our new partnership with Ralph Downs elementary will launch.

After collaborating with Principal Susan Illgen, I'm excited to share that New Hope will become a Whiz Kids site and Ralph Downs will be our partner school!



Whiz Kids, sponsored by City Care, is a highly successful, faith-based, city-wide, one-on-one tutoring/mentoring program for kids in 1st-4th grades. Established in 1996, Whiz Kids is celebrating their 25th anniversary this year. Whiz Kids is both proactive and preventative in nature, targeting students who are reading below grade level and who could benefit most from a mentor relationship with a caring adult. The program is more than tutoring. It involves learning about God, playing games, improving literacy, loving, celebrating, meeting goals, experiencing special guests, having conversations, building

relationships, and receiving blessings.

We'll be sharing more information in August about how you can be involved. Volunteers are needed to serve as drivers and riders who transport kids from school to New Hope, folks who prepare and serve snacks, tutors, and substitutes in all areas.

Our partnership with Ralph Downs has already begun. In late July we provided snacks and drinks for faculty moving back into to the building after their classrooms were flooded in the February winter storm. And on August 5th, our youth group will be serving at Ralph Downs to prepare a common area, overgrown with weeds, for use by faculty and students!

We are also reigniting and growing our partnership with Putnam City North High School. Collaborations are always two-way. On August 5th, we will host roughly 100 PCN faculty, staff, and students for "Panther Give Back Day". They will be working on various projects for our neighbors, coordinated by the New Hope ministry team.

In adult education, you'll have the opportunity to study the book, *"Our Purpose is Love – The Wesleyan Way to Be the Church."* First published in 2018, this book by David Field offers an excellent interpretation of our United Methodist tradition, key teachings of John Wesley – all of which find their source in the Bible.

All adult Sunday School classes are invited to study this book in their group. In addition, there will be new groups to study with after Labor Day. And lastly, if a Fall class is not possible, you can request a copy of the book to read on your own!



Several New Hope folks (girls and guys) showed up to help remove old fixtures, cut tiles and install more economical lights in our hallways. They'll do more later. Thanks to all who helped!

To our generous and faithful congregation:

Thank you for your continued support of the Ministries of New Hope. They continue to flourish because of your generosity.

Second Quarter Contribution Statements have been available in the Gathering Area for several weeks. If you have not picked up yours, please take a moment to do so. Also, please look it over to determine that it correctly reflects your giving. If you do not find one or have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I will be glad to answer and research any issue.

During the last few months, I changed the year designation on the General and Building Funds to 2021. Some of the earlier postings still show 2020. My apologies for the confusion. Be assured that all contributions are going into the 2021 giving.

Once again thank you for your giving.

Elaine

ANNIVERSARIES



Richard & Lori Foster
 Fred & Janelle Hillemeier
 Bob & Nellyne Hanlin
 Thomas & Linda Logsdon
 Brian & Lori Fagan
 Jim & Nancy McClure

Apology & Belated Congratulations!

Last month Buddy & Jenna Kidd celebrated sixty years of marriage but were left off the list.

Please, any time I make such an error, let me know so lists are corrected or updated. Thanks!

Kaye@newhopekc.org

BIRTHDAYS



Rodney Newman
 Eric Berner
 Donna Wakefield
 Kristy Goff
 John March
 Jenni Owen
 Jim Finley
 Alice Pattillo
 Emily Wilkinson
 Carlos Rerat

Amy Aita
 Shirley Yates
 Kendra Clark
 Jackie Dawes
 Carol Cawyer
 Don Wetekam
 Lindsey Loveday
 Gary Graham
 Elizabeth Jackson
 Janie Bond
 Emily Watts
 Eric Beardsley
 Clarissa Seignious
 Brian Tabberer
 Angela Kwok
 Luisa Medina
 Perry Johnson
 Brad Williams
 Donna Lobdell
 Margaret Graham

Abigail Williams
 Jack Klein
 Dale Stanley
 Carola Smith
 Isabella Howell
 Doris Korner
 Jim Seignious
 Clyde Coulthard
 Florine Smarra
 Julie Gosdin
 Mickey Miller
 Barbara Ives
 Brooklyn Plender
 Conner Attebery
 Bodey Edstedt
 Emma Hutchins
 Owen Attebery
 Fallyn Watts



July Movie Night on the Lawn



Dear Church Family,
 Thank you so much for your prayers, thoughts and concerns during Bob's surgery.

We appreciate you all and ask that you continue to keep us in prayer.

Love, Roseanna & Bob Kaiser



We were overwhelmed by the retirement reception that took place in June. God blessed us with 12 wonderful years at New Hope and we pray that God will continue to bless the congregation and leadership.

Thanks so much for the gifts, the cards, the hugs, and the love.

We love you! JD and Karrie Ward

FANTASY FOOTBALL EXCUSES



Fantasy Football 2021

by Luis Aita

It's time! New Hope Fantasy Football is coming! Please contact Luis Aita by phone at 405 - 550 - 6932 or e-mail luis.aita@yahoo.com to sign up.

Registration ends on Wednesday August 26th. Drafts will be Sunday, August 29th after second service.

New Hope Fantasy Football League is an inviting and friendly opportunity for fellowship and fun. Our league and it has grown each year. Whether you're an avid fantasy football fan, or if this would be your first time, all are welcome. Contact Luis Aita with questions.

Greetings!

August is here and school is just around the corner. We have had a great summer together! From all kinds of fun at Main Event, to worshiping together in Children's Church, to learning about shining with God's light on Adventure Island VBS. It has been awesome! A special thank you to all of the volunteers who helped make VBS 2021 a huge success! Take note that we will NOT meet on Sunday evening, August 1st.

Sunday school is returning on August 1st! We will go back to our pre-COVID Sunday morning schedule, and I am SO excited! During the 9:30am service we will have Children's Sunday school and at 11:00am we will have Children's Church. I cannot wait to get back into the groove and welcome our children back to Sunday school. We are looking for a few people who would be interested in helping sub these classes. If you feel called to help lead our children, please contact me!

We will not have regular evening classes on Sunday, August 1st because we will meet on Monday, August 2nd for a fun End of Summer Pool Party! This is an event for all preschool, children and youth families. We will have food and the whole Ponderosa neighborhood pool to ourselves. Join us from 6 - 9 p.m. that Monday evening.



Calling ALL children from 3rd-8th grade interested in either becoming an acolyte or continuing to be an acolyte! We will have Acolyte training on Saturday, August 7th at 10 a.m. This will last no longer than an hour. It will be a new training for those becoming acolytes for the first time and a refresher for those who have been one before! Make plans to join us that day!

Mark your calendars to join us for Blessing of the Backpacks during both services on Sunday, August 8th!

Children of all ages are invited to bring their backpacks to have them blessed by Pastor Rod. Each kiddo will receive a special tag for their backpack to help them remember that their entire church family is praying for them this school year!



On Sunday, August 22nd at 3:30 we will have a youth and children's parent meeting. Make plans to join us for that meeting where we will go over plans for the fall and give you any other information you will need!

We are excited to get rolling this school year. If you have any questions or comments, please let me know!

Blessings,

Luisa Medina luisa@newhopeokc.org

Little Blessings of Hope



Preschool

August will be a fun month as we meet on Sunday evenings beginning new curriculum in which we will learn about "My Amazing God."

If you have a preschooler, 2-3-year-old or know someone who has, we would love for him/her to join us Sunday evenings from 5 until 7 p.m.

Sunday mornings the nursery is open!

Mark your calendar for Monday, August 2! Preschool, children and youth ministries will meet at Ponderosa Estates for a pool party from 6 until 9 p.m.

Children's Day Out

CDO fall session begins Tuesday, August 24th. We have some fun themes and events scheduled for this new semester.

Meet the Teachers Night from 5:00 until 7:00 on Tuesday, August 17, will kick off the school year. This is a special time for the kids and parents to meet their teachers and visit their classrooms.

We are very excited to have a full roster for fall and Pre-K class is back! Lori Heinen who is a certified teacher and has been a teacher at CDO for several years will teach the Pre-K class with the help of her daughter, Hayley Trowbridge, who is also a former CDO teacher. We know they will do a great job!

As always, thank you for your support of New Hope's Preschool Ministries!

Amy Aita

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Bible Buddies
begin
September
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Services 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. - <i>No evening classes for youth, children or preschool</i>	2 10:00 Prayer Team 6:00 - youth, preschool, children Pool party	3 NO CDO until August 24	4 6:30 - Choir	5 10:00 a.m. AA & Al-anon	6	7 10:00 a.m. Acolyte training
8 Services 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. - Blessing of the Backpacks in both services 5:00 - preschool, children, youth	9 10:00 Prayer Team	10 1 - 3 Pantry Open	11 6:30 - Choir	12 9:30 a.m. - Mary Martha Circle 10:00 a.m. AA & Al-anon	13	14 9:15 Second Saturday Outreach
15 Services 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. - Church council after second service 5:00 - preschool, children, youth	16 10:00 Prayer Team	17 5:00 - 7:00 CDO Meet the Teachers night	18 11:00 - 3:00 Sitchers 6:30 - Choir	19 10:00 a.m. AA & Al-anon 6:30 - UMW	20	21
22 Services 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. 3:30 - youth & children parents' meeting 5:00 - preschool, children, youth	23 10:00 Prayer Team	24 9 - 2 CDO resumes 1 - 3 Pantry Open	25 9 - 2 CDO 11:00 - 3:00 Sitchers 6:30 - Choir	26 9 - 2 CDO 10:00 a.m. AA & Al-anon Deadline for Fantasy Football registration	27	28
29 Services 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. Fantasy Football draft after second service 5:00 - preschool, children, youth	30 10:00 Prayer Team	31 9 - 2 CDO	Sept. 1 9-2-CDO 6:30 - Choir	2 9 - 2 CDO 10:00 a.m. AA & Al-Anon	3	4

The church office will be closed Monday, September 6 for Labor Day

Bible Buddies begin September 12. If you would like to mentor a child, please let Luisa know!

