

November Sermons

November 7 All Saints Sunday
Those Who Brought Us Here
Hebrews 11: 29 -3 2, 11: 39 - 12: 2

November 14 Pentecost 25
The Last Item on the List
Mark 10: 17 - 31

November 21 Reign of Christ
Thanksgiving Sunday
An Audacious Request
Mark 10: 35 - 45

November 28 Advent 1
Startled Awake
Luke 21: 25 - 36



Welcome to our newest member,
Ginny Royer

Church Conference Sunday November 7

The positive vote during the town hall meeting October 3, which updated our congregation on the status of our proposed new building, enabled the church to pursue approval from the District Committee on Building. We were granted approval on October 11.

The next step is a formal vote by the church in an official Church Conference. This will be November 7 after second service. Since details have already been presented, there will be a brief review of plans and an opportunity to vote by paper ballot.

All members of the church are invited to participate. Contact Staceee Hoye at stace3hoye@gmail.com or Luis Aita at luis.aita@yahoo.com with any questions.

2022 Commitment Campaign by Rev. Rodney Newman

Our church is blessed with many who support our ministries with their time, talents, and gifts.

Each year at this time we ask our members and friends to consider their financial commitment to New Hope for the coming year.

Many have already submitted their 2022 estimate of giving number to the church. You may still participate by emailing your number to our church financial secretary, Elaine Parrent, at businessmgr@newhopeokc.org, or mailing it to the church to her attention at any time. All gifts are appreciated.



The Next Faithful Step



All Saints Day

There are white cloths on tables in the Gathering Area on which to write names of those who have died and were important in your life.

On Sunday, November 7 these cloths will be presented on the altar to represent a cloud of witnesses.

If you are passing church during the week before, you are welcome to stop in and sign them. Come in the south glass doors during office hours 9 - 3.



Red poinsettias will again be ordered to decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas! Gold colored slips will be in the chair backs to order as we have done in the past. Plants are \$10 each. You are welcome to take them home on Christmas Eve.

Please indicate on the memo line or your check or, if using an envelope for cash, write *poinsettia* on the outside of that.

These are a nice way to honor or remember someone or an event.

PLEASE circle either "in memory" or "in honor" and print clearly so names will be spelled correctly.

Slips and payment need to be in before December 1 so the grower has the correct number of plants for us. Thank you!



Daylight Savings ends!
Saturday,
November 6
set your clocks
back one hour
before you go
to bed.

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Thoughts from Pastor Rod

Ann and I just returned from visiting our son who is working for a year in California. We spent some quality time with him, even though we had to rearrange some of what we planned to do. We kept checking the weather app on our phones, trying to dodge the much-needed torrential rains in the area.

We all have a lot of experience rearranging plans, especially in these uncertain times. Our journey of faith is no different. As much as we wish life was all smooth sailing, storms inevitably come along and our faith is tested. This month the church calendar and Scripture readings acknowledge this path.

We'll travel with Abraham and Sarah as they leave their comfortable home for the promise where God is leading them. We'll listen to Jesus outline the cost of discipleship.

And then we enter the season of Advent with all its joy and anticipation, its delights and concerns. I look forward to traveling this road together.



Last month New Hope said earthly good-byes to long-time member **Jim McClure.**

A memorial service will be here at the church at 10:30 on Thursday, November 11.

Jim and Nancy have been active in New Hope since 1999. Our sympathy and love go to all their family.

Apartment for an Afghan Refugee Family by Marla Lobo

*Jesus said: "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me."
Matthew 25: 35*

Close your eyes for a moment. Imagine what it would be like if you opened your eyes and learned that you had only precious minutes to flee your home. Stay, and you place yourself and your family at risk of great harm. You have only minutes to decide what to take. Your departure means that you will leave behind all else – your home, extended family, work, friends, community -- your entire way of life.

The United Nations Refugee Agency reports that there are currently 26.4 million refugees across the world who have faced this unimaginable plight, half of whom are under the age of 18.

In the coming weeks, approximately 100 Afghan families are expected to be resettled in Oklahoma City. Catholic Charities is the agency coordinating the resettlement. New Hope has agreed to help by completely outfitting an apartment for a refugee family. Your assistance is needed to make this important work a reality.

We are currently identifying donations of furniture, kitchen items, and bedding. Financial donations are also needed since some of the items must be purchased new.

If you would like to donate an item(s), please contact Lori Foster Lori at 405.530.2070 or via email lfoster@okumc.org To see the list of needed items, look on our Facebook page or for the flyers in the Gathering Area.

We anticipate the family will arrive in November, so time is short. Thank you being the hands and feet of Christ!

Exodus House

by Mickey Miller

I hope everyone enjoyed the visit from the residents of Exodus House. Robin Wertz is such a giving and caring leader at Exodus House.

Anyway, we will be doing a thanksgiving basket for each Resident at exodus house. They will contain the same items as our food pantry baskets. Believe me they are much appreciated!

We will also be giving each resident a small gift for Christmas. If you would like to give a donation toward this endeavor it would be much appreciated.

We are expecting two residents in our apartment in early December.

Thank you for your support for this project.



Helping Hands Food Pantry

by Mickey Miller

Hello everyone. Helping Hands has been busy lately but they've also had lots of wonderful donations! Twenty-nine people were served in October!

Thanksgiving is coming up quickly and as you know we have a big giveaway to all pantry clients. They must sign up to receive the thanksgiving baskets.

We give them a gift card to Aldi's to purchase a turkey or ham or whatever they want.

Then we give them stuffing, gravy mix, instant potatoes, macaroni and cheese, green beans, cranberry sauce, corn, pumpkin, pie crust, cool whip, and finally a recipe for no-bake pumpkin cheesecake.

I want to thank you for your continued support of the food pantry. We are looking forward to moving into our new pantry in the near future. Our new project is to buy a freezer for the pantry. We would like to be able to supply our clients with a frozen meat selection. We will NOT do fresh foods because of spoilage. We have been able to give out some fresh eggs which are much appreciated. Thank you, Donette Johnson!

We now need boxed cheesy scalloped potatoes, applesauce, canned pineapple, instant vanilla pudding, spaghetti sauce & noodles and different pastas.

Hope you have a wonderful turkey month!

Second Saturday Outreach to the Homeless

This group will go downtown on November 13. If you can come help sort items or make sandwiches, come at 9:15. They'd love to have you go with them to minister to folks, too!

Our family ministry groups (Preschool, Children and Youth) have been collecting items for Blizzard Bag items for our homeless friends downtown. They will join the 2nd Saturday groups in November to pass these out!

As cold weather approaches, needs are jackets, sweatshirts, gloves, hats, socks, long pants and items such as handwarmers, lip balm and lotion.

These are in addition to the usual things donated. Thank you for the support of this ministry!

The truck from **Skyline** picks up each Friday. Please remember them when you have small household items or clothing to donate. Things may be put in the large wooden container back in the hall by the main kitchen and pantry. Thank you for all donations to Skyline Urban Ministry!



Blessing Box needs are:

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



by Donna Reynolds

Greetings from the **Mary Martha Circle** at New Hope UMC!

We had a beautiful brunch at our October meeting. Thank you, Ann Hannah and Charlotte Couthard. Ann Hannah also presented the devo titled: "*Seek Peace!*" She told us to "dust off" our copy of "Jesus Calling" and SEE from God's perspective. Ann encouraged us to "Let Go! Let God". Find Peace in your soul, in your heart, in our lives. Thank you so much, Ann.

No bazaar this year. We will miss it as it was our biggest fundraiser. We did pledge money each month to support the Blessing Box as well as a one-time contribution to Exodus House Christmas this year.

We also plan to make our annual Thanksgiving Snack Platters to take to our members staying at home or in retirement facilities who cannot be with us in person for worship. *Our next meeting has been postponed to November 18 at 9:30. Ladies are asked to bring non-perishable snacks to it and we will stay after it to put the platters together and deliver them.* If you would like to help with this ministry, COME ON DOWN.

We had a large number of health concerns to pray for. Please pray at home for all our New Hope members that are struggling today.

God isn't just the God of

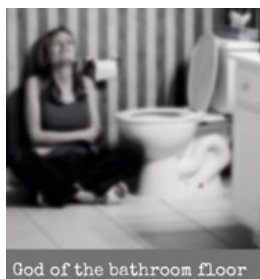
Steeple
Prayer meetings
Well-paying jobs
Mission trips
Intact families
Worship songs
Sunday school

All those visible spaces.
The ones we show to the world.
The ones that look like
we have our act together.
The ones where we will be praised.

He's bigger than that. Much, much bigger.
His heart is bigger. His presence is bigger.
His well-worn, tenderness is bigger.

BECAUSE
He's also, and especially, the God of

Oncology visits
Broken hearts
Empty checking accounts
Funeral parlors
Rehab rooms
Sleepless and fitful nights
Bathroom floors
Messy selves and messy lives



The places where it's just us and Him.

The ones only He can really See. Hear. Understand.
Guide. Comfort. Heal.

The places of Loss Despair Loneliness
Doubt Fear

That are also the places of Growth Hope Grace
Belonging Peace

The places that nothing and no one else can touch.

Except for this big, big,
"very present help in time of trouble,"
tender-hearted God.

Those are the most sacred places of all.

And some of the most beautiful.

Saw this on Facebook from The Dolly Mama August 29, 2021 and considered very much worth sharing. Hope you agree. KM

"Not what we say about our blessings,
but how we use them, is the true measure
of our Thanksgiving."

— W.T. Purkiser

Prayer Team meets Mondays at 10:00 a.m. Anyone is welcome to come!



Stitchers will only meet one time this month. They'll be here meet from 11:00 until 3:00 Wednesday, November 3 and skip the day before Thanksgiving. Usually, they meet the first and fourth Wednesdays.

If you have a project or want to help them with one, come November 3!

You are welcome to bring your lunch or a snack but do not have to stay the entire time.



by Chris Porter

All men and their sons are

invited to the Men of Hope breakfast that is tentatively set for Saturday, November 20 at 8:30 a.m. For now, we meet at Jimmy's Egg on 7128 W Hefner Rd.

All men and their sons are invited to attend. You do not need to be a member of New Hope to attend. We welcome all! It is a time of laid back conversation, great food and we take care of some group business. We strive to be an active group that serves our church and community for Christ and the greater glory of God. Consider joining us.

There is a possibility we will meet at the church on Sunday the 21st. That all depends on the progress of construction. Stay tuned as more details become available.

The Men of Hope have an exciting year planned! We hope to be able to bring back the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner and maybe have a cookout (or two)! We will, of course, award a high school senior with a Don Parker Memorial Scholarship in May of 2022. May have some other surprises in the coming year as well.

As always, if someone needs help with small jobs (think light home maintenance for example) please let me know. The Men of Hope are ready and willing to help when we can.

I can be reached at cporter299@gmail.com



UMW

by Earline Baker

United Methodist Women met Thursday, October 21st for the program *Embracing*

Change, Sharing Grace and enjoyed the presentation given by Carola Smith. She shared the heart-warming story of how the *World Thank Offering* came about. (excerpts from UMW of Clifton, TX) The first Thank Offering was observed in Lansing, Michigan due to the inspiration of Mrs. H.E. Taylor 140 years ago.



Ken & Donna Lobdell
Max & Francis Murrell
Jim & Teresa Coffman
Perry & Donette Johnson
Tim & Julie Gosdin
Tony & Florine Smarra
Robert & Rose Mary Lakin
Cole & Coleen Ward
Richard & Jackie Dawes
Gene & Joy Barnes

Anniversaries & Birthdays

Sheri Wetekam
Shanna Dean
Bobby Tennyson
Katie Wonderly
Jacob Williams
Justin Smith
Larry Splawn
Dale McConnell
Vickie Maynord
Thomas Brimacombe
Brittany Hamlin
Jose Medina
Peggy Morgan
Brian Reid
Phyllis Goforth
Franz Lobo
LaDonna Marshall
Becca Miller
Finnley Miller
Alison Anderson

Joy Barnes
Katie Williams
Cheryl Lowry
John Wakefield
Chuck Simpson
Ruth Thompson
Trevor Sheffield
Jason Dean
Marla Lobo
Jonathan Poe
Kathleen Reed
Vita Crowe
Cheri Parker
Lisa Gordon
Dana Freeman
Jane Swart
Buddy Kidd
Leslie Heathman
Lydia Langert

In 1881, Mrs. Taylor recorded this account: I was elected the District President. In my extremity I called upon the Lord, and He helped me and blessed me in my work. Soon at another District meeting, a wonderful sense of Divine power was felt. At this meeting I was surprised by being made a Life Member. When I got home and thought that by the kindness of others, \$20. in my name was sent to bless the world with gospel light, my heart was all broken up and I cried aloud, "What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits? A voice said, "You can make a Thank Offering."

I had just sold dried apples and had a \$5. gold piece. At once I thought of the money and said, "Yes, I can and I will!" I left my work - not the poetic kind, but the washtub - kind and told my husband that the Lord had given me a wonderful thought, and I was going to write our district corresponding secretary and tell her about "Thank Offering". Step by step, our women were guided to make a Thank Offering.

At first each woman was asked to give two cents a week. (This was 1881 - two cents per week was a great deal of money then.) Over one million dollars has been given through UMW Thank Offering. This beautiful story of Thanksgiving shows what can happen when one person responds to the still small voice.

The *World Thank Offering* is and has been for many decades an opportunity for personal thanksgiving and learning of mission outreach. Being in mission is sharing our lives and gifts with others that all may be whole persons through Jesus Christ. It is working to eliminate racism, sexism, and loneliness. Mission is Christ's challenge to us to bring the possibility for food, shelter and fulfillment to all of humanity.

UMW members and their guests will have their last gathering of the year on Thursday, November 18th at 6:30 p.m. to enjoy fellowship and a light meal of "finger" foods. Each member is encouraged to bring a dish to share. So there's an accurate count, please **RSVP by November 16 to** Kaye or Greg in the office: 721 - 5015.

REMINDER: UMW decided not to meet in the cold, dark winter months so their **next meeting will be in March 2022.**



October 28 this Seniors' Group met for the first time in many, many months! They enjoyed delicious potato soup, chicken Caesar salad and peach cobbler prepared by Jose Medina.

This was a planning meeting in hopes they'll be able to resume monthly trips or meetings in 2022. They will not meet in November but hope to do something this Christmas season.

Watch the counter and announcements for information and a sign-up sheet in December!

Just a reminder to turn back your clocks **November 6**



Unfortunately only one hour, not twenty years.

Greetings from the Children's Department by Luisa Medina

November is here and that means that Advent and the end of 2021 is just around the corner. It is hard to believe we are already to that time. We had a fantastic October together! From our lock-in, to Chester's Party Barn, to pumpkin painting and Tent or Treat. What a great time we had!

We have some more fun planned for November. Take note that we will not meet for regular evening classes or zoom on Sunday, Nov. 28th or Wednesday, Nov. 24th.

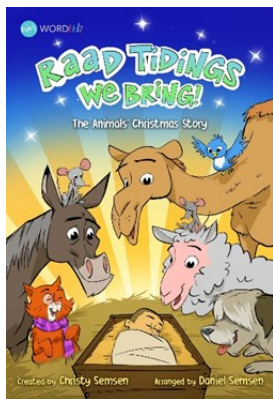
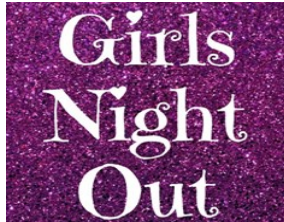
Boys Night Out is back! On Friday, Nov. 5th our boys will meet at church at 5:30 p.m. to head to dinner and then to Surge Adventure Park for fun! We will arrive back to church for pick up around 9:30 p.m.



On Wednesday, Nov. 10th our children and youth will meet at 6:30 p.m. to pack our blizzard bags. We are collecting items now!

We will pass these out when we go to serve with our Second Saturday Outreach group on Saturday, Nov. 13th!

Girls Night Out is also back this year! On Friday, Nov. 12th our girls will meet at church at 5:30 p.m. to go to dinner and then to Surge Adventure Park for fun! We will arrive back to church for pick up around 9:30 p.m.



Our Christmas program rehearsals are in full swing! We can't wait for our family and friends to see this one! On both Sunday, Nov. 14th and Sunday, Nov. 21st we will dedicate our Sunday evening class time to play rehearsal.

This year's program is "Raad Tidings We Bring!" Mark your calendars to join us for this fun program night on Sunday, December 5th at 6 p.m. Directly following our performance and the Preschool Ministry Performance, we will have a special guest!

As always, if you have any questions or suggestions for our children of New Hope, please let me know! Thanks for all of your support!

Blessings, Luisa Medina luisa@newhopeokc.org



Preschool Ministry

Sunday mornings: We continue with the Celebrate Wonder curriculum for the month of November during the Sunday school time. We will mix in some Thanksgiving crafts also.

Sunday evenings: We will take a break from learning about creation and focus on Thanks-giving. The theme for the lessons this month will be I am Thankful for. They will also be memorizing 1 Chronicles 16:34. Give thanks to the Lord for He is good. His love endures forever.

CDO

During November, the kids will be learning letters I, J, and K. The themes are insects, jellyfish, and kindness/thankfulness.

November 4th is picture day for the kids.

Chapel time Bible story topics will be: God Helps Us When We Listen and Obey; Listen for God's Directions; and A Heart for God.

We will celebrate Thanksgiving together on Thursday, November 18th with a chicken nugget lunch and delicious sides!

CDO will be closed the week of Thanksgiving.

Thank you for your prayers and continued support of New Hope's Preschool Ministries.

Amy Aita, Director of Preschool Ministries

On November 6, **youth** are invited to hangout at Quail Springs Mall from noon until four. We will eat at the food court, have some free time to shop and walk around, and participate in an escape room.

Youth and Children will be serving with Second Saturday Outreach on November 13 to help distribute "Blizzard Bags" to those in need.



New Hope in November, 2022



Set clocks BACK Saturday night, Nov. 6

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10:00 - Prayer team 3:00 - 5:00 Whiz Kids	2 9 - 2 - CDO	3 9 - 2 - CDO 11:00 - 3:00 Stitches 6:30 Choir	4 9 - 2 - CDO 10:00 - AA & Al-Anon	5 5:30 Boys' Night Out - children	6 Youth at Quail Springs Mall noon - 4:00 Daylight Savings Ends	
7 All Saints Sunday brief Church Council meeting after second service	8 10:00 - Prayer team 3:00 - 5:00 Whiz Kids	9 9 - 2 - CDO 1 - 3 - Pantry Open 6:30 p.m. - Ruth Circle	10 9 - 2 - CDO 6:30 Choir	11  VETERANS' DAY 9 - 2 CDO 10:00 - Al-Anon and AA 10:30 Memorial service for Jim McClure	12 5:30 Girls' Night Out - children	13  9:15 - Second Saturday Outreach
14 2:30 Charge Conference	15 10:00 - Prayer team 3:00 - 5:00 Whiz Kids	16 9 - 2 - CDO	17 9 - 2 - CDO 6:30 Choir	18 9 - 2 CDO 9:30 - Mary Martha Circle 10:00 - Al-Anon and AA 6:30 UMW last meeting of 2021 and holiday social. Please RSVP to office	19	20
21	22 10:00 - Prayer team NO Whiz Kids	23 9 - 2 - CDO NO Pantry	24 NO CDO NO Classes, Children or Youth NO Choir	25  Give Thanks	26 Office closed for holiday	27
28 First Sunday of Advent NO Youth NO Children	29 10:00 - Prayer team 3:00 - 5:00 Whiz Kids	30 9 - 2 - CDO	December 1 9 - 2 - CDO 11:00 - 3:00 Stitches 6:30 Choir	2	3	4

Sunday, Dec. 5 at 6 p.m. Children's Christmas program and Preschool songs