



**New
Hope
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**October,
2021**

October Sermon Series

The Twisting Journey of Faith

October 3 Pentecost 19 World Communion Sunday
"Be Prepared" Ephesians 6: 10 - 20

October 10 Pentecost 20
"Can I Get a Witness?" Hebrews 1: 1 - 4; 2: 5 - 9

October 17 Pentecost 21
"Not What You Wanted to Hear" Hebrews 5: 1 - 10

October 24 Pentecost 22
Rev. Marla Lobo, preacher
"Who are You Fooling?" Hebrews 4: 12 - 16

October 31 Pentecost 23
"A Trip with No Itinerary" Hebrews 11: 1 - 3, 8 - 16

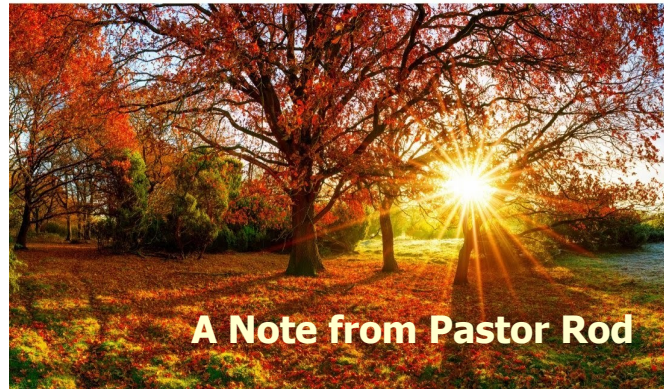
October 31 4 - 6 p.m.



Reserve your group's tent(s) and get creative!

A sheet is on the counter in the Gathering Area.

Our fall program is off to a great start across the church. We saw the addition of two new Sunday School classes and we continue to develop our programs and welcome guests to our worship services.



A Note from Pastor Rod

Many are participating in a rich discussion on the Wesleyan understanding of love.

I have been enjoying leading our 3rd - 5th grade children in learning more about their Bibles.

October promises to be a busy and significant month in the life of New Hope as well. We plan to make significant decisions regarding building for our future.

In a few days, we will send out letters announcing our estimate of giving campaign for 2022. This will be an opportunity to consider our financial gifts to the church and its continued ministries.

We end the last day of the month, which happens to be Halloween, with a fun-filled night at Tent-or-Treat.

All blessings as we continue to grow and learn together.
Pastor Rod



**Warm
Fuzzies
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**October 31
Commitment Sunday**



Warm Fuzzies return and are much needed!

This outreach had to stop during the pandemic and EMSA & Oklahoma Highway Patrol have depleted their supplies!

JOY class has graciously agreed to coordinate this effort Nellyne has done in the past.

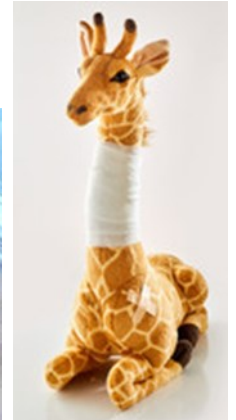
Instead of the stuffed animals being in the sanctuary chairs, donations will be placed in a pack-and-play in the gathering area. They'll be collected all of October.

Warm Fuzzies are given to EMSA and the Oklahoma Highway Patrol for children in stressful or scary situations. These stuffed animals should be large enough to "cuddle" but also small enough to fit in large plastic bags since the workers/patrols carry them in their vehicles. That makes them immediately accessible in an emergency involving a child.

Those with obvious "arms and legs" are given to EMSA and used when the child is traumatized to talk but might point to where they hurt. Others are given to OHP.

All the stuffed animals should be ones a small child can hug. The very tiny ones that come in fast-food meals or are beany-baby size do not work. Very large ones cannot be used at all.

All should be new and /or very gently used (clean) with no smells or stains. Thank you!!!



Whiz Kids at New Hope successfully launched on Monday, September 13th with a full group of 24 children from Ralph Downs elementary! The children are transported in New Hope vans from school. After enjoying a healthy snack, kids learn about God before meeting one-on-one with their own tutor for an hour reading and educational games.



Whiz Kids meets each Monday from 3-5 pm during the school year.



Recently, New Hope was able to purchase a gently-used van from a church that was closing.

The new van can transport up to 14 passengers! Grateful thanks to Tim Gosdin and Allan Seay for securing the purchase and getting it ready.

The new van is already being used each Monday to transport our Whiz Kids from Ralph Downs Elementary to New Hope!

Grateful thanks to each volunteer from New Hope!

We have folks tutoring, driving the van, setting up for gatherings, and baking cookies!





Helping Hands Food Pantry

The pantry served twenty-nine individuals during September.

We could use grape jelly, boxed instant potatoes, saltines, one-pound bags of rice, hearty soups, cans of chicken, beans and fruit.

Our Thanksgiving Basket list is on page 5

The Blessing Box

has been used a lot lately!

Current 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.



More scenes from Whiz Kids!



Second Saturday Outreach to the Homeless

goes to downtown OKC October 9. If you would like to help make sandwiches or go with them,

come to church at 9:15 that day. All hands appreciated!

With the arrival of cooler weather donations of jackets, sweats, gloves, hats and long sleeved shirts. Chap sticks and lotions are also helpful.

Family Ministry Project!

by Luisa Medina

The entire month of October, our family ministry groups (Preschool, Children and Youth) will be collecting items for Blizzard Bag items for our homeless friends downtown. The children will be joining our 2nd Saturday friends in November to help pass these out! You are encouraged to help bring these items all month long!

All of these items must be able to fit in a gallon ziplock bag. Items needed:

- Gloves
- Hand Lotion
- Mints or hard candy
- Lip balm
- Comb
- Heat Packs (Hot Hands)
- Band-Aids
- Socks
- Small Kleenex Packages



Thank you for helping!



In September we were pleased to have several friends from Exodus House in attendance! They are always welcome and we hope can come more often!

New Hope Fellowship Opportunities

Men of Hope

by Chris Porter

Men of Hope will have their monthly breakfast on Saturday, October 16 at 8:30 a.m. We will be meeting at Jimmy's Egg at 7128 Hefner Road.

We will be voting on new officers at the meeting so all men and their sons are encouraged to come!

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

I can be reached at cporter299@gmail.com



Mary Martha Circle

by Donna Reynolds and Vita Crowe

Mary Martha Circle meets the second Thursday of each month

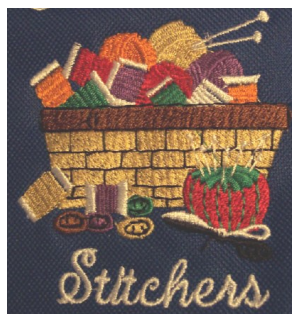
at 9:30 a.m. This circle is open to all ladies at New Hope who are interested in fellowship with other ladies, devotionals, different ministries, and, of course, snacks.

Be a part of this busy, hard-working group of New Hope Ladies - Come get acquainted with all of us. We have refreshments and a socializing time before our meeting at 10:00.

Mark your calendars for October 14 and November 11.

Stitchers meet from 11:00 until 3:00 the first and fourth Wednesdays. If you have a project or want to help them with one, come October 6 and/or 27th.

You are welcome to bring your lunch or a snack but do not have to stay all day!



New Hope UMW

by Earline Baker

Greetings everyone, Happy Fall and welcome the cool days to come!



The women enjoyed having Tyler Stone, Organist and Director of Youth Ministries, as our September guest speaker. He told about knowing in seventh grade that he wanted to be a band director and teach music. He pursued that goal by getting a Master's degree at OCU. In 2020 while working as organist at New Hope, Pastor J.D. Ward asked him to be the youth leader. In that role he could use his teaching skills. He said it has been a rewarding and challenging experience.

He informed us that in 2020 when COVID 19 pandemic occurred there were 4 - 6 youth attending the meetings; however, at this time the average attendance is 15. The youth are really interested in mission work. Tyler said that they will focus on the needs in our church and the local community. He also stated that the youth have a reverence for prayer, and they study the Bible as it relates to their life situations.

As stated last month the United Methodist Women is adjusting their schedule to meet in June, July and August instead of January and February. This requires that certain annual standard events be rescheduled.

The Unit will observe the **World Thank Bank Offering, Embracing Change, Sharing Grace** at the October 21st meeting. The program is based on MARK 2:13-22. *Jesus went out again beside the sea; the whole crowd gathered around him, and he taught them. As he was walking along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.*

For more than 135 years Methodist women have given to the **World Thank Offering** through United Methodist Women and its predecessor organizations. The World Thank Offering is an opportunity for individuals to respond to God's abundant grace in the midst of change. When we share our gifts and they are combined with the gifts of others, our contributions make possible the support of national and international work to meet the physical and social needs of women, children, and youth in your neighborhood and around the world.

UMW agreed to host a social event, with guests and food, at the November meeting.

The Ruth Circle Holiday Bazaar has officially been cancelled for 2021.

All ladies of the church and friends are invited to attend UMW meetings. Our next meeting will be at the church Thursday, October 21st, at 6:30 p.m.

Blessings; we care.

Ruth Circle meets at 6:30 the second Tuesday each month.

Prayer Team meets each Monday morning at 10:00 a.m.





Fred Dalton
 Ken Lobdell
 Payton Ellsworth
 Emma Scott
 Fonda Gentry
 Anna Langert
 Tim Gosdin
 Jerry Rice
 Joe Urban
 Bennett Osborne
 Sarah Rowland
 Jason Hasty
 Jean Harris
 Carol Remerowski
 Juliana Peed
 Nancy Nowlin

Denning Crowe
 Harper Day
 Keeley Ellsworth
 Mary Rerat
 Gayle Yarholar
 Noah Watts
 Wiilliam Reed
 Garrett Sheffield
 Christi Wetzel
 Ann Newman
 Bob Kaiser
 Keri Langert
 Isla Dean
 Chase Edstedt
 Janis Evans
 Andrew Fagan



James & Alison
 Anderson
 Patti & Leroy
 Saiz
 Jeremy & Melissa
 Hayes
 Jim & Clarissa
 Seignious
 Mychael & Brittany
 Hamlin
 John & Carol Moore



Aadyha Chockalingam was recently baptized! We celebrate this happy event with her parents Moira & Abilash, brother Wesley and grandparents Dwight & Cynthia Miller.



Ed Wise has joined the heavenly group of New Hope folks.

Our sympathies and prayers are with Erma and his many family members and friends at this sad time.

Thanksgiving Baskets for the Pantry.

These will be given to our pantry clients who have to sign up in advance to receive one.

These are items we need to add to the meat supplied:

one-pound cans of pumpkin,
 canned sweet potatoes,
 boxes of stuffing mix,
 canned cranberry sauce,
 graham cracker pie crusts,
 boxes of macaroni and cheese,
 cans of green beans and corn,
 cans of turkey gravy (no glass jars, please)



An invitation from Gregg Miller

Open Forum Sunday School meets weekly at 10:30 a m in the Youth Room (at present). We discuss weekly topics presented by members of the class. We would like to invite anyone looking for a Sunday School class to visit Open Forum. We would love to have you!

Plans are being made for a fall cookout for our members. We are also planning to host our annual "spooky tents" at New Hope's yearly Tent or Treat to be held from 4 - 6 p.m. October 31.



CANCELLED

Due to construction there will be **No Flu Clinic** at church this year.

Also, Ruth Circle decided to cancel the **Holiday Bazaar**



Children's Ministry Greetings!

October is here and that means so is fall! Take note that we will not have regular evening classes on 10/17 or 10/31.

Due to the construction not yet being complete in our church building, we will continue to meet via Zoom on Wednesday evenings. We meet at 6:30pm each week! If your child would like to participate and you are not connected with our Facebook page or email chain, please see me to get the information.

On Saturday, October 23rd we head to Chester's Party Barn for the pumpkin patch! They have a petting zoo, hay ride, maze and of course pumpkins! The time for this event is yet to be announced, but keep an eye on our church socials for the time as we get closer. This event is for all of our New Hope families and we can't wait to see you! If your family is planning to join us, be sure to let me know.



Wednesday, October 27th we will meet at church for a fun evening of pumpkin painting in the gym! All children are invited to join us for this fun event.

We will meet from 6:30-7:30 that evening.

We continue to meet on Sunday mornings for Sunday school during the 9:30am service and for Children's Church during the 11:00am service. We also meet on Sunday evenings from 5pm-7pm. Our Christmas play rehearsals are in full swing! We are so excited for our church family to come and watch our kiddos on Sunday, December 5th at 6pm!

As always, if you have any questions about the Children's or Family Ministries at New Hope please feel free to contact me!

Blessings,

Luisa Medina

luisa@newhopeokc.org



Preschool Ministry

Sunday mornings: We will continue with the Celebrate Wonder curriculum for the month of October during the Sunday school time.

Sunday evenings: The kids will continue learning all about creation. This month the evening lessons will be about God creating the land, plants, and sun, moon, stars, and planets.

We have some fun family events coming up!

Saturday, October 23rd, we will go to Chester's Party Barn in Piedmont for some farm fun! *The time for this has yet to be announced so watch for information!* All families are invited to this!

Tent or Treat will take place on **Sunday, October 31st** from 4 - 6 p.m. This event will be held outdoors like last year. Bring your family and friends, dress up the kids, and join in the Halloween fun.

CDO

October is a busy and fun month at CDO! The letters and themes for the month of October are:

F - Fall/Fire Prevention, G - Curious George, and H - Halloween. During fire prevention week, a fire truck will be here and the firefighters will be showing kids the tools they use and the gear they wear.



CDO's Fall Break will be Thursday, Oct. 14th so no school that day.

On Thursday, Oct. 28th, the kids will dress up in their costumes and trick or treat around the church. It's always a hit!

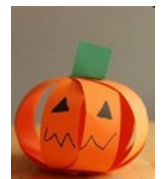
During Chapel Time on Thursdays, the kids continue to learn Bible stories and fun songs to sing and dance to.

We will also begin to work on Christmas music for the performance coming up on December 9th.

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

Amy Aita -

Director of Preschool Ministries



Our biggest annual event, Tent-or-Treat, is happening outside on Halloween this year! If you have a group or Sunday school class that would like to be a part of this fun community event, sign up in our gathering area!

The Children's Ministry will have a tent. We are collecting donations of pre-packaged candy! Be sure to invite your friends and family to join us for this family friendly Halloween event on October 31 from 4 pm-6 pm!



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
September 26 Services 9:30 & 11:00 5 - 7 - preschool, children, youth	September 27 10:00 a.m.- Prayer team	September 28 9 - 2- CDO	September 29 9 - 2- CDO	September 30 9 - 2- CDO 10:00: - Al-Anon & AA	1	2
3 World Communion Services 9:30 & 11:00 5 - 7 - preschool, children, youth	4 10:00 a.m.- Prayer team 3 - 5 Whiz Kids	5 9 - 2- CDO	6 9 - 2- CDO 11:00 - 3:00 Stitches 6:30 - Choir	7 9 - 2 - CDO 9:30 - <i>Mary Martha</i> 10:00: - Al-Anon & AA	8 Annual Conference 8 - 10th	9 9:15 2nd Saturday Outreach
10 Services 9:30 & 11:00 5 - 7 preschool, children, youth	11 10:00 a.m.- Prayer team 3 - 5 Whiz Kids	12 9 - 2- CDO 1 - 3 - <i>Pantry open</i> 6:30 <i>Ruth Circle</i>	13 9 - 2 CDO 6:30 - Choir	14 <i>NO CDO</i> 10:00: - Al-Anon & AA 6:30 - <i>UMW</i>	15	16
17 Services 9:30 & 11:00 NO evening preschool, children, youth	18 10:00 a.m.- Prayer team NO Whiz Kids	19 9 - 2- CDO	20 9 - 2- CDO 6:30 - Choir	21 9 - 2- CDO 10:00: - Al-Anon & AA 7:00 - <i>UMW</i>	22	23
24 Services 9:30 & 11:00 5 - 7 preschool, children, youth	25 10:00 a.m.- Prayer team 3 - 5 Whiz Kids	26 9 - 2- CDO 1 - 3 - <i>Pantry open</i>	27 9 - 2- CDO 11:00 - 3:00 Stitches 6:30 - Choir	28 9 - 2- CDO 10:00: - Al-Anon & AA	29	30

31 Commitment Sunday Services 9:30 & 11:00 NO evening classes Tent 'n' Treat 4 - 6 p.m.	November 1 10:00 - Prayer team	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	6 Set your clocks back an hour before going to bed - Daylight Savings ends Sunday
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Sunday, November 7 - Daylight Savings Time Ends - That's also All Saints' Sunday