



## Sermon Series on Ephesians

- September 5 - Pentecost 15  
"Our Guaranteed Inheritance"  
Ephesians 1: 3 - 14
- September 12 - Pentecost 16  
"An Unexpected Invitation"  
Ephesians 2: 11 - 22
- September 19 - Pentecost 17  
"Handmade Christians"  
Ephesians 4: 1 - 17
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"Rules of Engagement"  
Ephesians 4: 25 - 5: 2

### Trustees Update by Allan Seay

Please welcome  
our newest  
members:

Larry & Cheryl  
Spears



New office furniture to replace that damaged in the flood is to be delivered September 2<sup>nd</sup>

Both refrigerators in our main kitchen stopped working and we now have a new double wide refrigerator.

You may have noticed the brighter lights in the gathering area. Gregg and Kathy Miller with the help of others have replaced most of the lighting with LED panel lights with plans to replace all Fluorescent lighting.

The church will have an additional vehicle, acquired from a church that was closing their doors. The van is having some minor repairs but should be able to be used in the near future.

We have had to use a scissor lift twice in the last month to replace lights. A used scissor lift was obtained that will allow us to reach the top of the sanctuary without having to rent one in the future.

In addition, we have had some smaller repairs to the roof due to storms blowing off shingles and plumbing repairs to the bathrooms.

### Mission Work in the USA - Mississippi

Warm Fuzzies  
return in October!  
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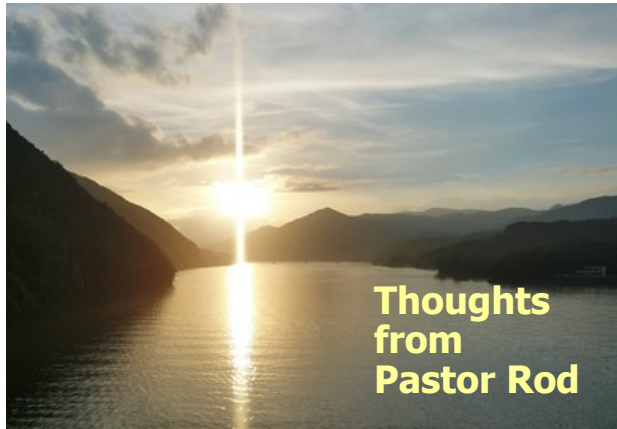


Annual Conference  
October 8 & 9  
Registration due by  
SEPTEMBER 30  
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"And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work."  
2nd Corinthians 9:8



Join the  
New  
Hope  
group  
going to  
Delta  
Grace in  
October.  
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## Certain Uncertainty


A couple of months ago, many of us were anticipating a return to our routines after a year and a half of disruption. Birthday parties, long-distance trips, and being in the office – all long delayed – were events starting to appear in our calendars. Now with the surge in the Delta variant of the coronavirus, we're back in the land of contingency.

We make plans, but have to add the caveat, "Depending on what happens with COVID." It's tiresome. It weighs on our mental health and affects us in ways we can't yet articulate.

As the saying goes, "The only thing that doesn't change is change itself." Now, we know from experience that if one thing is certain, it's uncertainty. From my observations of the people of this church, I can also depend on everyone caring for one another. I can count on you continuing to reach out in mission to those who are hurting. And I see you constantly adapting to difficult circumstances.

The fall season usually brings a burst of new programs at the church, plenty of opportunities for discipleship. We are still making those plans and we appreciate your patience as we make adjustments to schedules and have to be creative in the way we reach out and encourage fellowship.

Let this prayer from the Iona Community carry our hearts to God, "May it not be long before the world we pray for, and the world we inhabit, are one."



**A BIG and BRIGHT THANK YOU** to Gregg and Kathy Miller who put in many hours installing our new ceiling lights! Several men and women came and helped at various times and they are much appreciated but I am fearful of listing names and missing someone! Thanks to everyone who put in work!  
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## Delta Grace Mission Trip by Donette Johnson

The Mississippi Delta is one of the poorest areas in the United States-- often described as "a third world country in the heart of America". Historically, the region has remained entrenched in deep poverty. In 2013, the founders of Delta Grace founded this non-profit, multi denominational, faith-based organization that matches mission teams with those in need of home repair.



Since its founding, Delta Grace has hosted over 2,000 missionaries and, with their help, has repaired over 150 homes and shared God's grace with hundreds of Delta residents. Delta Grace is housed in Sunflower, MS, in the Sunflower United Methodist Church. Until 2020, this had been an annual trip for New Hope UMC. The prayer from Delta Grace is: "That volunteers will transform the lives of those they serve and, in turn, have their own lives transformed". That is evident with the volunteers from New Hope.

This year we are scheduled for October 21st-25th. The cost is \$250 per person which will cover breakfast and lunch each day, lodging, and gas for the drive. All tools and supplies are provided. **There is a need for all skill levels.** This is a great mission trip within a day's drive from OKC.

The homeowners we have worked with are wonderful, the Staff of Delta Grace have become family, and the food of the Delta is amazing (and mostly unhealthy, but sooooo worth it!) but this is still a working trip. We value each member of New Hope that wants to go to serve, but don't want anyone injured during this trip. *Please consider your health and your ability to safely walk without assistive devices, carry tools, tolerate heat, and perform basic tasks.*

As always, keep the staff and the residents of Delta Grace in your prayers.

For questions or to sign up, please call/text Donette 405- 760- 5297.



## Warm Fuzzies -- Outreach resumes/ continues in October

by Nellyne Hanlin

Our Warm Fuzzy Program was begun a number of years ago when David Salter chaired an all church meeting and Alison Anderson suggested the ministry. The descriptive name was given by David. I offered to help Alison and when she was unable to continue her daughter Josie and I kept the program going.

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. The very small ones that come in children's meals or are beany-baby size do not work. They should be new and /or very gently used (clean).

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.

Recent records have not been kept but, at last count a couple of years back, New Hope folks had donated more than 5000 warm fuzzies: 2675 to EMSA, 311 to Piedmont and 2063 to OHP!

At the request of EMSA we have also given over three hundred baby blankets to help keep babies warm when EMSA finds them in a situation where the home does not have enough heat.

Thank you, New Hope, for being such a loving, caring group of people. I know you will continue to support JOY class as they take over the leadership/ sponsorship of this wonderful ministry. Also, we are continuing the collection of used eyeglasses, reading glasses or cases. Susan Smith will gather these to be given to Skyline.

Remember, the need for all these outreaches never goes away, unfortunately!



## Second Saturday Outreach to the Homeless

by Donette Johnson

Second Saturday for August was **HOT!** Through the donations from our church family, we were able to provide hot dogs (grilled at the site), sack lunches, snacks, bottles of water, clothes, shoes and the most-requested item ....backpacks!



The folks we serve live without walls or floors. They do not have a way to transport their possessions, so backpacks or bags are necessary. With your donations we were able to purchase enough for everyone this month and have some left for next month. Thank You!

While we were able to feed many this month, we ran out of clothing. We have need of t-shirts, shorts, men's and women's underwear, socks, belts, sunglasses and personal items. With the monetary donations from the folks of New Hope, we will purchase many of these items but more donations are always welcome.

On September 11 we will grill and serve ham-burgers. It is always a smiling face that accepts freshly-cooked meals, knowing it may be while before they get another one.

A new addition to 2nd Saturday is the chance to take Holy Communion, served by Pastor Marla. Many have accepted her offer and we have all been blessed by her presence and service.

To those servants that come out to prepare food, load supplies, hand out donations/food, pray with (and for) those that we serve, and take time to speak with those who just need a kind word. You spend 4 - 5 hours away from home, in all types of weather, facing uncertain situations, to be the hands and feet of Christ.

Thank you! You are a blessing!



## UMW by Earline Baker

The United Methodist Women group was delighted to have Pastor Rod Newman and Ann, his charming wife, as guests at the August 19th meeting. They told of their families, the different places they were born and how they both ended up in Tulsa.

Pastor Rod spoke enthusiastically about his calling and career in the ministry. Rod grew up Pentecostal and knew he wanted to go into ministry but wanted time to be away from home to search for what he really believed and where he belonged. He graduated from the University of Tulsa. A friend there encouraged him to attend Princeton Theological Seminary and helped Rod get accepted there. There was where he found he actually was a Methodist.

His first appointment was to Crown Heights UMC in OKC; then he was appointed to serve on the staff at Boston Avenue UMC in Tulsa. There he oversaw the television ministry and worked with young adult ministry, disciple Bible study, and missions. He has pastored other churches and served as Chaplain at Oklahoma City University.

While at Boston Avenue he met Ann and they were married. Their children are son Carus, who graduated from the University of Arkansas, and daughter Rachel, who is a junior at Georgetown University in DC. Ann works for a non-profit agency that supports teen development. This agency is connected to the University of Oklahoma

UMW has been in discussions about changing the meeting months for our UMW calendar. The group voted to dispense with meetings in January and February starting in 2022 and to hold meetings in June, July and August rather than the dark and cold winter months.

The New Hope UMW Unit decided to give additional financial aid to NSO and Cookson Hills to help with their Thanksgiving and Christmas projects that benefit the needy.

### *Upcoming UMW Meetings:*

Our next NEW HOPE meeting will be at the church on Thursday, September 16, beginning at 6:30 p.m. We welcome any lady who would like to visit and see how these dedicated women turn faith, hope and love into action on behalf of women, children and youth in Oklahoma and around the world.

CROSSROADS DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING will be September 18th at Kingfisher UMC. Contact Carola Smith if you want to go or for more information.

OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING will be October 1-2 at Chapel Hill UMC, it will in person and virtually. The guest speaker is Clara Ester.

Blessings!

## Helping Hands Food Pantry



by Mickey Miller

Hi, Everyone. Our food pantry is still up and running even during the pandemic. Our census has been down as a lot of our

clients are older and want to self-quarantine. But, the last two pantry days we have enrolled five new families!

Our new food pantry location is progressing. We will have a small freezer -- frozen products only (and this is NOT available yet). We hope to have veggies, pork, hamburger and perhaps a few other easily maintained frozen items.

Thank you so much for your continued support of our pantry. Without your donations and prayers, our pantry would falter.

On August 24 we gave food for eight people. We now need pancake syrup, brownie mix and spaghetti sauce & noodles.

## Exodus House

by Mickey Miller

Exodus House had their yearly reunion on August 7. We donated two \$25 gift cards for their raffle. Robin, the director was the target in the dunk tank. They were lined up for a chance to dunk her! Great barbecue, face painting, raffles and renewing of old friendships were just part of the celebration.

We have painted the inside of our apartment white. This makes it so much brighter. I am hoping to get a new coffee table and dining set in the near future. Right now, money is a little tight for Exodus House.



**Blessing Box needs:** 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.

Please, *NO perishable or fresh foods of any type*, including fruits and vegetables.  
Thank you for serving our neighbors.



## Mary Martha Circle by Donna Reynolds

Greetings!

What a wonderful fellowship we had at our August Mary Martha Circle meeting Thursday, August 12 at New Hope. We had to blow the foghorn to stop the visiting so that our Leader, Ms. Vita Crowe, could start the meeting.

We had a report from Lacricia Norman about the yearly Afton Gann Memorial gift that started almost 17 years ago. Things have changed as most everything has changed but our Circle was able to continue the gift to OU Children's Hospital.

Our Associate Pastor, Marla Lobo, dropped by to give us some suggestions for ministries. She said that the youth would take over the first of September the job of collecting and stocking foodstuffs for our Blessing Box located in the drive-thru canopy at the front entrance to the church building. Pastor Marla said the Blessing Box was serving more people all the time, and it appears that people are very appreciative and don't take more than they need. She said the Box needs only boxed and canned goods, nothing perishable. Items that are taken most often are breakfast bars, instant oatmeal pouches, pop tarts, canned chicken and tuna, spaghetti, and spaghetti sauce, fruit cups, canned fruit, (please no glass containers as they will break if dropped which makes a big mess). We appreciate Pastor Marla for all she does for New Hope.

Also for clarity, the Blessing Box is in addition to our Food Pantry. Both are ministries of New Hope.

She also told us more about partnering with Ralph Downs Elementary on Hefner Road and could use tutors, some to drive a van, and someone else to ride in the van when needed. Also, The Project Transformation project will start again soon which needs tutors, reading monitors, giving out snacks, and listening to the children read. Send Marla an email or give her a call if you want more information or to volunteer.

We heard about many health concerns of our New Hope members and had prayer lifting those that are hurting up to God for blessing and peace. We encourage you to pray for our New Hope members as well.

We thank all of you for the donations of "Undies" for kids' back-to-school needs. You donated over a thousand items!!! Skyline Urban Ministry will give these to families with children. Thank you, Thank you!

Lucille Smith brought a bag full of next year's calendars that she has already received in the mail to give away. Several individuals took one and New Hope staff members also were pleased to have a calendar for 2022. The few that were left went to Skyline.

We invite all of you ladies to visit the Mary Martha Circle gathering every second Thursday of the month for fellowship, snacks, and helping with our many ministries. We have a lot of fun and give great support to those in need.

Please try to wear masks when you are in large groups, in stores, and medical offices; keep a 3 - 6 ft. distance from other people, and wash your hands thoroughly and often. This new Delta variant is much more contagious than the Covid-19 virus that we fought a year ago. We are very concerned about our New Hope family. Take extra steps to stay well and safe. God bless you all.



**Stitchers Group** will meet the first and fourth Wednesdays from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. so plan to come September 1st and/or 22nd!

In August Pastor Rod blessed their handiwork. They make things like pillowcases for victims of domestic abuse, hats for Skyline and

Second Saturday, bead bags for Stephenson Cancer Center and quilts for children used by EMSA as well as an occasional personal project.

You are welcome to join this group even if you do not sew. They always appreciate help ironing or cutting! Bring your lunch and plan to stay or if you can just come for a short time, that's also good! Nancy Beale, Diane Moore or Barbara Shideler can answer questions.



### RUTH CIRCLE and PRAYER TEAM

by Roseanne Wells

**Ruth Circle** will meet on Tuesday September the 7th from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm.

We will be having

our potluck dinner and we will be discussing the Bazaar.

### Prayer Team

will meet every Monday except Labor Day from 10 am to 11 a.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.



## September Discipleship and Mission Update

by Pastor Marla Lobo

August brought continued evolution of our partnerships with Ralph Downs Elementary and Putnam City North High School! We are looking forward to growing and serving alongside the faculty, students, and parents at both schools. Sixty-one volunteers came to the orientation day August 23! Thank all of you who helped/participated!

September will bring the official launch of **Whiz Kids!** For 25 years, Whiz Kids has brought together caring adults and elementary-age children for one-on-one tutoring and mentoring.

Our regular Whiz Kids gatherings will be Monday afternoons from 3-5 PM and are scheduled to begin September 13th!

Volunteers are needed to fill different roles:

tutors/mentors for twenty-three 1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> graders from Ralph Downs Elementary School. So that each child can have the same tutor, tutors/mentors need to be present each week for the whole school year (barring sickness or appointments).

Participation each week is not needed for these positions. Instead, a schedule will be developed by the team leader:

Transportation team - van drivers and accompanying riders will pick up children at Ralph Downs and transport them to New Hope in New Hope's vans. (4 needed each week)

Set-up team - arrives early and puts out needed items and pre-packaged snacks on tables as well as getting books & games ready. (3 needed each week)

Homemade Cookie team - to make and bring homemade cookies at 4:45 PM, hand them out to the kids as they leave, and collect name tags. (1 needed each week)

Subs are needed for all positions.

For more information contact me at: [associatepastor@newhopeokc.org](mailto:associatepastor@newhopeokc.org)

**Note:** If you would like to tutor a child but are unavailable on Mondays, consider serving at Putnam City UMC's after-school tutoring program. Tutors are needed from 4:40 until 5:30 p.m. This meets on Wednesday evenings starting September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

For more information contact PCUMC's new Children's Minister Ashtyn Ball at [ashtyn2023@gmail.com](mailto:ashtyn2023@gmail.com) Some of you met Ashtyn in July when she came to New Hope after completing her work as a Project Transformation college intern. Ashtyn is studying Youth Ministry at Oklahoma City University.

For PC North, we are working to identify volunteers who would like to help in the hospitality booth at PCN varsity football games. Stay tuned for more details!

September will also bring the launch of two new adult Sunday Schools classes! A new class is taking shape and will begin meeting on September 12 at 9:30 AM.

A second new class, "*Rebuilding Hope*", will meet at 10:45 AM and is led by Chris Porter. Both these classes meet in the Beyond the Box classroom (room 319 - far end room, southeast hall).

Also, beginning in September is our fall adult education study, "*Our Purpose is Love – The Wesleyan Way to Be the Church.*" This book explores what it means to be a United Methodist congregation and people through lens of our Methodist heritage, Methodist theology and grounding in the Biblical text.

These Sunday School classes are planning to participate in the study: JOY (meets at 9:30), New Beginnings (10:45), and Rebuilding Hope (10:45).

Also, I'll be leading a nine-week Wednesday night study group of this book beginning at 6:30 p.m. September 8 in room 210 (Wesleyan classroom) You can join in person or via ZOOM. Copies of the book will also be able for self-study.

A suggested donation of \$7 will cover the cost of your book.

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### From the Covid Response Committee:

If you test positive for Covid and have been in the New Hope Church building, please phone Stacee Hoyer or Luis Aita so these committee members can notify those with whom you have been in contact

In the interest of privacy, do not phone the church office.

Masks and sanitizer are available. All groups are asked to "wipe in/wipe out" when they meet, cleaning the surfaces of tables and objects touched.

We have returned to serving packaged snacks rather than open platters of cookies, etc.



## 2021 Annual Conference

from Rev. Dr. Joe Harris, conference secretary

*"The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully."*  
2nd Corinthians 9: 6

The 2021 session of the annual meeting of the Oklahoma Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church will be held this fall on various dates and venues. As of today, registration is open and you are invited to complete that process at your earliest convenience. The registration link is: [Annual Conference Registration](#)

The deadline to register is September 30. No changes can be made after that date.

**Theme:** "Sowing Seeds, Reaping Harvests and Transforming the World" is this year's conference theme. Based on Paul's second letter to the church at Corinth, we are reminded that times were uncertain then just as they are now. Yet, the great apostle says that God is able to provide for them "every blessing in abundance" so they could give cheerfully and be "enriched in every way" because of this generosity. The people of Oklahoma sow seeds bountifully, reap harvest cheerfully and transform the world boldly.

During this conference, we celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Order of Deacon. These men and women have faithfully served our conference through local churches, extension ministries & non-profit organizations, connecting the church and the world. We will celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Woodworth Trust and the many ways those dollars, given cheerfully by WW and Rose Woodworth, have transformed the world. We will also ordaining nine persons, commissioning eight persons, consecrating one deaconess and honoring the faithful service of 30 retirees.

**Annual Conference Schedule:** Please note the various meetings will be held according to this schedule:

- 25th anniversary of the Order of Deacon and conference Memorial Service –  
Sunday, September 19, 6 p.m. at St. Luke's UMC, OKC
- Clergy Executive Session – Friday, October 8, 9 a.m. **online only**
- Laity Session – Friday, October 8, noon **online only**
- Commissioning and Ordination Worship Service – Friday, October 8, 6:30 p.m. at St. Luke's UMC, OKC with a reception following for 2020 & 2021 ordinands and commissioned persons.
- Business Session – Saturday, October 9 beginning at 9 a.m. at St. Luke's UMC, OKC with registration open at 8 a.m. Donuts and coffee will be available at the registration area.



There will be a lunch break on Saturday and the meeting will adjourn when the business concludes after lunch. The St. Luke's Family Life Center will be available for those who want to bring lunch there to eat.

**A hybrid gathering** All portions of the annual conference session will be livestreamed. Voting will take place via the Good News Television voting platform, whether you attend in person or online.

Should you choose not to attend the in-person business session, you will be able to fully participate via the online platform. There are some changes to the voting platform to make it easier to use. Since we will be offering this hybrid session, there will be two training sessions to acquaint you with the system:

- Sunday, October 3rd at 4 p.m.
- Tuesday, October 5th at 7 p.m.

**Voting** Each member of the Annual Conference will need a personal device for voting. These are not provided by the conference. The device needs to be able to access the internet and utilize Wi-Fi, if you attend in person. Note: your voting number is unique to you and is issued to you as a member of the conference. If you are not able to attend and your church will use a previously elected alternate lay member, that needs to be reported to the conference office so a unique voter identification number can be assigned to that person. This number is not to be shared.

If you have served as an Equalization Lay Member in the past, please check with your church and/or district office prior to registering unless you have already been elected during a special charge conference at your church.

Voter identification numbers issued last year are not valid this year. You will receive a new number in a separate email from the annual conference closer to the event.

Links to live streaming of the worship services, vote training, clergy executive session and business session will be sent to you closer to each date. They will also be available on the Conference web site.

**Offering** In light of our theme and the 100th observance of the Tulsa Race Massacre, we encourage cheerful giving to this year's annual conference offering which will be used to benefit ongoing work of planting new faith communities and reaching needs of the Greenwood area of Tulsa. More information will come from Bishop Nunn's office in early fall.

**COVID-19 precautions** We are monitoring the situation regarding COVID-19 and spikes connected to the Delta variant. The safety of our conference members and guests is of utmost importance to us. By the time we meet, we may require masks be worn inside the church. We also encourage members of the conference attending in-person be fully vaccinated by the time of our meeting.

**Pre-Conference Materials** The Pre-Conference Workbook will be published by mid-September and available on the conference website as will all other materials needed to prepare for this year's session of conference.

**Questions** Should you have questions or concerns regarding this year's session of Annual Conference, please direct them to this email: [ac2021@okumc.org](mailto:ac2021@okumc.org).

May God continue to bless and keep you,  
Rev. Dr. Joe Harris, conference secretary,  
Rev. Derrek Belase, agenda secretary, Mary Myers, conference registrar



## September

and

## Birthdays

Dick & Sue Reynolds  
James & Shirley Yates  
Larry & Peggy Morgan  
Bob & Roseanna Kaiser  
Cody & Kristal Osborne  
Bob & Diana Acker

Julius Logan  
Pat Mize  
Colby Powell  
Brian Johnson  
Sam Gosdin  
Mary Plender  
Jerry Valentour  
Kevin Wilkinson  
Jason Mills



Coleen Ward  
John Moore  
Bonnie Malone  
John Eleftherakis  
Janelle Hillemeier  
Janelle Nelson  
Sunne Day  
Elaine Parrent  
Gerald Grady

Bryce Almond  
Linda Felan  
Ji Kusel  
Lairyn Hayes  
Jennifer EchoHawk  
Pat Crist  
Gillian Hasty  
Buck Collier  
Allan Seay  
Keith Castner  
Elaine Pierce  
Juliann Brimacombe  
Shelby Plender  
Margaret Lawson  
Mary Jo Pratz  
Al Van Sickle  
Nichole Hardesty  
Jordann Klein  
David Johnson  
Dick Reynolds

### New Hope Men's Groups:

For now Men of Hope are meeting at Jimmy's Egg at 7128 W. Hefner Road at 8:30 on the third Saturday; next meeting is September 18. They will resume third Sunday meetings at the church when they can have meals here.

### Women's Groups:

Second Tuesday evening of each month at 6:30 p.m. - **Ruth Circle** Study group.

Second Thursday morning of each month at 9:30 a.m. - **Mary Martha Circle** Service and Study group meets in the Youth Room.

**UMW** will meet on **September 7** at 6:30 here at the church. *This is a different day just for September. They usually meet the third Thursday.*



### New Hope Breakfast Groups by Gregg Miller

New Hope has two breakfast groups that meet each week at Jimmy's Egg at 7128 W. Hefner Road. The groups meet at 9:00 a.m. on Friday mornings. These groups are:

**ROMEOS** (Retired Old Men Eating out). The group would like to invite all men to join them (retired or not).

**Breakfast Babes** would like to invite any ladies from the church to join them for fun and lively conversation while sharing breakfast.

The **Strengthening Families** program has decided to finish the current session virtually due to some Covid cases. Therefore, the group will not have meals at New Hope until later this year.



If you had already signed up to provide or assist in September or October, please let your group know there will be no meals for a while.



"Dear New Hope United Methodist -- We are so appreciative of your kindness and generosity!

The snacks and treats you provided our teachers and staff have been enjoyed by many! What a pleasant surprise to enter the building and be greeted by goodies.

Thank you all for everything you do for us."

signed by members of the Ralph Downs Elementary staff: S. Illgen, Ryan McL, Chandler D, Kaci D, Jennifer F, Ashley W, Jamie W, Angela S, Sheri B, Shar M, Bethany C, Sarah S and Diana Mck.



## Greetings from Children's Ministry!!

Fall is (almost) here and we are so excited to jump head first into all of the new activities and learning planned for the next few months. Take note that we will NOT have evening classes on Sunday, September 5<sup>th</sup>. Enjoy your Labor Day weekend family time!

We are so excited to anticipate the return of Wednesday night in-person activities later this fall. Right now, we do not have a beginning date due to construction completion date and Covid protocols. Once those are known, we will have Children's Choir and then our regular children's classes from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Children's Choir is for children in Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. We would LOVE to have your kiddo participate.

When Wednesday classes start, our kiddos will be studying Jesus' examples of being a loving neighbor. We will use what we learn from Jesus to put loving our neighbors into practice! Look for more information on how we will be in service to our community soon.

The children are going to the OKC Zoo on Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup>! *We will meet there at 10:30 am. Bring a sack lunch!* Parents are welcome to attend with us, but if you will need to just drop off then that is okay too! We will be ready for pick up at 1 p.m.



**Calling all Upper Elementary kiddos!** Our 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be going through our special "**Bible Buddies**" class beginning Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.! Pastor Rod will lead them in exploring their Bibles and becoming more familiar with them. Each child will be paired with an adult from the congregation. *Let me (Luisa) know if you would be willing to be a buddy!*



It is already time to start thinking about Advent and Christmas! Children's Program rehearsals begin on Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup> during our regular evening meeting time. All children are encouraged to be a part of this special worship experience.

The children will perform "*Raad Tidings We Bring! --the animals' Christmas story*" for our congregation at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. Our preschool friends will sing a song after the performance and then we will

have a reception with a special visitor!

We continue to meet for Sunday school on Sunday mornings during the 9:30 a.m. service and Children's Church during the 11:00 a.m. service. Thank you for your continued support of our children! As always, if you have any questions or suggestions let me know!

Blessings, Luisa Medina, [luisa@newhopeokc.org](mailto:luisa@newhopeokc.org)

## Little Blessings of Hope

### Preschool:

Hard to believe fall is just around the corner!! I hope this summer has been good for everyone!

Beginning this month, we will have Sunday school for the preschoolers! They will meet at 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Nursery will also be offered during both services. Preschoolers will be learning Bible stories and crafts based on the "*Celebrate Wonder*" curriculum on Sunday mornings.

Sunday evenings preschoolers continue to meet from 5 - 7 p.m. for dinner, a Bible-based lesson, craft, play, and music time. There is no evening class September 5.

Help me welcome our new nursery staff when you see her! Kathryn Long will be working in nursery on Sunday mornings. She has worked for CDO and will be a great addition to Preschool Ministry! Kathryn graduated high school in May and will begin some college courses this fall.

### CDO:

We kicked off the school year for CDO on August 24<sup>th</sup>! We have a lot of returning kids who have been in the program previously, but we also have many new families as well! In the month of September, the kids will be working on letters: B, C, D, and E. The themes are: bears, community helpers, dinosaurs, and exercise/healthy living.

The week the kids are learning about community helpers, we will have Community Helper Day and the kids will get to meet some community helpers. This is a fun day for all! The kids will be working on fun crafts and doing activities based on those themes. We are excited for a great school year!

Thank you for supporting the Preschool Ministries at New Hope!

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**Tent 'n' Treat** Sunday, October 31  
4:00 -- 6:00 p.m.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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The return of Wednesday meals has been postponed until construction is complete and the Committee on Covid response revisits concerns regarding a community meal. Hopefully, October.		9 - 2 - CDO	9-2 CDO 11:00 - 3:00 - <b>Stitchers</b> 6:30 - Choir	9 - 2 - CDO 10:00 - AA & AI-Anon		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Services 9:30 & 11:00  NO evening events due to holiday	<b>Labor Day - Office Closed</b>	9-2 - CDO 6:30 - <b>Ruth Circle*</b> <i>This is not their regular day</i>	9 - 2 - CDO 6:30 - Choir  <b>6:30 - room 210</b> <i>Our Purpose is Love</i> class led by Pastor Marla	9- 2 CDO <b>9: 30 a.m. Mary Martha Circle</b> 10:00 - AA & AI-Anon		9:15 - 2nd-Saturday Outreach <b>Children meet at the zoo at 10:30 a.m.</b>
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Services 9:30 & 11:00 <b>Trustees meet after Second service</b> 5:00 youth & preschool, <b>children begin</b> program rehearsals <b>6:00 Bible Buddies begin: grades 3- 5</b>	3:00 - 5:00 Whiz Kida	9 - 2 CDO <b>1 - 3 Pantry Open</b>	9 - 2 - CDO 6:30 - Choir  <b>6:30 - Our Purpose is Love</b> class led by Pastor Marla	9 - 2 - CDO 10:00 - AA & AI-Anon <b>6:30 - UMW</b>		<b>8:30 Men of Hope meet at Jimmy's Egg on Hefner</b>
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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