



Sermons and Scriptures

January 2	Christmas 2	
	<i>Drawn to the Light</i>	Isaiah 60: 1 - 6
January 9	Baptism of Jesus	
	<i>When the Heavens Open</i>	Luke 3: 15 - 17, 21 - 22
January 16	Epiphany 2	
	<i>The Life of the Party</i>	John 2: 1 - 11
January 23	Epiphany 3	
	<i>An Ambitious Agenda</i>	Luke 4: 14 - 21
January 30	Epiphany 4	Celtic Services
	<i>Blessed are the Outsiders</i>	Luke 4: 21 - 30

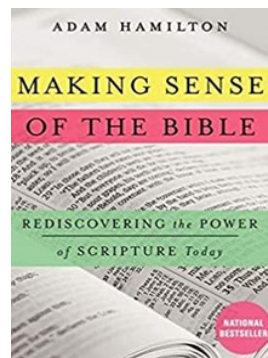
Lay Leadership 2022 New Hope UMC

Administrative Council

Church Council Chair: Luis Aita
Lay Leader: Gregg Miller
Staff Parish Chair: Julie Gosdin
Trustees Chair: to be elected in January
Finance Chair: Teresa Coffman
Church Treasurers: Rick Ernest and Steve Clark
Lay Member of the Annual Conference:
 Rebekah Hasty or Kevin Wilkinson
 Alternates: Bob Lane and Greg Wells
UMW Representative: Elaine Parrent
Young Adult Representative: Justin Smith
Youth Representative: Carly Smarra

Boards and Committees

Finance Chair: Teresa Coffman
Church Council Chair: Luis Aita
SPRC Chair/ Rep: Julie Gosdin
Trustees Rep: selected by trustees
Lay Leadership: Gregg Miller
Treasurers: Rick Ernest and Steve Clark
Pastor: Rodney Newman
Business Manager (without vote) Elaine Parrent
A Lay member to Annual Conference:
 Kevin Wilkinson or Rebekah Hasty
At large: Jackie Dawes, Dan Korner, Max Murrell,
 Lindsey Loveday, Kay Jeffries, Roger Hurt



Winter Study

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If you aren't already in the **2022 Confirmation Class**, talk to Tyler. Classes begin soon!

Board of Trustees

2022	2023	2024
Allan Seay	Fred Dalton	Kirby Kilfoy
Leah Medina	Tim Gosdin	David Norton
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2022	2023	2024
Brian Tabberer	Dale McConnell	Leslie Berger
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2022	2023	2024
Patti Miller	Amy Aita	Vita Crowe
Doris Korner	Luisa Medina	Jeremy Hayes
Perry Johnson	Tyler Stone	Nancy Nowlin

Pastor's Column

I'm still basking in the glow of the wonderful Advent and Christmas seasons at New Hope. From the children's programs to the musical offerings to the candlelight singing of *Silent Night*, it was all magical and inspirational. We appreciate so much all the planning and rehearsals and the extra effort everyone put in as a gift of love.

Ann and I want to thank everyone for your greeting cards and gifts and expressions of appreciation this holiday season. You have welcomed our family so warmly and we feel blessed to be part of the New Hope community of faith.

Celtic Services

For several years, I have enjoyed the music, theology, and prayers of the Celtic Christian tradition. This has its origins in how Christianity developed in the Celtic lands of Ireland, Scotland, and Wales beginning in the 4th century. I appreciate its positive outlook, an emphasis on community, a commitment to fine artistic expression, seeing the holy in all things, and apprehending God in the natural world.

It's been my practice to have Celtic-themed worship services around the first of February every year. St. Patrick's Day usually comes during Lent and Spring Break. Fortunately, St. Brigid's Day comes in the middle of Epiphany, creating an opening in the liturgical calendar.

Our services on January 30 will include music from the Celtic world. The prayers, sermon, and liturgy will draw from the Celtic Christian tradition. It promises to be a rich and uplifting day.

Reverend Rod Newman

Making Sense of the Bible – Winter Study

by Marla Lobo

For six weeks beginning January 12th, you are invited to take part in a study of "Making Sense of the Bible" by Adam Hamilton. We'll explore Section 1 of this book and seek answers to foundational questions such as: In what sense is the Bible God's Word, and in what sense is it human reflections on God? What do we mean by calling it "inspired"? Is it inerrant or infallible? How was the Bible written? What different types of writings are found in the Bible? How did different writings make it into the Bible?

There are three ways you can participate:
Wednesdays 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- in-person OR on ZOOM
Thursdays 11:00 a.m. - noon -- in-person

Watch for the room assignment for in-person meetings.

Books and a sign-up sheet will be available on the counter around January 4th.

A suggested donation of \$13 is recommended for each book. Alternatively, you can purchase an online version of the book on Amazon Kindle.

A New Year's Prayer

*May God make your year a happy one!
Not by shielding you from all sorrows
and pain,
But by strengthening you to bear it,
as it comes;
Not by making your path easy,
But by making you sturdy to travel any path;
Not by taking hardships from you,
But by taking fear from your heart;
Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,
But by keeping your face bright,
even in the shadows;
Not by making your life always pleasant,
But by showing you when people
and
their causes need you most,
and
by making you anxious to be there
to help.
God's love, peace, hope and joy
to you for the year ahead.*

The Wee Feltahs.

Leaders of Outreach, Missions and New Hope Groups:

Food Pantry: Mickey Miller

United Methodist Women: Elaine Parrent and Carola Smith

Mary Martha Circle: Mary Jo Pratz

Men of Hope: Chris Porter

Stitchers: Nancy Beale

Exodus House: Mickey Miller

Disaster Relief: Marla Lobo

Ruth Circle: Rosie Wells and Carola Smith

Prayer Team: Rosie Wells

Young at Heart: Shirley McIlroy and Greg Wells

Bereavement Meals: Donna Wakefield

Exodus House by Mickey Miller

December was a month of celebration for everybody almost and Exodus House was no exception. Exodus House hosted their annual Christmas party at Wesley United Methodist Church by serving ham and turkey and having everybody bring sides. The food was delicious and fun was had by all present.

The celebration started with a graduation ceremony for one of the Exodus House residents. He had completed his required work and had far exceeded expectations. The best gift given to him were the praises from his fellow residents and the different people that grew to know him during his time at Exodus House.

After the graduation Ceremony it was time for Santa Claus. There were presents for everyone including the sponsors. New Hope gave gift cards to all of the residents, staff, and children who were present. These were truly appreciated.



"The New Year lies before you,
like a field of pure white snow.
Be careful how you tread it,
for every mark will show."



Men of Hope monthly breakfast meeting will be at Jimmy's Egg on Hefner and Rockwell on January 15 at 8:30am. All men and their sons are invited. You do not have to be a member of New Hope to attend.

We hope to meet again at the church, but that will depend on where we are with the construction progress.

The Men hope to be able to host the annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner,

which would be on March 1. Stay tuned for details. It is always an enjoyable evening as we ready ourselves for Ash Wednesday and Lent.

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

Thank you, Chris Porter, Men of Hope president

Second Saturday Outreach

Our next 2nd Saturday outreach to our homeless neighbors will be Saturday January 8th.

Join us at 9:15 to prepare sack meals for our friends and/or travel downtown with us to distribute food, clothing, and toiletries to those currently without a home.

If you can't join us, your donation of single-serve snack items and "hot hands" warmers are greatly appreciated!

Helping Hands Food Pantry

On our two days in December we served eight families. We can always use things like canned meats and fruits as well as chunky soups or chili without beans. Boxed cereals and oatmeal go quickly. Thank you!

The pantry is open from 1:00 until 3:00 the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. We serve those in zip codes 73132, 73142 and 73162 and our church family no matter where they live.

Thank you to everyone who donated furniture, linens, tools and other items for the two apartments we have furnished for an Afghan family of five.



The Staff sends a huge thank you to Mary Martha Circle for the goodie basket provided in the workroom! You've revived us many an afternoon! We appreciate you ladies' generosity and all your hard work on many events at New Hope.



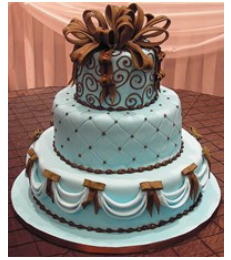
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Linda Elwood
Kathy Miller
Mason Mills
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Caitlin Dean
David Jackson
Elyse Ellsworth
Carmene Redus
Camden Wetzell
Chesney Whetstone
Ken Atteberry
Delores Cherry
James Gayle
Patti Haught
Mickie Tims (Mary)
Debbie Devonshire
Leslie Coffman

Linda Tennyson
Angela Duckett
Linda Logsdon
Brandy Plender
Brian Fagan
Bob Kaiser (choir)
Virginia Roller
Cynthia Brown
Carly Hurt
Sandi Webster
Erma Wise
Bill Geer
Charlotte Coulthard
Gayla McKelvy
Fallyn Watts

Happy Anniversary!



Jose & Leola Medina
Danny & Pam Goodman
Terry & Jane Swart
Matt & Alyssa Miller
Brett & Alice Pattillo

Mary Martha by Donna Reynolds

Mary Martha Circle welcomes a new chairperson - Mary Jo Pratz - and a new vice-chairperson - Elaine Pierce for the new year 2022. Our secretary and finance chairperson, Margaret Graham and Frances Murrell will remain the same as do the ministry leaders. We welcome these wonderful women and look forward to the new year 2022.

All ladies are welcome and needed in this group that does many ministries that give God the praise and glory. Mary Martha meets the second Thursday morning of each month at New Hope at 9:30. We have brunch items to enjoy and spend about an hour on business with the meeting ending about 11:00. Please plan to attend our Jan. 13 meeting. We'd love to have you.

New Hope's heavenly congregation continues to grow, making us sad now but gratefully knowing we'll meet again someday.



Our hearts hurt with the family of *Joe Urban* who died after illness. Services will be at New Hope on Thursday, January 6 at 11:00. We pray for comfort for Wanda as well as Joe's family and friends.

Marjorie Curtis will be missed at New Hope. Services were here December 8. Our sympathies and prayers are with Michael & Becca and Pat & Diane as well as the rest of Marjorie's family.

Women's Groups

Ruth Circle meets at 6:30 p.m. the second Tuesday evening of each month. They also invite all women who would like to join.



Prayer Team meets Monday mornings at 10:00 a.m. Anyone interested is invited to come pray with us!



New Hope UMW is collecting travel-sized lotions for a Crossroads District UMW project. We are ONLY collecting

lotions; other churches will collect shampoo, etc. Please bring any you'd like to contribute to Elaine Parrent in the business office or put them in the basket on the credenza near the reception desk. Thank you!

This group will not meet again until **March 17** at 6:30 p.m.



Thursday, January 27 **Young at Heart** takes their first trip in many months!



They will leave New Hope at 10:30 to go to the new First Americans Indian Cultural Center and Museum in OKC where they will have lunch and visit the displays.

Price will be \$8.00 for museum admission plus your lunch price and probably some for gasoline. Watch the counter mid-month for the sign-up sheet!



News from Children's Ministry

Greetings!

Happy New Year! I cannot believe we are already embarking on another year together. Ms. Lois and I are very excited to see what 2022 will have in store for us and our favorite tiny humans.

Take note that we will NOT have regular evening meetings on Sunday, January 2nd or Wednesday, January 5th.

Calling all people with a love of children! The Children's Ministry of New Hope is looking to add a Sunday school teacher for our Pre-K through Kindergarten class during 9:30 a.m. service. This person (or rotation of persons) is responsible for studying the lesson beforehand and then leading the lesson during the morning class time. If this sounds like YOU, please contact me to talk about it!



We are also looking for helpers for our Sunday evening class times. We meet 5 pm-7 pm most Sunday evenings. We have class leaders for each of our three classes, but we are in need of folks who are willing to volunteer to be "helpers" in the classrooms. Our Sunday night attendance averages 35-40 each week, so the more hands (and eyes) the better! If this sounds like YOU, I would love to speak with you!

Our regular Sunday evening meetings start back up on Sunday, January 9th! We will have a PARENT MEETING for all Family Ministry Groups parents at 3:30 pm that day! Don't miss out on all of the exciting information for the first part of 2022.



Our plan is to begin regular IN-PERSON Wednesday night meetings on Wednesday, January 12th. On Wednesdays, we meet from 6:30 pm-7:30 pm.

Our **Children's Choir** will also resume meeting on that Wednesday evening. They meet to rehearse from 6:00-6:30pm. All children, pre-k through 5th grade, are invited to be a part of our choir.



On Monday, January 17th we will be taking a trip to Threshold Climbing Gym! We will meet at church at 10:30, load up on the bus and travel to Threshold. We will climb for a couple an hour and then go to lunch together and talk a bit about the reason behind our day out of school. This will be a great time for all of us! We would love to have your children join us!

I believe those are all of the updates for now! If you have any questions or suggestions, I would love to hear them! Thank you for your continued support of our Children's Ministry!

Blessings,

Luisa Medina luisa@newhopeokc.org

The Little ones



Parents are asked to come to the first Parent Meeting of the Year on Sunday, January 9 at 3:30 p.m.

We will soon begin Sunday evening classes for our preschool kids!



CDO and Pre-K classes

will resume Tuesday, January 11. We are looking forward to a wonderful first semester in 2022!

AND - We have new flooring in all the nursery rooms! Come by and see our new look!



New Hope in January, 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	27 Office closed	28	29	30	31 Office closed	January 1
2	3 10:00 - Prayer Team NO Whiz Kids	4	5 11:00 - 3:00 - Stitchers	6 10:00 - AA and Al-Anon 11:00 - services for Joe Urban	7	8 9:15 - Second Saturday Outreach 9 - noon Scouts Pinewood Derby
9 Trustees meet after 2nd service 3:30 - Children's Parent Meeting 5:00 - Mandatory meeting for youth and parents of youth going on Winter Retreat	15 10:00 Prayer Team 3 - 5 Whiz Kids	11 9 - 2 - CDO Resumes 1 - 3 p.m. Pantry Open 6:30 - Ruth Circle	12 9 - 2 - CDO 6:30 - Class - <i>Making Sense of the Bible</i> 6:30 - Choir 6:30 - Children	13 9 - 2 - CDO 9:30 - Mary Martha Circle 10:00 - AA and Al-Anon 11 - <i>Making Sense of the Bible</i>	14 Youth winter retreat	15
16 Services 9:30 and 11:00 5:00 - Youth & Preschool and Children	17 ML King Day - Office Closed 10:30 Children to Rock Climbing NO Whiz Kids	18 9 - 2 - CDO	19 9 - 2 - CDO 11:00 - 3:00 - Stitchers 6:30 - Class, Choir, Children	20 9 - 2 - CDO 10:00 - AA & Al-Anon 11:00 - class <i>Making Sense of the Bible</i> 7:00 - Westcliff HOA	21	22 9:00- 2:00 Scouts Pinewood Derby
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30 Services 9:30 and 11:00 5:00 - Youth & Preschool and Children	31 10:00 Prayer Team 3 - 5 Whiz Kids	February 1 9 - 2 CDO	February 2 9 - 2 - CDO 6:30 - Class, Choir, Children	Watch for details for this year's Super Bowl party in February		