



## NEW HOPE in March, 2022

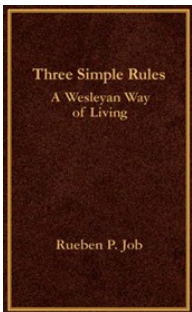
### Lenten Study: Three Simple Rules-- A Wesleyan Way of Living

by Pastor Marla Lobo

While there are no references in the Bible to Lent, we know that early Christians observed with great devotion the days of Jesus' passion and resurrection. It became the custom of the Church that before the Easter celebration there should be a forty-day season of spiritual preparation.

One author writes that Lent is a single season with a double focus: 1) it is a time for self-reflection of our human condition, including our sin and its deadly consequences and 2) it is an equally intense time to consider new possibilities offered us through Jesus Christ.

During this season of Lent, you are invited to take part in our church-wide study of the book "*Three Simple Rules- A Wesleyan Way of Living*" by Bishop Rueben Job.



Grounded in Scripture, *Three Simple Rules* explores three basic tenets of our Methodist tradition that were shaped, taught, and lived by John Wesley, the principal founder of Methodism.

*Three Simple Rules* is a four-week study. Our children and youth will be discovering the Three Simple Rules as part of their regular meetings. Several adult Sunday School classes at New Hope are also taking part in this study.

**Books are available to all participants at no cost and are in the Gathering Area.**

In addition to Sunday School classes, here are more ways you can take part in the adult study:

**In-person gatherings:** (meeting in the JOY/ Wesleyan classroom – Rm 210)

**Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.–  
beginning March 9**

**Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. –  
beginning March 10**

**ZOOM gathering:**

**Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. beginning March 9**

*If you cannot join a group study this Lent, you are invited to a self-study of the book. Copies of the book and instructions for self-study are available in the Gathering Area.*

### Lent Sermon Series

During Lent Pastor Rod will preach a sermon series on the last week in the life of Jesus.

We begin with Jesus entering Jerusalem on Palm Sunday and go through events on the succeeding days of the week.

This is an opportunity to focus on how Jesus approaches his death and how these experiences shaped his teaching.

March 6 Lent 1

*Sunday: Competing Voices*

Matthew 21:10-17

March 13 Lent 2

*Monday and Tuesday: The Means Justify the Ends*

Matthew 21:23 - 32

March 20 Lent 3

*Wednesday: What No One Else Saw*

Matthew 26:6-13

March 27 Lent 4

*Thursday: Saying Grace*

Luke 22:15-20

### Living Last Supper

We need a few more men to volunteer for this Maundy Thursday service on April 14.

Please contact Luisa @newhopeokc.org or call the office 721-5015. Thank you!



**Ash Wednesday:  
March 2 Service  
7:00 p.m.**



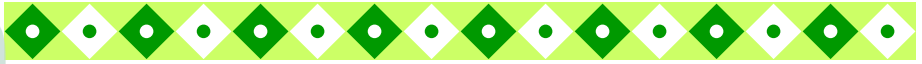
**March 12  
Daylight  
Savings!  
Change  
your  
clocks.  
Spring  
Forward!**



Please WELCOME to our church family:

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March promises to be a significant month in the life of New Hope UMC. We hope to move in to our restored and remodeled offices and reoccupy rooms that have been pressed into other service. We're planning to begin restarting more of our in-person activities.

Spiritually, we are entering the most holy time of the year. Our Ash Wednesday service on March 2 marks the beginning of the season of Lent.

These six weeks will include a number of special services and other opportunities to grow in our faith as we approach the Easter celebration on April 17. Our Lenten study theme this year for all age groups is *Three Simple Rules*. The inspiration comes from the founder of the Methodist movement, John Wesley, who invited us to "do no harm, do good, and stay in love with God."



## Mission Council

by Rev. Marla Lobo

The first meeting of New Hope's Mission Council was held on Sunday, February 20th. New Hope has many impactful mission efforts and one of the goals of the council is to foster collaboration so that New Hope can better serve our neighbors.

The other goals of the council are:

- Liaise with partner organizations.
- Understand the different mission efforts at New Hope in order to communicate and connect with interested parties.
- Recommend if a new mission effort, whether one-time or reoccurring, should be undertaken by New Hope.

Currently, the Mission Council is creating a directory of New Hope's mission expressions! The Mission Council will meet again on Sunday, April 3rd after the 11:00 AM Worship service. You are invited to attend and learn more!

Reaching Out  
at Home

## Helping Hands



### Food Pantry

Our Helping Hands food pantry continues to be used by clients who are having trouble making their money stretch each month.

We're open from 1:00 until 3:00 the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.

Needs now are 1 pound sacks of dried beans, jiffy cornbread mix, chunky soups, canned vegetables, individual snacks and boxed cereals.

## Second Saturday Sandwiches Outreach

As warm weather approaches the homeless of OKC would appreciate items for the coming seasons such as bug spray, men's shorts and flip flops.

Things that are also requested are small packages of allergy medicines and pain relievers.

The group next goes downtown on Saturday, March 12. If you'd like to go with them, they'd love to have you join but if you just feel comfortable coming at 9:15 to sort things and make sandwiches, that is very helpful.



## Blessings Box



Thank you for your continued support of our Blessing Box! It has become a blessing for our neighbors who need extra food to make ends meet. Your continued support is vital so that we can keep on meeting the needs of our neighbors!

You can help by making a financial donation to New Hope UMC with "Blessing Box" in the memo or you can donate food items. There is a large plastic bin located near the south entrance.

While all non-perishable donations are appreciated, we always need: canned chicken, canned tuna, peanut butter, spaghetti sauce, spaghetti noodles, canned soup, and Chef Boyardee products.



by Earline Baker

After winter break, the United Methodist Women are excitedly looking forward to being together on

March 17th, 6:30 p.m. at the church. All women are invited to be a part of this caring sisterhood.

UMW sends a huge "Thank you" to everyone who donated hand lotion! Other churches collected shampoo and soaps. These went to the NSO project for the homeless.

Using the scripture from Luke 6:38 NIV "Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you", Carola Smith will conduct the 2022 Pledge to Missions service.

We shall not be timid in pursuing the goals of United Methodist Women! We are the descendants of those women who in the 1800s first raised funds to send women to India to minister to those who were most mistreated and/or ignored --women, children and youth! We will not be deterred in the pursuit of our ministries! And in caring for those who are most in need! Our pledge to missions will see that this happens.

Please be aware that a lot of pharmacies, including Sam's Club is giving away three N95 masks to each person who requests them. These will be available until they are gone.

May each of you feel God's never-changing Love.



Ruth Circle meets at 6:30 p.m. here at church on the second Tuesday of each month. They would love to have you attend.

Prayer team meets each Monday morning at 10:00 a.m. All are welcome to come pray with them.



"There are three elements that are almost always part of Lent: prayer, giving something up, and giving something back."

— Elizabeth Hyndman



by Donna Reynolds

"We're moving on up!" with the building and opening it for more fellowship gatherings. Let's thank the Lord!

**Mary Martha Circle's Annual Ham Dinner** will

happen again this year on **Sunday, March 27** immediately following the second service. There's no set fee but we would love to have donations for this fundraiser for the Mary Martha Circle.

It's a great time to sit down for a wonderful meal and visit with our dearest friends or to sit with someone new and get to know them. Looking forward to this fellowship from the past.

Please remember our shut-ins. Covid has dealt them a huge blow with not having visitors. Some of them would love to have phone calls. Rosie Wells, leader of the Prayer Team, can give you names and phone numbers. We owe these sweet church members some recognition because they were the beginning of New Hope's existence. Let's make their day by giving them a smile.

We invite you to join us at our March meeting on the second Thursday --- the 10th at 9:30 till about 11:00. We have brunch, devotional, ministries to organize, and prayers for our members.



by Chris Porter

The Men of Hope monthly breakfast meeting will be back at the church on Sunday, March 20 at 8:15 a.m!

Gregg Miller will be providing the breakfast. All men and their sons are invited. You do not have to be a member of New Hope to attend. At our breakfasts we conduct the business of the group and have lots of socializing. It is always a good and relaxing time.

At our last meeting, the Men voted and approved sending money to our newest Exodus House resident.

We also set a date for an all church cookout. It will be on May 15 right after church. This is a fundraiser for the Men. There may also be a homemade ice cream contest! Stay tuned for further details.

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](mailto:cporter299@gmail.com)

Thank you,



## March Anniversaries and Birthdays



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| Dan & Doris<br>Korner       | Charles Evans<br>John Hannah<br>Stacee Douglas |   |
| Jim & Sandi<br>Morgan       | Derrick Nelson<br>Patti Miller                 |   |
| Don & Sheri<br>Wetekam      | Teddy Reid<br>Marcia Coffman                   | Lisa Brimacombe<br>Marissa Belase   |
| John & Donna<br>Wakefield   | Mitch Davis<br>Frances Murrell                 | Michael Miller<br>Quinnlyn Rains  |
| Cameron & Christi<br>Wetzel | Evan Aita<br>Barbara Shideler                  | Helen Johnson<br>Nancy Hanneld  |
|                             | Gene Hoffman<br>Daniel Peed                    | Donette Johnson<br>Bill Bond  |
|                             | James Anderson<br>Robert Lakin                 | Rylee Goff<br>Pamela Morgan   |
|                             | Terry Hepner<br>Donna Reynolds                 | Mary Hendrix<br>Elise Dean  |
|                             |  | Luis Aita<br>Paul Detwiler<br>Jackson Peed<br>Norman Foster<br>Mitch Miller<br>Carly Smarra<br>Trina Geer<br>Cody Johnson<br>Beth Brown<br>Melvin Lawson<br>Amy Scott |

### Meals return to church, making Methodists happy!

Wednesday evening meals will be at 5:30 and are by donation rather than a set fee.

- 3/2- Baked Fish
- 3/9- Pot Roast (no meal spring break week)
- 3/23- Chicken Enchiladas
- 3/30- Smothered Steak



### AND

Mary Martha Circle's Ham Dinner will be Sunday, March 27 at noon. This is always a lovely springtime meal. It is also by donation.

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be April 16. Donations of large plastic eggs and individually-wrapped candies & small toys are needed. We'll collect those March 13 through April 10.

There will be a basket in the gathering area for these.

In early April a day of egg-stuffing will be held if any of you would like to come and help!

Thank You!



## What to Give Up...

Give up complaining...	focus on Gratitude
Give up pessimism ...	become an Optimist
Give up worry ...	trust Divine Providence
Give up bitterness ...	turn to Forgiveness
Give up hatred ...	return Good for evil
Give up negativism ...	be Positive
Give up anger ...	be More Patient
Give up pettiness ...	become Mature
Give up gloom ...	enjoy the Beauty all around you
Give up jealousy ...	pray for Trust
Give up gossiping ...	control your Tongue
Give up sin ...	turn to Virtue
Give up giving up ...	Hang in there!

*"It is what we do routinely,  
not what we do rarely,  
that delineates the character of a person."  
— Joan D. Chittister*

*"While I am asking God how I should observe an upcoming Lenten season, I may remember where I spiritually was during Lent the previous year and reflect on what has changed and what has stayed the same.*

*I hear and read the familiar stories about Jesus as he approached the cross and am reminded that while my circumstances change, the truths of the gospel remain the same."  
— Charlotte Donlon*

Greetings from the Children's Department!

I cannot believe we are already to March! It seems like 2022 is flying right by. We have had a great first couple of months together. Take note that we will NOT have regular evening classes on Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup> or Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>.

Wednesday nights are BACK IN-PERSON this month! Yay! Almost two years to the day later, we will return to in-person Wednesday evening activities. Beginning, Wednesday March 9<sup>th</sup>, we will have the following Wednesday schedule:

5:30 pm- Community meal by donation only

6:00 pm- Children's Choir Rehearsal (open to children in pre-k through 5<sup>th</sup> grade)

6:30pm-7:30pm – Lenten class time!

We are so excited to get back together again. Your families are also invited to join us for Ash Wednesday on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will have a community meal at 5:30pm and then Ash Wednesday service at 7 pm.

Our Spring Break will be a busy one! We will have events most of the week for the children to do. Some will be service opportunities and a lot will be fun fellowship opportunities. Keep an eye on our New Hope KidsMin social media for more information on those events!

Easter will be here before we know it! The Children's Ministry puts on a huge community Easter egg hunt every year the Saturday before Easter. This year our event will take place Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.

In order to make this possible for our community, we need our church family's help. We will be collecting the larger plastic Easter eggs, individually wrapped candies and little toys/trinkets beginning March 13<sup>th</sup>! You can bring those to the church until Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

We are still looking for volunteers who wish to serve with our children! If this is you, I would love to talk with you about it. As always, if you have any questions or suggestions for our Children's Ministry please see me!

Blessings, Luisa Medina

[luisa@newhopeokc.org](mailto:luisa@newhopeokc.org)

***If you're available: Egg Stuffing Day - Tuesday April 12 any time between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.***



## Preschool Ministry

We will begin our Lenten study/activities this month! We will be using the Three Simple Rules book as our guide.

The kids will also do many crafts and learn songs to prepare them for Easter. Sunday mornings we will continue with the Beginner's Bible curriculum and Sunday evenings will be dedicated to Lent.

The kids will be learning an Easter song this month that they will sing after the Children's Ministry kid's performance. It's important your child is here Sunday mornings and evenings to learn the music.

We will not have evening class on Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>. The adult Lenten study will begin on Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. Childcare is available if you need it while you are in the class, please let me know.

## CDO

During the month of March, the kids will be learning letters V, W, X, and Y with the themes: vacation/Dr. Seuss, weather, all things x, and yellow week. We kick off March in a big way by celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday! It's historically known as Read Across America Week so we will read lots of Seuss books and have dress up days! Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> is Cat in the Hat Day-wear a hat, Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> is Wacky Wednesday, dress wacky!, and March 3<sup>rd</sup> is Fox and Socks Day, wear silly socks.

CDO will be closed March 15<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> for Spring Break.

Enrollment for summer and fall of 2022 begins in March! Please see me if you would like to enroll your child(ren).

During summer, we have a class for elementary-aged kids. We need teachers for our summer session! Please let me know if you would like to work with us this summer or if you know someone who would.

Thank you for your support of New Hope's Preschool Ministries!

Amy Aita

[preschoolministries@newhopeokc.org](mailto:preschoolministries@newhopeokc.org)



Egg Hunt Saturday April 16 10:30



The next Newsletter will not be out until April 8.

This page shows the April calendar as of now.

**Easter Eggs** are needed. Donations of the plastic eggs to be filled or of wrapped candies and small toys to go inside them are appreciated! A container will be out for collection March 13 through April 10.



**We'll stuff eggs all day Tuesday, April 12** if anyone wants to help. More hands are much better!!!

## Holy Week and Easter Events at a Glance:

- April 10 - **Palm Sunday** - regular service times
- April 14 - **Holy Thursday** - 7:00 p.m. Living Last Supper
- April 15 - **Good Friday** service at - 7:00 p.m.
- April 16 - children's egg hunt - 10:30 a.m.
- April 17 - **Easter Sunday services at 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30**

Mary Martha Circle, UMW and Ruth Circle invite all women to join their meetings.

## APRIL 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 9:30 & 11:00 services noon - Mission Council meets 3:00 - rehearsal for LLS 5:00 - preschool, children, youth	4 10:00 - Prayer Team 3:00 - Whiz Kids	5 9 - 2 CDO	6 9 - 2 CDO 11 - 3 - Stitches 5:30 - meal 6:30- Youth, Children, Choir	7 9 - 2 - CDO 10 - Al-Anon & AA	8	9 9:30 - Second Saturday Outreach
10 <b>Palm Sunday</b> 9:30 & 11:00 services LLS dress rehearsal 5:00 - preschool, children, youth	11 10:00 - Prayer Team 3:00 - Whiz Kids	12 9 - 2 CO 10 :00 - 7 :00 anyone who can help stuff eggs 1:00 - 3:00 Pantry Open 6:30- Ruth Circle 7:00 -LLS dress rehearsal	13 9 - 2 CDO 5:30 - meal 6:30- Youth, Children, Choir	14 9 - 2 - CDO 9:30 - Mary Martha Circle 10 - Al-Anon & AA 7:00 p.m. - Living Last Supper performance	15 <b>Good Friday</b> 7:00 p.m. service	16 10:30 - Egg Hunt
17 <b>Easter Sunday</b> Services at <b>8:30; 10:00 &amp; 11:30</b> NO evening classes or events	18 Church Office Closed 3:00 - Whiz Kids	19 9 - 2 CDO	20 9 - 2 CDO 11 - 3 - Stitches 6:30- Youth, Children, Choir	21 9 - 2 - CDO 10 - Al-Anon & AA 6:30 - UMW	22	23
24 9:30 & 11:00 children present their musical about <b>Mary &amp; Martha</b> in both services	25 10:00 - Prayer Team 3:00 - Whiz Kids	26 9 - 2 CDO 1:00 - 3:00 - Pantry Open	27 9 - 2 CDO 6:30- Youth, Children, Choir	28 9 - 2 - CDO 10 - Al-Anon & AA	29	30



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 Transfiguration Sunday 9:30 & 11:00 services	28	March 1 9-2 CDO	2 9 - 2 CDO 11 - 3 Stitches 5:30 - baked fish 7:00 - Ash Wednesday service	3 9-2 CDO	4 NOON - Young at Heart lunch & book review	5
6 9:30 & 11:00 services 3:00 - rehearsal for Living Last Supper 5:00 - preschool, children & youth	7 10:00 a.m. Prayer Team 3 - 5 Whiz Kids	8 9-2 CDO 1:00-3:00 Pantry Open 6:30 p.m. Ruth Circle	9 9 - 2 CDO 5:30 - pot roast 6:30 - Three Simple Steps Rules class. youth, children, choir	10 9-2 CDO 9:30 a.m. Mary Martha Circle 11:00 - Three Simple Rules class	11	12 9:15 Second Saturday outreach Daylight Savings returns Sunday Spring Forward - one hour Change Clocks TONIGHT
13 9:30 & 11:00 services 3:00 - rehearsal for Living Last Supper 5:00 - preschool, children & youth	14 <i>SPRING BREAK WEEK</i> 10:00 a.m. Prayer Team No Whiz Kids	15 <u>NO CDO This week</u>	16 Stitches 11:00- 3:00  NO meal tonight due to Spring Break	17 6:30 UMW 11:00 - Three Simple Rules class	18	19 a
20 8:15 - Men of Hope breakfast 9:30 & 11:00 services Noon - Trustees meet 3:00 - rehearsal for Living Last Supper 5:00 - preschool, children & youth	21 10:00 a.m. Prayer Team 3 - 5 - Whiz Kids	22 9-2 CDO 1:00-3:00 Pantry Open	23 9 - 2 CDO 5:30- chicken enchiladas 6:30 - youth, children, choir, Three Simple Rules class	24 9-2 CDO 11:00 - Three Simple Rules class	25	26
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