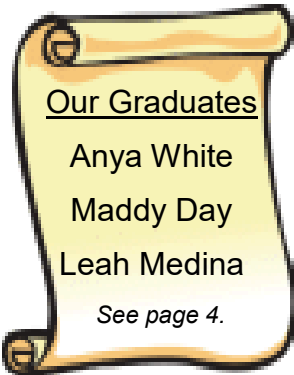




**May Sermons and Scriptures**

Easter Sermon Series –  
*"Being Christian in Troubled Times"*

- May 1 Easter 3  
*"Clear Instructions"* Acts 1: 1 - 8
- May 8 Easter 4  
*"Giving What You Have"* Acts 3: 1-10
- May 15 Easter 5  
*"Trouble at Home"* Acts 6: 1 - 7
- May 22 Easter 6  
*"Reallocating Resources"* Acts 8: 26 - 40
- May 29 Ascension Sunday  
*"An Awkward Encounter"* Acts 9: 1 - 9



**May 22 Graduation & Promotion Sunday**

**Promoting into our Youth Department from Children's:**

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|-------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Garrett Sheffield | Juliana Peed | Allie Johnson |
| Bodey Edstedt     | Caitlin Dean | Harper Day    |

**These will go into Upper Elementary in Children's Ministry and will receive a Bible from New Hope:**

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|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| Cade Wetzel   | Jacob Stephens | Kaitlyn Rainey |
| Freddie Novak | Juliet Morgan  | Lydia Langert  |
| Olivia Gragg  | Archer Brandt  | Carter Hayes   |
|               |                | Evan Aita      |

**Welcome to Our New Members!**

- Pam Weatherford  
 The Osborn family:  
 Christiann, Heidi,  
 Katelynn, William  
 and Zoeie

**Preschoolers promoting into Children's**

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| Wyatt Rainey | Everett Hooker |
| Emilia Gragg | Isla Dean      |



**Rekindle the Gifts of God: Love, Power & Self-Discipline**

Annual Conference Information on pages 5 and 6.

"My mom is a never-ending song in my heart of comfort, happiness, and being.

I may sometimes forget the words but I always remember the tune."

~ Gracie Harmon

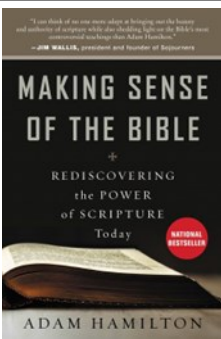
Happy Mothers' Day

Many people do not realize that Easter Day is only the first day of the church's celebration. Easter season lasts for seven weeks – the time until we come to the next major holiday, Pentecost. We spent the six weeks of Lent preparing our hearts for this celebration, now we take time to consider what it means that Christ is risen from the dead.

How does that shape our reality, our understanding of we move through our lives? What possibilities does the resurrection awaken? Where can we pray that hope would be reborn? Let's take this walk together, our minds geared toward Christ breaking into our lives.

Easter Sermon Series – Being Christian in Troubled Times

Beginning May 1, Pastor Rod's sermons will follow the experience of the earliest Christians in the Book of Acts. We will look at how they learned to live in light of the resurrection of Jesus and how their example can inspire living in our own times.



**Making Sense of the Bible – Part II**

Pastor Marla continues the study on Adam Hamilton's book, *Making Sense of the Bible*.

These hour-long sessions will be held Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. in room 212 beginning May 14.

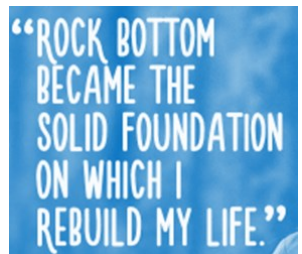
You are encouraged to read chapters 14-18 before class.

**Exodus House**

by Mickey Miller

Hello everyone. In case you haven't met them, our residents from Exodus House have been coming to church on Sunday. Tami and Allie are their names, and they are both very nice ladies.

Allie prefers our traditional service and Tami likes our contemporary service, so that just shows we have something to offer everybody. They are both working hard on their Exodus house requirements. I hope you'll take the time to meet them when you see them at services.



New Hope United Methodist Women will host the **UMW GENERAL MEETING** - May 19, 2022  
by Earline Baker

The United Methodist Women in Faith are happy to announce that Keith Dobbs, the Executive Director of Criminal Justice and Mercy Ministries Inc. of Oklahoma (CJAMM) will be guest speaker at our next meeting on Thursday, May 19 at 6:30 p.m. Keith is a dynamic speaker and is enthused about *"Breaking the Generational Cycles of Incarcerations"*.

For the last 25 years, CJAMM has operated a tried-and-true, successful, faith-based, re-entry program from incarceration to second chances as successful citizens. CJAMM operates the Exodus House programs and New Day Camp (a camp for children with at least one incarcerated parent) on a shoestring budget and with lots of prayers.

CJAMM, a ministry of The Oklahoma Conference of the United Methodist Church, is funded solely by donations from individuals and a handful of foundations and corporations. CJAMM receives NO state or federal dollars although they provide a service to the state that exceeds millions of dollars in value.

We invite **everyone** to join us on May 19<sup>th</sup> at the Church as we hear stories about CJAMM programs and their impressive 3.1 percent recidivism. That means that almost 97 percent of those who have completed the program within the last seven years have not reoffended or been reincarcerated. Great news!

*"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me"*  
Matthew 25:40

New Home UMW meets at 6:30 p.m. the third Thursday of each month. All women are welcome to join us.





Helping Hands  
Food Pantry

## Helping Hands Food Pantry by Mickey Miller

Well guys, our food pantry has been picking up in the number of people coming. We gave out food for 19 people last time the pantry was open. I really think that a lot of the clients have stayed away because of our weird weather we've been having. As you all know most of them are elderly so they don't like all this stuff that's been going on.

Our pantry is doing very well, but we can always use cereal, tuna, mac and cheese, spaghetti and whatever you want to donate.

We are still looking forward to being able to move into our new pantry where we won't be so crowded. Our plan is still to get a freezer and be able to keep hamburger, some frozen veggies, chicken thighs/legs, and other frozen items that we find on sale and make these available for our pantry clients also. But that's in the future. Just continue to support our pantry and we will continue to help our neighbors.

The pantry is open the second and fourth Tuesdays from 1:00 until 3:00. We serve our congregation and our neighbors in zip codes 73132, 73142, 73162.



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Youth will go to camps in June!

LEAD is at Camp Crosspoint in Kingston May 30 - June 3;  
Youth force in Frederick will be June 5 - 10 and  
Camp Spark at Camp Canyon in Hinton will be June 20 - 24.

If you are interested in volunteering with the youth on Sunday or Wednesday nights or just want to find out more about our Youth program, Tyler asks that you reach out to him or e-mail him at [studentministries@newhopeokc.org](mailto:studentministries@newhopeokc.org)

### So nice!!

We received a very complimentary phone call from out of state! After watching the livestream of our *Living Last Supper* performance they called to say how moving it was!

They asked that the cast, director and anyone else involved be complimented and told how much this was enjoyed. It's wonderful to be able to pass on these kind words!



# Men of Hope

Our Men's group meets the third Sunday of each month.

On May 15 they'll also grill lunch for us! We welcome the return of this annual event since it's always a tasty time for fellowship.

Donations are appreciated since this is a fundraiser for the group. They use the money for various projects and the scholarship given each year. Plan to stay after church and enjoy!



YOU are needed in

Children's Ministry

We can try to work with your schedule; perhaps you and a friend could rotate weeks. If you're willing to help in Children's Sunday School classes, please contact Luisa Medina! Thanks!  
[Luisa@newhopeokc.org](mailto:Luisa@newhopeokc.org)

### Get involved!

#### Second Saturday Outreach to the Homeless

9:30 a.m. each month on the second Saturday

**Ruth Circle** - 6:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month

**Mary Martha Circle**

- 9:30 a.m. the second Thursday of each month

**Men of Hope** 8:15 a.m. third Sunday each month

**UMW** - 6:30 p.m. third Thursday of each month

**Young at Heart** - last Thursdays of the month

(nothing set for May but watch the counter for summer!)

**Prayer Team** - 10:00 a.m. every Monday

**Choir** - 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays

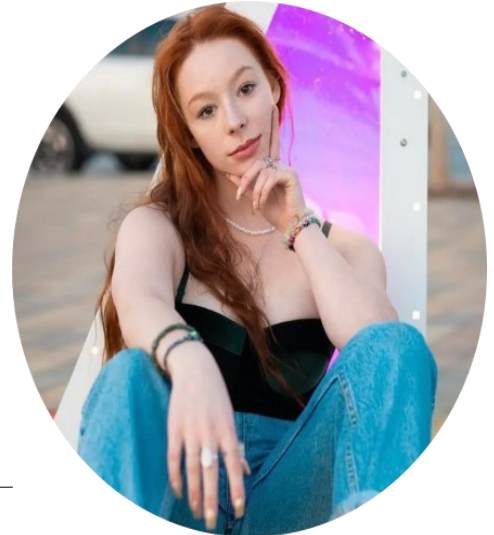
## Our Graduates!

### High School

Anya White is the daughter of Mark White and Evette Buderich and has attended New Hope seven years. She was as a member of our youth group and volunteers in the nursery as well as working for our CDO program.

Anya plans to attend Oklahoma State University. Her major will be Quantitative Psychology with a minor in Neuroscience.

Future work Anya hopes to pursue are in developing and testing new treatments for psychological disorders. Her ultimate goal is to become a pediatric neurosurgeon.



### College



Maddy Day graduates from Oklahoma City University with a BA in Youth Ministry/ Religious Education.

While at OCU Maddy has been on the Dean's Honor Roll and the President's Honor Roll. She is a member of Alpha Chi Omega. She has served as our New Hope Youth Intern the past few months.

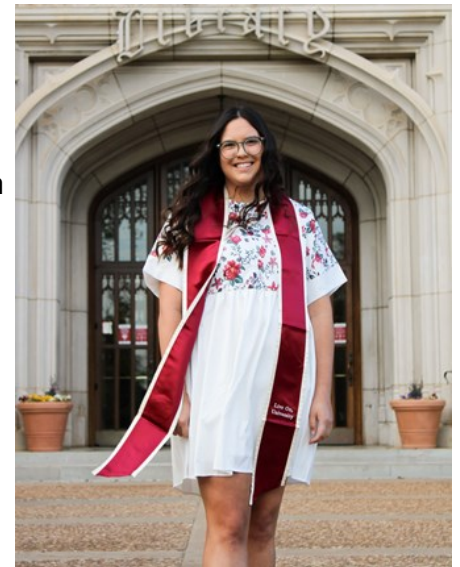
Maddy plans to get a job in Youth Ministry where she will continue to educate, bond with and guide young people in their faith. She hopes those with whom she interacts will have a strong foundation and loving church family to which they can always return.

### College

Leah Medina is the daughter of Jose and Leola Medina. She graduates from the University of Oklahoma with a degree in Geology and a minor in Anthropology.

Leah has been a life-long attendee of New Hope. She was active in New Hope Youth. Leah serves on trustees and is an active volunteer with Children's Ministry.

At OU Leah was on the Dean's Honor Roll all years of college, was a Diversity & Inclusion Scholar. She received a research grant from Melbourne College of Earth & Energy. Leah served as social chair of the Society of Petroleum Engineers and was a recruiter for Miracle Mindset. Leah has accepted a full time job as field geologist with Field Geo Services.



### More pictures from Muffins For Moms



Memorial Day May 30

The office will be closed.  
Say "Thank you!" to a veteran.



**Monday, May 23** All events at St. Luke's UMC, OKC

- 6:30 p.m. **Pre-Worship Concert** 7 p.m. **Memorial Service with Holy Communion**
- Chris Tiger..... preaching
  - Bishop Nunn..... presiding
  - Combined OKC Area UMC Choir.....special music

**Tuesday, May 24** 7 a.m.- 4 p.m. **Registration**

All business and lay sessions in Freede Center; OCU/clergy session at Wesley UMC, OKC

- Clergy Registration (until noon) ..... Freede Center, second floor east end
- Laity Registration (and afternoon clergy registration) ..... Freede Center, Lobby
- 9:00 a.m. **Conference Business (90)**
- Call to Order..... Bishop Nunn      · Theme Video      “And Are We Yet Alive”
- Welcome to OCU & Safety Announcements.....President Kenneth Evans
- Enabling Motions & Consent Calendar..... Joe Harris · Episcopal Address..... Bishop Nunn
- Laity Address..... Don Kim
- 10:30 a.m. Break      10:45 a.m. **Conference Learning (60)**      · Special Offering focus
- Telling Our Story initiative .....Bill Welch, R/SMCC
- “The Myth of Aldersgate”.....Dr. Stephen Gunter
- Noon Lunch Break      · Retiree Luncheon..... Great Hall, McDaniel Student Center
- Laity Luncheon ..... Freede Center
- 1:00 p.m. **Laity Session**
- 2:00 p.m. **Clergy Executive Session**
- 3:30 p.m. Break      3:45 p.m. **Conference Retirement Worship Service**
- Introduction of Ordinands & Commissioned Persons.....Board of Ordained Ministry
- Larry Bauman.....preaching      · Edmond: New Covenant UMC Choir.....special music
- 4:45 p.m. Dinner Break
- 7 p.m. **OCU Angie Smith Chapel Celebration** · “Faithful In Every Season: Celebrating God’s Faithfulness and Our Response”

**Wednesday, May 25** Day sessions - Freede Center, OCU/evening worship - St. Luke's UMC

7 a.m.- 4 p.m. **Registration** for Laity and Clergy ..... Freede Center, Lobby  
 8:30 a.m. **Conference Worship (45)**

- Bessie Hamilton ..... preaching      · Isaiah Bailey .....special music
- 9:15 a.m. **Conference Business (90)**      · Theme Video
- District Celebration – Lake Country
- Laity Segment 1 .....Dr. Don Kim      · Multi-Ethnic Initiatives..... Bessie Hamilton
- New & Revitalized Faith Communities .....Chris Tiger/Ray Crawford
- Commission on the Status & Role of Women ..... Emily Robnett      Safe Sanctuary Taskforce Update.....Eva Marie Campbell
- Board of Ordained Ministry ..... Nancy Johnson/Greg Tener
- Board of Pensions & Health Benefits..... Sarah Thornhill/Joe Holt
- District Celebration – Northern Prairie
- 10:45 a.m. Break      11:00 a.m. **Conference Celebrations (60)**      · Opening Song
- District Celebration – Wichitas
- One Matters Award .....C. Blake Davis, Discipleship Ministries      · United Women in Faith..... Harri Williams
- “Stories of Transformation” .....Project Transformation
- “Stories of Transformation” .....Neighborhood Services Organization      · “Stories of Transformation” .....CJAMM
- District Celebration – Crossroads
- Noon Lunch Break      2:00 p.m. **Conference Learning (60)**
- Testimony HQ & Panel of Denman Award Winners.....Robert Gorrell, moderator
- 3 p.m. Break      3:20 p.m. **Conference Celebrations (85)**      · Opening Song
- District Celebration – Cimarron
- Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference.....David Wilson      · Oklahoma Methodist Foundation.....Bill Junk
- “Stories of Transformation” .....Lydia Patterson Institute      · “Stories of Transformation” .....Circle of Care
- “Stories of Transformation” .....Camp & Retreat Ministry      · “Stories of Transformation” .....Campus Ministry
- District Celebration – Heartland

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## Greetings from the Children's Department!

May is here and that means that summer is just around the corner! We have a big summer planned for the kiddos of New Hope. From camps, to Olympic and water game nights, to VBS and learning about the Apostle's Creed...we can't wait for summer 2022!

Take note that we will NOT have regular evening classes on Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup> or May 29<sup>th</sup>. Our last Wednesday night together, before taking a break for summer, is May 18<sup>th</sup>.



**OK CAMPS**  
United Methodist Camping Ministry

It is almost summer camp time for our children! Registration is open NOW!

Go to [okcamps.org](http://okcamps.org) to register for camp. The two camping opportunities for our elementary age kiddos are:

Growing in Grace Camp- entering 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade- June 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> at Camp Canyon

Sonshine Camp- entering 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> grade- June 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> at Camp Canyon

Promotion Sunday is Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>! During the first service, we will recognize those kiddos who will be moving from Preschool Ministry into Children's Ministry as well as others. Those moving from lower elementary to upper elementary will receive a Bible from the church and we will celebrate those moving from Children's Ministry into Youth!

On Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> we will meet at Martin Nature Park for a fun evening! Bring a sack dinner and make plans to join us from 5 p.m.-7 p.m.

We want to send a VERY special thank you to two of our Sunday school teachers who will be moving in May and will no longer be teaching with us. The first is Cindy Brown. Ms. Cindy has served as our Upper Elementary Sunday school teacher for many, many years and we are so sad to see her go. She is moving to Florida with her family

The second is Leah Medina. Ms. Leah has been our 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> grade Sunday school teacher for over a year now and we know the kids in her class are sad she has to leave. She is graduating from college and is taking a job that will have her out of state a lot. Thank you both for your commitment to our New Hope children!

Because of their leaving, **we are in desperate need for TWO Sunday school teachers for our 9:30 a.m. Sunday school hour.** If you are interested in helping out, even on a rotation basis, please see Luisa!

I believe those are all of the updates for now. Let me know if you have any questions or concerns!

Blessings, Luisa

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

## CDO

The school year is coming to a close very soon! We would like to give a special Thank You! To Jose Medina for preparing such a tasty lunch for our staff during Teacher Appreciation Week

CDO will end on May 12<sup>th</sup> and **Pre-K Graduation is May 12<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.**

The themes for the month of May are: Mother's Day/Friendship and Summer fun with letters M,F, and S being reviewed.

It has been a very good school year with classes staying full! We plan to continue that trend into the summer.

Our summer session begins June 7<sup>th</sup> and ends July 21<sup>st</sup>. We will have classes for elementary-aged students as well.

## Preschool Ministry

May is a bittersweet month as we celebrate and pass on those that are entering Pre-K next school year.

Promotion Sunday will be May 22<sup>nd</sup> during 1<sup>st</sup> service. Any current preschoolers are asked to be in attendance that morning so I can recognize them in church.

During the month of May, the kids will continue exploring the Bible with the Beginner's Bible curriculum during Sunday school.

Sunday evenings will consist of lessons, crafts, playtime, and dinner. We will *not* have evening class on Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup>.

If you have questions about our programs please contact Amy Aita at [preschoolministries@newhopeokc.org](mailto:preschoolministries@newhopeokc.org)



May 5th we hosted moms and some grandmothers and granddads for *Muffins for Moms!* It was a fun time and fantastic turnout!





# New Hope

## in May, 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 services at 9:30 & 11:00	2 10:00 a.m. Prayer team 3 - 5 Whiz Kids	3 9 - 2 CDO	4 9 - 2 CDO	5 <i>Day of Prayer</i> 9 - 2 CDO Muffins for Moms 10- Al-anon & AA	6	7
8 <i>Mother's Day</i> services at 9:30 & 11:00 No evening classes	9 10:00 a.m. Prayer team 3- 5 Whiz Kids	10 9 - 2 CDO 1-3 <b>Pantry Open</b> 6:30 p.m. <b>Ruth Circle</b>	11 9 - 2 CDO 6:30 Choir, children, youth	12 9 - 2 CDO - <b>Last until June 7</b> 9:30 a.m. <b>Mary Martha Circle</b> 10-AA & Al-anon 10:30 -class 6:00- <b>preschool graduation</b>	13	14 9:15 - Second Saturday Outreach 10:00 funeral for Eileen McMullen
15 services at 9:30 & 11:00 <b>Men of Hope grill lunch!</b> 5 - 7 preschool, children & youth	16 10:00 a.m. Prayer team 3- 5 - last Whiz Kids	17	18 6:30 Choir; children; youth	19 10:00 - Al-anon & AA 10:30-class 6:30 - <b>UMW</b>	20	21 1:00 Carol Cawyer's memorial service in Norman
22 services at 9:30 & 11:00 <b>Graduation &amp; Promotion Sunday</b> 5 - 7 children bring sack meal & meet at Martin Park	23 10:00 - Prayer team Cub Scouts rank advancement banquet	24 1-3 <b>Pantry Open</b>	25 6:30 - Choir; children; youth	26 10:00 - AA & Al-Anon	27	28
29 services at 9:30 & 11:00 No evening classes	30 <b>Memorial Day</b> <b>Office closed</b> <b>LEAD Camp 30th - June 3</b>	31 10:00 Prayer team <b>NO CDO this week</b>	<b>June 1</b> 6:30 Choir; children; youth	<b>2</b> 10:00 - AA & Al-Anon 10:30 class	<b>3</b> Youth return from LEAD	<b>4</b>