







Holy Week at New Hope United Methodist Church


Holy Week

 Palm Sunday
9:30am - Traditional
11:00am - Blended

 Holy Thursday
Worship 7pm

 Good Friday
Worship 7pm

 Easter Sunday
8:30am - Traditional
10:00am - Traditional
11:30am - Blended



*Easter at
New Hope UMC*

**8:30AM-TRADITIONAL
10:00AM-TRADITIONAL
11:30AM-BLENDED**



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Sunday worship services 9:30 (traditional) 11:00 (contemporary)
Sunday School Classes also at those times.

Easter - A Season of Celebration!

by Rev. Rodney Newman

At the time of this writing, we are still in the season of Lent. In the next few days, we will eat the last supper with Jesus, wait with him as he prays in the Garden, then keep watch at the cross. But April will also give us cause to rejoice. We will have three services on Easter Sunday – 8:30 and 10:00 will offer traditional worship experiences and one at 11:30 will be blended in style. We hope you will come and bring your friends and family.

The Sunday after Easter our children will lead us in worship through liturgy and song. This is always a highlight of the year.

On April 23, I will begin a sermon series titled *Recognizing God Among Us*. We begin with resurrection appearances by Jesus as related in the gospels of Luke and John. In each case, some did not recognize Jesus, even though he was right there with them. We'll look at how we sometimes miss seeing God in the most ordinary times of life.



Recognizing God Among Us

Easter Sermon Series
New Hope United Methodist Church

April 2

Palm Sunday
Life Through the Storm
Matthew 21:1-11

April 9

Easter
Saving the Best for Last
Matthew 28:1-10

April 16

Easter 2
Children's Sunday

April 23

Easter 3
Recognizable Scars
John 20:19-31

April 30

Easter 4
Recognized at Dinner
Luke 24:13-35

New Hope UMC Women's Ministry

By Rev. Marla Lobo

Weekly Study Groups:

- Tuesdays at 9:30AM, Fellowship Hall, facilitated by Debbi Marshall
- April 18 & 25, May 2 & 9

Debbi Marshall will lead a 4-week Upper Room devotional study beginning Tuesday, April 18. Participants need a copy of the Upper Room and a Bible. The study will review several of the prior week's devotionals, read the scriptures from different Bible translations, and have discussion.

- Wednesday at 6:30PM, Class Room 311, facilitated by Pastor Marla
- April 19 & 26, May 3 & 10

Pastor Marla will lead a 4-week study on Footnotes: Major Lessons from Minor Bible Characters. Each week we will read the Scriptures pertaining to our character, watch a video, and have discussion. Participants need to bring a Bible. Study will feature lessons on Tychicus, Joanna, Epaphras, and Quirinius.

Monthly Book Club: 3rd Wednesday, 9:30AM, Class Room 311

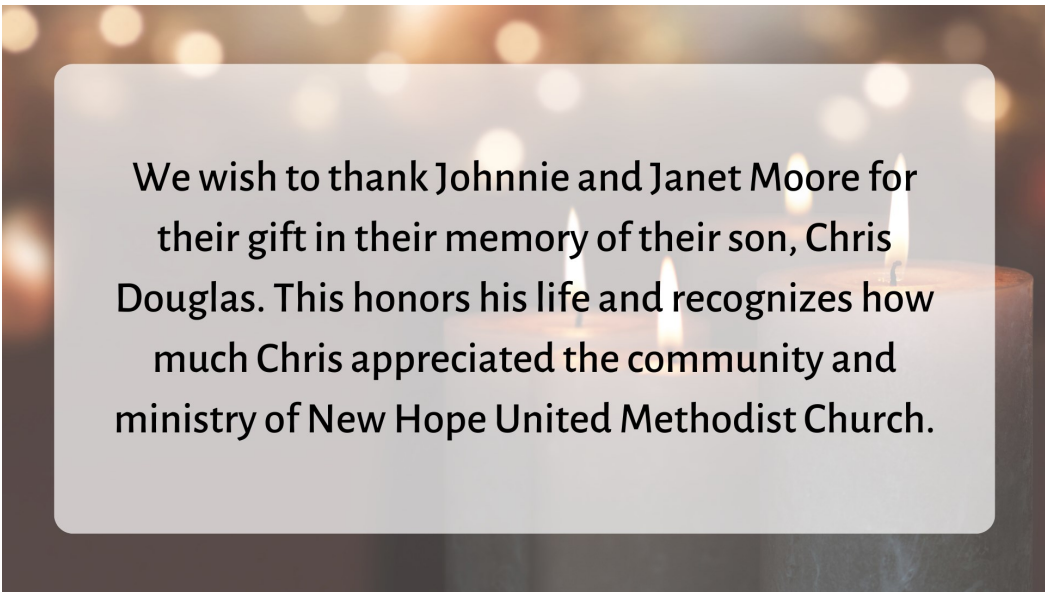
At each gathering, participants discuss a book that has been selected by the group. The monthly book club is facilitated Judy Murnan and Debbi Marshall. You are invited to join any of their upcoming gatherings!

- April 19 @ 9:30AM, *The Guncle*, by Steven Rowley
- May 17 @ 9:30AM, *Lessons in Chemistry*, by Bonnie Garmus

Monthly Daytime Fellowship Group: 2nd Wednesday, 1-3PM, Fellowship Hall

Fun and fellowship are an important part of our life together! Each month, you are invited to join us at New Hope for fun, fellowship, food – and bunco! Bring a snack to share. All are welcome and feel free to bring a friend! **Upcoming gatherings: April 12 and May 10.** The daytime fellowship group is coordinated by Elaine Pierce.

Memorial Gift



We wish to thank Johnnie and Janet Moore for their gift in their memory of their son, Chris Douglas. This honors his life and recognizes how much Chris appreciated the community and ministry of New Hope United Methodist Church.

Join us in welcoming and celebrating the newest members of our New Hope United Methodist Church community!

- Mary & James Pearson (2/26/23)
- Barbara Monks & Patrice Aston (2/26/23)
- Briar Rose Gingrich, by Baptism (3/12/23)
- Lincoln Grey Laskowsky, by Baptism (3/12/23)
- The Parsons Family - Ryan, Melissa, Hunter, Timmy, Ellie, Bennett, Emma, & Calvin (3/19/23)

In Memoriam

We remember and honor those from the New Hope family who have recently transitioned into life eternal and send prayers of comfort and peace to their loved ones.

- Christopher Douglas
 - Roger Hurt



United Women in Faith **by Carola Smith & Elaine Parrent**

We will gather on April 20 for our regular meeting. Rachel with the YWCA Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Program will be our guest speaker. We invite anyone interested in learning more about the program to join us at 6:30pm.

At our March meeting, we voted to begin our meeting with the business session at 5:30pm. We welcome ladies interested in learning about the mission of United Women in Faith locally and globally to join us. We have planned several informative and interesting programs for this year and continue to support church and community ministry and mission projects. We look forward to seeing you. For any questions, please contact Elaine in the church office.

Mary Martha Circle

by Mary Jo Pratz

The ladies of the Mary Martha Circle met on March 9. We enjoyed treats provided by hostesses Lacricia Norman and Janelle Hillemeier - including "Blarney Stones" in honor of Saint Patrick's Day. An uplifting devotional was given by Judy Miller. Business of the month was to finalize plans for the Annual Ham Dinner. In the coming months we will be making plans for upcoming projects to reach out to our church family and community. Thanks to everyone for the continued support. All women are invited to join our meetings the second Tuesday of each month at 9:30AM.

Ruth Circle

by Doris Korner

The Ruth Circle began and continues as an evening fellowship and worship/Bible Study. We meet on the 2nd Tuesday at 6:30. On the 4th Tuesday, we eat together at various restaurants. Call the church office for location or ask Doris Korner or any Ruth Circle member, we would love for you to join us.

2023 Mission & Service Opportunities

As 2023 dawns, we invite you to explore the many ministry and mission opportunities at New Hope! Meet new friends, learn new things, serve God and community in new ways! Here are a few opportunities you want to check out:

Men of Hope: meet the 3rd Sunday of each month at New Hope for breakfast. The Men of Hope undertake various service projects and philanthropic endeavors.

Young at Heart: meets on the 4th Thursday of each month. This fellowship group often travels to locations of interest in the OKC metro and sometimes around the state. Young at Heart gatherings always include great fellowship and good food!

Women's Circles: The *Mary/Martha Circle* meets the 2nd Thursday at 9:30AM. The *Women of Faith* (formerly known as United Methodist Women) meets the 3rd Thursday at 6:30 PM. The *Ruth Circle* meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM.

2nd Saturday Homeless Outreach: New Hope comes alongside neighbors who are currently homeless with friendship, encouragement, food, clothing, bedding, and toiletry items. The 2nd Saturday of each month from 9:30 AM-Noon, volunteers from New Hope travel downtown and across OKC to support our homeless neighbors.

Food Pantry and Blessing Box: The New Hope Food Pantry and Blessing Box provides shelf-stable food to our neighbors experiencing food insecurity. The Blessings Box is available at all times and the food pantry is open the 2nd and 4th Tuesday each month from 1-3 PM.

Stitchers Sewing Group: Blankets, pillowcases, and more are created by the Stitchers and given to patrons of social services agencies such as The Infant Crisis Center and the YWCA. All skill levels are welcome! The Stitchers sewing group meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month from 11 AM - 3 PM.

Whiz Kids: Each Monday afternoon from 3-5 PM during the school year at New Hope, Whiz Kids brings together caring adults and elementary-age children for one-on-one tutoring and mentoring. New Hope partners with Ralph Downs Elementary. *Whiz Kids at New Hope currently needs substitute tutors!*



Wednesday Night Meals in April!

- April 5 - Baked Chicken, Fried Potatoes, Green Beans, Pizza, Salad Bar, Dessert

Thanks to everyone who joined us this semester for Wednesday Night Meals! We look forward to having you back with us in the Fall!

Happy April Birthdays!

Debbie Barnett
Kimberly Brewer
Kayleigh Daniels
Carol Eleftherakis
Lori Fagan
Richard Foster
Vicki Freeman
Diane Gordon
Aliece Grant
Melissa Hayes
Cindy Hill
Allison Hutchins
Roseanna Kaiser
Jenna Kidd
Jay Kusel
Ashley McClain
Ryleigh McDonald
Debbie McGlohon
Mark McLaren
Lois Medina
Jacob Miller

Melanie Moore
Shelly Moran
Juliet Morgan
Brett Pattillo
Robin Paul
Sierra Paul
Julie Poe
Adyson Poe
Andrea Reid
Abigail Rogers
Kari Russell
Delaney Sheffield
Allie Tabberer
Judith Unsell
Jan Voss
Chloe White
Kimberly Wigley



Happy April Anniversaries!

Keith & Linda Elwood
Charles & Janis Evans
Barbara & James Gayle
Keith & Fonda Gentry
Ann & John Hannah
Ron & Sharon Harper
Pat & Gary Ingram

Jay & Ji Kusel
Cheryl & Clifford Lowry
Ryan & Abigail Rgers
Brian & Allie Tabberer
Michael & Mary Tims
Darrell & Lou An Todd



New Hope UMC Members!

Haven't seen your birthday or anniversary in the New Hope Newsletter yet? Need to update a phone number or address for your member profile?

**Email your important dates and updates to Ministries Coordinator, Katie at katie@newhopeokc.org to make sure we have them in our membership records!
Thanks!**

Stitchers

by Nancy Beale

Below are the upcoming Stitchers meeting dates for April & May 2023! On April 5th, we will be working on pillowcases for the Women's Shelter. There will be a need for sewing, ironing, cutting, turning, and more sewing! We welcome all who would like to participate and you can always bring your own project to work on while the group visits together. Our project for April 19 is TBD.

- APRIL 5 and 19 from 11AM-3PM
- MAY 3 & 17 from 11AM-3PM



Blessing Box Needs

The Blessing Box continues to be used regularly by our neighbors.

Items we can always use are:

- Canned tuna
- Canned chicken (large)
- Canned fruit and snacks
- Boxes of instant white rice
 - Hearty soups
- Chef Boyardee products

Young at Heart

by Shirley McIlroy

Our year started off with a speaker from Area Wide Aging (our own Blair Schoeb!). Very interesting meeting and lots of people had timely questions for Blair. In February, we had a wonderful covered dish luncheon, followed by a fun game of "Name That Tune," featuring Tyler Stone at the piano. During March, we took a downtown trip to enjoy the Oklahoma History Center, followed by lunch together.

In April, we will meet at 10:30am in the Gathering Area to hear a report by officer, Sheryl Presley on "Scams We Face." Coffee and snacks provided. For the month of May, we are planning a trip to the Crystal Bridge and Botanical Garden with a lunch stop. In June, we will be traveling to Norman to visit the Fred Jones Museum with lunch at Kendals.

Our Young at Heart meetings are on the 4th Thursdays of the month! For all those who, regardless of age, are still Young at Heart - this group is for you!

Youth Ministries

by Maddy Day

Youth Week!

We had a fantastic and successful youth week this Spring Break! We partnered with our family ministry and adult ministries for a week full of fun and service. We started our week off with a trip to the Zoo with our Children's Ministry. We enjoyed God's beautiful creation and even got the opportunity to feed some Rhinos! We spent Tuesday with our Adult ministries at the Food Bank. We worked on the Food For Kids Backpack program and ended the day helping a lot of kids around the state of Oklahoma! We helped pack 478 boxes which totaled in 8,365lbs of food. We packed a total of 6,971 meals to feed 2,868 children! Wednesday was another day of fun exploring the Oklahoma Science Museum with our Children's Ministry! We explored our curiosity and played like there was no tomorrow! Thursday we spent our day at the church serving our church community. We spent the morning cleaning out the garage, bus barn, and pods so we will have clean space for our church vehicles! Although it was a bit rainy, we joked with one another and finished the job! After lunch we split into teams and spent the rest of the afternoon filling and decorated water bottles with laundry detergent for Second Saturday and stuffing eggs for our upcoming Easter Egg Hunt! We finished our Youth Week off with a Lock-In! We worshipped, played, played, and played some more! (like until 5am) Thank you to our church community for helping us collect water bottles and supporting all our fun and service opportunities!

Children's Ministries

by Luisa Medina

Greetings!

April is here and that means so is Easter! We are so excited for the fun this month will bring. The children had a great March. We hosted our Upper Elementary Mystery Retreat! This is a fun evening and night where the 3rd-5th graders get loaded up on the bus and then are taken to three mystery locations! We went to Eskimo Joes, an arcade in Guthrie and to Insomnia Cookies before returning to the church to play games and spend the night. It was such a great time together! Our whole Family Ministry group went to the OKC Zoo, the Science Museum and the movies! We also had lots of great worship and learning happen in March! Here's looking at you, April!

Our children have been hard at work on making preparations for Children's Sunday! This will be on Sunday, April 16th during both worship services. The children will be helping to hand out bulletins, welcome people at the front doors, serve as worship leaders by being liturgists, and they will bring the sermon, *The Tale of the Three Trees*. We are so excited to be a part of a church community that welcomes our children and encourages them to be leaders in worship and beyond!

Our Community Easter Egg Hunt is on Saturday, April 8th at 10:30am! This is a free event for children from birth through 5th grade! We will have snocones, face painting, inflatables, and of course LOTS of eggs ready to be hunted. The hunt starts promptly at 10:30am, so don't be late! We can also use some volunteers to help set up the day of, and stuff eggs on the Tuesday before (April 4th). If you would like to volunteer on the day of, we ask people to be here around 9:30am. Egg stuffing will be on Tuesday, April 4th from 10am-6pm. Come for 10 minutes or an hour, whatever free time you have that day!

The children will be taking a special Earth Day trip this year! Earth Day is on Saturday, April 22nd and we will be going to Camp Canyon for the day! We will leave the church at 10am, have a picnic lunch and hike to the cross, then return to church around 4pm. This will be a great time for us to just spend some time in God's beautiful creation!

We are looking for four people to help teach Sunday school during the 9:30am hour on Sunday mornings. Adding four more people will help us create a really solid rotation of folks, so no one has to do it more than once every other month. If you think you might be interested, we would love to have you! See Luisa Medina for more info!

As always, thank you for your continued support of our children!

Blessings,

Luisa Medina - luisa@newhopeokc.org

Preschool & Children's Day Out

by Amy Aita

Preschool Ministries

The preschoolers will be learning about Lent and Easter this month! The kids will be doing lessons, activities, and crafts that center around Jesus, lent, the cross, the tomb, and prayer. The preschoolers will be learning an Easter song they will sing during the Children's Ministry play the Sunday after Easter, April 16th. Please have your preschooler at church both morning and evening to practice in the weeks leading up to the 16th! It's an exciting time of year and I hope your child will partake!

Congrats to the Chockalingam family as they baptized Eshan on February 26th!

CDO

We will be busy with lots of Easter crafts this month! Make sure to be at church for either service on April 9th which is Palm Sunday. The kids will walk around the sanctuary and wave palm branches that morning! On April 16th, the preschoolers will be singing an Easter song. More info. to come!

On Easter Sunday, there will be no regular Sunday school. The nursery will be open to those 2yrs. old and younger for the 2nd and 3rd services. If you or someone you know would like to enroll for CDO this summer or fall, please contact me.

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

Amy Aita - Preschool Ministries Director



New Hope Calendar - April 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2 PALM SUNDAY 9:30 & 11:00 Services 5:00 Youth, Children	3 10:00 - Gym Open for Walking 3:00 Whiz Kids	4 NO CDO ELECTION POLLING LOCATION	5 9:00 - 2:00 CDO 11:00 STITCHERS 5:30 Wednesday Night Meals (Final) 6:00 Wednesday Night Activities	6 9:00 - 2:00 CDO 7:00 Holy Thursday Service	7 10:00 - Gym Open for Walking 7:00 Good Friday Service	8 9:30 Second Saturday Outreach 10:30 Easter Egg Hunt!
9 EASTER SUNDAY 8:30, 10:00, & 11:30 Service	10 10:00 - Gym Open for Walking 10:00am Family Ministries Trip to OKC Zoo!	11 9:00 - 2:00 CDO 1:00 - 3:00pm Food Pantry Open 6:30 Ruth Circle	12 9:00 - 2:00 CDO 1-3:00 Women's Fellowship Event 6:00 Wednesday Night Activities	13 9:00 - 2:00 CDO 9:30 Mary Martha Circle	14 10:00 - Gym Open for Walking	15
16 CHILDREN'S SUNDAY 8:15 Men of Hope 9:30 & 11:00 Services 5:00 Youth, Children	17 10:00 - Gym Open for Walking 3:00 Whiz Kids	18 9:00 - 2:00 CDO 9:30 Women's Study Group	19 9:00 - 2:00 CDO 9:30 Women's Book Club 11:00 STITCHERS 6:00 Wednesday Night Activities	20 9:00 - 2:00 CDO 6:30 United Women in Faith	21 10:00 - Gym Open for Walking	22 10:00 Family Ministries - Earth Day Trip to Camp Canyon!
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