



Mission Council News

by Rev. Marla Lobo

Whiz Kids

Whiz Kids returns to New Hope in August! If you are new to Whiz Kids, here is a little background information: Whiz Kids, sponsored by City Care, is a highly successful, faith-based, city-wide, one-on-one tutoring/mentoring program for kids in 1st-5th grades. Established in 1996, Whiz Kids targets students who are reading below grade level and who could benefit most from a mentor relationship with a caring adult. The program is more than tutoring. It involves learning about God, playing games, improving literacy, loving, celebrating, meeting goals, experiencing special guests, having conversations, building relationships, and receiving blessings.

We finished the 2021-2022 school year with 30 children. And we hope to serve even more children this year! During Worship on August 14 & 21, you'll get to learn more about Whiz Kids at New Hope. Different areas where volunteers are needed include: drivers and riders who transport kids from school to New Hope, folks who prepare and serve a snack, tutors, and substitutes in all areas.

Mission Council

The next meeting of the New Hope Mission Council will be held on Sunday, August 28th after the 2nd Worship service in the Youth room. We will share some important updates and talk about upcoming plans. And, we'll learn more about potential new partnerships with RestoreOKC and the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference. You are invited to attend and learn more about the work of the council and opportunities to be involved!

Wednesday Night Adult Education Classes

Pastor Rod and Pastor Marla will be leading two different studies on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30 PM.

Celtic Spirituality – Part 1: September 7, 14, and 21. Led by Pastor Rod, this study will look at the origins and practice of Christianity among the Celtic people of Ireland. No book is required.

Christianity and World Religions: September 28, October 5, 12, 19, and 26. Led by Pastor Marla, this study will use the video Christianity and World Religions (Revised) by Adam Hamilton to explore four major world religions—Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, and Judaism—and compare the beliefs of each with those of Christianity. No book is required but a book can be purchased by anyone wanting more information.

Celtic Spirituality – Part 2: November 2, 9, and 16. In Part 2 of this study, Pastor Rod will look at the contributions of the Celtic people to Christian art and spiritual practices. No book is required.

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

**We wish a warm, New Hope welcome
to all of our new members who
joined the church in July!**

Pastor's Column

by Reverend Rodney Newman

Even with the oppressive heat, this has been a busy and productive summer for ministry at New Hope. Our July worship schedule had us singing songs old and new along with one Sunday in the traditional service with the orchestra. I hope we all have a renewed appreciation for the different parts of the worship service and how they work together to bring us into the presence of God and into the world.

Our youth have been seeking God at the Museum of Art and the Oklahoma City National Memorial and Museum. Our children enjoyed a week of Vacation Bible School and a couple of movie nights. Our adults have been active as well with such events as the Young at Heart enjoying a meal and the JOY class visiting Jake's Ribs in Chickasha. This, of course, is in addition to the ways New Hope folks are involved in sharing God's love with others every day.

August promises its own joys and opportunities to be the people of God.

Sermon Series

The sermons over the next few weeks will invite us to look at the Ten Commandments. We will consider how these words spoke to the Hebrew people who first received them and how they continue to guide us today.

August 7

Pentecost 9
We Begin with God
Exodus 20:1-7

August 14

Pentecost 10
To Whom Honor is Due
Exodus 20:8-12

August 21

Pentecost 11
The Gift of Life
Exodus 20:13
Acts 2:37-47

August 28

Pentecost 12
Pastor Marla preaching



Helping Hands Food Pantry

by Mickey Miller

Well, we are finally in our new location! It is so nice and roomy. I can actually stand up, turn in a circle and not hit a person or a shelf. YEA! We are in the process of getting another shelving unit and a bulletin board - I don't want to stick holes in the wall. We are still trying to get all the food organized and new lists made, but it will come to be very soon.

Our new refrigerator is great. We are going to keep things like cheese, cottage cheese, and eggs in the fridge as well as frozen ground beef, ground turkey, chicken, hot dogs, and hopefully some vegetables in the freezer part. We will NOT keep fresh vegetables or fruits as they go bad too quickly. If you want to buy for the pantry we can always use cereal, spaghetti and sauce. You could also supply some packages of hot dogs, some kielbasas sausage and other fridge stable items.

I want to say how much I appreciate your unfailing support of our pantry. Though the recent heatwave has caused fewer people to get out and about, we were still able to serve 20 people at the last pantry in the month of July. Again, thank you and please stop by to see what the updated pantry looks like soon!

Exodus House

by Mickey Miller

Lots of good things are happening with Exodus House this summer!

Allie, one of our residents, has moved to the halfway apartment complex at 23rd and Portland and is still doing absolutely fantastic.

Tami will be having a graduation ceremony on August 13 and I will be attending. I don't know if we will have new residence immediately, but our apartment doesn't normally stay vacant that long.

Thank you for all the support that you have provided for Exodus House.

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

Men of Hope

by Chris Porter

The Men of Hope's next meeting will be **Sunday, August 21 at 8:15am**. Breakfast will be provided and all men and their sons are invited to attend! At our meetings we conduct group business and have time for fellowship. The Men will be helping out with the all church work-day on August 20 as well.

If anyone in the congregation needs small repairs done or things moved, as examples, the Men are ready and able to help. Please email me at cporter299@gmail.com if any help is needed.

Delta Grace Mission Trip & Spaghetti Fundraiser

by Donette Johnson

Delta Grace Mission trip has been scheduled for October 13-17, 2022. We plan to leave the church Thursday afternoon and return on Monday. Other details to follow.

For those not familiar with Delta Grace, it is a United Methodist Volunteer In Missions hub in Sunflower MS. We have made many trips to this area and find the residents to be welcoming and appreciative of our work. While we do need some skilled labor for these jobs it usually just takes a willingness to follow instructions to complete our work.

On Sunday, August 21 at 12:00pm, the church will host a Spaghetti Fundraising Dinner for the Delta Grace Mission Team! You can help with team expenses for this mission trip by making a donation and grabbing a plate of Spaghetti. More information will be coming soon!

For more details text or call Donette Johnson (405-760-5297)

Check out their website for more information: <https://deltagrace.org/>



Young At Heart

by Shirley Mclroy

Join us on August 25 for lunch at Brent's Cajun Kitchen (30th and Broadway in Edmond).

Watch for more details on our fall trips. If you have any ideas for our group, please share them with our committee members - Greg Wells, Shirley Mclroy, Mary Jo Pratz, Mickey Miller, Elaine Pierce, & Pastor Marla.

May we always be Young at Heart!

Cub Scouts Updates - Pack 599 (K-5th Grades)

by Brad Quiroz

Summer is in full swing, and Pack 599 is having a blast again this year! June included Summer Camp at Camp George Thomas, in Apache, OK, where our only worry was, “when is it our turn to go swimming?” While at Camp our Scouts were able to go swimming, fishing, hiking, do arts and crafts, and practice archery and BB guns.

Also, in June Pack 599 hosted our first Summer Event and once again this year it was a Fishing Derby at Dolese Park. This event is definitely one that all Scouts look forward to each year. The fishing derby is a time when even the youngest Scouts can learn about fishing and some Scouts even catch their very first fish ever! It is always a good feeling when a young Scout’s face lights up after reeling in a monster catch for the first time. The fishing derby also comes with a few challenges and prizes awarded to the biggest fish, most fish caught, and the smallest fish.

Nothing but smiles from everyone at Pack 599. Events coming up include a pool party at the end of July and August will bring the start of school, Welcome Back Scout Night, Bring-A-Friend Pizza and Movie Night, and the return of weekly Scout Meetings.

BSA Updates

by Scottie Bryan

June and July have been amazingly busy for our Scout families. We took 15 Scouts to summer camp where over 80 merit badges were earned. Several of our Scouts completed the 1-mile swim challenge in open water.

Seven of our older Scouts and four parent volunteers went to Philmont - a high adventure camp in New Mexico. Over 6 days they covered 52 intense miles spanning elevations from 7,000' to 11,000'. In addition to the 52 miles hiked, they rode horses, panned for gold, and sang a lot of campfire songs. One of our Scouts even led an evening devotional every night!

It was a challenging month for our Scouts, but they move forward with more confidence in themselves, physically stronger, mentally tougher, and spiritually fit. It has been a race for many of our Scouts to cram a full summer into the last thirty days because they are about to start band camps, serving in their respective Vacation Bible Schools, getting ready for school, and prepping for the Fall campouts.



Mary Martha Circle

by Mary Jo Pratz



UMW News

by Earline Baker

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN GENERAL MEETING

Mary Martha Circle met on Thursday, July 14 with 26 members and two guests in attendance. Hostesses Shirley McIlroy and Patti Miller treated the ladies with a delicious variety of tasty dishes. Roseanne Wells provided a through provoking devotional.

During our business meeting we reviewed our projects completed during the last six months. We also discussed current activities including providing snacks for Vacation Bible School and future events such as the fall bazaar and Thanksgiving baskets. The success of all of these projects is due to the willingness of members to volunteer. Thanks to all for the time devoted to these ministries!

Our next meeting will be Thursday August 11 at 9:30am. Please come and join us for a time of good food, fellowship and prayer.

Ruth Circle is another ladies' group here at New Hope. They meet at 6:30 the second Tuesday evening of each month.



Stitchers

Below are the Stitchers meeting dates for the month of August. Join us!

- August 3, 11:00 - 3:00pm
- August 17, 11:00am - 3:00pm



Greetings everyone! You are invited to attend the New Hope United Methodist Women's General Meeting at the Church on Thursday, August 18th at 6:30 p.m. We are really pleased that Pastor Marla will be the speaker at that meeting.

As you know New Hope is a very Mission minded church. In February the Mission Council was formed and one of the goals of the council is to foster collaboration so that New Hope can better serve our neighbors. New Hope has many impactful mission efforts. Pastor Marla will update everyone on the status of our Summer mission work that includes Mission Trip Test Drive to Clinton, OK, Undie Sunday, 2nd Saturday Outreach, Food Pantry and Blessing Box! She will also talk about upcoming mission plans and work under discussion. This will be a great time to learn more about the Mission work of your Church and perhaps you will find a Mission in which you would like to become involved.

The UMW ladies welcome you to attend this friendly meeting!

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace. 1 Peter 4:10

Happy August Birthdays!



Amy Aita	Barbara Ives	Jim Seignious
Connor Attebery	Perry Johnson	Clarissa Seignious
Owen Attebery	Kirbe Jones	Florine Smarra
Kelly Barr	Daniel Kirk	Carola Smith
Eric Berger	Jack Klein	Brian Tabberer
Janie Bond	Doris Korner	Darrell Todd
Don Brewer	Angela Kwok	Melissa Urban Barrick
Kendra Clark	Donna Lobdell	Mark Valentour
Clyde Coulthard	Lindsey Loveday	Donna Wakefield
Jackie Dawes	John March	Michael Wakefield
Bodey Edstedt	Luisa Medina	Emily Watts
James Finley	Mickey Miller	Don Wetekam
Kristy Goff	Rodney Newman	Emily Wilkinson
Julie Gosdin	Jennifer Owen	Brad Williams
Gary Graham	Alice Pattillo	Abigail Williams
Margaret Graham	Carlos Rerat	Shirley Yates
Emma Hutchins	Kathleen Roduner	

Happy August Anniversaries!

Keith & Kim Castner	Bill & Cheryl Hillman
Chris & Marcia Coffman	Clay & Kirbe Jones
Brian & Lori Fagan	Gary & Diane Layton
Richard & Lori Foster	Linda & Thomas Logsdon
Fred & Janelle Hillemeier	Mark & Tammy Valentour



2022 Financial Contributions

by Elaine Parrent

Thank you for your continued support of the many ministries of New Hope. Lives are being blessed by your generous giving of your financial gifts, time, and talents. January-June 2022 Contribution statements are being processed for distribution. Please check your statement carefully as we have changed to Quickbooks for posting contributions. I looked through the statements and noted any errors I believed to be on the statements. I noted them so you would know I will be correcting them. I appreciate your help in finding other discrepancies. Non-tax deductible items are not included. Thank you again for your generosity.

Children's Ministries

by Luisa Medina

Greetings,

I can't believe summer is already almost over! What a great time together we have had!

August is a busy one for the children of New Hope as we wind down summer and get ready to gear up for fall. Here are a few things to take note of:

- On Sunday evenings, we will be finishing off our Summer "Wacky" Olympics! Because June and July have been such a busy time with holidays and other events, we have decided (by popular demand..haha!) to keep the Olympics going until the August 21st! That will be our final event.
- On Saturday, August 13th, we will have Acolyte Training! This is open to all children 3rd - 6th grade who wish to be acolytes and lead in worship in that way. Please plan to attend if your child would like to acolyte, and has not yet attended training.
- On Sunday, August 14th, we will have a special Blessing of the Backpacks in both services. Children are encouraged to bring their backpacks to be blessed by Pastor Rod! Each child will receive a special backpack tag to carry with them as a reminder that their church family is praying for them.
- On Sunday, August 21st, we will have a parent meeting at 3:30pm! Come and hear about what we have planned for the fall!
- On Sunday, August 28th, our evening time will be a fun "Good bye to summer" party! We will have water inflatables and just have some outdoor fun before Labor Day.

As always, if you have any questions please feel free to reach out to Luisa or Lois!

Blessings,

Luisa Medina

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Children's Summer Camps 2022!

The children had a blast this summer at church camp! Our children participated in two different conference camps. Our Upper Elementary kiddos went to Growing in Grace Camp at Camp Canyon and the Lower Elementary kiddos went to Sonshine Camp at Camp Canyon. The kids participated in activities such as small groups, crafts, swimming, games, hiking and worship. Our New Hope children were leaders and always willing to lend a hand and participate in the activities. We had 18 children attend camp, had 2 very willing and active youth helpers, and many adults come to help lead!

Without the support of our church family, we wouldn't be able to participate in these sorts of activities. So, thank you to everyone who give so generously to help support the faith growth of our tiny humans!

Vacation Bible School!

Our theme this year was Food Truck Party, and party we did! We had the best time together! We had over 100 children enrolled in VBS this summer, with an average of 92 attend each night. The children journeyed through crafts, games, music, science and bible story rotations. Each evening was a different theme, all centered around our “main course” from Matthew 6:11 “Give us this day our daily bread.”

The children also participated in a mission project that week. They brought lots of food to help stock our church Blessing Box. We are so proud of the children and their families for being so willing to help feed our hungry friends.

Of course, VBS couldn't happen without the NUMEROUS adult and youth volunteers! We had a total of some 60 volunteers come and help us that week. Volunteers helped shepherd children, lead rotation times and prepare and clean our snacks! A special thanks to Mary Jo Pratz and the Mary Martha Circle for being amazing snack leaders!

We wrapped up VBS week with a special presentation in both services on the following Sunday and a Movie Night on the Lawn! We had a great turn out and had a really great time. Like with everything, these events and special moments of faith growth for our community couldn't happen without the faithful support of our church family. Thank you to all of those who give so generously to support our children's ministry!



Preschool & Children's Day Out

by Amy Aita

Preschool Ministries

During the month of August, the preschoolers will be learning stories in the bible through a curriculum called Play Through the Bible- A Toddler Introduction to God's Story. The lessons will consist of crafts and an activity that we will work on Sunday mornings and evenings both.

CDO

The summer session was fast and fabulous!!!! We packed a lot into 7 weeks! The summer staff was amazing and we had more kids this summer than we have ever had, over 100 kids enrolled!

CDO will resume for the school year on Wednesday, August 24th. We will kick off the school year August 18th from 6-7pm with Meet the Teachers. This is a fun evening for the kids and parents to meet the teachers for the first time before the school year begins. We have 60 children enrolled for the school year with 13 teachers. We will be starting a new two year old class in August! CDO is growing and that is very exciting! Also in August, we will have a new Assistant Director, Aly Simon. Aly is a member of New Hope and has worked in a variety of roles for CDO previously. She has some great ideas and has a great passion for kids! I'm excited to have her working alongside me. We are looking forward to a great school year! As always, thank you for your support of the Preschool Ministries at New Hope!

Amy Aita - Director

Family Ministries Night at Main Event!

Join us on Wednesday, August 3rd for a fun night at Main Event! We will be there from 5pm-9pm, so feel free to have your family join us at any time! Everyone gets a wristband to play! Concessions and food will not be paid for by the church. Please let Luisa Medina or Amy Aita know if you and your family plan to attend!

Youth Ministry

by Maddy Day

The youth have been busy with Camps, Mission Trips, and tons of fun all over the state this summer! Here is a recap of our summer activities and some words of reflection from our Youth Campers. Stay tuned for more information on our schedule of Youth events coming up in the Fall as we continue to grow in faith together!

Camps & Mission Work

- LEAD Camp
- Youth Force, Frederick, OK (June 5 - 10)
- Camp Spark, Camp Canyon, Hinton, OK (June 20-24)

Vacation Bible School

The youth helped lead groups of children ages 3 yrs - 5th grade through various activities at VBS in July!

More Fun Youth Events in July!

- Senior High Event @ Ball Park
- Youth Summer Series
 - Seeking God in Expression – Oklahoma Art Museum
 - Seeking God in Dark Times – Oklahoma National Memorial and Museum
- Youth Float Trip – Tahlequah River
- Sunday Night Youth Resumed

LEAD Camp - Crosspoint Camp, Kingston, OK

May 30 - June 3, 2022



“I would recommend Lead camp to any incoming or present youth and here’s why. Lead camp is a place that’s starts the futures of young leaders in the church. One of my favorite parts of camp is small group. Small group is a group of kids in the same grade who reflect on worship and do group activities. This camp also has great worship, especially with the multiple places they are able to do it at like the cross that overlooks the lake. Another one of my favorite things is free time. Free time is 2 hours of time to your self before dinner where you can go swimming, kayaking, nap, or play on the playground or “the pad.” Worship, the crown jewel of camp Lead. Worship is probably my favorite part about camp, between the singing and the sermon it was all wonderful. Also the worship team was from our church so that made worship about as good as it gets. It’s also a great place to make new friends, or see some already made friends from different churches. I would give this camp a 10/10 and a high recommendation for all youth. This camp helps with life skills and leadership in the classroom, sports, future workplace, or anywhere really.”

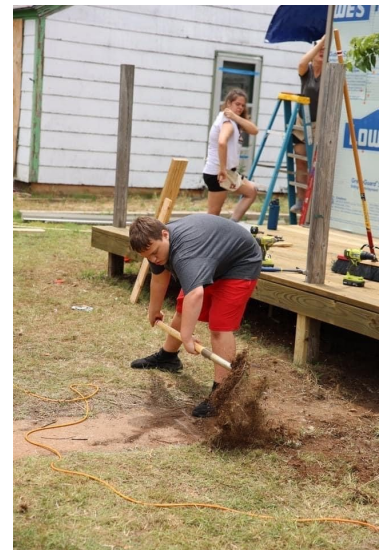
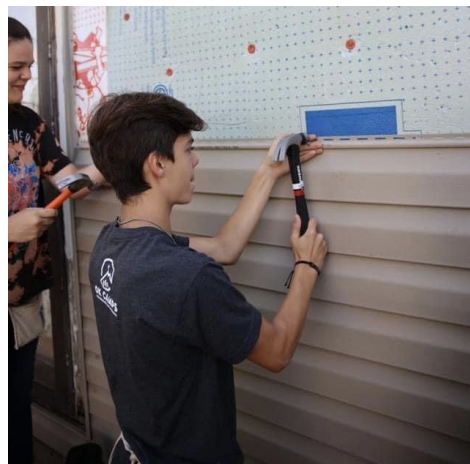
- Jacob Miller (10th Grade)

Youth Force - Frederick, OK

June 5 - 10, 2022

“This was my Youth Force experience. Youth Force is like a mission trip. We stayed at Frederick First United Methodist for 6 nights. The first night they divided us into “God Squads” and we all had our separate houses to work on. One group had their own house and the other 2 groups had a house. I was at the house with another group and we worked on siding and finishing a front porch, the other group went to build a wheelchair ramp for their house. I had been waiting to go back to Frederick since we left last year. Last year we were at the same church with most of the same people and our youth group was a lot smaller then. I had been waiting to go back to Frederick since we left last year. I had really seen God that week in the people there. Everyone was so incredibly kind. I think it was the first day of work that our homeowner had come out of her house and got to see what we were working on. Her name was Cony and she was very socially anxious and that was a lot for her to come out and see all those people at once. She walked to the front where I was and we both got to smile at each other and that was a huge God moment for me. Another one was on the last night we were praying in church chat and I just got real emotional because I was so happy I got to go back and help people all week and be with the people I loved. Frederick is one of my favorite places to be, it just means a lot to me. To wrap all that up, that was my Youth Force experience.”

- Landon Aita (8th Grade)



“I am Allie Johnson and a 6th grader at Piedmont Intermediate School. I went to Youth Force this year in Frederick. My experience was great! I learned how to do siding, and made new friends. The food was amazing! They kept us safe. They were cautious of the weather and they told us to drink lots of water when it was really hot. I am definitely going back next year! Their games were really fun to do! The people there were really fun and nice!”

- Allie Johnson (6th Grade)

Camp Spark - Canyon Camp, Hinton, OK

June 20 - 24, 2022

“I arrived at Camp Spark on June 20th, 2022 with a heavy suitcase and an untied sleeping bag. It was so excited because this was my first time going to camp as an official member of the youth. We started our trip off with singing great music to worship God, and meeting my new small group. We later ate some good food, and got in our rest. As you know, the theme of this year is PEACE, whether its peace with our community, or with God. With some peaceful music, and a moving pastor, we learned how peace can move our lives with the help of God. But that’s not all. Free time was from 3:00-5:00 everyday. It came with hiking playing volleyball, or swimming. With Camp Spark, Summer will never get boring.”

- Caitlin Dean (6th Grade)



“Hi, my name is Wesley Barrick. I am new to the New Hope UMC youth group this year, and I went to Camp Spark for the first time, After Camp Spark, I was asked to write about my time there. When I first got to camp, I thought it would be crazy because there would be over 300 campers. Ironically the message for the week was about Shalom (which means Peace in Hebrew). The Camp turned out to be very peaceful, especially in the morning which is when we would take communion. I liked taking communion in the morning; it started the day centered around God. Most of the activities we did centered around God, like morning and evening Worship, small groups, and church chat (which is just meeting up with your church and talking about what happened that day.) I was also glad I got to meet many new people. They were all supportive and caring; they put so much work into the camp that I recommend going there.”

- Wesley Barrick (10th Grade)

New Hope Calendar - August 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 10:00 - Prayer Team	2	3 9:00 PC North Service Day 11:00 Stitches 5:00 Family Ministries Night @ Main Event 6:30 Choir	4 10:00 AA & Al Anon	5	6
7 9:30 & 11:00 Services 5:00 - Youth, Preschool, Children	8 10:00 - Prayer Team	9 1:00 - 3:00 Food Pantry Open 6:30 Ruth Circle	10 6:30 Choir	11 9:30 Mary Martha Circle 10:00 AA & Al Anon	12	13 9:15 Second Saturday Outreach 10:00 Acolyte Training
14 9:30 & 11:00 Services (BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS) 12:30 Church Council Meeting 5:00 Youth Trip to Shawnee UMC Wesley, 5:00 Preschool, Children	15 10:00 - Prayer Team	16 6:30 Ruth Circle	17 11:00 Stitches 6:30 Choir	18 10:00 AA & Al Anon 6:00 CDO - Meet the Teachers 6:30 UMW	19 5:00 Cub Scouts Pizza & Movie Night	20 9:00 NEW HOPE CHURCH WORK DAY CCYM YOUTH SUMMIT @ WESLEY UMC
21 8:15 Men of Hope 9:30 & 11:00 Services 12:00 Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for Delta Grace Missions 3:30 Children's Programs Parent Meeting 5:00 - Youth, Preschool, Children	22 10:00 - Prayer Team 3:00 - 6:00 Whiz Kids Volunteer Meeting	23 7:00 OKLAHOMA PRIMARY ELECTION - Polling Location 1:00 - 3:00 Food Pantry Open	24 9:00 - 2:00 FALL CDO BEGINS 6:30 Choir	25 9:00 - 2:00 CDO 10:00 AA & Al Anon	26	27 8:00 Youth Trip to Roman Nose State Park 9:00 BSA Girls Car Wash
28 9:30 & 11:00 Services 12:00 Mission Council Meeting 5:00 Youth, Children's Ministries "Goodbye to Summer" Party!	29 10:00 - Prayer Team Whiz Kids Resumes	30 1:00 - 3:00pm Food Pantry Open	31 6:30 Choir			