



Men of Hope's
Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner
Tuesday, February 13 at 6PM



Join for us pancakes, waffles, & sausage. Donations are welcome and all proceeds go towards the Men of Hope's scholarship fund.



Ash Wednesday Service
Wednesday, February 14 @ 7PM

Join us on Wednesday, February 14 at 7PM in the Sanctuary for a service to begin the season of Lent with the imposition of ashes. The community meal will be served at 5:30pm, prior to the service.

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Sunday worship services 8:45AM (traditional) & 11:00AM (traditional with choir & orchestra). Sunday School Classes meet at 10:00AM.

Pastor's Column

January proved to be an exciting ride for our ministries at New Hope. We had a couple of very cold Sundays and we watched it snow during the 11:00 service on January 14. Thirty youth and adults attended winter camp, abbreviated one day due to the ice coming in. We ended the month with a grand celebration of Celtic Christianity with a total attendance of 355 that day!

Our leadership teams have been active, some welcoming new members, some getting additional training, all dedicated to making our church ever more effective in ministry.

We now move into February and the rest of the year, eager to see where God is leading us!

February Sermons

We finish the season of Epiphany and begin Lent with readings from the Gospel of Mark. A sense of urgency permeates this gospel, with Jesus focused on proclaiming the arrival of God's reign on earth, confronting all powers that stand in the way. For the middle four Sundays of Lent, I will be preaching from the lectionary texts from the epistles. We will hear how the early Christians sought to understand their faith in Christ and to live that out every day.

February 4

Epiphany 5

An Irritating Heckler

Mark 1:21-28

February 11

Transfiguration

When Glory Shines

Through

Mark 9:2-9

February 18

Lent 1

Springs in the Desert

Mark 1:9-15

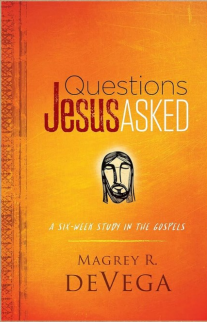
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Lent 2

Prisoners No More

1 Peter 3:18-22

Current Bible Studies at New Hope UMC



6-Week Lenten Bible Study

We are excited to offer a 6-week study *The Questions Jesus Asked* by Magrey DeVega during the season of Lent. Books are \$14 and available in the church office.

There are 3 opportunities to attend!

Tuesday Morning Women's Study:	Sunday Night Women's Study:	Wednesday Night Adults Study:
<u>begins Feb. 13</u>	<u>begins Feb. 18</u>	<u>begins Feb. 21</u>
Tuesdays @ 9:30AM Fellowship Hall	Sundays @ 5PM Room #311	Wednesdays @ 6:30PM Room #311

The Questions Jesus Asked by Magrey DeVega

Jesus loved to ask questions and it is estimated that he asked some 307 questions in the Gospels. Six of the questions can be described existential and invite us to go deep in our hearts and minds for a response. Asking and answering these questions is how we grow. And, these questions Jesus asks of you are perhaps the most important ones in our Christian life.

We are excited to share this six-week study in the coming weeks! Books are available in the church office and are \$14 each. Payment for the book can be turned in at the first meeting. You can from choose **THREE** different opportunities to participate:

Tuesday Women's Bible Study: begins on February 13 at 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Led by Kathryn Witzel and Debbi Marshall.

Sunday Night Women's Bible Study: begins on February 18 at 5 PM in Room 311 (New Beginnings classroom). Led by Teresa Coffman.

Wednesday Night Bible Study: begins February 21 at 6:30 PM in Room 311 (New Beginnings classroom). The Wednesday night study is open to men and women. Led by Pastor Marla Lobo.

Please read the first chapter before the first gathering of your preferred class.



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY


**Thursdays at 10 AM
Room 316**

Women's Upper Room Bible Study

Tuesdays at 9:30AM

Meeting in the Fellowship Hall.
Upper Rooms are available at the
Welcome Center.

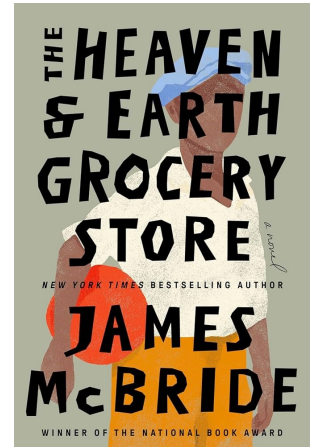
Please join us!



Women's Book Club

by **Debbi Marshall**

The book club selection for February is *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by National Book Award winner James McBride features the Jewish and African Americans of Chicken Hill, a dilapidated Pennsylvania neighborhood. Amidst bigotry, hypocrisy and deceit, love and community are ultimately the keys to their survival. Join us Wednesday, February 21 at 9:30AM. All are welcome!



ART & SOUL 24 Hr Women's Retreat at Canyon Camp March 1 & 2, Friday at 4PM to Saturday at 4PM

Registration is now open for our Art and Soul 24-hour Women's Retreat at Canyon Camp! All New Hope women and friends are invited!

During the retreat we will worship together, get to know one another better, create sacred art through several different mediums, and have plenty of time for fellowship & fun!

Fee: \$85, includes room, food, and all consumable supplies. Scholarships for the retreat fee are available. Bring a snack to share! Transportation is provided or you can drive your own car.

***UPDATE: Canyon Camp will be providing bedding & towels!**

Pick up and fill out the registration form available at the Welcome Desk. Turn in your registration form and retreat fee to Pastor Marla.



Young at Heart

In the month of February, we invite you to join us at the church on Thursday, February 22nd at 11:30AM-1:30PM for a post-Valentine's Day/early St. Patrick's Day party in the Gathering Area! For all those who, regardless of age, are still Young at Heart - this group is for you!

Men of Hope

The Men of Hope invite you to their annual Men of Hope Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner on Tuesday, February 13 at 6PM in the Gathering Area! Donations welcome and all proceeds will go to the Men of Hope scholarship fund. The next Men of Hope meeting will be Sunday, February 18 at 8AM.

Scouting Troops at New Hope UMC!

Cub Scouts - Troop 599

Cub Scouts start up again on **Mondays at 6:30pm** at New Hope UMC. If you are interested in Cub Scouts and your youth is between Kindergarten - 5th Grade, you are invited to join us. Contact Troop Leader, Brad Quiroz (bradq1234@hotmail.com) for more info.



Pack 599 Pinewood Derby 2024!

Every January Cub Scouts all over the country participate in the annual Pinewood Derby Race. This is the biggest Cub Scout event of the year and our Scouts get excited to watch their cars fly down the track for the chance to be the fastest of the year. Pack 599 hosts their very own Pinewood Derby Race at New Hope United Methodist Church each January. This year's race was a little different, however. Typically, the Pinewood Derby Race puts Cub Scout vs. Cub Scout to see who is the fastest. This year was the first time that the Cub Scouts sent an invite to the Scouts of Troop 162 to see who the fastest Scout is... Pack 599 or Troop 162? After a fun day of car races, lunch, and trophy presentations it was determined that the fastest Troop 162 Scout is Kaedyn Walker. The fastest Pack 599 Cub Scout is Tanner Walker and the overall fastest 2024 Pinewood Derby Scout is Pack 599's Tanner Walker. Congratulations to all of our Scouts!!

Boy Scouts - Troop 162 & Girl Scouts of BSA - Troop 6162

Scouting for ages 6th grade - 18 yrs meet at New Hope UMC on **Monday evenings at 7pm**. You are invited to join us! Contact Boy Scouts Troop Leader, Lee Walker (yamrider02@yahoo.com) or Girls of BSA Troop Leader, Brad England (bgengland@gmail.com) for more info.



Scouts BSA-Quivira Council in Kansas puts on a Trapper's Rendezvous each year that recreates the old time trapper's rendezvous, but allows scouts from several states to camp out, and trade current "wares" with each other. This year 3 youth and 4 adults from Troop 6162 went to the Rendezvous and spent 2 days and nights in negative weather. They were well prepared with the right warm clothing and enjoyed hot food, and made some good trades! The top highlights from this year include trading a shopping cart for a cat blanket, trading plastic ducks for lifesavers, and trading buffalo teeth for a pocket knife.

Wednesday Night Meals & Activities

February 2024 MENU:

Feb. 7 - BBQ Beef Sandwiches, Chips, Corn on the Cob
Salad Bar, Dessert

*Feb. 14 - Vegetable Soup, Cornbread Salad Bar, Dessert
Meal served until 6:30pm for Ash Wednesday

Feb. 21 - Mexican Chicken Breast, Rice, Salad Bar, Dessert

Feb. 28 - Spaghetti & Meat Sauce, Salad Bar, Dessert

2024-2025 Mission & Service Opportunities

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 at 8AM. 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 *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.



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

Stitchers

by Nancy Beale

The Stitchers group will meet only on Wednesday, February 7 and Wednesday, February 21 from 11am-3pm this month! Contact Nancy Beale for more info.

Yarn Workers

Have you been yearning for more yarn time with friends? Beginning Wednesday, February 14th, you are invited to take part in a new yarn circle. Yarn Workers will meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month in Room 209 (Rebuilding Hope classroom) from 12-2PM. Come and go, if needed. Bring your own lunch or refreshments. You can work on your own projects or help with projects that will be given to non-profit organizations. If you prefer embroidery, needlepoint or other type of hand work, come join the fun! Questions: contact Pastor Marla at marla@newhopeokc.org.

Ruth Circle

by Carola Smith

All ladies are invited to join us at the church on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm for Bible study and fellowship and the 4th Tuesday of the month for a dinner out, location to be determined. If you have any questions, call Carola Smith or the church office.



CELEBRATING FAMILIES

Celebrating Families is a skills-based, 14 week long program for families in high risk situations. This program will meet at New Hope UMC on Thursdays beginning February 22nd! This is a collaboration between Oklahoma County Family Treatment Court, Specialized Outpatient Services, DHS and New Hope.

EVERY THURSDAY BEGINS 2/22!

How can you help? We need volunteers to help:

- ✓ Provide Meals!
- ✓ Play with babies in the nursery!

SIGN UP AT THE WELCOME CENTER!

For more information, contact Luisa at luisa@newhopeokc.org or Marla at marla@newhopokc.org

MEAL & NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ON THURSDAY NIGHTS!

(starting February 22nd)

Contact Luisa Medina or Pastor Marla for more info!

Happy February Birthdays!

Navena Alexander
Kristin Attebery
Terry Brittenham
Emma Bruce
Kirk Castner
Maira Chockalingham
Lauren Coffman
Jerry Crawford
Kerwin Crist
Zachary Ellsworth
Regina Engling
Carrie Fagan
Deborah Findley
Julie Guilford-Stillwell
Hayden Hasty
Jeremy Hayes
Melissa Hedrick

Elizabeth Hepner
Donna Johnson
Allie Johnson
Diane Layton
Shay Linville
Isla McClain
Matthew Miller
Diane Moore
Rose Marie Moore
Tony Moran
Amanda Moran
Bev Palfray
Ray Peed
Dayna Powell
Nancy Quinn
Richard Reynolds
Randy Scott

Madison Scott
Mary Simkins
Anthony Smarra
Lucille Smith
Aiden Watts
Sandi Webster
Carol Whittet
Jim Yates



Happy February Anniversaries!

Earl & Earline Baker Bob & Janice Stine
Paul & Ann Detwiler
John & Carol
Eleftherakis
Trina & Bill Geer



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

- **Joe & Doli Jones, joined on 1/07/24**
- **Brian & Julia Bakeman, joined on 1/28/24**
- **Gwen Tabberer, baptized on 1/28/24**

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!**



Living Last Supper - Participants Needed!



We are looking to fill the cast for our Living Last Supper performance on Maundy Thursday. This is a living dramatization of Leonard da Vinci's painting. It takes place right after Jesus has told them that one of them is to betray him. Each disciple has a short monologue that they say, and each monologue gives insight into who they are. Much of the rehearsing/ memorizing will take place on your own, but there will be a handful of in-person rehearsals with the cast. If you are interested in participating, please see Luisa Medina or reach out via email at luisa@newhopeokc.org.

New Hope Youth

by Maddy Day

Water Bottle Mission:

Our youth have been collecting water bottles for a while now and here's what we are using them for!

We had a mission day during our Sunday School hour January 28th. We worked together to take off labels, fill them with laundry soap, and decorate the outside of the bottles! These filled water bottles will go to our Second Saturday Crew to hand out to our un-housed neighbors downtown. They can use the soap to clean their clothes and hopefully feel a little better than before! We will also be joining our Second Saturday Crew this month; February 10th to help hand out these bottles and serve our community.

Winter Spark:

It was a cold weekend, but goodness it was worth it! Our youth braved the cold weather over the MLK Weekend to attend Winter Spark, which is one of our United Methodist Camping ministries. Our weekend was cut short a day due to the snow, but we still had a blast and learned so much!

The theme for this year's Winter Retreat was Seasons: Finding God in Every Moment. We started our weekend of camp off with the season of Advent: a time of waiting and anticipation. We then went to explore the Season of Lent, Pentecost, and Easter: the times of Preparation, Passion, and Resurrection. Finally, we ended on Sunday morning with the season of Ordinary Time as we entered back into our ordinary everyday lives.

We know that whatever season we find ourselves in, that God is with us. Every moment is a holy moment because God is there through it all!

I am so excited to report that we were one of the biggest churches there with 22 youths and 8 adults. That is the most people our church has ever taken to Spark, and we are so excited for what this next camping season will bring! We want to thank all of our New Hope Church family for supporting all of our youth and their faiths as they are learning to find God in all that they do!

Preschool & Children's Day Out

by Amy Aita

Preschool Ministries

We have been very busy with lots of kids on Sunday mornings with babies through preschool age kids! For this month on Sunday mornings, the kids will be learning the following bible stories: The Lord's Prayer, Jesus Calms the Storm, Mary and Martha, and Zacchaeus. On Sunday evenings, the kids will begin this month learning bible stories from the old testament through crafts and activities. Sunday, February 4th, we will have a Valentine's Party for the preschoolers from 5-7pm. All 3-4yr. olds are welcome! We can always use volunteers in the nursery on Sunday mornings! If you love kids and would like to help, come see me!

Congrats to the Tabberer Family as they baptized their daughter, Gwen on January 28th!

CDO

We had a calm January as we were all recouping from the holidays but February will be a busy and fun month! Our themes and letters for the month are: S- Sports, T- Transportation, V- Valentines, and U- Under the Sea. The kids will celebrate Valentine's Day together on Feb. 14th as they have a pizza lunch and a class party.

We will begin enrollment for the summer and next school year in March. If you or someone you know wants to enroll a child(ren) in CDO, please let me know. We open enrollment to the public by March 18th. Our summer program dates are June 4th-July 18th. We will also be hiring for summer and next school year if you or someone you know would be interested, please let me know.

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

Amy Aita - Preschool Ministries Director

New Hope Calendar - February 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 9:00 - 2:00 CDO 10:00 Men's Bible Study	2	3
4 8:45 / 11:00 Services 12:00 Mission Council Mtg 2:00 Handbells Reh. 5:00 Children's Activities 5:00 Youth Activities	5 3:00 Whiz Kids 6:30 Cub Scouts 7:00 Boys & Girls of BSA	6 9:00 - 2:00 CDO 9:30 Women's Bible Study	7 9:00 - 2:00 CDO 11:00 Stitches 5:30 Community Meal 6 & 6:30 Wednesday Night Activities	8 9:00 - 2:00 CDO 9:30 Mary Martha 10:00 Men's Bible Study	9	10 9:30 Second Saturday Outreach
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