



**New Hope United Methodist Church
Lay Leadership 2023**

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

Epiphany Sermon Series

We begin the season of Epiphany with the story of the baptism of Jesus, the event marking the beginning of his public ministry. We end the season seeing Jesus transfigured in glory on the holy mountain. In between, Pastor Rod will preach a series on the opening chapters in the book of 1 Corinthians. Paul writes to a group of early Christians figuring out what it means to be a community centered around Christ as their primary focus. His sermons will follow the theme, *A Place to Belong*.

January 8

Baptism of Jesus
Always Blessed
Matthew 3:13-17

January 29

Celtic Service
Epiphany 4
A Place to Belong: For All
1 Corinthians 1:18-31

February 19

Transfiguration Sunday
In the Presence
Matthew 17:1-9

January 15

Epiphany 2
A Place to Belong: In
Christ
1 Corinthians 1:1-9

February 5

Epiphany 5
A Place to Belong: For
Something Greater
1 Corinthians 2:1-12

January 22

Epiphany 3
A Place to Belong: In
Community
1 Corinthians 1:10-18

February 12

Epiphany 6
A Place to Belong: For
Mutual Support
1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Celtic Services

Last year we had our first service featuring music and liturgy from the Celtic Christian tradition. This has its origins in how Christianity developed in the Celtic lands of Ireland, Scotland, and Wales beginning in the 4th century. I appreciate its positive outlook, an emphasis on community, a commitment to fine artistic expression, seeing the holy in all things, and apprehending God in the natural world.

Our Celtic services this year will be on January 29. St. Patrick's Day usually comes during Lent and Spring Break. Fortunately, St. Brigid's Day comes in the middle of Epiphany, creating an opening in the liturgical calendar. Our services that day will include music from the Celtic world. The prayers, sermon, and liturgy will draw from the Celtic Christian tradition. It promises to be a rich and uplifting day.



New Hope UMC Women's Ministry in 2023!

By Rev. Marla Lobo

Weekly Study Groups:

**Tuesday at 9:30 AM*

** Wednesday at 6:30PM*

Monthly Book Club

** Wednesday at 9:30 AM*

Daytime and Evening Fellowship

*24 hour Winter Retreat
January 27-28
at Canyon Camp*

We hope to see you in January and hope you will bring a friend! Below is a bit of info about each kind of gathering.

Weekly Study Groups:

- Tuesday at 9:30AM starting January 17 facilitated by Shirley Yates.
- Wednesday at 6:30PM starting January 18 facilitated by Pastor Marla.

The first study for each group will be the book: "Unafraid: Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times" by Adam Hamilton. Future studies will be selected based on the interests of each group.

Monthly Book Club:

Wednesday at 9:30 AM starting January 18 facilitated by Debbi Marshall. Each month, women in this group will select a book to read and discuss. Books may be fiction or non-fiction.

Women's 24 Hour Winter Retreat:

Join us in January as we commit to spending 24 hours recharging and deepening our relationship with God. We'll worship together, learn & practice new tools to connect with God, and have time for fun too! Our retreat will be led by Pastor Marla. More details and the sign up sheet will be available in the new year!

Friday, January 27 at 4 PM to Saturday, January 28 at 4 PM

Canyon Camp Conference and Retreat Center

\$65 per person – includes lodging, food, and transportation.

Scholarships available.

Fellowship Groups:

Fun and fellowship are such an important part of our journey together! In February, we will begin a daytime and an evening women's fellowship group. For the February gatherings, we'll meet at New Hope for fun, fellowship, food – and bunco! Future gatherings will be based on the interests of the groups. Daytime fellowship group coordinated by Elaine Pierce.

Evening fellowship group coordinated by Aly Simon.

Walk to Emmaus Returns!

By Rev. Marla Lobo

After a COVID-19 hiatus, Walk To Emmaus spiritual retreats return in 2023!

The next set of Walks is scheduled for February 2-5 for men and February 16-19 for women. The Walks will be held at New Covenant UMC in Edmond. For questions or more information, contact Pastor Marla, Mickey Miller or Linda Rinehard.

Do you seek...

- spiritual renewal?
- new understandings of God's grace and love?
- worship and community with other believers?

Are you...

- a member of a local church?
- 18 years or older?
- desiring to strengthen your spiritual life?
- seeking answers to questions about your faith?
- willing to dedicate your everyday life to God?

The Walk to Emmaus is for you.

The Walk to Emmaus has transformed hundreds of people that I've known personally—drawing them closer to the Lord and challenging them to get involved in our church and to use their gifts accordingly.

—Rick Minett, Pastor, Grace Community Church, Houston, TX

The Walk to Emmaus

seeks to inspire, challenge, and equip leaders for Christian action in their homes, places of work, and communities.

On an Emmaus Weekend, you will:
Sing, reflect, pray, worship, learn, share Holy Communion, participate in small groups, experience God's grace in community and in the world, and understand Christian love in action.

After an Emmaus Weekend...
you are invited to have a closer walk with Christ through worship, study, and active participation in your local church and by becoming active in service to the world.

To nurture Christian discipleship, the Emmaus movement offers:

- small groups of four to six people that meet weekly to reflect on their spiritual journey and encourage one another in Christian discipleship
- monthly community gatherings where Emmaus participants meet for fellowship, worship, and instruction
- ongoing communication about community events, support needs for upcoming Walks to Emmaus, and other opportunities for servant leadership

They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?" (Luke 24:32)

Emmaus empowers leaders to be the hands and feet of Christ.

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 3rd Thursday. 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
4 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!*

Men of Hope

by Chris Porter

The Men of Hope's next meeting will be Sunday, January 15 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. Kelly Tower is the new President of the Men of Hope. If anyone in the congregation needs small repairs done or things moved, as examples, the Men are ready and able to help. Please contact Kelly Tower if you would like to ask for the men's assistance.

Scouts at New Hope UMC - Troop 162

by Scottie Bryan

In November, we took the Scouts to the Oklahoma City Gun Club. They all had the opportunity to earn their merit badges for the rifle and the shotgun. They did great, and we walked away with over 10 merit badges. It was cold; the nights got down to 20 degrees, so it was a great learning experience for our younger Scouts on how to stay warm which should serve them well in upcoming campouts. This month we will wrap up the year with a lock-in at the church and then assist with Second Saturday. It will be a great opportunity for the Scouts to help out those less fortunate and serve the community through an amazing ministry at New Hope!

Memorial Bricks for Prayer Garden

by Elaine Parrent

New Hope UMC's Prayer Garden is a special place for quiet reflection, prayer, and memories. The prayer garden is located just outside of the Sanctuary and paved with engraved bricks, remembering the names of church family and friends who have transitioned into life eternal. The memorial bricks are available for purchase through the church at \$50.00 each. Order forms for the bricks can be found at the Welcome Center or in the front office. For additional information, please contact Elaine Parrent.



United Women in Faith

by Earline Baker

The United Women in Faith pray you had a delightful Christmas with heartfelt joys, and happy memories. May God's blessings be yours in the new year.

Prior to beginning this organization's winter break, the Executive Team recommended that monies raised from our Bazaar projects be given to New Hope UMC for Camps, Recovering Oklahoma After Disaster (ROAD) and Children's Day Out (CDO) at New Hope. We also met our mission- giving goals for 2022. We are thankful that with the help of each member we continue to fulfill our pledge to advocate for and support the needs of women, children, and youth.

Although we will not meet again until March 16, 2023, we will continue to see everyone at church, and at other meetings. AND we will be praying for each other, our church members, and our country.

Mary Martha Circle

by Mary Jo Pratz

The ladies of the Mary Martha Circle met December 8 for our final meeting in 2022. As usual we had a wonderful time of food and fellowship. We want to say thank you to all of you for the support this last year. Your generosity allowed us to make monthly contributions to the Blessings Box, give scholarships to two children for Criminal Justice Camp, provide a dinner for a YMCA family program, provide snacks for Vacation Bible School and sandwiches and cookies after the children's Christmas program along with other smaller projects. We look forward to 2023 to again host the Ham Dinner in the spring and participate in the Church Bazaar in the fall. Please come join us the second Thursday of each month at 9:30 for fellowship and prayers.

Happy January Birthdays!

Ken Atteberry
Ashely Brandt
Cindy Brown
Delores Cherry
Evan Cherry
Chris Coffman
Leslie Coffman
Charlotte Coulthard
Sheri Cullers
Angela Duckett
Graham Echohawk
Elyse Ellsworth
Linda Elwood
Brian Fagan
James Gayle
Bill Geer
Patti Haught
Cheryl Hillman

Carly Hurt
Harrison Hutchins
David Jackson
Paige Jones
Bob Kaiser
Wiley Krout
Joann Kusel
Linda Logsdon
Chris Patillo
Carmene Redus
Gerry Rhodes
Dale Rinehard
Virginia Roller
Jonathan Russell
Blair Schoeb
Bob Shideler
Riley Simon
Gavin Smarra

Linda Tennyson
Michael Tims
Mary Tims
Lou Ann Todd
Wanda Urban
Tammy Valentour
Fallyn Watts
Christy Williams
Erma Wise



Happy January Anniversaries!

Jose & Leola Medina
Terry & Jane Swart
Matt & Ashley McClain
Matt & Alyssa Miller
Tony & Amanda Moran
Brett & Alice Pattillo



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

- Ron & Sharon Harper, joined on 11/27/22
- Ben & Lois Clarkson, joined on 11/27/22
- Roger & Judy Murnan, joined on 11/27/22
- Bob & Debbi Marshall, joined on 12/04/22
- Keith & Judy Miller, joined on 12/11/22
- Nathan, Jill, & Maci Leonard, joined on 12/18/22 (son, Caleb Leonard, joined on 11/20/22 through Confirmation with the New Hope Youth)

Members! Haven't seen your birthday or anniversary in the New Hope Newsletter yet?

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

Stitchers

by Nancy Beale

Below are the Stitchers meeting dates for January 2023!

- JANUARY 11 and 18 from 11:00 to 3:00



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

NOTES

JANUARY 2023

Happy 2023!

- Electronic and Movie Night- Jan. 8th 5-7pm**

- Wednesday night activities begin- Jan. 11th!**

- Parents Night Out! Drop your kids off and have a few hours to yourself! Jan. 20th 6pm-8:30pm Cost is \$10 per kid.**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 <small>One service at 10am! No Sunday school, children's church or evening classes!</small>	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 <small>Sunday School Children's Church Movie & Electronic Night 5pm-7pm</small>	9	10	11 <small>Wednesday Night Activities begin again!</small>	12	13	14
15 <small>Sunday School Children's Church Evening class 5-7pm</small>	16	17	18	19	20 <small>Parents Night Out! 6:00pm- 8:30pm!</small>	21
22 <small>Sunday School Children's Church Evening class 5-7pm</small>	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 <small>Sunday School Children's Church Evening class 5-7pm</small>	30	31				

Children's Ministries

by Luisa Medina

Greetings and Happy New Year!

I can't believe 2023 is here already. 2022 was such a great year for the children of New Hope and their families! From day trips, service projects, camps, VBS, welcoming new friends, learning about the Apostle's Creed and Fruits of the Spirit (among lots of other things), tent or treat, bringing back our spring play and Children's Sunday, and lots of Christmas and Advent fun...what a year! We have just as much fun, learning and worship planned for 2023 and we can't wait to get started!

This January we kick start our year with a movie and electronic night on Sunday, Jan. 8th! Join us from 5-7pm. Each child is allowed to bring one hand held electronic to use that evening!

We will also begin practicing our spring musical this month. All children are invited to join us as we prepare for this special moment of worship later this spring!

On Friday, Jan. 20th we will host a Parents Night Out! The cost is \$10 per child. We will have games, dinner and fun from 6pm-8:30pm. Parents can drop off and have a few hours to just be adults in the world! (Woohoo!) Sign up and pay with Luisa.

We are looking for people to help volunteer with our children, so if you are interested in helping in any way, contact Luisa!

I believe those are all of the updates for now. Here's to a positive and faith growing 2023 together!

Blessings,
Luisa Medina
luisa@newhopeokc.org

New Hope Youth

by Maddy Day

Winter Spark: January 13-16

Winter Spark is our annual district winter retreat open to youths in grades 6th-12th. Our theme this year is “Rooted” based off our guiding scripture, Ephesians 3:17-19.

“I pray that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.”

We will be exploring the foundations of United Methodism and the roots of our faith! We will learn about the foundations of faith in the United Methodist Church and how those help ground us in our faith and in turn affect how we live our lives. Our youth are incredibly excited for Winter Retreat and I can't wait for them to share everything they have experienced with our congregation!

Camps are a big part of youth faith formation. Our youth get the opportunity to bond, play, worship, and learn beside their peers. It is a time for our youth to be in a space away from distractions where they can encounter God. We encourage everyone to chat with our youth about their experiences and what they have learned!

If you or your fellowship group/Sunday School class are interested in sponsoring a person to go to camp, please see Youth Director, Maddy Day for more information on how to designate your gift.



Preschool & Children's Day Out

by Amy Aita

Preschool Ministries

The kids will continue learning different bible stories through the Play Through the Bible curriculum. The topics for this month are: The Wisemen, Boy Jesus, and the Baptism of Jesus. The kids will be doing lots of activities and crafts to go along with the stories.

The preschoolers will resume meeting on Sunday evenings again on January 8! Any child 3-4 yrs. old is welcome to join us for a lesson, play time, music, and dinner.

CDO

CDO resumes on January 10 after being on Christmas Break. We have a fun and busy spring semester coming up! This month, the themes and letters are: O-Outdoors- nature, seasons, habitats, P- Pete the Cat, Q-Quilts, and R- Robots/Recycling. During quilt week, we like to display quilts for the kids to see. If you have a quilt we can borrow for the week, please let me know.

We are always looking for subs if you or someone you know is interested.

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

Amy Aita - Preschool Ministries Director



Wednesday Night Meals in January!

- January 18 - Baked Chicken, Fried Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad Bar, Pizza, & Dessert
- January 25 - Spanish Spaghetti, Carrots, Bread, Salad Bar, Pizza, & Dessert

New Hope Calendar - January 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 10am NEW YEAR'S DAY Service	2	3	4	5 10:00 Al Anon	6 10:00 - Gym Open for Walking	7
8 9:30 & 11:00 Services 5:00 Youth, Children	9 10:00 - Gym Open for Walking	10 9:00 - 2:00 CDO 1:00 - 3:00pm Food Pantry Open 7:00 Cobblestone HOA Mtg.	11 9:00 - 2:00 CDO 11:00 Stitches	12 9:00 - 2:00 CDO 9:30 Mary Martha Circle 10:00 Al Anon	13 10:00 - Gym Open for Walking WINTER SPARK	14 9:30 Second Saturday Outreach WINTER SPARK
15 8:15 Men of Hope 9:30 & 11:00 Services 5:00 Children WINTER SPARK	16 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED - MLK DAY WINTER SPARK	17 9:00 - 2:00 CDO 9:30 Women's Study Group 6:30 Ruth Circle	18 9:00 - 2:00 CDO 9:30 Women's Book Club 11:00 Stitches 5:30 Wednesday Night Meals Resume 6:00 Wednesday Night Classes	19 9:00 - 2:00 CDO 10:00 Al Anon 7:00 Westcliffe HOA Mtg.	20 10:00 - Gym Open for Walking 6:00-8:00 Parents Night Out	21
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