



**New Hope United Methodist Church
Lay Leadership 2024**

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Chairperson: Teresa Coffman
Lay Leader: Luis Aita
Staff-Parish Relations Chair: Jason Hasty
Finance Chair/Rep: Lindsey Loveday
Trustees Chair/Rep: To be elected by Trustees in January
Mission Council Rep: Melody Beard
CDO Board Rep: To be selected by CDO Board
Church Treasurer: Steve Clark
A Lay Member of the Annual Conference : Rebekah Hasty/Jeff Hiller
Young Adult Rep: Shay Johnson

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Chair: Lindsey Loveday
Vice-Chair: Lacia Norman
Chair of Church Council: Teresa Coffman
A Lay Member to Annual Conference: Rebekah Hasty/Jeff Hiller
Chair/Rep, SPRC: Jason Hasty
Trustees Rep: To be elected by Trustees in January
Lay Leader: Luis Aita
Business Manager (without vote): Ray Newsom
Accounting Manager (without vote): Jackie Dawes
Treasurer: Steve Clark
Pastor: Rodney Newman

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Kaye Jeffries
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Dan Korner
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Paul Stillwell

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2024	2025
Leslie Berger	Melissa Hayes
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2024	2025
Vita Crowe	Jackie Dawes
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Rick Ernst
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Sunday worship services 8:45AM (traditional) & 11:00AM (traditional with choir & orchestra). Sunday School Classes meet at 10:00AM.

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 7

Baptism of Jesus
Dangerous Waters
Mark 1:4-11

January 14

Epiphany 2
*New Pictures in Old
Family Albums*
John 1:43-51

January 21

Epiphany 3
Going Fishing
Mark 1:14-20

January 28

Celtic Service
Illuminated Lives
Matthew 5:14-19

February 4

Epiphany 5
An Irritating Heckler
Mark 1:21-28

February 11

Transfiguration
*When Glory Shines
Through*
Mark 9:2-9

A Note of Thanks

By Rev. Rodney Newman

In reflecting on 2023, we have much to celebrate. Our missions and ministries continue to grow as we reach ever more people. Our existing ministries, serving people of all ages, continued to bless the lives of many. We received 47 new members, bringing 7 children with them and 2 clergy placed their charge conference membership with New Hope. Our new members came by profession of faith and from 16 different congregations.

We added new programs this year, including Bible studies for men and women and a women's book club. Our music ministry enriches us in our worship services and beyond. Every week we feel it can't get any better, then it does! Our first outdoor summer concert brought in a large crowd and drew many people to our choir and orchestra. The new bell choir brought even more people into our music program. This all came together at Carols of Hope where among the choir, orchestra, bells, and children, 80 different musicians participated.

At the time of this writing, the final financial numbers for 2023 are still being calculated but we're on track to end the year in a strong position. New Hope continued its tradition of paying 100% of what we were apportioned by the United Methodist Conference to fund missions and ministry locally and throughout the world. Our estimate of giving campaign for 2024 fully covers the 2024 projected budget. Your generous financial gifts are an indication of your spiritual commitment and allow us to invest in projects outside the budget that support our ministries even more effectively.

I also want to say how grateful I am to be part of the vibrant Christian community at New Hope. In a time in our society when our differences drive us further apart, it's good to be part of a group who choose to be identified by what we hold in common, that which is bigger than any one of us – namely, our commitment to Jesus and to following his model of loving God and loving neighbor. That's what unites us and I appreciate walking in his way together with you into 2024.

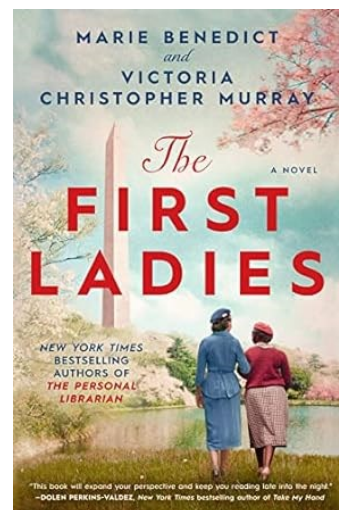
Blessings,

Pastor Rod

Women's Book Club

by Debbi Marshall

Join us **Wednesday, January 17 at 9:30am** to kick off 2024 with our first selection of the year, *The First Ladies* by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray. This fictionalized biography spotlights the extraordinary partnership between First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt and civil rights activist Mary McLeod Bethune, known as The First Lady of the Struggle. Join us, all are welcome!



Brunch & Bingo - Women's Ministry Event!



The New Hope Women's Ministry Team invites all women to kick off 2024 with a fun fellowship event: Brunch and Bingo! Join us on **Saturday, January 20th from 10 AM -1 PM**. Please bring a brunch food to share and an item that can be selected as a prize by bingo winners! The value of each prize should be \$5 or less. We hope you will join the fun and bring a friend! If you have questions, contact Pastor Marla at marla@newhopeokc.org.

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

New Hope women and friends are invited to partake in our 2024 Women's Winter retreat! This year's theme is *Art and Soul*. During the retreat we will worship together, get to know one another better, explore creating sacred art through several different mediums, and have plenty of time for fellowship and fun!

Fee: \$85, includes room, food, and all consumable supplies. Bring a snack to share, bedding, and towels. Transportation will be provided or you can drive your own car. Questions? Contact Pastor Marla at marla@newhopeokc.org



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.



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.



Men of Hope

The Men of Hope welcome their incoming president, Jeff Hiller, effective January 24, 2023. Contact Jeff for more info on upcoming Men of Hope gatherings!

Young at Heart

In the month of January, we invite you to join us at the church on Thursday, January 25th at 1:00PM for games, fun, and snacks in the Gathering Area! Everyone is encouraged to bring their favorite finger foods to share. For all those who, regardless of age, are still Young at Heart - this group is for you!

Wednesday Night Meals & Activities return on January 10 @ 5:30pm!

JANUARY 2024 MENU:

- Jan. 10 - Baked Chicken, Fried Potatoes, Mixed Veggies, Salad Bar, Dessert
- Jan. 17 - Chili, Cornbread, Salad Bar, Dessert
- Jan. 24 - Taco Bar, Salad Bar, Dessert
- Jan. 31 - Chicken Spaghetti, 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, January 3 and Wednesday, January 11 from 11am-3pm this month! Contact Nancy Beale for more info.



Ruth Circle

by Doris Korner

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 Doris Korner or the church office.

Mary Martha Circle

by Mary Jo Pratz

Mary Martha Circle welcomes Mickey Miller as the incoming chair for 2024! Contact Mickey for more info about upcoming meetings and join the ladies for their January meeting on Thursday, January 11 at 9:30AM.



Congregational Care at New Hope UMC

New Hope has trained and deployed a 21-member Congregational Care Team to provide care to church members. To submit a prayer or care request, you can do the following:

- Write your request on the back of the Let's Connect card in Worship and take it to the Welcome desk.
- Email volunteer@newhopeokc.org or call the church office at 405-721-5015.
- Tell a member of the Congregational Care team. (Each Sunday, they will be wearing a name tag.)
- Email confidential requests to Pastor Marla at marla@newhopeokc.org.

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
Doug Finch
James Gayle
Bill Geer

Patti Haught
Jeff Hiller
Cheryl Hillman
Carly Hurt
Harrison Hutchins
David Jackson
Paige Jones
Bob Kaiser
Wiley Krout
Joann Kusel
Linda Logsdon
Chris Patillo
Judy Powell
Carmene Redus
Gerry Rhodes
Dale Rinehard
Virginia Roller

Jonathan Russell
Blair Schoeb
Bob Shideler
Riley Simon
Gavin Smarra
Beverly Splawn
Linda Tennyson
Michael Tims
Mary Tims
Lou Ann Todd
Wanda Urban
Tammy Valentour
Fallyn Watts
Erma Wise



Happy January Anniversaries!

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



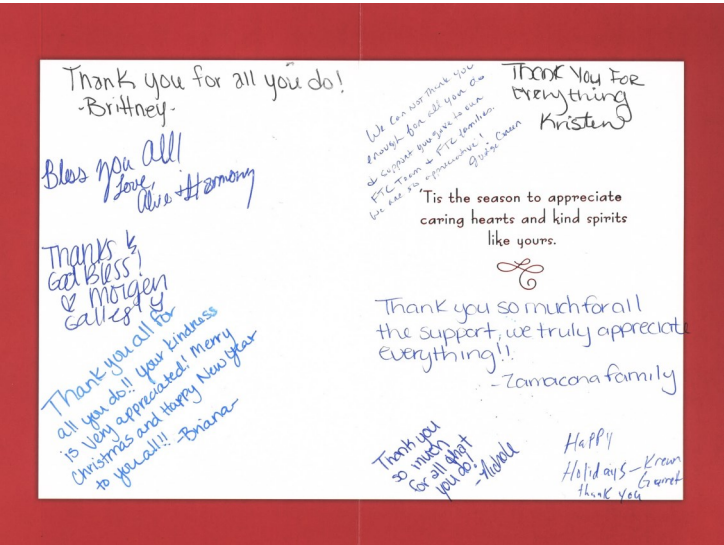
**Join us in welcoming and celebrating the newest members of our
New Hope United Methodist Church community!**

- **Doug & Jaci Finch, joined on 12/24/23**

**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!**

**Thank-You Note
from the families participating
in our Strengthening Families
program in 2023-2024!**



Women’s & Men’s Bible Study Groups Meeting in January!

Women’s Upper Room Study Resumes!

Tuesdays at 9:30AM
NEW START DATE on January 23!

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

Please join us!

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays at 10 AM
Room 316

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

Our youth are so excited to be going to Winter Spark at Canyon Camp January 12-15! This is a winter retreat for youth 6th-12th grade. This year is exciting because we are taking the most people we have ever taken!!! We have 23 youth and 8 adults who will be attending for a total of 31 people! We will be hanging out in the Canyon worshipping, making friends, learning more about God, and serving Canyon Camp with a Service Project!

The theme for this year's retreat is Seasons: Finding God in Every Moment. We will be going through the liturgical calendar and exploring how those seasons impact our daily lives and how we can find God through those moments.

- Advent: Finding God in the Waiting
- Lent: Finding God in the Prep Work
- Easter & Pentecost: Finding God in the Passion
- Ordinary Time: Finding God in the Ordinary



January

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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

1/7: SS, NO SN
1/10: Wednesday Nights
Resume
1/12-15: Winter Spark
1/14: SS, NO SN
1/17: WN
1/21: SS, Family Ministry
Parent Meeting, SN
1/24: WN
1/28: SS, SN
1/31: WN

Preschool & Children's Day Out

by Amy Aita

Preschool Ministries

The Sunday morning lessons will be based on the following topics: Jesus' Baptism, Calling the Disciples, Showing Love, and God's Kingdom. The kids will be learning the bible verse: The Lord is good to everyone and everything; God's compassion extends to all his handiwork! Psalm 145:9.

Sunday evenings, the preschoolers will do activities and crafts based off of the Sunday morning lessons. We are always looking for more preschoolers to join us Sunday evenings! We offer a lesson, craft, play time, music time, and dinner. We hope to add more kids in the New Year!

CDO

December was such a fun and fast month, we are looking forward to a slower pace this month as we begin our 2nd semester on January 9th! The themes and letters for the month are: O- Oklahoma, P- Pete the Cat books, Q-Quest, and R- Robots/Recycling. The kids will be doing fun activities and crafts based on these themes. We continue to have a visitor from the NW Metropolitan Library come and read and do fun activities with our 3-4yr. olds and Pre-K class. Tess comes once a month and is so great with the kids and we always look forward to her visiting!

We are always looking for subs! If you or someone you know that is good with young kids would like to sub for us, please let me know! The pay is \$65 per day. 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

CDO Board of Directors 2024

Jeremy Hayes, Chair

Janelle Hillemeier

Jackie Dawes

Ali Hooker

Luisa Medina

New Hope Calendar - January 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 OFFICE CLOSED - NEW YEAR'S DAY	2	3 11:00 Stitches	4 9:00 - 2:00 CDO 10:00 Men's Bible Study 5:00 Strengthening Families	5	6
7 8:45 / 11:00 Services	8 3:00 Whiz Kids 6:30 Cub Scouts 7:00 Boys & Girls of BSA	9 9:00 - 2:00 CDO 1:00 - 3:00pm Food Pantry Open	10 9:00 - 2:00 CDO 5:30 Community Meal 6 & 6:30 Wednes- day Night Activities	11 9:00 - 2:00 CDO 9:30 Mary Martha 10:00 Men's Bible Study 5:00 Strengthening Families	12 WINTER SPARK	13 WINTER SPARK 9:00 Scouts Derby Cut-In 9:30 Second Saturday Outreach
14 WINTER SPARK 8:45 / 11:00 Services 2:00 Handbells Reh. 5:00 Children's Activities	15 WINTER SPARK OFFICE CLOSED - MLK DAY 6:30 Cub Scouts 7:00 Boys & Girls of BSA	16 9:00 - 2:00 CDO	17 9:00 - 2:00 CDO 9:30 Women's Book Club 11:00 Stitches 5:30 Community Meal 6 & 6:30 Wednes- day Night Activities	18 9:00 - 2:00 9:30 Mary Martha 10:00 Men's Bible Study 5:00 Strengthening Families	19 6:00 Scouts Xmas Movie Night	20 10:00 Women's Ministry Brunch & Bingo!
21 8:00 Men of Hope 8:45 / 11:00 Services 2:00 Handbells Reh. 5:00 Children's Activities 5:00 Youth Activities	22 3:00 Whiz Kids 6:30 Cub Scouts 7:00 Boys & Girls of BSA	23 9:00 - 2:00 CDO 9:30 Women's Bible Study 1:00 - 3:00pm Food Pantry Open	24 9:00 - 2:00 CDO 11:00 Stitches 5:30 Community Meal 6 & 6:30 Wednes- day Night Activities	25 9:00 - 2:00 CDO 10:00 Men's Bible Study 1:00 Young at Heart 5:00 Strengthening Families	26 6:00 Parent's Night Out	27 10:00 Scouts Pinewood Derby
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