



## The Lenten Season at New Hope United Methodist Church

### Lent at New Hope United Methodist Church

**Ash Wednesday | February 22 | 7PM**

Service to begin the season of Lent with the imposition of ashes.

**Holy Thursday | April 6 | 7PM**

Taize service of meditative prayer, music, and Holy Communion.

**Good Friday | April 7 | 7PM**

Service of prayer, music, and reflection.

**Easter Egg Hunt | April 8 | 10:30AM**

Easter Egg Hunt for children 5th grade and younger.

**Easter Sunday | April 9 | 8:30AM, 10AM, 11:30AM**

Childcare available during the 10AM and 11:30AM services.



## Remember Your Baptism



During Lent, the baptismal font stands at the door of the church, reminding us that we enter and leave as the beloved of God. As an act of spiritual devotion, we invite you to visit the font and touch the water. If you wish, you may make the sign of the cross on your forehead or hand.

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Sunday worship services 9:30 (traditional) 11:00 (contemporary)

Sunday School Classes also at those times.

# Lenten Sermon Series - Experiencing Life

by Rev. Rodney Newman

The season of Lent is a time of self-reflection, repentance, and attending more closely to our walk with God. It's deep purple color and somber hymns make the presence of death a looming reality. But it is also a time of hope. We go through the darkness in anticipation of light ahead. While we wait for the new day to dawn, we find that the night has its own wonders and moments of grace. The sermons during Lent will follow the readings in the lectionary from the gospels. We begin and end with Matthew – Jesus tempted in the wilderness and his triumphal entry into Jerusalem. In between we check in with John's telling of a series of encounters Jesus has with people in times of transition.

## February 26

Lent 1: In the Desert  
Matthew 4:1-11

## March 5

Lent 2: Life From Second  
Chances  
John 3:1-17

## March 12

Lent 3: Life Through  
Forgiveness  
John 4:1-15

## March 19

Lent 4: Life Unexpected  
John 9:1-3, 6-12, 15-17

## March 26

Lent 5: Life Out of Death  
John 11:32-44

## April 2

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

## April 9

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

## New Hope UMC Women's Ministry

By Rev. Marla Lobo

### Weekly Study Groups:

- Tuesdays at 9:30AM, facilitated by Shirley Yates.
- Wednesdays at 6:30PM, 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. It's not too late to join us in February!

### Monthly Book Club in March!

The March meeting date for Book Club is Wednesday, March 15 at 9:30AM, 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. The book chosen for March is *The Hiding Place* by Corrie Ten Boom. April meeting date to be announced!

### Fellowship Groups - Bunco and Snacks, Wednesday, March 8 at 1-3PM

Fun and fellowship are such an important part of our journey together! For the March gathering, 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.



**Fellowship and Fun!**

**Wed. Mar 8 from 1-3 pm**

**@New Hope**

**Play bunco with  
old and new friends!**

**Bring a snack to share**

# Celtic



Service of Music & Prayer

March 26 2023 @ 6:00 pm

New Hope United Methodist Church  
11600 N Council Road  
Oklahoma City

## Special Celtic Christian Service

In celebration of St. Patrick's Day, we will hold a special service featuring the Celtic Christian tradition on Sunday, March 26, at 6:00 in the Sanctuary. It will be a night of music, songs, and prayers, all with a Celtic flavor. This is a good opportunity to invite your friends and acquaintances who would appreciate this style, especially those who are unable to attend on Sunday mornings.

## Scouts at New Hope UMC - Troop 162

by **Scottie Bryan**

Our January campout was a big success! Every January we make the trek to Kansas to go to Trappers. It's known for its phenomenal (cold) weather and it is an opportunity to trade and barter with Scouts from across the region. Since almost all of our campouts are targeted at meeting a requirement or achieving a merit badge, this campout is a nice reprieve for Scouts to relax and fellowship. February will have us going to Kingfisher where we will camp and swim at the indoor pool. We'll use this opportunity to get our swim qualifications completed so that our high adventure crew can hit the ground running (and paddling) when they go to Northern Tier for almost two weeks of canoeing in the backcountry. It is actually the only place where you can cross through customs into Canada in a canoe!!!

We are so grateful for the church's support. Thank you for the pizza party, thank you for Allan Seay, and thank you for all the ways that you support us.



## **United Women in Faith**

**by Carola Smith & Elaine Parrent**

Our first meeting for this year will be on March 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Our program will be our Annual Pledge Service. This year's program is titled "Who is this Jesus-what He has to do with my money". We will discuss the 2023 Budget and ministries we want to consider to support. The Executive Team has several exciting and new Program opportunities to present.

Please remember March 23, 2023 is UWIF "Day of Giving". Donations can be made in many ways. More information is available on the UWIF website or ask an officer. The Legacy Fund is the recipient of the donations. All women are invited to come to learn more about the UWIF purpose and opportunities. We welcome all into our fellowship.

## **Mary Martha Circle**

**by Mary Jo Pratz**

The ladies of the Mary Martha Circle met on February 9 with 23 ladies in attendance. Thank you to Vickie Maynard and Vicki McCartney for the delicious food. Thanks also to Lacricia Norman for her thought provoking devotional. We are excited to announce the Annual Ham Dinner will be Sunday March 26. As always we will be serving ham, potato casserole, coleslaw, baked beans, green beans and a wide selection of desserts created by wonderful bakers! The Ham Dinner is one of the main fund raisers for the many Mary Martha projects such as snacks for Vacation Bible School, contributions to the food pantry and blessings box and many other ministry and mission projects. We invite all church members to join us on Sunday, March 26 following second service for a wonderful meal and to donate to meaningful projects!

## **Ruth Circle**

**by Doris Korner**

The Ruth Circle began and continues as an evening fellowship and worship/Bible Study. We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 6:30. On the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 last 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 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 March!

- March 8 - Pot Roast, Carrots, Potatoes, Salad Bar, Pizza, & Dessert
- March 15 - SPRING BREAK, NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL / ACTIVITIES
  - March 22 - Chicken Enchiladas, Salad Bar, Pizza, & Dessert
- March 29 - Taco Bar, Salad Bar, Pizza, & Dessert

## Happy March Birthdays!

Luis Aita  
Evan Aita  
James Anderson  
Steve Barnett  
Marissa Belase  
Lisa Brimacombe  
Lyvia Brown  
Beth Brown  
Rhonda Coleman-Jackson  
Mitch Davis  
Elise Dean  
Paul Detwiler  
John Hannah  
Nancy Hanneld  
Mary Hendrix  
Sharri Hiller  
Staceee Hoye Douglas  
Cody Johnson  
Donette Johnson  
Robert Lakin  
Michael Miller

Rebecca Miller  
Patti Miller  
Frances Murrell  
Derrick Nelson  
Curtis Paul  
Quinnlyn Rains  
Teddy Reid  
Barbara Shideler  
Carly Smarra



## Happy March Anniversaries!

Roland & Jennifer Echohawk  
Dan & Doris Korner  
Blair & Jeannie Schoeb  
Justin & Haley Smith  
John & Donna Wakefield  
Don & Sheri Wetekam



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

- Ray & Ellen Peed (2/19/23)
- Eshan Alvin Chockalingham, by Baptism (2/26/23)

### 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.

- Patrick McDowell
- John Gerald Smith

### 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](mailto: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 March & April 2023!

- MARCH 1 and 15 from 11:00 to 3:00
- APRIL 5 and 19 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



## Order Your Easter Geraniums!



If you would like to order a white geranium plant in honor or memory of a loved one, order cards will be available starting this Sunday, March 5 in the Sanctuary, the front office, and at the Welcome Center.

The cost is \$15.00 per plant and all order cards are due with completed payment by Sunday, March 19. The flowers will be displayed in the Sanctuary on Easter morning and you are invited to take your purchased plant(s) at the conclusion of the 11:30am Easter service.

## Youth Collecting Empty Water Bottles for Mission Week

The Youth are collecting empty water bottles for their Mission Week project through March 16. All clean, empty bottles should also include lids. Please leave any empty bottle donations in Youth Director, Maddy's office and contact Maddy with any questions at [maddy@newhopeokc.org](mailto:maddy@newhopeokc.org)



## Time to Donate Candy, Trinkets, and Plastic Eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt!

Please bring individually wrapped, peanut-free candy, small trinkets, and plastic eggs to the church and leave in the Gathering Area for the Easter Egg Hunt!



## NOTES

- Upper Elem. Retreat! 3rd-5th graders are invited to join us for a fun night!
- Spring Break Zoo Trip! Everyone is invited to join us there at 10am! Bring a lunch or \$\$!
- Spring Break Science Museum Trip! Everyone is invited to join us there at 10am! Bring a lunch or \$\$!
- Family Ministry Movie Night at AMC Quail Springs!
- Celtic Worship Service on Sunday evening, 03/26...no evening class that day!

## MARCH 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 5:30pm- Dinner 6:00pm-Children's Choir 6:30-7:30pm- Class	2	3	4
5 Sunday School Children's Church Parent Chat with the Pastor at 5pm! Evening class 5-7pm	6	7	8 5:30pm- Dinner 6:00pm-Children's Choir 6:30-7:30pm- Class	9	10 Upper Elementary Retreat! 5:30pm-8:30am	11
12 Sunday School Children's Church Evening class 5-7pm	13 Zoo Day Meet us there 10am-2pm	14	15 Science Museum Day Meet us there 10am-2pm	16	17	18
19 Sunday School Children's Church Family Ministry Movie Night at AMC QuailSprings	20	21	22 5:30pm- Dinner 6:00pm-Children's Choir 6:30-7:30pm- Class	23	24	25
26 Sunday School Children's Church Celtic Worship Service at 6pm	27	28	29 5:30pm- Dinner 6:00pm-Children's Choir 6:30-7:30pm- Class	30	31	

## Children's Ministries

**by Luisa Medina**

March is here and we are so excited for a busy and fun month ahead! Parents! Mark your calendars for our Chat with the Pastor on Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. You're invited to come and get to know Pastor Rod more, and also just chat with him about all things church life. You won't want to miss it.

Our Upper Elementary Mystery Retreat is March 10-11<sup>th</sup> this year! This is a fun evening/night for our 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders. They come to church, load up on the bus and are taken to THREE mystery locations! After the events for the evening, we come back to church to spend the night! Be on the lookout in next month's newsletter for pictures and stories from our fun time together.

Spring Break is right around the corner! We have three big events happening that week. Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup> we are headed to the OKC Zoo! Families are invited to join us from 10am-2pm at the zoo that day. Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> we are headed to the Science Museum! Families are invited to join us from 10am-2pm, again that day! Our final event is on Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>! Everyone is invited to join us at AMC Quail Springs for a movie day! The movie will begin at 4:45pm, our private theatre will open to us at 4:30pm. If your child(ren) or family want to join the Spring Break fun, let Luisa know so we can be sure to save you a ticket!

We are on the hunt for new Sunday school teachers during our 9:30am meeting time on Sunday mornings! If you think this is something you might be interested in helping with, talk to Luisa! We would love to have you join our volunteer ministry with some of New Hope's youngest.

As always, thank you for your continued support of our Children's and Family Ministry! If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Blessings,

Luisa Medina - [luisa@newhopeokc.org](mailto: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 16<sup>th</sup>. 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 26<sup>th</sup>!

## CDO

We have some fun things planned this month for CDO! The letters and themes for this month are: U, V, and W with themes- Under the Sea, Vacation, and Weather. During weather week, the kids will get to see inside one of the storm shelters we have at the church as we practice a tornado drill. During chapel time, the kids will be learning about Lent and Easter.

CDO will be closed March 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> for Spring Break!

Enrollment has begun for the summer session and next school year! If you know of someone wanting to enroll a child, have them contact me very soon! We do accept elementary-aged kids in the summer. We can always use more teachers in the summer so if you would like to help out, please contact me. The summer session will be June 6<sup>th</sup>-July 20<sup>th</sup>.

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

Amy Aita - Preschool Ministries Director

# New Hope Calendar - March 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 9:00 - 2:00 CDO 11:00 STITCHERS 5:30 Wednesday Night Meals 6:00 Wednesday Night Classes	2 9:00 - 2:00 CDO 10:00 AI Anon	3 10:00 - Gym Open for Walking	4
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12 9:30 & 11:00 Services 12:00 Board of Trus- tees Meeting 5:00 Youth, Children	13 10:00 - Gym Open for Walking 10:00am Family Ministries Trip to OKC Zoo!	14 NO CDO - SPRING BREAK 9:00 Youth & Adults Volunteer Day at Regional Food Bank 9:30 Women's Study Group 1:00 - 3:00pm Food Pantry Open 6:30 Ruth Circle	15 NO CDO - SPRING BREAK 9:30 Women's Book Club 11:00 STITCHERS NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT - SPRING BREAK	16 NO CDO - SPRING BREAK 10:00 AI Anon 6:30 United Women in Faith	17 10:00 - Gym Open for Walking	18
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