



## Holy Week at New Hope United Methodist Church

**Holy Thursday | March 28 | 7PM**

The Living Last Supper

**Good Friday | March 29 | 7PM**

Service of prayer, music, and reflection.

**Easter Egg Hunt | March 30 | 10:30AM**

Easter Egg Hunt for children 5th grade and younger.

**Easter Sunday | March 31 | 9AM & 10:30AM**



# EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, March 30th at 10:30am

Free Community Egg Hunt for children ages birth through 5th grade! We will have face painting, inflatables, snocones & LOTS of eggs!

### **New Hope United Methodist Church**

11600 N. Council Road Oklahoma City, OK 73162

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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

by Rev. Rodney Newman

It has been my privilege to serve in ministry alongside Rev. Marla Lobo the past few years. She has enriched the life of this congregation and has blessed the lives of many people. We wish her all the best as she takes up her new appointment as Director of Project Transformation for the Oklahoma Conference.

I am working with the District Superintendent on the appointment of our new Associate Pastor. In the meantime, our ministries will continue with the strong leadership Pastor Marla already had in place and with others who have agreed to serve in the interim. Our Lenten study leaders will continue their studies and Rev. Brian Bakeman will lead the group on Wednesday nights in Pastor Marla's place. The women's ministries will be guided by the leadership group that have been planning events. Our mission programs are well established and will be supported by Melody Beard, the Chair of the Mission Council. Rev. Linda Brinkworth has agreed to coordinate the ministry of our Congregational Care team, bringing her caring presence and experience to this vital ministry.

I appreciate your continued prayers for our congregation and its ministries through this time of transition.

## March Sermons

During the middle Sundays in Lent, we will continue listening to the experience of the early Christians. Excerpts from three different letters give us insight into how they sought to understand the revelation of God in the cross of Jesus. On Palm Sunday and Easter, we return to the Gospel of Mark. We will watch the poignant scene of a woman anointing Jesus while he is at dinner, anticipating his coming death. And we will consider the interesting way this gospel tells the story of the first Easter morning according to the oldest manuscripts we have.

### March 3

Lent 3

*Tuning Out the Static*

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

### March 10

Lent 4

*Overwhelming Love*

Ephesians 2:1-10

### March 17

Lent 5

*Choosing Your Future*

Philippians 2:5-11

### March 24

Palm Sunday

*Present to the Moment*

Mark 14:1-9

### March 31

Easter

*To Be Continued...*

Mark 16:1-6



## Ministry Transition Plans by Rev. Marla Lobo

As my time with you at New Hope winds down, I want to share with you who you can contact during this time of transition until your new associate pastor arrives:

**Congregational Care:** Rev. Linda Brinkworth will be the coordinator. Linda is a retired elder, with loads of experience in congregational care. She was instrumental in training our New Hope Care team last Fall. You can continue to send your care concerns and updates to my email address: [associatepastor@newhopeokc.org](mailto:associatepastor@newhopeokc.org). Linda will be monitoring this account and I am sure will do an outstanding job leading the Care Team.

**Mission:** Any questions or thoughts about New Hope's mission opportunities can be directed to Melody Beard. Melody has been providing marvelous leadership as the Chair of the Mission Council. You can reach her at [melodybeard5@gmail.com](mailto:melodybeard5@gmail.com).

**Requests, Questions & Concerns:** Items that you would normally direct to me can be directed to the very capable hands of Katie Barrick, who serves as our Ministries Coordinator. Her email is [katie@newhopeokc.org](mailto:katie@newhopeokc.org).

Blessings,  
Pastor Marla

## MISSION COUNCIL MEETING



SUNDAY, MARCH 10  
@ 12:00PM - ROOM #210

## Stitchers

by Nancy Beale

The Stitchers group will meet only on Wednesday, March 6 and Wednesday, March 20 from 11am-3pm this month! Contact Nancy Beale for more info.

## Yarn Workers

Yarn Workers will meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month in Room 209 from 12-2PM. 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!

### Wednesday Night Meals Menu

#### March 2024

March 6 - Hamburgers, Potato Salad, Baked Beans,  
Salad Bar, Dessert

March 13 - BBQ Chicken, Fried Potatoes, Grilled Squash,  
Salad Bar, Dessert

March 20 - NO MEAL - SPRING BREAK

March 27 - Baked Fish, Lemon Garden Rice, Mixed Veggies,  
Salad Bar, Dessert

## Women's Book Club

by **Debbi Marshall & Judy Murnan**

The March Women's Book Club selection is *Rules of Civility* by Amor Towles, a New York Times bestselling author. The book features a young woman in post-Depression New York whose chance encounter impacts her life for decades to come. *Rules of Civility* has it all--it is brilliantly written, set in New York's dazzling social scene and sports immensely appealing characters. All are welcome--please join us on Wednesday, March 20 @ 9:30AM.

### UPCOMING BOOK CLUB MEETINGS & SELECTIONS

**April 17:** The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell by Robert Dugoni

**May 15:** Being Mortal by Atul Gawande

**June Mtg TBD:** No assigned book, but bring your summer reading suggestions! July & August will be our summer break, before resuming Book Club again in September.

## 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.

## Mary Martha Circle

All ladies are invited to join us at the church on the second Thursday of the month at 9:30am for meeting time, food, and fellowship! The Mary Martha Ham Dinner is set for Sunday, April 14 at 12PM in the Gymnasium. Contact Mickey Miller for more info!

## Men of Hope

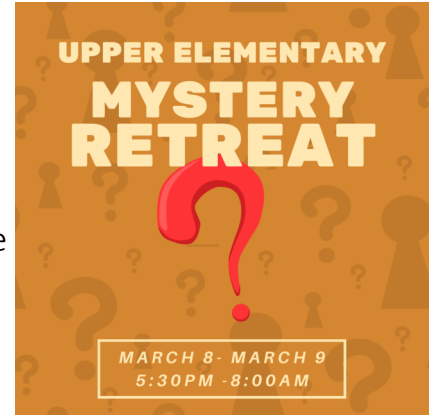
The next Men of Hope meeting will be Sunday, March 17 at 8AM, with breakfast, meeting time, and fellowship. Thanks to everyone who made the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner a success!

# New Hope Kids Min

by Luisa Medina

Greetings! The New Hope KidsMin has a very busy March ahead of us!

Our Upper Elementary Mystery Retreat will take place on Friday, March 8-Saturday, March 9! Our 3rd-5th graders will arrive to the church that Friday evening and then load up on the bus to go to four mystery locations! After that they will return to the church to spend that night! This is a fun yearly tradition for our older kids. During Spring Break, or Family Ministry Adventure Week, we will be serving and having fun every day! Take a look at our schedule to see all of the fun we have planned. We can't wait for a fun week together!



Our Community Easter Egg Hunt is on Saturday, March 30th at 10:30am. We will have a special day to stuff all of the eggs on Tuesday, March 27th from 10am -6pm. Come an hour or 30 minutes, whatever time you can donate to help make this event our best yet!

Save the date for Children's Sunday on April 7th! Our children will be leading both worship services as liturgists, music leaders, communion servers, greeters, and sermon deliverers! You won't want to miss it. They are already hard at work!



New Hope UMC Family Ministry

# ADVENTURE WEEK AT A GLANCE

SIGN UP  
HERE!



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI/SAT
MOVIE NIGHT	FRONTIER CITY	FOOD BANK	WATER ZOO	CHURCH MISSION	LOCK-IN
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5:00PM	11:00AM-3:00PM	1:00-4:30PM	8:45AM-3:30PM	12:00-5:30PM	8:00PM-8:00AM
		MIN AGE 8			YOUTH ONLY
17	18	19	20	21	22-23

## Family Ministry Adventure Week (Spring Break) Sunday, March 17th-Thursday, March 21st!

- Sunday: Movie Night @ 5PM in the Gym, bring your own chairs & blankets
- Monday: Frontier City @ 11AM-3PM
- Tuesday: Volunteer at the Food Bank (Min. age = 8 yrs), meet at New Hope at 12PM, volunteering from 1PM-4:30PM
- Wednesday: Indoor Water Zoo, Clinton, OK. Meet at New Hope at 8:45AM
- Thursday: Church Mission Day at New Hope, 12-5:30PM
- Friday, Lock-In (YOUTH ONLY)

If your family/kiddos are planning to attend ANY of these events (except Sunday's movie), you must sign up (QR Code in image above!). Sign up by March 4th to get a t-shirt! Everyone planning to attend will need to sign up individually so we have shirt sizes. Shirts for adults planning to come with us this week are also available for purchase of \$10 (shirts are free for the kids!)

# New Hope Youth

by Maddy Day

As spring enters in, Spring Break does as well! Our youth are so excited for warmer weather and the adventures that come with Spring Break namely, Adventure Week, formerly known as youth week. The Family Ministry Team are planning a full week of fun, service, and connection for our children and youth!

We will be kicking our week off on Sunday, March 17th with a movie night in the Gym! Think of a drive-in movie but make it indoor and with blankets instead of cars. Monday, March 18th we will be taking a trip to Frontier City! Tuesday, March 19th we will be going to the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma, where our Assistant Director of Youth Ministries, Wes Eckert, works, to volunteer and help those in need. Wednesday, March 20th we will be adventuring to the Water Zoo, which is an indoor water park! Thursday, March 21st is our Church Mission Day! We will be stuffing eggs for the Easter egg hunt, decorating and filling water bottles with laundry detergent and decorating sandwich bags for our Second Saturday Crew. We will also be cooking and serving dinner for Celebrating Families! Finally, the Youth will be ending our Adventure Week on March 22-23 with a Lock-In, which the youth have been asking about all year long!!

Make sure you keep our Family Ministries in your prayers for safety and energy as we get closer to Adventure Week! We are so excited for this packed week and thank our church family for all your support!! We wouldn't be able to do this without you!



# Preschool & Children's Day Out

by Amy Aita

## Preschool Ministries

This will be a fun month teaching the preschoolers all about Easter this month!

The Sunday School lessons will be: Jesus Washes Feet, The Last Supper, Praying in the Garden, Jesus Enters Jerusalem, and Resurrection.

Sunday evenings we will continue with our Play Through the Bible Curriculum and the bible stories from the Old Testament: Noah, Abraham and Sarah, and Joseph. We will also be doing some fun Easter crafts!

We hope your family plans to join us for the week of Spring Break for the fun days we have planned! See me or Luisa with any questions about the week and to get included in the head-count!

Join us for the church Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 30th!

## CDO

February was a fun and busy month at CDO! We ended the month with a helicopter landing in the field next to the church for the kids during our transportation theme week! That was an amazing experience for the kids and adults.

March will be busy as well as we get close to Easter! We have some fun themes planned out but the best will be Holy Week and all of the Easter celebrations we will be doing! We will have special crafts and Chapel Time for Easter. On Thursday, March 28th, the kids will have an Egg Hunt and class parties.

CDO will be closed March 19th-21st for Spring Break!

We will be enrolling for our summer program and for next school year this month!! Our summer program begins June 4th and runs through July 18th. We will begin with currently enrolled families on March 1st then we will open it up to the public by the 18th. Let me know if you have a child you would like to enroll or know of someone that would like to enroll! Pre-K is enrolling now for next school year! See me with any questions!

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

Amy Aita - Preschool Ministries Director

# MONTHLY MINISTRY FOCUS

## **March 2024 Ministry Focus - Worship** **By Sharri Hiller**

*From you comes the theme of my praise in the great assembly; before those who fear you I will fulfill my vows. The poor will eat and be satisfied; those who seek the LORD will praise him— may your hearts live forever!*

**Psalm 22:25-26 NIV**

Gathering in worship is at the heart of making disciples at New Hope UMC. Our worship space sets the tone for our praise.

Besides the obvious preparation that happens before Sunday morning for the children's moment, music and sermon, have you ever thought about the other items that have to be prepared so our worship is pleasing to God?

The communion elements are prepared and brought to the sanctuary on Communion Sundays. The wall hangings and banners are switched out to reflect the liturgical calendar. Flowers and plants fill the space with their natural beauty reminding us of God's creation. We have audio/visual equipment so we can see and hear the service, in the Sanctuary and in other locations and at other times.

Our thanks to those who volunteer and those who give monetary gifts faithfully. Through your time and gifts, New Hope UMC provides meaningful worship experiences to our members and guests every Sunday.



PLEASE JOIN US IN CELEBRATING THE  
70TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF

*John and Donna Wakefield*

March 23, 2024

New Hope United Methodist Church  
11600 N. Council Road  
Oklahoma City, OK 73162

Come and Go  
2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

"No Gifts, Please"

## 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 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.



### 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

## Happy March Birthdays!

Luis Aita  
Evan Aita  
James Anderson  
Steve Barnett  
Marissa Belase  
Lisa Brimacombe  
Lyvia Brown  
Beth Brown  
Rhonda Coleman-Jackson  
Mitch Davis  
Samantha Dawes  
Elise Dean  
Paul Detwiler  
Jaci Finch  
John Hannah  
Nancy Hanneld  
Mary Hendrix

Sharri Hiller  
Stacey Hoye  
Cody Johnson  
Donette Johnson  
Robert Lakin  
Michael Miller  
Mitchell Miller  
Patti Miller  
Rebecca Miller  
Barbara Monks  
Frances Murrell  
Derrick Nelson  
Ray Newsom  
Curtis Paul  
Quinnlyn Rains  
Teddy Reid  
Barbara Shideler

Carly Smarra  
Gabe Walker  
Tracy Wilson



## Happy March Anniversaries!

Lisa & Thomas Brimacombe  
Roland & Jennifer Echohawk  
Sandi & Jim Morgan  
Dan & Doris Korner  
Blair & Jeannie Schoeb

Justin & Haley Smith  
John & Donna Wakefield  
Don & Sheri Wetekam



### 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!**

# New Hope Calendar - March 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					<b>1</b> Women's Retreat	<b>2</b> Women's Retreat
<b>3</b> 8:45 / 11:00 Services 2:00 Handbells Reh. 5:00 Children's Activities 5:00 Youth Activities 5:00 Women's Study	<b>4</b> 3:00 Whiz Kids 6:30 Cub Scouts 7:00 Boys & Girls of BSA	<b>5</b> 9:00 - 2:00 CDO 9:30 Women's Bible Study	<b>6</b> 9:00 - 2:00 CDO 11:00 Stitches 5:30 Wed. Meal 6 & 6:30 Wed. Night Activities	<b>7</b> 9:00 - 2:00 CDO 10:00 Men's Bible Study 5:00 Celebrating Families	<b>8</b> Upper Elementary Retreat!	<b>9</b> 9:30 Second Saturday Outreach
<b>10</b> 8:45 / 11:00 Services 12:00 Mission Council Mtg 2:00 Handbells Reh. 5:00 Children's Activities 5:00 Youth Activities	<b>11</b> 3:00 Whiz Kids 6:30 Cub Scouts 7:00 Boys & Girls of BSA	<b>12</b> 9:00 - 2:00 CDO 9:30 Women's Bible Study 1:00 - 3:00pm Food Pantry Open 6:30 Ruth Circle	<b>13</b> 9:00 - 2:00 CDO 12:00 Yarn Workers 5:30 Wed. Meal 6 & 6:30 Wed. Night Activities	<b>14</b> 9:00 - 2:00 CDO 9:30 Mary Martha 10:00 Men's Bible Study 5:00 Celebrating Families	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 8:00 Men of Hope 8:45 / 11:00 Services 2:00 Handbells Reh. 5:00 Family Ministries Movie Night! 5:00 Women's Study	<b>18</b> ADVENTURE WEEK 3:00 Whiz Kids 6:30 Cub Scouts 7:00 Boys & Girls of BSA	<b>19</b> ADVENTURE WEEK NO CDO 9:30 Women's Bible Study	<b>20</b> ADVENTURE WEEK NO CDO 9:30 Women's Book Club 11:00 Stitches No Wed. Night Meal or Children/ Youth Activities	<b>21</b> ADVENTURE WEEK NO CDO 10:00 Men's Bible Study 5:00 Celebrating Families	<b>22</b> ADVENTURE WEEK YOUTH LOCK-IN	<b>23</b> 2-4:00 Wakefield Anniversary Party
<b>24</b> PALM SUNDAY 8:45 / 11:00 Services 2:00 Handbells Reh. 5:00 Children's Activities 5:00 Youth Activities 5:00 Women's Study	<b>25</b> 3:00 Whiz Kids 6:30 Cub Scouts 7:00 Boys & Girls of BSA	<b>26</b> 9:00 - 2:00 CDO 9:30 Women's Bible Study 10am-6pm Easter Egg Stuffing 1:00 - 3:00pm Food Pantry Open	<b>27</b> 9:00 - 2:00 CDO 12:00 Yarn Workers 5:30 Wed. Meal 6 & 6:30 Wed. Night Activities	<b>28</b> 9:00 - 2:00 CDO Egg Hunt! 10:00 Men's Bible Study 5:00 Celebrating Families 7:00 Living Last Supper (Holy Thursday)	<b>29</b> 7pm Good Friday Service	<b>30</b> 10:30am Easter Egg Hunt!
<b>31</b> EASTER SUNDAY 9AM & 10:30AM Services						