



Mission Council News

by Rev. Marla Lobo

Wednesday Night Adult Education Classes

Pastor Rod and Pastor Marla will be leading two different studies on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30 PM.

Christianity and World Religions: September 28, October 5, 12, 19, and 26. Led by Pastor Marla, this study will use the video Christianity and World Religions (Revised) by Adam Hamilton to explore four major world religions—Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, and Judaism—and compare the beliefs of each with those of Christianity. No book is required but a book can be purchased by anyone wanting more information.

Celtic Spirituality – Part 2: November 2, 9, and 16. In Part 2 of this study, Pastor Rod will look at the contributions of the Celtic people to Christian art and spiritual practices.



New Hope's Annual Tent-Or-Treat is coming up!

If you would like to sign up to decorate a Trunk or a Tent, please see the sign up sheet at the Welcome Center or contact Luisa Medina. If you would like to donate candy, we will take individually wrapped candies or you can give a financial donation to help purchase candy.

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

“How do you feed your spirit?” This is a question I have asked, and have been asked, many times. It’s usually put forward when someone is feeling anxious or especially tired, in body or spirit. We know that our physical bodies function best when properly fed with nourishing food. But we don’t always apply that same lesson to our emotional wellbeing. There are a number of ways to care for our souls – prayer and Bible reading, participating in worship, checking in with trusted friends, taking time out to rest, reflect, and just be. What are the ways you will feed your spirit this month? How will you help care for the souls of others?

October Sermon Series

During the month of October, our sermons will look at stories and parables in the middle of Luke’s gospel. Jesus has set his course to Jerusalem where he knows he will die. On the way, he teaches about the meaning of the Kingdom of God and instructs his disciples how to follow

October 2

World Communion
Pentecost 17
Missing the Point
Luke 13:10-17

October 16

Pentecost 19
(Pastor Marla preaching)
How Great Thou Art
Luke 17:11-19

October 30

Pentecost 21
Do Not Lose Heart
Luke 18:1-8

October 9

Pentecost 18
Who’s on the Guest List?
Luke 14:1, 7-14

October 23

Pentecost 20
God’s Magnificent
Obsession
Luke 15:1-10

**Join us in welcoming and celebrating the newest
members of our New Hope family!**

- **Nancy Gowen-Nieser (joined on 9/11/22)**

BSA Updates

by **Scottie Bryan**

September brings the biggest fundraiser of the year for our Troop 162. Our young men have been hard at work each weekend selling popcorn to fund our year's activities. From propane to equipment maintenance, our popcorn sales fund ~90% of our annual expenses. We want to extend a huge thank you to the church and the congregation for supporting us last Sunday with popcorn sales. We are so grateful and blessed. Our campout this month is a recruiting event. We'll be going to Webelos Woods to try and bring in Cub Scouts that will be promoting to Scouts in the Spring. Webelos from our very own Pack 599 along with Pack 374 are going to be joining us this year. Our Scouts have spent several meetings brainstorming how we can make this campout a fun and enriching experience. Among other things, they are planning a bake-off competition between patrols with the Webelos as the judges and a flag retirement ceremony complete with Taps!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS AT NEW HOPE

Served from 5:30-6:15 PM

October's Menu:

10/05: Chicken Spaghetti,
Green Beans

10/12: Barbeque Chicken,
Fried Potatoes, Corn

10/19: Taco Bar

10/26: Baked Potato Bar

Pizza, Salad Bar, and Dessert
included every week!

DONATIONS ACCEPTED!



Mary Martha Circle

by Mary Jo Pratz



United Women in Faith News

by Earline Baker

Mary Martha Circle met on Thursday, September 8. Our hostesses Sandi Morgan and Donna Wakefield treated the twenty four members in attendance to a lovely brunch! Elaine Pierce provided a thought provoking devotional from a cat's devotional book.

Under old business we discussed the preparations for the bake sale at the bazaar on November 5. Sign up sheets will be available at our October meeting for goodies to bring! In other business a donation was made to the OU Children's Hospital for Afton's memorial. The ladies also agreed to donate \$200 towards an Uber card for a member of our Afghan family to travel to and from ESL classes. A nominating committee was formed to create a slate of officers for consideration at our next meeting which will be October 13 at 9:30.

All ladies are invited to join us as we make plans for ministry activities within the church and mission activities in our community.

On Saturday, September 17, the New Hope United Women in Faith welcomed ladies of the Crossroads District for their Annual Meeting. They were greeted at 8:30 a.m. by a warm breakfast prepared by New Hope ladies. The guest speaker at the meeting was Kris Steele from TEEM, Senior Advisor of Oklahomans for Criminal Justice Reform. The Education and Employment Ministry, a non-profit organization, takes a three-pronged approach to breaking cycles of incarceration and poverty in Oklahoma by providing individuals with education, social services, and job training and placement. They holistically prepare participants for employment by incorporating mentorship, life skills training and confidence building into their program.

All ladies of the church, whether or not they are members, are welcome to attend the next meeting of New Hope United Women in Faith at 6:30 p.m. October 20th at New Hope Church. At that time we will celebrate *World Thank Offering* where we bring our gifts of gratitude for the transformation of local and global communities by raising money for women, children, and youth in our neighborhoods and around the world. In this way we are putting our faith into action by supporting Spiritual Growth, Building the Beloved Community and Fighting for Justice.

We are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life. Ephesians 2:10

Men of Hope

by Chris Porter

The Men of Hope's next meeting will be Sunday, October 16 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.

If anyone in the congregation needs small repairs done or things moved, as examples, the Men are ready and able to help. Please email me at cporter299@gmail.com if any help is needed.

Ruth Circle

by Rosie Wells

We began as the ladies who worked and could not attend daytime groups. We meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. The 2nd Tuesday is our meeting for fellowship and worship at 6:30pm and the 4th Tuesday, we eat at various restaurants together.

Holiday Bazaar and Craft Show!

by Carola Smith

Mark your calendars! After two years, the Ruth Circle Holiday Bazaar is back! The date is November 5 from 9am-3pm.

If you have friends or relatives who would like to participate, please let them know about our craft show. Proceeds go to missions decided on by the participating groups. Those groups are the Ruth and Mary Martha Circles and the United Women in Faith (UMW).

Application forms are available in the church office. For more information, contact Carola Smith at 405-495-2871.

Young At Heart

by Shirley McIlroy

Our group had a wonderful trip in September as we "Rediscovered Downtown" with a ride on the Bricktown Water Taxi, a visit to the newly renovated, First National Center, and lunch at the Old Spaghetti Factory. Thank you to Pastor Rod and Luisa Medina for driving us!

Here are our upcoming Young at Heart Dates for 2022:

October 27 - Fall Trip to Camp Canyon

November - No Young at Heart Trip due to Thanksgiving

December 15 - Covered Dish Luncheon and Games at New Hope, we will be meeting a little earlier than usual in the month of December due to the Christmas holiday!

If you have any ideas for our group, please share them with our committee members - Greg Wells, Shirley McIlroy, Mary Jo Pratz, Mickey Miller, Elaine Pierce, & Pastor Marla.

May we always be Young at Heart!

Happy October Birthdays!

Jean Brittenham
Darren Christenson
Denning Crowe
Harper Day
Isla Dean
Chase Edstedt
Keely Ellsworth
Payton Ellsworth
Janis Evans
Andrew Fagan
Keith Gentry
Fonda Gentry
Tim Gosdin
Jason Hasty
Charlotte Hepner
Bill Hillman
Kaye Jeffries

Keri Langert
Anna Langert
Gary Layton
Ken Lobdell
Samuel Miller
Ann Newman
Nancy Nowlin
Bennett Osborne
Joyce Porter
Carol Remerowski
Mary Rerat
Jerry Rice
Sarah Rowland
Emma Scott
Garrett Sheffield
Cooper Stogsdill
Keith Tippett

Trinity Todd
Noah Watts
Gayle Yarholar



Happy October Anniversaries!

James & Alison Anderson
Don & Kimberly Brewer
Brandon & Brittany Hamlin
Jeremy & Melissa Hayes
John & Carol Moore

Leroy & Patti Saiz
Jim & Clarissa Seignious



A Note from Elaine Parrent

My heartfelt thanks to all of you for your expressions of sympathy during my mother's illness and passing. I am so grateful for my New Hope Family.

- Elaine Parrent

Stitchers

Below are the Stitchers meeting dates for the remainder of the year. Join us in the Fellowship Hall!

- OCTOBER 5 and 19 from 11:00 to 3:00
- NOVEMBER 2 and 16 from 11:00 to 3:00
- DECEMBER 7 and 21 from 11:00 to 3:00



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!

Music Staff Transition

We announced last month that our Director of Music Ministries, Kevin Wilkinson, has accepted an offer from another church in the city to lead their music program. The final Sunday for Kevin and Emily at New Hope will be October 2. Tyler Stone, Associate Director of Music Ministries, will assume the role of Director at that time. We appreciate your prayers during this transition.

Kevin's farewell letter to the New Hope UMC Family is included below.

New Hope Family,

Last month, I shared with the volunteer minister-musicians in our choir and orchestra that I will be transitioning to another ministry setting in October. I was approached by a friend about an opening that is close to our home and will help facilitate family life goals that are important to me and Emily, and after a period of discussion and discernment it became clear to us that God was calling us into a new season of ministry and life.

We cannot thank you enough for the love and support you have offered us in these years in ministry together. Though it will soon be our reality, it is difficult for us to imagine our weeks without the worship we have shared and the time rehearsing with the Chancel Choir and worship team that have been so integral to our spiritual lives.

The past year working so closely with Rod has been an indescribable joy. Even in the most difficult of times as we have continued to navigate the tumultuous waters of the United Methodist Church, his leadership, mentorship, and friendship have brought great growth to me spiritually and professionally and have continually renewed my spirit. New Hope has been unbelievably blessed by the conference in their appointments of Rod and Marla to this church.

While New Hope forms a concrete vision for the long-term future of the staffing of our music ministry, Tyler Stone will assume the title of Interim Director of Music Ministries. After our many years together I know that you all have experienced what an incredible musician he is and what a committed person of faith he is but only those of us that have walked through the planning process with him can know the level of passion and intentionality he brings to preparing for worship. He is also the perfect person to continue to grow our instrumental music ministry (which I believe to be unrivaled in our city) with the help of Christiaan Osborn and our many committed minister-musicians who will be helping lead us in worship three Sundays each month during the school year. I will miss making music with all of them dearly.

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I am also so glad that Katie Barrick, Brian Tabberer, and the multi-talented Katie Wonderly will continue to lead worship in our 11:00 am service as it continues to evolve. They are all life-long United Methodists with a passion for worship, for music, and for this church. Most of all, I am happy for whatever individuals are called to join this ministry as it evolves. The partners they will find here are unrivaled.

It is my expectation that the music ministry at New Hope United Methodist will continue to grow and flourish for many years. With Tyler assuming the role of Interim Director of Music Ministries and talented and dedicated staff and volunteers like Christiaan Osborn and Katie Wonderly, our choral and instrumental music will continue to contribute to worship that leaves those who come here looking for a message of hope in the Gospel. Under the guidance of Pastors Rod and Marla we will continue to reach our community in many meaningful ways. And with the unending dedication of you, this wonderful and caring congregation, the good news of God's love will continue to radiate from this church.

Our years of shared ministry have been life-altering for both me and Emily. You have given us the opportunity to grow with you in ways that we never could have imagined when we first came here - and we will miss you all dearly. Though I will no longer be worshipping with you in the sanctuary at New Hope after October 2, the day when I can't hear your voices lifting praise to God will never come. It will always be a source of joy for me to know that this church continues to gather to worship in spirit and truth, and that you depart ready to share God's love and light with the world.

Lastly, I would covet your prayers during this time of transition. I would ask that you be in prayer for all of those who will be leading the music ministry forward, most especially our incredible volunteer minister-musicians. And I would ask that you keep me and Emily in your prayers as we say goodbye to so many people and experiences that are dear to us - and as we seek to share the passion you have grown in us with another congregation.

We will love you always.

Kevin Wilkinson

Children's Ministries

by Luisa Medina

Greetings,

The children had a busy September of settling into the fall routine. We are excited that Wednesday night activities have begun again. Keep a look out for our Children's Choir to perform in worship in the coming months!

Mark your calendars for December 4th! Our KidsMin will be performing their Christmas musical "Scrooge in Bethlehem" on that evening at 6pm. You're invited to stay after the show for a fun reception with a special guest!

On Saturday, October 22nd we are headed to Chester's Party Barn! They have a pumpkin patch, petting zoo, maze, hayride and a fun new slide! Anyone is invited to join us for this fun day. We will be there from 11am-2pm

Mark your calendars for our big Tent or Treat event! This will take place on Sunday, October 30th from 4-6pm. Sunday schools, groups, individuals, or families are invited to sign up to decorate a trunk or tent and pass out candy! If you are interested in participating, you can sign up in the gathering area or by seeing Luisa. We need all hands on deck to make this event the best it can be for community! If you would like to donate candy, we will take individually wrapped candies or you can give a financial donation to help purchase candy.

We are still seeking people to help teach Sunday school during our 9:30am service time. If you are interested in helping on a rotation, please let Luisa know.

If you have any questions about KidsMin at New Hope, let us know!

Blessings,

Luisa Medina

luisa@newhopeokc.org



**KidsMin
Wednesdays
at New
Hope!**

5:30pm-Community Dinner
6:00pm-Children's Choir
6:30pm-7:30pm-Class Time

Preschool & Children's Day Out

by Amy Aita

Preschool Ministries

During the month of October, the kids will be learning about Joseph and Moses through crafts and fun activities. On October 23rd, the preschoolers will be painting pumpkins in the evening! This is always a fun time! Tent or Treat will be held on Sunday, October 30th. Make plans to participate in that!

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This is a busy and fun month! The themes and letters for this month are F/G fire safety/galaxy, H for harvest/Halloween, and I for insects. They will also be doing lots of fall crafts.

The kids will dress up and trick or treat around the church on Thursday, October 27th beginning at 10am. We always need candy and volunteers! If you are able to help out or donate candy, we appreciate the help! See me with any questions or to let me know you can help out!

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

Amy Aita - Director

New Hope Calendar - October 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2 WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY 9:30 & 11:00 Services 5:00 - Youth, Children	3 10:00 - Prayer Team 10:00 - Gym Open for Walking 3-5:00 Whiz Kids	4 9:00 - 2:00 CDO	5 9:00 - 2:00 CDO 11:00 Stitchers 5:30 Wednesday Night Meal 6:00 Wednesday	6 9:00 - 2:00 CDO 10:00 AI Anon	7 10:00 - Gym Open for Walking	8 9:30 Second Saturday Outreach
9 9:30 & 11:00 Services 12pm Wesleyan Class Luncheon 5:00 Youth, Children	10 10:00 - Prayer Team 10:00 - Gym Open for Walking 3-5:00 Whiz Kids	11 9:00 - 2:00 CDO 1:00 - 3:00 Food Pantry Open 6:30 Ruth Circle	12 9:00 - 2:00 CDO 5:30 Wednesday Night Meal 6:00 Wednesday Night Classes	13 DELTA GRACE MISSION TRIP 9:00 - 2:00 CDO 9:30 Mary Martha Circle	14 DELTA GRACE MISSION TRIP 10:00 - Gym Open for Walking 6pm Children's	15 DELTA GRACE MISSION TRIP
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