



It's Almost Time for Tent or Treat!

Mark your calendars for our annual Tent or Treat on October 29 from 4-6PM! Individuals, families, & groups are needed to decorate a trunk or a tent – sign up at the Welcome Center. We are also collecting individually wrapped candy for the event in the Gathering Area! Contact Children's Director, Luisa Medina with any questions.

OUTDOOR
Tent
or
Treat

Sunday, October 29th
4pm-6pm

NEEDED:
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Groups to decorate a tent or trunk, individuals or families to decorate a trunk! We are also collecting candy for the event! Sign up at the Welcome Center & drop off candy to the gathering area!
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See Luisa for more info or email luisa@newhopeokc.org

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Sunday worship services 8:45AM (traditional) & 11:00AM (traditional with choir & orchestra).
Sunday School Classes meet at 10:00AM.

October Sermon Series

by Rev. Rodney Newman

Many churches follow a common prescribed series of Bible readings to guide their worship. I don't always choose sermon texts from this resource but I will be turning to the reading from the Gospel of Matthew between now and the beginning of Advent. In the second half of the church year, we focus on the teachings of Jesus.

October 1 - World Communion Sunday

Pentecost 18
They Need Not Go Away
Matthew 14:13-21

October 8

Pentecost 19
A Jesus Sighting
Matthew 14:22-33

October 15 - Laity Sunday

Pentecost 20
Guest Preacher, Monica Hiller
Matthew 25

October 22

Pentecost 21
Getting Along
Matthew 18:15-20

October 29

Pentecost 22
Let's Talk About Forgiveness
Matthew 18:21-35

Join us in welcoming the incoming members of our New Hope UMC community!

- Marge Carmichael (9/10/23)
- Bob & Eva Best (9/17/23)

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.

- Janie Bond

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

All men in the church are invited to attend the upcoming Men of Hope meeting, Sunday, October 15 for breakfast and fellowship at 8:00AM.

Wednesday Night Meals Menu for October!

10/04: Chicken Spaghetti, Green Beans, Salad Bar, Dessert

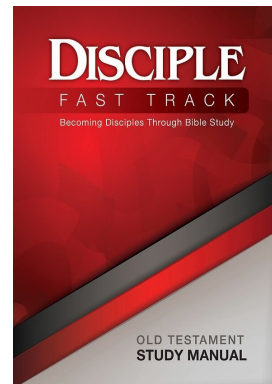
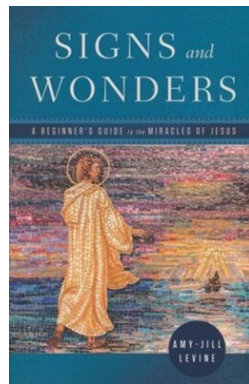
10/11: Barbecue Chicken, Fried Potatoes, Corn, Bread, Salad Bar, Dessert

10/18: Taco Bar, Salad Bar, Dessert

10/25: Smothered Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, Salad Bar, Dessert

Bible Studies Continuing at New Hope UMC this Fall!

- **Men's Bible Study:** Thursdays Sept. 7 @ 9AM, Room #316, led by Jeff Hiller.
- Participants will gather at the church to study the bible, pray, and fellowship.
- **Women's Morning Study:** Tuesdays @ 9:30AM, Fellowship Hall, led by Kathryn Witzel & Shirley Yates. This study explores selected miracles of Jesus in a historical and theological context. For each miracle, she discusses not only how past witnesses would have understood the events, but also how today's readers can draw meaning from Jesus's words and actions.
- **Disciple Fast Track Study:** Wednesdays @ 6:30PM, Room #210, led by Pastor Marla. This study explores the Old Testament and discusses major theological Christian themes such as Creation, Covenant, Atonement, Wisdom, and Hope.
- **Women's Evening Study:** Sundays @ 5PM, Room #311, led by Teresa Coffman



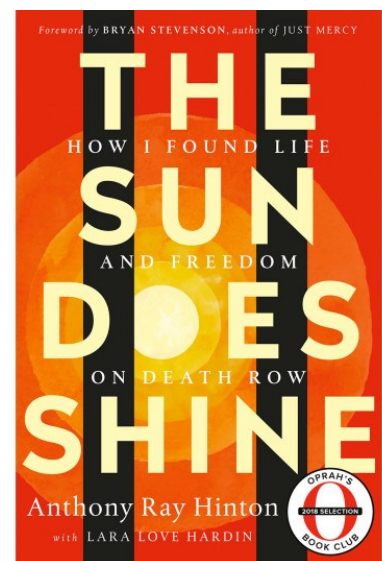
Women's Book Club

by Debbi Marshall

The Women's Book Club's October selection is *The Sun Does Shine, How I Found Life, Freedom and Justice on Death Row* by Anthony Hinton with Lara Love Hardin.

This New York Times Bestseller is a powerful story of hope, love and the triumph of the human spirit.

Join us for a lively discussion **Wednesday, October 18 at 9:30 am.** Everyone is welcome!



Stitchers

by Nancy Beale

The Stitchers group will be meeting on Wednesday, October 4 and Wednesday, October 18 from 11AM - 3PM.



Ruth Circle

by Doris Korner

All ladies are invited to join us at the church on Tuesday, Oct 10th, 6:30pm for Bible study and fellowship and Tuesday October 24th for dining out, location to be determined. If you have any questions, call Doris or the church office.

Mary Martha Circle

by Mary Jo Pratz

Pies, cakes and cookies!! Mary Martha Circle will be holding a Bake Sale on Sunday, November 5. Please stop by our tables in the Gathering Area to select your delicious baked goods prepared by the ladies of the Mary Martha Circle. All donations will be used to fund our many ministries and missions.



Warm Fuzzies

by Julie Guilford-Stillwell

During October, the JOY Sunday School class are collecting "Warm Fuzzies" (cuddly, stuffed animals & blankets) to be donated to EMSA/OKCPD to comfort children in crisis situations.

JOY class members will be willing to answer any questions you have or accept the fuzzies & blankets as you wish to give them. You may also donate your warm fuzzies at the bin in the Gathering Area!

WARM FUZZIES

Through the month of October, the JOY Sunday School class is collecting stuffed animals & fuzzy blankets to be given to children in crisis.

Look for the donation bin in the Gathering Area!



Strengthening Families Needs Nursery Volunteers!

Beginning on Thursday, September 14, our partnership with Specialized Outpatient Services (SOS)/Drug Court/OKDHA resumes in September! Each Thursday evening, parents recovering from addiction and their children meet for a meal & study at New Hope. They work through the Celebrating Families & Strengthening Families curriculum guided by the SOS staff. Sunday School classes and other groups at New Hope are invited to provide the dinner meal which is served at 5:00PM each Thursday. Individuals are invited to volunteer in the nursery on Thursday evenings. Look for more information and sign up at the Welcome desk.



NURSERY HELP
WHAT TO EXPECT...

EVERY THURSDAY BEGINS 9/14!

- ✓ There will be 8 babies, age 0-2 years
- ✓ You are needed from 5:15pm-7pm
- ✓ The parents are responsible for all diaper changes, bottle making, etc.
- ✓ You get to come play with them, rock them, hold them, love on them!
- ✓ There is a team of consistent volunteers, you are needed to provide an extra hand!

SUPPORT OUR FOOD PANTRY!

- New Hope UMC currently serves 40+ individuals, twice a month, during regular Food Pantry hours.
- Our community's need for food resources continues to grow & we have expanded the Food Pantry's area of service to the greater OKC metro.
- The Food Pantry is funded by donations only & all gifts go directly toward keeping it stocked!



**As we approach the holidays,
please consider supporting
the Food Pantry with your gifts!**



2023 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 *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 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

Happy October Birthdays!

Jean Brittenham
Darren Christenson
Ben Clarkson
Lois Clarkson
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
Gary Ingram
Kaye Jeffries
Keri Langert
Anna Langert
Gary Layton
Ken Lobdell
Samuel Miller
Ann Newman
Nancy Nowlin
Joyce Porter
Carol Remerowski
Mary Rerat
Jerry Rice
Sarah Rowland

Emma Scott
Garrett Sheffield
Cooper Stogsdill
Keith Tippet
Trinity Todd
Noah Watts
Gayle Yarholar



Happy October Anniversaries!

James & Alison Anderson
Don & Kimberly Brewer
Brandon & Brittany Hamlin
Jeremy & Melissa Hayes
Leroy & Patti Saiz
Jim & Clarissa Seignious



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!

Preschool & Children's Day Out

by Amy Aita

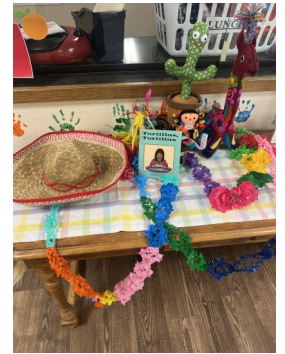
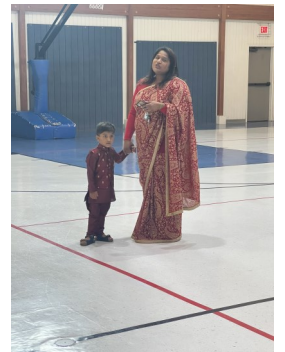
Preschool Ministries

Sunday mornings we have had a steady stream of babies-preschool age kids. Our Sunday morning lessons come from the Celebrate Wonder curriculum. For the month of October, we will focus on exploring faith through God's promises. Sunday evening lessons this month will continue to focus on creation. We hope your family can join us to go to Orr Family Farm on October 21st! Tent or Treat is coming up on October 29th. We hope you can be there for both events!

CDO

We have had a great start to the school year! September has been a fun month with some great themes! A new theme we did was Cultures week to go along with letter C. We had some teachers, parents, & grandparents come and present info. to our kids about where they are from. The kids and teachers alike enjoyed the presentations! We are gearing up now for a fun and busy fall! We have two big events coming up this month with our Helpers and Heros Day on October 12th and the annual CDO Trick or Treating and class parties on Halloween. If you are a community helper and would like to come and present to the kids on Oct. 12th, let me know! CDO can always use candy donations for our trick or treating day!

Thank you for your continued support of New Hope's Preschool Ministries! Amy Aita - Preschool Ministries Director



Youth Ministries

by Maddy Day

Youth Sunday:

Youth Sunday was an absolute blast! Our youth have worked hard over the last month of September and we were so excited to share this worship experience with you! We thank all of our church family so much for your continued support and encouragement!

October Activities:

We are excited for October as we head into the fall season! We will be taking a trip to Edmond First United Methodist Church for a district dodgeball tournament Sunday, October 15th. We will be reuniting with our camp friends and hopefully meeting some new ones from around our district! During fall break, we are looking forward for a Family Ministry adventure to the Ore Family farm! Finally we will be concluding our October adventures with Tent or Treat! Our youth are super excited to start planning for our tent theme so be on the look out for what we are going to do!

New Hope Calendar - October 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 8:45 & 11:00 Services 3:00 Choir Rehearsal 4:00 Blessing of the Animals 5:00 Children's Activities 5:00 Youth Activities 5:00 Women's Bible Study	2 3:00 Whiz Kids 6:30 Cub Scouts 7:00 Boys & Girls of BSA	3 9:00 - 2:00 CDO 9:30 Women's Bible Study	4 9:00 - 2:00 CDO 11:00 Stitches 5:30 Community Meal 6 & 6:30 Wednesday Night Classes/Rehearsals	5 9:00 - 2:00 CDO 10:00 Men's Bible Study 5:00 Strengthening Families	6 10:00 - Gym Open for Walking	7
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