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## **Mission Council News**

**by Rev. Marla Lobo**

### **Whiz Kids**

Whiz Kids is back and in full swing here at New Hope! If you are new to Whiz Kids, here is a little background information: Whiz Kids, sponsored by City Care, is a highly successful, faith-based, city-wide, one-on-one tutoring/mentoring program for kids in 1st-5th grades. Established in 1996, Whiz Kids targets students who are reading below grade level and who could benefit most from a mentor relationship with a caring adult. The program is more than tutoring. It involves learning about God, playing games, improving literacy, loving, celebrating, meeting goals, experiencing special guests, having conversations, building relationships, and receiving blessings.

Currently New Hope is in need of Substitute Tutors for Whiz Kids! The program takes place on Monday afternoons from 3-5pm here at the church. If you are interested in subbing for Whiz Kids, please contact Pastor Marla!

### **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.

Celtic Spirituality – Part 1: Led by Pastor Rod, this study will look at the origins and practice of Christianity among the Celtic people of Ireland. See more information on page 2!

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.

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Sunday worship services 9:30 (traditional) 11:00 (contemporary)  
Sunday School Classes also at those times.



# CELTIC SPIRITUALITY

Led by Rev. Rodney Newman

WEDNESDAYS - SEPTEMBER 7, 14, 21 @ 6:30 PM

MONDAYS - SEPTEMBER 12, 19, 26 @ 1:00 PM



Classes available in-person and via ZOOM

Beginning this month, Pastor Rod will lead a study that will look at the origins and practice of Christianity among the Celtic people in Ireland.

There will be two weekday opportunities to attend:

- Wednesdays at 6:30PM (September 7, 14, 21)

- Mondays at 1:00PM (September 12, 19, 26)

Classes will meet in-person and online via ZOOM.

The ZOOM meeting ID is 4057215015 (same as the New Hope phone number.)

There is no password needed to use the ZOOM link and no book is required to attend the class.

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

- **Johnny & Gerrie Tatum (joined on 8/07/22)**
- **Karly Jo Brinkley (baptized on 8/14/22)**



## Helping Hands Food Pantry

by Mickey Miller

Well, we are finally in our new location! It is so nice and roomy. I can actually stand up, turn in a circle and not hit a person or a shelf. YEA! We are in the process of getting another shelving unit and a bulletin board - I don't want to stick holes in the wall. We are still trying to get all the food organized and new lists made, but it will come to be very soon.

Our new refrigerator is great. We are going to keep things like cheese, cottage cheese, and eggs in the fridge as well as frozen ground beef, ground turkey, chicken, hot dogs, and hopefully some vegetables in the freezer part. We will NOT keep fresh vegetables or fruits as they go bad too quickly. If you want to buy for the pantry we can always use cereal, spaghetti and sauce. You could also supply some packages of hot dogs, some kielbasas sausage and other fridge stable items.

I want to say how much I appreciate your unfailing support of our pantry. Please stop by to see what the updated pantry looks like soon!

## Exodus House

by Mickey Miller

Lots of good things are happening with Exodus House this summer!

Allie, one of our residents, has moved to the halfway apartment complex at 23rd and Portland and is still doing absolutely fantastic.

We also celebrate Tami's graduation last month!

Thank you for all the support that you have provided for Exodus House!

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## 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

## Men of Hope

by Chris Porter

Here is the Men of Hope article for September:

The Men of Hope's next meeting will be Sunday, September 18 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.

A big thank you to all the Men who helped out on the church workday on August 20! Thank you for helping to spruce up the church.

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](mailto: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

## Young At Heart

Please plan to join us on September 29 for "Rediscovering Downtown!" Our plans include a boat ride on the canal and visiting the recently remodeled 1<sup>st</sup> National Bank Building. Information on travel times and price per participant coming soon.

Watch for more details on our fall trips. 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!*

## BSA Updates

by **Scottie Bryan**

Last week we held our Court of Honor to celebrate and award all of our Scouts' hard work. We awarded 23 rank advancements, 186 merit badges, and 39 special awards that included three badges to Scouts that swam the one-mile open water swim for the first time during summer camp! We're gearing up for the start of school and our annual popcorn sales. Our August campout is August 27-29. We'll be 'beating the heat' by exploring the caves at Alabaster Caverns State Park. Some of our senior Scouts will be receiving the prestigious Order of the Arrow later this month, and we'll be logging some serious service hours by picking up trash along Council Road for the Adopt-A-Street program.

We do want to thank the church for all of the support we receive and for having a beautiful building to meet in. A big thanks to Luisa Medina for assisting at our Court of Honor. We also want to thank Allan Seay for his support. His impact on our Scouts, directly and indirectly, is beyond measure.

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## WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS AT NEW HOPE

Served from 5:30-6:15 PM

### September's Menu:

9/07: Baked Chicken, Fried Potatoes  
and Carrots

9/14: Spanish Spaghetti, Green  
Beans, Bread

9/21: Mexican Chicken Breast,  
Spanish Rice

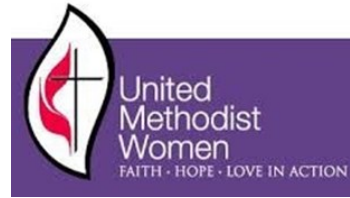
9/28: Baked Fish, Lemon Garden  
Rice, Grilled Squash

Pizza, Salad Bar, and Dessert  
included every week!



## Mary Martha Circle

by Mary Jo Pratz



**UMW News**

by Earline Baker

The Mary Martha Circle met Thursday August 11 with seventeen ladies in attendance. Hostesses Nancy Nowlin and Carol Dalton treated us to delicious chicken salad and a variety of fruit. Feedback was provided by members who had volunteered to fill the Blessings Box. Thanks to the members who volunteered to fill the Blessings Box on Thursday for September and October! Next on our agenda was the upcoming bazaar. Thank you to Beth Brown for stepping up to chair the bake sale and to Frances Murrell for (again) volunteering to organize the Rada cutlery booth.

Completion of volunteer duties and times for the bazaar will happen at our October meeting. The Whiz Kids program was discussed and a request for volunteers was expressed. Several names were raised during praises and prayers due to illness and surgeries of themselves or family members. Mary Martha Circle meets the second Thursday of every month at 9:30. Our next meeting will be September 8. All ladies are invited and encouraged to attend.

### Stitchers

Below are the Stitchers meeting dates for the month of September. Join us in the Fellowship Hall!

- September 8, 11:00 - 3:00pm
- September 21, 11:00am - 3:00pm



### UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

At the August 18<sup>th</sup> meeting the UMW welcomed Pastor Marla Lobo as the guest speaker. After she offered a prayer, Pastor Marla talked about how the Food Pantry, Blessing Box, and 2nd Saturday Outreach to the Homeless continues to serve those in need. She said that the Undie Sunday for Skyline Ministry was successful.

Pastor Marla was Dean at the New Day Camp (a camp for children with at least one incarcerated parent). Children from all over the state attend this worthwhile camp. She said that New Hope's existing ministries continue to be vital connections for our neighbors. Pastor Marla advised that an upcoming Mission will be to Delta Grace, a United Methodist Volunteer in Missions hub in Sunflower, MS., where there is enormous need. They will be working mainly on construction projects.

The next meeting of New Hope UMW will be on Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. There will not be a speaker that evening as plans for the upcoming September 17<sup>th</sup> meeting will be finalized and the tables decorated. We will have a time of fellowship and conversation. All ladies of the church are invited.

On Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> New Hope UMW will be hosting the Crossroads District United Women in Faith Annual Meeting. Our women will prepare and serve breakfast for the visiting ladies. We need you to make this a spiritual event welcoming women to New Hope.

*"Not all of us can do great things, but we can do small things with GREAT LOVE"*

*Mother Teresa*



## Happy September Birthdays!



Bryce Almond  
Wesley Barrick  
Julian Brimacombe  
Keith Castner  
Nichole Coffman  
Ferman "Buck" Collier  
Pat Crist  
Sunne Day  
Jennifer Echohawk  
John Eleftherakis  
Linda Felan  
Danny Goodman  
Sam Gosdin  
Gerald Grady  
Art Hanlin  
Gillian Hasty  
Lairyn Hayes

Janelle Hillemeier  
Elizabeth Jackson  
David Johnson  
Brian Johnson  
Jordann Klein  
Ji Kusel  
Margaret Lawson  
Bonnie Malone  
Robin McLaren  
Jason Mills  
Pat Mize  
John Moore  
Janelle Nelson  
Lynnda Parker  
Elaine Parrent  
Elaine Pierce  
Mary Plender

Colby Powell  
Mary Jo Pratz  
Allan Seay  
Jane Ann Slane  
Zayna Snipes  
Drew Stogsdill  
Jerome Valentour  
Alan Van Sickle  
Coleen Ward  
Kevin Wilkinson

## Happy September Anniversaries!

Bob & Roseanna Kaiser  
Tyler & Heather Higgins  
Larry & Peggy Morgan  
Richard & Sue Reynolds  
Jonathan & Kari Russell

Jim & Shirley Yates



**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](mailto:katie@newhopeokc.org) to make sure we have them in our  
membership records!**

## Children's Ministries

by Luisa Medina

Greetings,

Wednesday Night Activities return on Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>! Children's Choir will begin rehearsals on that Wednesday as well. The Children's Choir is open to all kiddos in Pre-k through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. They meet every Wednesday to rehearse under the direction of Katie Wonderly. They get to help lead worship a few times a year! We would love to have your kiddo join us!

Our Wednesday night schedule:

5:30pm- Community Dinner

6:00pm- Children's Choir

6:30pm-7:30pm – Class time

Family Ministry Movie Night on the Lawn!

People of all ages are invited to join us for a fall movie night together on Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>! Come at 7pm for ice cream and yard games. The movie begins as soon as the sun goes down. We will announce the movie in the coming weeks, so keep an eye on the church socials for that announcement!

Blessings,

Luisa Medina

[luisa@newhopeokc.org](mailto:luisa@newhopeokc.org)



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Wednesdays  
at New  
Hope!**

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**6:00pm**-Children's Choir  
**6:30pm-7:30pm**-Class Time



# Preschool & Children's Day Out

by Amy Aita

## Preschool Ministries

The preschool min. kids wrapped up summer with a water play party last Sunday! We are gearing up for fall and will be busy with lots of fun activities and lessons! The kids will be learning about Abraham and Sarah, Joseph, and Baby Moses this month. Sunday morning nursery is available for infants through 4 yrs.old and Sunday evenings is a time just for our pre-schoolers- 3-4yr. olds. We eat dinner, play, have music time, and also have a bible lesson and craft. We always welcome new kids in the morning and evening so if you have a preschooler or know someone that does, we would love to have him/her!

## CDO

CDO is up and running! We have been blessed with so many 2 yr. olds that we were able to open a new classroom to accommodate them. We now have two 2 yr. old classes! We have started this school year off with more kids than we have ever had! This month will be busy with some fun themes and the kids will begin learning letters, numbers, colors, and shapes. The big event this month is Community Helpers Day on September 15<sup>th</sup>. We will have therapy dogs, police, a mailman, pastors, and other community helpers come to the church that morning and show/tell the kids what they do. It's always a fun way for the kids to learn about what a community helper is. We will also have Chapel Time each week and the kids will learn a bible story and bible verse. We are off to a great start but please keep the staff and kids in your prayers this school year!

Thank you so much for your support of CDO and Preschool Ministry!

Amy Aita - Director

# Youth Ministry

by Maddy Day and Tyler Stone

## Summer Series: "Seeking God Outside of Church"

The youth have finished up their summer series. This series explored all the ways in which we can find God outside the walls of the church building, whether that is through art, tragedy, school, or nature. Our discussions were coupled with visits to the Oklahoma Museum of Art, the Oklahoma City National Memorial and Museum, and most recently, Roman Nose State Park.

## Back to School

The youth celebrated the end of summer with two back-to-school events. Family Ministries had a wonderful evening at Main Event with 65 people in attendance to enjoy bowling, laser tag, games, and a ropes course. The youth also attended a district youth event at Wesley UMC in Shawnee.

## Lock-in

The youth will be having a lock-in at the church over Labor Day weekend. Our lock-in will include worship, games, and lots of food. If you would like to help provide snacks, you can drop off items in the church office on Friday, September 2 between 9-3. We are anticipating 15-20 youth.

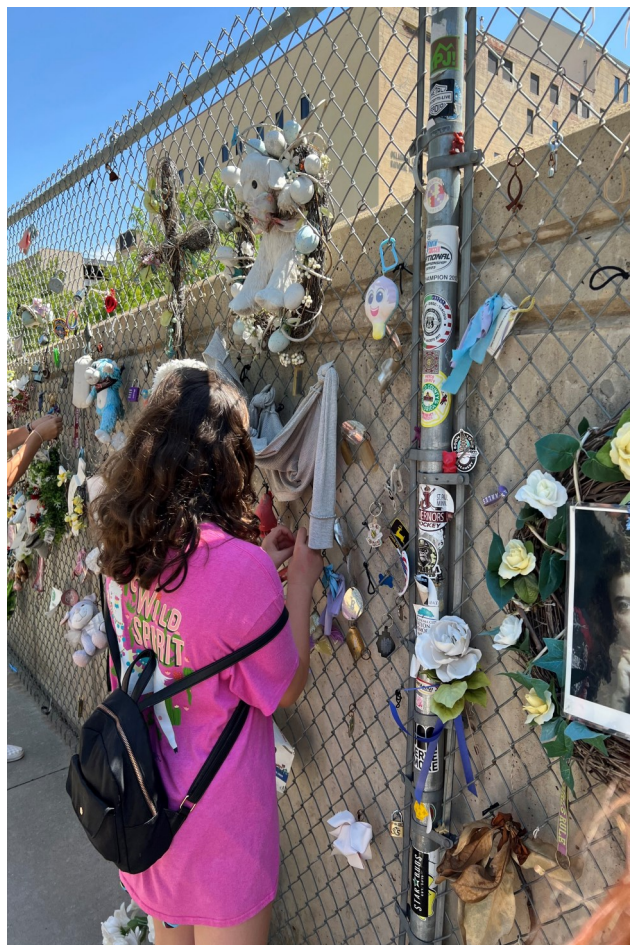
## Wednesday Nights Resuming

Wednesday night youth will resume on September 7. Youth gathers from 6:00-7:30 in the youth room.

## Confirmation

Confirmation will begin on Sunday, September 11 and run through Sunday, November 20. We are in need of adult mentors for our confirmands. All 8th graders and any unconfirmed youths above 8th grade are invited to participate. Confirmation is the process by which youths become full members of the United Methodist Church and explore the roots of their United Methodist faith tradition. If you would like to learn more about becoming a mentor, reach out to Maddy at [maddy@newhopeokc.org](mailto:maddy@newhopeokc.org) or Tyler at [tyler@newhopeokc.org](mailto:tyler@newhopeokc.org).

# ***Moments from the Youth Summer Series: “Seeking God Outside of Church”***



# New Hope Calendar - September 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 10:00 Al Anon	2	3
4 9:30 & 11:00 Services NO EVENING YOUTH/ CHILDREN ACTIVITIES	5 LABOR DAY - CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	6 9:00 - 2:00 CDO	7 9:00 - 2:00 CDO 5:30 Wednesday Night Meal 6:00 Wednesday Night Classes	8 9:00 - 2:00 CDO 9:30 Mary Martha Circle 10:00 Al Anon	9	10 9:15 Second Saturday Outreach
11 9:30 & 11:00 Services 5:00 Youth, Children *CONFIRMATION BEGINS!	12 10:00 Prayer Team 1:00 Celtic Spiritual- ity Class 3-5:00 Whiz Kids	13 9:00 - 2:00 CDO 1:00 - 3:00 Food Pantry Open 6:30 Ruth Circle	14 9:00 - 2:00 CDO 5:30 Wednesday Night Meal 6:00 Wednesday Night Classes	15 9:00 - 2:00 CDO 10:00 Al Anon 6:30 United Women of Faith (UMW)	16	17 8:30-12:00 District Meeting for United Women of Faith (UMW)
18 8:15 Men of Hope 9:30 & 11:00 Services 5:00 - Youth, Children	19 10:00 Prayer Team 1:00 Celtic Spiritual- ity Class 3-5:00 Whiz Kids	20 9:00 - 2:00 CDO	21 9:00 - 2:00 CDO 5:30 Wednesday Night Meal 6:00 Wednesday Night Classes	22 9:00 - 2:00 CDO 10:00 Al Anon	23	24 8:00-5:00 Mission Leadership Training
25 9:30 & 11:00 Services 5:00 Youth, Children	26 10:00 - Prayer Team 1:00 Celtic Spiritual- ity Class 3-5:00 Whiz Kids	27 9:00 - 2:00 CDO 1:00 - 3:00pm Food Pantry Open	28 9:00 - 2:00 CDO 5:30 Wednesday Night Meal 6:00 Wednesday Night Classes	29 9:00 - 2:00 CDO 10:00 Al Anon Young At Heart (Time TBD)	30 7:00 Family Minis- tries Movie Night on the Lawn!	