



New Hope in February, 2022

February Sermons and Scriptures

- 6** - Epiphany 5 *"Let Go, Go On!"*
Luke 5: 1 - 11
- 13** - Epiphany 6 *"Upside Down Sermon"*
Luke 6: 17 - 26
- 20** - Epiphany 7 *"What Jesus Meant"*
Luke 6: 27 - 38
- 27** - Transfiguration Sunday
"Behind the Masks"
Luke 9: 28 - 36

Welcome!

to the newest members of our church family!

Dale and Linda Rinehard

Church Council

Sunday,
February 13
after
second service

Confirmation Class

has been moved to Fall of 2022. The class will include any unconfirmed youth. Contact Tyler Stone if you are interested or have questions. who



based on the original painting The Last Supper by Leonardo da Vinci (1452 -1519 AD)

The Living Last Supper

A performance of the Living Last Supper will return to New Hope on the evening of Maundy Thursday, April 14!

We've gained many new members since we were last able to have this powerful presentation and hope some of you new men will want to be in it. We'd also love to have some of our experienced guys back on stage!

Practices will likely be on Sundays but that's not yet finalized. All men who would like to participate are asked to contact Luisa at Luisa@newhopeokc.org.



Young at Heart

Young at Heart invites you to come walk with them!

The gym will be open Mondays and Fridays from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. for anyone who would like to come get in some steps!





a Note from Pastor Rod

In a recent sermon, I mentioned the many ways people in this congregation show the love of Christ. This church has a real heart for mission, reaching out in so many caring ways.

From the volunteers who staff the food pantry, to the AA group, to Whiz Kids, to warm fuzzies, to Christmas baskets, to Stitchers sewing circle, to the Second Saturday ministry with the homeless, to name a few, you give with joy. And this includes all ages, children, youth, and adults.

You also do so much as individuals in caring for others, most of which is never known by many people outside of those who are helped. I appreciate being part of a congregation where service is not just a priority but part of who you are – and I appreciate you.

Second Saturday Outreach to the Homeless

by Donette Johnson

Second Saturday continues to grow and donations from our New Hope family help this Ministry reach the growing number of homeless in our community. Thank you!

There are several ways to help this Ministry continue to expand. One is to serve. We meet at 9:30 to make sandwiches and pack lunches and load clothing and food.

Another is to go downtown to serve our neighbors. This Ministry always blesses those who serve, whether it is working at the church or going downtown. Or both!

Another way to help is by donation. For the colder months we provide clothing, shoes, socks, snacks, blankets, personal items, gloves, scarves, etc.

During the warmer months we provide shorts, t-shirts, flip flops, chapstick, sunscreen, bug spray and hats.

Each month we provide a hot meal, which can also be donated by individuals or groups. Our Boy Scouts recently served tortilla soup, and our Youth will provide Taco Soup in February. During the summer we will sometimes take the church grill and serve burgers or hot dogs.

Monetary donation is a great way to help. There are items that are needed, or requested, each month, that aren't often donated, and we use our funds for those items. Examples of those are back packs, belts, sleeping bags or heavy wool blankets. Occasionally we run low on clothing and have to purchase what we need with those funds. The donated funds are also used to purchase the food for our sack lunches.

We are so grateful to our Boy Scouts, our NH Children and our NH Hope Youth for stepping up and helping with this ministry. It is a special kind of blessing to watch our Elementary kids handing out lunches, while one of the Youth help find the right size coat for someone who has been going without. Absolutely amazing.

Each month Pastor Marla provides Communion for all who wish to receive it. When she isn't serving Communion, she is simply talking with those who visit us. This ministry is more than providing food and clothing, it is reminding those who are struggling that they are loved.

For any questions or donations please contact Pastor Marla or Donette Johnson.



Helping Hands Food Pantry

Hello New Hope, this is Mickey reporting from the food pantry. For those of you who don't know, we are going to be losing Debbie and Bob Devonshire to the great state of Texas. We will miss them working in the food pantry.

But, some good news! We have a new Bob and Debbie. They are the Marshalls who are going to help us in the food pantry. They are not members, but have said they would like to help in our food pantry.

Our client count is still low but it's starting to pick up. Tuesday we gave out food for 12 people so that is much better than what it has been. Covid and cold weather have really done a job on our clients.



We can always use boxed cereals, macaroni and cheese, Ramen noodles, and other canned or packaged food items you can think of for the pantry

Thanks for being so supportive.

Notes from the Business Manager

by Elaine Parrent

2021 Contribution statements were recently sent out. If you did not receive one or have questions, please contact me.

Please be assured all monies given in 2021 were used to support the church in numerous ways. Although the statement may show 2020 Fund names, the money went into 2021 operations. The fund name just was not changed until into the new year. I apologize for any confusion.

Thank you again for being faithful and generous servants.

Thank you New Hope Faithful community. 2021 was filled with challenges and change. Through it all you have been generous with your time, talents and gifts.

We came into 2022 strong and successful. We are so grateful for your generosity which continues to support not only our local ministries and outreach in the community but also ministry across our state and the world. We continued our service and added new areas of ministry. In addition, the needs of the business of the church were also supported. Your



Mary Martha Circle

by Mary Jo Pratz

This Ladies' service group next meets Thursday, February 10 at 9:30 a.m.

The Mary Martha Circle met for our first gathering of the new year on January 13. We were blessed with an inspiring devotional given by Charlotte Coulthard. Refreshments were provided by Vita Crow, Donna Wakefield and Rosanne Wells. During our discussion we reviewed the success of our sandwich and cookie supper after the children's Christmas program.

We are hopeful that we can hold our ham dinner this spring. A heartfelt thank you to Lacricia Norman for the creation and publishing of our 2022 Calendar and Roster!

We invite all ladies to join us for fellowship, food and planning of events for the year.



Ruth Circle

This women's group meets at 6:30 the second Tuesday of each month.

2022 Officers for Ruth Circle are:

co-chairs - Rosie Wells & Kendra Clark

Treasurer - Alice Pattillo

Good Cheer contact - Carola Smith

Men Of Hope

by Chris Porter

The Men of Hope monthly breakfast meeting will be at Jimmy's Egg on Hefner and Rockwell on February 19th at 8:30 a.m. All men and their sons are invited. You do not have to be a member of New Hope to attend. At our breakfasts we conduct the business of the group and have lots of socializing. It is always a good and relaxing time!

At our last meeting, the Men decided that we would not be able to host either the Valentine's Dinner or Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner at a high caliber level so those will not be held in 2022.

We are looking at possibly having a cookout in May. Stay tuned for details.

As always, if someone needs help with small jobs (think light home maintenance for example) please let me know. The Men of Hope are ready and willing to help when we can. I can be reached at cporter299@gmail.com

Thank you!



The Youth Ministry will be assisting with service at Second Saturday Outreach in February. Contact Tyler Stone, Donette Johnson, or Marla Lobo if you would like to find out how you can get involved.

Youth Winter Retreat at Camp Spark

was postponed until February 18-20. We have a group of twelve currently expecting to attend.

Signups remain open through February 11. If you would like to sign up your youth for camp, or would like to sponsor a student's camping fees, contact Tyler Stone for more information.

Anniversaries & Birthdays



John & Carol
Elefterakis
Bill & Trina
Geer
Earl & Earline
Baker
Paul & Ann
Detwiler
Janice & Bob
Stine
Jonathan & Julie
Poe



Sara Ethridge
Jason Grand
Moira Chockalingam
Diane Moore
Carola Whittet
Jim Yates
Rose Marie Moore
Randy Scott
Bruce Chaney
Navena Alexander
Earle Marks
Larry Morgan
Kristin Attebery
Robert Goff
Elizabeth Hepner
Cole Ward
Lacricia Norman
Cecilia Peed

Jerry Crawford
Shay Johnson
Kirby Kilfoy
Jeremy Hayes
Anthony Smarra
Carrie Fagan
Regina Engling
Allie Johnson
Emma Bruce
Hayden Hasty
Matt Miller
Terry Brittenham
Julie Guilford
Donna Johnson
Alexandria White
Dayna Powell
Allyssa Hurt
Kerwin Crist

Young at Heart plans to reschedule the trip to First Americans Indian Cultural Center later this year.



Richard Brown has joined the Heavenly New Hope group. We share the sadness of saying a temporary good-bye with Beth and Richard's family and many friends. Services were held here on January 14.



UMW News

by Earline Baker

Greetings to all and wishes for a Happy New Year 2022! May we all continue to do His work and be a blessing to everyone we meet. As we begin this new year, let us rejoice in all our blessings and continue to advocate for women, youth, and children, both locally and abroad, through our connection of United Methodist Women. An organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

The New Hope UMW is not meeting during the winter months. Even though our Unit is not meeting until March, we plan to donate 100 travel size bottles of hand lotion to Neighbor Services Organization to help in the filling of hygiene kits for the homeless.

Our next meeting on March 17th at 6:30 p.m. will be a pledge service titled *Healing and Joy on Our Journey to God*. Let us be aware and keep in mind that this service represents helping women, children and youth who do not have the necessities of life to live a full and productive life. Our Pledge to Mission ensures that this happens. We are reminded that God is still in charge while we are still puzzled and concerned about "Life with Covid." We are looking for safe ways to stay in touch with one another—to carry on the work and mission of United Methodist Women.

Moving into 2022 with our theme of "Turning it up thru Connection", it is time for us to mentor and encourage with the heart of Jesus our members, children, and individuals at risk. May we all in 2022 develop a deeper understanding of mission, grow spiritually, nurture and reach out -- knowing that you are each making a difference in the lives of women, youth and children

Some upcoming Crossroads District UMW meetings are: February 26- Winter Workshop @ Edmond First UMC (location may be changed- check nearer to date); April 23- Day Apart @ Jones UMC; September 17- Crossroads District Annual Meeting @ New Hope UMC.

May all members and friends feel our prayers for safety, healing and good health.

Children's Ministry

Greetings!

Happy February friends of the Children's Ministry! We have a busy month ahead of us and we can't wait to get it started! Take note that we will NOT have evening classes on Sunday, February 13th. That is Super Bowl Sunday, enjoy the evening with your families.



Sunday, February 20th we will have our annual **Love Your Neighbor as Yourself Valentine's Party!** This

will be during our regular evening class time, 5:00-7:00 pm. The "cost of admission" to the party is food items for our food pantry! We will

have dinner and a HUGE Just Dance tournament! Your children are welcome to bring Valentines for our class! There will also be a bounce house set up in the gym!

Calling all 3rd-5th graders! Our Upper Elementary Mystery Retreat is back this year! On Friday, Feb. 25th all 3rd-5th graders are invited to meet us at the church at 5:30 p.m. They will then be loaded up onto the bus for three mystery locations! After that we will spend the night at church and be ready for pick-up on Saturday at 8 a.m. This is such a fun evening/night together! Don't miss it!



We continue to meet via zoom on Wednesdays for the month of February. Each week we meet at 6:30 p m for a short lesson, sometimes a craft or activity and just some time to check in with each other. If your child would like to get connected to the zoom and you need the zoom information, please see Luisa!

On Sunday evenings, we meet in-person from 5-7 p.m. We have begun rehearsals for our Spring Musical, *Life of the Party: The Mary and Martha Story!* The Sunday after Easter will be "Children's Sunday."

Our children will serve as liturgists and bring their musical as our sermon that Sunday in both services. Our Preschool children will also be bringing a musical element to worship that day. You won't want to miss it!

We are still looking for volunteers interested in working with our Children's Ministry. If you might be interested, please let Luisa know! We would love to talk with you about it!

As always, thank you for continuously supporting our children. If you have any questions or suggestions, please let Luisa know!

Blessings,

Luisa Medina

luisa@newhopeokc.org

Preschool Ministry

February will be a fun month for the preschoolers! The kids will be learning Bible stories from the Beginner's Bible curriculum on Sunday mornings and will be doing crafts and activities based on those stories.

On Sunday evenings, the kids will continue learning about creation through topics: God Creates Sun, Moon, Stars, and Planets and God Creates Sea Creatures.

On February 20th, the kids will celebrate Valentine's Day together with a party and some fun crafts.

We will not meet the evening of February 13th because of the Super Bowl.

CDO

February is also a busy and fun month for CDO!

This month's letters and themes are: R- Robots; S- Senses- Our Five Senses; T- Transportation; and U- Under the Sea

The topics for Chapel time this month are:
God Gives Good Gifts,
Loving God Completely,
The Bible is God's Story, and
God Is Number One.

The CDO kids will celebrate Valentine's Day together on February 10th with class parties and a special lunch.

Pre-K enrollment for next school year will begin in February. We will have a Pre-K preview for the program on February 10th at 6:00 pm. Anyone wanting to enroll a child is invited to come and learn about our program.

Summer and Fall enrollment begins in March for all of CDO!

Thank you for supporting the preschool ministries at New Hope!

Amy Aita- Director





NEW HOPE FEBRUARY 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	10:00 a.m. Prayer team 3 - 5 - Whiz Kids	1 9 - 2 - CDO	2 9 - 2 - CDO 11:00 - 3:00 - Stitchers 6:30 - youth, children, choir, Marla's class	3 9 - 2 - CDO 10:00 AA & Al-Anon 11:00 - class	4	5
6 Services 9:30 & 11:00 5:00 - youth, preschool, children	7 10:00 a.m. Prayer team 3 - 5 - Whiz Kids	8 9 - 2 - CDO 1- 3 -- Pantry Open 6:30 - Ruth Circle	9 9 - 2 - CDO 6:30 - youth, children, choir, Marla's Zoom class	10 9 - 2 - CDO 9:30 - Mary Martha Circle 10:00 - AA & Al-Anon 11:00 - class 6:00 - Pre-K Preview	11	12 9:15 - Second Saturday Outreach - see page 2
13 Services 9:30 & 11:00 Church Council after second service NO evening classes or events	14 10:00 a.m. Prayer team 3 - 5 - Whiz Kids' Valentine party	15 9 - 2 - CDO	16 9 - 2 - CDO 11:00 - 3:00 - Stitchers 6:30 - youth, children, choir, Marla's Zoom class	17 9 - 2 - CDO 10:00 - AA & Al-Anon 11:00 - class	18	19 8:30 Men of Hope meet at Jimmy's Egg on Hefner
20 9:30 & 11:00 services 5:00 - youth, preschool, children	21 10:00 a.m. Prayer team <u>NO</u> Whiz Kids	22 9 - 2 - CDO 1:00 - 3:00 - Pantry Open	23 9 - 2 - CDO 6:30 - youth, children choir, Marla's Zoom class	24 9 - 2 - CDO 10:00 AA & Al-Anon 11:00 - class	25 5:30 P.m. Grades 3 - 5 Mystery Trip	26 8 - 5 Mission Leadership training (Conference event)
27 Transfiguration Sunday 9:30 & 11:00 services 5:00 - youth, chil- dren, preschool,	28 10:00 a.m. Prayer team 3- 5 - Whiz Kids	March 1 9 - 2 - CDO	2 9 - 2 - CDO 11:00 - 3:00 Stitchers Ash Wednesday Service	3 9 - 2 - CDO 10:00 - AA & Al- Anon 11:00 class	4	5