

# The New Hope News

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## Ministry of Worship for November

Worship Leader: Linda Whaley

Presiding Elders: Linda Whaley & Patricia Johnson

Greeters: Janette Whittern & Kim Ritchie

Deacons: Ron McKinney – Brenda McKinney—Sean Shenold—Kendall Hartman—Sidney Hartman—Braden Walker

Candle lighters: Youth

Nursery Workers: Eloisa Briones

**If you are unable to serve during any of this time, Please, contact Richard Reames for Deacons, Or Penny Hampton for Elders**

November 15, 2011

# Prayers: Joys and Concerns

(If your name was omitted please contact the Church office)



November 15<sup>th</sup> Anthony Henderson

November 20<sup>th</sup> Mandy Musshafen

Jean Galegar

Sylvia Lee

November 26<sup>th</sup> Nanora Hartman

Sandy Kraft

November 27<sup>th</sup> Susie Robb



November 24<sup>th</sup> Tom & Sandy Kraft



Juanita Frost

Bill & Jean Galegar

David Holcomb

Family of Ruth Stearns

Micheal Whittern

Lu Cornett's Brother

Bill Comeaux's daughter Stephanie Coon

Chris Lassiter (friend of Eaton family)

Sean Shenold

## New Address

Bill & Jean Galegar

C/O Legend at Rivendell

13200 S. May Ave. Apt. 212

Oklahoma City, OK 73170

Rodney Collier

2745 Bushywood Dr.

Yukon, OK 73099

Thank you so much for donations of magazines, toiletries, homemade pillows, monetary donations, cups, Christmas tree ornaments, Christmas stockings, knit hats, letters, signing of Book of John, etc. for the Hugs Project.

Your donations will go to help fill Christmas boxes for Soldiers in harms way. The box that some of the soldiers receive may be the only gift they receive. Such a fine way to honor a soldier who is helping to keep our freedom.

New Hope Church IS my church family. I love you all dearly.

Virginia Holcomb

CONTINUED PRAYERS: Lavelle Dinwiddie, George Talley, Joe Samuels, The Ryals Family, Ricky Edlin (grandson of Ann Standford), our country's leaders and all personnel serving in the military and their families.

## HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL

Greetings to Everyone.

On Sunday November 20, 2011 we will be celebrating with our annual Thanksgiving meal to be served immediately following worship service. The church will be providing the main course which is the roasted turkey and cornbread dressing with gravy.

The rest of the meal will be potluck and provided by the congregation. Items that will be needed will include: **an assortment of vegetables, casseroles, soups, salads, breads, variety of desserts.** Basically, any side item that you feel would go perfectly with a Thanksgiving meal.

Also, let's take this opportunity to invite a friend or neighbor to share our meal with us. Each of us should make a phone call and spread the word about our Thanksgiving meal. On Sunday, let's worship together. Then as a church family, sit down together and thank God for His goodness and the many blessings we have received this year and for future blessings.

With Special Thanks,

Anthony Henderson

Fellowship and Recreation Chairman

## New Hope Family Christmas 2011

Whether we talk to fellow church members or visitors to New Hope, one thing we repeatedly hear is "We Are a Family." What do families do? They create and share traditions that meaningfully remind them of their love and commitment to each other. To that end, the New Hope Worship Committee is making strides in creating a very special Christmas Tree this holiday to go along with the sounds and the smells of the season. We want to make our very first NHCC family Christmas Tree and we want you to be a part of it; just as you're are a part of this family.

This family Christmas tree would hold ornaments that were provided by the church members that represent their individual uniqueness. Our congregation is made up of a diverse group of fascinating people who are multi-talented. Each one is different but yet have their own charm and warmth. As a congregation and together as a church family, we weave a beautiful tapestry of design that can be inspired by the one who created us all.

Each person, from the oldest to the youngest are encouraged to bring an ornament that reflects their personality and charm. It can be a family heirloom or a more recent find. When the tree is assembled, lighted and decorated it will stand as a testament to the unique diversity of New Hope Christian Church with dignity and charm.

Collection of the ornaments will begin immediately by worship committee members or you may leave your ornaments in the church office. Your name and contact info must accompany the ornament so we can get it back to you after the holidays. Thank you in advance for your efforts.

NHCC Worship Committee

# Greetings from Philadelphia

Hey Everyone,

I can't believe that it is already time again to send out a newsletter, time seems to have flown by so fast here in Philly. It is beginning to get cooler outside and leaves are changing colors. It is exciting to experience my first East Coast autumn! The changing season outside feels like such a perfect parallel to the changing season of my life right now, I finally feel like I am settling into life in the city and life during mission year.

The first question everyone has asked me over the past several weeks is, "How do you like the people that you live with?" and my answer would have to be, it's challenging, but great. One of the key aspects of mission year is intentional community living, which is more than just having roommates. Webster's defines community as a unified body of individuals and intentional as a determination to act in a certain way. Recently we had the task and privilege of developing a house covenant. The covenant will act as a written expression of what our team will stand for and our expectations for ourselves and for each other. We covered everything from how to use technology and plan meals, to conflict and prayer. It was not as easy thing to do. We spent much time and discussion on it, and we were faced with some tough decisions. Last Thursday we had a chance to present it as a team during our commissioning service. It was really powerful to be able to come together and say that we are a unified body of individuals, determined to act in a certain way.

This year is going to bring a lot of challenges and there are certainly going to be many lessons learned. One of the phrases Mission Year likes to use is "stay at the table," which means when things get tough, stick it out and stay committed. This concept is a pretty counter-cultural idea. Too often when something gets hard it seems like it would be easier just to give up or move on, and often people do. God is challenging me already to stay at the table, whether that is at my service site, the church we are attending, the challenge of meeting our neighbors or loving the people in our house. God wants me to stay at the table, because he has a lot of lessons that can only be learned there.

Peace,

Elizabeth

## Why Give?

Giving is an essential part of who we are as Christians. We believe that all we have comes from God - that we are *managers/stewards* of God's money as opposed to *owners* of our money.

Jesus talked about money more than anything else because it is the #1 roadblock regarding intimacy with God. We will walk in freedom when we give generously and with grateful hearts.

It fuels life-change. It is only through the financial generosity of everyday people in our community that New Hope is allowed to lead others to loving God & loving others. We believe money given to New Hope is to be spent responsibly in areas where we see God moving and we will make no apologies for following where God is leading us.

We recognize that one of the biggest concerns people have about churches is what happens to money that is given. That's totally fair. We maintain open book policy when it comes to our ministry expenses and all members of the congregation are free to come at any time and review how we spend our money.

Remember, Pledge cards are due this Sunday!



**MINISTER:** Rev. Joshua Leu

**Adm. Assistant**

Erin Andrews

**Interim Youth Pastor**

Linda Whaley

**Interim Music Minister**

Marietta Combs

**Pianist**

Brad Davidson

**Media Tech**

David Rock

# Tithes & Gifts

	<u>10/30/11</u>	<u>11/6/11</u>	<u>11/13/11</u>
Regular Offering	\$2002.33	\$4344.00	\$840.00
Bldg. Fund			
The Father's Business		\$200.50	
Choir		\$50.00	
Property & Grounds			
Fellowship & Rec	\$20.00		
Thanksgiving Offering		\$10.00	
Special Outreach		\$500.00	
Misc.		\$22.00 <sub>(coffee)</sub>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2022.33</b>	<b>\$5063.50</b>	<b>\$840.00</b>

ATTENDANCE

	<u>10/30/11</u>	<u>11/6/11</u>	<u>11/13/11</u>
	CHR:87 SS:23	CHR:86 SS:22	CHR:78 SS:25