

Holy Week Schedule:
Maundy Thursday 7:00 p.m. service
Good Friday 7:00 p.m. service
regular services at 9:45 and 11:00 a.m.



**Easter Sunday
Confirmation
in second
service**

**2012
Confirmation
Class**
Josie Anderson
Payton Ellsworth
Cooper Stogsdill



*April
at
New
Hope*

This month's
First Sunday
offering will go to
our Neighborhood
Outreach Block
Party on April 21.

**Welcome to new members
joining New Hope in March:**

**Jason, Rebekah,
Gillian and Hayden Hasty**



On Saturday, April 21, New Hope will host a neighborhood party from 1 until 4 p.m. At 2:00 JD will be blessing pets. If you would like to help with this event, please contact the Outreach Committee, Family Life Committee or Youth Department. We'll have games, inflatables, and other fun happenings. Men of Hope will be cooking hotdogs!



CDO children take Warm Fuzzies onto the EMSA ambulance March 29.

Did you notice the neat items in the display case? Vickie Lacy brought those back from her mission trip to India. She promises to have an article for the May newsletter telling of her blessings and experiences.



A paid position in the nursery on Wednesday evenings and alternate Sunday morning needs to be filled. If you are interested, please tell the nursery or children's department staff or let the office know!

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April & early May events see last page for complete calendar

- April 1 - Palm Sunday
- April 5 - Maundy Thursday service 7:00
- April 6 - Good Friday service 7:00
- April 7 - 10:30 a.m. Egg Hunt
- April 8 - Easter Sunday - regular service times
- April 15 - Potluck lunch at noon
- April 21 - Neighborhood block party
- April 26 - Young at Heart trip to Muskogee
- April 30 - May 3 set up for garage sale
- May 4 & 5 - Garage Sale
- May 6 - Graduation Sunday
- May 20 - Men of Hope grill lunch (See Mini-May on pages 7-8)



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Reflections from J.D.

Every year I am required to earn CEUs and report those to the Annual Conference. What is a CEU? It is a Continuing Education Unit and it means that I am not finished learning and growing as a Christian and as a pastor. This year I decided to go to Mesquite, Texas to an event sponsored by the General Board of Pensions and Health Benefits of The United Methodist Church. This event was the Clergy Benefits Academy and most of the participants were more mature adults like me.

I learned about living a healthy and balanced life, clergy tax laws, making a will, planning for the future, planning for retirement, financial planning and Social Security for clergy. I found the Clergy Benefits Academy to be very helpful at the stage of life in which I find myself, for retirement is not too far down the road. Of course, I also thought about financial planning I should have done when I was younger.

It seem strange at times when I tell people that I want to stay at New Hope until I retire, for it seems impossible that I am closer to 60 (gulp) than I am to 50! Where did the time go? How did I get here so soon? Where did all that grey hair come from?

As I thought about aging, I decided to look to the Bible for wisdom. I found one verse in Leviticus, of all places, that I really like, "You shall rise before the aged, and defer to the old, and you shall fear your God: I am the Lord." I say, "Amen to that!"

The prophet Isaiah, however, offers some words of assurance and tells me not to worry about entering a new season of life. "Even to your old age I am he, even when you turn gray I will carry you. I have made, and I will bear; I will carry and I will save." (Isaiah 46: 4) It is comforting to know that I am precious to God at any age.

That makes me feel better, even though I realized as I typed this that the size 12 font seems much smaller than I remember!



Easter

Attendance:

February 26	- 247
March 4	- 257
March 11	- 216
March 18	- 217
March 25	- 236

April's Sermon Titles

- April 1 "The Last Temptation of Christ"
- April 8 - "From Dejection to Resurrection"
- April 15 - "A Surprise Visit"
- April 22 - "The Blessing of Creation"
- April 29 - "Trusting the Shepherd"



A few of the bags of stuffed animals ("Warm Fuzzies") picked up by the EMSA ambulance on March 29. Although we do this project twice a year and you all are wonderful about donations, our offerings only last them a couple of months. Too many children are hurt or in stressful situations. Thank you for your generosity! The next Warm Fuzzy drive will be this fall.



NO POTLUCK IN MAY..... On Sunday, May 20, we'll all be lining up at the grills! (Again, this is the third Sunday since the second one is Mother's Day.)

Men of Hope will be cooking out that day so we can eat right after church! Hamburgers and hotdogs and anything else they may think of might be on the as-yet-unannounced menu! This is a "lunch-by-donation" and one of two fund-raisers for the year. Plan to stay after church that Sunday for freshly-cooked burgers and all the trimmings!



A Warm Fuzzy Spring Success!

A total of 238 stuffed animals were collected! 120 of those went to the Highway Patrol and 114 were given to EMSA. A few that were not appropriate for a child under stress were given to Skyline.

It is a wonderful learning and sharing experience for the children in CDO when they get to take the animals on-board the ambulance!

Some people think we seem to collect these a lot but when EMSA and the OHP were told there were more

for them, they were thrilled because they were running low.

The sad side of that thought is there are so many children in stressful or harmful situations where they need the comfort of a new warm fuzzy friend to cuddle and talk to. Your prayers for these children, sent with those stuffed animals, continue to do good!

THANK YOU ALL for your help with this project!

Baskets of Good Works by YOU!



If you have an idea for an **A-OK!** project, contact David Salter. We welcome (and need) ideas for short-term projects that the congregation can participate in easily.



SHAREFEST Workday 8:00 a.m. SATURDAY, April 28. at Winds House. We will be replacing some fencing, painting three bedrooms and doing yard work. Watch the Sunday bulletins or call Kris Howell for more information.

Needs:

- *all kinds of cereal
- *jelly
- corn muffin mix
- pinto beans
- 18 oz. canisters of oatmeal

*desperately!

Thank you!

Helping Hands Food Pantry

Happy Springtime! We have served forty-nine families in the first three months of 2012! Last week we had four new families of six! Thanks especially those who bring items each month. Since we have had more clients than usual (nine on Tuesday), our supplies are quickly depleted. Perhaps you could just bring one or two things if you don't contribute regularly. We have enough paper bags for now. Cereal is something we go through very quickly. Our needs are: cereal of all kinds, jelly, corn muffin mix, pinto beans, 18 oz. oatmeal canisters.

You are fantastic! Thank you so much, Kimberly and Sharia. Please remember to buy family sized packages -- no larger than a two pound bag. We are unable to use bulk items.

A note from Cali



Easter is the holiday that I love the most. I am most humbled by Lent in that Easter

reminds me the sacrifice was for me. I trust that you will take this month to remember the season of Easter. The Christian year actually gives us a season of Easter. It is known as Eastertide. It is the 50 days after Easter Sunday and continues to Pentecost. So we have a lot of time to contemplate the season.

While you think about what Easter means for you, maybe you can find ways to celebrate the Resurrection with a fresh look. God is working every day to call us to Himself. Watch for it! You may be surprised. April brings with it the "ants in the pants" feeling. Spring is here, school is almost out, and we can't wait. Here at New Hope we have many opportunities to celebrate it. This month we will be reaching out to our community with the Block Party on April 21st from 1 until 4 p.m. If you would like to get plugged in, please call me and we will give you a place to use your gifts and have some fun. Keep watching for the dates for our next baseball outing. We will plan it when it will not be so cold. I know we had fun, but I would have rather had the fun without the blanket. There are many opportunities coming; stay tuned!

Chuck & Gayla Simpson
Cliff & Cheryl Lowry
Darrell & Lou Ann Todd
John & Ann Hannah
Rick & Kris Howell
Sherman & Rita Karns
Harley & Mickey Miller



Dave Eck
Brooklyn Whetstone
Brooke Gulvas
Alexandra Howell
Bob Acker
Roni Cook
Jan Voss
Ryleigh McDonald
Jackie Aldridge
Alicie Grant
Caroline Diaz
Jean Hollis
Gayla Simpson
Kimberly Brewer
John Cox
Judy Unsell
Lois Medina
Robin Paul
Vicki Freeman

Cacie Morgan
Conner Holick
Chloe White
Cindy Hill
Sierra Paul
Delaney Sheffield
Robbie Hanlin
Brett Pattillo
Kayleigh Daniels
Meghan Diaz
Richard Foster
Amy Saunders
Yvonne Morgan
Jim Martin
Robert Wakefield
Travis Roark
Gail Holladay
Kari Russell
Debbie McGlohon

See beautiful
azaleas in
Muskogee!



Thursday, April 26 JD will be the driver for the trip to the Azalea Festival sponsored by Young at Heart to the Azalea Festival. This trip is open to anyone who would like to go -- couples or singles. They will be eating lunch at a yet undecided place. (Watch the bulletins for more information.) They plan to leave at 9 a. m. sharp. Contact Vita Crowe or Mickey Miller for information. There will be a sign up sheet on the counter for this trip.

New Hope Youth Garage Sale

We appreciate how busy everyone is, but people have asked what can be done to smooth our garage sale process, especially at the very beginning when you first identify a treasure at home you wish to donate! *Here are some suggestions:*

1) WHEN POSSIBLE, SEPARATE AND LABEL the boxes or bags

"Holiday" items in a box/bag marked "Holiday"

"Toys"

"Housewares" (such as any items for kitchen, bath, office, etc)

"Clothing " you could even separate men's, women's, and children's

"Books, DVDs, tapes, CDs, records" could be in the same box

2) CLOTHING

If possible, please bring clothes on hangers (wire is best)

3) ELECTRICAL ITEMS

If an electrical item works, mark it with tape saying "It Works"

Use tape to secure remote controls, instructions, and other parts to the item

When possible, clean appliances, especially inside microwaves and toasters

Empty vacuum cleaners or remove full bags

4) COMPUTERS

Again, identify whether it works or not

Secure supporting books and disks to a computer

Secure all other parts - mouse, cables, and keyboards together

5) COLLECTIBLES AND TREASURES

Please identify higher value collectibles to make sure we do not miss them

6) LINENS

If possible, mark sheets and bedcovers with sizes - King, Queen, Full, or Twin

Also, please mark your donated rugs with their size - 2 x4, 8x10, etc.

All donations and volunteers* are appreciated!

This year's garage sale will be May 4 - 5, 2012.

***Volunteers for set up the week before are needed!
There will be a sign up sheet out mid-April!**

Wednesday Meals

April 4- baked chicken
April 11 - Spanish spaghetti
April 18 - (last)
baked chicken

WHOLE CHURCH

Noon - April 15
(This is the 3rd Sunday due to Easter being the 2nd Sunday)



New Beginnings is the Sunday School class assigned to help with preparation, serving and clean up. Come share food and fellowship!

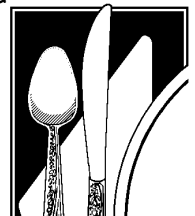


Women's Circle Fundraising projects:

April 1 - Bake sale before and between services on Sunday

April 29 - sale of RADA cutlery before and between services.

These made in the USA and guaranteed items make great gifts so think ahead to Mother's Day or any upcoming presents you may need to buy!



9:45 Sunday School
 "Rock Solid -
 Building a Heart of Faith"

Lessons and scriptures for
 grades pre-K - 5

- April 1 "Hosanna!"
Mark 11: 1- 10
- April 8 "Jesus Lives!"
Luke 24: 1 - 12
- April 15 "Emmaus Road"
Luke 24: 13 - 35
- April 22 "Breakfast on the Beach"
John 21: 1 - 14
- April 29 "The Great Commission"
Matthew 28: 9 - 10; 16 - 20



**Young
 New
 Hope**

**Children in
 Action!**

**Wednesdays
 6:30**

The children have a lesson and the rest of each session will be spent either doing a craft, watching a movie or playing games.

DATES TO KNOW

- April 5 - Maundy Thursday service 7:00. *Be there whenever Donette told you.*
- April 6 - Good Friday
- April 7 - Easter Egg hunt. *Youth be at the church by 10 a.m. to hide eggs for the little ones.*
- April 8 - Easter
- April 15 - Potluck lunch
- April 21 - 1 -4 p.m.

- Neighborhood Block Party
- April 22 - Earth Day
- May 4 - 5 - Garage Sale
- May 6 - Senior Recognition Sunday
- May 13 - Mother's Day
- Registration for TWEENS due
- May 27 - Registration for JEM due
- (This is Memorial Day weekend so you might want to get it in early)



Camp sessions aren't that far in the future!

Garage Sale Set Up -

- May 1 and 2 - 5 - 7 p.m.
- May 3 9:00 a.m. until ???

Sale: May 4 - 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

- May 5 - 8 a. m. - 2 p.m.

Any parent planning to go to camp as a sponsor will need to fill out a form for a background check as part of Safe Sanctuaries.

Check out our YOUTH page on the New Hope web site or ask to be put on our text or Facebook alerts.

CIA

**Operation
 Overboard!**
 Vacation Bible School
 July 16 - 19

**Easter Egg Hunt
 April 7 at 10:30 a.m.**

Children ages 1-10
 Bring your Baskets
 and come to back door
 of Fellowship Hall (gym).



Acolytes	1st Service	2nd Service
April 1	Grace Roark Alyson Roark	Leah Medina Allie Seay
April 8	Anieca Valentour Jake Sherwin	Roni Cook Katie Seay
April 15	Jonathan Eck Noah Paul	Carly Hurt Emma Bruce
April 22	Hayden Hasty Shay Johnson	Jake Anderson Sierra Paul
April 29	Kellie Seay	Alex Stewart

Nursery Volunteers	First Service	Second Service
April 1	NEED Volunteer	Robin Paul
April 8 (Easter -Need extra help)	Beth Brown	Casey Pattillo
April 15	Nellyne Hanlin	Alice Pattillo
April 22	Becca Pappas	Elyse Ellsworth
April 29	Diane Layton	NEED Volunteer for 2nd

Notes: Bring things for Garage Sale!
Plan to help set up the week of the 30th.

On Easter we will have regular 9:45 & 11:00 services.

New Hope in April



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>Bake sale before and after services</p> <p>noon - SPRC meets</p> <p>4:30 - Children, Youth, Companions in Christ</p>	<p>2</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Prayer team</p>	<p>3 6:30 a.m. Buck & a Bible</p> <p>CDO 9-2</p>	<p>4 9-2 CDO</p> <p>5:45 baked chicken</p> <p>6:15- JD's class,</p> <p>6:30 - children & youth</p> <p>6:30 - NHH Band</p> <p>7:00 - choir;</p> <p>Last Lenten class</p>	<p>5 CDO 9-2</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday service</p>	<p>6 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service</p>	<p>7 10:30 a.m.</p>  <p>Egg Hunt</p>
<p>8</p>  <p>Easter</p>	<p>9 10:00 a.m. Prayer team</p> <p>6:30 - Finance, Trustees and Building Committee meet</p>	<p>10 6:30 a.m. Buck & a Bible</p> <p>CDO 9-2</p> <p>1:00-3:00 Pantry open</p> <p>6:30 - Ruth Circle</p>	<p>11 9-2 CDO</p> <p>5:45 _meal - Spanish spaghetti</p> <p>6:15 - JD's class</p> <p>6:30 - youth & children</p> <p>6:30 - NHH Band</p> <p>7:00 - choir</p>	<p>12 9:30 Mary Martha Circle</p>	<p>13</p> <p>wedding rehearsal</p>	<p>14 Morgan wedding</p>
<p>15</p> <p>noon - Potluck lunch</p> <p>4:30 - Children, Youth, Companions in Christ</p>	<p>16 10:00 a.m. Prayer team</p>	<p>17 6:30 a.m. Buck & a Bible</p> <p>9 -2 CDO</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Ruth Circle</p>	<p>18 9-2 CDO</p> <p>5:45 - Last Wednesday meal</p> <p>6:15 - Last JD's class</p> <p>6:30 - children & youth</p> <p>6:30 - NHH Band</p> <p>7:00 - choir</p>	<p>19 CDO 9-2</p> <p>VIM team staying here</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 Neighborhood Block Party - 1 - 4 p.m.</p>
<p>22 Earth Day</p> <p>4:30 - Children, Youth, Companions in Christ</p>	<p>23 10:00 a.m. Prayer team</p>	<p>24 6:30 a.m. Buck & a Bible</p> <p>9-2 - CDO</p> <p>1:00-3:00 Pantry</p>	<p>25 9-2 CDO</p> <p>6:30 - youth & children</p> <p>6:30 - NHH Band</p> <p>7:00 - choir</p>	<p>26 CDO 9-2</p> <p>9 a.m. trip to the azalea festival (sponsored by Young at Heart)</p> <p>See note p. 5</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 Work day at Winds House 8:00 a.m.</p>
<p>29 RADA sale</p> <p>4:30 - Children, Youth, Companions in Christ</p>	<p>30 10:00 a.m. Prayer team</p> <p>5 - 7 set up garage sale</p>	<p>May 1 6:30 a.m. Buck & a Bible</p> <p>9 -2 CDO</p> <p>5 - 7 set up garage sale</p>	<p>May 2 9-2 CDO</p> <p>5 - 7 set up garage sale</p> <p>6:30 - children & youth</p> <p>6:30 - NHH Band</p> <p>7:00 - choir</p>	<p>May 3 National Day of Prayer</p> <p>CDO 9-2</p> <p>9 a.m. - ??? set up for garage sale</p>	<p>May 4 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Garage Sale</p>	<p>May 5 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Garage Sale</p>

May 6 - Senior recognition Sunday // Men of Hope cook-out lunch May 20 (no potluck)



May Mini-Newsletter

The May newsletter will be a bit late so this gives you a head-start on things in May.

Congratulations to our 2012 Graduates! These seniors will be honored on May 6.



May 6 Communion Offering will be a special offering for Annual Conference - *Restore Hope - the Lydia Patterson Food Bank*

May's Sermons:
May 6 - "Advice for Life"
May 13 - "A Story of a Mother's Love"
May 20 - "Everyone Who Calls on the Name of the Lord Shall be Saved"
May 27 - "The Pentecost Experience"



Russell Bertram (Putnam City)
Lauren Brown (Piedmont)
Leslie Coffman (Putnam City)
Elyse Ellsworth (Yukon)
Cody Johnson (Piedmont)
Anna Knight (Deer Creek)
Dustin McClary (Mustang)
Ryleigh McDonald (Bethany Christian Academy)



National Day of Prayer - May 3

Children's Sunday School lesson for May 6: "Peter and John Heal" Scriptures are Acts 3: 1- 10

Mother's Day May 13

"What Does Love Look Like?"



Memorial Day May 28



CHURCH GARAGE SALE

May 4 and 5

Donate items; then come and shop for "new" ones!

There should be a sign-up sheet on the counter in mid-April if you are willing to help set up in the evenings April 30 -May 3.



Children and Youth - in May

registration for these camps are due:

TWEENS (June 4 - 8) -

DUE May 13

JEM (June 18 - 22) -

DUE May 27



Young at Heart will take a trip to *Myriad Gardens* on May 24 (fourth Thursday this month since JD isn't available to drive us the next.) The bus will leave church at 11:00 and we'll return about 4:00. Lunch place has not yet been determined. Be sure to watch for the sign-up sheet on the counter!



Pastoral Partners

(week of)
May 6 Jim Seignious
May 13 Craig Sturniolo
May 20 Denning Crowe
May 27 Jo Martin

Schedule of Events

May 4 - 5 Garage Sale (set up is during the week April 30 - May 3)
May 6 - Graduation Sunday (trustees meet)
May 13 - Mother's Day
May 20- Men of Hope will grill lunch (No potluck in May)
May 24 - Young at Heart trip



MAY 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 10:00 - Prayer team 5 - 7 p.m.- set up for Garage Sale	2 6:30 - Buck & a Bible 9 - 2 - CDO 5 - 7 p.m.- set up for Garage Sale	3 9 - 2 - CDO 6:30 - Band, Youth, Children 7:00 - Choir 5 - 7 p.m.- set up for Garage Sale	4 9 - 2 - CDO 6:30 - Disciple 3 9 a.m. - ?? All Day - set up for Garage Sale	5 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Garage sale	6 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Garage sale
6 Graduation Sunday 4:30 - Youth, Children, last Disciple 2 & Companions in Christ	7 10:00 - Prayer team	8 6:30 - Buck & a Bible 9 - 2 - CDO 1 - 3 - Pantry open 6:30 - Ruth Circle	9 9 - 2 - CDO 6:30 - Band, Youth, Children 7:00 - Choir	10 9 - 2 - CDO 9:30 - Mary Martha Circle 6:30 - LAST Disciple 3	11	12
13 Mother's Day registry deadline for TWEENS 4:30 - Youth, Children	14 10:00 - Prayer team	15 6:30 - Buck & a Bible 9 - 2 - CDO	16 9 - 2 - CDO 6:30 - Band, Youth, Children 7:00 - Choir	17 9 - 2 - CDO	18	19
20 Men of Hope Grill Lunch! 4:30 - Youth, Children,	21 10:00 - Prayer team	22 6:30 - Buck & a Bible 9 - 2 - CDO 1 - 3 - Pantry open	23 9 - 2 - CDO 6:30 - Band, Youth, Children 7:00 - Choir	24 9 - 2 - CDO 11:00 a.m.- Young at Heart go to Myriad Gardens	25	26
27 registry deadline for JEM	28 Memorial Day - Office closed	29 6:30 - Buck & a Bible 10:00 - Prayer team NO CDO this week - it resumes June 5	30 6:30 - Band, Youth, Children 7:00 - Choir	31	June 1	2