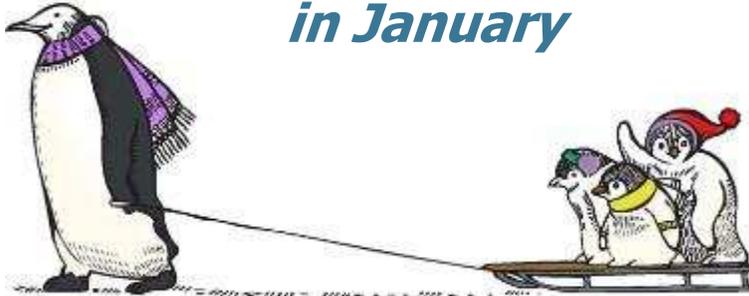




New Hope NEWS in January



Covenant Renewal
Service for the New Year
will be on **January 9**

YOUTH SUNDAY JANUARY 30

Communion Offerings for 2011:

- January: Bishop's Scholarship Fund (This provides scholarships to Oklahoma students at Saint Paul School of Theology at Oklahoma City University as they prepare for ordination.)
- February: "Our" mission trips to Nepal & Nicaragua
- March: One Great Hour of Sharing for UMCOR
- April: Native American Ministries
- May: "Our" mission trips to Nepal and Nicaragua
- June: Skyline Urban Ministries
- July: Prison Ministry/ CJAMM
- August: Providential Fund
- September: Food Pantry Ministry
- October: World Communion Sunday
- November: Food Pantry Ministry
- December: Circle of Care



If you would still like to have a



One Year Bible, you can add your name to the list on the counter. We can order more. They are \$10 each.

On Wednesday January 12 JD will start teaching a 7 -week class centered on "Christianity and World Religions" by Adam Hamilton. It will begin around 6:15, after the mid-week meal.

Welcome to our newest members:

John & Ann Hannah and Don & Suzy Pope became members in December. On January 2 our church family grew more with Lisa McDonald, Amber Jones, Chris, Marcia, Lauren & Nichole Coffman, and Randy, Amy, Emma & Madison Scott joining.



Something new for you musicians in high

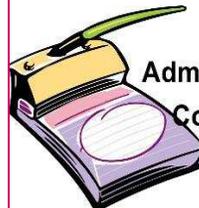
school or older -
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It Depends on Us...

Another year lies before us like an unwritten page, an unspent coin, an unwalked road. How the pages will read, what treasures will be gained in exchange for time, or what we find along the way, will largely depend on us.

Esther Baldwin York



Administrative Council

meets at 2:30 p.m. on January 30.

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Reflections from JD



It is time to say good-bye to 2010. It is time to give thanks for the blessings of the past year and look forward to the opportunities of the New Year. It seems that my resolutions never change. I always need to lose weight and exercise more. However, in doing some Advent reading, I came up with a new resolution. I need to be the definition of a Christian.

Leonard Griffith tells the story of a conversation that the Harvard professor and philosopher Josiah Royce had with a student. In the course of the conversation, the student posed this question, "What is your definition of a Christian?" The philosopher was taken aback by the student's question.

"I do not know how to define a Christian... But wait, there goes Phillips Brooks."

Brooks, who was rector of Holy Trinity Church in Boston, walked past the window at just the right time and helped Royce provide an answer for his student. He was able to point to a renowned preacher and respected role model in providing a definition of a Christian. Royce believed that Brooks was a committed Christian who defined the essence of the faith.

Phillips Brooks was considered one of the greatest preachers of his day, but now we think of him as the one who wrote the words to "O Little Town of Bethlehem." Before he died in 1893, he was chosen as Bishop of Massachusetts for the Episcopalian Church.

Royce was correct in saying that Christianity cannot be defined in words, for it is a living faith. Christianity is defined by those who live it. It is seen in the life of Jesus and Josiah Royce had seen Christianity displayed in the life of Phillips Brooks.

I would imagine that you know some people who define Christianity for you in the way they live and love. Could it be that you will allow others to see the Christian faith embodied in you in the year to come? Let us allow others to experience the light and love of Jesus through us.

The toughest New Year's resolution is to be the definition of a Christian for someone else.

GOOD NEWS! GOOD NEWS! GOOD NEWS!

There is good news on the financial front at New Hope Church! The total given to the Christmas Offering was \$14,623. which will be used to help retire the church debt on the building. Those who gave to this offering are to be commended for their generosity.

The news is also wonderful on the Stewardship Campaign, "Blessed to Give": New Hope Church has been blessed by the giving of the people, with 92% of the budget subscribed through pledges made by members of the church. The total amount pledged was \$401,120.!!

There is great news in the number of people who joined the church in 2010. New Hope UMC received 64 new members with 14 baptisms. The average worship attendance was also up significantly; the highest in several years.

It is wonderful to be a part of a church that is giving and growing. New Hope Church is alive and well as we enter our 50th year of ministry!

Attendance

December

5th - 225

12th - 235

19th - 263

Christmas Eve

315

26th - 196

January

2nd - 238

Pastoral Partners will be available to make visits in homes or hospitals or to pray or talk with anyone who feels a need.

Each week one partner will be on call and the name and number will be listed in *Connections* on Sundays.

Pastoral Partners are:
 Sandi Webster, J.D. Ward,
 Craig Sturniolo, Dale Stanley,
 Jim Seignious, Dave & Donna Reynolds, Curtis Paul, Don Parker, Richard & Lacia Norman, Kathleen McTommonney, Mary McQueen, Jo Martin, Denning & Vita Crowe and Kimberly Brewer.



Leadership Workshop - Saturday, January 15 at St. Luke's in OKC.



Helping Hands Pantry

Our Food Pantry!

Kimberly Brewer

We are beginning the New Year with a clean slate. Due to the high donations at the end of last year we are only asking for a few items at this time: children's cereals and others like Chex, Raisin Bran and Cheerios, canned chicken and salmon,

macaroni & cheese, chicken- or beef-flavored Ramen noodles.

Congratulations, New Hope Church Family! Your food pantry served 137 families in the surrounding community this year!

It could not be done without your year-long continuous support. Some donors who were consistent and made themselves known to the pantry committee were: Boy Scouts, Diane Layton's coupon ministry, Cliff & Cheryl Lowry, Jo & Jim Martin, Jim Seignious, Sol Amor Hospice, Dave & Donna Reynolds, Wanda Urban, New Hope Children and Youth, the 2- and 3-year olds SS class and adult SS classes.

Your generosity and continuous support is very much appreciated.

What's Your Mission in 2011?

Bill & Yvonne Morgan will be part of a VIM team traveling to La Paz, Bolivia on January 27th and returning February 1st. During this trip they will be working with the Hotel John Wesley that was recently purchased by the Methodist Church in Bolivia.

They will consult with the hotel on best business practices and repairs/upgrades that could improve the hotel for the church's use. Please keep them in your prayers during these travels.

Our plans are coming together for our trip to Nepal. So far, we have about ten people who are planning on going on this trip and we hope to encourage a few more to go with us. The dates will be September 1- 10, 2011 and the cost will be about \$2500.00 per person for everything. We will do some fund-raising projects to help offset the cost. While we are in Nepal, we will do a VBS in a rural community outside Kathmandu. The children from our orphanage will attend and we hope to have some children join us from the community. We do not know how many will come so it will be a great opportunity to see God's Hand at work. Our next training session is January 23 at 4:00 p.m. at New Hope. It is not too late to join us so if you are interested, please come to the meeting!

Yvonne Morgan

Another fresh new year is here . . .
 Another year to live!
 To banish worry, doubt, and fear,
 To love and laugh and give!
 This bright new year is given me
 To live each day with zest . . .
 To daily grow and try to be
 My highest and my best!
 I have the opportunity
 Once more to right some wrongs,
 To pray for peace, to plant a tree,
 And sing more joyful songs

Whistle While You Work!

This Saturday, January 8 at 2:00 we will "undecorate" the church and put away Christmas items. Please come and help! The big tree is already down. Although it is work, it's also a great time to visit with those you don't see often if you attend opposite service times.

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Mission Dinner Yvonne Morgan

On March 5 at 5:00 p.m. we will have a fund-raising dinner for the trips to Nepal and Nicaragua. Tickets will be purchased for this dinner and tables will be set up by country.

The food you are served will be determined by what country's table you are seated. Some tables might represent countries in Africa and those might get little or no food and there would not be utensils. Others might represent America and there would be lots of food with forks and knives.

During the evening people participating in one of the trips will do some short presentations on why they want to go on mission.

Pictures and decorations will be used to show life in Nepal and Nicaragua. It will be a fun evening and will teach about missions. Donations will also be collected at the event for those who want to give more than just the ticket amount.

When the mission dates are closer, we will collect needed items for the trip so people can donate those. Yvonne Morgan or Lori Foster can give you more details.

Remember the on-going collection of old eye-glasses and cases! These are used in various ways so bring them in any time and put them in the brown container on the counter.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Harrison Hutchins
 Marc Lau
 Sherman Karns
 Deanie Palfrey
 Wanda Urban
 Karrie Ward
 Lou Anne Todd
 Ashley McGuire
 Lee Ann Towell
 Chris Coffman
 John Russell
 Rita Karns
 Wiley Krout
 Jo Martin
 Mary McQueen
 Tammy Valentour
 Jakob Dickerson
 Elyse Ellsworth
 Carmene Redus

Camden Wetzel
 Chesney Whetstone
 Kenneth Attebery
 Delores Cherry
 Patti Haught
 Bill Holloway
 Jana Raska
 Justice Saunders
 Britt Sutton Stanley
 Eileen Mallinckrodt
 LaVeda Featherstone
 Angela Stogsdill
 Cynthia Brown
 Carly Hurt
 Bill Morgan
 Ethan Featherstone
 Sandi Webster
 Kris Howell
 Seger Shore

January



Birthdays & Anniversaries

2011 sign-up sheets for altar flowers and the display case are on the bulletin board outside the youth room. We would especially love to see different things in the display case!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Don & Pat Mize
 Jose & Leola Medina
 Robert & Maudean Wakefield
 Bill & Jackie Holloway (good planning, Bill)
 Danny & Pam Goodman
 Brett & Alice Pattillo

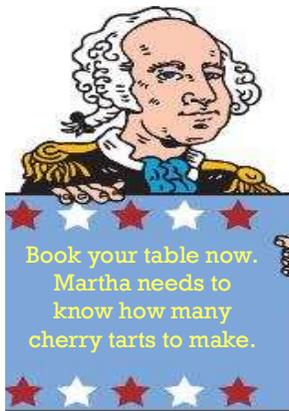


Second Friday(s)

Rock 'n Roll Jam Session

Starting January 14th
7 - 10 p.m.

Everyone *high school age and above* who plays an instrument is invited to jam with other musicians on the second Friday night of the month. Get a chance to play with different musicians and hone your skills with rock and roll. Call Don Brewer for more information at 728-9029.



February 19 Dinner!

The first event in our celebration of 50 years in ministry is the George and Martha Washington Dinner on Saturday, February 19th at 6 p.m.

This was an early tradition in the life of our church.

There is no set charge for the meal but donations are encouraged. Reservations are required so they know how many to expect. There are sign up sheets on the counter or in the office.

Another New Hope

member has gone ahead: Jean Callaway died on December 29. Services were January 4. Our sympathies and prayers go to all who loved Jean. She will be missed at New Hope.



If you are willing to help in the nursery, please go by and talk to Stephanie on Sunday or e-mail her at nursery321@gmail.com. Also.....a very big favor to her personally as a new Christian would be any time someone would volunteer as an "extra" person so she could leave the nursery and attend worship service. She would enjoy second service but would love to be able to go anytime!

Fellowship Opportunities

Women's Ministries: Mary Martha Circle
Second Thursday each month - 9:30 a.m.

Ruth Circle Second Tuesday each month - 6:30 p.m.

Men's Groups Buck and a Bible - Each Tuesday 6:30 a.m. at the church

Men of Hope - Third Sunday morning at 8:15 a.m.

Men and Women -Young at Heart - 11:30 a.m. the last Thursday of each month.

Men of Hope's Spaghetti Lunch fundraiser: Sunday, FEBRUARY 20.

Wouldn't it be nice to have really NEWSY things in the newsletter?

It can't be done without your help and, honestly, in this new year, I'm going to stop cajoling, phoning, e-mailing or gleaning for information. Attempts last year at getting people to put in Praiselines (good things that happened to them) failed after only a few folks gave them.

We need to let people know more about our church since the newsletter is on the website and available to anyone to read now! They may be "church shopping." Rather than just listing groups or classes, it would be nice to tell more about what's happening with our adults. Donette puts together a whole separate newsletter for the Youth and posts it on the web site.

Won't you consider e-mailing notes about projects or what's going on in your group or what your particular Sunday School class will be studying in future months? (Also a good way to get people interested in attending Sunday School rather than leaving after worship!)

Just e-mail it to Kaye@newhopeokc.org or bring a written piece by the office by the 20th of the month before you want it in the newsletter.

Don't worry about spelling or format; those can be edited.

Thank you! Kaye

NEW HOPE KIDS!



YOUTH SUNDAY! JANUARY 30

Confirmation Classes will “kick-off” at Canyon Camp next month, February 25-26.

Confirmation Classes are open to anyone currently in the 6th grade or above. They will meet on Sunday evenings at 6:00 p.m. Please notify Donette if interested!

9:45 Sunday School

- January 2 - The Two Houses
Matthew 7: 24 - 29
- January 9 - The Mustard Seed
Matthew 13: 1 - 9 ; 18 - 23
- January 16 The Unforgiving Servant
Matthew 18: 21-35
- January 23 The Lost Sheep
Luke 15: 1-10
- January 30 The Forgiving Father
Luke 15: 11 - 32

KIDSOWNWORSHIP 11:00

Wednesday Nights at 6:30

Bible Max:

- January 12 Why do bad things happen?
- January 19 Who is the Holy Spirit?
- January 26 Fourth Wednesday is birthday and movie night



YOUTH NEWS:

Youth helping with Communion in January will be Leslie Coffman, Lois Medina and Hunter Porter.

Youth Parents' meeting will be Sunday, January 9, right after second service. Go fill your plate at potluck and come to the adult Sunday School rooms.

Youth attend RISE Worship Service at Cross Timber Church in Moore this Sunday, January 9. They leave church at 3:00 and will return about 7:00. Each person will need to bring \$5.00 for pizza and drinks.

Sunday January 16 is the deadline to sign up for the Barons' Game on January 28.

Some of the Youth will attend “The Miracle Worker” on January 19. Thanks to our benefactor who provided tickets!

<u>Acolyte Schedule</u>	<u>First Service</u>	<u>Second Service</u>
Sunday 1	Kellie Seay Noah Paul	Payton Ellsworth Leah Medina
Sunday 2	Allie Seay Jake Sherwin	Katie Seay Roni Cook
Sunday 3	Emma Bruce Jonathan Eck	Benjamin Eck Carly Hurt
Sunday 4	Josie Anderson Shay Johnson	Sierra Paul Anieca Valentour
Sunday 5	Alex Stewart	Rickie Cook



First Sunday:
9:45 NEED VOLUNTEER
11:00 Robin Paul

Second Sunday:
9:45 Diane Layton
11:00 Casey Pattillo

Nursery Attendants

Third Sunday:
9:45 Nellyne Hanlin 11:00 Alice Pattillo

Fourth Sunday
9:45 Becca Pappas 11:00 Elyse Ellsworth



January 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8 2 p.m. - Take down Christmas decorations
9 <i>Covenant Renewal</i> Noon - Potluck lunch, Trustees meet 3:00 Youth leave for RISE 4:45 Disciple I & Christian Believer 7:00 Men's BBall	10 10:00 - Prayer Team	11 6:30 a.m. Buck & a Bible 9 - 2 CDO 1 - 3 Pantry Open 6:30 p.m. Ruth Circle	12 9 - 2 CDO 5:45 - Midweek meal - Spanish spaghetti 6:15 - JD's class 6:30 - Youth, Children and Band 7:00 - Choir	13 9 - 2 - CDO 9:30 a.m. - Mary Martha Circle 6:30 - Disciple II	14 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. - Jam Session (high school & above)	15 OKC Local Church Leadership Conference at St. Luke's
16 8:15 Men of Hope 4:45 Disciple I & Christian Believer 5:00 - Youth (deadline to register to go to Barons game) 7:00 Men's BBall	17 Office CLOSED	18 6:30 a.m. Buck & a Bible 9 - 2 CDO 10:00 - Prayer Team	19 9 - 2 CDO 5:45 - Midweek meal - baked chicken 6:15 - JD's class Youth go to Miracle Worker 6:30 - Children and Band 7:00 - Choir	20 9 - 2 - CDO 6:30 - Disciple II	21	22
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