

July

New Hope News



Pulpit schedule

July 1 - "We Will Be Exalted - - If!"
 July 8 - "What Counts with God?"



July 15 - "Living Life; Loving God"
Cali Eck preaching
 July 22 - "Caring for Our Kids"
 July 29 - *Claudia Lovelace from Skyline Urban Ministries speaking*

Irene Krout became a member in June. She and her family have long been a part of the New Hope family so we are thrilled to have her on the official roll!

New Hope's 6th Annual Free Health Fair - - August 18
 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Free immunizations, health screenings, children's fingerprinting, nutritional, health, fitness and wellness information and fun activities for everyone! A healthy lunch will be available. (more on page 3)

Vacation Bible School

July 16-19 9 a.m. until noon
 children ages four through fifth grade

Activities include: Music, Stories, Crafts, Science, Devotionals, Games, Friends.

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*"Then join hand in hand, brave Americans all!
 By uniting we stand, by dividing we fall."
 John Dickinson*

A Report from Annual Conference

by Lacia Norman

The Annual Conference of the Oklahoma United Methodist Church was held in Tulsa, on May 27-30, 2012, primarily at Boston Avenue United Methodist Church with luncheons and some meetings being held at First United Methodist Church of Tulsa. The theme of the Conference was "Celebrate the Plan." Each church is encouraged to follow a defined plan for joining God's Mission by participating in all the ministries of the Annual Conference. Each area of ministry shared celebrations of their ministry through "words and videos." The video reports helped keep the conference on time and we were blessed as we saw reports that were humorous, informational, entertaining, and inspirational!

As your Lay Delegate I listened to or watched some 50 plus reports. I was inspired by great music, participated in spirit-lead worship services, witnessed a service honoring those who passed away this last year, the service of retiring clergy, a service of Commissioning and Ordination of clergy, and I was blessed to witness Bishop Hayes, on his knees, washing each ordained person's feet, then handing them the towel in which he dried their feet.

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New Hope United Methodist Church

Two Sunday Services:
 9:45 - traditional 11:00 - contemporary
 Sunday School classes for all

11600 N. Council Road,
 Oklahoma City, OK 73162
 405-721-5015

Check our Web Site at
www.newhopeokc.org

June Attendance:
 June 3 - 264
 June 10 - 244
 June 17 - 233
 June 24 - 217

"The person who tries to live alone will not succeed as a human being. His heart withers if it does not answer another heart. His mind shrinks away if he hears only the echoes of his own thoughts and finds no other inspiration.."
 - Pearl S. Buck, author

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Reflections from JD

Well, it is officially summertime and the living is supposedly easy. I think that the people of Colorado who are dealing with wildfires would dispute that, as would Oklahomans who are dealing with temperatures in the 100s.

Summertime is a busy time for the folks at New Hope UMC. There are camps on the schedule, as well as Vacation Bible School, two Volunteer in Mission trips, Youth Force, and the Health Fair in August. In addition to that, the Campaign Leadership Team is preparing for the fall stewardship campaign, Growing Together for the Glory of God. Of course, the pastor is working on sermons from Proverbs and preparing a study series on Rueben Job's book, *Three Simple Questions*. This study will be offered at the Good Samaritan United Methodist Church in Managua Nicaragua in the month of July.

The Christian life is indeed the busy life and a healthy church is a busy church. The Apostle Paul wrote to the Christians in Thessalonica many centuries ago and advised them that it was unwise to sit around and wait for Jesus to return. God intended for them to keep busy and active. Paul challenged them with these words, "Brothers and sister, do not be weary in doing what is right." (2 Thessalonians 3:13)

Paul's challenge reminded me of the old, old hymn that was written by Elizabeth Mills in the 19th century. I used to sing these words as a boy at First Baptist Church in Krebs, Oklahoma.

"We'll Work Till Jesus Comes"

*O land of rest, for thee I sigh!
When will the moment come
When I shall lay my armor by
And dwell in peace at home?*

*We'll work till Jesus comes,
We'll work till Jesus comes,
We'll work till Jesus comes,
And we'll be gathered home.*

This doesn't mean that we should feel guilty for taking vacations and opportunities for rest and leisure. What it does mean is that God's people are called to be busy. After all, we are people who are on a mission from God!

Building Campaign Leadership Team

These people will be working hard in the coming months!

Administrative Leader: Mary Seay

Advance Commitment Leaders: Bob & Margaret Mills and
Richard & Larcia Norman

All Church Event Leaders: Jeremy & Les Basset and
Rick & Kris Howell

Bridge Leader: Tim Gosdin

Call Leaders: Amy Aita, Teresa Coffman, Randy & Rhonda McGuire, Dave & Donna Reynolds

Children's Leader: Vickie Lacy

Prayer Leaders: Harold & Cindy Brown, Kathy McTommonney,
Bill & Yvonne Morgan, Norene Valentour

Print Leaders; Craig & Susan Sturniolo

Program Leaders: Rick Ernest and John Wakefield

Small Group Leader: Cali Eck

Student Leaders: Perry & Donette Johnson

Visual Leaders: Lori Foster and Luisa Medina

Web Leader: JD Ward



- Myrtle Reed, American writer

"If we all tried to make other people's paths easy, our own feet would have a smooth, even place to walk on."

A Mission Trip Note from Lori Foster

Prayers needed! Please join us in prayer for our two VIM teams going to serve in Managua Nicaragua July 23 to July 30 and July 30 to August 6. The first week is a construction project and the second is a sewing project. Of the 26 member team New Hope has 13 members going this year! WOW!!! JD Ward, Tim Gosdin, Sam Gosdin, Richard & Lori Foster, Richard & Larcia Norman, Luisa Medina, Lauren Coffman, Samantha Howell, Teranne Williams and Vickie & John Lacy.

A BIG gigantic huge word of thanks to the Men of Hope, the members of New Hope UMC and many others for the help with Pancake breakfast. It was a lot of fun and help to raise some very important dollars to help out with our brothers and sisters in Christ in Nicaragua. Plans are underway for a return visit back to Nicaragua in 2013 to continue the relationship and strengthen the ties that bind our hearts together.



Reaching Out

A-OK! July project

OKC Regional Food Bank.

New Hope folks will work at the food bank on July 21 from 1 until 4 p.m. We've committed to bring 30 volunteers and there's a sign up sheet on the counter. A volunteer information sheet should be signed and a parental form must be signed for minors. These will be on the counter but may also be filled out on the 21st.

If people want to carpool, we will leave New Hope about 12:15 that Saturday.

This is a great chance for families to work together since those ages 9 and above can stock shelves.

More information is on the counter in the Gathering Area.



On Saturday, August 18 New Hope Church presents the 6th annual Strong & Healthy Oklahoma FREE HEALTH FAIR - 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Free Health Screenings by Lion's Mobile Health Unit for: Glaucoma Visual Acuity Cholesterol High Blood Pressure Basic Lung Functioning Bone Density Free Immunizations for children by the BCBS Caring Van in cooperation with the Oklahoma City County Health Department. Free Health Test Reviews Free Hearing tests

Over forty health associations and organizations will be providing Nutritional, Health, Aging, Fitness, Wellness and Vision Rehabilitation Information. *Several new organizations will be participating this year and we hope to bring even more services by the time August 18 gets here!*

BRING THE FAMILY ON August 18 Free Immunizations, Health Screenings, Children's Fingerprinting, Nutritional, Health, Fitness & Wellness Information & Fun Activities for Everyone!



A Card Was Received from Winds House

Thank You!



"All of you have been so nice in such a thoughtful way. It's hard to find a way to thank each one of you today...."

But hopefully, this special card will show, at least in part, the many warm and grateful thoughts this brings straight from the heart."

Helping Hands



We have helped 83 families so far this year! Ten clients came last Tuesday so that was a very busy day!

Your generosity with donations of food this past month were greatly appreciated. Things needed to restock our shelves now are chunky soups, canned peas and baked beans, canned fruit cocktail and mandarin oranges, spaghetti sauce and noodles.

Thank you for your much-needed and faithful help! Sharia and Kimberly

"We love New Hope! Thank you for all you do for The Winds House and for the prayers!" Connie Beaver, director.

"Thank you New Hope! We are ever indebted to you." G.G

"Thank you for your support." DJ

"Thanks for your hard work!" G.D

"Thank you!" C "Thanks!" FN

"Thanks for your continued support and assistance" PB

Hello, I trust your summer has been great so far. I know it sure goes by fast as I am already looking at schedules for the Fall. I would like for you to think with me a little.

Have you ever fallen in love? Do you remember how that felt? You can't wait to talk to them or see them. You think about them all the time. You want to find ways to show them how much you care. Your love grows the more time you spend with that person. You find that they become a part of who you are.

Christian Discipleship is a relationship with Jesus Christ and is very much like the relationship we have with the one we fall in love with. It is a choice. When you accept Jesus' saving grace and choose to walk with Christ (John 15: 14-17), it is a matter of heart and life.

I want to encourage you to rekindle the flame of your relationship with Christ, or if you still have the fire, I want to challenge you to go deeper. In the early days of Methodism John Wesley encouraged and expected those who chose to be Methodist to make discipleship an everyday part of life. I encourage you to do the same. Over the next couple of months we will be showing you what we are doing here at New Hope that will give you opportunity to grow in your relationship with Jesus and witness God's unfailing grace for yourself.

In the fall we will offer a class called *Christian Believer*. It is a part of the Disciple series but is 30 weeks and it goes a little deeper in helping the participant to understand the basic doctrines of the church and encourages the believer to live out the faith so it is more than head knowledge. It becomes heart knowledge as well. We are challenged in our membership vows to do all we can to increase the faith of those joining. This is one opportunity to do that.

Let's take up that challenge and recognize that we do not live this faith alone. As a part of the body of Christ we are responsible for one another. Ephesians 4: 12-13 reminds us that we are to be "building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ." So, come and be nurtured. Let us grow together for the glory of God.

Annual Conference

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Our teaching moment for this year was led by Bob Blackburn, Executive Director of the Oklahoma Historical Society. He led us through early years of history in Oklahoma.



The report on Vital Congregations gave us charts on Worship, Evangelism, Spiritual Formation, Mission, and Stewardship. These five areas are the benchmark to measure our church.

During the year three new churches were planted. Even though there was very little voting this year we did vote to close five churches and a new area was established to connect the local church to God's Mission in the world. The name of this new area of ministry is "The Office of Mission" which will be led by Rev. Jeremy Basset as the Director.

The Volunteers In Mission (VIM) office through its Disaster Response Ministry collected over 1,000 disaster relief kits for UMCOR during the conference. The kits included school kits, health kits, cleaning buckets, birthing kits, and donations to help ship the kits from the UMCOR Sager Brown Depot to those in need. There were service projects available each day during the two-hour lunch break for laity and clergy to participate. It was a very full three days ending with the announcement of new appointments for the 2013 year. Yes, we have Dr. J.D. Ward reappointed to New Hope!

I laughed loudly with others when a song written and dedicated to our Bishop, was played by one of the District Superintendents. The song was entitled, "I've Been in Every Church" and scored to the music of, "I've Been Everywhere." Our Bishop has traveled extensively throughout our Annual Conference and has had many interesting events along the road to share.

My two favorite quotes of this conference were, "Be transformed by the re-creating of your own mind," and "If you sit long enough in a barber shop, you will get your hair cut."

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as the representative of New Hope UMC!

Lacricia Norman

Anniversaries

Jason & Jacque Bruce
 Bill & Yvonne Morgan
 David & Cali Eck
 David & Tammy Darter
 Curtis & Robin Paul
 Marc & Melissa Lau
 Ken & Kristin Attebery
 Eddie & Sharon Hays



Les' List

Les needs to borrow some items for **Operation Overboard** (VBS) story times.

If you have any of these that could be used the week of July 16-19, please let her or Vickie Lacy know.

wetsuit	flippers
buoy	life vest
life ring	floaties
small boat	fishing pole
anchor	

They also need
blue sheets, a fishing net, inexpensive snorkel & mask.

Thank you to all the adults who will be helping with VBS, whether it's teaching, helping or furnishing craft supplies or snacks. Without you we wouldn't be able to have a successful week for the children!

If your neighborhood association has a newsletter or e-mail contacts, please fill out one of the slips on the counter and return it to Sharia Cleburn or the office so that information can be sent out about the Health Fair on August 18.



*If any of these are wrong or you have been omitted from any month, please tell Judy in the office on Mondays or e-mail her:
 Judy@newhopeokc.org.
 We don't mean to miss celebrations!*



Other craft needs:

*cotton balls
 coffee filters
 streamers
 food coloring
 small paper cups
 acrylic paints
 small brushes
 permanent markers
 (cheap):
 shaving cream,
 aluminum foil,
 waxed paper
 (for rainsticks):
 bags of white rice
 sunflower seeds
 in the shell*

**All - church
 POTLUCK July 8th
 Open Forum
 is the class assigned
 to help with serving
 and cleaning**



Birthdays

Freda Danley
 Jackie Holloway
 Jason Bruce
 Teresa Coffman
 Jake Anderson
 Nancy Beale
 John Lacy
 Randy McGuire
 Vangie Smith
 Denice Ferrell
 Diana Acker
 Art McPheeters
 Rex Andis

Anna Knight
 Bob Mills
 J D Ward
 Shirley McIlroy
 Cali Eck
 Doyle Kelley
 Craig Sturniolo
 Richard Ferrell
 Dustin McClary
 Frank Hill
 Marsha Finch
 Nellyne Hanlin
 Cliff Lowry

Nancy McClure
 Jim Simkins
 Richard Brown
 Tristan Todd
 Sharia Cleburn
 Zach Van Sickle
 Rick Ernest
 Jim Coffman
 Cameron Wetzell
 Rose Mary Lakin
 Dillard Moore
 Ann Hannah
 Lavonne Hatfield
 George Mallinckrodt



Disciple and Christian Believer Study Classes

This year Disciple 1 will be taught by Lori Foster and Christian Believer will be led by Cali Eck. A teacher has not been found for Disciple IV. Sign up sheets will be on the counter mid-July. These longer classes' meeting times correspond closely with the school year. They begin August 19.

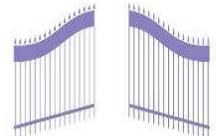


**Family Life -
 Pool Party
 next month!**

August 4 from 10 a.m. until noon.
 Mark your calendars and watch for details on counter and in bulletins.



Dear New Hope,
 We want to sincerely thank our church family for the cards, prayers, concern, love and support shown during the illness and death of Jim's mother, Johne Morgan. We are truly blessed to have such wonderful friends. God bless each of you, Jim and Sandi Morgan



WELCOMED HOME

Recently two New Hope members have gone on ahead.

A memorial service for **Sherman Karns** was held June 16. Our sympathy, support and love go to Rita and Sherman's family and many friends.

Word was received that **Elmer Meyer** passed away in May. Condolences and comfort are extended to his family.

Sunday School 9:45 a. m.

**KidsOwn Worship
Sundays at 11:00 a.m.**

Young New Hope

**Youth Meeting Times:
Sundays 9:45 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday evenings 6:30**

July's Lessons - Stories of God's People

All Grades

- July 1 - "Gideon"
Judges 6: 2-6, 11-16, 36-40
- July 8 - "Ruth"
The Book of Ruth
- July 15 - "Josiah, the King"
2 Kings 22-23, Deuteronomy 5: 7-21a
- July 22 - "Esther"
Esther 1 - 8
- July 29 - "Jonah and the Big Fish"
Jonah 1: 1 through 3:3, 10

**July 1-Youth Force
payment due**

**July 8 - Youth Force
Commissioning;
Youth Council
meets at 4:00.**

July 9 - 13 - District Camp

July 16 - 19 VBS

**July 22 - 8:30 a.m. leave for Youth Force
at Okmulgee until 27th**



**Some-
thing
New
This
Fall**

Nursery Volunteers:

- July 1 - 9:45 Lisa Brimacombe
- 11:00 Robin Paul
- July 8 - 9:45 Beth Brown
- 11:00 Casey Pattillo
- July 15 - 9:45 Nellyne Hanlin
- 11:00 Alice Pattillo
- July 22 - 9:45 Becca Pappas
- 11:00 **NEED VOLUNTEER**
- July 29 9:45 Diane Layton
- 11:00 **NEED VOLUNTEER**

Sunday Children's Moment

Cindy Brown will present the children's program in Sanctuary services this month.

Do you arrive early on Sunday mornings?

Someone is needed to help in the nursery from 8:50 until 9:30 during practice for praise team. If you can help, please tell Stephanie in the nursery or Vickie Lacy.

Thanks!

VBS daily colors
(if you have a shirt that color;
don't worry if you don't!)
Monday - yellow
Tuesday - red
Wednesday - green
Thursday -blue



- July 1 - 9:45 Shay Johnson
- 11:00 Leah Medina
- July 8 - 9:45 Jake Sherwin
- Anieca Valentour
- 11:00 Katie Seay
- Allie Seay
- July 15 - 9:45 Sam Gosdin
- Noah Paul
- 11:00 Shay Johnson
- Emma Bruce
- July 22 - 9:45 Hayden Hasty
- Jonathan Eck
- 11:00 Anieca Valentour
- Sierra Paul
- July 29 - 9:45 Kellie Seay
- 11:00 Jake Anderson
- Payton Ellsworth

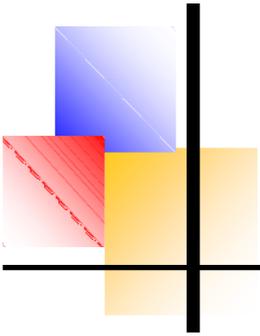


Items still needed for our craft sessions (and story time) are listed on page 5. Thank you!



*Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore,
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed, to me:
I lift my lamp beside the golden door.*

- Emma Lazarus, American poet:
inscription on the Statue of Liberty, New York



JULY



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 4:30 - Youth	2 10:00 a.m. Prayer team	3 9 - 2 - CDO	4  Office Closed NO CDO	5 NO CDO	6	7
8 noon - Potluck lunch 4:00 - Youth Council 4:30 - Youth	9 10:00 a.m. Prayer team 12:30 - bus leaves for District Camp	10 9 - 2 - CDO 1 - 3 - Pantry Open 6:30 - Ruth Circle	11 9 - 2 - CDO 6:30 - Youth 6:30 - children 6:30 - Praise Team Choir is on break through July	12 9 - 2 - CDO 9:30 - Mary Martha Circle	13	14
15 8:15 a.m. - Men of Hope Cali Eck preaches in both services today 4:00 - Health Fair Committee meets 4:30 - Youth	16 9 - noon - VBS 10:00 a.m. Prayer team	17 9 - noon - VBS 9 - 2 - CDO	18 9 - noon - VBS 9 - 2 - CDO 6:30 - Youth 6:30 - children	19 9 - noon - VBS 9 - 2 - CDO	20	21 1 - 4 work at Regional Food Bank (sign up sheet on counter)
22 8:30 a.m. - bus leaves for Youth Force at Okmulgee through the 27th	23 10:00 a.m. Prayer team	24 9 - 2 - CDO 1 - 3 - Pantry Open	25 9 - 2 - CDO 6:30 - Youth 6:30 - children 6:30 - Praise Team	26 9 - 2 - CDO 11:30 - Young at Heart potluck lunch and speaker Robin Wertz from Exodus House	27 Family Gathering Camp	28
29 Claudia Lovelace from Skyline Urban Ministry will bring a message in each service today. 4:30 - Youth	30 10:00 a.m. Prayer team	31 9 - 2 - CDO 7:00 - Leadership Committee	August 1 9 - 2 - CDO 6:30 - Youth 6:30 - children 6:30 - Praise Team	2 9 - 2 - CDO	3	4 Family Life Pool Party 10 until noon

Anticipating August: 4th Family Life pool party 10 a.m. until noon - information will be on counter soon;
 5th - Ministry Fair Sunday morn; 6th - Children's families pool party; 7th - Buck & a Bible resumes (Tuesdays at 6:30 a.m.); 9th - Mary Martha Circle at 9:30 a.m. 10th - Ice Cream and Bingo 7 - 9 p.m. 11th - St. Yootz Day; 12th - Potluck at noon; 14th - Ruth Circle; 15th - Choir Resumes; 18th - Health Fair; 19th - Disciple & Christian Believer Classes begin at 4:30; Oozefest for Youth; 26th - Pizza with the Pastor for new or potential members;
Schools resume in August: OKC - 1st; Deer Creek - 14th; Mustang, Yukon, Piedmont - 16th PC, Edmond - 17th