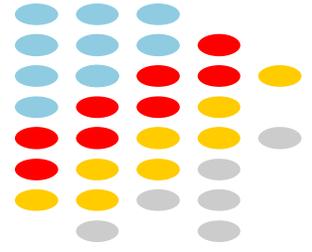


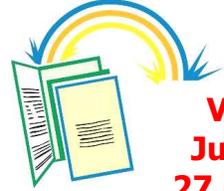
NEW NEWS in JUNE

Patience and Prayers!

Thank you for patience as we continue remodeling in our 50th year. The sanctuary will soon be painted and new carpet installed. Since everything has to be removed, worship services will be held in the gym on Sundays, June 12 and June 19. We will have a



simpler service using hymnals or song sheets rather than various media. Perhaps "going back" to the way services used to be is appropriate to mark this half century and also allows concentration on the true meaning of worship. We appreciate you being flexible and working around inconveniences as work continues.



**VBS
June
27 - 30**

The theme of this year's VBS is "Hometown Nazareth" - *Where Jesus was a Kid.* Please see pages 4 & 5.



**Welcome to our
New Church
Family Members:
Terry & Jane Swart**

A Goal Reached!!

Please join us in congratulating Richard Norman as he was ordained a Deacon in Full Connection with the United Methodist Church. He and Lacreia are members of the New Hope Family. Thanks to her for this article.

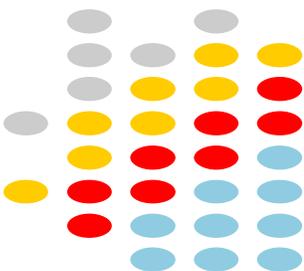
"In 1998 Richard had some major health problems and came close to losing his life. Like most people who live through similar situations, many times we have a change of priorities and direction in our lives. We are drawn closer to our creator for a variety of reasons, many unknown to us. Richard's new journey began in 2000 with his first exposure to Volunteers in mission (VIM) during his first mission to Armenia, Columbia, South America.

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**youth
mission trip**

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Our 5th Annual Health Fair is August 27

Although that sounds like a long time away, there's much planning to do for this event that serves our community and always receives high praise. More news will be coming in future Sunday *Connections* and the July newsletter.

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Prayers for safe travels go with all of you venturing elsewhere this summer!

In recent months I have offered prayers for rain to end a terrible drought. My prayers have certainly been answered, for in recent days the rain has come pouring down on my Piedmont homestead. Of course some of the rain came wrapped around a destructive tornado that destroyed property and ended lives. I think of the old saying, "be careful what you pray for, you might get it."

On Tuesday afternoon, May 24, Karrie and I left the church to drive south and east, away from this terrible storm. We had not gone far when the radio reported that there was damage north of our house.

I decided that the storm had passed over us and that we needed to get home to check on our dog and see if our home was still standing.

As we drove home, I did not know what we would find. What we found was a home that was intact and a dog that was happy to see us. What we heard was the rumble of thunder and the sirens of emergency vehicles responding to lives that had been plunged into chaos.

I am grateful for my home and the safety of my family. Some of our family took shelter from the storm that threatened the Bridge Creek and Newcastle areas. However, I have not uttered the words, "Thank you, God, that our home was spared." I cannot say these words when there are others who have lost their homes and who mourn the loss of loved ones.

Violent storms are a part of life in this world. In his book, When Bad Things Happen to Good People, Rabbi Harold Kushner says that he had a conversation with an accomplished physicist who explained the second law of thermodynamics or the law of entropy. It was his belief that the world was changing in the direction of more randomness.

His illustration of this was a jar full of marbles carefully arranged by size and color. If the jar is shaken repeatedly, the arrangement of marbles will become random. The marbles will no longer be neat and orderly. The possibility of randomness explains a picture I saw on CNN of two houses in Joplin, Missouri. Next door to a house that was not damaged was a house that was destroyed.

I do not believe that destructive storms are sent by God, nor the path of these storms directed by God. Many things in the natural world are random, because that is a part of the natural order of things. I do not understand this, but I accept it. Some of the bad things that happen to good people just happen and cannot be explained. When these things happen, it is important that other good people pray for them and help them. It is God's will that we respond to tragic events with acts of kindness that comfort, heal and restore.



Richard Norman (continued from page 1)

In 2003 Richard began the candidacy process for ordination. In 2004 he sold his business of twenty years and took a position with VIM as a coordinator. He enrolled in classes at Oklahoma City University in conjunction with Phillips Theological Seminary with the goal of becoming an ordained deacon.

A native of Fargo, Oklahoma, Richard had already earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Radio, Television, Film Sales and Management from Oklahoma State University. He has extensive business experience as well as a broad familiarity with church affairs. Richard received certification in Church Communications.

He was commissioned in May, 2008 and began three years of provisional membership in the Oklahoma Annual conference. He presently serves as the Associate Director of VIM and Annual Conference Disaster Response Coordinator through an appointment at the Oklahoma United Methodist Conference."

Another item about Richard is on page 3.



Congratulations to the following people who recently completed the 34-week Disciple I course:

Patti Hought, Cliff Lowry, Shirley McIlroy, Harley & Mickey Miller, Elaine Pierce, Dave & Donna Reynolds, Jim Seignious, Lucille Smith, and J. D. & Karrie Ward.

Dear New Hope UMC - -

Thank you so much for the tables and chairs!!!!

Our current supply of equipment was getting low and I had wondered and prayed how the camp might receive a gift from God ... now we have plenty of tables and chairs in the tabernacle.

We truly appreciate your thoughtfulness and continued support of Canyon Camp!!

This camp is truly a special place where lives are transformed --- Thanks for being in ministry with us!

With heartfelt thanks - -

David Combs and the Canyon Staff





*During the month of June, **A-OK!** will collect used cellphones in partnership with the **Oklahoma County Sheriff 's Department**. The phones will be altered and given to older Oklahomans or victims of domestic abuse. The phones will be able to dial 911 only and will not be able to receive calls.*

The drive is part of a national effort to ensure everyone has easy access to 911 services. The Sheriff's Department has been actively involved in the program for several years. Once phones are collected, the department sends them to the 911 Cell Phone Bank in Florida, which refurbishes them, pairs them with working chargers and batteries and sends them back to the Sheriff's Department to be distributed.

Any type of cell phone is accepted. Although analog cell phones stopped working several years ago, the phones still can be stripped for parts that can help repair other phones. If you donate, be sure to delete personal information or your address book

Seventeen people from New Hope worked at the City Rescue Mission May 21. Project coordinator for this was Vicki Freeman who volunteers there regularly. Some others from New Hope plan to begin joining her!

A-OK! hopes to have projects for the Regional Food Bank and the Infant Crisis Center later this summer so stay tuned! This is a congregation-driven ministry so if you see a need, contact David Salter.



Helping Hands Food Pantry



Thank you for your continued support of the food pantry!

Once again we want to thank the congregation for helping us fulfill the needs of our community. With school getting out for the summer we are expecting to see a full summer with a rise in the number of families we serve. We had 9 families last pantry day. Many children will be home for the summer and will be eating breakfast and lunch at home --- meals they have probably been eating at school. For June please pick an item from our list and bring it to the food pantry. You will make a difference in the lives of the impoverished in our community and their children. The pantry needs donations of:

Quick oats, beef ramen noodles, saltines, soup, green beans, tuna, chicken and pears.

Thank you for donations. Kimberly and Sharia

Those going on Nepal and Nicaragua Mission trips will again host and clean up after the **June 12 potluck**. This is one of the Sundays that Worship Service will be in the gym so your help and patience will also be appreciated.



This is taken from an item by Richard Norman for VIM magazine recounting his first mission trip:

“Of course I was a little apprehensive but I knew my wife would be with me just because we always do things together. When I came through the door and told her I wanted us to go on a mission to South America, her reaction was not really what I had planned. She hadn't gotten the same message I had from God so thought I “had my wires crossed!” Finally, she reluctantly agreed to go on that first mission.

We flew into Bogota, Columbia at night and then caught another plane for a two hour flight to Armenia, SA, to a very small airport high in the mountains. The airport was primitive and only two English-speaking people were there. We got on a bus and were driven down a very narrow, winding, rough road. There is something about arriving in a strange place at night far from home that can make a person a little uneasy. We entered the church through the back entrance where we were warmly greeted and shown to our rooms in the church. As we finally settled into bed, we heard what we thought was gunfire in the streets. It was then we began to share our “uneasiness.” We began to pray for assurance and peace about our presence in a foreign country far from family. But, the next morning was new and beautiful and we were warmly-greeted by wonderful people who gave us a delicious breakfast. Then our group divided into smaller ones to help a family rebuild their home after an earthquake.

“God-sightings” can be seen and felt daily on mission experiences. One of the most moving for me is the transformation that occurs from arriving the first day on the work site. On this mission, when we arrived, the local workers, neighbors and kids were standing off by themselves, looking at us full of doubt and skepticism. Something amazing happened over the next week as they saw the hand of God working through us. Slowly they accepted us and were working hand in hand with us. Before we knew it, the day came when we had to leave and these same people were there giving us hugs, well wishes, thank yous and tears. We knew then we had all experienced the true love of Christ. Since that first mission, Lacia and I have been blessed to participate in other mission experiences.

While those who go on mission say they go to “help someone else less fortunate,” it seems true that they return from mission knowing that they are the ones who received much more than they gave. My prayer is to be able to equip others with the information they need and a path they can take to be richly blessed by being able to serve and to give to share the love of Christ in ways that make a Christian difference.

Anieca Valentour
 Robert Hanlin
 Kelsey Gosdin
 Louise Patterson
 Heather Haught
 Chris Porter
 Steven Sheffield
 Jacque Bruce
 Dana Bayless
 Jordan England
 Davette Ivy
 Jonathan Sutton

Nancy Bristow
 Josie Anderson
 Lacey Haught
 Katie Bayless
 Olivia Bayless
 David Darter
 Lana Salter
 Tammy Darter
 Leola Medina
 David Hutchins
 Sandi Morgan
 Mike Owen



Birthdays & Anniversaries in June

Frank & Cindy Hill
 Jerry & Norene Valentour
 Alan & Teresa Van Sickle
 David & Lana Salter
 Luis & Amy Aita
 Conny & Jean Curtis
 John & Vangie Smith
 George & Eileen Mallinckrodt
 Jim & Mary Ann Simkins
 William & Lea Diaz

Men of Hope

Men and sons are invited to an evening of bowling on **June 18 from 4 - 7 p.m.**



BOWLING

They will meet at the Yukon Bowling Alley.

Room for 20 has been reserved so sign up this Sunday in the Gathering Area.

MEMORY BOOKS may still be ordered. There is a sign up sheet on the counter. The first ones have already been delivered.



EXTRA! EXTRA!

Lavonne Hatfield, a member of the Seekers Sunday School class, was featured May 5 in *The Oklahoman* in a salute to mothers for Mother's Day.

She was nominated for the honor by her daughter Janelle Hillemeier. Lavonne was asked to reflect on fashions during her lifetime. If anyone missed it, log onto NewsOK.com and click on "Mood" then "Fashion".

Wedding Bells



Stephanie Saunders and James Willis invite you to share in their happiness!

JD will officiate at their wedding ceremony at New Hope on Saturday, July 9 at 6:00 p.m. You're also invited to the reception afterward.

The **50th Anniversary Committee** will be in charge of the display case during the summer months. Enjoy these memories of New Hope's half century!



Pastoral Partners
 (week of)
 June 5 Dale Stanley
 12 Craig Sturniolo
 19 Kimberly Brewer
 26 Denning & Vita Crowe

Men's Groups - Summer

Buck & a Bible will not meet in June and July.

Men of Hope will not meet in June due to Father's Day.

Mary Martha Women's Circle will meet Thursday, June 9 at 9:30 a.m.
Ruth Circle meets Tuesday, June 14 at 6:30 p.m.

You're Invited!

A come and go reception honoring Richard Norman will be held Saturday, June 11 from 2 until 4 p.m. here at New Hope. Come by and congratulate him on his recent ordination!



Hometown Nazareth VBS will be June 27 - 30

There will be "Marketplace Shops" set up so some of the supplies we need for Hometown Nazareth Bible School later this month are on the bottom of page 5. Some of the shops are: Carpentry shop, Bead bazaar, Synagogue school, Olive Oil shop, Farmer's Field, and Wool shop. If you could donate any part of the list, it would be appreciated! If you have questions, contact Vickie Lacy.

Bishop Hayes will preach in both services July 17.

Sunday Sermons in June

June 5 - Stan Basler
 June 12 - Cali Eck
 June 19 - JD Ward
 June 26 - JD Ward

Sunday Attendance
May 1 - 171
May 10 - 268
May 15 - 241
May 22 - 216

Youth and Adults!

Do you have some time to help with VBS from 9 a.m. until noon?

Vacation Bible School - June 27 - 30



Our Acolytes

9: 45

11:00

June 6 Anieca Valentour & Kellie Seay

Payton Ellsworth & Leah Medina

June 12 Allie Seay & Jake Sherwin

Katie Seay & Roni Cook

June 19 Jonathan Eck & Noah Paul

Emma Bruce & Carly Hurt

June 26 Shay Johnson & Josie Anderson

Sierra Paul & Emma Bruce

Bearing the Cross will be Sam Gosdin & Ben Eck



Think of a way to make Dad feel special.

Sunday Sanctuary Children's Moment

June 5 - Cali Eck

June 12 - Les Basset

June 19 - Al Van Sickle

June 26 - Luisa Medina

NO midweek
CIA in June or
July!

KidsOwn
Worship
Sundays at
11:00 a.m.



YOUTH!

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

June 5

(9:45) NEED VOLUNTEER

(11:00) Robin Paul

June 12

(9:45) Diane Layton

(11:00) Casey Pattillo

June 19

(9:45) Nellyne Hanlin

(11:00) Alice Pattillo

June 26

(9:45) Becca Pappas

(11:00) Elyse Ellsworth



9:45 Rock Solid Sunday School in June

"Being the Church"

June 5 - "On this Rock"

Matthew 16: 13- 18

June 12 - "Pentecost"

Acts 2: 1- 42

June 19 - "First Believers"

Acts 2: 42 - 47; 11: 26

June 26 - "One Body, Many Parts"

I Corinthians 12: 12- 31

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Sundays:

9:45 a.m. and

4:30 p.m.

(No Youth Sunday Night,

June 19, Father's Day.)

Wednesdays: 6:30 p.m.

Keep up with the New Youth on Facebook. If you are not already a "friend," contact Donette or Matt. Also, tell them if you want to be added to their e-mail or text group. Remember to check the New Hope website Youth news for any changes or activities at the church or in Youth.

NEEDS for Hometown Nazareth VBS June 27 - 30

glue

cotton balls

yarn or string

toothpicks

masking tape

paper towels

markers or paints

rock salt (1 T per child)

small bowl for sorting

small terra cotta or peat pots

egg-beater style drills

3/16 inch drill bits

1 x 3 1/2" mailing labels

light-grade sandpaper

knee-high nylons (1 per child)

old washcloths & towels

old blankets & sheets

thin lacing (1 yard per child)

watercolor paints and brushes

potting soil without fertilizer



For fun and games:

4 handheld wisk brooms -- a few old socks (don't have to match)

-- 2 plastic wading pools -- 3 jump ropes (20 - 36 feet long)

-- 30 broomsticks -- 10 old blankets -- 4 stuffed animals --

5 pillows -- sponge sports finger glove -- balls such as Nerf (soft!)

JEM - June 13 - 17

TWEENS - June 20 - 24

CYME - July 4 - 8

TWEENS - July 11 - 15

North /South District

July 18 - 22

Family gathering - July 29 - 31





New Hope in

JUNE

2011

June 19
Father's Day



Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
May 29 Communion served today but not June 5	30 Memorial Day - office closed Nothing in Gym this week	31 6:30 a.m. Buck & a Bible <u>NO CDO this week</u>	1 6:30 - Youth, NHH Band 7:00 - Choir	2	3	4 Senior high mission trip to Atlanta
5 Stan Basler preaching in both services	6 10:00 - Prayer team	7 9 - 2 - CDO resumes	8 9 - 2 - CDO 6:30 - Youth, NHH Band <u>NO</u> Choir	9 9 - 2 - CDO 9:30 - Mary Martha Circle	10	11 2 - 4 p.m. reception for Richard Norman
12 Cali Eck preaching in both services noon - potluck 4:00 - Food & Fellowship committee meets	13 10:00 - Prayer team JEM at Canyon	14 Flag Day 9 - 2 - CDO 1-3 - Pantry Open 6:30 - Ruth Circle	15 9 - 2 - CDO 6:30 - Youth, NHH Band <u>NO</u> Choir	16 9 - 2 - CDO	17	18 Men of Hope bowling trip 4 - 7 p.m.
19 Father's Day <u>NO</u> Men of Hope this a.m.	20 10:00 - Prayer team Growin' in Grace Camp	21 9 - 2 - CDO	22 9 - 2 - CDO 6:30 - Youth, NHH Band 7:00 - Choir	23 9 - 2 - CDO	24	25
26	27 10:00 - Prayer team 9:00 - noon VBS begins	28 9 - 2 - CDO 9:00 - noon VBS 1-3 - Pantry open	29 9 - 2 - CDO 9 - noon - VBS 6:30 - Youth, NHH Band 7:00 - Choir	30 9 - 2 - CDO 9:00 - noon VBS (last day) 11:30 - Young at Heart	July 1	2

3
no youth tonight

4
Independence Day - office closed



Bishop Hayes will preach in both services on July 17. Men of Hope will also grill lunch that day.

Health Fair is August 27