



**March 27 is  
Renewal of  
Hope Day.**

This is a busy day in our 50th Anniversary Year celebration so mark your calendars!

**March 6  
after second  
service:  
Men of  
Hope's  
annual  
Spaghetti  
lunch!**



Please  
**WELCOME** the  
Roarks to our  
New Hope  
Family!

Travis & Betsy  
Parker, Grace, and  
Alyson Roark

Former pastor Dan Peil will bring the message in both morning services.

At noon Mary Martha Circle will serve their popular ham dinner.

That night at 7:00 District Superintendent and former pastor Dan Pulver will speak. We hope other people from New Hope's past will be able to come that day, also.

The next event will be our Homecoming Celebration on July 17 when Bishop Hayes will be our guest speaker.

The *Living Last Supper* will be performed at New Hope again on Thursday, April 21. This is a living dramatization recreating Leonardo da Vinci's painting, "The Last Supper". The twelve apostles speak their thoughts to themselves, each other, and the Lord in light of the words they have just heard Jesus say,

"Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me." (Matthew 26)

If you would like to be a part of this special production, especially if you'd help with sets, costuming and wigs, please come to the meeting at 4:00 Sunday, March 6. For more information talk to Patti Miller or Luisa Medina.



**Redhawks Game**  
by Cali Eck

The Family Life Committee is offering an all-church outing to the Redhawks game on April 15th. The cost is \$6.25 per person and will be a fun night at the ball park. We will have a sign-up sheet at the table in the narthex. To reserve your spot you need to pay when you sign up. The deadline to sign up is March 15th.



Thank you for your patience during our clean-up and restoration of the office and classroom areas. Although in the habit of going to a file or book for information, it's now not so easy since many things either didn't survive the flooding or are packed away somewhere in a box or are stored down in the gym for now. Hopefully things will get back in place in March!

**New additions to our  
2011 Confirmation Class:**

Wylie Krout  
Carly Dias  
Katelyn Sheldon

The lessons for weekly Confirmation classes are listed on page 2.

**March 12  
Daylight  
Savings!  
Change  
your  
clocks.  
Spring  
Forward!**

At a Glance:

- March 6 - *Spaghetti Lunch at noon prepared by Men of Hope...donations welcome!*
- March 9 - 7:00 p.m. - Ash Wednesday service
- March 16 - Spring break; no classes
- March 27 - *Dan Peil preaches in both morning services.*
- Mary Martha ham dinner at noon,*
- Dan Pulver brings the evening message at 7:00 p.m.*



**Quiet, please!**

Our church family is growing and the time between services is a wonderful chance

to visit but remember that folks in the Sanctuary are still in worship and would like to be able to concentrate on JD's message!

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# Reflections from J.D.

Last month I wrote about praying for rain. I did not pray for rain inside the church building! February 2011 was a crazy month for weather. We had snow, wind, bitter cold, rain, sunshine, and unseasonably warm weather during the shortest month of the year.

The bitter cold resulted in broken pipes at New Hope Church. On February 3 we had a sprinkler pipe break on the west side of the building. This pipe flooded the offices, library, youth room, fellowship hall, and part of the sanctuary. A week later, on February 10, we had a water pipe break on the east side of the building. This flooded the choir room, preschool room, and nursery.

All of this water made things soggy and stinky. It has been a month to forget as we have struggled to continue our church activities. As I think about the month just past, I am reminded of the message of Romans 8: 28.

*"We know all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose."*

This verse does not claim that everything that happens to us is good. It was not good that our building was flooded and that we had to cancel two weeks of Sunday school. It was not good that a flooded building and cold weather led to a cancellation of Wednesday activities.

However, I believe that God is at work for restoration in the midst of chaos and confusion. It is good that we are cleaning out our building and getting more organized. It is good that we are working together in a spirit of unity. It is good that we will do some much needed clean-up and renovation. In a few weeks our building will look better than before and we will be grateful for fresh paint, new carpet and new ceilings.

Perhaps you are going through a soggy and stinky time in your own life. If so, you don't have to give thanks for the bad things that have come your way, but you should give thanks that God will not abandon you. Not only should you be thankful that God is with you, but you should also allow God to bless you with some good gifts even as you struggle with that which is not so good.

Don't forget that God is good, even when circumstances are less than perfect.

## March 6 Communion offering goes to UMCOR's One Great Hour of Sharing

UMCOR receives no World Service funds or any other apportionments. Your gifts to this underwrite UMCOR's "costs of doing business." That means 100% of every other dollar you give to designated UMCOR programs goes to help some of the world's most vulnerable people. We do not take anything from designated gifts to cover home-office administrative costs because of the broad support of United Methodists through this annual offering. Offering gifts over and above those used to cover administrative costs are channeled where they're most needed - - to assist the vulnerable people whose need is greatest.

*Please pray for those in our congregation dealing with illness and other concerns.*

## Confirmation class lessons

Notice that times vary.

- March 6 (4 p.m.) - Jesus Christ:  
Our Savior and Lord
- March 10 (5:30 p.m.) Communion at  
All Souls Episcopal Church
- March 13 (6 p.m.) - The Gift of the Spirit.
- March 20 - (4 p.m.) Worship and Word
- March 27 (6 p.m.) Our United Methodist Heritage
- April 3 (12:30 p.m.) Worship at Epiphany of the  
Lord Catholic Church  
(6 p.m.) United Methodists Believe
- April 10 - (6 p.m.) The body of Christ in Action
- April 17 - (6 p.m.) - Claim the Name
- April 24 - Confirmation Sunday

The Mission Project for this class is collecting food for Skyline Urban Ministry. We will also visit Skyline during spring break.

## Helping Hands Food Pantry



The BAD News: Thirty-two families have found themselves in need of the food pantry already this year. A lot of our clients have fallen through the food stamp cracks. Many seniors can't make social security and other income meet their needs any more.

The GOOD News: This is where our food pantry fills the gap! To do this, however, we need your help to provide for those less fortunate in NWOKC. We have used up a lot of the food from the Boy Scouts' drive and our other reserves. We have bare shelves. Please find a way to bring at least one item per family.

We need: children's cereals, dry pinto beans, canned fruit and vegetables, especially peaches and corn, hearty soups, chili without beans, and 18 oz. creamy peanut butter.

The pantry is open the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 1 until 3 p.m. We serve our church family regardless of zip code and those in 73132, 73142, 73162.

Thank you! *Kimberly and Sharia*

## Reaching Out at Home

**A-OK!** thanks all of you who so generously participated in the February projects of "Homemade for Heroes"

We were warmly greeted and thanked when cookies and home-made treats were delivered to fire stations and the EMSA center!

Our "Warm Fuzzy" project will continue through mid-March. Stuffed animals will then be bagged and delivered to the Highway Patrol and EMSA so that they might be given to children in stressful or traumatic situations.

Each toy wears a tag saying "This warm fuzzy brings you prayers, love and hugs from your friends at New Hope United Methodist Church." Thank you for your continued support for this project. Let's continue praying for the children who will receive these and the public servants who will distribute these gifts of our love and concern. We will probably do another warm fuzzy project in autumn.

Remember we continue to collect used eyeglasses and cases. The container is on the counter.

**Mission Dinner rescheduled to May 15.**

### Go Said "No"

I asked God to take away my habit.  
God said, "No. It is not for me to take away, but for you to give it up."

I asked god to make my handicapped child whole.  
God said, "No. His spirit is whole; his body is only temporary."

I asked God to grant me patience.  
God said, "No. Patience is a by-product of tribulations; it isn't granted, it is learned."

I asked God to give me happiness.  
God said, "No. I give you blessings; happiness is up to you."

I asked God to spare me pain.  
God said, "No. Suffering draws you apart from worldly cares and brings you closer to me."

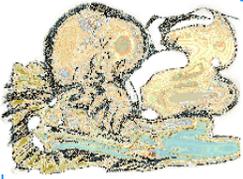
I asked God to make my spirit grow.  
God said, "No. You must grow on your own. But I will prune you to make you fruitful."

I asked God for all things that I might enjoy life.  
God said, "No. I will give you life so that you may enjoy all things."

I asked God to help me love others as much as He loves me.  
God said, "Ahhh, finally you have the idea!"

### THE

most useless thing to do .....Worry  
greatest joy.....Giving  
greatest loss.....Loss of self respect  
most satisfying work.....helping others  
ugliest personality trait.....selfishness  
most endangered species.....dedicated leaders  
greatest "shot in the arm" ..... Encouragement  
greatest problem to overcome.....Fear  
most effective sleeping pill.....peace of mind  
most crippling failure.....Excuses  
most powerful force in life.....Love  
most incredible computer.....the Brain  
worst thing to be without.....Hope  
deadliest weapon.....the Tongue  
two most power-filled words.....I Can  
greatest asset.....Faith  
most worthless emotion .....Self pity  
most prized possession.....Integrity  
most beautiful attire.....a Smile  
most powerful communication.....Prayer  
most contagious spirit.....Enthusiasm  
most important thing in life.....God



Celebrating  
the births of

Leyton Michael Gulvas

Emma Elizabeth Ethridge

Congratulations to their families!  
May their lives be blessed!

MARCH



Anniversaries  
and  
Birthdays

John Hannah  
Patti Miller  
Kristine Morgan  
Marcia Coffman  
Donna Yowell  
James Anderson  
Robert Lakin  
Donna Reynolds  
Lisa Brimacombe  
Annell Thompson  
Gareth Basset  
Nancy Hannel  
Donette Johnson  
Curtis Paul  
Pamela Morgan  
Mary Seay  
Vicki Hanlin  
Rick Howell  
Luis Aita  
Brent Bayless  
Carly Smarra  
Pamela Duncan  
Cody Johnson  
Gracie Grant  
Melvin Lawson  
Amy Scott

**Help Wanted:**

We anticipate a big congregation on March 27 so it would be nice to have an extra nursery volunteer in each service that day. If you could lend a hand or rock a baby, please contact her at stephie011508@yahoo.com or go by the nursery. This will also be true on Easter Sunday.

Have you noticed all the new faces? Be sure to extend a welcoming hand and smile to folks!

**February Attendance**

6th - 237  
13th - 241  
20th - 241  
27th - 252

Dan & Doris Korner  
Don & Claudia Gross  
Andrew & Brooke Gulvas  
Jim & Sandi Morgan  
Don & Sheri Wetekam  
Jim & Jo Martin  
John & LaVeda Featherstone  
John & Donna Wakefield  
Cameron & Christi Wetzel

**Midweek Meals**  
March 9 - Ash  
Wednesday - potato soup  
March 16 - NO Meal -  
(Spring Break)  
March 23 - Spanish  
spaghetti  
March 30 - baked chicken  
April 6 - ham

“We just wanted to thank you for the gift. It really helped us out when getting diapers and formula for the baby. We really appreciate it.”  
With love,  
Andrew, Brooke, and  
Leyton Gulvas.

**Enjoy**  
the collection of baseball cards and memorabilia in the display case this month!  
*Thank you to Drew Stogsdill*  
for sharing these items with us!  
If you have something to bring, the sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

**WELCOMED HOME**  
Our sympathies and love to the family of Yvonne “Blondie” Harris who went ahead to the peace of Heaven in February.

2011 Health Fair August 27!



**Ham Dinner**  
**March 27 at**  
**Noon**  
**Prepared by**  
**Mary Martha**  
**Circle.**

**Young at Heart** will meet at Hanlins’ home on March 24. Everyone is welcome. Drinks will be furnished but bring a dish for potluck at 11:30. After lunch pottery pieces will be glazed and/or made. Bob might also be persuaded to demonstrate the wheel. The house is easy to find but you might want to carpool from the church since it’s not nearby. Check with them for directions.

On April 28 the group will take the bus to the Azalea Festival in Muskogee. New members and ideas are always welcome!



**Time’s Nearing!!!**  
The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be next month on April 23. Individually-wrapped candies & plastic eggs are already being collected.  
The ladies of Ruth Circle will prepare the plastic eggs to be hidden that morning but it would be nice if they had a head start during this busy spring!  
Thank You!

**Garage Sale**  
**Donations Needed**  
**MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND SAVE YOUR STUFF!!!**  
Spring Garage & Clothing Sale  
April 29 & 30  
When we get things cleaned up, we’ll begin taking things for this year’s garage sale.



## Young New Hope

Children's Sunday School  
 ROCK SOLID - Building a Heart of Faith"

9:45 Sundays

March Theme: Remembering Jesus

Lessons and scriptures:

Grades 1 - 3

- |           |                     |                                    |
|-----------|---------------------|------------------------------------|
| March 6:  | Mary Honors Jesus   | John 12: 1 - 8                     |
| March 13: | The Man at the Pool | John 5: 1 - 18                     |
| March 20: | Follow My Example   | John 13: 1 - 20                    |
| March 27: | The Last Supper     | Luke 22: 7 - 19,<br>John 13: 34-35 |

Grades 4 - 5

- |           |                                  |                  |
|-----------|----------------------------------|------------------|
| March 6:  | We celebrate Jesus as God's Son. | John 12: 1 - 8   |
| March 13: | Hosanna!                         | John 12: 12 - 19 |
| March 20: | Jesus' Example                   | John 13: 1 - 20  |
| March 27: | The new Commandment              | John 13: 21 - 35 |

| <u>Acolytes: 1st Service</u> |                                 | <u>2nd Service</u>              |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Sunday 1                     | Kellie Seay<br>Anieca Valentour | Payton Ellsworth<br>Leah Medina |
| Sunday 2                     | Allie Seay<br>Jake Sherwin      | Katie Seay<br>Roni Cook         |
| Sunday 3                     | Jonathan Eck<br>Emma Bruce      | Carly Hurt<br>Benjamin Eck      |
| Sunday 4                     | Josie Anderson<br>Shay Johnson  | Sierra Paul<br>Noah Paul        |

Looking Ahead to summer:  
Vacation Bible School will be June 27 - 30.  
 If you are willing to help during this week,  
 please contact Vickie Lacy.

Sunday

Children's Moment

- |            |               |
|------------|---------------|
| March 13 - | J D Ward      |
| March 20 - | Al Van Sickle |
| March 27 - | Les Basset    |

Nursery

Stephanie Saunders, full-time

Volunteers

9:45 11:00

|          |                |                 |
|----------|----------------|-----------------|
| Sunday 1 | NEED Volunteer | Robin Paul      |
| Sunday 2 | Diane Layton   | Casey Pattillo  |
| Sunday 3 | Nellyne Hanlin | Alice Pattillo  |
| Sunday 4 | Becca Pappas   | Elyse Ellsworth |

Boys and Girls Retreats

March 18 & 19

Ask Donette Johnson for information about these and other events for the Youth Group.

YOUTH

Meeting Times:

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Sunday Evening

4:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday Night

6:30 - 8:00 p. m.

April 9

Youth  
 Dinner and  
 Talent  
 Show

Information about our Youth Group can be found online at [www.newhopeokc.org](http://www.newhopeokc.org)

If you would like to receive e-mails about what the youth are doing, tell Donette to put you on her e-mail list. Contact her at [donettej@gmail.com](mailto:donettej@gmail.com)

2011 Youth Mission Trips and Camps

June 5 - 10 Senior High mission trip to Atlanta, GA

June 12 - 17 - Youth Force in Norman

June 13 - 17 - JEM

June 20 - 24 - TWEENS

July 4 - 8 - GYME July 11 - 15 - TWEENS

July 18 - 22 -North/South District OKC district camp

July 29 - 31 - Family gathering at Canyon Camp

Begin looking for stuff to donate to garage sale!



Dinner  
March 27 - noon

| Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday  | Saturday   |
|--|--|--|--|---|---------|--|
|  |  | 1  | 2  | 3   | 4       | 5  |
|  |  | 6: 30 a.m.<br>Buck & a Bible<br>9-2 CDO  | 9 - 2 CDO<br>5:45 cheese<br>enchiladas<br>6:15 - JD's Class<br>6:30 Youth, Children<br>6:30 Praise Team<br>7:00 Choir  | 9-2 CDO   |         |  |
| 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10  | 11      | 12   |
| Noon - Spaghetti Lunch by Men of Hope<br>4:00 - Living Last Supper participants/workers meet<br>4:00 - Confirmation class<br>4:30 - Disciple I & Christian Believer & Youth              | 10:00 a.m. Prayer Team<br>6:30 p.m. Pastoral Partners meet | 6: 30 a.m. Buck & a Bible<br>9-2 CDO<br>1:00-3:00 Pantry Open<br>6:30 p.m. Ruth Circle | 9 - 2 CDO<br>5:00 - Staff meeting<br>5:45 - potato soup<br>6:15 - JD's class<br>6:30 Youth (No Children's class)<br>6:30 Praise Team<br>7:00 Ash Wednesday Service | 9-2 CDO<br>9:30 a.m. Mary Martha Circle                     |         | Daylight Savings Sunday - Spring Forward - Change Clocks TONIGHT |
| 13   | 14   | 15   | 16   | 17  | 18      | 19   |
| First Sunday in Lent<br>4:30 - Disciple I & Christian Believer & Youth<br>6:00 - Confirmation class  | SPRING BREAK WEEK<br>10:00 a.m. Prayer Team                | 6: 30 a.m. Buck & a Bible<br><u>NO CDO This week</u>                                   | <u>No meal</u><br><u>No Children's class</u><br><u>No Youth meeting</u><br><u>No Workshop</u><br><u>No Class</u><br>6:30 Praise Band<br>7:00 Choir                 |   |         |  |
| 20   | 21   | 22   | 23   | 24  | 25      | 26   |
| Second Sunday in Lent<br>8:15 Men of Hope<br>Noon - Trustees<br>4:00 - Confirmation class<br>4:30 - Disciple I & Christian Believer & Youth  | 10:00 a.m. Prayer Team                                     | 6: 30 a.m. Buck & a Bible<br>9-2 CDO<br>1:00-3:00 Pantry Open                          | CDO 9 - 2<br>5:45 Spanish spaghetti<br>6:15 JD's Class<br>6:30 Youth, Children<br>6:30 Youth<br>6:30 Praise Team<br>7:00 Choir                                     | 9-2 CDO<br>11:30 a.m. Young at Heart meets at Hanlins' home |         |  |
| 27   | 28   | 29   | 30   | 31  | April 1 | 2  |
| Third Sunday in Lent<br>Renewal of Hope Day<br>Dan Peil preaching in both morning services<br>Mary Martha ham dinner at noon<br>Dan Pulver preaches at 7:00<br>6:00 - Confirmation class | 10:00 a.m. Prayer Team                                     | 30 a.m. Buck & a Bible<br>9-2 CDO  | CDO 9 - 2<br>5:45 baked chicken<br>6:30 Children<br>6:30 Youth<br>6:30 Praise Team<br>6:30 JD's Class<br>7:00 Choir  | CDO 9 - 2   |         |  |