

## One Great Hour of Sharing Communion Offering on March 4

by JD Ward

Children and adults from various communities had already assembled and were eagerly waiting, when the UMCOR delegation finally reached remote Mutumbami, Zimbabwe. Today was the day the children would take home school supplies from UMCOR's Sager Brown depot. As the contents of the kits were announced, the eager crowd reacted: notebooks (smiles, clapping), scissors (smiles, clapping), an eraser, a ruler, crayons (more smiles and clapping), pencils (LOUD CHEERS!!!). "Never have I seen such excitement about six pencils!" said UMCOR's Melissa Crutchfield, moved to find that something so commonplace in her homeland was so prized in this struggling community.



This year marks UMCOR Sager Brown's twentieth anniversary of bringing joy and hope in the form of relief kits to the communities around the world --- whether school supplies to children in Africa eager to study or cleaning buckets to families in the United States mucking out their homes after a hurricane, flood, or tornado. Your generous gift benefits the United Methodist Committee on Relief located at the General Board of Global Ministries. With this offering, The United Methodist Church rebuilds lives and communities around the world by helping the United Methodist Committee on Relief keep its promise that 100% of your designated gift goes to specific causes.

So much of what UMCOR does is about revealing God's steadfast love for humankind. For more than 70 years, UMCOR has brought hope and solidarity to communities both at home and abroad in the wake of disaster and support and expertise to those on a path to development. UMCOR's relief-supply ministry is part of those efforts, gathering the goodwill of selfless volunteers to assemble much-needed relief kits and cleaning buckets to ship to those seeking to become self-sufficient or to rebuild lives and communities following an emergency. Join United Methodists everywhere by participating in the special offering that supports UMCOR's vital work. Your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing lay the foundation for UMCOR to manifest God's steadfast love throughout the world. Please give generously.



Please  
**WELCOME**  
newest  
additions to  
our New  
Hope  
Family!

Moira Miller  
Velma Ashburn  
Alex Atkinson

WORLD DAY of



**World Day of Prayer March 2**

*"Prayer should not be a spare tire we pull out when in trouble. It should be our steering wheel that directs us down the right roads of life."* unknown



**Young Adults!** March 11 at 3:00 there will be a Gathering of folks who have graduated from high school through age 30. If you haven't been involved in church for a while, now is the time to check it out! If you have been, come on out and enjoy fellowship!




Daylight Savings Begins -  
*Spring Ahead!*

**March 11  
Daylight  
Savings!  
Change  
your  
clocks.  
Spring  
Forward!**

At a Glance:

March 6	- deadline for ordering lilies
March 11	- Mary Martha Ham Dinner at noon; Young Adult Gathering at 3:00
March 21	- Most Wednesday events canceled (spring break)
April 5	- Holy Thursday Communion 7 p.m.
April 6	- Good Friday service 7 p.m.
April 7	- Easter egg hunt 10:30 a.m.
April 8	- Easter - regular service times

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### Building Committee Hard at Work

The 2011 Charge Conference of New Hope United Methodist Church approved the formation of the New Hope Building Committee. This action brought to an end the work of the Building Study Committee which established a definite need for an expansion of the building and worked on preliminary plans for this expansion. Members of the Building Committee include Dave Reynolds, chair; Mary Seay; Don Parker; Amy Scott; Tim Gosdin; Rick Ernest; and JD Ward.

**January 8, 2012** - The building Committee met with the church staff to review the preliminary plans that have been developed by Tim Gosdin. These plans call for the building of new classrooms for adults and youth, a new choir room utilizing the current choir room for preschool and the addition of a large multipurpose room. The result of this meeting made the committee aware of the need to add even more classroom space. There was also discussion about the new food pantry, the stage and flooring for the multi-purpose room and the size of the choir room.



**January 23, 2012** - The Building Committee met with a consultant from RSI regarding a capital campaign to raise money for the new construction. The committee had previously met with another consultant. At the end of this meeting, the Building Committee voted unanimously to recommend to the Finance committee and Administrative Council that we engage RSI to conduct a Capital Campaign to raise funds for the building project. The Finance committee of New Hope United Methodist Church approved the recommendation of the Building Committee on Sunday, January 29. This was sent to the Administrative Council and approved unanimously on Sunday, February 5. Dale McConnell of RSI will serve as the Stewardship Campaign Consultant for New Hope UMC.

**February 13, 2012** - The Building Committee of New Hope United Methodist Church met with Jim Davis of the Davis Design Group and Stan Steffen of Landmark Construction. Jim Davis is an AIA Architect who has worked with a number of churches in construction projects including First Baptist Church of Piedmont, St Mary's Episcopal in Edmond and Henderson Hills Baptist in Edmond. Landmark Construction is owned by Stan Steffen and is a bonded contractor that has extensive construction experience. They have worked with Grace United Methodist Church in OKC, Life Covenant Church in OKC, First Assembly of God in OKC and many others, including OU, SNU, and Deer Creek Schools. At the conclusion of the meeting, the Building Committee recommended that we employ Tim Gosdin as Project Manager, Davis Design Group as architect, and Landmark Construction as the general contractor. The Building Committee believes that this move will insure quality construction at an affordable price.



**February 26, 2012** - The Building Committee and the Board of Trustees of New Hope United Methodist Church participated in a joint meeting regarding the recommendation of the Building Committee. Dave Reynolds, chairperson of the Building Committee, spoke and asked approval of the Board of Trustees to employ Tim Gosdin as Project Manager, Davis Design Group as architect, and Landmark Construction as Contractor for the building expansion project. The Board of Trustees approved this recommendation after a time of questions and discussion. Davis Design Group will take the preliminary plans prepared by the Building Committee and get them ready to present to a Charge Conference that will consider the approval of the proposed project.

#### Attendance

January 29	- 248
February 5th	- 284
12th	- 238
19th	- 264



## Mission Council Meeting Successful

If nothing else, the first meeting of the New Hope Mission Council made it clear that this is a busy congregation that is following John Wesley's admonition to *"Do all the good you can by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can."*

Some of the highlights of the meeting included:

Lori Foster reported that New Hope will sponsor a VIM construction project in Nicaragua in late July. A VIM sewing project trip will be July 30 - August 6. Seven members from New Hope are committed to the first trip and four will go on the second. Please talk to Lori if you are interested in serving in Nicaragua.

The Council discussed our relationship with the Russian Church in Lytkarino. Harold and Cindy Brown talked about the past involvement with the work there and a future VIM trip is very possible.

Vickie Lacy talked about her VIM trip to India with a medical mission team from Louisiana. The Mission Council approved some funding to help her on this trip.

New Hope continues to support the work of Skyline Urban Ministry and the Skyline Director, Claudia Lovelace, will preach at New Hope on July 29 while JD is in Nicaragua. We continue to collect clothing for Skyline and a truck picks up those items every other Monday.

David Salter reported that A-OK! has had great success with Homemade for Heroes, Warm Fuzzies, and serving a meal at the City Rescue Mission.

Kris Howell talked about our work with Winds House as part of Sharefest. Winds House provides transitional living for people with AIDS. We will be doing a project there again on Saturday, April 28.

The Food Pantry continues to serve our community on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month from 1 - 3 p.m. From September through December of 2011, there were more people served than in all of 2010.

## Walk to Emmaus



Have you attended a Walk to Emmaus in the past? If so, please contact Dale or Britt Stanley as we are trying to build our community at New Hope. [dstanley195@live.com](mailto:dstanley195@live.com) or the phone number in the church directory.

Upcoming events for Emmaus: 2012 Spring Walk dates at Mustang United Methodist Church. If you are interested in attending one of these walks, please contact Dale or Britt Stanley.

Men's Walk #125 March 22 - 25; Fourth Day March 29.

Women's Walk # 126 April 12 - 15; Fourth Day April 19

Chrysalis Flight (for youth in grades 9 through 12) The flight will be a combined boys and girls flight.

The flight will begin Wednesday evening, June 27 and end Saturday, June 30, 2012. Please be in prayer for the youth that you could sponsor on this flight. For more information about Walk to Emmaus or Chrysalis go to [pioneercountryemmaus.com](http://pioneercountryemmaus.com) or contact an Emmaus member at New Hope or Dale or Britt Stanley.



Save the date!

April 21

Saturday afternoon

## Helping Hands Food Pantry

We have served 30 families this year. Your generosity really helps the hungry families in our area. Thank you for the donations of chicken noodle soup. We now have plenty but can use some chunky soups, creamy peanut butter, chili without beans. 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! *Sharia and Kimberly*



**A-OK!** thanks all of you who so generously participated in the February projects of "Homemade for Heroes" and "Warm Fuzzies" and who helped serve lunch at City Rescue Mission. About 225 Warm Fuzzies will brighten the lives of children in emergency situations as they are distributed by OHP and EMSA workers.

Lori and David also report that a new **A-OK!** project will be Saturday, March 31. A project is being coordinated with VIM to help a woman in Piedmont who lost her husband in last year's tornado and would like to be able to move back into their home. Workers will put up ceiling fans, paint bathrooms, touch up some sheet rock work, peel and stick bathroom tile and skirt the trailer. Supplies to bring for work are gloves, wheel barrows, cans of texture and mud.

More details when available!



***We Need Your Help!!!*** Easter Egg Hunt April 7 at 10:30 a.m.!

Individually-wrapped candies & plastic eggs are needed. You can drop off donations between now and March 18 since the ladies of Ruth Circle will need time to fill and prepare the plastic eggs.

Thank You!

March 31 -VIM  
April 28 -Sharefest



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS  
AND SAVE YOUR STUFF!!!**  
**Spring Garage Sale**  
**May 4 - 5**

*Garage Sale  
Donations  
Needed*

**Family Life**

The Family Life committee would like to say thank you to all that came out and enjoyed the Big Game with us on Super Bowl Sunday. We had wonderful chili to sample. Richard Foster's chili took first place from the 21 entries but all the dishes were tasty. Over 100 people came and it was a great time. Again, thanks for supporting events here at New Hope.

We look forward to finding more things to offer as a way to get together socially. Anyone interested in attending a baseball game? Other suggestions?

Keep watching for information about our Neighborhood Block Party as we will have an opportunity to reach out to our community with the love of Christ via fun games, inflatables and food.  
Stay tuned.....

**A Thank You from Camp & Retreat Ministries**

Dear Members of New Hope United Methodist Church,

This note is to express the gratitude of the Trustees of Camps and Conferences for the generous gift of \$5,000. toward the Canyon Camp Cabin Matching Grant. This has helped us exceed our \$175,000. goal that, when added to the matching grant from Paul Milburn, will enable us to build two new cabins housing 40 campers each and add an additional meeting space in each cabin. One new cabin will replace two of our current cabins.

We always appreciate the support from our local churches. I particularly appreciate "my church" coming through in such a big way. This particular gift will greatly improve the facilities for our children and youth campers. We believe these cabins will also encourage new campers to attend summer camps and local churches to schedule new retreats so we can increase the spread of the Word and love of God. We hope to begin building soon. We will not build during the summer but expect to complete the cabins this fall.

Again, thank you for your wonderful gift and may God continue to bless you as you spread the Word and love of God in Northwest Oklahoma City and throughout the world.

Sincerely, Reverend Randall E. McGuire,

***A note from Cali***

As I write today I am overwhelmed at the thought that we are in the season of Lent. We are doing our Lenten study and you, much like myself, have been asking yourself, "What am I going to give up?" Well, Lent has started so you might want to hurry and make that decision.

As most of you are aware I am working on some seminary coursework for my ordination. The class I am taking now is UM History. I am drawn to the fact that Wesley himself felt that the seasons that prepare us in the Christian faith should be taken very seriously. I think he knew that if we are going to be about "holy living" then we had to be about finding ways to go deeper. Wesley was always looking for practical ways to go deeper in his faith journey. I believe the Season of Lent gives us the opportunity to examine our lives and see what we can do to continue that journey. Add an extra time of prayer to your life or choose to serve in a new way, volunteer in the nursery, go on an Emmaus Walk, or decide to be part of our Wednesday Lenten Class.

Whatever you choose to do to more fully entrust your life to Christ, do it! You will soon find that the blessings of Christ will deepen your faith. God is waiting for you to join Him in the journey. Let's see what wonderful plans God has together! Don't forget to pick up a Lenten devotional in the gathering space.

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



John Hannah  
 Stacee Hoye  
 Caleb Leonard  
 Patti Miller  
 Kristine Morgan  
 Marcia Coffman  
 Donna Yowell  
 Kayla Howell  
 James Anderson  
 Erica Covey  
 Hunterlyn Alderson  
 Robert Lakin  
 Donna Reynolds  
 Lisa Brimacombe  
 Annell Thompson  
 Gareth Basset  
 Randall Wood  
 Nancy Hanneld

Donette Johnson  
 Curtis Paul  
 Pamela Morgan  
 Mary Seay  
 Vicki Hanlin  
 Rick Howell  
 Luis Aita  
 Brent Bayless  
 Velma Ashburn  
 Carly Smarra  
 Pamela Duncan  
 Cody Johnson  
 Beth Brown  
 Gracie Grant  
 Melvin Lawson  
 Amy Scott  
 Melvin Lawson  
 Velma Ashburn



**Midweek Meals**

March 7 - pork loin  
 March 14 - spaghetti  
 March 21 - NO Meal -  
 (Spring Break)  
 March 28 - roast  
 April 4 - baked chicken  
 April 11 - Spanish spaghetti  
*This is the last midweek meal until Autumn.*

**Crock Pot Confusion!**

A church member got home with the wrong lid to a crock pot after Super Bowl Sunday chili cook-off. She has the one with the "Knob" handle rather than the one that went with her crock pot - a curved, open handle.  
 If you have the curved one, please let the office know so crocks can be correctly covered!



**Share Wedding Happiness!**

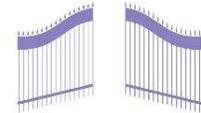
Mr. & Mrs. Dwight Miller respectfully request your presence at the marriage of their daughter Moira Miller to Troy Harrison at 11:00 a.m. on March 10, 2012, here at New Hope. Although a reply is not necessary for attending the wedding, if you would like to join them at the reception/lunch following, please RSVP to mmsoon2bmh@gmail.com. by March 5 so they have a count.

**Celebrate!!**

Elliott James Brandt, son of Nathan & Ashley Brandt was baptized here in February!  
 Proud grandparents are Rhonda & Reverend Randy McGuire who baptized this new grandson.



**Young at Heart** will take a trip to the OKC Art Museum instead of their regular potluck on March 29. They will leave about 11:00 and have lunch before seeing the exhibits.  
 They also have trips planned in April and May!



**WELCOMED HOME**

New Hope member Robert "Bob" Aldridge left this worldly body in February.  
 Our sympathies go to Jacqueline and his family and many friends.

**New assistant youth director:**

**Alex Atkinson.**

Alex graduated from Yukon high school in 2006. He was youth intern at Grace UMC 2008-09.  
 Alex is working toward a degree in journalism at UCO and hopes to pursue a career as a screenwriter, actor or journalist. In addition to his job at New Hope, he also works as a teller at First Bethany Bank. Alex credits Christian music and activities such as Youth Force for the strength of his faith.

*Friendship is like a book:  
 It takes years to write but  
 only a few seconds to burn.  
 Treasure your friends.*

**Notes about future potlucks:**

Due to the date of Easter, April potluck won't be until the third Sunday, April 15.  
 In May, our church meal will be the third Sunday to avoid Mother's Day. It's *not a potluck*; the Men of Hope will grill lunch on May 20.

**No potluck in March. Instead we have:**



**Ham Dinner  
 March 11 at Noon**

This is an annual, delicious fundraiser for Mary Martha Circle. Plan to stay and indulge yourself! They request a donation rather than a set price for this lunch.

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



9:45 Sundays

March Theme: Hosanna!

Lessons and scriptures:

**Grades pre - 3**

- March 4: The Ten Lepers      Luke 17: 11 - 19
- March 11: The Last Supper      Luke 22: 7 - 20
- March 18: In the Garden      Matthew 26: 36 - 46
- March 25: Peter's Denial      Luke 22: 54 - 62

**Grades 4 - 5**

- March 4: Shouting Stones      Luke 19: 29 - 40
- March 11: The Last Supper      Luke 22: 7 - 23
- March 18: Praying in the Garden      Luke 22: 39 - 53
- March 25: Peter's Story      Luke 22: 54 - 62

**Sunday Children's Moment**      March 11- Les Basset-  
 March 18 - Les Basset      March 25 - Les Basset

**We need extra nursery volunteers for Easter morning.**



<b>Nursery</b>	Stephanie Saunders, full-time	
<b>Volunteers</b>	9:45	11:00
Sunday 1	NEED VOLUNTEER	Robin Paul
Sunday 2	Beth Brown	Casey Pattillo
Sunday 3	Nellyne Hanlin	Alice Pattillo
Sunday 4	Becca Pappas	Elyse Ellsworth



**Meeting Times:**

- Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
- Sunday Evening  
4:30- 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday Night  
6:30 - 8:00 p. m.

The Garage Sale is May 4th and 5th As many Youth as possible are needed to work on that Saturday and work when possible to set up the week before. We will sell sandwiches again. This will be a big fundraiser for the Youth!

**DATES TO NOTE:**

- March 3 - Youth Work Day at OCU.
- March 17 - Youth Day trip
- March 19 - 23 - Spring Break
- April 5 - Maundy Thursday Communion at 7 p.m.
- April 6 - Good Friday Service at 7 p.m.
- April 7 - Help with the children's Easter Egg Hunt at 10:30 a.m. We need youth there early to hide eggs.
- April 8 - Easter - Baptism of Youth who are to be Confirmed
- Looking Ahead: Vacation Bible School will be JULY 12 - 15. Several of the youth will help.

<b>Acolytes:</b>	<b>1st Service</b>	<b>2nd Service</b>
March 4	Alyson Roark Grace Roark	Payton Ellsworth Anieca Valentour
March 11	Jake Sherwin Kellie Seay	Katie Seay Roni Cook
March 18	Noah Paul Hayden Hasty	Emma Bruce Carly Hurt
March 25	Allie Seay Shay Johnson	Sierra Paul Jake Anderson
Bearing the Cross	Sam Gosdin	Ben Eck

Begin looking for stuff to donate to May 4-5 garage sale!



Mary Martha



Ham Dinner  
March 11 at noon -  
Donations appreciated.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 9 - 2 - CDO 6:30 - Disciple 3	2 World Day of Prayer	3
4  Communion offering goes to One Great Hour of Sharing 4:30 - Disciple 2, Companions in Christ, Children	5  10:00 - Prayer Team  6:30 last <i>Freed Up</i> class	6  9 - 2 - CDO <i>Lily</i> <i>Orders due</i>	7  9 - 2 - CDO 9:00 - Esther class 5:45 - pork loin 6:15 - JD's class 6:30 - Esther class, Band, Youth, Children 7:00 - Choir, Lenten study	8  9 - 2 - CDO <i>9:30 - Mary Martha Circle</i> 6:30 - Disciple 3	9	10    <i>Daylight savings begins tomorrow.</i>
11  noon - Mary Martha Ham Dinner <i>3:00 - Gathering for Young Adults</i> 4:30 - Disciple 2, Companions in Christ, Children, Youth	12  10:00 - Prayer Team	13  9 - 2 - CDO <i>1 - 3 - Pantry Open 6:30 - Ruth Circle</i>	14  9 - 2 - CDO 9:00 - Esther class 5:45 - spaghetti 6:15 - JD's class 6:30 - Esther class, Band, Youth, Children 7:00 - Choir, Lenten study	15  9 - 2 - CDO 6:30 - Disciple 3	16	17  Youth Day Trip
18  Spring break - <b>NO</b> Disciple 2, Companions in Christ, Youth or Children	19  10:00 - Prayer Team	20  <b>NO</b> CDO this week	21  <b>Spring Break - NO classes</b>	22  6:30 - Disciple 3	23  VIM training team using gym and kitchen until early Sunday.	24
25  <i>3:30 - Women's Ministry Committee</i> 4:30 - Disciple 2, Companions in Christ, Children, Youth	26  10:00 - Prayer Team	27  9 - 2 - CDO resumes <i>1 - 3 - Pantry Open</i>	28  9 - 2 - CDO 9:30 - last Esther class 5:45 - roast 6:15 - JD's class 6:30 - Band, Children, Youth, Last Esther class 7:00 - Choir, Lenten study	29  9 - 2 - CDO 6:30 - Disciple 3 <i>11:00 a.m. Young at Heart leaves for Art Museum</i>	30	31  A-OK!/ VIM workday at Piedmont

By **March 18!** Bring individually-wrapped candies for the Easter Eggs

April 1st - Palm Sunday  
6th - Good Friday service at 7:00  
8th - Easter - Regular services at 9:45 & 11:00  
5th - Maundy Thursday service at 7:00  
7th - Egg hunt at 10:30 a.m.