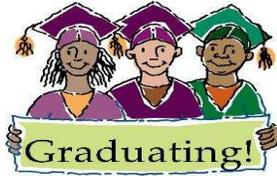


New Hope News in May

- a month of Beginnings, Changes, Completions, Remembering!



Our High School Graduates

Leslie Coffman
 Lauren Cooper
 Elyse Ellsworth
 Cody Johnson
 Anna Knight
 Dustin McClary
 Ryleigh McDonald

Sunday night May 6 at
6:30 p.m.

“FIRST LOOK” TOWN HALL MEETING

The entire congregation is asked to attend and get a first look at architectural plans for the new additions. This is also a chance to meet Dale McConnell from RSI who will be leading our capital campaign.



Mother's Day
 May 13

More about these young people on page 4.

The Communion offering on May 6 will be a special offering for Restore Hope, - Lydia Patterson Food Bank



Memorial Day, May 28, is a time not only for remembering

but reflection. Say a "thank you" to any veteran you know and send up a brief prayer of thanks.



A Happy-Sad Note

Lana Salter will be retiring the end of May ---- a happiness for her and a sad loss for those of us at New Hope!

There's no way to fully express appreciation for her countless hours of dedication to God and His work since Lana has served the church for over thirty years!

Members of the congregation will have a chance to greet Lana, chat over memories of old times, tell her thank-you personally and wish her the best at a lunch sponsored by the Men of Hope on May 20.

More about Lana's time serving New Hope on page 5.

Welcome to Our New Members!

Josie Anderson
 Payton Ellsworth
 Cooper Stogsdill



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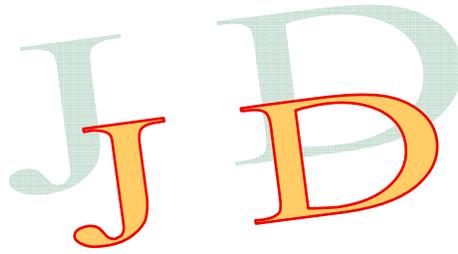
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******* Camps & Missions Summer Scene**

registration deadline

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| 'Tween's camp for 6th graders (June 4-8) | May 13 |
| JEM for middle school leaders (June 18 - 22) | May 27 |
| C.Y.M.E. senior high leaders grades 9 - 12 (July 2 - 6) | June 10 |
| Journey new Discipleship camp for grades 6,7,8 - (July 6 - 10) | June 10 |
| N/S OKC District Camp (July 9 - 13) | June 17 |

Reflections
from



At the end of this month I will be attending the Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma. This meeting will be held at Boston Avenue United Methodist Church in Tulsa May 27 - May 30. It will be the last time that Annual Conference will be held in Tulsa, since it has been determined that it is more convenient and cost effective to hold the meeting in Oklahoma City.

This means that I will feel a bit nostalgic as we gather in Tulsa, for the first time I attended this gathering it was held in Tulsa in 1992. I had been pastor at Snyder/Mountain Park for a few months and didn't know what to expect as we gathered there. As I moved from Baptist life to Methodist life, I was grateful for the welcome I received and the opportunity to continue to follow the Lord's leadership in my life and ministry.

That was 20 years ago, and since that time I have served churches in Sallisaw, Ponca City, Bartlesville, and Oklahoma City. I have gone from a member of another denomination serving in a United Methodist Church to being an Elder in the Church. I have learned a great deal about the mission and ministry of The United Methodist Church. In the last 20 years, I have worshipped, prayed, celebrated, and struggled with wonderful people. I have experienced God's presence and power during experiences at Camp Egan and Camp Canyon. I have had the privilege of serving on the Board of Pensions and Health Benefits and I am delighted to go back on that Board this year.

When I answered God's call to the ministry, I never expected to be where I am or where I have been. It has been a surprising journey that has been full of grace and blessings. Let me say that it has been a blessing to serve at New Hope United Methodist Church for the past three years and I look forward to all that God has for us as I return for the fourth year of ministry.

I will tell people at Annual Conference that I am very pleased to be appointed as your pastor and that God is doing wonderful things at New Hope! Let us allow the words of Paul to guide us in coming days: "Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer." (Romans 12:12)

**TRUSTEES
MEET Sunday,
May 6 at noon**

*Sunday, May 6 6:30 p.m. Town Hall Meeting
Come get a "first look" at building plans!*

Administrative Council
Sunday, May 20 at 4:00 p.m.

Leadership Team Training
Monday, May 21 at 6:30

Noon, Sunday, May 20

- Men of Hope grill lunch!
This is an annual fundraiser for their service projects. Donations are requested rather than a set fee.



Attendance
April 1 - 268
April 8 - 421 (Easter)
April 15 - 242
April 21 - 259
April 29 - 232

Health Fair



Our **annual health fair** will be held on **Saturday, August 18.** Mark your calendar!



Flippin for Missions - Save the Date!

by Lori Foster

“Do you love pancakes? Do you love to support Missions? Saturday, June 23 you can have your pancakes and support sessions at the same time. New Hope’s Men of Hope will be flippin’ the pancakes for us from 8:00 until 1:00.”

“New Hope has three international missions this year. Twelve people from New Hope will spend time in Nicaragua and in Cuba. July 23 - 30 will be a construction project in Managua, Nicaragua. July 30 to August 6 will be a sewing project in Nicaragua and the third mission is to Cuba where the team will be doing repair work at a Methodist camp. This is a wonderful ministry that the whole church can get behind and help support our brothers and sisters in Christ. So save the date and come out to support our team as they go out to help Christ in the transformation of the world! We can all be the hands and feet of Christ.”

“Special HUGE thanks to the Men of Hope for their wonderful support of this ministry. Muchas gracias!”

Vickie Lacy went on a medical mission trip to India in March and nicely provided this article.



“Thanks to all who kept me in your prayers during my trip to India. We worked at the Clara Swain Hospital in Faridpure. There were six doctors and two nurses and six volunteers who saw 1665 people! I worked in the pharmacy. There were some long hard days.”

“On voting day we were not allowed to have the clinic in Faridpure so we drove six hours to Sat Tal (which means seven lakes) and had clinic there. We served 79 people from seventeen villages around the area, They had to walk a long way to see us. For those who donated money or medicines, they were greatly appreciated; we had to purchase more medicines after running out. We stayed at the Sat Tal Ashrem founded by E. Stanley Jones. This is owned by Methodist Churches.”

“After driving all the doctors and interpreters back to Bareilly there were three days of down time so we got to enjoy the awesome Taj Mahal, see Ghandi’s Memorial and ride elephants up to the Red Fort. It was an awesome, life-changing adventure for me and also helped many people in need.”



Helping Hands
Food Pantry

Thanks to our generous donors, **Helping Hands Food Pantry** has helped 55 clients this year. Our pantry is in pretty good shape but we always need items such as various boxed cereals, macaroni & cheese, canned meats, chunky soups, saltines, peanut butter & jelly.

Thank you, Kimberly & Sharia The pantry is open from 1 - 3 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.

We will again be putting together a survey about faith-building opportunities this fall. If you would like to lead or facilitate a class, please see Cali Eck.

A Note from Cali “Well, May is here and everyone seems busier than ever. In the United Methodist Church May is considered a time to focus on encouraging the family. Here at New Hope I trust you will be encouraged to spend quality time with your family. The United Methodist Board of Discipleship has set aside May as “Christian Home Month” in an endeavor to help us think about ways the church can help parents know that we believe the home is key to faith formation. We want to strengthen faith in families and celebrate within your families’ faith journey. The overall theme for the month is “Families Called to Hope.”

“In a world where it is sometimes easier to focus on the things that stress and weigh us down than give us hope, we know we have a hope like no other. In the weeks and months to come I trust you will find New Hope a place that binds families together in the hope that is in Jesus Christ. I want to encourage you to take some time and sit down together as a family. The meal table is an excellent opportunity to share with one another the day and see how God has worked in it. One idea you could use to get the conversation started might be to ask everyone to think about something that week that brought hope to them. This will help you remember the blessings of the week and give each other the chance to look for hopeful opportunities in the week to come. Pray with your family. Nothing is more important to your children than for them to hear you pray for them and with them. Romans 8: 37 - 39 reminds us that we are more than Conquerors. We have a hope because of the depth of the love of Christ. Let us encourage one another as the family of God.”

Blessings!

Cali

Our High School Graduates!



Leslie Marie Coffman is the daughter of Jim and Teresa Coffman. She is graduating from Putman City High School. She has been 2012 class secretary for three years, Show Choir Captain two years, and served as Drama Club president & vice president. Leslie is a member of the National Honors Society and attended All-State Chorus one year and Quartz Mountain sessions one year. She has been in numerous musical theater shows at PC High and within the OKC community. This summer Leslie Marie may be seen performing in Lyric Theatre's Production of *Bye, Bye Birdie*.

Lauren E. Cooper is the daughter of Joseph and Toni White and has been here three and a half years. She is graduating from Piedmont where she has been active in French Club, S.A.D.D., FCCLA, and Show Choir. Lauren plans to become a nurse and will fulfill prerequisites for Nursing School at OCCC.

Elyse Ellsworth is the daughter of Keely Ellsworth. She is graduating from Yukon High School where she was photographer for the award-winning yearbook *Renaissance*. She has been a member of the French Club and the Art Club and was on the honor roll four years. Elyse plans to attend OU. Her major is undecided but she's considering zoology.

Cody Russell Johnson is the son of Perry and Donette Johnson. He is graduating from Piedmont High where he earned many certifications and fifteen hours credit at OSU. He also attended Canadian Valley Vo-Tech for two years. Cody is currently working as a machinist for Universal Machine and will become full-time after graduation. Before starting his senior year, with the support of his family and help of friend Matt Miller, Cody enlisted early in the United States Air Force. On September 25 he will report to Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio.

Anna Knight is graduating from Deer Creek High School. She is the daughter of Martha Knight. She has been a member of Band, Color Guard, Key Club, Business Professionals Association, Science Club, and Pom Squad. She also was in Eclectix Independent Color Guard in the 2011-12 season. In 2011 Anna performed with the Blue Knights. Anna is excited to complete leadership training. In 2011 she joined the Blue Knights, World Class DCI Drum & Bugle Corps. They placed in the top ten in the finals in Indianapolis, IN. Anna did not accept the invitation to return to the Blue Knights this year in order to fulfill other important obligations of summer camps and starting college at OBU in the fall. She plans to study Religion and Early Childhood/Elementary Education

Dustin McClary is graduating from Mustang High School early due to his hard work. He is currently attending Canadian Valley Vo-Tech at the Cowan campus, taking Computer-aided design and drafting courses with an emphasis on video game design. Over the years Dustin has participated in educational programs where he has experienced a lot of personal growth. His parents are Tammy and Mark Valentour.

Ryleigh McDonald is the daughter of Diana Acker and Jim McDonald. She is graduating from Bethany Christian Academy. Working ahead, Ryleigh skipped junior year (11th grade) maintaining membership on the honor roll each year. She has also received awards for attendance and the school's Christian Character Award. Ryleigh was baptized at Crossings Community Church in 2007. She loves movies, music, family time and reading. Jeremiah 29: 11 is her favorite scripture. Ryleigh plans to attend Francis Tuttle School of Photography and Graphic Design.

College Congratulations

Jonathon Sutton graduates from **Oklahoma State University** on May 5. His degree is Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education/ Science. Jonathon and his family request prayers as he enters the teaching profession. Britt Stanley is Jonathon's mother.

Gareth Basset received a PhD in Aerospace Engineering from the University of Central Florida in early May. Gareth is the son of Jeremy and Les Basset.



Congratulations and apologies to any others who received college degrees but the news wasn't shared so it could be publicized.

Allan & Mary Seay
 Melvin & Margaret Lawson
 Dusty & Sheri Cullers
 JD & Karrie Ward
 Denning & Vita Crowe
 Terry & Jean Brittenham

Anniversaries & Birthdays in May

Delores Garver
 Ray Kling
 Ivory Morgan
 Norene Valentour
 Thelma Henry
 Annette McGahee
 Betsy Roark
 Irene Krout
 Kahlene Christenson
 Jayden Raska
 David Reynolds
 Lola Martin
 Roxanne Sherwin
 Jeremy Basset
 Garrett Johnson

Brycen Christenson
 Brady Featherstone
 Donald Gross
 Earl Baker
 Tray Coffman
 Barbara McPheeters
 Andrew Gulvas
 Trynite Krout
 Drew Van Sickle
 Sam Cook
 Stephanie Saunders
 Earline Baker
 Melissa Lau
 Susan Smith



Lana's Retirement.....continued from page 1

Lana and David came to New Hope in 1981 when son Windell was five and Erica was twenty-two months old. They had just moved to OKC from Wichita, Kansas. Then, the church was Shook Memorial, located on NW Expressway in the area Chapel Hill Funeral Chapel now occupies.

Attendance at that time ran about 50 people each Sunday and Bill Yeager had just been appointed pastor. There are still three people attending New Hope who were with the church when the Salters started at Shook so if you want more about Lana's history here, talk to Agnes Goodman, Delores Cherry, or Vicki Freeman! It was really tempting to dig up old photos of her "growing up" at New Hope but if you looked through the old directories at our 50th Celebration last year, you may have seen several!

In 1982 Lana became the volunteer financial secretary. In 1984 she began and, for five years, directed the Mother's Day Out program at Shook. She later began making deposits for the church and in 1987 was put in charge of all financial responsibilities. As the church grew, so did Lana's duties and when New Hope moved to its present site, her job title became Church Administrator.

Lana did not specify this next information but it's known: Over the years more and more responsibilities ended up on her desk until she was not only keeping financial records but tending to membership rolls and reports, serving as general office manager and purchasing agent, doing secretarial work, and creating bulletin and worship service sheets, as well as power point programs that she projected "from the crow's nest" on Sunday mornings, and often doing repairs or custodial work until repairmen could arrive plus many other jobs.....all the while juggling the many miscellaneous things that come up daily in a church office.

Lana worked with nine pastors at in her years of service to the church: Bill Yeager, Ray Nesmith, Arnold Roberts, Sterling Williams, Vaughn Story, Dan Peil, Marvin Hudson, Doug Thatcher, and JD Ward. Lana says her time working at New Hope has been a great adventure and has provided a variety of memorable experiences. Now she looks forward to spending lots of time with their grandchildren and, hopefully, traveling and relaxing.

At a lunch sponsored by the Men of Hope on May 20 members of the church will have a chance to wish Lana a very happy retirement.



If you did not sign up for our trip to the Redhawks game on May 12 and want to go, see Cali to find out if she can get more tickets. We will leave from the church about 6:00, if there are enough who would like to ride together. Please contact Cali Eck at 830 - 4876 if you have questions.



Young at Heart

takes a trip to Myriad Gardens on May 24.

The bus will leave church at 11:00

If you have questions contact Mickey Miller.

YOUNG NEW HOPE

Rock Solid Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

KidsOwnWorship

Sunday Mornings at 11:00

**May's Theme:
"The Disciples after Easter"**

**Lessons & Scriptures for
children ages three
through fifth grade**

May 6 - "Peter and John Heal"
Acts 3: 1- 10

May 13 - "Peter's Shadow"
Acts 5: 12 - 16

May 20 - "Dorcas Helps Others"
Acts 9: 36 - 42

May 27 - "Pentecost"
Acts 2: 1-41

Children's Sunday night classes
will take a break after May 20.

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

the children have a lesson followed by a
craft or game.



No Youth or
Children on
Sunday
evening,
May 13,
Mothers' Day

CAMPS

**DATES & DEADLINES
are on page 1. Check
with your leaders about
costs and details.**



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May 25 - 26

Youth work at Boys' Ranch.
Ask Donette what time
the bus leaves.

Meeting Times:

Sundays
9:45 a.m. and
5:00 p.m.

Wednesdays
6:30 p.m.



****A paid position in the nursery ****

on Wednesday evenings and alternate Sunday
mornings needs to be filled. If you are
interested, please tell the staff in the nursery or
children's department or let the office know!

| Sunday | 9:45 | 11:00 |
|--------|-----------------|-----------------|
| May 6 | Lisa Brimacombe | Robin Paul |
| May 13 | Beth Brown | Casey Pattillo |
| May 20 | Nellyne Hanlin | Alice Pattillo |
| May 27 | Becca Pappas | Elyse Ellsworth |



Family Life trip to
RedHawks' game
May 12

Operation Overboard!

Vacation Bible School

July 16 - 19

9 a.m. until noon



Watch the Sunday bulletin for
needs for our craft projects.

Acolyte Schedule

| | 9:45 | 11:00 |
|--------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| May 6 | Alyson Roark Grace Roark | Allie Seay Leah Medina |
| May 13 | Kellie Seay Jake Sherwin | Katie Seay Roni Cook |
| May 20 | Noah Paul Hayden Hasty | Emma Bruce Jonathan Eck |
| May 27 | Shay Johnson | Sierra Paul Jake Anderson |

May 2012

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|--|--|---|--|--------------------------------|--|
| | | 1 6:30 - Buck & a Bible 9 - 2 - CDO | 2 9 - 2 - CDO 6:30 - Band, Youth, Children 7:00 - Choir | 3 9 - 2 - CDO National Day of Prayer | 4 Garage Sale 8 - 4 | 5 Garage Sale 9 - 2 |
| 6 Graduation Sunday noon - Trustees 4:30 - Last Disciple 2 and Companions in Christ 4:30 - Youth 6:30 - "First Look" - Town Hall Meeting | 7 10:00 - Prayer Team | 8 6:30 - Buck & a Bible 9 - 2 - CDO 1 - 3 Pantry Open 6:30 - Ruth Circle | 9 9 - 2 - CDO 6:30 - Band, Youth, Children 7:00 - Choir | 10 9 - 2 - CDO 9:30 - Mary Martha | 11 | 12 Family Life trip to Red Hawks game |
| 13  Registry deadline for TWEENS No Children or Youth this evening | 14 10:00 - Prayer Team | 15 6:30 - Buck & a Bible 9 - 2 - CDO | 16 9 - 2 - CDO 6:30 - Band, Youth, Children 7:00 - Choir | 17 | 18 | 19 VIM team staying here until 22nd |
| 20 Noon - Men of Hope grill lunch plus reception honoring Lana's retirement 3:00 - Worship Committee 4:00 - Administrative Council 4:30 - Youth & Children | 21 10:00 - Prayer Team 6:30 - Leadership Team | 22 6:30 - Buck & a Bible 9 - 2 - CDO 1 - 3 Pantry Open | 23 9 - 2 - CDO 6:30 - Band, Youth, Children 7:00 - Choir | 24 9 - 2 - CDO 11:00 - Young at Heart leave for Myriad Gardens | 25 Youth work at Boys Ranch | 26 Youth work at Boys Ranch |
| 27 registry deadline for JEM Memorial Day weekend - No Youth or Children | 28  Office closed | 29 6:30 - Buck & a Bible NO CDO until June 5 | 30 9 - 2 - CDO 6:30 - Band, Youth, Children 7:00 - Choir | 31 | | VIM team staying here June 3 - 8 |