



September Sermon Series - Tough Questions



- September 2 James 1: 22 - 27
"Are We Doers or Hearers?"
- September 9 James 2: 14 - 25
Faith & Works: *"How Do We Find the Right Combination?"*
- September 16 James 3: 1 - 12
"How Can We Tame Our Tongues?"
- September 23 James 4: 7 - 10
"How Do We Get Right With God?"
- September 30 James 5: 13 - 18
"How Should We Pray?"

September's Communion offering will go to Skyline Urban Ministries.



Welcome to our new members!

- Jonas Bartlett
- Emily Watts
- Chase Linville
- Bryce Almond
- Amy Neff

Autumn Studies by Rev. Cali Eck

We have many opportunities for you to grow with us.

Sunday evenings: 5:00 -7:00 p.m.

"Disciple Fast Track: Becoming Disciples through Bible Study"
A 24-week study for busy people seeking to gain a better understanding of the Bible and want to grow in faith. This began in August but you may still join. Led by Steve Clark

"Miracles of Jesus" Finding God in Desperate Moments" by Jessica LaGrone
A 6-week women's Bible study that explores the miracles of Jesus and helps us to see God's hand at work in our desperate moments. Led by Amy Aita, this begins Sunday, September 9.

Tuesday Mornings 9:30- 11:30

"Job: A Story of Unlikely Joy" by Lisa Harper A 7-week women's Bible Study that will help us learn how to trust in God in the midst of pain, knowing that God is for us no matter what you are going through. This began in August but you may still come. Led by Rev. Cali Eck

"Hebrews: The Nearness of King Jesus" By Lisa Harper A 7-week women's Bible Study will help you engage and treasure the book of Hebrew as you deepen your relationship with Christ. This class is led by Rev. Cali Eck but won't begin until Tuesday, Oct. 23rd.

Wednesday Evenings: 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

"The Road to Amazing: Basics of Christian Practice" by Clayton Oliphint & Mary Brooke Casad. A 4-week study for anyone desiring to know more about what it means to practice the Christian faith. We will talk about "Who IS Jesus?" and reflect on living fully in Christ daily. You may still join this class led by Rev. Eck.

CHURCH COUNCIL meets September 23 at 6:30 p.m.



by J.D. Ward

New Hope is going to Israel in June of 2020. Chris Porter and J.D. Ward are the trip leaders for this awesome experience! *You are invited to an information meeting on Sunday, September 30 at 4 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.*

We are currently working on the itinerary with Mark Boston of Educational Opportunities. It will be a thirteen-day trip and we will be traveling in the middle of June, 2020. While the weather will be warmer, the crowds will be much smaller and we will have better access to the sites we visit.

If you are concerned about security, it is good to know that Israel is one of the most secure countries for travel. There were no issues for our group that traveled there in 2016.

You are also encouraged to invite friends and family to travel with us. This is not limited to members of New Hope United Methodist Church. Our proposed itinerary is on page two.

JD's Reflections

If you have been present in worship the last two Sundays, you know that we are doing some new things in worship. Our 9:45 service will continue as before, but we do have a new look with an updated worship bulletin. When I came to New Hope nine years ago, I wanted to make first service more traditional. While the trend for many churches has been to abandon traditional worship, I think that there is still a hunger

for responsive readings, the Lord's Prayer, the Apostles' Creed, hymns, a choir, and the use of the organ as one of the primary instruments in worship.

I recently read William Willimon's book, *"A Guide to Preaching and Leading Worship."* I agree with him when he says that "churches do not grow without vibrant Sunday morning worship." It is my belief that the worship hour is the most important hour of the week at New Hope. The Traditional Service will continue to use historic and familiar worship rituals from Sunday to Sunday.

William Willimon says this about ritual:

"Ritual—patterned, predictable, purposeful behavior—makes life coherent, manageable, and meaningful. Rituals enable us to encounter and to survive potentially threatening aspects of life—death, sex, birth, God." You can expect Traditional Worship at New Hope to be excellent, challenging, and inspiring. It will rely heavily on Scripture and the preaching of the Word.

In the 11:00 service we have made more changes. This service is now called "The Gathering." To be honest, New Hope has never done a typical contemporary service. In doing some reading, I realized that our second service is more blended. We have always combined liturgy with contemporary music. The current trendy term for this style of worship is Ancient/Modern. To be honest, we have been doing Ancient/Modern before Ancient/Modern was cool!

I am current reading Martin Thielen's book, *"Ancient Modern Worship—A Practical Guide to Blending Worship Styles."* He says that this "new style of worship is rooted in Scripture, aware of developments in history, and passionate about contemporary relevance."

The Gathering is a blended worship service that combines historic, traditional, and contemporary elements of worship.

To me, that means we are free. We are free to combine liturgy with contemporary music. We are free to do communion without the traditional Great Thanksgivings from The Book of Worship. We are free to experience God's presence and grace in Holy Communion every week. We are free to share Joys and Concerns from time to time and offer intercessory prayer. We are free to experiment as we try to encourage more participation, energy, passion, and warmth in this service.

We hope you like the "new look" of our worship bulletins. You are encouraged to take them home with you because they contain helpful information about our church and church activities.

You are also encouraged to share your thoughts and ideas about worship with me and other worship leaders who serve on our staff.

Here is a proposed itinerary of the 2020 trip to the Holy Land -- June 13 (S) – Depart USA

- June 14 (U) – Arrive in the Holy Land / Transfer to Netanya
- June 15 (M) – Caesarea Maritima / Mount Carmel / Megiddo / Beit Shean- /Transfer to Galilee
- June 16 (T) – Galilee Day – Boat Ride on Sea / Tabgha / Primacy of Peter / Magdala / Capernaum / Mount of Beatitudes / Yardenit - Galilee
- June 17 (W) – Cana / Nazareth / Samaria / Jacob's Well / Transfer to Bethlehem
- June 18 (H) – Herodion, Bethlehem and Jericho - Bethlehem
- June 19 (F) – Masada, Qumran and Dead Sea swim - Bethlehem
- June 20 (S) – Mount of Olives / Garden of Gethsemane / Upper Room / Caiaphas' House / Transfer to Jerusalem
- June 21 (U) – Yad Vashem / Israel Museum
- June 22 (M) – Southern Wall Excavations / Western Wall / Cardo / Jewish Quarter
- June 23 (T) – Ein Karem / Nebi Samuel / Emmaus / Valley of Elah
- June 24 (W) – Pool of Bethesda / Via Dolorosa / Church of the Holy Sepulchre
- June 25 (H) – Return Home

Attendance

July	29 - 268
August	5 - 313
August	12 - 313
August	19 - 297
August	26 - 329

Missions & Outreach

Saturday,
September 8
you'd be
very
welcome to
come fix
sandwiches and/or

go downtown with the Second Saturday Outreach group. They'll take items and food to the homeless of OKC. They meet at the church about 9:15.

A thank you from UMCOR

"Dear Friends in Mission,

Recently, several hurricanes have hit the United States and the Caribbean. Hurricanes Harvey and Irma have devastated Texas, Florida, and other areas. As images have streamed across our screens, many of us have been moved to prayer, giving and action. We're grateful that you are partnering with us through The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR).

Thank you for your gift received on August 18, 2018 for \$275.00 through The Advance, the designated giving channel of The United Methodist Church.

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Helping Hands

by Mickey Miller

Hi all. Our Helping Hands food pantry continues to grow. Each month we are serving between 60 to 80 people.

Without your support this mission would not be possible. Thank you again for your support for this mission! The pantry is open from 1:00 until 3:00 the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. We serve zip codes 73132, 73142 and 73162 and our church family.

Needs now are one-pound bags of pinto beans, boxed cereals, hamburger helper and large brown paper grocery bags (no plastic bags, please.)

Exodus House

by Mickey Miller

Exodus House had its first graduate reunion on August 4. There were approximately 50 people in attendance, including staff, graduates, current resident and sponsors. We had a wonderful time visiting with graduates and the current resident of Apartment 10. We continue to make plans for the kitchen remodel next spring and look forward to the continued support of our friends at New Hope.

Again, thank you for all the support for this ministry.



Health and Wellness

by Stacee Hoyer

September is National Childhood Obesity Awareness Month

One in 5 children in the United States are obese. Childhood obesity puts kids at risk for health problems that were once seen only in adults, like type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure, and heart disease.

The good news is that childhood obesity can be prevented. In honor of National Childhood Obesity Awareness Month, New Hope encourages your family to make healthy changes together.

Get active outside: Walk around the neighborhood, go on a bike ride, or play basketball at the park.

Limit screen time: Keep screen time (time spent on the computer, watching TV, or playing video games) to 2 hours or less a day.

Make healthy meals at home: Buy and serve more vegetables, fruit, and whole-grain foods.

Limit drinks sweetened with sugar such as soda, fruit drinks, sports drinks, energy drinks, sweetened waters, and coffee and tea beverages with added sugars

Taking small steps as a family can help your child stay at a healthy weight. For more information, visit Stacee Hoyer, BSN, RN or Debbie Barnett, MSN, RN.

Get active and get out to Martin Nature Center

More than just a park, Martin Park Nature Center is a hub for nature exploration and education for visitors of all ages. Guided hikes, education programs and an interactive learning center provide visitors a place to learn about nature and wildlife in a serene, suburban environment.

Park Amenities 2.5 miles of woodland trails * Visitor Center with live animals, nature learning library and restrooms. * Nature-themed playground * Picnic pavilion, seating 30 & available for rent

* ADA Accessible INTEGRIS Jim Thorpe Rehabilitation Courage Trail

www.okc.gov/departments/parks-recreation/martin-park-nature-center



Confirmation Begins

2018 confirmation classes began on August 29th. Confirmation Sunday will be October 28th. Confirmation is a time when students attend classes to learn more about what it means to be a member of church. Throughout the course, the students will have the opportunity to visit various religious services like a Jewish temple service as well as an orthodox Christian service. At the end of confirmation, students have the opportunity to accept their call from Christ into discipleship as full members of our congregation.

Silent Auction

Our silent auction will begin October 7th and end October 14th. We will be setting up the tables after service on September 30th.

We are in need of many items for the silent auction, so if you have any items that you would like to donate for the silent auction, please either drop them off at the church, or get into contact with Philip. The silent auction goes to support the annual Fall Mystery Tour in October.

September Schedule: September 2nd: No Youth

September 9th: Parent/Volunteer Meeting @ 4 p.m.

September 9th: Youth Council Elections

September 19th: No Youth

September 30th: Set up Silent Auction Tables @ 12 p.m.

September 30th: Fifth Sunday Movie Night @ 4 p.m.

A thank you from UMCOR

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We are pleased to share that 100 percent of your contribution will support UMCOR's U.S. disaster training and response.

Giving through The Advance enables United Methodists to partner with one another in mission and ministry around the world. Thankyou for joining with us in God's mission.

You can learn more about UMCOR's disaster response and development work by visiting our website at www.umcor.org.

There are photos, stories videos and other resources available to keep you informed of emerging needs.

Grace and Peace,

Roland Fernandes, General Treasurer,
General Board of Global Ministries and
Rev. Russell C. Pierce,
Executive Director, Mission Engagement

Tent 'n' Treat October 28 5 - 7 p.m.

All groups and classes are encouraged to decorate a tent in the gym!

Tents provided; you supply the work!



Cali's Corner

I hope that all of you know how much I enjoy serving alongside you here at New Hope. I am going on my seventh year as the Director of Discipleship/ Associate. I am excited about what God can and will do through us as we continue to provide opportunities and ministries for growth. We have experienced God's hand at work in and through our congregation in so many ways. I am blessed to serve God with you. As we continue to strive to be a place that everyone can discover and grow their relationship with God and others, we are finding new ways help you do this. Below you will find how to go about taking the Discipleship survey that will help you determine what classes are for you. In the future we will be emphasizing this map as a way to deepen and encourage your faith journey. I hope you will go to the church website and click on the button and follow these instructions to take the survey, because it is our goal at New Hope to make Disciples.

When you go to the church website: www.newhopeokc.org you will find the information both on the main page and on the discipleship ministry page.

To take the survey you need an account. Everyone signs up individually for an account by clicking the

Click here button. It will ask for a conference code and here is ours: **PEACEJOY**

Once you have done this, you will be given a dropdown to choose district and church. Our District is **Crossroads**.

When you have registered your account then you click the click here button to log in and take the survey.

Thank you for taking this journey with your New Hope family. It is a joy to learn and grow together as a family. We are excited to be a place where faith meets life! We want to be the place for you that encourages you to share your faith and join others on the journey. Come grow with us!

Blessings! Pastor Cali

**The annual Bazaar sponsored
by Ruth Circle will be**

Saturday, November 3

Applications for vendors are available in the office at 405 - 721 - 5015 or by calling Carola Smith.

Booth fees are \$30. Tables may be rented and electricity is an extra charge. Pun intended.

If you know anyone who does any sort of crafts or has things to sell, please have them



UMW (United Methodist Women) resume meetings on Thursday, September 20 at 6:30.

Hearts of Hope

by Norene Valentour



Thank You, New Hope Congregation for generously supporting the Will Rogers Elementary School Supply Drive. Supplies were delivered August 14, 2018. There was a good variety of supplies to be distributed among Pre-K through 5th grade classes. The supplies covered most items on the school supply list. It took three large rolling carts stacked three boxes high plus some small boxes and a large trash bag filled with boxes of tissue.

Principal John Lunn and Administrative Staff were very excited to see needed supplies available as they prepared for the 2018 – 2019 school year. Two days prior to opening, a 3rd grade teacher had a worksheet, pencil, markers on each desk. Books were on shelves; across the room were personalized baskets welcoming each student to "A Walk right in – Sit right down." welcoming. Reading would be encouraged; other diverse activities woven in. After students settled in; roll would be called.

Will Rogers has several new teachers, librarian, and support personnel this year as positions are filled – all eager for this school year to begin.

John Lunn asked Hearts of Hope to extend their appreciation to New Hope for this year and prior years' supplies. Thanks for blessing Will Rogers Elementary. A good start for a good year!

by Donna Reynolds

Mary Martha Ladies' Circle is alive and well and resting a bit after a hectic Spring and Summer of projects. We encourage any ladies who are looking for a great fellowship and a great ministry group to come visit us on the second Thursday of every month here at New Hope Church. The members take turns providing refreshments and giving a devotional each meeting. The August meeting had Earline Baker and Pat Downing doing a fantastic brunch of finger foods. Wow! Ladies you must come eat with us!

Pat Downing also gave the devo with the title "*Knowing the Difference Between a Problem (can solve) and a Fact (can't do anything)*". She used Psalm 23 as a beginning of each trait. A great lesson for us all.

We celebrate joys: Nellyne and Bob Hanlin's 65th wedding anniversary! We pray for concerns.

Our Ministry Project Reports: - Nellyne reported the annual Afton's Memorial gift was taken to Okahoma Children's Hospital. It's always a big red wagon full of toys.

- Lunch for the Prime Timers at the McKee Center downtown was served and Donna Wakefield said she needs more help. Come on, Ladies, we need help for that outreach!
- Mickey Miller reported on the ongoing ministry at the Exodus House apartment that New Hope helps with. The Exodus House had a 20th year reunion this summer for their graduates. Mickey said only 1.6% of the participants fail to fit back into society after incarceration.
- The Food Pantry continues to serve many needy people in the zip codes: 73162, 73142, 73132.
- The Ministry Fair was successful. Thanks, Lacticia for making the great display board of our ministries.
- Warm Fuzzies will be collected again in October as well as children's blankets for EMSA and the OHP. This is always so successful and the members enjoy it so much.

Nellyne Hanlin, chairperson for this ministry asks that the stuffed animals be large enough for the child cuddle and to point to an arm or leg or belly where it may hurt. She thanks the members at New Hope for their support.

- The Annual Bazaar is Nov. 3 is the Ruth Circle's Ministry, but the other ladies' groups at New Hope participate. UMW will serve lunch that day. The Mary Martha group will sell Baked Goods and also Rada Cutlery. Reserve your own booth or, for sure, come browse the booths for wonderful gifts and food items.



Danny Goodman
Julius Logan
Drew Stogsdill
Ruby Jones
Pat Mize
Colby Powell
Brian Johnson
Maudean Wakefield

James Willis
Sam Gosdin
Mary Plender
Jerry Valentour
Jason Mills
Coleen Moore
John Moore
Janelle Hillemeier
Janelle Nelson
Elaine Parrent
Bryce Almond
Linda Felan
Greg Whetstone
Lairyn Hayes

Jennifer EchoHawk
Pat Crist
Jake Sutton
Brian Ward
Gillian Hasty
Brenna Bayless
Buck Collier
Allan Seay
Daniel Hanlin
Lynnda Parker
Jeana Richardson
Art Hanlin
Roseanna Kaiser
Keith Castner
Elaine Pierce

Juliann Brimacombe
Shelby Plender
Margaret Lawson
Mason McDonald
Harold Brown
Nichole Hardesty
Al Van Sickle
David Johnson
Robyn McLaren
Dick Reynolds

September Birthdays and Anniversaries



Charles & Katherine Kietzman
Dick & Sue Reynolds
Dale & Britt Stanley
Larry & Peggy Morgan
James & Shirley Yates
Bob & Roseanna Kaiser
Cody & Kristal Osborne
Bob & Diana Acker



POTLUCK DINNER

September 9 at noon. Bring a dish to share and enjoy fellowship after second service. New Beginnings class hosts.

5:30 p.m. Wednesday meals:

September 5 - baked chicken
September 12 - pot roast
September 19 - No meal
September 26 - baked tilapia

by Gary Graham

Young at Heart met August 30, 2018 and shared the new Sight and Sound production of "SAMSON" for its monthly luncheon. Everyone was delighted to share an excellent meal with fried and baked chicken, and all the trimmings. How delicious!

"Samson" is a delightful movie, which follows the Biblical narrative throughout the production. Full of music, singing and excellent professional acting, the production brings to life the life of Samson from his childhood to adulthood. It especially focuses on his calling and his struggle to be the person God called him to be, in contrast to who he wanted to be. It tells us that we are free when we are doing God's will.

Y@H will travel to Arkansas on our November trip, staying at the Queen Wilhilmena Lodge. Rooms are booked and over 20 New Hopeans will be traveling to see a beautiful array of fall colors. This is our first out of state trip. If you are unable to attend, and you have reserved your room through Shirley McElroy, *you must notify Shirley 48 hours in advance to avoid payment of the guaranteed room.*

This should be an excellent and enjoyable experience for everyone.



We celebrate the recent baptism of Emily Watts!

Applications for booth rent now available. See page 5



Silent Auction! October 7 - 14

The youth need donations of quality items that would bring big bids! Call church or E-mail Philip at studentministries@newhopeokc.org

Family Life will host a movie night on the lawn on September 28th. We will begin the movie at Sunset. Watch for more information about time and what movie as we get closer to the date.



Flu Clinic here at New Hope

Sunday, October 7 9:00 a. m. - 12:15 p.m.

Longtime New Hope member Marie Arndt went to her reward on August 16. Services were held at Church of the Servant.

Thank You

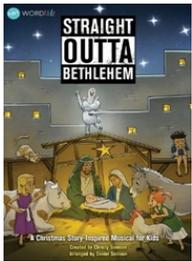


Thank you for the many cards, prayers, thoughts and offers of assistance. You are all very much appreciated. Kaye

Children's Department Greetings!

Fall programming is underway and I couldn't be more excited for what the rest of 2018 will look like for our Children's Ministry! September is sure to be a great month for the children of New Hope.

Remember that we do NOT have regular evening classes on Sunday, September 2nd. Enjoy your Labor Day weekend with your family! We will also not have regular Wednesday evening classes on September 19th.



Christmas is just around the corner! Our 2018 Children's Christmas Program will be here before you know it! Our show this year is called "Straight Outta Bethlehem." Here we are in the "sleepy" little village of Bethlehem. But in this tiny town something huge and miraculous is about to happen...the birth of the Messiah! Right in the midst of all the action is an irresistibly intrepid and indefatigable group of orphans who reside at the Inn of Bethlehem.

This loveable ragamuffin group of characters will put a smile on your lips and a song in your heart as they unveil the story of Christmas and how God sent His only Son to be born, STRAIGHT OUTTA BETHLEHEM. As eyewitnesses to the holy, blessed event, their special re-telling of the story is sure to shine a bright new light on the importance of our Savior's birth! Rehearsals began August 22nd, but continue every Sunday evening so you can come!



Service Project!

On Saturday, September 15th the Children's Ministry will go to Skyline Urban Ministry to volunteer. All children are encouraged to come be a part of this opportunity to be of service to our greater Oklahoma City community!

We will leave the church at 8:30 a.m.



On Wednesday, September 12th Children's Choir will meet for the first time! Rehearsals begin at 6:00 p.m. This is open to children in Kindergarten through 5th grade!

Family Life Movie Night on the Lawn is Friday, September 28th! The movie will begin at sundown. We hope to see you all here for this fun family event!

Sunday morning lessons are from Deep Blue.



Anchor point: Jesus' Family

September 2 - *Jesus Joins His Family*

Luke 2: 1 -7

September 9 - *Jesus and His Parents*

Luke 2: 39 - 52

September 16 - *God's Family* Matthew 3: 13 - 17

September 23 - *Jesus Creates a Family* Matthew 4: 18 - 22

September 30 - *Jesus and the Children* Matthew 19: 13 - 15

Thank you for your continued support of our Children's Ministry!

If there are any questions, please let me know!

Blessings, Luisa Medina luisa@newhopeokc.org



September Acolytes

We are proud to have several new people serving as Acolytes!

	1st service	2nd service
September 2	Brian Johnson Landon Aita	Jacob Miller Kamden Goff
9	Emily Brown Carly Smarra	Owen Attebery Lauren Hawkins
16	Abigail Williams Jacob Williams	Jackson Koeneke-Moore Christian Plender
23	Cole Wigley Laura Langert	Maggie Rogers Brooklyn Eck
30	Caleb Leonard Jacob Williams	Camden Wetzel Jacob Miller

CDO - by Kristy Goff

We have had a successful Meet the Teacher and First Day of CDO. We are so happy to add an additional Pre-K classroom, taught by Emily Harrel and Barbara Moody.

We would also like to welcome our new staff members, Hayley Trowbridge and Juliann Brimacombe.

During the month of September we will be covering letters B, C, D, and E and also the themes of Bears, Camping, Dogs, and Enchanted. Erin Coats Photography will also be here to take our school pictures. We still have a very limited amount of spots left in our Nursery and Toddler classrooms.

Nursery Volunteers

September 2	Anna Langert	Amy Aita
9	Carly Smarra	Peggy Morgan
16	Jon Eck	Payton Coats
23	Paige Jones	Julie Gosdin
30	Jon Eck	Keely Ellsworth



Kevin's Notes

As students and teachers have returned to school and parents have settled back into their normal school-year routine, I have found myself giving thanks for the gifts of our "normal" lives – whatever that may mean to you – and the opportunities God gives us through what we can too easily view as mundane and secular. The first chapel service of each year of my undergraduate studies at Oklahoma City University began with the same hymn. That hymn, "Earth and All Stars," became one of my very favorite moments of worship each year – and I was so happy to sing it with you all for the second time this

month. The first two stanzas of this hymn use relatively ordinary imagery in describing God's creation.

Earth and all stars, Loud rushing planets
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Hail, wind, and rain, Loud blowing snowstorm
Sing to the Lord a new song!

Trumpet and pipes! Loud clashing cymbals!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud humming cellos!
Sing to the Lord a new song!

These images, even those of galaxies and weather (perhaps I will write an article in the future featuring the text of "God of Earth and Outer Space"), are not uncommon in our expressions of faith. From there, though, writers Herbert Frederick Brokering and David N. Johnson offer two stanzas that always tickle my sense of humor.

Engines and steel! Loud pounding hammers
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Limestone and beams, Loud building workers
Sing to the Lord a new song!

Classrooms and labs, Loud boiling test tubes
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Athlete and band, Loud cheering people
Sing to the Lord a new song!

It is not often that I come across lyrics proclaiming that God is praised with the swing of the hammer or the work of an engine, and before I encountered this hymn I don't think I ever considered the opportunities we have to honor God in a research lab, on a football field, or in the stands. Our everyday lives are full of opportunities to glorify God through service and witness in our workplaces and in our communities. A loving smile for a coworker or words of encouragement are reflections of God's love and grace. Scientific innovations and the construction of places for others to live or gather are acts of service for God's creation. When we gather together, even for secular activities like a sporting event, we create opportunities to share God's love with one another and to enjoy the lives God has gifted us with. Each verse is followed by a refrain:

God has done marvelous things.
We too sing praises with a new song!

Like "Earth and All Stars," Wesley's directions for singing deliver profound truths with a dash of humor.

Sing modestly. Do not bawl, so as to be heard above or distinct from the rest of the congregation, that you may not destroy the harmony; but strive to unite your voices together, so as to make one clear melodious sound.

Sing in time. Whatever time is sung be sure to keep with it. Do not run before nor stay behind it; but attend close to the leading voices, and move therewith as exactly as you can; and take care not to sing too slow. This drawling way naturally steals on all who are lazy; and it is high time to drive it out from us, and sing all our tunes just as quick as we did at first.

I should say here that I am not discouraging any of you from singing fully in worship – sing as loudly as you wish! Wesley instructs us not to sing "so as to be heard above or distinct from the rest of the congregation" and to not "run before nor stay behind" the rest of the congregation, but I see a less obvious truth here – that we do not sing for ourselves or for our own gratification, but for the glory of God and the deepening of our understanding of God. In our worship, we should sing with abandon for God and abandon singing for ourselves.

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Women's Ministry News by Abigail Rogers

Women's Ministry met on Sunday, Aug 19th and had a wonderful time coming together to plan various ways to encourage and support our fellow sisters in Christ. All who attended expressed a strong desire to unite in sisterhood with all the women in our church family. Planning for games, crafts, holiday cookie exchange and fun took place! We also discussed a strong desire to plan a women's retreat around the end of winter or beginning of spring. We were able to plan some exciting opportunities to come together.

Come and join us for BUNCO night on October 12th at 7pm! We will have several opportunities to win prizes, so bring a snack and come have some fun and fellowship with your fellow New Hope Sisters!

December 15th at 10:00 a.m. is our "Holiday Cookie Exchange", bring plenty to share and don't forget to bring copies of your recipes.

We are working on some exciting events for the beginning of 2019 starting with a Winter themed craft night in January, followed by a women's retreat in March. More information will be available as we get further in the planning process.

We have also created a new Facebook group for the women in New Hope. It is our hope that with this group we will be able to have a sense of unity and sisterhood outside of church as well. Life can be difficult sometimes and we want to be able to support and encourage each other through the hard times, but life can also be fun and very exciting and we want to be there to rejoice and celebrate with our sisters at all times! You can find our facebook group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/462154420952495/>

We can't wait to see you at Bunco night and the cookie exchange!

Safe and Secure

Special Training this Fall by Gary Graham

All volunteer Safe and Secure ministry members will begin joint training Saturday, September 15 at 9:00 a.m. to begin training as a group.

Among the types classes will be defensive training, active assailant practice, assignments for teams, group activities for handling crowd control for severe weather, fire, and any other emergency.

Classes will also include mental health, surviving verbal confrontations, aiding those in need, and continuing first aid training. Everyone will be trained in acute trauma techniques based on Homeland Security's most recent training protocol.

Members of the Safe and Secure ministry are all volunteers. They work hard for this congregation. Please pray for their safety as they move forward this fall in providing more safety for the church. Rev. Gary Graham is the director of this ministry.

Anyone wishing to join our ministry team is welcome to sign up. *New training classes will begin in February 2019.*

MEN OF



This group has an 8:15 breakfast the third Sunday morning of each month. All men and their sons are invited!

Notes: *continued*

There are two more stanzas to "Earth and All Stars:"

Knowledge and truth, Loud sounding wisdom
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Daughter and son, Loud praying members
Sing to the Lord a new song!

Children of God,
Dying and rising,
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Heaven and earth,
Hosts everlasting,
Sing to the Lord a new song!

There was a second element of that first chapel service that I could count on each year: a prayer from Rev. Maggie Ball. That prayer always began with the words "Here we are again, O God." A group of friends and I continue to chuckle together about how mundane those words looked on a page. But, much like the old and new daily and weekly routines we settle into again this fall, those words offer excitement each time we approach them. Here we are again, O God, to serve you in our workplaces. Here we are again, O God, to gather in classrooms to equip ourselves to help the world around us. Here we are again, O God, with another opportunity to show Your boundless love to those who feel lost or hopeless. And here we are again, O God, each and every day, to offer our thanks and praise through our actions, our words, and our song!



New Hope in September 2018

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
<i>Silent auction donations accepted now! See Philip!</i>	Sunday refreshments - 2- New Beginnings and/or AIM 9 - Friends & Believers and/or Open Forum 16 - JOY and/or Lamplighters 23 - Wesleyan 30 - Seekers and/or Beyond the Box					1
2 No evening events or classes	3 <i>Labor Day</i> Office closed	4 9 - 2 CDO 9:30 - Study of Job	5 9 - 2 CDO 5:30 - Baked Chicken 6:15 - Confirmation Class 6:30 - Choir practice; classes: Youth, Children, Adults	6 9 - 2 CDO 9:30 - Hearts of Hope 11:00- CDO grandparents' lunch	7	8 9:15 Second Saturday Outreach
9 noon - Potluck - New Beginnings hosts 5:00 - <i>Miracles of Jesus</i> class begins 5:00 - classes: Adult, Youth, Children	10 10:00 - Prayer Team 6:30- Stitches	11 9 - 2 CDO 9:30 - Study of Job 1:00 -3:00 p.m. Pantry Open 6:30 - Ruth Circle	12 9 - 2 CDO 5:30 - pot roast 6:00 - Children's Choir begins 6:15 - Confirmation Class 6:30 - Choir practice; classes: Youth, Children, Adults	13 9 - 2 CDO 9:30 - Mary Martha Circle	14	15 8:30 - children go to Skyline 9:00- Safe & Secure group training
16 8:15 - Men of Hope breakfast meeting 5:00 - classes: Adult, Youth, Children	17 10:00 - Prayer Team	18 9 - 2 CDO 9:30 - Study of Job	19 9 - 2 CDO No evening events or classes No meal	20 9 - 2 CDO 6:30 - UMW resumes	21	22
23 5:00 - classes: Adult, Youth, Children 6:30 - Church Council ----- 30 4:00- meeting for those interested in trip to Holy Land in 2020	24 10:00 - Prayer Team	25 9 - 2 CDO 9:30 - Study of Job 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Pantry Open	26 9 - 2 - CDO 5:45 - baked tilapia 6:15 - Confirmation Class 6:30 - Choir practice; classes: Youth, Children, Adults	27 9- 2 CDO	28 family movie night on the lawn at dusk	29

October: NO potluck this month; 7th - Flu Clinic; silent auction begins; 18 - CDO one-day fall break; 19 - Youth Mystery tour