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## A Priceless Investment

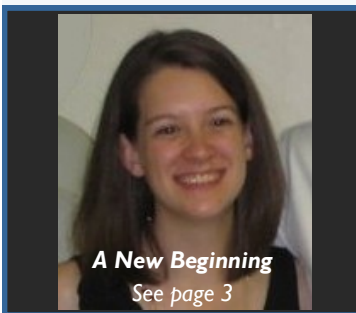
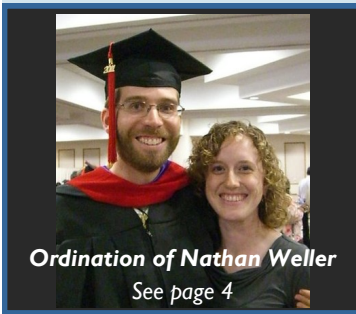
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I took Principles of Economics or Econ 101 during my last semester at Hope College. After the first test, I realized that the better part of wisdom would suggest that I take the course pass/fail. It's called "protecting the grade point average." I passed the course but in no way consider myself an economist. Jean is clearly the business person in our household, having been a business major at Hope. One thing I do remember from Econ 101, however, is that one of the most common reasons for business failure is because they are undercapitalized.

Why am I even bothering to tell you this? When we began to plan for the facility we currently occupy, Consistory made the decision to operate a Christian Preschool that would be an extension of New Hope Church's ministry. We knew that, for the Preschool to succeed, it would need sufficient financial capital. So, Consistory made the decision to loan the Preschool whatever funds it needed in order for it to be a successful venture. The loan was interest free and there was no specific timetable for repayment. We were so committed to the Preschool's being part of New Hope's ministry that we were willing to commit whatever it took.

The Preschool began repayment of the loan two years ago. Then at the June meeting of Consistory, Director of New Hope Preschool **Lynn Riley** made her annual report. She informed us that the Preschool has grown to the extent that next year all six of our classrooms will be in use Monday through Friday. And, at the end of her report she presented Consistory a check for \$24,000 which represented payment in full of the amount loaned. It was a special moment for the Preschool and Consistory as we celebrated their remarkable success. And it was a moment of thanksgiving to God for the manifold blessings that the Preschool and the Church have enjoyed.

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### MISSION OF NEW HOPE CHURCH:

To **Reach** People for Christ · To **Root** People in Christ · To **Release** People to Serve Christ

## A Priceless Investment (continued)

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Far more significant than revenue and loan repayment, though, are the lives being touched through New Hope Preschool. Of the 166 children enrolled and the families they represent, only 12 are members and regular attendees of New Hope. We have a substantial number of families who do not have a church home and we consider it a privilege to reach out to them. Some of my most delightful moments in ministry come at Christmas and Easter when I'm able to visit with the Preschool children in the sanctuary and tell them about Jesus' birth and resurrection. And, New Hope Preschool represents the single greatest "point of entry" for people who are visiting New Hope Church, considering us as their church home.



I hope you'll join me in congratulating Lynn Riley, her staff, and her outstanding Preschool Board for the spectacular work they have done. And, I hope you'll join me in giving thanks to God for the way in which New Hope Church is able to touch lives with God's love via our outreach through New Hope Preschool.

## Administration and Finance

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At the end of our fiscal year we have much to thank God for:

- We hired a new Associate Pastor, **Rev. Sarah Palsma**.
- We paid our mortgage down \$210,000 which is \$150,000 more than our obligation.
- We came in under budget for our yearly expenses.
- New Hope Preschool made its final loan payment of \$24,000 and pledged a 10% tithe of revenues for the 2011-2012 school year.



The year to date actual budget is 90% for income and 96% for expenses. We used \$25,000 out of our reserve account to make up for the drop in anticipated income. Please prayerfully remember that in order to fulfill our mission at New Hope Church your commitments are needed. Let's continue to do the Lord's work!

# A New Beginning

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Greetings! I am so thrilled to be your new associate pastor! I am eager to engage with all of you in the ministry here at New Hope. Allow me to share a little bit of my story with all of you.

I grew up in Syracuse, NY, the land of snow and college basketball. My parents (Nolan and Phyllis) are both pastors who live in Ridgewood, NJ. I have an older brother (Ryan) who lives in Phoenix, AZ and works as a surgical tech, and a younger sister (Anna) who is earning her masters in conducting from the University of Florida.

I attended Northwestern College in Orange City, IA and earned a B.A. in History and Religion. I was also heavily involved in the music and theater departments. In fact, it was on the A cappella choir tour in 2008 that I first connected with New Hope Church. During the summers I worked on staff at Camp Fowler located in upstate New York. After college I attended Western Theological Seminary in Holland, MI and graduated with my Master of Divinity this past May.

As a Pastor's kid I have been blessed with a life in which I have grown up in the church. My path into ministry began when I was young, as I would often help out my parents in their various activities in the church. I was baptized and confirmed in the church, volunteered my time at various organizations, and went on mission trips throughout high school. But it wasn't until college that I felt God's strong call and leading into ministry.

In the spring of my junior year I went on a mission trip to Amsterdam in the Netherlands. My group and I worked in a Christian youth hostel in the city, and with a mission organization called The Cleft. The main goal of The Cleft was to build relationships with the women behind the windows in the Red Light District; to tell them of their identity as children of God, and that they are loved so immensely by Jesus. It was a privilege to work alongside these fellow Christians who were bearing Christ's light into a place wrought with darkness. It was here that I knew that God was calling me to tell others of the transforming power and love of Jesus Christ.

The apostle Paul writes in Colossians 3:16-17: "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." This is one of my favorite passages of scripture and one I try and live into each and every day. It is my hope and prayer for all of you, as you walk in this journey of faith that each step will be taken in the name of Jesus, giving thanks to God along the way.

I look forward to getting to know all of you better. Please do not hesitate to give me a call or shoot me an email. I would love to hear your story, and discover what the Lord has done and is doing in your life.

"And **whatever you do**, in word or deed,  
do everything in the name of the **Lord Jesus**,  
giving **thanks to God the Father** through him."

Colossians 3:17

## Congratulations to Nathan Weller

Please join us on Wednesday, July 20 at New Hope Church as **Nathan Weller** is ordained as Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Reformed Church in America. The Classis of Lake Erie will meet in Special Session at 6:45PM, followed by a service of worship at 7:00PM. We invite you to celebrate with Nathan as he prepares to start his pastoral ministry serving the Mill Creek United Presbyterian Church of Hookstown, PA.



Nathan and Holly Weller

## Adult Small Group Leadership Opportunity!

If you can answer "yes" to even one of these questions...

- Do I want to grow my Bible knowledge along with a small group of fellow church friends?
- Would I like to grow my ability to facilitate and teach a small group on a regular basis?
- Am I open to becoming part of a team of adult education?
- Do I enjoy leading conversation in an organized, yet flexible and open manner?



...and you feel called to try something new in your faith walk, please prayerfully consider leading an adult small group this fall. To learn more, contact **Kathy Dunkin** or **Mark Dutton**.

## Fellowship Ministry

[NewHopeWorship.com/Fellowship](http://NewHopeWorship.com/Fellowship)

## Welcoming Others to Your Church Home

This welcome begins in the parking lot, at the door, done by every usher, every pastor and staff person, and especially the members of our church. Welcome others to your church home.

It has been documented that when new people come to a church, they don't really consider the church friendly unless they are greeted and welcomed by "regular" people. That is, there must be a sincere attitude of extending oneself in welcome by the people in the pew and narthex, not just from the "official" greeters. If only pastors greet them, they'll say the church is not friendly. But if a regular person says, "Hello," introduces himself and invites visitors to have a simple cup of coffee after the service, they'll say, "What a friendly church."

So, make an effort this week at church to extend a hand and welcome a new face. If you are not sure if they are new, that means that you have not met them and it is time to do so. It will feel good and they will feel good also.



# Fellowship Ministry

NewHopeWorship.com/Fellowship

## Attention, Attention! We Need Help!

The Fellowship Committee needs your help organizing events to promote Christian Fellowship among our members, friends and their families. We provide opportunities to build a love relationship with Jesus Christ and each other. Are you being called to serve on this committee? Here are some of the things we do.



- Plan fellowship activities which you would enjoy
- Think about how we can get to know one another better and connect across generations and groups
- Prepare refreshments for Fellowship
- Shop for supplies for the event
- Build in friendship and fun as the committee is planning an event
- Set up and clean up for fellowship activities. Dishwashing is a great way to get to know people.

By working together we ensure that opportunities for fellowship are planned so that people can get to know each other better and feel more connected to the community that is our church. Our primary goal is to gather everyone together to have fun, food, and deepen our unity in Christ and friendship.

Meetings are the second Wednesday of each month. Please join us! For more information, contact **Loretta Rolle**.

## IT IS PIG ROAST TIME

**5:00PM - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18**

**New Hope Church**



Let's celebrate together in style,  
with a good ol' fashioned  
Pig Roast BBQ!

**BRING side dish or dessert, and friends!**

**MUSIC to be provided**

# Outreach Ministry

NewHopeWorship.com/Outreach

## Intercessory Prayer Ministry

By Deborah Weiker

Growing up in Bethel Baptist church, one of my earliest memories was every Wednesday there was “Prayer Meeting.” The church would come together to pray. It was a special time.

Imagine people praying collectively at New Hope. Imagine a specified time set aside for prayer. Imagine a group in the sanctuary, sharing prayer concerns and praise reports.



If you would like to pray quietly or share a prayer, come to the sanctuary every first Monday of the month from 7:00 to 8:00PM. Let’s come together to pray on one accord. Get to know each other. Build a community of prayers.

**“When two of you get together on anything at all on earth and make a prayer of it, my Father in heaven goes into action. And when two or three of you are together because of me, you can be sure that I’ll be there.”** Matthew 18:20 (The Message)



Does your heart cry out to help those in need? Would you love to do more to assist people and children who are having difficulty paying utilities, buying food, clothing, school supplies, etc.? If you answered yes to these questions please consider joining the Mission of Mercy (MOM) outreach team. MOM assists people in our community who stop into the church for assistance or are referred to our church by local school counselors. If you would like to be a part of this valuable mission for our Lord and Savior, please contact **Tammy Evans**. MOM meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00PM. Please join us. This is an incredibly rewarding opportunity.

## Help a Child Read...Be a Tutor!

New Hope helps to support Mission Columbus which offers a variety of ministries around the city of Columbus. The focus of one ministry is a literacy initiative called the Franklinton Tutoring Program that matches volunteers with students in three Franklinton elementary schools. The schools are located in the downtown area and include Avondale, Dana, and Sullivant Elementary Schools. The students who attend these schools are from low income households. Many of the children are being raised by single mothers and need someone to offer a little extra “caring” and support for reading.



The program is in need of tutors to help the students gain better skills in reading as well as comprehension. Each tutor is assigned a student and is provided with a folder of materials appropriate for the student’s reading level. The teacher will provide the reading assignments, the books and any materials necessary to complete learning activities. You don’t have to be a reading expert to tutor a child. The skills you will need are simple and easy to learn.

The tutoring takes place during the school’s lunch hour on a day of the week that is best for you. Tutoring will start in October. Please contact **Anna Knotts** at [aknotts@coyfc.org](mailto:aknotts@coyfc.org) or via phone at 614.410.1898 x324.

# Music Ministry

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We want to say **THANK YOU** to the Choir for a wonderful year of music! Your ministry has blessed us all! The Choir is now on summer break, but you'll see them back at both 9:30 and 11:00 in September!

The New Hope Choir provides music for both services throughout the year (September through June) including special events for Christmas and Easter. It is open to ALL, high school age and up! No audition required! Please make plans to join us next season beginning September 8, 2011.

For more information contact **Christine Loy** at 614.766.5445 x14 or [loy@NewHopeWorship.com](mailto:loy@NewHopeWorship.com)



## THURSDAY, AUGUST 4 - Summer Music Workshops

### Notes & Rhythm Skills Workshop – 7:30PM

Open to anyone who'd like to get better at sight reading and navigating music!

### Bell Blast Ringer Workshop – 8:15PM

Open to anyone (6th grade to adult) who'd like to learn to ring OR wants a quick handbell refresher!

**REGISTER ONLINE at [NewHopeWorship.com/Music](http://NewHopeWorship.com/Music)**



## Calling all YOUTH!



Our 2nd Annual **Summer Youth Ensemble** is in the works! We will be forming this ensemble to sing on **AUGUST 28** (Mission Trip Sunday)

Rehearsals will be

**Sundays August 7, 14 & 21 @ 10:44 - 11:29AM and  
Saturday, August 27 @ 10:05AM!**

Please mark your calendars and bring a friend to SING with!

Please contact **Christine Loy** for more info!  
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# Children's Ministry

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## Vacation Bible School

July 25 through July 29  
9:00AM to noon  
Ages 4 through 5th grade



Registration for participants and volunteers at [NewHopeWorship.com/VBS](http://NewHopeWorship.com/VBS)



Sunday, August 7 - 11:00AM

### Children's Ministry Clean-Up Day

*All are invited to help clean out the closets and sanitize/update the nursery in preparation for our fall programming*

Sunday, August 28 - 11:00AM

### Sunday School Teacher Orientation

Sunday, September 11 - 8:45AM

### Sunday School Kick-Off

*Continental breakfast and teacher installation at 8:45 followed by Sunday School and Worship*

Wednesday, October 12 - 6:00PM

### Kids WOW begins

*Look for online registration at the end of August*

## New Baby!

We are happy to continue our string of boys (four this year) in the nursery as we welcome **Andrew Joseph Nieset** to the world! Congratulations to parents **Curt and Jennifer Nieset**, big brothers **Ben and Jake**, and grandparents **Bill and Sandy Moberger**. Little Andrew also has cousins, aunts, and uncles who attend New Hope. Congratulations to all!



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## Sports Camp

*"I have fought the good fight. I have finished the race. I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day." 2 Timothy 4:7-8*

A huge thank you to the over 40 volunteers who helped make Sports Camp a success. **Brian Laurent, Craig Krenzler, Tiffany Hunter, and Heather Kern** were key players in planning this huge event for our kids. 86 little athletes learned about Paul and applied his lessons of change, endurance, teamwork, and to finish strong while participating in golf, basketball, football, cheerleading, and an obstacle course. Kids (and adults) were able to experience how God works in the athletic setting and how he uses each of them to spread His word. We concluded the week with over 150 people attending our Friday evening tailgate party – thanks to **Dave and Kristie Rhoads** for making this event a hit! The kids recited their bible verse, did a group cheer, received team awards, and then enjoyed a potluck dinner finished off by a treat from the Kona Ice truck.



Our outreach for sports camp was Dublin Miracle League, an organization that allows children with disabilities to play baseball on a specially designed field located in Dublin on Cosgray Road. **Shannon Fischer and Sue Moberger** organized two ways for us to support the league. They encouraged children to raise money (we raised \$572) to stock the league's concession stand and to provide playing gear for the athletes. We then had volunteers from New Hope run the concession stand at their Grandparents' Day on June 25. We even had some volunteers participate as buddies to the athletes and help them around the bases. This is an outreach we are excited to build a relationship with and will continue to support throughout the year.



Photos: Tiffany Hunter and Brooke Morris

# New Hope Church Calendar - July/August 2011

For more details, please visit [NewHopeWorship.com/Calendar](http://NewHopeWorship.com/Calendar). Know of a church-related event not listed? To schedule items on the church calendar, please contact **Office Administrator Nancy Green** at [office@NewHopeWorship.com](mailto:office@NewHopeWorship.com) or 614.766.5445 x10.

## Sunday, July 17

Adult Mission Trip  
9:30am Children's Sunday School  
9:30am Worship  
4:30pm Church Picnic

## Monday, July 18

Adult Mission Trip

## Tuesday, July 19

Adult Mission Trip

## Wednesday, July 20

Adult Mission Trip  
7pm Nathan Weller's Ordination  
7pm Wheels Motorcycle Ministry

## Thursday, July 21

Adult Mission Trip  
6:30am Early Birds  
9:15am We Joy Sing  
7pm AA  
7pm VBS Decorating

## Friday, July 22

Adult Mission Trip

## Sunday, July 24

9:30am Children's Sunday School  
9:30am Worship  
12pm VBS Volunteers

## Monday, July 25

9am VBS

## Tuesday, July 26

9am VBS  
7:30pm Outreach

## Wednesday, July 27

9am VBS  
7pm Wheels Motorcycle Ministry

## Thursday, July 28

6:30am Early Birds  
9am VBS  
7pm AA

## Friday, July 29

9am VBS

## Sunday, July 31

9:30am Worship  
10:45am Adult Sunday School  
10:45am Potluck Brunch

## Monday, August 1

7pm Communication Team

## Thursday, August 4

6:30am Early Birds  
9:15am We Joy Sing  
7pm AA

## Sunday, August 7

9:30am Worship  
10:44am Youth Ensemble Rehearsal  
7pm Stephen Ministry

## Monday, August 8

7pm Intercessory Prayer

## Tuesday, August 9

12pm Senior Sages  
6pm Deacons  
6pm Elders Meeting  
7:30pm Consistory Meeting

## Wednesday, August 10

7pm Fellowship Team

## Thursday, August 11

6:30am Early Birds  
9:15am We Joy Sing  
7pm AA

## Saturday, August 13

9:30am Motorcycle Ministry Ride

## Sunday, August 14

9:30am Children's Sunday School  
9:30am Worship  
10:44am Youth Ensemble Rehearsal

## Thursday, August 18

6:30am Early Birds  
7pm AA

## Sunday, August 21

9:30am Children's Sunday School  
9:30am Worship  
10:44am Youth Ensemble Rehearsal

## Thursday, August 25

6:30am Early Birds  
7pm AA

## Saturday, August 27

10:05am Youth Ensemble Rehearsal

## Sunday, August 28

9:30am Worship



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## Summer Worship Schedule

Combined Service • Sundays at 9:30AM

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**Does your committee or group have information to share with New Hope?**

Contributions to the Sharing the Faith Newsletter are welcomed!

Please submit any articles to [newsletter@NewHopeWorship.com](mailto:newsletter@NewHopeWorship.com).

Deadline for the September newsletter is August 15.