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Is Anyone Listening?

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If statistics are to be believed, somewhere between 25% and 40% of you will read this newsletter. While I realize that's higher than the industry average, this reality still creates somewhat of a quandary for our staff and the Communications Team of New Hope Church. We're not so arrogant as to believe that everything we write is of Pulitzer quality, but we genuinely want to communicate with you.

I realize that we live in an age of hyper-communication. iPads and tablets, cell phones and smart phones make us more accessible than ever. And, the sheer volume of messages that each of us gets can easily cause us to feel overwhelmed. Still, there is important information that we want you, the members and attendees of New Hope, to know and we struggle with the best way to communicate that information to you. We're using Constant Contact which simplifies our email process along with social media such as Facebook and Twitter. We've been able to reduce our paper costs dramatically by doing so. However, we never want to lose the personal touch of face-to-face communication that is so important to being a church that values relationships.

The reality of our communications gap also causes me to ponder over how God communicates with us. God speaks to us preeminently in the pages of the scriptures. Still again, statistics tell us that the Bible is one of the most purchased and under-read books in America. We're well into our series on Growing Up – moving toward spiritual maturity as we grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ. I hope several of you have taken Pastor Sarah's challenge to us all to spend 15 minutes a day, five days a week reading Paul's letter to the Ephesians. One of the ways in which we become more spiritually mature is by letting the scriptures speak to us and form us.

So, if you happen to read this column and have any thoughts about how we can better communicate with you, we'd love to hear from you. And let us know how your reading in Ephesians is coming along also!

MISSION OF NEW HOPE CHURCH:

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

Administration and Finance

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Finance Report

We are two months into our fiscal year and we are running at 82% of our income collected and 112% of our expenses. Below is a comparison of our Financial Summary for this year and last year.

	2010			2011		
	Actual	Budget	%	Actual	Budget	%
Income	\$58,683	\$62,398	94%	\$54,326	\$62,398	82%
Expenses	\$77,453	\$68,066	114%	\$78,347	\$70,245	112%

While expenses typically run high in these first two months of our new fiscal year as we make some quarterly payments, one can not help but notice the significant drop in our actual income collected. Prayerfully consider the financial gifts you have committed to, and make New Hope Church's ministries a priority.

As our building ages we find ourselves constantly working on our upkeep. We have repaired two sinking catch basins for your safety in the parking lot, and replaced several motors on our HVAC equipment. Because of our recent theft we have replaced all the exterior locks and revamped our security in collecting money. We strive to maintain our security and comfort while being good stewards with our money.

Capital Campaign Update

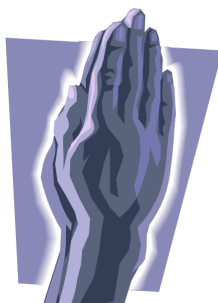
Walt Buss, Growing the Future Bridge Committee

New Hope's "Growing the Future" capital campaign has raised \$645,444 through July 31, 2011. Our original pledged goal was \$1,053,708. Combined with regular mortgage payments, we have paid down the mortgage by \$802,563 since May 2008, leaving a balance of \$1,089,304 as of July 31, 2011.



Our monthly mortgage payment in 2008 was \$14,042. It has since been refinanced to \$10,902 per month. If we meet our campaign goal along with regular mortgage payments, the mortgage could be paid down to \$500,000 by next May when the capital campaign officially ends. If the mortgage would then be refinanced, our monthly mortgage payment would be approximately \$4,000. Most of this monthly savings could be used to expand church programs, which was our original intent with this debt retirement program.

If you have not yet met your pledge, or if you were not part of the original capital campaign, we encourage you to participate by checking the "Growing the Future" box on your Sunday offering envelope. Thanks to everyone for helping to reduce our debt and grow our ministries to **Reach** people for Christ, **Root** people in Christ, and **Release** people to serve Christ.



Intercessory Prayer Ministry

Next meeting: Monday, October 3 at 7:00PM

All are welcome to join us in praying together for the needs of New Hope, its people, our community, and all of God's Kingdom

For more information, contact **Deborah Weiker**

Adult Ministry

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Growing Up Together

“We must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ” – Ephesians 4:15

As we continue our journey through the book of Ephesians I want to encourage each and every one of you to keep on growing in your faith. I pray that you will take to heart at least one of the challenges that I presented to the congregation at the beginning of our series.

Challenge #1: Read Ephesians for 15 minutes at least 5 days a week. Don't worry about trying to finish a chapter. Just read at your own pace and pray. Pray that the Spirit would grow and transform your life of faith in Jesus Christ as you allow Paul's words in Ephesians to dig deep into your heart and mind.

Challenge #2: Form a triad and read Ephesians together. Grab a few friends, find a time and place to meet, read Ephesians, and reflect with one another about what you have read and heard. Talk with one another about how the Spirit may be working in you. And pray together.

Challenge #3: Join a small group! Come focus on a specific passage of Ephesians each week and reflect on the sermons for each Sunday. Check the website for times and groups.

I pray that the Spirit will continue to renew and guide you on this journey of faith as all we all continue to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ.



Sisters in the Spirit (SIS) Gathering

Monday, October 10, 7:00 to 9:00PM

Cheryl Vornbrock's home
8963 Lea Court, Dublin 43017



Snacks and drinks will be provided
Come and spend a casual evening with
the women of New Hope

Young Adults - SAVE THE DATE!

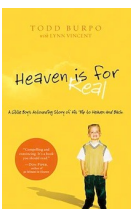
November 11-12 Weekend Retreat
More details coming soon

Keep your eyes and ears alert for future group events, as we work to get us all together on a regular basis. If you have any ideas or are willing to host an event contact Pastor Sarah.



“Heaven is for Real: A Little’s Boy’s Astounding Story of His Trip to Heaven and Back”

Joe Enneking, Adult Education Committee



I have read many books about people who glimpsed heaven and were then returned to earth. But I recently read a book that combined the experience of such a person with truths revealed in the Bible. It is “Heaven is for Real: A Little Boy's Astounding Story of His Trip to Heaven and Back.” The incident which caused his death was a ruptured appendix. He was only 4 years old but the experience left him spiritually mature beyond his years.

This little boy, Colton, developed a great passion for making sure that the people he talked to had accepted Jesus and had been born spiritually. But he also continued to grow as a normal, active, athletic little boy.

To read the full review of this New York Times bestseller, please visit NewHopeWorship.com/Adults/Books.

Youth Ministry

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Items Needed for Favor Auction

The Favor Auction is an annual fundraising event for our high school youth. Gift baskets, personal services, and other items are auctioned off, with proceeds benefiting the youth group's biannual trip to Genesis, an inspiring and enriching weekend retreat in Traverse City, Michigan.



We are looking for items for the auction. If you can cut hair, take pictures, create beautiful crafts, rake leaves, or have tickets to a special event or a "treasure" you could part with, please contact **Julie Jonassen**. Thank you all for your continued and generous support of our Youth at New Hope.

Volunteers Needed!

As we begin a new year of Youth Group, it's time to plan for our major annual fundraisers. These fundraisers help finance New Hope's high school mission trip, the high school Genesis Retreat, and the middle school summer camping trip to Cran-Hill Ranch.

Several people are needed to chair or co-chair the Mexican Fiesta Dinner in March, and the Garage Sale in April. We also need many, many volunteers for these events. Our previous volunteers have left lots of notes and instructions, so you won't have to reinvent the wheel! Parents of youth are especially encouraged to help, but anyone is welcome to volunteer. For more information, please contact **Terry Geist** or **Bob Cline** (cline@NewHopeWorship.com).



Music Ministry

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CHOIR CHRISTMAS RETREAT

Saturday, October 22
9:30am - 12:30pm

All singers who would like to join the choir for the Christmas season - now's the time!

Join us for a special rehearsal on **Saturday, October 22** at 9:30AM, and on **Thursdays at 7:30PM** as we prepare music for Advent through Christmas Eve, including our Christmas Cantata on Sunday evening, December 11.

SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, December 11

NEW HOPE CHRISTMAS CANTATA
*An evening of Christmas Music for the
New Hope Church Family*

**Featuring WOW! Kids Choir,
Adult Choir, Orchestra, and Handbells**

New Hope Preschool

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New this year to New Hope Preschool is our Bible Story class. In the past each classroom taught their Bible Story; now we have the same teacher teaching the stories to each class. Pastor Steve and Pastor Sarah have met with her and will have the opportunity to review her lesson plans in advance. The first week of Bible Story class was amazing! The children learned all about the wonderful things God created. They learned that God created the heavens and earth, the sun and moon, the land and seas, all the living creatures of the world, and that IT IS GOOD. During class they read from The Beginner's Bible, Genesis 1. The story was then retold with the help of the children who added "It was good" at the end of each day's creation. Our focus was to teach the children that God is the creator and that what God created is good. The classroom teachers will follow up with additional activities during class time to reinforce this concept.

This year we have also added another classroom. With the addition of the Green Room, we now provide an outreach to 175 students! Thank you for your continued support!

Children's Ministry

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CROP Hunger Walk Fundraiser

On Sunday, September 25, CROP Hunger Walk bottles were distributed to the Sunday School classes. The kids are encouraged to drink the water, fill the empty bottles with coins, and return the bottles on CROP Walk Sunday, October 9. The coins will be included with the funds raised by New Hope's walkers that day.



Register your children for Kids WOW!



Kids WOW! registration is open to all kids ages Kindergarten through 5th grade. WOW meets Wednesdays from 6:00 to 8:00PM. Dinner is included, followed by Bible Time and Children's Choir. Our fall session begins October 12, and concludes with a special musical presentation Sunday evening, December 11.

Volunteers are needed to lead groups of 5-6 kids through dinner, bible time, and choir. Nursery care is provided for children not old enough to attend WOW.

To register your children, to volunteer, or for more information, visit NewHopeWorship.com/WOW.

Sunday School News

The 9:30 Sunday School classes will continue their fall curriculum of the Rock Solid Series. The lessons in October follow God's family as it grows and involves the development of Jacob, Esau, and Sarah. Please follow the curriculum guide that outlines the weekly faith topics and shares the reading and verse for that week. We urge you to read these stories and discuss them with your children before they come to Sunday School, so they can have a meaningful connection on Sunday morning. Your child's Sunday school teacher provided this handout at our Sunday School Kick-off. Please ask for a copy if you don't have one!



Children's Ministry

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Sunday School Kick-Off

A huge thank-you to all who helped in the preparation and organization for our Sunday School Kick-off on September 11. It was a meaningful morning where we enjoyed fellowship time, installed our teachers, and prayed over our Sunday School program. Thank you to the members of Consistory who continuously support our Children's Ministry and whose presence and help for the kick-off made for a memorable morning.



Outreach

NewHopeWorship.com/Outreach

Help End Hunger Locally and Around the World

Join the New Hope team of walkers or sponsor a walker in the Columbus CROP Hunger Walk, Sunday, October 9 in downtown Columbus. CROP Hunger Walks are community-wide events sponsored by Church World Service and organized by religious groups, businesses, schools and others to raise funds to end hunger at home and around the world. 25% of all funds raised in Franklin County are returned to local food pantries.



To join our team or sponsor a walker, stop by the display at church or visit NewHopeWorship.com/Outreach. Donations can be made online by credit card. If you have questions, please contact **Kris Watts**. Thank you for your support in helping to end hunger, both locally and around the world.

Teddy Bears and Tote Bags

The Elders of New Hope Church are once again sponsoring the Teddy Bears and Tote Bags outreach project, which provides stuffed animals and tote bags to children caught in the middle of domestic violence situations and other home tragedies. Police, firefighters, and children's services use stuffed animals to comfort children as they are rescued or transported from their homes, and tote bags to pack their clothes since these children often don't have suitable overnight bags or suitcases.

Two years ago, New Hope Church collected over 600 teddy bears and 200 tote bags and backpacks for this outreach. These items were distributed by six different agencies on the local, county, and state levels, touching hundreds of lives.

The Elders of New Hope again ask you to join them in reaching out to offer comfort to these children. Gently used tote bags, overnight bags, small suitcases, and backpacks as well as teddy bears and other plush animals will be collected at the church from October 9 through 30. Donations can be left in the narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Elder **Clay Filson**. Thank you!



Outreach

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Show God's Love to Needy Children Around the World

The Outreach Committee invites you to participate in New Hope's annual Operation Christmas Child project, supplying shoe boxes filled with gifts for needy children around the world. The shoe boxes will be collected at the Advent Potluck Supper on **Sunday, November 20**, or you can drop them off at the church before that date.



For gift suggestions and packing instructions, stop by the Operation Christmas Child table in the narthex beginning in mid-October, or visit our website at NewHopeWorship.com/Outreach. Thank you for your support in demonstrating God's love in a tangible way to needy children around the world.

"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine you did for me." Matthew 25:40



Do you have one hour to help those less fortunate? If so, the congregation of New Hope once again has the opportunity to ring a bell for the Salvation Army during the Christmas season. We will ring at the Kroger Sawmill Marketplace on Saturday December 10 between 10:00AM and 8:00PM. If we have enough interest, we may also ring at the Kroger just down the street from the church on Powell Rd.

To sign up for a one hour timeslot, or for more information, please visit NewHopeWorship.com/Outreach. If you have questions please contact coordinator **Ed Klinker**.

Fellowship

NewHopeWorship.com/Fellowship



*It wouldn't be a party without food!
The hungry crowd lines up at the food table*

Thanks to all who attended or helped with our annual Pig Roast on September 18! Special thanks to **Dave Hayslip and his band** for keeping the party lively!

Photos: Jenny Tyree



Karaoke wannabes Michael Hodge and Pastor Steve with Dave Hayslip's band on "Mustang Sally"

Coming Soon!

Celebrate the Season of Advent
Anticipation, Peace and Hope
at the

Advent Potluck Supper

Sunday, November 20, beginning at 5:30PM
In the Fellowship Hall



SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, May 12, 2012
11:00 AM

Please come and join the committee in its endeavor to make this a great event for all

Call Loretta Rolle

We need your ideas and help!