



# SHARING OUR FAITH

## *New Hope's Monthly Newsletter*

## LET'S TALK ABOUT TALK

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### NEW HOPE CHURCH

*A Ministry of the Reformed Church in America*

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#### SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

##### 9:00AM

Contemporary Worship  
Sunday School for ages 3 through  
5th Grade

##### 10:15AM

Sunday School for Adults and Youth  
Praise School for ages 3 through  
5th Grade

##### 11:15AM

Traditional Worship  
School House Sunday School for Kids

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#### NEW HOPE'S MISSION

To **Reach** people for Christ, **Root**  
people in Christ, and **Release**  
people to serve Christ.

One of the occasional “Groundhog Day” conversations that we have among staff is about how we can effectively communicate with the constituency of New Hope Church—members and attendees. It’s a conversation we have over and over because, quite candidly, it’s frustrating to realize that our attempts are moderately successful.

While we do not know how many people read the weekly Informer that is inserted in the worship bulletin, we can track how many people read “This Week at New Hope” that arrives via email every Friday afternoon. By the same token, while we do not know how many people read their hard copy edition of our monthly newsletter, we are able to track how many people read it online.

As I’ve said, our attempts at communicating are moderately successful. Somewhere between 30% and 35% of intended email recipients actually open “This Week at New Hope” and our monthly newsletter. The number who read an announcement or an article is approximately 12%. If we compare ourselves to the industry standard, I suppose we should be ecstatic with this rate of response. However, we’re missing the greater percentage of our congregation with these communication media.

I’m very much aware that the prevailing opinion is that the best way to communicate important information is via an announcement in worship on Sunday morning. It’s only when one realizes that, on any given Sunday, we have approximately 30% of our potential congregation in worship that the stark reality becomes clear: 70% of our congregation is not in worship on any given Sunday and therefore miss hearing what we want to communicate.

We do realize that most of us are inundated with communication that is superfluous and irrelevant. Our email inboxes are cluttered and the amount of junk mail that we receive through the USPS is distressing.

With all the aforementioned in mind, we’re going to take a different approach at New Hope. Beginning this summer, we will offer a quarterly newsletter. With the reduction in frequency, we are hoping for an increase in readership. What we want to communicate to you, our members, attendees and friends truly is not fake news. We believe that it is important to our life together and we want you to be informed of all that happens here at New Hope. Now, I’ll be curious to learn if anyone has read this.

# A CHEERFUL HEART

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Although February is the shortest month of the year, it has proved to be no less busy! The biggest highlight of the month is the addition of Julie Wood as our new Financial Administrator. Julie joined our team on February 12th and has already been immensely helpful. Julie brings a wealth of experience to this role and we are thankful to the Lord for answering our prayers and bringing her to New Hope. Please be sure to check out her bio below!

In other highlights, we also enlisted Walt Buss of our congregation to perform a review of the church books and financial procedures. We greatly appreciate Walt's time and expertise in this endeavor and look forward to addressing any recommendations he brings forward.

In addition to the review of our church books, we have enlisted Deacon, Jeff Sneddon to oversee updates to our technology platform which will help streamline and

improve efficiency in administration. We are extremely grateful for Jeff's willingness to share his time and expertise in understanding our needs and working to accomplish our technology goals. Included in the overall update has been the addition of a new firewall to ensure security of our IT infrastructure by Jon Weiss. I plan to build on IT security measures by reviewing current operating procedures for opportunities to increase data security. I believe I speak for the entire staff when I say that we are eager to learn more about how to maximize use of new technology capabilities that will soon be in place.

In light of the recent "Taking the Next Steps" generosity campaign, I'd like to close with a word on giving as shared with me by one of my long-time mentors who also serves as treasurer for a faith-based non-profit. That is the reminder from the New Testament that we are encouraged to give out of a cheerful

heart (2 Corinthians 9:7). God is eager to help us cultivate a heart of generosity that embraces opportunities to give of our time, talents and resources to help those in need! After all, He has created and owns *all* things - *everything* we have is a gift from the Lord who has richly blessed us.

As a Church, we remain committed to giving ten percent of contributions to the benevolent support of other ministries. What a joyful opportunity to be a part of helping reach others for Christ!

Please pray that we will continue to be "transformed" as we grow in Christ-likeness (rather than "conformed" to the world's view of giving). And, please also pray that as Church Administrator, I will exercise Godly wisdom and good stewardship in the use of the resources He has richly bestowed on New Hope Church. To Him be all the glory!

# JULIE HAS JOINED OUR TEAM!

**Julie Wood, Financial Administrator**

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My name is Julie Wood and I am very excited about joining the New Hope team as Financial Administrator. I grew up in Cincinnati and attended Ohio University where I majored in Accounting and Business Pre-Law. After college, I worked for several years in public accounting and later accepted a CFO position with a client. Recently, I've been a stay at home mom and held various board positions with several non-profit organizations. I currently live in Powell with my husband, Dave, my 2 sons, Greg(11) and Carter(6), along with our dog, Ryder.

# FINANCIAL REPORT THROUGH JANUARY

	January			YEAR TO DATE		
	Budget	Actual	%	Budget	Actual	%
<b>Total Income</b>	\$84,661	\$84,119	101.7%	\$84,661	\$84,661	101.7%
<b>Total Expense</b>	\$112,336	\$106,347	93.8%	\$112,236	\$105,374	93.8%

## YOUTH MINISTRY

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Thank you to all of our youth that participated in our Youth Sunday. My heart is overwhelmed with pride and joy for our youth at New Hope Church!

Thank you Hannah Newball and Avery Hartranft for sharing incredible messages on "What does it mean to belong." I am so proud of both of you!

Sarah Arocha, Ava, Maya, Kaleigh, Amy, Ally, AJ, Andrew, Nathan, Jake, Russell Miller, my husband Mark, Rob Whittington, and Christine Loy; thank you for sharing your gift of song and making our beautiful worship music possible.

Aiden, Chase, and Beth Perry; thank you for handling the tech side of everything during our service.

Colby and OJ; thank you for your fantastic children's message - there is hope for all of us parents out there!

Maddie, Reese, Jackson, Sammy, and Owen - your poise in front of the congregation was amazing! Thank you to our ushers and greeters for being a part of this special service.

And thank you, Sarah Palsma, for everything!

What a day - Thanks be to God!



### UPCOMING YOUTH SCHEDULE:

**March 2** | Decorate for the Mexican Fiesta at 6 pm (we are usually finished around 8:30pm)

**March 3** | MEXICAN FIESTA from 5-7:00 pm

**March 4** | No Youth Group - Join us at Worship Night!

**March 9-11** | Genesis Retreat for HS

**March 11** | No Sunday School or Youth Group

**April 12** | Rend Collective Concert (RSVP by Friday, March 2) *Grant Sponsored Event*

**MAY 4** | End of Year Celebration 7:00 p.m.

MS - 7:00-11:00pm

HS LOCK-IN - 7:00 pm- 9:30 am

**May 20** | Confirmation Sunday!



# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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## TEAM UPDATE

RACHEL TATE,  
TEAM LEAD

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Our community has felt great sadness these past few weeks. Many discussions have been had on how to best handle the hard situations facing our children. I've heard many ideas

out in the world for solutions except the one that will actually work: Jesus.

We must raise our children to know that they are fearfully and wonderfully created in the image of a mighty, loving, amazing God who purposefully created them to do His good works even before they were born.

The Bible guides us in Deuteronomy 6, where we are told of the Great Commandment: *Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead and write them on the door posts of your house and on your gates.*

It starts with teaching our children to follow God by leading with our lives. My daughter and I were listening to Jesus music (praise music) in the kitchen while prepping dinner one day last week. *Undeniable* by Toby Mac struck my heart. He sings, "from the hymns that my Daddy sang, I knew I was glorified to praise your name. From the prayers that my Momma prayed, I know I was made to glorify your name." My hands were in the air and so were our daughter's. Our children learn from watching us.

So let them see you study your Bible. Let them see you praising and worshiping Jesus. Let them see you serving your fellow brothers and sisters. And let them see you pray through both praise and struggle. Let them see you forgive and ask for forgiveness. Tell them His stories! This is how our children will come to know God. They will know Him because we've shared Him.

Your Children's Ministry Team is humbled to help you teach God's story to your children.

Blessings,

Rachel Tate

## Verse of the Month:

"I praise you for I am fearfully and wonderfully made." Psalm 139:14



## Service Opportunity:

Our Youth and Children have the opportunity to USHER at our 9:00 am Living Water Service. We are looking for 2-3 Youth/Children for each Sunday. Please contact Greg Chambers at gregchambers61@gmail.com or Rachel Tate tate@newhopeworship.com if interested.





**Music** | The Junior Worship Choir continues rehearsals on Sunday evenings preparing for our first time leading worship on March 18th. In the meantime, a small group of members will be singing at the Lenten Soup Supper on March 7th at 6pm. Come join us for food and fellowship!

**Nursery** | Can you guess what we are out of? GOLDFISH! Please donate some soon! Our littlest disciples go through them quickly. Please stop in and see our changes - There's still a bit of pixie dust but the rainbow will be coming soon!



**Outreach** | On Sunday March 18th from 3:00pm - 4:30pm, New Hope will welcome the community to an epic Easter Egg Hunt! We are still seeking amazing Support Team Members to help in the following areas: Decorating, Egg Hunt Team, Games, Crafts and of course, candy donations! To find out how you can get involved, visit New Hope's Website at [newhopeworship.org/easteregg hunt](http://newhopeworship.org/easteregg hunt). Information is also available on the Opportunities Board in the Narthex. There will be a bin in the Narthex for anyone who would like to donate candy to the event. Please check out the approved candy list before you run to the store!

### **SAVE THE DATES:**

Sports Camp: June 4th - 8th, 6:30pm - 8:00pm

VBS: July 23rd - 27th 9:00am - 12:00pm

Keep an eye out for Support Team opportunities for these two events coming soon!

Please contact the Children's Ministry Outreach Coordinator Sarah Bartula at [bartula@newhopeworship.com](mailto:bartula@newhopeworship.com) for more information.



**Education** | The programs offered through Children's Ministry are only possible because of our dedicated Support Teams! The Children's Ministry Team would like to recognize you for your part in making these programs so successful. Our volunteers are invited to an Appreciation Event in Fellowship Hall C on Sunday, March 4th at 10:15am. Drop your kids at Praise School and join us for bagels, muffins, coffee and orange juice!

Winter WOW was a huge success with 65 children learning that God loves them, wants a relationship with them and is always there, even when they mess up. Thank you to our WOW Support Team for making the program possible!

In Children's Sunday School, our Spring curriculum begins this month. We'll be taking a deep dive into God's Word, hear exciting Bible stories and learn how to live as Disciples of Jesus through service- just like Jesus taught!

If you haven't already, please "like" our Children's Ministry Facebook page to stay up to date on the ministry. Watch for more parent resource information being shared as well!



**Club 45** | 28 Valentine packages were filled with sweet treats and Jesus' love and sent to New Hope's College students. Thank you Club 45 Crew! You are the hands and feet of Jesus.

# MUSIC MINISTRY

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Worship with us during the season of Lent! Here are some new songs that we will be singing this month to prepare us for Easter. Listen with the links below, or find them on YouTube or any of your favorite music apps!

- CHRIST IS ENOUGH from Hillsongs Live - Listen [HERE](#)
- O PRAISE THE NAME (Anastasi) from Hillsongs Worship - Listen [HERE](#)
- RESURRECTING from Elevation Worship - Listen [HERE](#)
- HOSANNA (PRAISE IS RISING) from Paul Baloche - Listen [HERE](#)



Join us  
**THIS**  
Sunday!

# NEW HOPE EDUCATION CENTER

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It is always fun to hear the children talk about Presidents Day and to see their fun art work!

We enjoyed our first Parent Night / Nationwide Children's fundraiser at the end of February.

Students and parents enjoyed activities in their classrooms, sand with Miss Annie, and held some reptiles! We also had our first silent auction, raffle and book fair, all the proceeds went to the Children at Nationwide Children's.

April is just around the corner and our teachers are planning their spring field trips and getting ready for end of the year activities.

We still have openings in our Kindergarten, afternoon 4's, and Learn with Me! Please visit our website or call for more information.

# ADULT MINISTRY

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## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL | THROUGH MARCH 25



### **One Nation Under God**

**Facilitators: Beverly & Kevin Robinson**

**Location: Fellowship Hall B**

In a nation divided among imaginary lines of ideology, class, gender, ethnicity, etc, the temptation exists to stay within our own comfortable communities, yet as One Nation Under God, joined together by the love of Christ, we are called out to build bridges across dividing lines.



### **Lent Study - "He Chose the Nails" by Max Lucado**

**Facilitator: Mark Dutton**

**Locations: Library**

Every gift from God reveals his love, but no gift reveals his love more than the gifts of the cross. These include not only the gift of the cross but also the gift of the thorns that pierced his brow. The nails that tore his flesh. The seamless robe that he removed for us. The empty tomb where he forever defeated sin and death. Come explore these gifts of God through this Lenten season.



### **Financial Peace University**

**Facilitator: Tom Johnson**

**Location: Nippa Room**

We all need a plan for our money. Financial Peace University teaches God's way of handling money through video teaching, class discussion, and interactive small group activities. This plan will show you how to get rid of debt, manage your money, spend and save wisely, and much more!



### **Discovery Class**

**Facilitators: Steve Norden & Sarah Palsma**

**Location: Adult Room A**

Are you interested in learning more about New Hope Church and how to become a member? If so, come and join us for the Discovery Class. In this class you'll discover who New Hope Church is, what we believe and how you can become involved in the life of the Church.



# FELLOWSHIP & OUTREACH

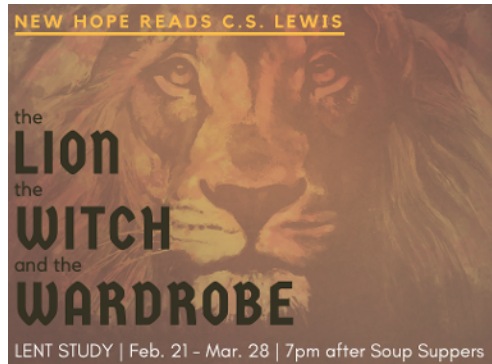
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## LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

Join us for food and fellowship on Wednesday evenings at 6:00pm throughout the season of Lent (Feb 21 through March 21). We will have a variety of soups and salads, mac and cheese, assortment of breads, and a variety of desserts. After dinner, the Elders will lead us in a devotion reminding us of what the season of Lent is all about -- a time to reflect, renew, and connect with one another and with God.



## LENTEN STUDY

Stick around after the Lenten Soup Suppers for our Lenten Study on "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe." Pastor Sarah and Stephanie Vermeer will lead us through C.S. Lewis' classic Christian allegorical tale of Aslan the Lion, the White Witch, and the wardrobe that brought the Pevensie children to the enchanting land of Narnia. Adults and children of all ages are invited to attend. Nursery care will be available. Grab a copy of the book and start reading!



## MOVIE NIGHT

Join us on Wednesday, March 28 at 6:30pm for the final piece of our on Lenten Study series with a movie night! We will be watching "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe." Bring your friends and family and we will bring provide the popcorn!



## KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM

Enroll (or re-enroll) today and support New Hope as you shop! Kroger will donate 5% of every dollar you spend - all you need is your Kroger Plus card.

Step 1: Have your Kroger Card in hand or stop by Kroger to get a card!

Step 2: Visit [krogercommunityrewards.com](http://krogercommunityrewards.com)

Step 3: If you already manage your Kroger Card online click "Already Enrolled" and sign-in; otherwise click "Ohio" and create an account.

Step 4: Follow directions then click "Edit Community Rewards Info" to connect to New Hope. Code to enter in 80262.

# Holy Week and Easter at New Hope Church

Please join us for our -



**Sunday, March 18**  
**3pm-4:30pm**

- Bible Time ●
- Easter Bunny ●
- Crafts ●
- Games ●
- Egg Hunt ●

More Details & Registration at  
[NewHopeWorship.com/EasterEggHunt](http://NewHopeWorship.com/EasterEggHunt)  
4739 W. Powell Rd.

MARCH 25

## **PALM SUNDAY**

Join us for our Children's Palm  
Branch Parade at 9am and  
11:15am

Maundy Thursday  
**TENEBRAE SERVICE**  
"Service of Darkness"  
March 29th, 7:30pm

Friday, March 30 at 12pm  
meet at dublin coffman high school

**GOOD FRIDAY**  
**CROSS WALK**

## Easter Sunrise Service

7am at the Columbus Zoo Africa Event Center

Park at New Hope - The Africa Event Center  
is a short walk from our parking lot. Ushers  
will be available to direct to direct you to  
the location.



## *Easter Sunday Services*

April 1

7am - Sunrise Service at the Columbus Zoo  
9am & 11:15am - Services at New Hope



# MARCH CHURCH CALENDAR

For more details please see [NewHopeWorship.com/Calendar](http://NewHopeWorship.com/Calendar)

## Thursday, March 1

9:30am Women's Bible Study  
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal  
7:30pm AA

## Friday, March 2

6pm - Decorate Mexican Fiesta

## Saturday, March 3

5:30pm - Mexican Fiesta

## Sunday, March 4

9:00am Worship  
9:10am Children's Sunday School  
9:20am Confirmation Class  
10:15am Adult & Youth Sunday School  
10:15am Children's Ministry Volunteer Appreciation  
11:15am Worship & School House Sunday School  
6:00pm Worship Night

## Monday, March 5

7:00pm Women's Bible Study  
7:00pm Intercessory Prayer

## Wednesday, March 7

12:30pm Women's Bible Study  
6:00pm Lenten Soup Supper  
7:00pm Journey  
7:30pm Bethel

## Thursday, March 8

7pm Choir Rehearsal  
7:30pm AA

## Saturday, March 10

10:00am Easter Choir Retreat

## Sunday, March 11

9:00am Worship  
9:10am Children's Sunday School  
9:20am Confirmation Class  
10:15am Adult & Youth Sunday School  
11:15am Worship & School House Sunday School

## Monday, March 12

7:00pm Endowment Meeting

## Tuesday, March 13

6:00pm Deacon & Elder Meeting  
7:00pm Consistory Meeting

## Wednesday, March 14

12:30pm Women's Bible Study  
6:00pm Lenten Soup Supper  
7:00pm Journey  
7:30pm Bethel

## Thursday, March 15

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal  
7:30pm AA

## Sunday, March 18

9:00am Worship  
9:10am Children's Sunday School  
9:20am Confirmation Class  
10:15am Adult & Youth Sunday School  
11:15am Worship & School House Sunday School  
3:00pm Easter Egg Hunt  
5:15pm Middle School Youth Group  
7:00pm High School Youth Group

## Wednesday, March 21

12:30pm Women's Bible Study  
6:00pm Lenten Soup Supper  
7:30pm Bethel

## Thursday, March 22

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal  
7:30pm AA

## Sunday, March 25

### Palm Sunday

9:00am Worship  
10:15am Youth Sunday School & Kid's Praise School  
11:15am Worship  
5:15pm Middle School Youth Group  
7:00pm High School Youth Group

## Tuesday, March 27

7:00pm Missional Engagement

## Wednesday, March 28

12:30pm Women's Bible Study  
5:30pm HIS Place  
6:30pm Movie Night - "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe"

## Thursday, March 29

7:30pm Maundy Thursday Service  
7:30pm AA  
8:30pm Prayer Vigil

## Friday, March 30

### Good Friday

12:00pm Cross Walk