



Fall 2018

SHARING OUR FAITH

New Hope's Monthly Newsletter

FORTY YEARS IN THE MAKING

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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.

As I mentioned in a Sunday message earlier this month, I recently observed two very closely related milestones. July 19 was the 40th anniversary of my ordination as Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Reformed Church in America. Forty years ago on August 1, I began life as a “pastor” on the staff of the Second Reformed Church in Kalamazoo, MI. It’s hard for me to realize that I have been pastoring for four decades. As I reminisce, there’s much that has changed. Perhaps it’s mildly amusing to reflect together on some of those changes. What follows is in no particular order of priority.

Certainly the revolution in technology within the life of the church and her pastors has been nothing short of remarkable. When I began pastoring, no one I knew had a personal computer. One of my colleagues dictated his sermons and our church secretary would transcribe them from tape. Another typed his on a manual typewriter. I was fortunate to have purchased an electric typewriter with funds that I received as a graduation gift. The weekly worship bulletins were typed on stencils and then duplicated (it was horrible to correct errors). If you would have told me that we would project lyrics to songs/hymns on a screen instead of using The Hymnal, I would have

questioned your sanity. That having been said, we did use an overhead projector with transparencies for songs that we sang during Sunday School opening exercises. (Yes, that was a BIG thing in that day.) Voice mail was an unknown. We did have an answering machine (first generation) that we used to record a daily devotional. Other than that, it had no use. Cell phones and email were not in our wildest imagination. If you wanted to contact me/us, you may have called my home phone (a rotary I might add) or you would have left a message with the church secretary and she would place a phone message slip on my desk. There was something wonderful about not being accessible 24/7.

Another change has to do with the competition, or lack thereof, that the church faced. Believe it or not, most families attended worship nearly every Sunday. We actually could count on Wednesday evenings to be reserved for church activities. When we planned worship, particularly a series of messages, or church activities we simply did not ask the question “who will be there?” Everyone was there unless there was a major crisis. Today, we face competition from sports, school activities and any number of weekly events that assume priority over faith or our children’s

growth in faith.

One of the significant changes that causes me great concern is that, back in the day, Christian people could disagree without being disagreeable. Actually, our nation does the same. I've written and spoken elsewhere about how polarized our country has become. We have lost the virtue of reasonable public discourse. If you're not on my side, I have not time and space for you. As Archie Bunker (only you who enjoyed the 70's remember him) would have said, "Case closed!"

Lastly, as I reminisce, I also recognize that the respect for clergy has changed. Forty years ago, people actually paid attention to what Ministers thought and said.

Most community organizations wanted a clergy representative present because they knew she/he carried a certain level of influence. The loss of respect is something for which that, sad to say, we clergy are responsible. So, I don't expect many of you to read this or to give my ruminations any credibility.

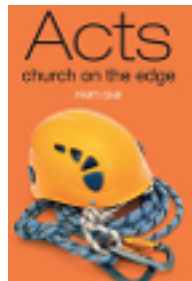


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Fall Women's Bible Studies

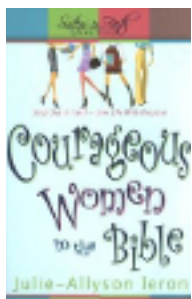


Acts: Church on the Edge, Part One

Monday Evenings from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

October 1 - November 26, Church Library

The book of Acts continues the story of Jesus and his followers. As the narrative continues, you discover what happens as Jesus goes to the Father, as the Holy Spirit comes to Jesus' followers, and as the church forms and spreads. Acts presents the new community of the church in its finest hour – facing struggles and often under attack, but unstoppable with the incredible power and living presence of the Holy Spirit.



Courageous Women in the Bible

Wednesday afternoons from 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm

September 12 - October 31, Church library

Courage changes the world. Throughout history, the courageous actions of ordinary women have inspired kings, warriors, and entire nations. In this study, you will meet eight women who courageously followed God's calling despite the cost, despite human logic and despite imminent danger. As you share and grow together with other sisters in Christ, you, too, will be filled with strength and courage.



1 Peter: A Living Hope in Christ

Thursday Mornings from 9:30 am to 11:30 am

September 13 - November 8, Church library, nursery care available

Walk through the New Testament letter of 1 Peter with Jen Wilkin in this Bible study. Peter, a man of faith and flaws and an eyewitness to the life of Christ, challenges us to look beyond our current circumstances to a future inheritance. In 1 Peter, he shares concerns about big picture issues for the early Christians, reminding them of the living hope they have in Christ.

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Fall Adult Sunday School Classes

September 9 through October 14
Sunday Mornings 10:15 am to 11:00 am



A Place to Stand

Meets in Adult Room A

Led by Pastor Sarah

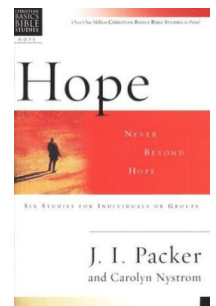
In recent years, millions of books, films and studies have told Christians how to read their Bibles, raise their children, grow their churches, cure their sorrows and even lose their fat. A good many Christians have begun to wonder who they are, where they came from, what they ought to believe and why. In *A Place to Stand*, you'll re-discover the basic foundations of the Christian faith and re-engage with what it means to be a Christian and why it matters. If you have ever wanted to take a Christianity 101 course or had questions about what it is we believe, then this class is for you.

Never Beyond Hope

Meets in Adult Room B (Cry Room)

Led by Andy and Marilyn Davis

Do you ever feel like all hope is lost? Scripture shows God using the oddest, rawest, most lopsided and flawed of his children to further his work in this world and reminds us that we are never beyond hope in God's eyes. Come and see how God worked through the lives of Jacob the cheat; diffident Mrs. Manoah; Jonah the pig-headed patriot; bossy, noisy Martha and quiet, passive Mary; Thomas the super-smart professional pessimist; and impulsive, warm-hearted, unstable Peter to bring hope to a broken people and a broken world.



Everybody, Always

Meets in the Library

Led by Hannah and Trevor Schaap

In his book, *Everybody Always: Becoming Love in a World Full of Set Backs and Difficult People*, Bob Goff shares how he learned to accept others without inhibition, insecurity, and restriction—including when he befriended a Ugandan witch doctor. Come and discover how a no-limits embrace of everybody can transform the world. You do not have to read the book to attend this study. Each week you'll have discussion around video clips from Bob Goff as he shares simple and practical steps to love everybody, always, the way Jesus did - including the "creepy people" who are difficult to love.

MUSIC MINISTRY

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We are all singers. It is written in our human DNA and is part of God's perfect design.

Your ability to sing is fearfully and wonderfully made (Psalm 139).

When we sing to praise God, so much more than our voice box is engaged; we receive life-giving breath to our lungs. God has created our minds to judge pitch and lyric; to think through musical concepts; to engage the intellect, imagination and memory; and to remember what is set to a tune (I'm sure more of you can remember more lyrics set to music than can recite scripture). God has formed our hearts to be moved with a depth of feeling and a whole range of emotions as melody and harmony collide and the truths of who God is, and whose we are, sink in.

But some may say, what if I *can't sing*? There is good news for you!

God has designed you to sing because He *wants* you to

sing! He is far less concerned with your tune than your integrity. When we sing as Christians, it begins with the heart, not the lips. (Ephesians 5:19). Your heavenly Father cares whether and what you sing, but He does not mind how well you sing it (think upon hearing your own children sing a tune and the joy it brings you).

Let's be a congregation that sings out! As we sing together, we reflect the truth that we were designed for community, both with God and with each other as we bolster's our own faith.

When we sing God's praise together, we join with the tune of all heaven and earth! That is cool.

So, let us not sing for singing sake – or keep quiet because we don't love singing. Let us sing because we love the One who made us and formed us and enabled you to sing!

Sing out HIS praise with me!

The logo features the word "Worship" in a large, black, cursive script. Below it, the word "CHOIR" is written in a smaller, black, sans-serif, all-caps font. The text is centered within a light blue triangle. Two red dots are positioned on either side of the word "CHOIR".

Worship
• CHOIR •

Join us Thursday, September 6th at 7pm as we start a new season!

Patriotic Sunday



Check out these new songs we will be singing in Worship! If there is a song you would like to request for the worship team's consideration, please email me at loy@newhopeworship.com.

- "God, You're So Good" - By Passion
- "How Deep the Father's Love for Us" - By Austin Stone Worship
- "Who You Say I Am" - By Hillsongs
- Favorite Album - "I am Reminded" - By Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir

**Save
the
Date!**



YOUTH MINISTRY

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Who we are | We are a home away from home where all Middle School and High School youth are welcome, accepted, and belong. Together, as a community in Christ, our youth grow in their faith, their friendships, and journey together in discovering God's purpose for each of their lives. In our youth group family, everyone has value and matters...no matter what.

Why it matters | A 20-year study was conducted and it was discovered that to maximize happiness, don't buy things, buy experiences. Experiences actually become a part of who we are, and memories always stay with us. My hope is that the experiences our youth share together will draw them into a deeper relationship with Jesus, and with each other.

According to **The Barna Group**, only 6% of adult Christians made their decision to follow God over the age of 18. That means 94% of Christians made their decision to follow Jesus, under the age of 18! It is imperative to offer experiences to our youth that will impact their faith throughout their entire lives before they leave home. If we can help to capture the hearts and minds of our youth the hope is that they will become lifelong followers of Jesus that love one another and serve others, and live a life of hope in a world that is broken.

Join us September 9th as we kick off a new year together!

Sunday School

*All will gather together on September 9th in the youth room for a time of fellowship. Sunday School classes will officially begin on September 16th. We are trying something new this year - our classes will be divided by age and gender. I am so excited to see what happens in the lives of our youth as group dynamics shift from everyone being together, to being with their immediate peer group. My hope is that together we would have honest, transparent, great conversations about faith, life questions, our doubts and fears.

*Middle School Boys will meet in the Yellow Room.
High School Boys will meet in the Nippa Room.*

*Middle School Girls will meet in the back side of the Youth Room.
High School Girls will meet in the front of the Youth Room.*

Sunday Night Youth Group - Sept. 9

Middle School: 5:15-6:30 pm

High School: 7:00-8:30 pm

More details to come! Please register your youth on our website to ensure I have you and your child's contact information - newhopeworship.com/youth.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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The Children's Ministry has had an amazing summer teaching children all about Jesus! Sports Camp opened the summer with a small but mighty crew of our young disciples learning how to use their bodies to honor and serve God. VBS closed the summer with a giant crew of children who learned that Jesus will always be there to rescue us! Both events were awesome! If you were lucky and brave enough to serve with us, thank you.

When we choose, as parents or guardians, to bring our children to church, we are investing in them as siblings in Christ who will serve Jesus with us. It is our hope that the programs we offer here at New Hope will be building blocks to the strong faith foundation our children will need to face the world successfully and joyfully with Jesus.

That being said, all of the programs we have in New Hope's Children's Ministry require numerous people, both adults and youth, to run safely and effectively. VBS alone utilized over 100 (of the best ever) volunteers. That's a very big number.

Have you felt the joy of serving in the Children's Ministry lately? When I stood in the sanctuary of New Hope with over 200 children and 100 adults, praising Jesus' name in song, my heart was so full. Joy was abundant! My prayer is that more of you get to experience that feeling in serving the Lord. New

Hope's Children's Ministry offers many programs for children to learn more about Jesus and adults and youth to serve: Sunday School, Praise School, Club 45, WOW, Birthday Party for Jesus, Easter Egg Hunt, Sports Camp, and VBS.

God calls each of us to serve Him and that comes in many different forms. In 1 Peter, we are taught that each of us should use whatever gifts God has blessed us with to serve others. In our Children's Ministry programs, we have hundreds of ways for you to share your God-given talents and gifts.

As I reflect on the past two years that I've had the honor to serve as your Children's Ministry Team Leader, I'm joyful and hopeful in great things to come, but that truly counts on each and every member of New Hope Church. Our Children's Ministry is a function of how we as a church come together as a whole to raise up our younger brothers and sisters in Christ. My hope for this next year, is that the majority of the Children's Ministry's time can be focused on creating and engaging in powerful learning experiences for our children to know and love Jesus, and that more of you find the joy in serving with the Children's Ministry of New Hope.

Please contact Tate@NewHopeWorship.com for more information.

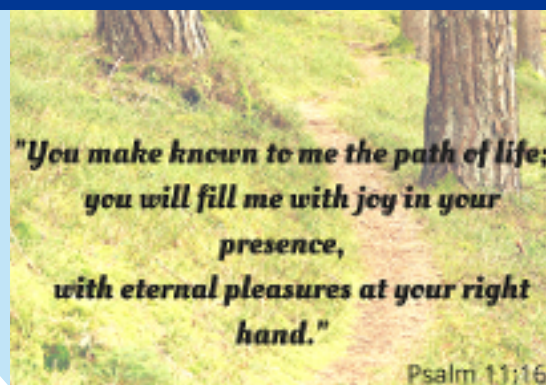


Children's Memory Verse

Please have your child memorize this verse for our Fall quarter. Once he/she has the verse memorized, have him/her share it with a Children's Ministry Team member for a special reward.

"You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand."

Psalms 119:105



Children's Education

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Stay up to date on the Children's Ministry by following New Hope Church Children's Ministry on Facebook!



Sunday School is offered for 3 year olds (potty-trained) through 5th graders and takes place during the 9 am service on Sunday mornings. Sunday School will start again on Sunday, September 9th! We will

once again be using the Deep Blue curriculum to help kids explore, learn and grow- and begin a lifelong faith journey!

Please register your child(ren) for the 2018/2019 year using the form on New Hope's website:

newhopeworship.org/sundayschool

Did you know that our Sunday School program is taught by volunteers? We are looking to grow our Support Team this year! Please contact Rachel Warren at Warren@NewHopeWorship.com for more information! Current Support Team members can begin signing up using the Sign Up Genius link found on our website.

Join the action this Fall at **Kids WOW**! We'll become a part of the big story God began telling in Genesis and



continues today through the lives of all His children. We'll bring the Bible to life during Bible time and enjoy fun and fellowship in dinner, crafts, music and games each week! Fall Kids WOW will run on

Wednesdays from September 26th through October 24th. The program is from 5:30 pm-7:30 pm and Kindergarten through 5th graders are invited! Registration opens August 25th!

Save the Date for Winter WOW on Wednesday evenings from January 30th-March 6th!

KidSpace is located next to the nursery and is available most Sunday mornings from 10:10-11 am. Preschool through 5th graders can come and enjoy fun and fellowship while their parents are attending adult Sunday School classes.



Calling all 4th and 5th Graders!

Club 45 is a mighty group of service-based 4th and 5th graders making a difference in their communities. We will meet once a month to gather for devotions, service, and fun. All 4th and 5th graders are welcome!

Please contact Rachel Tate at Tate@NewHopeWorship to learn more.





Children's Music

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The official kick-off for Junior Worship Choir is August 26th at 5:15 pm starting with an ice cream social! Please join Children's Ministry Music Coordinator, Dez Takas for this fun meet and greet followed by a short rehearsal to begin the season. Come be a part of this amazing program. Friends are encouraged and welcome to join us. For more information, please contact Dez Takas.



Important Junior Worship Choir Dates!

September 30, 9 am Service -JWC Leads Worship

October outreach event - TBD

November 9, 11:15 am Service - JWC Leads Worship

December 16, 9 am & 11:15 am - JWC Christmas



Children's Outreach

Sarah Bartula, Bartula@newhopeworship.com

Outreach operates on the hands and feet of volunteers! Thank you to all of you who served with us this summer. Sports Camp and VBS were truly amazing. Please save the date for the Birthday Party for Jesus on December 12 from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm. Contact Outreach Coordinator Sarah Bartula at Bartula@NewHopeWorship.com to hear more about volunteer opportunities.

Nursery News

New Hope's Nursery Care is available for most New Hope programs. Our Nursery is staffed by an amazing crew of CRP/First Aid trained women who do a wonderful job caring for our youngest disciples. Nursery Parents, we are looking for a Nursery Greeting Team for Sunday mornings. This would entail arriving to church 20 minutes early, greeting families as they arrive at the Nursery Welcome Desk and helping them through the check in process. Please contact Children's Ministry Director Rachel Tate at Tate@NewHopeWorship.com for more information.

NEW HOPE EDUCATION CENTER

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The school year is getting ready to start and the teachers are preparing for another great year!

August is a busy month as we prepare for the first days of school.

Starting August 17th, we have several teacher trainings including Communicable Disease, CPR and first aid. We

also have an ALICE safety training scheduled and a seminar on Children's Behavior and Self Esteem.

Between trainings, teachers will be setting up their classrooms and getting ready for their back-to-school

playdates and teacher meet and greet on August 22nd & 23rd, followed by our Parent Orientation on the evening of August 27th.

Kindergarten begins on September 4th and all of our Preschool programs start September 4th or 5th.

It is an exciting time of year as we prepare to welcome families back and welcome new families.

Best wishes to all the children heading back to school. We know that you will all have a successful year! If you or someone you know is looking for a preschool, kindergarten enrichment program or a full day kindergarten, we would love to have them join our family.

MEET OUR MISSIONARIES

The financial benevolences of New Hope Church support over twenty outreach organizations, three national missionaries and seven global missionaries. Our global missionaries serve in areas you may never go, but your financial giving is helping to make an impact in Jesus' name through their work. Get to know the different missionaries we support in each newsletter, and please keep them in your prayers.

Wayne provides theological and practical training for church leaders at Tokyo Union Theological Seminary (TUTS). As a homeroom teacher for the freshman class, Wayne Jansen gets to know newcomers to the seminary and provides pastoral care for them through their time at TUTS. He also works with the seminary's Clinical Pastoral Education program. Miho teaches English part-time at a Christian high school, helps the faculty and staff translate articles and documents, and often entertains students and church members at home.



Please Pray:

- That members of the UCCJ will cooperate to bring the gospel to Japan.
- That Wayne and Miho will be able to listen to what students are asking in modern Japan.
- For more people to be called into Christian ministry: "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few."
- For the thousands of survivors of the 2011 earthquake, many of whom are still living in temporary housing. Many others are indefinitely unable to return to their homes due to the nuclear power plant meltdown that permanently made much of Fukushima uninhabitable.

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

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I recently had an opportunity to attend the local Churchsafe Security Conference 2018 hosted by Capital City Church in Columbus. The timing of the conference was perfect as we have made it a priority to consider various aspects of safety and security pertaining to New Hope Church. Now more than ever, churches are recognizing the need for comprehensive policies and procedures to keep people safe and reduce the church's risk and liability.

As one security analyst stated "Proactiveness should be the watchword of every place of worship." We continue to work toward implementation of best practices including background screenings for volunteers, facility use policies, security monitoring systems and training. Our efforts are not limited to the facility and grounds, as we have also increased security in our technology and financial management systems. We appreciate Consistory's support as we work to ensure effective planning and responses to potentially threatening or emergency situations.

In financial news, I would direct your attention to the month-end (July) and year-to-date financial figures noted in the table below.

Giving continues to be outstanding and we give God all the glory for His faithfulness and thank each of you for your stewardship and gracious giving to the Lord's work. You will note that expenses for the month of July were a bit high (approximately 5% over budget), largely due to HVAC repairs and technology support services. However, year-to-date expenses remain slightly below budget. Upcoming expenditures this year will include payment for repairs to the roof and siding, grounds maintenance and additional church interior updates.

Thank you for your continued support and as always, if you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 614.766.5445 ext. 16 or churchadmin@newhopeworship.com.

	July			YEAR TO DATE		
	Budget	Actual	% Difference	Budget	Actual	% Difference
Total Income	\$84,661	\$112,436	32.8%	\$707,112	\$741,242	4.8%
Total Expense	\$79,104	\$83,312	5.3%	\$666,593	\$643,780	-3.4%



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FALL MON • 9/26/18-10/24/18
BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR JESUS • 12/12/18
WINTER MON • 1/30/19-3/6/19
EASTER EGG HUNT • 4/7/19
SPORTS CAMP • 6/10/19-6/13/19
VBS • 7/22/19-7/26/19

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