



November 2018

SHARING OUR FAITH

New Hope's Monthly Newsletter

SAYING "THANK YOU"

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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.

I was privileged to serve on my alma mater's, Hope College's, Board of Trustees with Max DePree, former CEO of the Herman Miller furniture company and leadership guru. By the time I arrived as a member of the Board, Max was a trustee emeritus and honorary trustee. Nevertheless, his leadership was still recognized and valued by all present. One of Max DePree's more memorable quotes on leadership is, "The first responsibility of a leader is to define reality. The last is to say 'thank you.' In between, the leader is a servant."

I want to take this occasion to exercise the last responsibility of a leader. In this season when our hearts and minds more intentionally turn to gratitude, I want to say "thank you."

I first thank our family—my wife Jean; our sons and their wives Billy and Mara, Charlie and Mary, Pieter and Amy; and our grandsons Bear and Arie. Each and all bring joy and serve as a constant reminder of what is truly important in life.

I also thank the New Hope staff. The competence and commitment, along with deep faith, that each brings is nothing short of remarkable. New

Hope is the vibrant and vital church that we are because of our staff and we are extremely blessed by them.

I thank you the congregation for your support, encouragement, affirmation, commitment and generosity. We're about the business of changing lives at New Hope and all of that happens because of the investment that you, the people of New Hope, continue to make.

I also am very grateful to God for the many blessings that I enjoy, indeed for life itself. I was reminded of this recently by a rather sobering piece of mail I received. The mail was from the Neptune Society, inviting me to make my cremation prearrangements. Now that I'm a senior citizen, I realize that most of my life is behind me. Nevertheless, to quote Mark Twain, "the reports of my death are greatly exaggerated." Life is good and I have so much for which to give thanks. I intend to keep on enjoying life for as long as God grants me.

I hope that you will take some time to reflect on what fills your heart with gratitude. I also wish you and yours a very blessed and happy Thanksgiving.

ADULT MINISTRY

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Upcoming Women's Christmas Study



Wednesday Afternoons

November 14 and 28 & December 5 and 12

12:30pm to 2:00pm

Led by Pastor Sarah

Ebenezer Scrooge is a man in dire need of a second chance. Is redemption possible for such a greedy, dark and sad character? *The Redemption of Scrooge*, from Matt Rawle's The Pop in Culture Series, shows us how the teachings of Jesus can be found in Dickens' Christmas classic. From the ghosts of Christmas past, to the Life of the present, and the resurrection of Christmas future, this Advent study will "bless us every one" and reinvigorate our spiritual journeys as we look at this familiar story through the lens of faith. Go from "Bah, Humbug!" to a Blessed Advent and Merry Christmas.

Women's Retreat Save the Date!

**Give yourself the gift of a weekend with your sisters in Christ.
Registration opens December 9th!**



Women's Retreat Details

Date & Time | Friday, February 22 at 7:30pm through Saturday, February 23 at 4:00pm

Location | The Hope Hotel & Richard C. Holbrooke Conference Center in Dayton, OH



Speaker | Dr. Carol Bechtel
Professor of Old Testament, Western
Theological Seminary

Registration opening in December at newhopeworship.com/retreat.

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Adult Sunday School Classes



Discovery Class

Led by Pastor Steve and Pastor Sarah

Meets in Adult Room A

Are you interested in learning more about New Hope Church? Come join our fall new members class to discover who we are, what we believe and how you can become involved in the life of the church.



Beloved Sisters: Inspirations from Women of Faith

Led by Mark Dutton

Meets in the Library

BELOVED SISTERS
Inspiration from Women of Faith



We often hear the stories of the patriarchs of the Christian faith. Men like Augustine, John Calvin, Dietrich Bonhoeffer or C.S. Lewis. But what about the matriarchs? Women have led, shared, and shaped the Christian faith since the first women fled from the empty tomb to share the glorious news, "Jesus is risen!" Come take a walk through the history of the Christian church and be inspired by the wisdom, care, and leadership of our sister in Christ. Discover how God calls both men and women to fulfill his kingdom purposes on Earth.

December Save the Dates!

**TOWN
HALL
MEETING**

Sunday, Dec. 2 at 10:15 AM

Blue Christmas

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3RD AT 7PM

There will be a special prayer service of comfort and hope in the Sanctuary. At this service we will acknowledge our pain, grief, and loss amidst all the yuletide celebrations and we will light candles in memory of those we love and miss. Most importantly we will gather to remember that the true joy of Christmas comes from the One who came to heal our wounds, comfort us in times of pain, and grant us peace.



ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

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Greetings,

As I sat down to write this, I realized that this month marks my one-year anniversary as Church Administrator for New Hope. Time indeed flies! As I began to reflect on my experiences here over the past year, and especially the highlights (yes, there have been challenges as well, but the apostle Paul reminds us that “whatsoever things are of good report, think on these things”!) I could not help but recall and give thanks for the tremendous support I received in my early weeks and months from Chair of the Deacons, Craig Krenznel.

Although most of us know and recognize Craig as a national championship Buckeye, I had the opportunity to watch his faith in action and came to respect him as a champion for Christ. It didn’t take long for me to see that serving the Lord was his highest priority followed by his family, church, etc. As I look back, I’m thankful for his wisdom and guidance. Even more, I’m grateful that he demonstrated his faith in the Lord by having confidence in me to do the best job I could in my new

role. That truly meant so much to me and sustained me on my difficult days! So...a big thank you goes out to Craig, my brother in Christ.

The Lord does indeed continue to bless us financially as you can see from the figures presented in the table below. Giving for the month of October exceeded budgeted income by nearly 40 percent, while expenses were held slightly under budget. Just as a reminder, giving through Kindrid is a completely secure option for contributing tithes and offerings. Please carefully check information entered as New Hope has no ability to change user input.

Lastly, I want to wish everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving and above all, give thanks to God for His unfailing love, tender mercies and unending goodness.

“Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.” ~ James 1:17 (NIV)

OCTOBER BUDGET

	October			YEAR TO DATE		
	Budget	Actual	% Difference	Budget	Actual	% Difference
Total Income	\$78,933	\$109,667	38.9%	\$786,294	\$1,048,612	33.4%
Total Expense	\$83,025	\$82,042	-1.2%	\$937,148	\$922,506	-1.6%



Christmas Cantata 2017

MUSIC MINISTRY

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Please bring friends and family to "Come & See," our special Christmas Cantata event on Sunday, December 9th during both services!

New Hope Church Presents:

Come and See!

A Christmas Worship Celebration!

...
Featuring
Christmas Choir
& Orchestra
...

...
Sunday
December 9,
9 & 11:15 am
...



YOUTH MINISTRY

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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Last week, Mary, our youngest child, was sharing the contents of her backpack with me. She had multiple erasers, pencils, squishies, etc. When we finally got to her school work, she pulled out a true treasure in the form of a paper she had written about her name.

Mary wrote:

Mary means bitter. Bitter means rebel. My parents named me and all of my siblings after the Bible. The youngest kid is me, Mary. My sister is Abby. My brother is Joe. My other brother is Luke. Every name is important. My name is important to everyone who loves me. God made each one of our names perfect. And He's happy about that.

God purposefully created each of us, and He calls us by name.

*But now thus says the Lord,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
-Isaiah 43:1*

For our children to know that truth, that God calls them to him by their own name, is fundamental to them understanding how important they are; not only in God's mighty kingdom, but also in this world.

To have a name is to be someone. It's how you are identified. It's how you are called. God is calling each of us into relationship and service with Him. Please take a moment this week to remind your children that they are a valued member God's heavenly kingdom, and that He's calling to each of them by name.

When we listen to God's call, He's happy about that.

Blessings,

Rachel Tate

Children's Ministry Team Leader

**Nursery
News**

NURSERY NEWS | Rachel Tate at Tate@NewHopeWorship.com

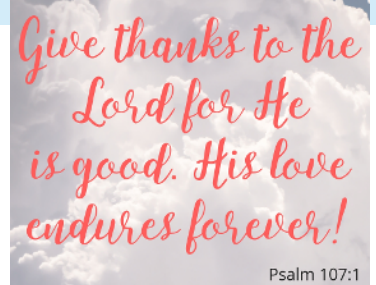
We are thrilled to welcome our newest disciple, Evan John Takas to the Nursery! Congratulations to Dez and Byron, Jake, Avery, and Kendall!

The Nursery is filled with amazing little disciples hungry for *Goldfish*! We are always accepting donations as we cannot seem to keep the bowl full! Speaking of keeping the bowl full, our Nursery is constantly growing and we need some help! Parents, if you utilize New Hope's Nursery, please prayerfully consider helping our Nursery Team. You would greet families at the Nursery Welcome Center before Worship and serve as an extra pair of loving hands in our busy nursery during Worship. Please check out the SignUp Genius on New Hope's website to get involved!

As we approach flu and cold season, please remember that sick children feel better in bed than in church. We appreciate everyone keeping their germs to themselves. That being said, we are also seeking donations for *Clorox Disinfecting Wipes*. Remember friends, "Wash your hands and say your prayers because Jesus and germs are everywhere!"

Verse of the Month

Please challenge your children to memorize the verse of the month! Once your child has the verse memorized, please visit a Children's Ministry Team Member to recite the verse and receive a treat! "Give thanks to the Lord for he is good. His love endures forever." Psalm 107:1





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Club 45 is busy collecting winter coats for local children in need. We are partnering with Coats 4 Children and the Elders of New Hope to collect over 275 coats. Coats and financial donations can be delivered to New Hope's Children's Ministry Office through November 11.

Club 45 is also collecting NO SEW FLEECE BLANKET KIT donations to make fleece blankets for the Ronald McDonald House. Donations can be delivered to the Children's Ministry Office. Please contact Rachel Tate at Tate@NewHopeWorship.com for more information.



Children's Education

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This fall in Kids WOW, the children are becoming a part of the big story God began telling in Genesis and continues telling today through the lives of all His children. There is still time to join the Support Team, please contact Rachel Warren at Warren@NewHopeWorship.com for more information! Save the date for Winter WOW which will take place January 30th through March 6th!

We need your help! Do you or someone you know love working with children and love Jesus? CMT is looking for new Support Team members to help Lead or Shepherd Children's Sunday School classes on Sunday mornings! Check out the Sunday School information on the Children's portion of the website for more details!

Stay up to date with Children's Ministry Programs by liking our Facebook page!



Children's Outreach

Sarah Bartula
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Christmas is just around the corner. That means that Birthday Party for Jesus is coming! Please save the date for Wednesday December 19th from 6 pm - 7:30 pm. Registration is available at newhopeworship.com/birthdayforJesus. Invite your friends to celebrate the birth of our Savior!



Children's Music

Dez Takas | Takas@newhopeworship.com

The JWC is off to a great start this season! We are having a blast learning our music to lead worship, as well as putting together our Christmas program! There's still time to be a part of this amazing program! If your child is interested, please email Dez Takas at takas@newhopeworship.com. Rehearsals are Sunday evenings from 5:15-6:15pm at New Hope.

Save The Dates:

Nov. 4th: JWC leads worship at 11:15am service

Dec. 16th JWC Christmas Program "One Starry Night" both services

NEW HOPE EDUCATION CENTER



Suzie Lawson, Director

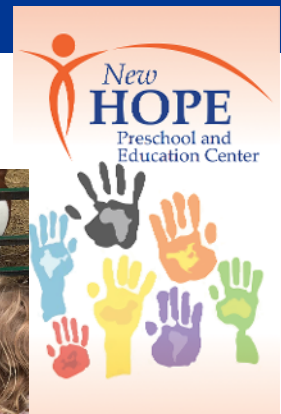
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We enjoyed an activity-filled October in our preschool and education center. The children went on a field trip to Lehner's farm where they each chose a pumpkin, then had visits from firefighters at our school, and participated in the annual Halloween parade!

In addition, the children have been learning in their classrooms and creating projects like making a dinosaur out of the letter D, predicting and learning what will sink and float in water, and learning about ovals, hexagons and other shapes. They also have continued to enjoy their music time, Bible story time, and getting a chance to play outside while the weather still allows.

During November, we will have our Turkey Trot preschool fund-raiser and parent-teacher conferences. The teachers look forward to sharing the progress the children are making in the classrooms.

We wish everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving. We are grateful for the many blessings we celebrate each day!

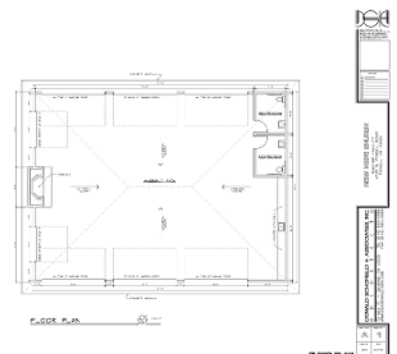


ENDOWMENT TEAM UPDATED

New Hope's Fellowship Pavilion - A Win for Everyone!

- The Fellowship Pavilion can be used for church and community events such as sports camp, Vacation Bible School, church picnic, Pig Roast, wedding receptions, graduation parties, youth group activities, meetings, classes, and more!
- 64' x 48' size with retractable garage door sides, a fireplace, & restrooms (see blue print below).
- Campaign target is \$400,000; approximately \$300,000 to build with \$100,000 added to Endowment Fund to generate interest to provide grants to help community organizations.
- We are hoping to break ground Spring 2019 with completion in 3 - 4 months.
- We have already received nearly \$90,000 in pledges and an individual has offered to match the next \$15,000 of pledges we receive - thank you!
- Please see 3D display in the Narthex and photos /renderings below.

For more information about the Fellowship Pavilion or to pick up or drop off a pledge card to support this please stop by the New Hope Endowment Fund table in the Narthex.



OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

Salvation Army Bell Ringing | New Hope will once again ring a bell for the Salvation Army to help those less fortunate in our community. We will ring between the hours of 9 am and 8 pm on Saturday, December 8. We will be ringing at Walmart on Sawmill Road, north of Hard Road. You can sign up to ring for one hour (or in one hour increments) by contacting Ed Klinker at beklinker1@gmail.com or [614-766-1266](tel:614-766-1266). **Slots fill quickly so please sign up today!** *Thanks for taking some time out of your busy schedule to help make Christmas merrier for others.*

The Salvation Army has again this year asked New Hope Church to partner with them in several outreach events. Sign-up Genius have been created for all the upcoming events but feel free to contact LeAnne Siddell at 614-332-5080 or leanne.siddell@gmail.com or Loretta Rolle at 614-893-3495 with any questions.

Delaware Community Thanksgiving Meal | November 17th and 18th, Greenwood Lake Lodge

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040d4eacad283-delaware1>

Delaware Area Nursing Home Visitation | First 2 weeks in December

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040d4eacad283-salvation>

Salvation Army's Christmas Cheer | Thursday, December 20th, Ohio State Fair Grounds

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040d4eacad283-salvation1>



Answering Questions about our Interior Updates

What we consistently hear from new members at New Hope, is what a welcoming church body we have. Both new and senior members comment that when they walk through our doors, they feel like they are coming home. Our hope is that we always provide a warm, welcoming church as both a body and building. Our facility we call home is now 13 years old and beginning to need some updates (thanks to the many wonderful years of memories made within these walls). We have begun a series of facility updates and the deacons are considering more to keep our church warm, welcoming, and inviting. This article is to provide some answers to questions we have been receiving below.

1. Why do we need to update our facility?

Here is the good news; we are a growing church in need of more multi-purpose space for our ministries and the many outreach events we host for people of all ages. After 13 years, we are seeing more wear and tear on our well-loved building. We want to keep our facility well-maintained, clean and comfortable to ensure a continued warm and welcome presentation of our church for all new and existing members and guests.

2. What updates have been made?

- a. Painting – We have painted the women's restroom, men's restroom, library and Children's Ministry office
- b. Furniture – women's bathroom, youth room (again, to accommodate a multi-purpose room; it is used for both youth and adult ministries), Children's Ministry office (used to house five employees and meetings with parents and new members)

3. How is the church funding these updates?

The updates described above were included in the congregation approved 2018 operating budget.

4. What's Next?

We want to hear from you about what is being considered. If you agree that we need to make additional changes to update the facility, or if you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please contact Deacons Greg Chambers (gregchambers61@gmail.com, 740-272-7526) or Jeff Sneddon (jeff.sneddon1@gmail.com, 614-563-3521). There will also be an opportunity for further questions and comments at our December 2nd Town Hall Meeting.

Looking Ahead - December Church Calendar

Sunday, December 2

9:00 am - Worship, Kid's Sunday School
10:15 am - KidSpace, Townhall Meeting
11:15 am - Worship, School House Sunday School
5:30 pm - Youth Group Zoo Lights

Monday, December 3

7:00 pm - Journey (Library)
7:00 pm - Blue Christmas
7:00 pm - Intercessory Prayer

Wednesday, December 5

12:30 pm - Women's Bible Study
5:30 pm - Kids WOW
7:00 pm - Journey - Walking with Others
7:30 pm - Bethel

Thursday, December 6

9:30 am - Journey
7:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm - Journey
7:30 pm - AA

Saturday, December 8

9:00 am - Salvation Army Bell Ringing
10:00 am - Cantata Dress Rehearsal

Sunday, December 9

9:00 am - Worship, Christmas Cantata, Kids Sunday School
10:15 am - KidSpace, Adult & Youth Sunday School
11:15 am - Worship, Christmas Cantata, School House Sunday School
5:15 pm - Middles School Youth Group White Elephant
7:00 pm - High School Youth Group White Elephant

Monday, December 10

7:00 pm - Journey (Library)

Tuesday, December 11

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

Wednesday, December 12

12:30 pm - Women's Bible Study
7:30 pm - Bethel

Thursday, December 13

9:30 am - Journey
7:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm - Journey
7:30 pm - AA

Sunday, December 16

9:00 am - Worship, Kids Cantata
10:15 am - KidSpace, Adult & Youth Sunday School
11:15 am - Worship, Kids Cantata

Monday, December 17

7:00 pm - Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, December 19

8:00 am - HIS Place
6:00 pm - Birthday Party for Jesus
7:30 pm - Bethel

Thursday, December 20

7:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm - Journey
7:30 pm - AA

Sunday, December 23

9:00 am - Worship
10:15 am - KidSpace, Adult & Youth Sunday School
11:15 am - Worship

Monday, December 24

5:00 pm - Family Friendly Service
7:00 pm - Candlelight Service
9:00 pm - Candlelight Service
11:00 pm - Candlelight Service with Communion

Tuesday, December 25

Merry Christmas!

Thursday, December 27

9:30 am - Journey
7:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm - Journey
7:30 pm - AA

Sunday, December 30

10:00 am - Worship

Monday, December 31

9:00 am - Red Cross Blood Drive

For a detailed online calendar, please visit our website at newhopeworship.com/calendar.