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SHARING OUR FAITH

New Hope's Monthly Newsletter



THE GIFT OF GIVING

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NEW HOPE CHURCH

A Ministry of the Reformed Church in America

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Rev. Sarah E. Palsma, Associate Pastor

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:00AM

Contemporary Worship
Sunday School for ages 3 through
5th Grade

10:15AM

Sunday School for Adults and Youth
KidSpace 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.

Max DePree, former CEO of the Herman Miller furniture company, is well known in leadership circles for his wisdom. He has authored Leadership is an Art and Leadership Jazz among other volumes. I had the privilege to serve with Max on my alma mater's, Hope College's, Board of Trustees and to glean some of his voluminous wisdom. One of Max's more notable quotes is this: The first responsibility of a leader is to define reality. The last is to say "thank you." In between the leader is a servant.

One of the leaders on our staff, Church Administrator Greg Chambers, has done a very helpful job in defining our current financial reality at New Hope. Jim Collins, in his book Good to Great, speaks of the necessity of facing the "brutal facts." At the April Town Meeting, Deacon Ben Warren gave a very encouraging financial update. Our financial generosity has changed substantially over the past weeks to the extent that we are now approximately \$50,000 **behind** budgeted revenue.

As your Senior Pastor, I do want to say "thank you." Your generosity exhibited in the gift of your time, your talent and your financial

resources has enabled us to change lives in some remarkably significant ways through the ministry of New Hope Church. Quite simply, we are not able to do what we do without your generosity. I also want to thank God. Truly God has been faithful in blessing the work we do. One of our undergirding convictions at New Hope is that everything we are and everything we have is God's gift to us. God invites us to use a portion of that which we have been given, the blessings we enjoy, to bless others. In so doing we mirror God's generosity to us.

Your staff at New Hope sincerely sees our ministry among you and in the community as one of servanthood. We serve Christ by serving you and serving those "outside our walls" as we offer programs, ministries and opportunities to reach people for Christ, root people in Christ and release people to serve Christ.

We believe information is friendly. We also believe that you care enough about supporting God's work in and through New Hope. We invite your continued generosity so that we can impact our church and community with the message of Christ.

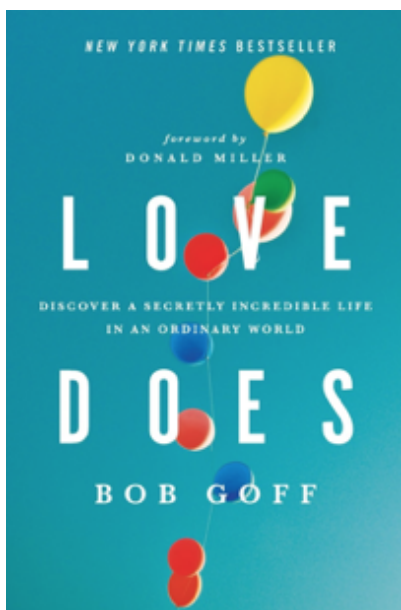
ADULT MINISTRY

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Summer Bible Study



Love Does by Bob Goff
Wednesdays 7:00pm to 8:30pm
June 19 to July 17

Just imagine what God could do with a whole group of people who were passionate about Jesus' love and eager to put it into creative practice? Come engage in *Love Does* by Bob Goff and find out!

Faith comes alive when we do the love of God. This is a study about God's love. This love is different. It changes things. It's active. It works. It risks. God's love...does.

Love Does is a five-week video-based study. Each week you will explore a different aspect of God's active love through the stories of Bob Goff. This study will help you dig into each topic in a guided Bible Study and small group time with discussion questions, and hands on exercises.

Birds of a Feather

Let's Flock Together!

Calling all Empty Nesters!

Your "nest" may be empty, but your life can be full! We invite you to join our new small group focused on growing in faith and fellowship through fun social activities and outings. Once a month we will venture out for a variety of activities such as visiting the new Veterans Memorial Museum, Columbus Clippers baseball game, or a progressive supper. Our first get-together will be May 19th in the library after the 10 am service. Come learn more and bring your ideas for fun get-togethers! If you cannot attend this initial meeting, but want more information, please don't hesitate to contact Bonnie Fussner at 614-563-5888 or bfussner1@aol.com. We can't wait to see what the Lord has in store for this group!

NEW
Small
Group!

OUTREACH MINISTRY

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The month of May is **National Foster Care Month** It's a time to recognize that we each can play a part in enhancing the lives of children and youth in foster care.

The Confirmation girls partnered with "My Very Own Blanket" to provide a child in the foster care system with a blanket which gives them a feeling of comfort, security, and most of all, a SMILE.

Thank You, New Hope, for donating 72 blankets!



The average foster child reaching graduation will have changed schools **five** different times in their high school career. That, coupled with ever-changing support systems and other factors impacting learning, makes this accomplishment all the more impressive. **You can help honor these great kids by donating your time, gifts, and finances.** New Hope has the opportunity to help Franklin County Children Services by decorating their facility for a party to celebrate the 74 current foster children graduates and providing each of them with a meaningful gift.

1) **Time** - You can sign-up to decorate for the graduation party on May 22nd from 8:30 - 11 am

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0D4FAAAA2E5-franklin>

2) **Gifts** - Donate any of the following NEW items: XL Twin or Full/Queen size bedding sets, XL Twin or Full/Queen size sheet sets, Towels and Washcloths, Pillows, Throw Blankets, Alarm Clock Radio, Laundry Baskets, Water Bottles/Travel Mugs, Bags/Luggage/Backpacks

3) **Finances** - Target or WalMart gift cards of any denomination (If over \$25, please consider breaking into multiple cards), a cash/check/phone donation to the subject FCCS Graduation (All money will be used to buy supplies for the party and gifts/gift cards for the graduates)

All donations need to be turned in by May 12th (Mother's Day). THANK YOU!

APRIL GIVING

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As I contemplate this month's newsletter column, I find myself tasked with the challenge of discussing our current financial situation. As of last Sunday's giving, April 28th, our church's budgeted giving has a balance of -\$50,605.54. This is the difference between actual giving and budgeted giving. April has been the biggest problem, although giving for the month's of January and February were below budget as well.

For the month of April, our average weekly giving was \$20,052.50, compared with an average weekly budgeted giving of \$34,646.94, giving us a shortfall of \$58,377.76 for this past month. Now let's look at the giving by week, year to date.

How do these numbers look if we combine the first 17 weeks of 2019? The average adjusted weekly budgeted giving is \$22,589/week versus an average of

\$19,613/week actual giving. This results in our average weekly giving being down \$2,976 for a YTD total deficit of \$50,592 (with rounding of the above numbers.). The actual deficit is \$50,605.54 as reported below. This begs the question, "What has happened to our giving?"

Keep in mind when reviewing these numbers, **that the budget for 2019 is equal to the giving for 2018.**

All we are asking, and hoping, is that you give the same amount as you did last year. Thank you for your consideration and support and please feel free to contact me anytime with questions.

Also, for tax purposes, please be aware that New Hope Reformed Church in America is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization that is allowed to receive RMD distribution.

	Budget	Actual	Variance
Month to Date	\$138,587.76	\$80,210.00	-\$58,377.76
Year to Date	\$384,019.34	\$333,413.80	-\$50,605.54

	4/7/2019	4/14/2019	Easter 4/21/2019	4/28/2019	April 2019	Year to Date	% of Total
Offering - Tithes	\$15,065.00	\$12,093.00	\$16,708.50	\$10,093.00	\$53,959.50	\$208,261.50	62.5%
Offering - Loose Plate	\$249.50	\$218.00	\$613.00	\$284.00	\$1,364.50	\$3,952.80	1.2%
Text Giving	\$4,151.50	\$4,311.50	\$5,402.50	\$3,006.50	\$16,872.00	\$85,586.50	25.7%
Bill Pay/Submitted during the week	\$2,904.00	\$4,060.00	\$765.00	\$285.00	\$8,014.00	\$35,613.00	25.7%
TOTAL	\$22,370.00	\$20,682.50	\$23,489.00	\$13,668.50	\$80,210.00	\$333,412.80	10.7%

YOUTH MINISTRY

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Join us in congratulating our
2019 Confirmation Class at
10 am on
Sunday, May 19th



NEW HOPE EDUCATION CENTER

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The preschool and kindergarten classes have enjoyed seeing our butterflies and lunar moths hatch. We released them into nature throughout April. It was a great way to welcome the Spring season. On May 8, we will complete our 2018-2019 school year.

We are proud of how much the children have learned this year. They grew to know more about Christ's message, discovered various musical instruments, learned their letters, sounds and literacy skills, discovered fun ways to count and sort items, had many science experiments and art projects and developed strong friendships with each other. Thank you to our dedicated teachers and staff who make New Hope Preschool and Education Center a very special place.

We are continuing to enroll for 2019-2020 school year. There are some openings in our new Monday/Wednesday 3's class, 3.5/4's class and our Kindergarten program. Please view our website at www.newhopepreschool.com to learn more about our programs or give Suzie Lawson, Director a call at 614-766-2446. Wishing you a blessed summer!



MUSIC MINISTRY

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Calling all Youth to Join us for Music in the Middle!



We will rehearse Sunday May 5 at 4:30 PM -5:15 PM (before Middle school Youth Group) and participate in worship on Sunday, May 12th! If you would like to participate this time around, but have missed meeting last month, please email loy@newhopeworship.com there is still time to join us! If you would like to be added to future Music in the Middle activities, please let us know!



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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Hello Friends! It is hard to believe that summer is almost here!

Summer has a host of phenomenal opportunities for you and your children here at New Hope. Check out the dates below and mark them on your calendar.

Celebration Sunday: June 9th following our 10:00 am Service: Join us for food trucks and fun to celebrate our graduates, and kick off Sports Camp.

Sports Camp: June 10-June 13

VBS: July 22-July 26

Bookbag Blessing: August 11

Summer Praise School: June 16, June 23, June 30, July 14, July 21, July 28, August 11, August 18, August 25

Summer Family Worship: May 19, May 26, June 2, June 9, July 7, August 4, September 1

Summer Praise School begins June 16th for preschoolers through 5th graders. This summer, we are excited to introduce *Children & Worship*, where children will have the chance to experience God while

learning about God. Children & Worship was created to make a special place where children can come to encounter God, to be still with God and to listen to God. Children will hear the Word proclaimed through a Bible story told with multi-sensory materials that children with all different learning styles can appreciate and enjoy. Our prayer is that each child's faith will be nurtured and relationship with God strengthened. If you are an interested we'd love you to join us on June 2, immediately following service, for a Children & Worship Shepherd Training. We need many adults and youth Shepherds for this program to be a success.

We hope you will partner with us to make this summer one of the best for New Hope's children and families! Check out New Hope's Website to find your space in the fun.

Blessings,

Rachel Tate

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, receive a punch card, and get a bit closer to a special reward once your get 3 punches!

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Do not depend on your own understanding."

Proverbs 3:5



Club 45 Chatter

Club 45 has had a wonderful year of service! Thank you to each and every child and parent who invested their time and talent into loving others in Jesus' name. You truly shined God's love and light!

We completed our year with The Miracle League of Central Ohio. If you are looking for ways to serve with your family this summer, consider partnering with this Team. It's a great space for all ages to get involved. Check out their website at <http://www.ohiomiracleleague.org> for more information. We will meet again in the fall at Marmon Valley Farms. Stay tuned for more information.



Children's Education

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Thank you to our phenomenal Sunday School teachers and Shepherds! These programs would not exist without you! We appreciate all you do for God's children and His kingdom!



Children's Outreach

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Thank you to all those who helped New Hope host over 400 people at our annual Easter Egg Hunt! It was a fantastic outreach!

We are looking forward to an action-packed summer! Sports Camp and VBS **registration and Support Team sign-ups are OPEN!** Please visit the children's ministry website to see how you can get involved! Contact Outreach Coordinator Sarah Bartula at Bartula@NewHopeWorship.com



Children's Music

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The Junior Worship Choir has had a banner year! We hope you'll join us in the fall for our next season! Contact Children's Music Coordinator Dez Takas at Takas@NewHopeWorship.com for more information.

Nursery News

Thank you for all of the wonderful donations! We're hoping the Goldfish will last through the month!

The Nursery is seeking new Team members, specifically for Sunday mornings and Thursday evenings. If you have a heart for children and a love of Jesus, you may be a perfect match! Hours are extremely flexible. Please contact Rachel Tate at Tate@NewHopeWorship.com for

more information.

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Graduation Sunday



June 9, 10am Worship Service

Calling all students entering Kindergarten, Second Grade, and Sixth Grade in Fall 2019! Graduation Sunday is June 9. If you have a student entering one of the grades above, please contact Rachel Tate at Tate@NewHopeWorship.com to let her know if your child will be attending Worship that morning.

At New Hope, we mark the graduation of children from Preschool, 1st Grade, and 5th Grade by rewarding them with an age-appropriate Bible! If your child(ren) has just complete preschool, 1st Grade, or 5th Grade, please contact Rachel Tate at Tate@NewHopeWorship.com to be sure that they receive a Bible and are recognized on Graduation Sunday on June 9.

CELEBRATION SUNDAY

Summer is here...we want YOU here too!



Join us for a time of fun, food & fellowship at New Hope Church as we celebrate all graduates!

JUNE 9, 11-1

FOOD TRUCKS

- Barley 31
- Chris' Snack Shack
- Schmidt's Sausage Truck

Contact Rachel Tate at Tate@newhopeworship.com with questions. | 4739 W. Powell Rd. | 614-766-5445

To celebrate our Graduates, and to kick off Sports Camp, New Hope will be throwing a party after the 10:00 am Worship Service on June 9. Barley 31, Schmidt's Sausage Truck, and Chris' Snack Shack will all be in attendance! Come for Worship, stay for lunch, and enjoy some yard games as well! This is a wonderful day to invite friends, families, and neighbors to church! If you are interested in being part of the celebration planning, please contact Rachel Tate at Tate@NewHopeWorship.com.

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.

Below you will find an update from the TenClay family who recently relocated from Palermo, Italy to Long Island, NY.

Dear Friends,

I want to start by wishing each and every one of you a blessed Easter. Our Lord and Savior, Jesus, experienced so much pain during his short time here on earth. Born into an unconventional family (for being born to a virgin mother is, indeed, rare!), fleeing to Egypt as a political and religious refugee, mocked and scorned by so many he encountered...all of this before being falsely imprisoned, publicly beaten and hung on the cross to die a painful death. Our world was, indeed, very dark for three days as we awaited his resurrection and ascension. But the light...the joy...the hope that Easter brings casts away not only the darkness of those three days, but the lingering darkness in our world today. Alleluia!



My family and I are slowly adjusting to life back in the United States. The RCA church Tim is pastoring in Long Island, New York has been gracious and welcoming, and the schools that our daughters attend are very good. We lived in temporary housing when we landed in the United States and are in the process of finishing our move to the manse owned by the church this month.

I have been blessed to accept invitations to further the conversation and discernment process within the RCA regarding how we, as Christians, are called to care for refugees and displaced people around the world. Churches, community groups, pastor's retreats, women's communion breakfasts, missionaries, college and seminary classes, Sunday School classes and youth groups...these are a few of the amazing opportunities I have had to connect with people to answer questions about the global crisis of displaced people and migration, to study what scripture says about the issue, and to spend time in prayer and imploring the Holy Spirit to guide individuals and institutions towards a faithful and active response to caring for those seeking refuge. If you would like to talk with me about the care of refugees and displaced people, or would like to invite me to join your congregation, classis, regional synod, commission, council, educational institution, please contact me at: jjtenclay@rca.org.

I want to end this letter with one final project I have been working on. Part of my role as the newly appointed Refugees Ministries Coordinator for RCA Global Mission is to help identify ecumenical partners that are providing excellent care for refugees and displaced people. The first partnership I would like to

highlight is with Partners Relief and Development. Their work with vulnerable and displaced populations is wonderful and Tanner Smith, an RCA pastor, works with them through their West Michigan office. We have identified two projects for a partnership between RCA Global Mission and Partners Relief and Development: to rebuild a school in Iraq and to provide trauma care to Yazidi children. I would especially like to see these projects promoted for Mother's Day, as I can think of no better way to honor the mothers in our lives than by rebuilding hope and a future for children who have been deeply traumatized by the ravages of war and displacement. I know that this is what I will be asking for, personally, for Mother's Day.

JJ TenClay

Missionary
Refugee Ministries Coordinator
RCA Global Mission



May Calendar

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

Saturday, May 4

Club 45 Miracle League

Sunday, May 5

9:00 am - Worship, Kid's Sunday School
10:15 am - Adult Sunday School & KidSpace
11:15 am - Worship, School House Sunday School
2:00 pm - 5th Grade Welcome to Youth Group
2:00 pm - Youth Group Parent Meeting
4:30 pm - Music in the Middle
5:15 pm - JWC Rehearsal
5:15 pm - Middle School Youth Group
7:00 pm - High School Youth Group

Monday, May 6

7:00 pm - Intercessory Prayer

Wednesday, May 8

12:30 pm - Women's Bible Study
5:30 pm - HIS Place

Thursday, May 9

7:30 pm - AA

Sunday, May 12

Happy Mothers Day!

9:00 am - Worship, Kids Sunday School
10:15 am - Adult Sunday School, KidSpace
11:15 am - Worship, School House Sunday School

5:15 pm - JWC Rehearsal

Tuesday, May 14

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

Thursday, May 16

7:30 pm - AA

Sunday, May 19

Confirmation Sunday

10:00 am - Worship

Monday, May 20

7:00 pm - Outreach Meeting

Thursday, May 23

7:30 pm - AA

Sunday, May 26

10:00 am - Worship

Monday, May 27

3:30 pm - Ronald McDonald House

Tuesday, May 28

12:00 pm - Blood Drive

Thursday, May 30

7:30 pm - AA



Summer Service

10AM - WORSHIP STARTING MAY 19

