

SHARING OUR FAITH

New Hope's Monthly Newsletter

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NEW HOPE CHURCH

A Ministry of the Reformed Church in America

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SUNDAY SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

10:00AM

Worship Kids Praise School

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NEW HOPE'S MISSION

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



It used to be that the month of June began the season of weddings for those of us in ministry. A minister would anticipate that her or his calendar would quickly fill with dates reserved for wedding rehearsals and ceremonies that would continue through the month of August. Yes, there were the occasional weddings in February near Valentine's Day or the New Year's Eve/New Year's Day wedding. But not so much any more.

If things continue according to schedule, Sarah will have officiated one wedding during this year and I two. None of these weddings have been or will be at New Hope Church. When we moved into our present facility in 2005, we had well thought guidelines for wedding ceremonies in the church facility and a commensurate fee structure. No longer do we plan on wedding ceremonies in the church facility as a source of revenue.

I'm observing a few noteworthy developments. The obvious is that more and more couples are choosing to have their wedding in a venue other than the church. Now 75% of weddings are held in barns, hotels, on beaches, wineries and parks. Those who market "all in one" venues for ceremonies and receptions have done their jobs well. A development that I find most interesting is the number of couples who ask a friend or close family member to officiate their wedding. The most recent statistic I've read is that 32% of couples choose to have someone other than ordained clergy. Just recently I had a conversation with a very good friend, who shall remain unnamed, about her online ordination so that she could officiate the wedding of her good friend. Yes, it's true. For a

nominal fee of \$25 you too can get ordained and with a slightly greater donation receive credentials to officiate weddings. California law permits anyone to apply for a one-day permit to become a deputy commissioner of marriage. In states like Colorado and Wisconsin, a couple can solemnize their own wedding. In Maryland, any adult can sign a marriage license as long as the couple getting married agrees that he or she is clergy.

Two years ago I attended a wedding at which a good friend of the couple, who is an attorney, officiated. Since I was a relative, I was asked to bless the wedding rings. My presence was requested at the rehearsal, although I'm not sure I know why since this was not my first rodeo. That notwithstanding, I commented to the officiant how awkward this was for me. When she inquired why, my response was that I was usually the one directing the rehearsal. She asked, "Do you have any suggestions?" Immediately, I said "No, you are officiating." Then I said, "Since you're impersonating a minister, perhaps I will impersonate an attorney." Her response was, "You could get in trouble for that!" Any response I would make to that comment is simply inappropriate.

The reality is that in 21st century North American culture, those for whom faith has true meaning and, therefore, desire God's blessing upon their marriage is diminishing. If you sincerely believe that marriage is blessed by God, call me and I'll be grateful to begin the conversation. On the other hand, if I'm just party to your contribution to the \$72 billion wedding industry, I'll gladly find a mercenary for you.

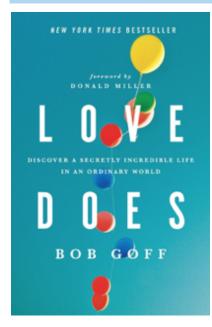
ADULT MINISTRY

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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.

Men and Women are invited to attend this study. Childcare will be provided upon request. Sign up at church or online at newhopeworship,com/adults.

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 a potluck Sunday, June 23rd at Ann Murnane's home in Powell. For more details, please 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!



MAY GIVING

Greg Chambers, Church Administrator

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Now that summer is here, we will be working to complete several maintenance projects in and around our church. These projects include waxing the floors in the preschool, painting and repair of the building exterior and outlying structures, repair and painting of the trim around the stain glass window in the bell tower, resealing of the parking lot, repair of the driveway under the main entrance and replacement of the canopy over the playground. We will also be receiving new chairs this month and donating the old chairs to the furniture bank.



Finally, there is a new form of charitable giving for which we have been developing an implementation process. This pertains to individuals over 70 ½ who are required to take a "Required Minimum Distribution", RMD. The RMD can be used to make a tax free "Qualified Charitable Distribution", QCD.

Please stay tuned as we will be presenting further details regarding this type of giving over the coming weeks.

Have a very enjoyable, safe, summer.

| | Budget | Actual | Variance | |
|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--|
| Month to Date | \$93,971.79 | \$77,940.00 | -\$12,336.45 | |
| Year to Date | \$477,991.13 | \$411,353.80 | -\$66,637.33 | |

| | 5/5/2019 | 5/12/2019 | 5/19/2019 | 5/26/2019 | M-T-D | Y-T-D | % of Total |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|------------|
| Offering - Tithes | \$14,000 | \$8,371.00 | \$20,340.00 | \$4,287.00 | \$46,998.00 | \$255,259.50 | 62.1% |
| Offering - Loose Plate | \$133.00 | \$466.00 | \$396.00 | \$128.00 | \$1,123/00 | \$5,075.80 | 1.2% |
| Text Giving | \$6,631.50 | \$3,706.50 | \$8,731.50 | \$3,336.50 | \$22,406.00 | \$107.992.50 | 26.3% |
| Bill Pay/Submitted during the week | \$2,658/00 | \$250.00 | \$1,100/00 | \$3,405.00 | \$7,413.00 | \$43,026.00 | 10.5% |
| TOTAL | \$23,422.50 | \$12,793.50 | \$30,567.50 | \$11,156.50 | \$77,940.00 | \$411,353.80 | |

MUSIC MINISTRY

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Mark your calendars for August 11 when our very special **Generations Choir** will be leading us in worship! Generations Choir is open to anyone Kindergarten and older who wants to join us for ONE rehearsal & ONE Sunday. Bring your whole family and join us in the choir loft for this special mass choir event. No experience singing or reading music is required; simply come as you are and join the fun!

Rehearsal will be Thursday, August 8 and our performance will be Sunday, August 11.

YOUTH MINISTR'

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Congratulations to our 2019 High School Graduates! My heart overflows with pride and joy when I think of each of you. I am so excited to continue to watch the journey God has you on as you step into this next chapter in your life. College is such an incredible time in one's life. As you move forward into this new season remember these truths:

- You are, have always been, and always will be a beloved child of God. Nothing can ever separate

you from the love of Christ.

- You will always have a home here at New Hope. You are always welcome. You are always loved.
- Within the first few months of school find a church community to worship with while away at college. Research shows that habits are established within the first 6 months of being someplace new and recreating lifestyle habits. Find a church home away from this church

home. Make it your priority. It may seem counter cultural in some spheres of campus life, but it will be SO WORTH IT to be plugged into a faith community as you figure out what your faith looks like apart from your parents.

We will miss you at New Hope. I will miss you. But God's great adventure in your life is taking you someplace new and exciting. Love others well. And trust in God's great love for you.





Maggie Brogan | Parsons The New School of Design in NYC **Jackson Carlisle** | Bowling Green State University **Tanzim Chowdhury** | The Ohio State University Casarina Coniglio | Ohio Wesleyan University Kaleigh Fischer | West Virginia University Megan Griffith | Case Western Reserve University **Peter Haring** | The Ohio State University Hannah Newball | Miami University Ryan Sheeran | Columbus State Ryan Sineway | The Ohio State University Jackson Vander Stoep | Miami University Joey Workman | The Ohio State University





















OUTREACH MINISTRY UPDATE

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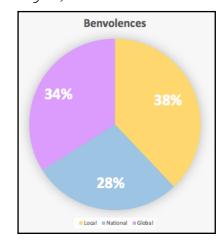
New Hope 2019 Mid-Year Benevolence Report

The mission of the Outreach Team is to equip New Hope Church to reach out to the local, national, and global community by sharing God's gifts in helping to meet human physical and spiritual needs. 10% of NHC's annual giving is designated as benevolences and given to various Christian missions and ministries around the world. The Outreach Team works with the Deacons to manage these benevolences and ensure that the funds given are utilized to spread the good news of Jesus Christ. The following is an update on New Hope's benevolences so far this year.

The Missional Engagement Team strives to carry out NHC's mission beyond the confines of the church and engage with the community. Keep an eye out for opportunities to serve with your time and skills throughout the summer.

If you would like to learn more about the prayerful work of the Outreach Team, contact Pastor Sarah or Anne Farley (annie0927@hotmail.com). You are also welcome to join us at our next meeting on Monday August 26th at 7:00 pm.

Note: All Year to Date financial numbers reflect giving amount up to May 31, 2019.



































Local Impact

YTD Giving = \$14,986 **Central Ohio Youth for Christ** // coyfc.org // Offers various programs to help "at-risk" teens understand the hope and purpose that God has for their lives.

Convene Columbus // convenecolumbus.us // Convene's mission is to raise up generations of leaders who leave legacies of loving, serving and leading others.

Dublin Food Pantry // dublinfoodpantry.org // Funds and volunteer hours are given to address the basic human need for food. New Hope volunteers every Tuesday in June.

Mid-Ohio Habitat for Humanity // habitatmidohio.org // Funds and volunteer hours are given to address the basic human need for shelter.

HIS Place // st-johns-columbus.org/our-ministries // A weekly Wednesday evening meal is prepared and served at St. John's Episcopal Church in the Franklinton area.

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship // intervarsity.org // College campus ministry that establishes and advances the gospel message among students and faculty. Funds given support several chapters at Ohio State University.

Mission Columbus // missioncolumbus.net // Mission Columbus promotes collaborative efforts that seek to resolve major spiritual and social needs in our city.

Mission of Mercy (New Hope) // Funds are set aside to meet the immediate needs of our local community. Also, organizes the Delaware County Foster Children Christmas Outreach.

Missional Engagement (New Hope) // Funds are set aside by the Missional Engagement Team. Examples include: Meals at Ronald McDonald House and decorations for the graduation party at Franklin County Children's Services.

New Hope Preschool & Education Center // newhopepreschool.com // Funds given are utilized for scholarships for students.

Rela Leadership // relaleadership.com // A central Ohio leadership development organization which works to create a better world through servant leadership.

Reliant (H20) Mission, Kyle Risenburg// h2ocolumbus.org // Kyle is a member of the H20 campus staff at Ohio State University; a gospel-centered community whose mission is to see the college students, graduates, and pofessionals of OSU and Columbus become disciples of Jesus Christ.

Serving Our Neighbors (SON) Ministries // son-ministries.org // Provides meals, an ESL program for adults and tutoring for children and youth in the greater Columbus area.

Northwest Columbus Young Life // nwcolumbus.younglife.org // Young Life invests spiritually in middle school and high school youth, training them up to know, experience, and share God's extravagant love.

Westerville Area Resource Ministry (WARM) // warmwesterville.org // The work of WARM provides compassionate, short-term assistance, educational services, employment services and spiritual support in order to encourage individuals to achieve a God-reliant, self-sufficient life while restoring dignity and hope.

JR and Ana Zarate (Hilliard Spanish Church Plant) // centerpointchurches.com/profile/jr-zarate // JR is leading a Hispanic church plant in the Hilliard area in partnership with the RCA.

National Impact



Reformed Church in America Higher Education

Note: All funds donated go toward scholarships at each institution for training up the next generation of Christian leaders.

Central College Pella, IA central.edu Hope College Holland, MI hope.edu Northewestern College Orange City, IA nwciowa.edu Western Theological Seminary Holland, MI westernsem.edu

Grace Covenant Ministries (Kentucky) // rca.org/grace-covenant-ministries.org // This ministry provides youth ministry, home repairs, veterans outreach, and thrift stores.

JJ and Tim TenClay (NY/World Wide) // rca.org/jj-tim-tenclay // JJ is based in NYC and serves as the coordinator for RCA Global Mission's Refugee Ministries.

Kelly Rudicill (NYC) // crucitynyc.com // Kelly is a Dublin, OH native who is investing in and helping connect millennial Christians in the city so that they can have an impact in their various spheres of influence.

Global Impact



Wayne & Miho Jansen (Japan) // rca.org/wayne-miho-jansen // Japanese Christians represent less that 1% of the population and there is a shortage of trained clergy. Wayne provides theological and practical training for church leaders.

Joshua Bode (Oman) // rca.org/joshua-erica-bode // Josh serves as a pastor, teacher and care-giver for the congregations of the Protestant Church in Oman.

Filipe & Janelle Silva (Romania) // rca.org/felipe-and-janelle-dewaard-silva // Felipe & Janelle work with children and youth in the city of Dallas within the Jiu Valley of Romania, where a concentration of disenfranchised Roma people live.

Marcus & Shannon Brooks (World Wide) // jesusfilm.org // Marcus & Shannon travel all over the world in partnership with Jesus Film Project.

Words of Hope // woh.org // Words of Hope proclaims the good news of Jesus Christ all over the world through broadcasting in the languages of the world's peoples, and by encouraging Christians in the life of descipleship. This ministry provides the devotion guides you can find in the church Narthex.

Note: One of the global missionaries we support with a monthly giving of \$558.34 is not listed. The reason for this is for the safety and protection of the individuals where they are serving.

As of May 31, 2019, New Hope Church has given \$39,074.53.

Thank you for your generosity!!



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged."
-Deuteronomy 31:8 (NIV)

"Here's what you do in situations like this. You remain calm. You think through the best way to handle it. You pray. That's it."

"Now you watch that side of the sky. You watch that side. You look there. You watch the radar. I'll watch over here."

2 hours. Praying. Researching. Discussing. Consulting weather maps and a Marine. Thinking. Arguing (FYI: A Tornado Watch means a tornado is possible. Be prepared. A Tornado Warning means that a tornado is expected. Seek shelter. (I was right).

We were at the 6 hour mark of an 8 hour drive home from South Carolina over Memorial Day when the sirens on our phones started blaring.

"Tornado Warning. Take Cover Immediately." Take cover? Where? There's nothing but overpasses (not safe shelters according to the Marine). That's not good news when you are heading North on 71 in your car with your husband and four children, and you're in that stretch just north of Dayton where there is nothing to take cover under or in. It's actually terrible! It's also the time when you really regret watching the movie *Twister*.

The car was quiet and chaotic all at once. Lightening lit the sky into a beautiful and terrifying display of God's awe and strength in nature. Worry and wonder appeared in all of our faces. What do you do in a situation like that? This is when parenting comes into action and you, as the parent, must remain calm and ensure calm amongst your people. It is not easy. Thankfully, we have Jesus and He has us. In those tense moments whether it be a car ride in bad weather or any other stress and fear invoking event, we get to reach out to Jesus in front of our

children. In the moment, I said to our children, "God goes before us. He has promised us that He has good plans for us. He says, "Do not be afraid." I am 100% certain that I said it to remind myself as much as I said it to remind them.

Thank the good Lord, we made it home safely. As the Marine put it, we threaded the needle through the storms. God does that. He clears pathways for us – to keep us safe, to help us achieve those good plans He has promised us in Jeremiah.

As we head into summer, please keep yourself and your children in God's Word. The only way we can lean on God's promises and apply them in our daily lives, especially in the hard moments, is if we know what those promises are. Make the time to make it happen. I promise that you will not regret it.

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!

"Never stop praying." 1 Thessalonians 5:17



Children's Education
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Summer Praise School Update

We are so excited to share our plans for Summer Praise School with you! We will be using a different curriculum for Summer Praise School this year called "Children and Worship."

"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. It is a place where Children come to nurture their spiritual life. To begin, the children come into a special worship space, to a storyteller waiting to greet them. They sit in a circle, surrounded by bible stories made just for them, with all materials at their height. Everything in this special place is accessible to the children. This special coming together of the children follows the first order of of the story and to listen for God's still voice that is found there."

How can you help?

There will be 8 Summer Praise School sessions this summer. For this program, we will have Kindergarten through 2nd graders gather in Fellowship Hall A and 3rd-5th graders in Fellowship Hall B. Our preschool friends will gather in the Purple Preschool Room and will use a different curriculum. Each week of Praise School we will need 2 leaders, one for each age group, and a handful of shepherds for each space. Please prayerfully consider joining this fantastic program. Please sign-up online at newhopeworship.com/childrens.

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.



Save the date!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING CHILDREN'S MINISTRY EVENTS.

VBS | July 22 - July 26

Bookbag Blessing | Sunday, August 11

Summer Praise School | June 16, June 23, June 30, July 14, July 21, July 28, August 18, August 25 Summer Family Worship | June 2, June 9, July 7, August 4, September 1 JWC | Generations Choir August 11, Season Kick-Off September 8



Children's Music Dez Takas | Takas@newhopeworship.com

Junior Worship Choir had a truly amazing 2018-2019 season! I am so thankful for all of the kids who participated in our programs. Our Christmas performance was a blast, and this spring season brought many new opportunities for our choir to be present on Sunday Mornings during worship.

I am so proud of how this program is blossoming, and feel blessed to be a part of it. Our upcoming seasons will include many new and exciting opportunities including new curriculum, and children learning to read and play music! It will truly be a time of fun hands-on learning with new lessons during rehearsals and new instruments to learn.

Stay tuned for email updates starting in July and please remember if your child has a friends who would like to join the choir please invite them! Church affiliation is not required to be a part of this very special group of kids!





Children's Outreach
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Registration for VBS is currently full but you can put your child(ren)'s name on our waitlist at newhopeworship.com/vbs. We look forward to having your children join us for "Roar!"



NEW HOPE EDUCATION CENTER

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Congratulations to all our students for a wonderful year! We wish our Kindergartners all the best as they move on from New Hope Preschool and Education Center to begin their elementary journey.



We are excited to be offering 5 summer camps to our students this summer! We are having an Art Camp to explore 4 major artists with a student art show at the end of the camp. Next is All Around the World where the children will learn about different cultures, try some special foods and enjoy the diversity of our world. Later in the summer, we are offering a summer fun camp to enjoy crafts, games and special snacks, a STEM camp to delve into various scientific and mathematical concepts, and a



back to school refresher to help students get ready for their school year.

We are looking forward to next year! We have a strong enrollment and are blessed to continue serving the children in our community! We have some openings in some of our classes. Please view our website at newhopepreschool.com to learn more about our programs. You may reach Suzie Lawson, Director at 614-766-2446. Enjoy the beautiful summer!

ENDOWMENT FUND

2019 Grant Update newhopworship.com/endowmentfund

The New Hope Endowment Fund recently awarded a total of \$6,500 in grants to organizations in the Columbus metropolitan area. The funds for these grants came from the interest earned on the New Hope Endowment Fund principle invested through the Columbus Foundation. A grant committee comprised of New Hope members reviewed all applications submitted for grants based on numerous criteria and grants were awarded to the following organizations:



Franklinton Rising |

Continuation of the mission to reduce spiritual and economic poverty through mentoring/teaching/training young, at-risk adults, in life, Christian principles, and job skills and then helping them to launch careers in the building trades. This organization is simultaneously restoring and beautifying the Franklinton neighborhood, one house at a time.

Grace Clinic Delaware, Ohio |

Grant funds were awarded to support free dental services to those in need. Grace Clinic not only offers medical and dental services, they offer prayer as a regular part of their support. They are a Christian ministry looking to heal the whole person, not only their physical needs but their spiritual ones as well.

Hope Hollow: Hope Hollow provides basic needs of shelter, nutrition, and transportation and the message of Christ for cancer patients seeking medical treatment in Columbus, OH.

International Conference of Police Chaplains

Grant funds will expand and sustain training opportunities for 24 additional law enforcement chaplains who will provide spiritual (Christian) support for local police officers.

Kindway | Funds were awarded to support those who are incarcerated build a foundation in Christ and make connections with positive role models while still incarcerated so that they can make a better transition once released. Kindway is based in Westerville and does its ministry at the Marion Correctional Institution with men and the Ohio Reformatory for Women. Kindway has proven that their clients have a very low recidivism rate and that lives have been changed and given to Christ as a result of the program.

Seven Baskets Community Development Corporation's Summer Day Camp Program |

Grant funds were awarded to support a Christian-based summer program for children in the urban Thunderbird Acres area of Columbus (Hamilton Road and Livingston Avenue). These funds will help provide participants with daily breakfast and lunch, Christian verses and themes, academic support, and regular activities. Children also are given food to take home for the weekend.

Young Life Capernaum |

Grant funds were awarded to offer children with special needs the opportunity to attend Christian summer camps. These children will have many opportunities to experience the love of Christ all while having fun doing

A donation to the New Hope Endowment Fund is never touched, lives on as principle forever, continues to earn interest, and provides a lasting Living Legacy to support New Hope's Christian ministries within the community. By growing the principle in the New Hope Endowment Fund the ability to award grants also grows.

Please contact any member of the New Hope Endowment Fund for more information.