



September 2019

# SHARING OUR FAITH

## *New Hope's Monthly Newsletter*



## THE STORY OF OUR LIVES

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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

4739 W. Powell Rd.

*(Next to the Columbus Zoo)*

Powell, OH 43065



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#### NEW HOPE'S MISSION

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



Our grandsons spent two weeks with us this summer, one week at a time. We had great fun and I truly enjoyed our pre-bedtime ritual. Jean and I believed that it was important to read to our sons and we've continued that practice with our grandsons. One evening I decided to change things up. Instead of reading stories from a book, I told our grandsons "tonight let me tell you some Japanese stories." So, drawing on memories from my youth I told them stories that I learned while growing up in Japan. I do admit taking a large measure of artistic and poetic license as I embellished these stories. What surprised me, though, was how much our grandsons enjoyed the stories with which I was entertaining them. They enjoyed them so much that, as we were driving to Michigan to rendezvous with their mother, the boys kept saying "Grandpa, tell us another Japanese story." I had to admit that my memory and repertoire were exhausted quite quickly.

I love stories because they are powerful in the truth that they communicate. A story does not have to be factually true in order for it to communicate important truth. We know that, when Jesus wanted to communicate spiritual truth, he often told a story. It was our Lord's way of anchoring spiritual truth in life experience.

We call Jesus' stories parables, from the Greek *parabole* which literally means to place something alongside another. Often Jesus would introduce his parables with the phrase "God's kingdom is as if. . ."

One of the deep, meaningful truths I've discovered through participating in The Journey, a spiritual growth process that we offer at New Hope, is that God is writing our story. Our lives are not the result of fiat or a random series of events. More importantly, God uses everything and all the events, good and bad, to give shape to our life story. Often, when we are experiencing adversity, heartache and disappointment, we cry out to God "where are you?" It's only in retrospect that we discover and learn that God was especially present in those times, even when we were unaware of his presence.

The story that God is writing in your life is ultimately a good story. That does not necessarily mean it's a story where everyone lives happily ever after but it is a good story nevertheless. Romans 8:28 is one of those verses on which we can build a life: *We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.*



# ADULT MINISTRY

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## 40 Days of Prayer - Are you ready to pray?

Rick Warren, the author of *The Purpose Driven Life*, extends a new challenge for Christians in his study *40 Days of Prayer*: Pray. God created us to pray, yet we as adults often struggle with prayer. You are invited to grow in your knowledge, ability, and resourcefulness of prayer this Fall. On Sunday September 8th, New Hope will begin a journey through forty days of prayer. You are invited to participate in a few different ways.

- 1. Sign Up to receive a daily email from New Hope Church.**  
Throughout the forty days of prayer you will receive an email with a scripture verse for the day, reflection questions, and prayer prompts. Sign up on the adult's page of the church website or at church.
- 2. Pick up a "40 Days of Prayer" workbook.**  
This workbook includes space for sermon notes, small group discussion, daily prayer guides, pages for journaling and writing out prayer requests, and information on extra resources on prayer. We encourage you to pick up a workbook at church for a suggested donation of \$10.
- 3. Join a Small Group!**  
Each small group has a trained facilitator ready to guide you through discussions based on Rick Warren's teachings on prayer. Over the course of six weeks these small groups will explore the purpose of prayer, how to pray with confidence, the pattern for prayer, and how to pray in a crisis.

### Sunday Morning Small Groups 10:15 to 11:05 am

#### Acts Group

Meets in the Library

Group Leader: Harriet Miller

Harriet leads the Prayer Team at New Hope. She is a gifted facilitator who is ready to listen well to the prompting of the spirit throughout these forty days of prayer.

#### Psalms Group

Meets in the Cry Room

Group Leader: Lisa Wallschlaeger

Lisa has graduated from both the Bethel Bible Series and The Journey Discipleship Program. She is called and equipped to guide you through these forty days of prayer.

#### Trinity Group

Meets in Adult Room A

Group Leader: Kevin & Beverly Robinson

Kevin & Beverly are Elders of New Hope. They are passionate prayers who have led adults through numerous spiritual growth opportunities.

#### Peace Group

Meets in Fellowship Hall B

Group Leader: Mark Dutton

Mark has graduated from both the Bethel Bible Series and The Journey Discipleship Program. He has facilitated many Bible studies at New Hope and is excited to lead a group through learning more about prayer.



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## *Sunday Evening Small Group* 5:15 pm - 6:30 pm

### *Spirit Group*

Meets in Adult Room A

Group Leader: Kim & Tony Dietz

Kim and Tony are passionate about adult Christian education. They are excited to build community and guide you through these 40 days of prayer.

## *Sunday Evening Small Group* 7:00 pm - 8:15 pm

### *Praise Group*

Meets in Cry Room

Group Leader: Ed & LeAnna Siddell

Ed and LeAnne have been and continue to be involved in various ministries of New Hope Church. LeAnne is currently the team leader for the Missional Engagement Team. She and Ed are passionate about service and cultivating Christian community.

## *Wednesday Evening Small Groups* 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

### *Selah Group*

Meets in the Library

Group Leader: Kathy Wisne

Kathy is a member of New Hope's Prayer team and has led previous studies on prayer. She is excited to foster a prayerful community for you.

# Intercessory Prayer

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 AT 7PM

As we journey through these 40 Days of Prayer, you are invited to join the monthly Intercessory Prayer meetings on Monday evenings at 7pm on September 9, October 7, and November 4 in the Sanctuary.

If you need prayer, or would like to pray for others, please join us. "The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective." James 5:16 (NRSV).



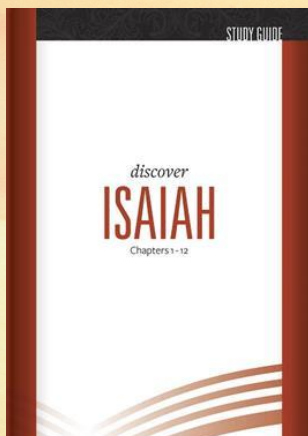
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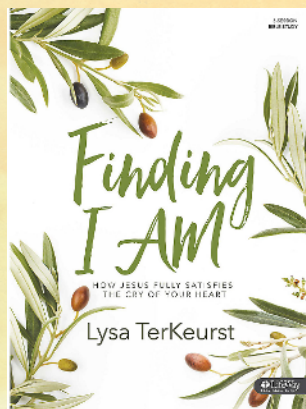
## Fall Women's Bible Studies



Wednesday Afternoons  
12:30pm to 2:00pm  
Begins on September 11th  
Meets in the Library  
Led by Pastor Sarah

As a prophet of God's people in ancient Judah, Isaiah had the task of calling the people back to God. He was to sound the alarm that punishment would come if the people did not turn from their rebellious, self-destructive ways against God. But Isaiah also reported that redemption and forgiveness would come too. And today we know that Jesus Christ is the deliverer Isaiah foretold: he is our "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6).

This study helps us discover how we need the one true, amazing God as much as the people did in Isaiah's day long ago.



Thursday Mornings  
9:30am to 11:00am  
Begins on September 19th  
Meets in the Library  
Led by Michele Worthington & Tracy Kelly

What is the deep cry of your heart? The ache in your soul that keeps you up at night? The prayer you keep repeating? Jesus not only cares about this deep, spiritual wrestling, but He also wants to step in and see you through it.

Join Lysa TerKeurst on the streets of Israel to explore the seven I AM statements of Jesus found in the Gospel of John. Through this interactive, in-depth study we will be trading feelings of emptiness and depletion for the fullness of knowing who Jesus is like never before.

\*Nursery care is available for BOTH bible studies!

## Save the Date for our 2020 Women's Retreat

Saturday, February 29 | 8:30 am -2:00 pm | The Africa Event Center

## FALL MEN'S BIBLE STUDY



Begins on Wednesday September 18th at 7pm  
Meets in Youth Room

We will be reading through the book of Hebrews in the New Testament. Since each meeting contains a standalone topic and there is no homework it is more than okay to join us whenever it fits your schedule.

There are three basic rules for each meeting (1) you don't have to answer anything you don't want to answer (2) what is said in the room stays in the room and (3) if you need to use the restroom get up and go, because we're not stopping.

If you have questions email Bill Bryan at billbryan6@gmail.com



# AUGUST UPDATES

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My first summer as the Church Administrator is over and what a wonderful experience. Everything from Sports Camp to VBS, as well as the Preschool's activities was very rewarding and enriching. Being a member of this staff is a privilege. They are incredibly gifted disciples. Thank you for your support of New Hope Church's ministries.

As you can see from our budget numbers below, we are 11.6% behind the approved budget target. It would be very helpful in the support of our ministries, and our church, if we could make this up over the next 4 months. Having this in mind, I am very grateful for the support we receive.

	8/4/2019	8/11/2019	8/18/2019	8/25/2019	M-T-D	Y-T-D	% of Total
<b>Offering - Tithes</b>	9,759.00	12,906.00	17,321.00	9,978.00	49,964.00	417,993.50	62.2%
<b>Offering - Loose Plate</b>	75.00	88.00	233.00	117.60	513.60	7,065.40	1.1%
<b>Text Giving</b>	9,786.50	4,346.50	2,826.50	4,891.50	21,851.00	177,417.00	26.4%
<b>Bill Pay/Submitted during the week</b>	3,683.00	80.00	625.00	1,945.00	6,333.00	69,780.00	1.04%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$23,303.50</b>	<b>\$17,420.50</b>	<b>\$21,005.50</b>	<b>\$16,932.10</b>	<b>\$78,661.60</b>	<b>\$672,255.90</b>	

	Budget	Actual	Variance
<b>Month to Date</b>	\$93,971.79	\$78,661.60	-\$15,310.19
<b>Year to Date</b>	\$759,879.38	\$672,255.90	-\$87,623.48





# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**Rachel Tate, Children's Ministry Team Leader**

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The Children's Ministry has had an amazing summer sharing Jesus with many children and volunteers! 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 God is good even when life is wild. Both events were amazing! If you were blessed 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 our 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? Have you seen a child's eyes change when they understand a new Bible story? When was the last time you shared Jesus' story with a child? It's one of the most rewarding experiences. 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, Junior Worship Choir, Club 45, WOW, Birthday Party for Jesus, Easter Egg Hunt, Celebration Sunday, Sports Camp, VBS, and the Bookbag Blessing! Whew!

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.

The 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 and Children's Ministry of New Hope.

Please contact [Tate@NewHopeWorship.com](mailto:Tate@NewHopeWorship.com) for more information.

## 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!

"God saw everything he had made: it was supremely good." Genesis 1:31



**"God saw everything he made: and it was supremely good." Genesis 1:31**



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 in devotions, service, and fun. All 4th and 5th graders (and parents) are welcome!

October 6 will be our annual kick off event at Marmon Valley Farms. The cost is \$30 per rider which includes a 1 hour trail ride and lunch. Parents are needed and welcome. This event does have a maximum number of participants. Please register by September 30 on our website.

Contact Rachel Tate at [Tate@NewHopeWorship.com](mailto:Tate@NewHopeWorship.com) to learn more.



## Sunday School

Sunday School is offered for 3 year old's (potty-trained) through 5th graders and takes place during the 9am service on Sunday mornings. Sunday School will start again on Sunday, September 8th! We will be using a new curriculum called Bible Story Basics to help kids explore, learn and grow- and begin a lifelong faith journey!

**Please register your child(ren) for the 2019/2020 year using the form on New Hope's website at [newhopeworship.org/sundayschool/](http://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](mailto:Warren@NewHopeWorship.com) for more information! Current Support Team members can sign up using the Sign Up Genius link found on our website.

## KidSpace

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

## WOW

Join the action this Fall! We'll journey to Athens with Paul. 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 November 6 through December 11. The program is from 5:30pm-7:30pm and Kindergarten through 5th graders are invited! Registration will open on our website, October 1.

Save the Date for Winter WOW on Wednesday evenings from January 22nd -February 26th.

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

## Music

It's a new season for the Junior Worship Choir with our official kick-off September 8th at 5:15pm in the Music room. Be sure to save the date for the Children's Christmas Cantata on December 15th. Come be a part of this amazing program! Friends are encouraged and welcomed! For more information, please contact Dez Takas at [Takas@NewHopeWorship.com](mailto:Takas@NewHopeWorship.com).

## Outreach

Outreach operates through the hands and feet of volunteers! Thank you to all of you who served with us this summer! 1 Timothy 4:12 tells us that even young people can make a large difference! This summer, the children raised \$500 through Sports Camp for the Miracle League of Central Ohio. They raised \$1700 through VBS for the four World Vision children that New Hope Church supports. Finally, two local elementary schools received school supplies for children in need! WAY TO GO! Save the date for Birthday Party for Jesus! December 18 from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm.

## Nursery News!

New Hope's Nursery Care is available for many of New Hope programs: choir practice, Bible studies, WOW, VBS, Sports Camp, fellowship events, and Worship nights! 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 to the Nursery, and helping them through the check in process. Please contact Children's Ministry Team Lead, Rachel Tate at [Tate@NewHopeWorship.com](mailto:Tate@NewHopeWorship.com) for more information.

Goldfish Crackers, 3-oz. Dixie Cups, and Clorox Wipes are always needed in the nursery. We would greatly appreciate any donations, and greatly appreciate those of you who have already donated.



# MUSIC MINISTRY

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The Worship Choir is looking for people who like to sing! God created EVERYONE with a voice to sing His Praise. (We don't believe those who say they can't!) Ladies, do your husbands sing in the shower? Guys, are your wives humming all over the house? Come to Worship choir rehearsal on Thursday's at 7:00 PM. Music reading is helpful, but not necessary. We easily accommodate difficult schedules and Childcare is provided for free. Come, grow in your faith by serving in the Music Ministry!

## Join the Church Tech Team Today

### You Will Receive:

Private Music Events  
Backstage Passes  
Reserved Seating  
Special Wifi Access

This year we upgraded to a digital soundboard, the Yamaha TF5 Digital console. We need 3 or 4 new Tech Ministry Team Partners to help us.

We work on a rotating basis that fits your schedule. Join the Tech Ministry and help us take off into the digital world! All training will be provided or maybe you could show us a thing or two!

Contact

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leave your name at the tech booth



Music in the Middle is a new group of 6-12th graders who want to learn how to be Youth Worship Leaders! We rehearse several weeks at a time (sessions) then participate in Sunday worship once a quarter. If music is your passion, join us! Solo and small group opportunities are available. **Session 1 will be Sundays, September 15, 22, and 29th from 6:30-7:15 pm.**

Please contact Christine with questions - we are so excited to see the Lord work in this group!





Mission Trip 2019

# YOUTH MINISTRY

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My husband Mark and I love to find a show we can binge watch together every now and then. We especially love when our friends have watched, or are watching the same show as us so we can debrief about each episode, the characters, and the story. Occasionally, we find a show that we not only want to discuss with others, but we love it so much we want new families to watch it and enjoy it as much as us! And whenever we recommend a show we always say, "Give it 3 episodes. You have to make a 3 episode investment before making a decision about whether you want to commit to finishing a series or not." Three episodes helps you to see more than the one episode that might not have been the best. Three episodes gives you the opportunity to begin to understand and get to know the characters. And three episodes gives you the opportunity to begin to understand the story of the show, and the direction it is going.

Now why do I share this with you? Well, if you were at church on August 18 you heard me invite anyone between grades 6-12 to join us for our Youth Group and Sunday School Kick-Off on September 8. Whether you were on the fence about coming, uncertain if you wanted to participate, or nervous about not knowing many people, what I want you to hear is what one of our leaders said, "There really is a place for everyone here." And that means there is a place for you; but it will benefit you most if you give it more than one visit to youth group to decide if this is where you want to be, and where you want to grow.

So my encouragement is this:

- 1) Come to Youth Group a minimum of 3 consecutive weeks. In that time you will get to know others, get to know your leaders, begin to understand what our group is all about, and why we do the crazy fun things we do. The bonus is we get to know YOU too! By floating in and out sporadically, deeper relationships are more difficult to develop. A faithful and faith filled life is one deeply rooted in community. We invite you to be a part of this awesome community. There is a place for you here.
- 2) If you are nervous about not knowing anyone, bring a friend, or a few. All are welcome here! Your friend does not have to attend New Hope to share in our joy, our friendship, and grow in the knowledge that we are ALL beloved children of God.
- 3) For those that have already found their place in our amazing church family, I would encourage you to reach out to others and invite them to join you in our journey of faith together.

We often say "your level of satisfaction with New Hope Church is directly related to your level of involvement." I cannot WAIT to see you get involved with Sunday School and Youth Group when we begin September 8!

**Sunday  
School | 10:15  
am - 11:00 am  
Teens 40 Days  
of Prayer**

**Middle  
School Youth  
Group | 5:15 pm  
- 6:30 pm**

**High School  
Youth Group |  
7:00 pm -  
8:15 pm**



# NEW HOPE EDUCATION CENTER

**Suzie Lawson, Director**

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Summer was busy with a variety of camps and planning for the upcoming school year. In addition, we set up an additional 3 year old classroom to serve more families who desired to attend our preschool.

Our teachers are setting up the classrooms to welcome their students for their playdates and the first day of school. We have over 185 children enrolled for this school year. It is exciting to anticipate the arrival of our students and families!

We have a few openings in our afternoon 4 year old classroom and several openings for the Learn With Me class. This class is for 2 year old children and their parent(s). It is a shortened version of a typical class day and is a great way for children to have a unique opportunity to enjoy time with their parent within a classroom setting. We invite you to visit our website or call the preschool at 614-766-2446 for more detailed information.



- SUNDAY SCHOOL • 9.8.19 - 5.10.20
- JUNIOR WORSHIP CHOIR • 9.8.19
- CLUB 45 KICK-OFF • 10.6.19
- FALL WOW • 11.6.19 - 12.11.19
- BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR JESUS • 12.18.19
- WINTER WOW • 1.22.20 - 2.26.20
- EASTER EGG HUNT • 4.5.20
- SPORTS CAMP • 6.8.20 - 6.11.20
- VBS • 7.27.20 - 7.31.20



# Discover Membership!

New Member Discovery Classes begin Sunday, Oct. 27







NEW HOPE CHURCH PRESENTS

# PICNIC & PRAISE

*Join us for our annual BBQ pig roast  
followed by Worship Night.*

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**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6**

**PICNIC at 5:00 PM**

**PRAISE at 6:15 PM**

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