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SHARING OUR FAITH

New Hope's Monthly Newsletter

CAN'T WE ALL JUST GET ALONG?

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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
KidSpace for ages 3 through
5th Grade

11:15AM

Traditional Worship
School House Sunday School for
Kids

4739 W. Powell Rd.



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NEW HOPE'S MISSION

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



Do I like football more than church? I can hardly believe that I'm asking the question. And, lest you think that my mental faculties are starting to deteriorate, please bear with me.

Because of the generosity of my cousin, our son, Charlie, and I were able to attend the Tampa Bay Buccaneers – New York Giants game this past Sunday. The most wonderful joy of the afternoon was that this was the greatest amount of time I was able to spend alone with Charlie since he was in high school. Additionally, the environment in Raymond James Stadium was energizing.

Charlie warned me in advance that there would be almost as many Giants fans present as there were Buccaneers fans. In the section in which we sat, it was a veritable sea of blue—Giants fans to the left of us, Giants fans in front of us, Giant fans behind us (we had aisle seats so no one was to the right of us). Still, even though we were cheering for opposing teams, there was no labeling, no name calling because we disagreed with each other. There was conviviality between rival fans and at the end of the game, opposing fans were congratulating each other.

How different from what I experience in the church these days. I don't see this so much at

New Hope as I do in the church at large, even in our denomination the Reformed Church in America. It seems that we've taken to heart Jesus words, "He/she who is not for us is against us." We can no longer have civil conversation and we're quick to label those who do not interpret scripture in the same way that we do. Those who are on the other side of the political aisle are demonized. All of which makes me wonder "is this what our Lord had in mind when he said I will build my church?"

The previous crest of the Reformed Church in America had these words in Dutch, "Eendracht maakt macht." Originally this was the motto of the Dutch Republic and it is often translated as "unity makes strength" although a more accurate translation may be "concord makes strength." The words of Psalm 133 seem particularly poignant in these times:

*How good and pleasant it is when
God's people live together in unity!*

*It is like precious oil poured on the
head, running down on the beard,
running down on Aaron's beard,
down on the collar of his robe.*

*It is as if the dew of Hermon were
falling on Mount Zion.*

*For there the LORD bestows his
blessing, even life forevermore.*

ADULT MINISTRY

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40 Days of Prayer Continues - Join a Group!

Sunday Morning Small Groups at 10:15 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.

Sunday Evening Small Groups

Spirit Group

Meets in Adult Room A from 5:15 pm - 6:30 pm

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.

Praise Group

Meets in Cry Room from 7:00 pm - 8:15 pm

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 Group

Selah Group

Meets in the Library from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

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.

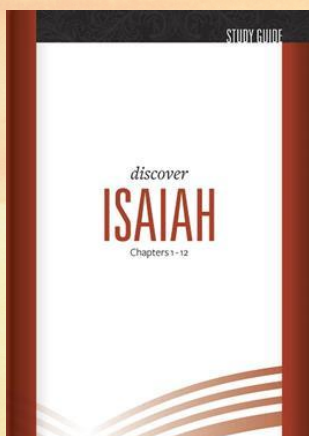
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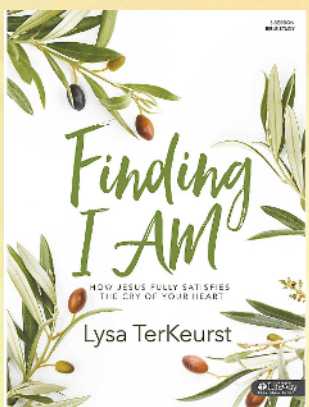
Fall Women's Bible Studies



Wednesday Afternoons
12:30pm to 2:00pm
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
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!

FALL MEN'S BIBLE STUDY



October 2, 16 & 30th
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

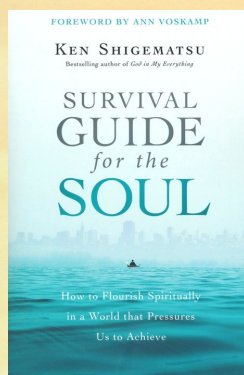
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Mark your
calendars for these
upcoming classes
and events!



Adult Spiritual Formation Class

Wednesday evenings from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

October 16 - November 20

Meets in Adult Room A

Are you looking for a way to continue to flourish in your spiritual life after 40 Days of Prayer? If so, then come engage in the book "Survival Guide for the Soul: How to Flourish Spiritually in a World that Pressures Us to Achieve." In this book, bestselling author and pastor Ken Shigematsu encourages us to embrace a life of gratitude. Drawing on a wide range of resources - including scripture, church history, psychology, neuroscience, and a variety of stories - Shigematsu offers a fresh perspective on how certain spiritual practices help orient our lives so that our souls can flourish in a demanding and competitive world.

NEW HŌPE WŌMEN'S RETREAT

"Hear Us Roar"

WOMEN OF THE BIBLE

"Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come." Proverbs 31:25

Saturday, February 29

8:30 am - 2:00 pm

THE AFRICA EVENT CENTER
IN THE COLUMBUS ZOO

SPEAKER:

REV. PHYLLIS PALSMAS

Come engage in the stories of the biblical women who went before us and showed us how to live faithfully no matter the circumstances. Hear how these women lived out their God-given callings and followed in Jesus' footsteps.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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Hello Friends! I hope you are well. There is a lot going on in Children's Ministry! Sunday School; KidSpace, JWC, and Club 45 are just a few of the programs happening now. Please check out www.newhopeworship.com/children to see how you and your children can get involved.

This summer, Russ and I were blessed to visit The United States Military Academy at West Point. Near the Academy, across the Hudson River, sits a small white home, currently under renovation. In that small white home, in 1860, a young woman named Anna Bartlett Warner, penned the following words in a poem:

*Jesus loves me—this I know, For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to him belong, They are weak, but he is strong.*

Later, those words were placed to music by William Batchelder, who added the refrain,

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

We are beyond thankful for each and every opportunity we get to share Jesus and His love with your children. In each program and event, we strive for your children to know one thing above all else before they leave church and head into the world: Jesus loves them.

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 you get 3 punches!

"Look up at the sky and count the stars. This is the number of children you will have."
Genesis 15:5

**"Look up at the sky and count the stars - This is how many children you will have."
Genesis 15:5**

WOW

Escape to Athens With Paul!

Imagine leaving a life of privilege and power to face angry mobs, painful imprisonment, and chain-breaking earthquakes—all to spread the life-changing truth of God's love. Learn the jaw-dropping story of the Apostle Paul...straight from Paul himself! In an ancient "anything goes" culture, Paul will inspire kids to share the truth of God's immeasurable love today!

Fall Kids WOW is on Wednesday evenings November 6th through December 11th from 5:30pm-7:30pm. Join us for dinner, Bible time, music, crafts and games! Kindergarten through 5th graders are invited! Cost is \$30 per child with a cap of \$90 per family. Scholarships are available if needed. Please contact Rachel Warren for more information at warren@newhopeworship.com.

Registration deadline is October 27th. WOW is a volunteer based program and only possible with support from parents. We ask that if your child is participating in WOW, that a parent, spouse, guardian or other adult family member serves at least two times per session.

-Register your child and sign up to volunteer on New Hope's website: newhopeworship.org/wow

-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!



Club 45 is a mighty group of service based 4th and 5th graders making a difference in their communities. We will meet once a month to gather for devotions, service, and fun. All 4th and 5th graders (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. Register on our website at newhopeworship.com/club45 or contact Rachel Tate at Tate@NewHopeWorship to learn more.

Sunday School

We've had such a great start to Sunday School this year using our new curriculum, Bible Story Basics. A huge thank you to our amazing Sunday School Support Team for serving; this program is impossible without your support! If you haven't taught a Sunday School class before, CMT encourages you to pray about it. It's very fun and rewarding!

Please register your child(ren) for the 2019/2020 year using the form on New Hope's website at newhopeworship.org/sundayschool.

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

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.

Music

The Junior Worship Choir, or JWC is busy praising Jesus and preparing for Christmas! 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.

Outreach

Outreach operates through the hands and feet of volunteers! We have a stellar line up of events and programs this year, starting with Birthday Party for Jesus!

Save the date for December 18 from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm.

Check out www.newhopeworship.com/children for more information on how you can be those hands and feet! Contact Rachel Tate at Tate@NewHopeWorship.com for more information.

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 for more information.

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

PROJECT UPDATES & PLANS

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It's budget time again here at New Hope Church. With that, I want to take a moment to review the projects we have accomplished this past year, and share some of the major projects we are hoping to complete in 2020.

Please remember to join us for our Town Meeting at 10:15 on Sunday, October 20 where we will provide additional details for our proposed 2020 budget.

2019 Completed Projects

- The leak in the bell tower was repaired.
- The flooring in the nursery was replaced.
- The roof and the exterior siding was repaired.
- The driveway in front of our entrance was repaired and the parking lot was sealed.
- The lighting over the platform in the sanctuary was repaired and upgraded to LED.
- The lighting in the Choir room was upgraded to LED.

Thank you for your support of these projects!

Projected 2020 Projects:

Please note these projects are primarily preventative maintenance projects based on necessity due to an aging facility.

- The exterior of the church needs to be painted.
- Half of our windows need to be repaired or replaced.
- The carpeting is showing it's age. We are investigating replacing the carpeting in the Narthex and Preschool hallways.
- Continue the conversion to LED lighting.

Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to seeing you at our Town Meeting October 20th.

	9/1/2019	9/8/2019	9/15/2019	9/22/2019	9/29/2019	M-T-D	Y-T-D	% of Total
Offering - Tithes	12,733.00	11,063.00	7,136.00	8,355.00	8,968.00	48,255.00	466,248.50	61.7%
Offering - Loose Plate	141.00	242.00	322.00	256.00	264.00	1,225.00	8,290.40	1.1%
Text Giving	6,726.50	4,966.50	8,110.50	3,981.50	3,431.50	27,216.50	204,633.50	27.1%
Bill Pay/Submitted during the week	1,138.00	2,350.00	1,380.00	1,750.00	850.00	7,468.00	77,053.00	10.2%
TOTAL	\$20,738.50	\$18,621.50	\$16,948.50	\$14,342.50	\$13,513.50	\$84,164.50	\$756,255.40	

	Budget	Actual	Variance
Month to Date	\$105,718.26	\$84,164.50	-\$21,533.76
Year to Date	\$865,597.64	\$756,255.40	-\$109,372.24



Mission Trip 2019

YOUTH MINISTRY

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iParent: Empowering Parents in a Digital Age

We have accessible answers for you!

Please join us on October 13 and 20 from 5:30-6:30 at New Hope!

All are welcome. So please invite your neighbors, your friends, teachers in the community, and grandparents.

Our goal with iParent is to teach parents the "why" and "how" to connect to your child in the modern world of technology. We strive to teach "why" we, as parents, need to be involved in every aspect of our child's digital identity for their safety and protection.

We also teach parents practical steps to take and "how" to engage with your child and technology.

We will offer education, instruction and simple demonstrations through group meetings with parents or grandparents. The instructors will engage with parents with easy to follow instructions and practical applications so you may better navigate the digital world with knowledge and understanding to better protect your child.

This is NOT a meeting where you walk away terrified of the pitfalls and dangers of the internet. Rather, we will equip you to help your child manage their digital identity in a world that is constantly and quickly evolving. Please contact Lindsey with any questions.



SAVE THE
DATE FOR
SPLATTER
PARK!

New Hope Youth Group Families! It's time for...

SPLATTER PARK!

**SUNDAY
OCTOBER 20
1:00 - 4:00 PM**

Meet at Splatter Park (5500 County Road 109, Mount Gilead) All Children need to be age 10 or older. Drop-off optional.
Contact Lindsey to RSVP at allen@newhopeworship.com

"This ain't no video game...YOU are the action!"

MUSIC MINISTRY

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Join our Christmas Choir!

Rehearsals begin Thursday, October 3 from 7 - 9 pm



Join us this December by singing in our Christmas Choir! We will prepare fantastic traditional Christmas selections with Orchestra as well as Modern Christmas Worship.

All singers from 11th grade* through adults are welcome!

*Ninth & tenth grade youth will be rehearsing Sundays at 6:30 pm with Music in the Middle (please see below)

Important Dates:

Saturday, December 7th | Dress Rehearsal, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Sunday, December 8th | Christmas Music Celebration at both 9:00 am & 11:15 am Worship Services



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.

Come join us for some or all of our Session 2 dates and worship services!

Session 2: Sundays November 3 - December 1st from 6:30-7:15 pm with Worship November 10th at both services.

Christmas Cantata : (for Youth 6th - 10th grade)

December 7th 10 am - Dress rehearsal

December 8th - Cantata at Both Services

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

NEW HOPE EDUCATION CENTER

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September is a special time & we are happy to be teaching over 180 children at our preschool and education center. The children are doing a great job walking into school and getting ready for their day. Our new 3's class in the Rainbow room (nursery) has offered 12 new families the opportunity to join our preschool. We are grateful to share the space and serve more families!

In the classrooms, we are enjoying tasting apples, making art with apples and learning about the season of Fall. Fall offers so many opportunities to learn

about the changes that occur in nature. In addition, the children are busy learning our morning and end of the day prayer, and meeting new friends.

We look forward to our annual field trip to Lehner Farms. Each preschool classroom will have a day at the Farm to enjoy picking out a pumpkin and all the fun activities they offer. We will also have a visit from the Fire Department in October. The students will learn about fire safety, see a firefighter in full gear and learn about the firetruck. Have a blessed Fall!

Outreach Opportunities



Salvation Army Bell Ringing

New Hope will once again (for the 13th consecutive year!) 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 14** at both doors of the Dublin Kroger Marketplace on Sawmill Rd just north of Hard Rd; and the Powell Kroger on Sawmill Parkway just down the street from the church.

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.

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.

Got Coats??

Club 45 is partnering with the Elders of New Hope Church and YOU to collect 250+ coats for local children in need. Donations can be placed in the BLUE Club 45 tub outside the Children's Ministry Office next
Sunday, Oct. 6 – Sunday, Nov. 10



SAVE
the
DATE

TOWN HALL MEETING

Sunday, October 20 at 10:15 AM

Save the date!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OUR 2019-2020
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY PROGRAMS

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

Intercessory Prayer

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7 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 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).