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SHARING OUR FAITH

New Hope's Monthly Newsletter

NEW YEAR PREGAME PEP TALK



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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

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NEW HOPE'S MISSION

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



One of our guests for worship on Christmas Eve was Bob Scott, Principal of Dublin Scioto High School, and his family. Jean and I have known Bob and family for nearly 20 years as he coached all three sons in lacrosse at Dublin Scioto. We had a few moments to catch up and he asked me, "Are you ready for tonight?" I responded, "I sure hope so." Then Bob asked, "Do you need a little motivational talk?"

Immediately I was reminded of Bob's pregame talk to the Scioto lacrosse team, on which our son Charlie played, before the 2003 state championship game. Jean and I still have the DVD. Scioto was playing the Golden Bears of Upper Arlington High School, a formidable lacrosse program then and now. The game was played at Dublin Scioto's stadium. Bob's pregame talk was a classic. He said, "They've already made the t shirts, they've already printed the banners." Bob proceeded to unfold a banner that read "2003 Ohio High School Lacrosse Association Champions: Upper Arlington Golden Bears." He then wadded up the banner, threw it in a trash can and shouted, "Not today, not in our house, now let's go get them!" After that talk, Upper Arlington stood little chance and the score of the game proved that.

We begin a new year and, while I'm confident that none of us needs a motivational talk, I'll take this opportunity to lay some challenges before us all:

1) Live significantly. During 2020, I invite each of us to focus on that which really matters in life—our relationships, our commitments, the investment we make in those around us.

2) Live gratefully. Especially with all that bombards us in the media, it becomes so easy to focus on that which we don't have instead of that which we have. If we focus on what we do not have, or compare ourselves to others who have more, we'll have a thirst for material goods that can never be slaked. If we focus on that which we have, our gratitude and joy will be multiplied.

3) Live generously. This is a natural consequence of the previous challenge. One of the axioms of life is that those who live generously are far happier than those who are miserly. Look for opportunities to bless God and bless others with your generosity.

4) Live expectantly. Approach each day with a sense of wonder and anticipation. The prophet Isaiah spoke these words to the people of Israel: Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?

As we stride into a new year, may each of us discover the genuine satisfaction that comes by living significantly, gratefully, generously and expectantly.

ADULT MINISTRY

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Year of the Bible!

New Hope Church's journey through the Bible in 2020 has begun! I am excited for all of us to read scripture together. This month we will read the book of Genesis, chapters 1-14 of Exodus, Psalms 1-14 and most of the Gospel of Matthew. I encourage you to keep the theme of generosity in mind as we read these words of scripture. The daily scripture reading reflections (which you can receive by email) will invite us all to pay attention to God's generous Spirit at work in the world and how we are invited to live lives of generosity. I am praying for all of us as we dwell in God's word together and cultivate this holy habit of reading the Bible.

It's not too late to get into The Year of the Bible! Join us in this adventure of reading through the Bible in a year. Sign up at newhopeworship.com/yob.

Adult Sunday School

The Adult Sunday School class has been organized in coordination with The Year of the Bible program. Everyone is invited to attend this class at 10:15 am on Sunday mornings to help lay the foundation for reading and reflecting on Scripture throughout the year.

Reading the Bible Again (For the First Time)

Sunday Mornings at 10:15 am
January 5 through February 2
Meets in the Fellowship Hall
Led by Pastor Steve

How do we make sense of the Bible, a book written a millennia ago, and enable it to speak to us in the 21st century? How do we interpret passages of the Bible that seem archaic and confusing? Is the Bible still a valuable resource for moral decision making, and if so, how? What is the overarching theme of the Bible and how do various books support that theme? Can the Bible still be the Living Word of God today?

These are among the questions that we'll explore together. If you desire to be encouraged and prodded to think about questions to bring to the Bible, then this class is for you!

**TOWN
HALL
MEETING**

Sunday, February 9 at 10:15 AM

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Women's Bible Study



THE YEAR OF THE BIBLE

Wednesday Afternoons

12:30 pm to 2:00 pm

Childcare available

Led by Pastor Sarah

If you are looking for a space to ask questions and discuss the biblical passages you're reading

each week with The Year of the Bible, then this class is for you. We'll discuss our wonderings and reflections from each day, but we'll also focus in on the stories of the women in the Bible.

Jan. 8 – Eve, Hagar, Sarai, and Mary

Jan 15 – Sarah, Lot's wife & daughters, Rebekah,

Keturah, Leah and Rachel,

Peter's Mother-in-Law, A Girl and a Healed Woman

Jan 22 – Bilhah and Zilpah, Dinah, Tamar, Potiphar's

Wife, Jesus' sisters, Herodias and her daughter, The Canaanite Woman

Jan 29 – Shiphrah and Puah, Pharaoh's daughter,

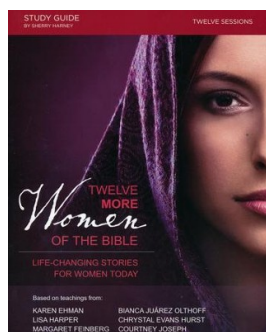
Jochebed, Zipporah, The mother of James and John

Feb 5 – Miriam, The Ten Bridesmaids, The Anointing Woman, The servant-girls

Feb 12 – Mary Magdalene, the other Mary and "certain women"

Feb 19 – Laws pertaining to women and Sapphira

Feb 26 – Tabitha, Mary and Rhoda



WOMEN OF THE BIBLE

Thursday Mornings

Jan 16 – Feb 20, 2020

9:30 - 11:00am

Childcare available

Led by Michele Worthington

In this video Bible study, some of today's best-loved authors and speakers look at the spiritual lessons learned from women in the Bible and what they mean

for you today. This fresh look at these women in the Bible will help you discover new insights into God's character, persevere through difficult times, and find joy in the hope that Jesus has provided to you.

You'll study the lives of . . .

-Proverbs 31 Woman: How Not to Do It All (Karen Ehman)

-Deborah: Fight Like a Girl

(Bianca Juárez Olthoff)

-Shulamite Woman: We Had God at Hello

(Lisa Harper)

-Ruth: Staying Focused in a World of Distractions

(Chrystal Evans Hurst)

-Puah and Shiphrah: How to Fight Your Fears (Margaret Feinberg)

-Esther: Letting God Be in Control

(Courtney Joseph)

Band of Brothers

Men's Fellowship Group

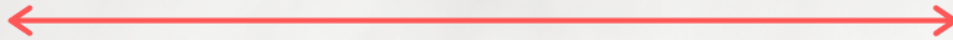
To the men of the church, please consider joining us for the men's 1.5-hour fellowship group called Band of Brothers. It is starting on Wednesday, January 8th at 7:00 p.m. The group will meet every other Wednesday night. We will continue our reading through the book of Hebrews in the New Testament. Since 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.

January 8th (Wednesday) | January 22nd (Wednesday) | February 5th (Wednesday)

NEW HŌPE WŌMEN'S RETREAT

Hear Us Roar

WOMEN OF THE BIBLE



THE AFRICA EVENT CENTER IN
THE CŌLUMBUS ZŌŌ

Saturday, February 29
8:30 am – 2:00 pm



SPEAKER:
REV. PHYLLIS PALSMA

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.



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

Learn more at newhopeworship.com/retreat.



2020 PARTICIPATION EXPECTATIONS

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2019 has come to a close. It was a very successful year for our ministries as they were able to successfully increase participation in their programs. Here are a few examples.

New Hope Youth Ministry:

-This past November saw 70 youth attend the Youth Thanksgiving dinner. Last year's, 2018, attendance was 43. 2017's participation was 23.

-The White Elephant Christmas party had 60+ youth participating.

-The Genesis program has expanded to an anticipated 20 participants. Unfortunately, due to anticipated budget constraints, they will be paying the full participation fee. The church will cover the transportation costs.

-The Mission Trip could easily have 50 youth participating this year at Noxen, PA.

-New Hope Children's Ministry is anticipating that 230 children will participate in the 2020 Vacation Bible School.

The Music Ministry:

-We now has 54 members in the choir, with 66 participants in the Cantata.

Adult Ministry:

-Thus far there are over 250 participants signed up for the 2020 Year of the Bible.

It is wonderful how our ministries continue to grow. Thank you for your support!

As for our building and grounds, we have lowered the budget and are asking for volunteers to help maintain the property and paint the exterior of the first floor. Once the Fellowship Pavilion is built, I will be reaching out for volunteers to assist in the landscaping around the pavilion.

So please, with all that we are doing to support God's work, contribute with your time, your talents and your financial resources.

Thank you!

	12/1/19	12/8/19	12/15/19	12/22/19	12/24/19	12/29/19	M-T-D	Y-T-D	% of Total
Offering - Tithes	17,454	14,638	12,984	9,920	9,223	9,147	73,366	642,209.50	58.3%
Offering - Loose Plate	245	943	769	335	3,174	187	5,653	15,780	1.45%
Text Giving	7,521.50	3,136.50	7,451.50	9,646.50	7,625	3,541.50	38,922.50	288,913	26.2%
Bill Pay/Submitted during the week	2,936.65	21,400	5,650	6,125	0	100	36,211.65	153,755.16	14%
TOTAL	28,157.15	40,117.50	26,854.50	26,026.50	20,022.00	12,975.50	154,153.15	1,100,658.31	

	Budget	Actual	Variance
Month to Date	117,464.74	154,153.15	36,688.41
Year to Date	1,174,647.36	1,100,658.31	-73,989.01

Salvation Army Bell Ringing Success

Jesus said "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." On Saturday December 14, New Hope members put Jesus' words into action by ringing a bell for the Salvation Army, raising \$2,345.13 and saving the cost of hiring paid bell ringers. This was the 13th year New Hope

sponsored a location to ring a bell. In 2007, 11 people rang for 11 hours at one store; this year over 40 people rang for 29 hours at two stores. Thanks to all those who rang a bell and those who supported this outreach activity.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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Happy New Year! We hope you had a joyful Christmas and a wonderful start to the New Year.

If you're like me, you've set some goals for yourself and family for this new year. We'd like to challenge you to add two more:

1. Challenge your family to learn the verse of the month.
2. Challenge your family to get more involved in the life of the church.

The Memory Verse of this month is Matthew 4:19. This is when Jesus called his first disciples. In Matthew 4:18-22, Jesus was walking along the Sea of Galilee, when he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." At once they left their nets and followed him. Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Would you drop your net, or whatever you are doing, to follow Jesus? It would be hard, especially for Type A people like me who would want to finish their project and tidy up first. Thankfully, Simon Peter, Andrew, James, and John left their nets, boats, and even their father to follow Jesus. From there, the Good News has traveled through not only lands and peoples, but generations.

Each day presents a wealth of opportunities to teach the Truth. It starts with the calling God has placed within each of us. To know what that calling is, you have to be in the Word. It's a beautiful circle of need and purpose. New Hope has many ways for you to get involved, not only to fill needs of the church, but also to fulfill your calling as a disciple of Christ. Please check out newhopeworship.com/children to see how you and your children can get involved. Stay up to date on the Children's Ministry by following New Hope Church Children's Ministry on Facebook!

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!

"Come, follow me." -Matthew 4:19



Club 45 is a mighty group of service based 4th and 5th graders making a difference in their communities. We meet once a month to gather in devotions, service, and fun. All 4th and 5th graders (and parents) are welcome!

THANK YOU to the Morris Family for opening their home to Club 45. It was an awesome event that culminated in way too much sugar, lots of fleece fuzzies, much joy, and 30 no sew blankets for the Ronald McDonald House. A giant THANK YOU to the Grizzell Middle School kiddos who will be finishing the job for us. There's no such thing as too many helping hands!

Save the Date: January 12: Visit to the Delaware County Humane Society | Donations for cat and dog bedding, blankets, and canned food are being gathered now in the Blue Bin in the Children's Ministry Hallway.

You can locate all Club 45 events at www.newhopeworship.com/club45.



Sunday School

If you haven't taught a Sunday School class before, CMT encourages you to pray about it. It's very fun and rewarding! Did you know that our Sunday School program is taught by volunteers? Please contact Rachel Warren at Warren@NewHopeWorship.com for more information! Current Support Team members can sign up using the Sign Up Genius link found on our website.

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

KidSpace

KidSpace is located next to the nursery and is available most Sunday mornings from 10:10-11:00 am. Preschool through 5th graders can come and enjoy fun and fellowship while their parents are attending adult Sunday School classes.

Music

THANK YOU JUNIOR WORSHIP CHOIR for an outstanding Christmas blessing with your presentation of *The Unfriendly Beasts*. It was truly fantastic!

Rehearsals will begin again on January 12. Friends are welcome to join! Check out newhopeworship.com/jwc for more information, or contact Dez Takas at Takas@NewHopeWorship.com. We can't wait to praise with you!

Outreach

Keep an eye out for registrations opening soon for the following programs:
Easter Egg Hunt: April 5
Sports Camp: June 8-11
VBS: July 27-31

Be sure to check out www.newhopeworship.com/children for more information and to keep an eye out for registrations.

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.

Donations are always welcome! Please consider donating Clorox Disinfecting Wipes, Baby Diaper Wipes, and Dixie Cups to our Nursery.

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.

Winter WOW

Register is now open for Winter WOW on Wednesday evenings from January 22nd -February 26th. We will explore where God's power can take us! To Mars and Beyond!! Be sure to register soon! The registration deadline is JANUARY 12! Learn more at newhopeworship.com/WOW.



YOUTH MINISTRY

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Happy New Year! We have had an incredible 2019 and are now looking forward to a fabulous 2020. Upcoming dates to look forward to:

Confirmation Classes begin: January 5

Youth Sunday: January 26

Mission Trip Information Meeting: January 26 (NOXEN!!!!!!!)

Mexican Fiesta Decorating: Friday, February 7

Mexican Fiesta: Saturday, February 8

Genesis: March 13-15

Thank you to everyone that helped make this year a great one. Our youth feel so loved and cared for by each and everyone of you. Your investment in them matters. Thank you thank you thank you!

Register
online
today!

New Hope Youth Group invites you to join them for a

—Mexican Fiesta!—



Saturday, February 8 | 5-7pm

Reserve your spot today

at NewHopeChurch.com/youth



Dinner & Drinks | Delicious Desserts | Crafts for Kids | Served by Youth



MUSIC MINISTRY

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Music in the Middle Session 3

We will be meeting on January 12th and 19th at 6:30 pm, and participating in worship service on Sunday, January 26th. MIM is open to all youth, 6th-12th. Join us as we prepare for Youth Sunday!



Worship Choir

We are looking for new singers in 2020. Come check out a rehearsal any Thursdays beginning January 9th at 7 pm. Contact Christine Loy loy@newhopeworship.com for more information! We look forward to seeing you!

FELLOWSHIP PAVILION UPDATE

Liberty Township zoning for the Fellowship Pavilion was approved and we are now waiting for the Building Permit approval from Delaware County. Groundbreaking will likely not be done till spring, hopefully in March weather permitting. Construction is expected to take 90 days.

Please note that the donations we've received to date have let us get started ... BUT we still need your help to reach the goal of raising \$400,000. We have 12 months

remaining in our Fellowship Pavilion campaign and all contributions to achieve our mutual goal are greatly appreciated. All donations can be given to any Endowment Fund Board member and/or placed in the "Piggy Bank" container on the Fellowship Pavilion display located by the Library.

We look forward to your continued support of this exciting addition to New Hope's facility.

NEW HOPE EDUCATION CENTER

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Happy New Year! New Hope Preschool and Education Center returned from our Winter Break on January 6. We had our first registration for current families, past families and church members on January 6. We will have open registration for any new families on January 15 at 8:00am. We are grateful for the interest in our program and are educating over 185 children this school year. We look forward to serving more families in the 2020-2021 school year. Please see our website newhopepreschool.com for all of our class offerings.

In December, the children made beautiful canvases for their parents. The teachers came up with a variety of creative ways to have the children put their mark on each canvas. Further, the children prepared for Christmas programs that included songs, a play, a Nativity reading and hand bells. It was a wonderful way to end the year by gathering with families to celebrate Christmas together.