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# **NEW HOPE NEWS**

Official Newsletter for New Hope Presbyterian Church



### Sue's Scribbles

Dear Friends,

Every organization has its calendar. When children are in the home, the school calendar governs the family's timing. Sports come and go according to the season, while businesses operate on the calendar for their particular fiscal year. There is also a calendar for the Christian year. The church year is currently coming to the close of the season which is simply called Ordinary Time. Ordinary Time does not imply a time of less importance, but merely indicates that one major season has ended (Easter) and the next (Advent) has not yet begun. There is much happening as we prepare for and enjoy the next major seasons of Advent and Christmas and I anticipate you will find the remainder of this Ordinary season far from ordinary.

One 'out of the ordinary' happening is that New Hope has been presented with a promising opportunity to consider. There will be a meeting at the church on **Tuesday October 29 at 6:30** to discuss the possibility of being a Charter Organization for a Boy Scouts of America Pack. This would be a Coed Pack of children K-5 from Sheppard and Tower Elementary Schools. If this sounds exciting to you, I hope to see you at the meeting where more information will be provided.

As you look through the Newsletter pages, which are full of pictures, I hope you will recall the mission work and fellowship we have recently enjoyed and look forward to the approaching events presented throughout.

Grace and Peace, Sue King



Can't-miss-fun event of the season—Trunk or Treat Sat. Oct 26, 3-5 p.m.



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### Whom to Call

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### **Christian Education**

Everyone is welcome to attend whichever of the three classes that meets their needs on Sundays after worship and fellowship time.

The "I Wonder" class is designed as a conversation based on what thoughts or questions the Spirit brought to participants' minds throughout the worship service; such as while the Scripture was read or the sermon preached or anytime in the service.

The "Topics Class" provides

The "Topics Class" provides information designed to increase participants' knowledge of the Scriptures and Reformed



theology, and how they inform our life today. It meets in Classroom 2. The "Christian Perspectives" class is a discussion of the weekly assigned lectionary using the Presbyterian curriculum, Feasting on the Word. A broad spectrum of thoughts are encouraged, and each person's opinions are valued. It meets in Classroom 1.

### Music & Worship



Many thanks to the volunteers who managed the livestream of our worship services until we could hire someone to do this. Without the generosity of these people (Terry Bracewell, Jay Cantrell, Jo Ann Gonzales, Warren King, Roy Mason, and Pat Osoinach) we could not have provided this ministry. An average of about 200 people watch the services each week and we hope this provides them a meaningful worship experience.

And now a very warm welcome to Natalie Chapman, a student at MSU, who was hired in September and is doing a wonderful job providing this service to the community.



### **Mission**

### Haynes Head Start By Sally Osoinach

On September 15, 2024, our congregation provided a lunch of summer salads, bread, and dessert for the faculty of our neighborhood school, Haynes Head Start. The staff was so excited to have lunch provided by us! We were also able to visit a couple of classes of 3, 4, and 5 year olds! Please keep these little ones and their teachers in your prayers! The staff greatly appreciated this special treat and loved the fresh food.







# **Mobile Food Ministry**



# **Faith Mission Dinner**

New Hope crews provide, cook, and serve a meal at Faith Mission every 3rd Sunday of the month. You are welcome to join them at 5:30. For questions: Leslie Adkins 940 782 3617.







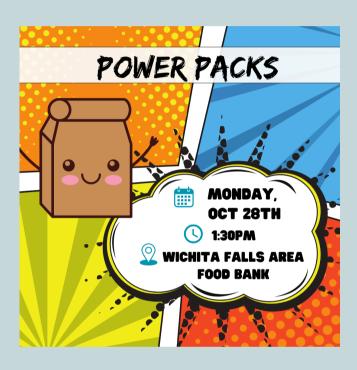




# **Pedaling Hope**

Thank you to all who answered the call for a bicycle for a family in need. One was located, delivered, and appreciated. It solved one family's transportation needs – changing their lives – answering their prayers. Even though the many offers of funds were never needed or collected, the offers were very much appreciated and showed the generosity and graciousness of this congregation.











# **Congregational Life**

# Ladies' Lunch

Join the Ladies Lunch at 11:00 the first Friday of each month for some fun fellowship and lots of laughter. A different restaurant is chosen each month, check your email or call the church office for the location.













Photography Credit: Sue King

# **End of Summer Brunch**





# **World Communion Day Lunch**









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### **Bridal Shower**



Helping the community celebrate important events in their lives.

# **Building & Grounds**

# Work Day







Yahaira going above and beyond! Keeping New Hope looking good

Many thanks to those who keep us organized and looking good!

Photography Credit: Sue King

### **Communications**

# **New Member Spotlight**



Pictured: Jim Henson and Annette McNeil



### **Upcoming Events**

- November 3rd- All Saints Day
- November 24th- Consecration Sunday & Thanksgiving Luncheon
- December 8th- 8th Annual Cantata, 3 p.m.
- December 13- Lessons & Carols @ The Osoinach's
- December 15th- Alyssa Ham's Student Piano Recital, 3 p.m.
- December 17th- Caroling

We rejoice that Jim Henson became a member of our New Hope congregation on Oct. 6, 2024. He has been part of the livestream worship viewers for some time, watching from Medicine Park, OK. We welcome him and are pleased to visit with him in person when he can travel to Wichita Falls.





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# Taking Our Vitals

SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Average for In Person July 32 August 32 September 38

Online Worship Weekly Average Engagements in July 312 August 223 September 202

DONATION TO IOS FOOD PANTRY 31 pounds

MOBILE FOOD MINISTRY
MEALS SERVED

August 50 September 45

PEOPLE SERVED AT FAITH MISSION DINNER

August 90 September 95

### Finance

# **Summary Financial Statement**

	July	August	September
Donations to Date	86,300	96,300	104,400
Investment Earnings to Date	63,700	72,800	82,800
Total Income to Date	150,000	169,100	187,200
Expenses to Date	95,000	115,400	128,000

Thank you for your generosity.

If you are interested in any additional information, please contact the moderator of the Finance Committee, Jay Cantrell at (940) 781-6191.

### Please Pray With Us

- We ask God's comforting presence be with all those whose lives have been troubled by the recent hurricanes.
- The work of **The Pastor Nominating Committee**; Leslie Adkins, Jay Cantrell, Wanda Gonzales, Pat Osoinach, and Friederike Wiedemann.
- **Karen Bracewell** is continuing to recover from hip surgery.
- The **Busby Family** in the loss of **Wade's** grandmother.
- LaRae Collins is continuing to rehab from surgery on her spine.
- Nancy Estes has been released from the skilled nursing facility.
- Ivalicy Estes has been released from the skilled hursing facility
- Joe Gonzales' continued recovery at home.
- Bob and Brenda Hardy's eight-year-old grandson, Garrett, whose heart is being monitored after a fainting episode.
- Elizabeth Martin, who continues to recover from spinal surgery and damage from the hurricane.
- Howell and Peggy Martin are battling health issues.
- **Sherry Mason's** concerns for **C.J.**, who is carrying a baby that will require kidney surgery at birth in December.
- Jeannine Morris' grandson, Hayes, continued road to full health.
- Caitlin Reamy, the niece of Marilyn Clements' daughter is beset with several autoimmune diseases which are draining her youthful intents.
- Michael Smith's grandson, Matthew, cousin, Robert, and friend, Heath are healing.
- John Wiedemann as he navigates multiple health issues.

#### **Homebound Members**

Dorothy Hughes Marianne Jones Carolyn Kouri Eileen Leonard