

# NEW HOPE NEWS

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## Appointment!

What a joy it is to accept the Bishop's appointment to New Hope! We have the opportunity to celebrate God's work in our lives as a community. I already feel strong connections and real comfort at New Hope, and thank you for all you have done to welcome Carlene and me into your church family.

## What is Coming Up

I think you will find good things happening right away, and I want to encourage you to consider how you will take advantage of these offerings.

First, I will begin a Pastor's Bible Study beginning Monday, September 20th at 6:30 p.m. Our initial study will be Max Lucado's 3:16 - The Numbers of Hope, a 12-week study on John 3:16 and its impact on our lives. So much happens in group Bible study. Be there!

Next, we will expand our Wednesday night service to a weekly prayer, healing, and worship service with the celebration of Holy Communion each week. I imagine a service with music and a brief message, with time for prayer, silence, and peace. We will finish the service with Communion. This gathering can be a rich experience, promoting peace in our busy lives with a quiet reconnection with God and our church family. Will you consider this midweek refreshment as part of your spiritual life?

Also, I want to make visible efforts to become a better member of this community in order to offer leadership that matters. Beginning September 7, I will have regular office hours at New Hope each Tuesday. My intention is to be available to you there, and also to extend the offer of visits in hospitals, homes, and other meeting places. Your stories make up the life of New Hope. I want to hear those stories and know better who you are, and who we are together.

Finally, I am really excited about Sunday worship. In our few weeks together, we have grown more comfortable with one another, more trusting in God's plan to put us together, and more hopeful for great things to come at New Hope. Worship is our spiritual offering to God, and I want each week to generate a comfort, warmth, and joy that will spill out of Sunday morning to fill the days ahead. I want every visitor to New Hope to say they felt welcomed and experienced authentic worship. Let's work together in the weeks ahead to bring more of ourselves to God each week.

## Looking Ahead

Our task as we learn to worship together is to tell others about New Hope with words of simple invitation, "Come worship with us", and also with our lives, letting the joy of our authentic witness show others the Christ within us.

Surely, the Lord is Risen, and He lives at New Hope!

Blessings,  
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## AFRICAN CHILDREN'S MISSION

08-01-10	\$20.18
08-08-10	21.39
08-15-10	10.18
08-22-10	23.39
08-29-10	10.98
August	\$86.12
YTD	\$835.38

## COUPON MINISTRY

New Hope's Ladies Fellowship has a Coupon Ministry. The ladies need your help! Chances are good that some of the coupons that come in your newspaper almost every week will go unused. Bring them to New Hope. Put them in the box on the table in the narthex.

On the first Tuesday of each month at 1:00, some of the ladies will gather in the Grace Life Center to sort the coupons into tabbed boxes for use at RACAP. If you would like to help with the sorting, talk to Linda Goss or show up on the first Tuesday at 1:00.

## RACAP FOOD DRIVE

This month is New Hope's turn to supply the local food pantry at RACAP. RACAP is also asking for paper bags and plastic bottles. They use 20 oz or smaller Gatorade type bottles and 16 oz or smaller drinking water bottles to hold detergents.

The list of items that RACAP is most in need of is the shortest list I have ever seen them produce. It simply reads—*EVERYTHING!*

New Hope will have collection boxes out through the end of September. All types of non-perishable foods are needed as well as soaps and hygiene items.

## Upcoming Events

September 7<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00pm  
Coupon Ministry

September 11<sup>th</sup> 7:30 – 10:30  
Public Servants Breakfast

September 12<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00am  
New Hope Re-Launch  
Undie Sunday

September 12<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>  
RACAP Food Drive

September 15<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm  
Prayer & Communion Service

September 18<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00am  
Workday

September 19<sup>th</sup> after church  
Fellowship Potluck  
Administrative Council

September 20<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm  
Pastor's Bible Study Begins

September 21<sup>st</sup> @ 7:00pm  
New Life Emmaus Gathering

September 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 6:30pm  
Prayer & Communion Service

September 25<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30am  
Ladies Breakfast @ La Madeleine

September 26<sup>th</sup> @ 3:00pm  
Charge Conference  
@ Northern Hills UMC

September 28<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30am  
Ladies Fellowship

September 29<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm  
Prayer & Communion Service

September 30<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm  
Men's Night Out

## ONGOING MINISTRIES TO THOSE IN NEED:

**JESUS ALIVE MINISTRY (JAM):** Feed, clothe & school children in Africa. Place donations in the church-shaped box in the back of the sanctuary.

**NEW BEGINNINGS:** Provide furniture and household items for those starting over. Donate used household items. Designate offerings "New Beginnings."

**RACAP:** Food bank and other assistance for local families – Give to communion offering & food drives.