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## What's Your Perspective?

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The longer I live, the more I have come to believe that gratitude is enlarged by perspective. As we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving, I'm aware of what a different celebration we will enjoy this year from the one we celebrated last November.

Many of you are aware that just a year ago this month, our grandson Berend (Bear) entered the hospital because he had contracted a virus and became dehydrated. We thought that this would be an overnight stay or perhaps a couple of nights; nothing more. As days passed and there was no improvement, we began to get more concerned. Then, a week later our son, Billy, called to say that Bear's blood protein count had become elevated. The anxiety in Billy's voice was palpable and Jean made the decision to quickly pack and drive to New Jersey to offer support to Billy and Mara.

The next day, I got a text from Billy telling me that Bear's abdomen was hugely distended and he was vomiting bile. I was able to connect with Jean by phone and was told that a dye x-ray had been ordered to determine if Bear's intestine had become twisted. The x-ray revealed nothing but Bear continued to deteriorate. He was placed on heavy antibiotics, but during the next few days our concern elevated to a near panic as Bear became sicker and sicker and had the entire pediatric medical team mystified.

A CT scan on the Saturday before Thanksgiving revealed something in Bear's intestine but it was still inconclusive. Sunday morning, the pediatric surgeon made what in hindsight was a gutsy call. Bear was taken into surgery and it was discovered that part of his intestine had died. The surgeon removed about 10cm of his intestine and the remaining intestine was fashioned into an external stoma.

Jean returned home on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving so that we could celebrate together. I made the trip to New Jersey the following Saturday to spend a week with Billy and Mara and Bear. After 30 days in the hospital, Bear returned home with a catheter in his chest and an NG tube in his nose so that he could receive nutrients that would stay in his stomach rather than being flushed immediately out of the intestine. He stabilized and the stoma continued to heal.

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### MISSION OF NEW HOPE CHURCH:

To **Reach** People for Christ · To **Root** People in Christ · To **Release** People to Serve Christ

## What's Your Perspective? (continued)

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On the Monday after Christmas, Bear had a second surgery to reattach the intestine. Jean and I traveled to New Jersey for another week to be with our family. Last New Year's Eve and New Year's day were memorable because we spent both in the University Medical Center in Hackensack, NJ.



Now, a year later, Bear is a happy, healthy 14 month old. We've had great times together this summer and fall and we're looking forward to celebrating Thanksgiving with Billy, Mara, Bear and Pieter at our home. Suffice it to say that this Thanksgiving Day we will thank God for our many blessings. Among the greatest of those blessings will be a little boy in a high chair eating his first Thanksgiving dinner!

## Administration and Finance

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Who is important in this church? The answer is each and every one of you are! We truthfully could not provide the opportunities to **Reach, Root, and Release** for Christ without you. We continue to prayerfully consider each expenditure we make and we need everyone to prayerfully remember your commitments to our missions.

	September 2011			Fiscal Year to Date		
	Actual	Budget	%	Actual	Budget	%
<b>Income</b>	\$50,997	\$66,521	77%	\$161,043	\$199,564	81%
<b>Expenses</b>	\$63,085	\$70,245	90%	\$205,812	\$210,736	98%

## From the Associate Pastor

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### Get Involved

During our sermon series on Ephesians you've heard Pastor Steve and me give a call to get involved in the church. A huge part of growing up in Christ is using our gifts for ministry to build up the body of the church.

I pray that you will take the initiative to get involved in a team or ministry here at New Hope. Fill out one of the blue "Involvement Cards" found in the registration pads on Sunday morning and place it in the offering plate, or fill out our online form at [NewHopeWorship.com/Involvement](http://NewHopeWorship.com/Involvement). I would love to help you get plugged into a ministry and pray with you about where God might be gifting you to lead. As Paul writes in Ephesians 2:10, "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." It's time for us all to put our gifts to good use.

Contact me at [palsma@NewHopeWorship.com](mailto:palsma@NewHopeWorship.com) or 614.766.5445 x15 for information on how you can get involved.

# Children's Ministry

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## A Special Thank You

Thank you to **John Eagon, Phil Weiker, and Bill Zahn** for the countless hours they spent putting latches on all the doors and drawers in the infant and toddler nursery. We appreciate your efforts in keeping our littlest ones safe while they are in our care.

## Kids WOW! (Worship on Wednesday)

God's blessings rained down on us as soccer practices were canceled and over 60 kiddos attended the first night of Kids WOW! Our



first three themes were Falling for God, We're on God's Team, and Nothing's Scary with God on Your Side. Through those themes we made our way through Judges, Ruth, and 1st Samuel learning the purpose of each book, important people, and then we tied in a life lesson from that book to our own lives. Upcoming themes for November include Happy Birthday Pinki, We're members of God's Army, and Thanks Be to God!



Kids WOW is for ages K-5th grade and runs Wednesday evenings from 6:00-8:00PM through December 7. WOW includes a

themed dinner, choir practice, and bible time. For more information or to register your kiddos please visit [NewHopeWorship.com/WOW](http://NewHopeWorship.com/WOW) or contact **Brooke Morris**.

## "Your Girl" Book Study

The women's book study, Your Girl: Raising a Godly Daughter in an Ungodly World, concluded on October 30. However, our discussions are sure to continue as we all work together to use God's

word to enforce the standards we have for our daughters. It is an overwhelming task if you think about doing it alone, but with God as our guide we take comfort in knowing he has a plan for each of His girls. We discovered different ways to apply this study and what we learned to our lives – such as being advocates for Christian standards in today's society, the power of purposeful prayer with and for our daughters, and we gained a lot of scripture knowledge that we are using to create bible verse cards for our girls. I thank **Stephanie Vermeer** for helping guide the group and the women in the group for their transparency and friendship. We are planning an outing with our girls for either a luncheon or a pottery class – should be fun!

## Sunday School Update

The 9:30 Sunday School classes will continue their fall curriculum of the Rock Solid Series. The lessons in November follow God's family as it grows, develops the story of Joseph, and leads into the coming of the Messiah. Please follow the curriculum guide that outlines the weekly faith topics and shares the reading and verse for that week. We urge you to read these stories and discuss with your children before they come to Sunday School, so they can have a meaningful connection on Sunday morning. Please ask for a copy if you don't have one.



## Youth Ministry

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### High School Ski Trip

High School youth - any interest in a high school ski trip this winter? We would spend Martin Luther King Jr. weekend (January 14-16) skiing at Holiday Valley in New York. We have a great housing opportunity in Ellicottville, NY to help keep costs down. Cost is approximately \$250 with own equipment and \$300 for rentals. All costs include lodging, food, lift tickets, and transportation. Please email **Bob Cline** at [cline@NewHopeWorship.com](mailto:cline@NewHopeWorship.com) if you are interested.



## GENESIS 2012

Genesis 2012 is an incredible weekend of Christian fellowship, spiritual growth, and bonding for high school students. Two thousand teens take over the Grand Traverse Resort and Spa (yes, Spa) complete with two pools, six indoor tennis courts, dodgeball, great meals, and incredible group sessions. Join us to hear main speaker Ben Glenn "The Chalk Guy" and music by Downhere for an unforgettable weekend.

This year's Genesis retreat is March 9-11. Cost is \$175 per person, but through fundraising we are able to reduce the cost to \$50 per person!

For more information on the retreat visit [Genesis2012.org](http://Genesis2012.org). Please email **Bob Cline** at [cline@NewHopeWorship.com](mailto:cline@NewHopeWorship.com) if you are interested so we can get our rooms reserved!

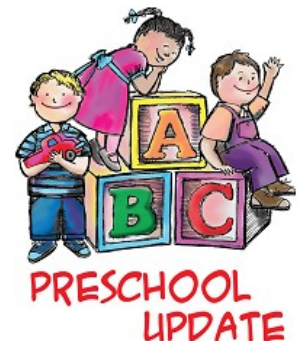
## New Hope Preschool

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New Hope Preschool has had a very busy month. We had class photos with Life Touch, a fire truck visit for fire safety month, and a trip to Miller's Country Market. The children have been decorating our halls with beautiful artwork; take a walk through to see all that they have created. With the help of **Ed Siddell**, we were able to find a Scout to put in a patio on our playground as his Eagle Project. It looks great and the kids have already decorated it with chalk and used it as a stage. We had our fourth annual Halloween Parade and "trick or treated" during the last week of October; a special thank you to the Church staff for helping to make this a special day.

The Preschool recently had our renewal visit for our Two Star Step Up to Quality rating and passed with flying colors. We are preparing for our annual Turkey Trot fundraiser on November 10 and 11. The children will trot, crawl, and dance through the halls in their turkey hats.

We appreciate your continued support of the preschool. I feel very blessed to work with such a wonderful staff and children, something that I am grateful for every day.



# Adult Ministry

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## Young Adult Retreat

On Friday, November 11 and Saturday, November 12 all young adults of New Hope are invited to spend a weekend away on a retreat in the beauty of God's creation. The Mobergers have lovingly offered the use of The Trout Club, about an hour and a half northeast of Columbus in Amish Country. We will be leaving Friday evening around supper time from the church and returning Saturday evening.



This is a retreat designed with young adults in mind. No huge agenda or busy schedule. Just be ready to lay your burdens down for a short time and share in fun and fellowship; reconnecting to the God who loved us before time began, and with some great friends.

All adults from college age to mid-thirties are invited. The only cost is a few dollars to help with carpooling and food expenses. Bring games and your favorite snack to share and get ready for a time of laughter and fun. Please RSVP to **Pastor Sarah** at palsma@NewHopeWorship.com by Thursday, November 10. Hope to see you there!

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## Recommended Reading



### “The Pastor’s Wife” by Jennifer Ailee

Joe Enneking, Adult Education Committee

My recommendation this month is a novel written by Jennifer Ailee, “The Pastor's Wife.” We heard in a recent sermon that God has called us to perform ministry in the Body of Christ. But we should first determine what God has equipped us for. There is an excellent description of this process in the book “The Purpose Driven Life” which points out five characteristics that help us discern what “God has prepared in advance for us to do” (Ephesians 2:10). They are spiritual gifts, heart, abilities, personality and experience (SHAPE). To arbitrarily select a ministry that we are not “shaped” for will lead to problems.

This book is about a man who accepted the position of pastor in a small church shortly after he had been married. His wife thought she knew what she was getting into but when the “other woman” in her marriage turned out to be her husband's congregation, she left him. A set of circumstances brought her back to the town six years later.

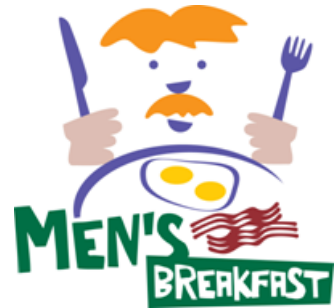
We are familiar with many of the problems associated with this type of situation. They mostly have to do with the expectations of a congregation. If the Pastor has a strong sense of responsibility and is energized by his duties, there is a tendency to neglect family. It becomes a problem if his mate is not shaped for the role of Pastor's wife. The rest of the story is an example of two people resolving the issues of a failed marriage.

## Fellowship

NewHopeWorship.com/Fellowship

The next New Hope Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, November 19 at 8:00AM at the church. We won't meet in December, so our next breakfast will be Saturday, January 21. In the meantime, we're planning some Saturday morning work projects; more information coming soon, or contact **Walt Buss** for details.

So we can be sure to have enough food on hand for November's breakfast, please sign up at the church, or online at [NewHopeWorship.com/MensBreakfast](http://NewHopeWorship.com/MensBreakfast).



Celebrate the Season of Advent

*Anticipation, Peace and Hope*

at the

### Advent Potluck Supper

Sunday, November 20, beginning at 5:30PM

In the Fellowship Hall

*Please bring a dish large enough to serve 12 people.  
Bring a dish based on the first letter of your last name.*

**A-M:** Hot dish   **N-R:** Salad   **S-Z:** Dessert



### SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, May 12, 2012

11:00 AM

*Please come and join the  
Mother-Daughter Tea committee  
to make this a great event for all*

**Contact Loretta Rolle**

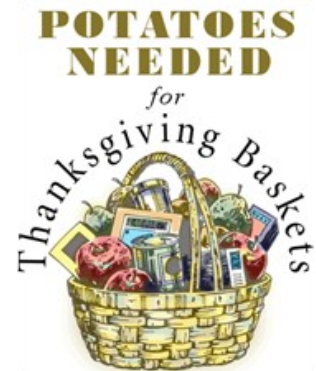
We need your ideas and help!

## Outreach

NewHopeWorship.com/Outreach

### November Potato Food Drive

On Sunday, November 13, we will be collecting potatoes for the Dublin Food Pantry's "Harvest of Hope." During both the 9:30 and 11:00 services you will have the opportunity to bring your donations forward as part of our offering. The Harvest of Hope is an annual special distribution of baskets including all the staples for a Thanksgiving meal. Their hope is to provide 250 families with food for the holidays. As a congregation, our goal is to provide enough boxed mashed potatoes and canned sweet potatoes to fill all 250 baskets! Any non-perishable food items will also be accepted. If you have any questions please contact **Debbie Hinkley**.



### Have you wanted to make a difference in a family's life?

New Hope has a 15 year partnership with area churches, in conjunction with Habitat for Humanity Greater Columbus, to make a difference. Our mission is to work in partnership with God and people to build affordable homes, empower families, and develop communities.

Dublin Habitat for Humanity Partnership is currently building a home at 2298 Hiawatha Park Drive in Columbus. Volunteers will be working on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 9:00AM to 3:00PM. For more information please contact **Dave Summers** or **Phil Weiker**, or contact the church office at [office@NewHopeWorship.com](mailto:office@NewHopeWorship.com) or 614.766.5445.

# Outreach

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## Show God's Love to Needy Children Around the World

The Outreach Committee invites you to participate in New Hope's annual Operation Christmas Child project, supplying shoe boxes filled with gifts for needy children around the world. The shoe boxes will be collected at the Advent Potluck Supper on **Sunday, November 20**, or you can drop them off at the church before that date.



For gift suggestions and packing instructions, stop by the Operation Christmas Child table in the narthex, or visit our website at [NewHopeWorship.com/Outreach](http://NewHopeWorship.com/Outreach). Thank you for your support in demonstrating God's love in a tangible way to needy children around the world.

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**“Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine you did for me.” Matthew 25:40**



Do you have one hour to help those less fortunate? If so, the congregation of New Hope once again has the opportunity to ring a bell for the Salvation Army during the Christmas season. We will ring at the Kroger Sawmill Marketplace on Saturday December 10 between 10:00AM and 8:00PM. If we have enough interest, we may also ring at the Kroger just down the street from the church on Powell Rd.

To sign up for a one hour timeslot, or for more information, please visit [NewHopeWorship.com/Outreach](http://NewHopeWorship.com/Outreach). If you do not have internet access please contact coordinator **Ed Klinker**.

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## Help Children by Providing Pajamas!

Last year New Hope Preschool adopted the “Pajama Program” as their Outreach Program. Jennifer Hersey, a preschool mom, has now taken the Pajama Program on as her mission. New Hope has agreed to be a designated drop off.

Help provide new pajamas and new books to children in need, many of whom are waiting and hoping to be adopted. Many of these youngsters have been abused or abandoned and in many cases, have never enjoyed the simple comfort of having a mother or father tuck them into bed at night. Through the Pajama Program, we hope to contribute to a warmer, more loving environment for children when they are at their most vulnerable.

A donation box is available across from the nursery labeled Pajama Program. Your donation will be distributed within Central Ohio and will be lovingly welcomed as we are heading into a cold fall and winter. For more information, please visit [PajamaProgram.org](http://PajamaProgram.org), or contact **Jennifer Hersey**.



# New Hope Church Calendar - November 2011

For more details, please visit [NewHopeWorship.com/Calendar](http://NewHopeWorship.com/Calendar). Know of a church-related event not listed? To schedule items on the church calendar, please contact **Office Administrator Nancy Green** at [office@NewHopeWorship.com](mailto:office@NewHopeWorship.com) or 614.766.5445 x10.

## Tuesday, November 1

7:15pm Equipping Disciples

## Wednesday, November 2

12:30pm Angelfish Women's Bible Study

6:00pm Kids WOW!

7:00pm Emerging Disciples

7:00pm Men's Bible Study

## Thursday, November 3

6:30am Early Birds

6:40pm Praise Band Rehearsal

7:00pm AA

7:00pm Emerging Disciples

7:00pm Enriching Disciples

7:30pm Choir Rehearsal

## Sunday, November 6

9:30am Adult Sunday School

9:30am Contemporary Worship

9:30am Middle School Sunday School

11:00am Adult Sunday School

11:00am High School Sunday School

11:00am Traditional Family Worship

12:05pm Handbell Rehearsal

5:15pm Middle School Youth Group

5:30pm Ephesians Small Group

7:00pm High School Youth Group

7:00pm Stephen Ministry

## Monday, November 7

7:00pm Girls Leadership Class

7:00pm Communication Team

7:00pm Financial Peace University

7:00pm H. R. Committee

7:00pm Intercessory Prayer

## Tuesday, November 8

12:00 noon Senior Sages

6:00pm Deacons

6:00pm Elders Meeting

7:15pm Equipping Disciples

7:30pm Consistory Meeting

## Wednesday, November 9

12:30pm Angelfish Women's Bible Study

6:00pm Kids WOW!

7:00pm Emerging Disciples

7:00pm Fellowship Team

7:00pm Men's Bible Study

## Thursday, November 10

6:40pm Praise Band Rehearsal

7:00pm AA

7:00pm Emerging Disciples

7:00pm Enriching Disciples

7:30pm Choir Rehearsal

## Sunday, November 13

9:30am Adult Sunday School

9:30am Contemporary Family Worship

9:30am Middle School Sunday School

11:00am Adult Sunday School

11:00am High School Sunday School

11:00am Traditional Family Worship

12:05pm Handbell Rehearsal

5:15pm Middle School Youth Group

5:30pm Ephesians Small Group

7:00pm High School Youth Group

## Monday, November 14

7:00pm Financial Peace University

## Tuesday, November 15

7:15pm Equipping Disciples

## Wednesday, November 16

12:30pm Angelfish Women's Bible Study

6:00pm Kids WOW!

7:00pm Emerging Disciples

7:00pm Men's Bible Study

## Thursday, November 17

6:40pm Praise Band Rehearsal

7:00pm AA

7:00pm Emerging Disciples

7:00pm Enriching Disciples

7:30pm Choir Rehearsal

## Sunday, November 20

9:30am Adult Sunday School

9:30am Contemporary Worship

9:30am Middle School Sunday School

11:00am Adult Sunday School

11:00am High School Sunday School

11:00am Traditional Family Worship

12:05pm Handbell Rehearsal

5:15pm Middle School Youth Group

5:30pm Advent Potluck Supper

7:00pm High School Youth Group

## Monday, November 21

7:00pm Financial Peace University

## Tuesday, November 22

7:00pm Mission of Mercy Team Meeting

7:15pm Equipping Disciples

## Wednesday, November 23

12:30pm Angelfish Women's Bible Study

7:00pm Emerging Disciples

7:00pm Men's Bible Study

## Thursday, November 24

6:40pm Praise Band Rehearsal

7:00pm AA

7:00pm Emerging Disciples

7:00pm Enriching Disciples

7:30pm Choir Rehearsal

## Sunday, November 27

9:30am Adult Sunday School

9:30am Contemporary Worship

9:30am Middle School Sunday School

11:00am High School Sunday School

11:00am Traditional Family Worship

12:05pm Handbell Rehearsal

5:15pm Middle School Youth Group

7:00pm High School Youth Group

## Monday, November 28

7:00pm Financial Peace University

## Tuesday, November 29

7:15pm Equipping Disciples

## Wednesday, November 30

12:30pm Angelfish Women's Bible Study

6:00pm Kids WOW!

7:00pm Emerging Disciples





## Mark Your Calendars



## Celebrate the Spirit of the Season!

Join us Sunday, December 11 for a special evening of Christmas music

*Featuring Adult and Children's Choirs, Orchestra, and Handbells*

**Invite your friends and family!**



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### Sunday Worship Schedule

Living Water Contemporary Service 9:30AM · Traditional Worship Service 11:00AM

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### Does your committee or group have information to share with New Hope?

Contributions to the Sharing the Faith Newsletter are welcomed!

Please submit any articles to [newsletter@NewHopeWorship.com](mailto:newsletter@NewHopeWorship.com).

Deadline for the December newsletter is November 18.