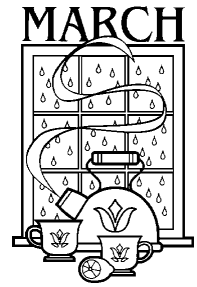




# News of New Hope

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## 2009

## Upward® Soccer

Prayers are answered.

Mike Acree, director, would like to thank all the prayer teams for their work during the registration of 104 boys and girls for Upward® soccer.

Twelve teams have been formed and coaches are ready for practices. A few more assistant coaches are needed.

The games will all be played on Saturdays. Opening Ceremony will be March 21st.

Volunteers are working to build a more permanent concession stand that will withstand the strong breezes on the field. Concession stand workers are still needed. Due to the number of teams, the concession stand will extend its hours and volunteers will work in shifts.

So, bring your chairs, sit-up-ons, and blankets and enjoy a Saturday of fun with the boys and girls of Upward® Soccer.

## Passover Meal

In preparation of Holy Week New Hope will have a Passover Seder Meal on March 27th at 6:30.

The meal committee is working to provide a sampling of foods to be served during this Jewish ritual feast during which families gather around the table to read the story of the Israelite exodus from Egypt.

Leading the service will be Neriyyeh Arabov, a representative of Chosen People Ministries, who will speak on the "Messiah in the Passover."

## Messiah in the Passover

Chosen People Ministries, the messianic Jewish outreach organization, is attempting to meet one of the challenges that the Jewish people have faced over the centuries—how to preserve the Jewish heritage while looking to the future.

The Passover Seder Plate contains six symbolic foods: bitter herbs, a pebbly mixture, a vegetable to dip into salt water, a roaster shank bone, and a roasted egg. On a separate plate is a stack of three matzoth, a flat unleavened bread.

[http://www.chosenpeople.com/main/page/messiah\\_in\\_the\\_passover.html](http://www.chosenpeople.com/main/page/messiah_in_the_passover.html)



## Memory Verse for March

"If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."

Mark 8:34b  
NRSV

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- Mar 1: SPRC meeting @ 4
- Mar 2: Disciple III Bible Study @ 7 pm
- Mar 2: "The Names of the Lord" study @ 7
- Mar 3-31: Mom's Morning Out 9-1 (T, W, Th, F)
- Mar 5: Finance Committee @ 7 pm
- Mar 8: Daylight Saving Time Begins
- Mar 9: Disciple III @ 7 pm
- Mar 9: "The Names of the Lord" study @ 7
- Mar 12: Administrative Council @ 7 PM
- Mar 15: Adopt-a-Highway @ 3
- Mar 16: Disciple III @ 7
- Mar 16: "The Names of the Lord" study @ 7
- Mar 19: UMW & UMM @ 7 pm
- Mar 21: Friends & Family Breakfast 7:30- Opening Ceremony for Upward® Soccer
- Mar 23: Disciple III @ 7
- Mar 23: "The Names of the Lord" study @ 7
- Mar 27: Passover Dinner & Speaker @ 6:30 PM
- Mar 28: Soccer games
- Mar 29: Worship service lead by UMYF Pot luck luncheon
- Mar 30: Disciple III @ 7
- Mar 30: "The Names of the Lord" study @ 7
- Mar 31: Boy Scout Court of Honor @ 6 pm
- April 24: Silent Auction and Play Performance



# Church Teams

The next meeting of the SPRC is March 1st at 4 PM.

~Doris Offield  
SPRC Chair

## United Methodist Men

Regular monthly events for the New Hope UMM in March are

- Friends & Family breakfast - Saturday, March 21 from 7:30 until everyone is fed. Since it is the opening day for Upward Soccer, teams are invited to have a meal before the games begin.
- Meeting for all men on Thursday, March 19th at 7 PM.

Come join the fellowship and food!

—Mike Acree, President

## United Methodist Women

The New Hope UMW will be participating in district Cluster Meetings. They will also observe World Day of Prayer on March 6th. **World Day of Prayer** is a worldwide movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year in more than 170 countries and regions. It is a movement which brings together women of various races, cultures, and traditions in closer fellowship, understanding, and action throughout the year.

~Sue Coltrane, President

## Scouting News

Scout Sunday was a great success! New Hope had approximately 200 people worshipping the Lord that day. The scouting youth, both male and female, planned, participated, and carried out the service, music,

offering, ushering, etc. It was so glorious to see so many energetic youth "doing their duty to God". The Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts presented Rev. Martin and the church with food for the Food Pantry. The Brownies presented Jill Carden with books for the Children's Ministry. Thanks, scouts!

### Pack 8

Cub Scouts held their Blue and Gold Banquet on Feb. 16th. Hope and Ed Porter as well as Dewey and Doris Offield were judges of the father son desert bake-off. It was a tough job; but someone had to do it! It was all delicious! They will be holding the Pinewood Derby race at the mall. Watch out for those fast cars!

### Girl Scouts

The Girl Scouts are holding cookie booths at local stores. If you see them, please support their fundraiser.

### Troop 8

The Troop and Venture Crew are getting ready for numerous campouts coming up. Did you see their picture in the paper? Their Court of Honor will be on March 31st. Many recognitions will be made and great food will be served. The meal will be prepared by the scouts' families and brought for the special occasion.

Dewey Offield  
Scouting Coordinator

## Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC)

The committee is sponsoring the "Roundtable" discussion group in a study of the book, You Only Have to Die."

## The Money Nerve

"Edgar Lee Masters, in The New Spoon River, entitled one of his poems "The Money Nerve." While this nerve is not described in any book on human anatomy, we all know what the poet means by the term.

The money nerve is located in a very sensitive spot, near the pocketbook, and is easily affected by anything that has to do with our cash or possessions. For example, politicians can discuss all kinds of topics without arousing public interest, but when they talk about raising taxes, they've hit the money nerve. Dentists aren't our favorite persons when they drill on our teeth, but the hardest shock they give us is when they hand us the bill. They've hit the money nerve.

"But perhaps we are most sensitive about money when we are in church. We all know the church must have money in order to function. Buildings must be built and paid for. Public utilities furnish light and heat to churches only if their bills are remitted promptly. Congregations need Bibles, hymnals, educational materials, and other supplies in order to carry on their programs. Janitors, secretaries, and clergy must receive a living wage if they are to continue to serve. And if the church is to fulfill its task of taking the gospel to all nations, there must be money for missionaries and for struggling churches in other lands. All this is clear to every Christian. Yet no subject causes more trouble in the church than money."

Why is that? We can talk about love, family values, social injustice, even about sin. Nobody flinches. Start talking about the church budget, and irritated controversy becomes a possibility. How come? Could it be that shifting the subject to money and building a church budget moves us beyond general principles into a discussion of personal discipleship? Is it really talking about money in the church that causes people to feel uneasy? Or is the money nerve located close to something besides our pocketbooks?

To be continued . . .



## A Note From the Keys

What a blessing it is to lead the choir in worship with song! We welcome our newest members to the choir, Steve and Teresa Miller.

"Amazing Love" is our Easter Cantata. There is still time for folks to join in and receive the blessings of singing for the Lord!

*- Hope Porter,  
Director of Music Ministries*

## The Children's Ministry

The Children's Ministry has been very busy as we start off 2009!!

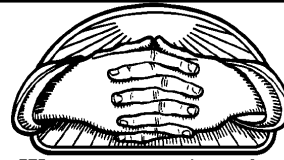
We have had two very special baby baptism services already this year. In January, Franklin Sutton was baptized, and then in February Seth Dearth was also baptized. You could feel the Holy Spirit in both of these services. We thank God for Franklin and Seth, and the special blessings that they are to our church!

The baby nursery has been given a little facelift; as we prepared for Scout Sunday on February 8. If you have not been by, please come and see the new paint and clean carpet in our nursery. This special blessing was a donation to the children of New Hope.

Also during Scout Sunday the Children's Ministry was presented with two very special gifts. The Girl Scout Troop 151 presented us with four great children's books for the children to enjoy. The Boy Scout Troop 8 also gave us several different sets of Bible cards to be used in Children's Ministry. Thank you Scouts for the gifts, but thank you most of all for being a part of the New Hope Family!

During the Children's Sermon on February 15, we learned that there is Valentine in the Bible. It is found in John 3:16. We also wrote Valentines to God telling Him how very much that we love Him and thanking Him for loving us!

Please mark your calendar for the



*We are praying for...*

### Prayer for Healing

- † Ailene Lavin
- † Becky Price
- † Bill Britt
- † Cooper Bryan
- † Dan Cox
- † David Herring
- † Dee Meadows
- † Dock Crumley
- † Don Wallace
- † Eleanor Porter
- † Frank Beech
- † Gloria Simpson
- † Jeff Denton
- † Jessie Stone
- † Jim Mullen
- † Joe Turner
- † John Carter
- † John Charles Brooks
- † Keith Reed
- † Lois Capps
- † Marjorie Smith
- † Ralph Armstrong
- † Rev. David Bundy
- † Rev. Mike Grady
- † Rob Withey
- † Sue Wallace
- † Thelma Davis
- † Toni Jordan
- † Will Davies

### Prayer for Bereavement

- † Friends and family of Jimmy James

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

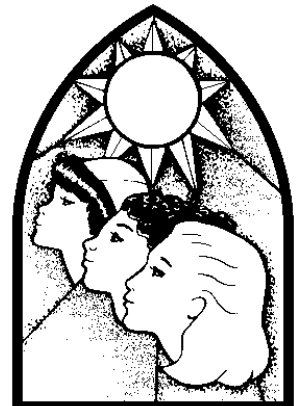
- † Our church family
- † Our Pastor & his family
- † Our Youth at New Hope
- † Christian friends
- † Chancel Choir
- † Upward® Sports Ministry

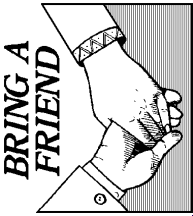
### Prayer for Intercessions

- † Our members and family serving our country overseas: Randy Dearth, Tanja Orwig, and Brian Keyes, Dustin Porter
- † Our church
- † Our Sunday School
- † Members of our armed forces

next up-coming Children's Ministry event! We will be having a Spring Fling on April 4 to celebrate the Easter season! Have you heard the buzz around the church. It has been said that the Children's Ministry will be taking a trip to the EDGE this summer!! Stay tuned for more details about these and other special events.

*~Jill Carden  
Children's Ministries*





# March 2009



## \*Sunday Schedule

- 8:45 First Hope Worship
- 9:00 Kingdombuilders Roundtable
- 9:30 Fellowship
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Worship
- 5:00-7 UMYF

## Scouting Schedule

- Cubs Pack 8 Mondays @ 6:30
- Boy Scout Troop 8 Tuesdays @ 7
- Brownie Troop @ 6:30
- Junior Girl Scout Troop Thursdays @ 6:30
- Cadet Troop Thursdays @ 6:30 pm

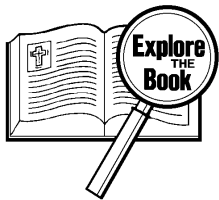


Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>*1</b></p> <p>Communion</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>6:30pm-Cub Scouts</p> <p>7~Bible studies</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>9am-1pm~Mom's morning out</p> <p>7pm-Boy Scouts</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>9am-1pm~Mom's morning out</p> <p>7pm-Choir practice</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>9am-1pm~Mom's morning out</p> <p>6:30pm-Girl Scouts</p> <p>7~Finance Committee</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>9am-1pm~mom's morning out</p>	<p><b>7</b></p>
<p><b>*8</b></p> <p>Daylight Saving Time Begins</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>6:30pm-Cub Scouts</p> <p>7pm~Bible studies</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>9am-1pm~Mom's morning out</p> <p>7pm-Court of Honor</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>9am-1pm~Mom's morning out</p> <p>7pm-Choir practice</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>9-1pm~Mom's MO</p> <p>6:30pm-Girl Scouts</p> <p>7pm-Administrative Council</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>9am-1pm~Mom's morning out</p>	<p><b>14</b></p>
<p><b>*15</b></p> <p>3 pm-Adopt-a-Highway</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>6:30pm-Cub Scouts</p> <p>7pm~Bible studies</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>9am-1pm~Mom's Morning out</p> <p>7pm~Boy Scouts</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>9am-1pm~Mom's morning out</p> <p>7pm-Choir practice</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>9am-1pm~Mom's Morning out</p> <p>6:30pm ~Girl Scouts</p> <p>7 pm UMM &amp; UMW</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>9am-1pm~Mom's morning out</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>7-10am~Friends &amp; Family breakfast</p> <p>Opening Ceremony of Upward@ Soccer</p>
<p><b>*22</b></p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>6:30pm-Cub Scouts</p> <p>7pm~Bible studies</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>9am-1pm~Mom's Morning out</p> <p>7pm~Boy Scouts</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>9am-1pm~Mom's morning out</p> <p>7pm-Ash Wednesday Service</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>9am-1pm~Mom's Morning out</p> <p>6:30pm-Girl Scouts</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>9am-1pm~MMO</p> <p>6:30~Passover Dinner &amp; Speaker</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>Upward Soccer games</p>
<p><b>*29</b></p> <p>11am~Worship lead by UMYF</p> <p>12~Luncheon</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>6:30pm-Cub Scouts</p> <p>7pm~Bible studies</p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p>9am-1pm~Mom's Morning out</p> <p>7pm~Boy Scout Court of Honor</p>	<p>April 5: Palm Sunday &amp; Confirmation</p> <p>April 9: Maundy Thursday</p> <p>April 10: Good Friday service</p> <p>April 12: Easter</p> <p>April 24: UMYF Play performance and Silent Auction</p>			



## Birthdays

3/1	Frankie Sutton, Jr.
3/2	Chris Malpass
3/6	Robert Merritt
3/7	Debra Young
3/8	Greg Forrester
3/10	Howard Gerken
3/11	Chris Godwin
3/13	Jerry Wells
3/18	Terry Butler
3/19	Linda Tozier
3/22	Ben Merritt
3/26	Roger Lewis
3/27	Nancy McNeill
3/30	Bob Boyette



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## Kingdombuilders Roundtable

The Sunday morning group now has a name! The Kingdombuilders Roundtable meets at 9 in the Fellowship Hall to explore the concepts in the book "You Only Have to Die: Leading Your Congregation to New Life" by James A. Harnish.

The first chapter has several points in the discussion of new hope for old congregations.

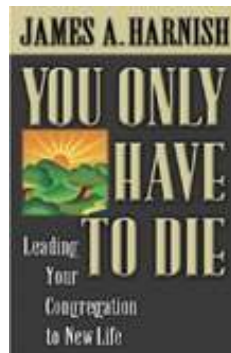
- Many cutting edge congregations across the nation are teaching the rest of us how to communicate the gospel in the 21st century.
- A significant part of God's transformation of the world may come through long-established congregations that discover a new heart for mission and ministry.
- There is evidence that when pastors and laypersons allow the Spirit of God to do a work of divine cardiology in their life together, it is possible for congregations of all kinds of sizes in all kinds of places to become the agents of all kinds of new life.
- The common denominator in all is a transformed heart, a clear sense of mission, and a passion for transformation in the lives of people and in the community they serve.

A decisive moment in the process is when we stop asking God to bless what we are already doing and start asking God to allow us to become a part of what God is already blessing.

How's your heart?

What's going on in the heart of our congregation?

Continue to pray for this group and the leadership of New Hope as we seek God's vision and mission for our church.



## Administrative Council of New Hope

- Stewardship: Bi-monthly giving statements will be prepared at the end of February.
- UMW: Cluster meetings are scheduled. The World Day of Prayer will be observed on March 6th. The goal is to welcome six new member in the coming months.
- UMM: Friends and Family Breakfasts will continue in the spring months.
- Newsletter: Committee chairs were reminded of their obligation to submit news and announcements for the News of New Hope.
- Scouts: Praise was given for the participation of scouts and their families in the celebration of 40 years at New Hope.
- Children's Ministries: Jill Cardin was introduced as the new coordinator. Her message to the congregation Sunday was, "Come and let us love your children."
- Upward had 66 registrations during the first week.
- Finance: New Counting Stewards have begun their work. Statements are to go out at the end of February.
- The Administrative Council asked the Finance Committee to prepare statistics on the percent of the budget that was pledged and the percent that has been given.
- Chicken Dinner discussed for early May.
- Silent Auction: April 24—needing donations
- Staff Parrish Relations Committee: Meeting on March 1.
- Lay Leader Tom Potter is coordinating the study of the book *You Only Have to Die*.
- A Confirmation class will begin in February for 6th and 7th graders.

*Doris Offield,  
Recording Secretary*





**The CHURCH MOUSE**

Dear Church Family —

Here come the children! And I hear they will soon be kicking a ball around outside. (It was hard to stay out of the way when they were kicking it on the blue rug.) Over 100 of them! I'll have to see if I can start up a team with my nieces and nephews who live in the neighborhood.

I love to watch the children when Pastor Martin talks with them. One week he talked about getting help with homework. They can ask God to "be my helper." You can, too. God wants to be your helper; you just have to ask.

Wow! Did you find room to join the crowd on Scout Sunday? We had youngsters in brown, blue, green, and kaki colors—boys and girls all came together to lead in worship. We had Bible readings, singing, and even story time about rope. The best part for me was afterwards when everyone came together for food. Children really understand about those of us living under the tables—and they provide lots of goodies.

The next week children's time was led by Miss Jill. She had everyone draw a Valentine for the whole world—just as God sent his Son to the whole world they could send out their Valentine.

Then, Mr. John spoke to the grownups about graces—common graces that everyone receives and God's grace for those who believe in Him. He warned that sometimes free will gets in the way of God's grace.

And last week Pastor Martin talked about listening. Jesus took 3 men up a mountain to listen & there they saw Jesus and others in a bright light.

Are you ready to listen to what Jesus is saying to you?

See ya' in church Sunday.

*A. Churchmouse*

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tually as He ever could have been to meet the Devil's temptations head on.

Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, is the time the Church sets aside as a season of personal discipline and introspection to prepare for the celebration of the resurrection of Christ on Easter. It is often seen as a time to personally give up some activity or personal habit that one could probably do without anyway, so as to exercise spiritual discipline and grow in one's faith. 40 days is often used in the Bible as a length of time for significant change or revelation to occur. John Wesley believed in spiritual disciplines such as fasting, prayer, and meditation as means of experiencing God's grace and that they should be employed often for personal spiritual growth.

Instead of giving up something for Lent might we all consider doing something extra for the 40 days of Lent. My encouragement to us is to commit to reading one chapter a day in the New Testament in addition to our normal Bible study and reading. Let me suggest the 16 chapters of Mark to be read al-

ternately with the 21 chapters of John. This only gives us 37 chapters for the 40 days of Lent, but still the point is the commitment to a spiritual discipline of reading God's Word daily. We can feel free to take Sunday off from reading since it is to be a Sabbath or day of rest and worship for all of us. Also we can feel free to use any other books of the Bible for a 40 day exercise of spiritual discipline to prepare for Easter. We must also make sure all the other disciplines of prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness remain in place as vow-keeping members of Christ's holy church.

God will do wonderful and great things in the lives of Christians who are actively seeking and developing a relationship with Him. These next 40 days can be just 40 plain ole days or they can be an important spiritual adventure of a lifetime. It is up to us. God wants it for us and the Devil doesn't.

~Martin

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

Terry Butler has recently been granted certification by the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards. Terry teaches at Eastern Wayne Elementary School. The process required her to assemble a portfolio addressing all the criteria and including a video of her teaching and then passing a written exam.

She is one of only 176 teachers with NBPTS certification in in Wayne County.

God's saving grace ~

**B**asic  
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**E**arth

# Martin's Musings

## Lenten Discipline

### The Test

<sup>1-3</sup> Next Jesus was taken into the wild by the Spirit for the Test. The Devil was ready to give it. Jesus prepared for the Test by fasting forty days and forty nights. That left him, of course, in a state of extreme hunger, which the Devil took advantage of in the first test: "Since you are God's Son, speak the word that will turn these stones into loaves of bread." Matthew 4:1-3 (MSG)

In the account of the temptation of Christ, Matthew tells the story in such a way that gives a new insight into the 40 days Jesus was alone in the wilderness. The Message emphasizes the concept that the 40 day experience of Jesus was not a time span that was a detriment to Jesus, but a time of growth and strengthening. Matthew says that Jesus was getting ready for the test that the Devil was dreaming up. Yes, Jesus was physically weakened by the need for food, but He was as ready spiri-

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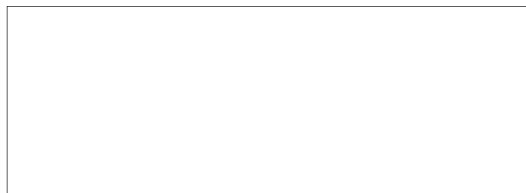


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