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Charter members

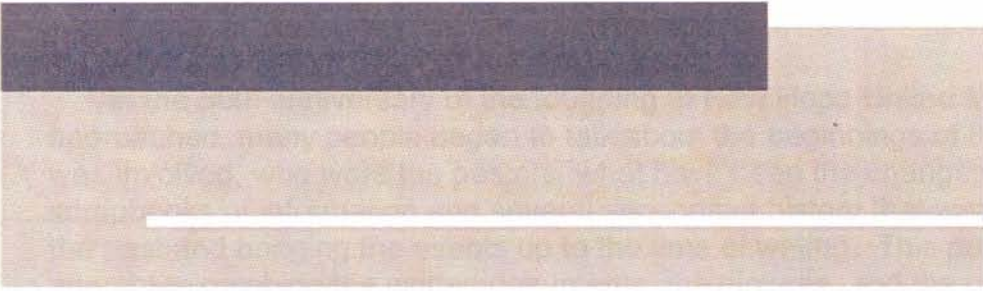


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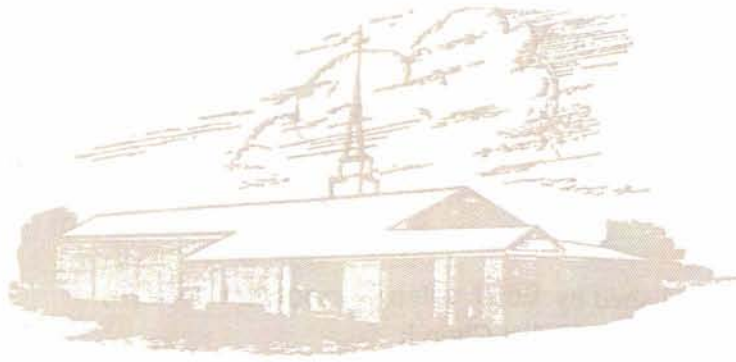
Back Row - Mrs. Sue Coltrane, Harold Coltrane, Lynny Coltrane, Roger Lewis

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Preface

As the 50th anniversary of the founding of New Hope United Methodist Church approached, many people began to talk about the beginnings of the church—who was involved, who were the pastors, what have been the changes. We found several scrapbooks of information and several versions of history that were written reviewing the past and bringing the events up to the time of writing. This publication is an attempt to combine the written documents, the pictures, and the remembrances of the family at New Hope.

I am sure that many stories have been lost through the years and others will be brought to light upon reading this book. It was my intent to bring as much of the story of New Hope together into one place in time for the celebration of the first 50 years of the church. Any stories that have been omitted were not intentional—just not available at the time. Write them down now and submit them to the church historian for future editions.

Charter members: Easter 1958

Lovell R. Aills
Mrs. Lovell Aills
Arthur Best
Ben Boyette
Ethel Boyette
Carl Brasington
Mary Brasington
Charles B. Britt
Mildred Britt
Carolyn Britt
James Butler
Ola Bea Butler
Jimmie Lee Butler
Jamie Marie Butler
Helen Carlisle
James Carlisle
Mable Coltrain
Harold Coltrane
Lynny Coltrane
Sue Coltrane
Jarvis Garris
Joyce Garris
Mrs. Josie Garris
Maggie Gwatney
Tommie Gwatney

John Johnson
Mrs. John Johnson
Evelyn Kennedy
David Kennedy
Ray Kennedy
George Lewis
George Lewis, Jr.
Jessie Lewis
Roger Lewis
James Donald Moore
Mildred Elizabeth Moore
Wesley Ronald Moore
Joanne Piner
Judy Piner
Mildred Stafford
Linda Stafford
Thomas Stafford
Elsie Turner
Joe W. Turner
Joseph Turner, Jr.
Mary Williams
Annette Worrell
Malcom Yates
Lena "Preddy" Yates

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First 10 Years: 1957-1966

1957: The NC Annual Conference appointed the Rev. Hal Edwards, Jr. to serve as pastor of the **newly formed** New Hope-Ebenezer Charge. Metal building procured from the Conference. First Sunday School and worship service held on October 27th with 39 people present.

Charter membership closed Easter Sunday with a total of 49 members.

1959: NC Annual Conference appointed the Rev. C. R. Hollowell as a full time pastor. A **Methodist Men's Club** chartered and the **Women's Society of Christian Service** organized.

1961: **First service** in our new sanctuary (now serving as our fellowship hall) held in June. In addition to funds raised locally, the NC Conference, the Ten Dollar Club, and the Duke Endowment contributed substantial amounts to the church.

1962: **Parsonage** built and occupied in June by our newly appointed pastor, the Rev. H. L. Harrell.

1966: Rev. J. C. Loy appointed to our church. An **electric organ** purchased.

New Hope Church Has 49 Members

New Hope Methodist Church had a special service on Easter Sunday to close the charter membership period of the church. Twenty-one new members were received, bringing the charter membership to 49. Rev. Hal Edwards, pastor, preached the sermon and was assisted in receiving new members by Rev. H. M. McLamb, District Superintendent.

The following persons constitute the charter membership: Mr. and Mrs. Lovell R. Aills, Arthur Best, Mr. and Mrs. Ben R. Boyette, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Brazington, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Britt, Carolyn Britt, Mrs. James Butler, James Franklin Butler, Jimmy Lee Butler, Janie Marie Butler, Mr. and Mrs. James P. Carlisle, Mrs. Henry Coltrane, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Coltrane, Lynny Coltrane, Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis Garris, Mrs. Josie Garris, Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Gwatney, Mr. and Mrs. John Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kennedy, David Kennedy, Mr. and Mrs. George Lewis, George Lewis, Jr., Roger Lewis, Wesley Ronald Moore, James Donald Moore, Mildred Elizabeth Moore, Mrs. Archie Piner, Judy Piner, Mrs. Leon Stafford, Linda Stafford, Thomas Stafford, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Turner, Josphy Turner, Mrs. Frazier Williams, Annette Worrell, Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Yates.



THE HISTORY
OF
NEW HOPE METHODIST CHURCH

August 1956 -- November 1959



First Used 10-29-57 Hal Edwards, Minister

NEW HOPE METHODIST CHURCH

The beginning of the New Hope Methodist Church was in August of 1956, when the District Superintendent, Rev. H. W. McLamb took a census of the area around the present site of the church. The interest of the people in having a church in this community was so great that Mr. McLamb felt the need to call a meeting which was held at New Hope School, August 23, 1956. A follow-up meeting was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Turner with approximately 24 attending. A steering committee, headed by George Lewis, as appointed to raise money for the lot we now occupy. The next few months were spent raising money and securing the lot. [They secured a beautiful and choice lot of the community. It faces a new development of lovely homes.]¹

At the June conference ² of '57, Rev. and Mrs. Hal Edwards, Jr. were appointed to serve on the New-Hope-Ebenezer charge. Under the leadership of this young Christian couple the New Hope Methodist Church became a reality.

Since there was no building to meet in, the group decided to hold mid-week prayer meetings in the homes and continue to attend the churches they were at that time members of. The first of these meetings was in the home of Mr. and Mrs. McLamb, July 17, 1957. They continued in different homes each week until we got our temporary metal building from the conference.

October 1, 1957 will be a day long remembered by the New Hope community. On this day people were pleasantly surprised to find a group of men unloading a "beautiful" mass of steel and aluminum which quickly became our temporary church building.

Saturday, October 26th found all the men, women, and children of the church busy at work. When the group left at six-thirty the church was completed inside and out and left shining clean, ready for our first Sunday School and Church services the following day.

Sunday morning, October 27th brought together a group of very enthusiastic people, and we had a right to be that way! We had been like the Jewish nation, in a sense; a people without a country, and now, we were in our new church building.

We had 39 for Sunday School and 65 for evening services. Our offering for the day was \$101.17. We had worship services every 1st and 3rd Sunday mornings and 2nd and 4th Sunday evenings.

Our first revival was held November 17th through the 24th, 1957. Our pastor, Rev. Hal Edwards, Jr. conducted the services with Rev. Robert Gibbons, Director of Music on the Circuit Rider and a student of Duke Divinity School, leading our singing. Rev. H. M. McLamb climaxes our revival Sunday morning November 24th, a date which will remain a landmark in our local church history. The service began our official position as a full-fledged Methodist Church. There were 23 members, with 11 of these being baptized. The church voted to keep the charter membership open for 90 days.

On Easter Sunday of 1958, we closed our charter membership with 26 new members received, bringing the total charter membership to 49.

The community was growing so fast by the spring of '59, our people felt the need of a full time pastor, and at the June Conference, Rev. C. R. Hollowell was appointed to serve New Hope as it began its first year as a station.

Since the first meeting in August 1956, the people of New Hope

¹. Hollowell, C. R. New Hope Methodist Church. P.1.

². Annual Conference

with the wonderful help of friends and sister churches have paid for the lot which was \$3000.00, the building and furnishings which were \$1864.60 and completely furnished the parsonage for the sum of \$884.62. Daniels Memorial, Princeton and Airboro Methodist churches gave us pews, chairs and tables for which we are very grateful.

Methodist Men's Club

1959 proved to be a very progressive year for New Hope. The men of the church organized a Methodist Men's Club in February with 14 charter members. The charter was presented to the club by Mr. A. C. Edwards, Lay Leader of the North Carolina Conference.

The first project of the club was to erect a new sign in front of the church. Next they planted and cultivated butterbeans on land donated by George Lewis. This project netted \$100.00 Two suppers which the men sponsored brought in \$700.00 They have given \$800.00 to the Building Fund. It is not all work in the club though, the men enjoy good fellowship and a delicious meal at each of their monthly meetings.

We are proud of our men and feel that they are going to do even greater things for our church, not only in the building of our new church but in building good fellowship among the men in the community.

Women's Society of Christian Service

The women felt the need of a group organization in the church also and had a meeting November 19th to officially organize a Women's Society of Christian service. A nominating committee was appointed and a new slate of officers will be announced soon. It is the desire of these women to go forward in Christian fellowship and to work together to carry out Dog's plan for missions in our church.

A building program under the leadership of Ben Boyette, Sr. has been started with over \$2000.00 in the building fund. Plans for our first unit which will consist of a fellowship hall, class rooms, storage and kitchen are over by the register if you would like to see them. This building will cost approximately \$40,000.00.

We have 53 members on roll to date. [We have 115 in Sunday School classes meeting in homes...And our peak attendance was 102...Our community covers around a 2 mile radius and most every lot is staked off for homes that will soon be a reality. We have great possibilities for becoming a large church in Methodism.]³ Two of our members transferred to another church and we have lost 1 thru death. Mr. James Carlise, who was an inspiration to everyone and whose memory New Hope Church members will always cherish went to his heavenly home May 16, 1958.

Today we want to pay tribute to our first pastor and his wife, Hal and Betsy, as we knew them, were a wonderful Christian couple and we all felt the Lord sent them our way to do His work in our church. Hal is now serving as Youth pastor in a church in Minnesota. Betsy is busy being a mother to their new baby. We wish them every happiness as the Lord continues to use them in His work.

³. Hollowell, C. R. New Hope Methodist Church. P.1.

To Rev. and Mrs. Hollowell, we want to say "Thank you" for the wonderful leadership you have given us thus far and we are looking forward to the time ahead as we all work together in Christian fellowship.

To Rev. McLamb, whom we have all turned to as a Spiritual Father. His warm Christ-like way and consecrated life have been a blessing to our Church. [We believe he has had vision enough to see and know the needs of our Church at New Hope, and it will become a grateful [sic.] and working Church for Christ.]⁴

Yes, the Lord has blessed New Hope Methodist Church and it is with New Hope in our hearts that we ask for your prayers as we continue working and living in His complete will.

Oct. 11, 1957

Home - Mr. and Mrs. Joe Turner
 Present - " " "
 " H.C. Coltrain 12
 " Ben Boyette
 " George Lewis
 " Louis Ray Kennedy (guest)
 Mrs. Harold Coltraine
 Mr. McLamb
 Lanny & Debbie C.
 Mike & David K. ♂
 Wayne Joe T.
 Roger & George L. guests

Collection 57.25
 conf. 297.00
 110.96
 465.21
 Repayment to 158.02
 Mr. McLamb 365.21

Mr. McLamb gave the message in the absence of Hal Edward who had flu.
 Mr. Boyette, with the help of H.C. Coltraine & G.B. Smith had the foundation ready for the men to begin Friday morning. Mr. Collins came down from Raleigh & with the help of volunteer & paid labor erected three walls of the building. They plan to finish the metal const. on Sat. The group discussed the finishing of the inside, plumbing, wiring etc. ~~was set~~ All the men were elected as building committee with Mr. Ben Boyette as chairman and all decisions left up to them. Mr. McLamb gave a report

4. Hollowell, C. R. New Hope Methodist Church, p.2.

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NEW HOPE METHODIST CHURCH
JANUARY 1960 TO NOVEMBER 1961

NEW HOPE METHODIST CHURCH

A building program, under the leadership of the church, began with around \$2,000.00 in its building fund. Plans for a \$65,000.00 Educational Building was pursued by the congregation. Billy Griffin of Goldsboro, was the architect hired for the planning of the building. Mr. Ben R. Boyette Sr., a charter member of the church, agreed to build at a tremendous savings to the congregation. The estimated cost of the building was \$65,000.00. The actual cost to the church was \$56,004.38. Those instrumental in the progress of New Hope Methodist Church, its plans and construction, were H. M. McLamb, District Superintendent, at the time of the beginning and present District Superintendent, M. W. Lawrence, C. R. Hollowell, Pastor, Billy Griffin, Architect, O. L. Hathaway, Board of Missions, and Dr. H. L. Johns, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Groundbreaking for the new building was held in November 1960, on the building site. The construction was started in January 1961, and was completed in June of 1961. The first worship service was held on June 11, 1961 and the congregation owed only \$30,000.00 on the new building. Donations were received from the Conference, Ten Dollar Club and Duke Endowment.

The membership has grown from 47 Charter Members in 1958 to the present enrollment of 227 Sunday School members, 134 Church members, 47 Men's Club members, 28 Woman's Society of Christian Service Members, and 23 Methodist Youth Fellowship members.

At the present time, the church is moving forward in a Parsonage Building Program.

December 8, 1960

New Hope, Goldsboro, Starts Building



New Hope Methodist Church of Goldsboro is only four years old, but it now has 90 members and 165 church school members. On November 13 ground was broken for the first unit of its building program, a \$65,000 educational building. The building is now under construction with Ben R. Boyette, Sr. as the contractor, and the plans were drawn by Billy Griffin, an architect of Goldsboro. The church has been meeting in the metal building furnished by the Conference Board of Missions and Church Extension, and hopes to be in its

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CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE December 8, 1960

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OF
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August 1961-1962

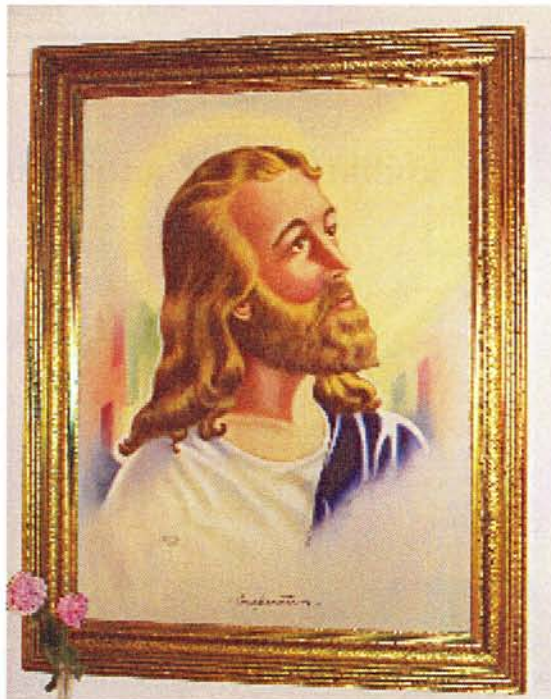
NEW HOPE METHODIST CHURCH

November 18, 1962

[The beginning of this document repeats the previous one through 1961 and continues as follows.]

The picture of Christ was given in recognition of Mr. Ben Boyette, Sr. for his loyalty and faithfulness to the church. Mr. Boyette was teacher of the James Carlyle Sunday School class and a charter member of the church. The cross and candlesticks were give by the wife and children of James P. Carlisle, a deceased charter member.

The Methodist Men's Club agreed to sponsor a Brownie Scout Troop which was organized by Joanne Piner in November of 1961.



NEW HOPE METHODIST CHURCH

1962-1963

In the fall of 1961, the church members voted to investigate the possibility of building a parsonage. A committee was appointed to secure a suitable lot and house plans. After several months of discussions and planning the present site [102 Lewis Drive] and plans were approved. The foundation was laid and building was begun in the early spring of 1962. It was completed and furnished by the last of June.

At the annual conference of June, 1962, Rev. H. L. Harrell was appointed to serve our church for the church year of 1962-63.

[Phonographic] chimes were donated in memory of James L. Butler by his wife and children and dedicated one Sunday.



Donated by Malcolm Yates
Parsonage Furniture

ORDER No. _____ DATE June 19 59
 Furniture bought in 1959 for the rented
 parsonage on Highway #13 - C.P. Hollowell, Miniaton
 SHIP TO New Hope Methodist Church
 AT _____
 HOW SHIP _____
 TERMS _____ WHEN _____
 SALESMAN _____ BUYER _____

	Highbacked Mission Maple	187 95
	Bookcase Bed	69 95
	Tab. Stand	39 95
2	Maple Galley End 27 ⁵⁰	55 00
1	7 Piece Dinette Table & Chairs	119 95
1	Antique Maple Student Desk	39 95
1	Maple Wash Chair Penn.	17 50
1	Maple Bed - Bureau Rock	184 95
2	Thomas Milk Boxes 12 ⁹⁵	25 95
1	Gold Occasional Chair	39 95
1	4 1/2 Perfect Posture Mattress	119 90
	<u>550 00</u>	913 00
1	12 ft. Kenmore Refrigerator	185 00
1	36" Kenmore Electric Range	135 00
		320 00

Phil Coffelt
Shelley Jones

James Bros. Furniture





WMJF—circa 1962-1966

Back row: Joe Turner, Wayne Turner, ?, Dean Kennedy Lynny Coltrane, Roger Lewis, Ronny Langston, Tom Whisonat,
Steve Langston

Front row: Bonnie Taylor, Sandra Wheeler, Bonnie Smith, Brenda Warren, Beth Strickland, Tommy Whisonant, Mrs.
Gudy Brogden



- 1961
1. Sue Coltrane
 2. Mary King
 3. Luvée Davis
 4. David King
 - 5.
 - 6.
 - 7.
 8. Laura Jo Pope

1962



- 1962
1. Vickie Davis
 2. Mildred Britt
 3. Sharon Corbett
 4. Mrs. Nickens



- 1962
1. Lora Corbett
 2. Jackie Shoemaker
 3. Gilda Six
 4. Darry King
 5. Sarah Davis
 6. Debbie Coltrane
 7. Pat Boylin

These pictures thought to be taken later than the previous group, but date not known



ACTIVITIES DURING THIS CONFERENCE YEAR
July 1, 1963 to July 1, 1964

Conducted church-wide School of Missions.
Held successful Vacation Church School.
Methodist Men's Fellowship had spiritual Life Retreat near Seven Springs.
Methodist Men's Fellowship gave church \$1,000 from projects they worked.
Church yard plowed, leveled, fertilized. Driveways graveled. Parking areas graveled, and bumper rails put down.
Beautiful lighted name board built for church.
Recreation field prepared for community by our men.
Men and women's softball teams sponsored by church.
Curtains purchased for three classrooms and pastor's study.
Choir has sung in many revivals, homecomings, sings, and other special services. Sold about 275 records.
Brownies, Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts sponsored.
Supporting native minister in India for 12 months.
Sent offering to Alaska for earthquake relief.
Made a religious survey of community.
Gave UPPER ROOMS to all who desired them.
Sent flowers to all sick persons in the church.
Took several Thanksgiving and Christmas opportunities.
Helped finance MYF, and sent delegate to Youth Conference at Duke University.
Gave Airboro Methodist Church, Goldsboro, \$25 on building debt.
3 Lay Speakers spoke in different churches in our District.
Had 2 missionaries speak in our church.
The Woman's Society of Christian Service, Methodist Men's Fellowship, MYF, the different classes, individuals and the pastor did many other things which space will not permit listing.

NEW HOPE METHODIST CHURCH
Budget—1963-64

Pastor's Salary -----	\$ 2450
District Work -----	337
Episcopal Fund-----	37
District Superintendent's Fund-----	102
Conference Pension Fund -----	296
Minister's Retirement Fund-----	37
Minimum Salary Fund-----	30
Benevolences (7) -----	145
New Church Special -----	10
Alaska College -----	7
Parsonage Payment-----	1032
Church Payment -----	4046
Electricity -----	750
Revivals -----	200
Insurance-----	278
Telephone -----	165
Literature-----	450
Parsonage Maintenance-----	360
Janitor-----	408
Miscellaneous -----	<u>1100</u>
	\$ 12,240
52 weeks at \$200 —	\$10,400
(Working Goal)	
Harvest Sale -----	<u>2,000</u>
	\$12,400

1965

Earliest record of Boy Scout Troup 8 and Cub Pack 8.

1962 Softball team

Front row: Judy Piner, Bonnie Smith, Bonnie Strickland, Antoinette Parks, Betty Watson, Cindy Bargoid, Karren Warren, Beth Strickland

Back row: Frances Boykin, unidentified, Margie Jackson, Jean Newsome, Hilda Britt, Jewel Stanley, Sue Coltrane, Tootsie Vinson, Gladys Potter with coach Fraiser Williams

Not pictured: Janie Woodard

Second Decade at New Hope: 1967-1976

- 1968: We became New Hope **United** Methodist.
- 1969: Rev. R. L. McLean appointed as our new pastor. Plans were started for an Education Building.
- 1970: Rev. C. D. Padgett appointed in June.
- 1971: Dedication of a **second unit** of our church held in January.
- 1973: Rev. W. G. French appointed our pastor.
- 1974: A church **newsletter** started.
- 1976: Rev. Lloyd Spencer appointed to our church.
- 1977: New Life Baptist Church met in our Fellowship Hall for two years until they could procure a permanent home.



Rev. J. C. Loy
Agnes, Sammie, Jamie



Rev. Clarence D. "Bo" Padgett
Wife Patricia and children Glen and Pamela

1970-1973

NEW PASTOR — Rev. Clarence D. Padgett was appointed new pastor of New Hope United Methodist Church by Bishop William R. Cannon at the N. C. Annual Conference. Rev. Padgett, a native of Forest City, graduated from Azusa Pacific College near Los Angeles, Calif. in 1962. He moved to Maryland in 1963 and joined the Peninsula Conference while attending Wesley Seminary at the American University in Washington, D. C. He graduated from Seminary in 1967. Following a Charge in Cambridge, Md. Rev. Padgett entered the Navy Chaplaincy. Following his release from active duty he joined the N. C. Annual Conference. He is married to the former Miss Patricia Thompson of San Diego, Calif. and they have two children, a son Glen, eight and a daughter, Pamela, five.

*Donated by Barbara Rayland
July 1970*

NEW HOPE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Goldsboro, North Carolina

THE FALL HARVEST FESTIVAL
Saturday October 2, 1971

Price Adults -- \$1.50 Children -- \$1.00 Supper 5-7, Sale 7-9

GENERAL CHAIRMAN
Tommie Gwatney

Co-Chairmen
Martha Ragland, Terry Cassidy, Jarvis Garris, Walt Busby, Dob Best, Minerva Adams

AUCTION SALE

Auctioneers' Ass'ts

Harold Coltrane*
John McNeill
Jarvis Garris
Enid Lipp

Auction Cashiers

Sue Coltrane*
K.D. Bedford
Eleanor Pope
Jewel Stanley
Joe Turner
Mac Yates

Auction Distribution

Troop 8 (John Andrews)

PUBLICITY AND PROMOTION

Tickets

Malcolm Yates*
Alphas Smith
Tommie Gwatney
Frazier Williams
Harold Coltrane
Roy Strickland

Sales Promotion

Alphas Smith*
Ben Boyette
Tommie Gwatney
Frazier Williams
Carl Brasington
Pat Patrick

Posters

Martha Ragland*
Dot Best
Girl Scouts (Cadets)

SERVICE

Parking and garbage

John Andrews*
Troop 8

Welcome Committee

Rev. Padgett*
Ben Boyette
Pattie Padgett
Minerva Adams

Preparing Plates

Roy Strickland*
Ducky Strickland
Macy Williams
Margaret Edmonds
Jack Edmonds
Mavis Jones
Clarence Jones
Nancy McNeill
Hilda Bedford

Take Out Orders

Carey Davis*
Borden Best
Ladene Wade
Terry Cassidy
Martha Ragland
Dot Best
Irma Dudley
Jane Busby
Gay Patrick
Pat Patrick
Walt Busby

Serving Tables

Mrs. Janie Woodard*
UMYF
Girl Scouts

Tables

Roy Strickland*
Danny Yates
John McNeill
Michael Vaughn

Cashiers (Front)

Enid Lipp*
Darell Hinnett
Maggie Gwatney
Carl Tyndall

Cashiers (Rear)

James Dudley*
A.J. Herring
Mrs. A.J. Herring
Luke McLawhorn

News Sheet
NEW HOPE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
APRIL 1972

Sunday School Attendance

During the Conference Year 1970-1971 our average attendance was 95. So far this conference year 1971-1972, we have averaged 99. Keep up the good work, and let us try even harder to make next year go well over the 100 mark.

Church Budget

Our average collection each week has been about \$286.00. In order to run our Church as specified in the budget adopted by the Administrative Board, we need an average collection of \$413.00. Let us each try to give a little more to help out and make our church grow.

Building Fund

Since February 13, 1972, we have been having a special offering each Sunday to raise our next payment of \$2159.23 which is due May 1. Over the weeks we have received \$1615.00, of which \$100.00 was given by the Cub Scouts, Pack 8, \$150.00 by the WSCS, and \$500.00 by the Methodist Men. This is approximately 70% of the total. Can we reach our goal in the next two Sundays?

Now let us look at the activities of the various organizations.

UMYF News

The UMYF has been very busy this year. We had a bake sale at the Flea Market in November and cleared over one hundred dollars. A few dollars were also made selling drinks at the Harvest Sale.

One hundred dollars of our money went to help pay for a new refrigerator for the Parsonage. We bought a new vacuum cleaner for the church and made donations to charities.

Recently we had as projects a skating party and a pancake supper. Now more money is needed so we are working on a spaghetti dinner.

On roll now are 20-25 members. New members are always welcome. Counselors for the UMYF are Maj. and Mrs. Fowler Ragland, Sgt. Terry Cassidy, and the Rev. "Bo". Meetings are Sunday nights at 6:30. Open to youth 7th-12th grade.

Barbara Ragland

The Women's Society of Christian Service

We have had good attendance the first three months of this year. The programs have been good. We have gained three new members and now have twenty on our roll. March 25th we had a bake sale and made over one hundred dollars, which was given to the building fund.

We have an active WSCS in many ways. We have good fellowship, always striving for more members and better ways to serve our church and God. All women of the church are welcome.

Minerva Adams

Methodist Men

The United Methodist Men Fellowship of New Hope United Methodist Church operates on the theory that good food and good fellowship produce spiritual growth for its members and spiritual and physical growth for the Church. Meeting on the first Saturday night of each month, the activities of the fellowship begin with a meal. The mealtime varies somewhat, but a short devotional, guest speaker and a business session complete a typical agenda for the fellowship.

Always mindful of the financial needs of the Church, the UMM conduct the community calendar sales, sponsor the concession booth at the county fair and help with the church Harvest Sale, to raise monies for the missions of the Church.

Social highlights of the year for the Methodist Men are the Father-Son retreat, which is at Bryant's Lake, and the family night Christmas Party.

The fellowship is continually seeking ways to aid the ministry of the Church through improved Church facilities. The installation of a night light outside the

education building and the spreading of gravel over the parking lot as examples of recently completed projects.

Membership of the fellowship is limited to men with a desire to serve their church through both mental and physical endeavors.

Fowler Ragland

Girl Scout News

Girl Scout troops 385, 248 and 642 have been busy lately. The Cadettes have completed a First Aid Course and are making plans for a Camporee in Wilmington. They recently washed the pews in the sanctuary.

The Juniors have been on lots of field trips and are planning one for Cliffs of the Neuse, soon. They also had a cookout recently.

The Brownies have been learning new songs, and games. They have made puppets and written a play which is to be given soon. They have had a field trip to a dairy and McDonalds. They gave a basket to a needy family at Christmas. And they will be going to Trailee soon.

Barbara Ragland
Virginia Robbins

Boy Scouts

Boy Scouts are sponsored by the Methodist Men. The leader or Scout Master must be approved by them. Any adult of 18 or over can be a leader. Boys can remain in Scouts until they finish high school unless they become an Eagle Scout then they are given another position such as junior leader. Our troop under the leadership of Glen Bagley has policed up litter on several occasions. Their projects are approved by the Methodist Men. In case a boy does not have a uniform, which is required, the Methodist Men will come to his aid. Naturally camping, be it overnight, a week, at Tuscarora or a camporee is a highlight of the boy's life.

The Cub Scouts are under the leadership of Pat Patrick. This year they have earned money with their project of selling numerous articles as stationary, cards, marking pens, etc. They have given \$100.00 to the Building Fund of our church. During the year the individual dens have taken field trips. They are putting together a pack ball team, and recently had a missile derby.

John Andrews and "Bo" Padgett

Last but not Least The Preacher's Pitch

Think of the Church as an octopus. It has many arms reaching out (the various committees) to minister. The octopus reaches out to grasp and usually one snares its objects, but if it has lost its grip then it caresses instead of catching. One might think this analogy inappropriate and a sign of weakness. But often where the Church appears weak, it is strongest.

- Is it weakness to caress one in despair?
- Is it weakness to caress one in sorrow?
- Is it weakness to caress one in pain?
- Is it weakness to caress one who is discouraged?
- Is it weakness to caress one who is angry?
- Is it weakness to caress one who lacks confidence?
- Is it weakness to caress one who feels unloved?

The octopus having lost its ability to grasp can each out to caress. And like the octopus which has lost its grip, the church should each out to caress a hurting world, not to capture, but to liberate, love and encourage. This is Ministry!!

Rev. Padgett

There is no portion of our time that is our time, and the rest God's; there is no portion of money that is our money, and the rest God's money. It is all His; He made it all, gives it all, and he has simply trusted it to us for His service. A servant has two purposes, the master's and his own, but we have only one.

Adolphe Monod

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August 1, 1972

The state of the membership roll had been a concern of Rev. "Bo" Padgett for several months. He worked with the Committee on records to contact active, inactive and lost members. The following persons were active members at this time.

Adams, Jr.s J. W. (Minerva)
Andrews, John and alma
Bagley, Glenn and Adeline
Mark and Nennie
Bedford, K. D. and Hilda
Bennett, Frank and Betty (living
in Las Vegas)
Best, Arthur
Best, Bordon and Dorothy
Phyllis
Boyette, Ben and Ethel
Brasington, Carl and Mary
Britt, Charles and Mildred
Britt, William Sr. and Hilda
William Jr. and Lacy
Busby, Walter and Jane
Byrd, Mrs. J. W. (Juanita)

Cassidy, Terry and Sandra
Deborah
Clark, Andrew and Barbara
Carolyn, Barry, Deborah and
Ricky
Coltrane, Harold and Virginia
(Sue)
Glenn
Coltrane, Lynwood

Davis, Carey and LaVee
Neta
Dodd, Jack and Marion (Ceil)
Dudley, James and Irma
Janet

Edmonds, Jack and Margaret

Gardner, Mrs. George (Barbara)
Virginia
Garris, Jarvis and Joyce
Grant, Mrs. Dalton L. (Dianne)
Gwatney, Nicholas
Gwatney, Tommie Sr. and Margaret
(Maggie)
Gwatney, Tommy Jr.

Herring, A. J. and Annie Laura
Hinnant, Mrs. Darrall (Connie)
Holliday, Marvin and Joyce
Deborah and Patricia

Jackson, Frank and Judy
Jackson, Mrs. John (Barbara)
Jones, Mrs. Jean
Pamela and Richard

Jordan, Harold and Norma
Kim

Lane, Mrs. Ricky (Sarah Garris)
Lewis, George Jr.
Lipp, Enid and Wilma

Mason, Dan
McLawhorn, Luke B. and Phyllis
McNeill, John and Nancy

Neal, Mrs. Susan
Nesbitt, jay and Linda

Patrick, Willard and Gaye
Gayle and Mary Sue
Piner, Mrs. Archie (JoAnn)
Pope, Mrs. Eleanor
Miles and Jackie
Potter, Harold
Price, Mrs. Dallas Sr. (Reba)
Woodrow Jr.

Ragland, Fowler and Martha
Barbara, Owen and David
Rowe, A.C. and Linda

Shuey, Donald and Janie
Michael and mardi
Smith, Alphas and Marjorie
Pamela
Stanley, mrs. Jewel
Strickland, Roy Sr. and Zula
(Ducky)
Sutton, Mrs. Franklin (Debra)

Turner, Joseph Sr. and Elsie
Joseph Jr. and Wayne

Waitley, Mrs. Clarence (Bertha)
Wallace, Donald and Betty
Carol
Wheeler, Mrs. Ardell (Gertrude)
Deborah
Williams, Frazier and Mary
Woodard, Vernon and Janie
Mark
Woodard, George (Mike)

Yates, Malcom Jr. and Preddy
Danny and Linda
York, Mrs Paul (Ruby)

Zipf, Mrs. Wilma

INACTIVE or Irregular in Attendance Members

Adkins, Mrs. Michael (Ann)
Allen, Harold, Hilda, Debra and
Donna
Allsbrook, Frank, Janice, John and
JoEllen

Benson, Ava
Boyette, Malvern and June

Chesson, Douglas and Barbara
(living in Warner Robbins, Ga)
Coltraine, Mrs. Mabel
Corbett, Mrs. Lora
Cox, Daniel and Steven

Franks, Mrs. Linda

Garris Mrs. Josie
Gwatney, Matt

Hall, Mrs. David (Eleanor)
Mardee, Mrs. Carlton (Janice)
Herring, Mrs. D.E. (Betsy)
Howell, Debbie

Kennedy, Dean
Kennedy, Forest
Kennedy, Ray and David

Lane, Kenneth, Betty Lou and
Alan
Lewis, Roger

Parnell, Mrs. Kenneth (Mary
Beth)

Pickett, Fred and Peggy

Shoemaker, Dean, Jackie, Barry
and Randy

Smith, Mrs. Alton 9Bonnie Sue)
Stafford, Thomas
Stafford, Wilbert and Mildred
Stanley, Walter
Stone, Mrs. James (Jessie)
Strickland, Roy Jr.

Wall, Mrs. Nathan (Vicki Davis)
Warren, Mrs. Martin (Pamela)
Wheeler, Ardell
Whisnant, Thomas Sr., Louise,
Thomas Jr.

Wooten, Mrs. Charles (Judith)
Worrell, Mrs. Mildred
York, Paul

"LOST" members

29 families appeared on this list representing 47 individuals

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"When Everybody Boosts, Everybody Wins"

The slogan became the motto of the church with a plea to members for "everyone help toward making this the finest church in the area. Don't "let George do it", for George is waiting for you."

This led to a four point charge to the congregation to update membership information, locate former members and visitors, and to "begin a photograph album of pictures, clippings and other interesting materials for the church history."

"Let us all put our shoulders to the wheel and really make this a church of which we can be proud. Don't "let George do it". Do it yourself.

Committee on History and Records
Wilma Lipp
Martha Ragland
Ruby York"

HISTORY OF NEW HOPE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
1956-1973

Written by Mrs. Joseph (Elsie) Turner

[This document repeated many paragraphs from the earlier histories. Additions are included here.]

(Rev. McLamb in his reminiscences at Homecoming 1973, said only two attended this meeting [at New Hope High School on August 23, 1956] but he did not give up. A home meeting was called at the district parsonage, where McDonald's now stands, on Ash Street.)

Again, from 1973..

(Here Rev. McLamb reminisced that he nailed his pants to the floor while helping erect the tin building. Also that a Revival was held, a good time and group, and shortly after he organized the church.)

The Reverend H. L. Harrell was appointed to New Hope in June of 1962. During the four years of his pastorate, many important activities and programs were begun. The Woman's Society of Christian Service was divided into two circles. The Betsy Edwards Class donated paraments and baptismal bowl for the sanctuary. A lighted sign was erected on the front lawn by the Methodist Men who also graded and landscaped the lawn.

The Reverend J. C. Loy was appointed to our church in June of 1966. During his ministry we purchased robes for the choir, an electric organ and remodeled the chancel. A class of acolytes were organized to assist in the worship service. A four and five year old Kindergarten Day School was organized in 1968. The Woman's Society of Christian Service was chartered.

The Reverend R. L. McLean came to serve our church in June of 1969. The improvements to the chancel were completed with the addition of carpet and pews in the sanctuary. Air-condition was also installed. Rev. McLean started the ground work for a new five classroom addition.

The Annual Conference appointed the Reverend C. D. Padgett in July of 1970.

A groundbreaking service was held for the new classroom unit in July of 1970. Construction was completed and a dedication service was held in January of 1971. The added classrooms gave us the opportunity to divide our classes according to the ages recommended by our church School literature. Three of the classrooms were furnished with oak classroom furniture.

In the spring of 1973 it was decided to have no further Kindergarten classes. [Note: This was a weekday program for the community. At that time the North Carolina schools did not include classes for kindergarten.]

In June of 1973 he Reverend William G. French was appointed to serve our church.

At the present time we have an active Cub Scout Pack, Boy Scout Troop, and Girl School Troop sponsored by the Methodist Men and the United Methodist women. (the Woman's society of Christian Service had a big Celebration in April to change their name over.) There is again a class for Junior and Senior Acolytes, an ushering Corps was organized, also a Children's Choir.

We are happy that our community has its own church. We are even more happy that all of us can share in the growth and development of our church. Our Heavenly Father has blessed us with usefulness and success in the past; we believe that the future holds for us blessings which we could not believe possible.

The Committee on History and Records for 1971-1972 have tried to put together a History of New Hope United Methodist Church. As they have had little to go on, having found only a small amount of previous history, and as the members of the church have had very little to contribute, this book leaves a lot to be desired. However, it is hoped that as people see this book, they will be reminded of something hidden away and forgotten, that they will be willing to donate for future members to see.

It is hoped that all donations have been correctly acknowledged, that all pictures have been correctly identified and all dates have been correctly given. We wish to acknowledge and give thanks to Sue Coltrane and Martha Ragland, who so generously gave many of the protective pages, so a start could be made. Where no mention is made as to who donated, the materials probably came from books used in an Every Member Visitation in about 1968, or clippings more recently taken from the paper.

If you see any errors, or if you have something to add in the way of clippings, pictures, or history, please contact one of the committee. All contributions and information will be gratefully received.

Signed by

(Mrs. Enid L.) Wilma Lipp

(Mrs. Fowler) Martha Ragland

(Mrs. Paul) Ruby York

1973
OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Lay Leader	Jarvis Garris
Lay Member of the Annual Conference	Ben Boyette
Enlistment Secretary	Mrs. Alphas Smith
Literature Secretary	Mrs. Borden Best
Membership Secretary	Mrs. Paul York
Recording Secretary	Mrs. Fowler Ragland
Church Treasurer	Malcom Yates
District Steward	Malcom Yates
Trier of Appeals	Jarvis Garris
Superintendent of Study Program	Walter Busby
Chairman of the Administrative Board	Ben Boyette
Chairman of the Council on Ministries	Fowler Ragland
Co-Chairman of the Council on Ministries	Enid Lipp
Chairman of Trustees	K. D. Bedford
Youth Member of the Council on Ministries	Mark Edmonds
Chairman of Committee on Auditing	Tommie Gwatney
Chairman of Committee on Finance	Alphas Smith
Chairman of Organized Commissions	Walter Busby
Chairman of Committee on Pastor/parish Relations ..	Borden Best
Chairman of Committee on Records and History ...	Mrs. Enid Lipp
Chairman of Work Areas	
Ecumenical Affairs	Mrs. Enid Lipp
Education	Walter Busby
Evangelism	Enid Lipp
Missions	Mrs. Clarence Waitley
Social Concerns	Terry Cassidy
Stewardship	Tommie Gwatney
worship	Mrs. Ben Boyette
Age Level Coordinators	
Children	Mrs. Jack Edmonds
Youth	Mrs. Fowler Ragland
Adult	Mrs. Enid Lipp
Family	A. B. Clark
Chairman of Building Committee	Malcom Yates
Chairman of Committee on Church Property & Grounds	Ben Boyette
Chairman of Parsonage Committee	Mrs. Alphas Smith
Health and Welfare Representative	Mrs. Jean Jones
President of Methodist Men	Fowler Ragland
President of WSCS	Mrs. J. W. Adams
President of UMYF	Mark Edmonds

COMMITTEE ROSTER

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD

Ben Boyette		Chairman
Harold Coltrane		Vice-Chairman
Mrs. J.W. Adams	Mrs. Jack Edmonds	Fowler Ragland
K.D. Bedford	Mark Edmonds	Mrs. Fowler Ragland
Borden Best	Jarvis Garris	Alphas Smith
Mrs. Ben Boyette	Tommie Gwatney	Mrs. Alphas Smith
Walter Busby	Mrs. Jean Jones	Mrs. Clarence Waitley
Terry Cassidy	Enid Lipp	Malcom Yates
A.B. Clark	Mrs. Enid Lipp	Mrs. Paul York

MEMBERS AT LARGE OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD

Mrs. J.W. Adams	James Dudley	Roy Strickland
John Andrews	Mrs. Tommie Gwatney	Joseph Turner
Carl Brasington	Harold Jordan	Frazier Williams
Mrs. Harold Coltrane	John McNeill	Mrs. Vernon Woodard

HONORARY MEMBERS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD

Charles Britt	Arthur Best
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TRUSTEES

K. D. Bedford (75)		Chairman
(75)	(74)	(73)
Jack Edmonds	Mrs. A.J. Herring	Ben Boyette
John McNeill	Enid Lipp	Carl Brasington
	Mrs. Alphas Smith	Roy Strickland

COMMITTEE OF AUDITING

Tommie Gwatney, Chrmn	Jay Nesbitt	Fowler Ragland
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COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Alphas Smith		Chairman
K.D. Bedford	Harold Coltrane	Fowler Ragland
Borden Best	Jarvis Garris	Frazier Williams
Ben Boyette	Tommie Gwatney	Malcom Yates

ORGANIZED COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Walter Busby		Chairman
Mrs. Borden Best	Mrs. Jack Edmonds	Rev. C.D. Padget
Ben Boyette	Jarvis Garris	Mrs. Fowler Ragland
A.B. Clark	Mrs. Enid Lipp	Malcom Yates

COMMITTEE ON PASTOR/PARISH RELATIONS

Borden Best		Chairman
Mrs. J.W. Adams	Carey Davis	Roy Strickland
John Andrews	Mrs. Tommie Gwatney	Mrs. Joseph Turner
Ben Boyette	Alphas Smith	Mrs. Paul York

COMMITTEE ON RECORDS AND HISTORY

Mrs. Enid Lipp, Chrmn. Mrs. Fowler Ragland Mrs. Paul York

COMMITTEE ON CHURCH PROPERTY AND GROUNDS

Ben Boyette Chairman
John Andrews A.B. Clark Roy Strickland
 Tommie Gwatney

PARSONAGE COMMITTEE

Mrs. Alphas Smith Chairman
Mrs. J.W. Adams A.B. Clark Mrs. Fowler Ragland
John Andrews Mrs. Harold Coltrane Roy Strickland

COMMITTEE ON WORSHIP

Mrs. Ben Boyette Chairman and Communion Steward
Mrs. Jay Nesbitt Steward of Altarware
John Andrews Jarvis Garris Mrs. Vernon Woodard
Mrs. James Dudley Rev. C.D. Padgett Mrs. Wilma Zipf

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS AND PERSONNEL

(75)	(74)	(73)
Jarvis Garris	Mrs. Borden Best	Harold Coltrane
Mrs. Tommie Gwatney	Walter Busby	Fowler Ragland
Mrs. Paul York	Frazier Williams	Malcom Yates

Third Decade: 1977-1987

- 1979: Rev. Jan Dickens, Sr. appointed as our pastor.
- 1980: We celebrated the **mortgage burning** and dedication of our parsonage. The Education Building named in honor of Ben R. Boyette, Sr. Rev. H.M. McLamb made the presentation.
- 1980: Mr. R. J. (Jim) Huskins consecrated and sponsored by New Hope for the ministry. The Administrative Council approved the purchase of the Fair Booth for \$3,000.
- 1981: Goldsboro Montessori School housed in the Boyette Building until June 1982. The **Fair Booth**, rented since 1972, purchased from New Hope Grange.
- 1982: Rev. Jerry Dodson appointed to our church.
- 1983: **Steeple** erected to help New Hope stand out as a landmark in our community. Senior Citizens group organized between New Hope and Pinewood Presbyterian churches.
- 1984: The **land** behind the church purchased.
- 1985: **Stained glass windows** installed. Publication of our first church directory.
- 1986: **First Lay-Witness Mission** held in November.
- 1987: Rev. Rufus Butner appointed and served our church until June. Rev. Alan Swartz appointed at Annual Conference. An updated church directory published. New Hope was fortunate to have three retired ministers: Rev. Sam Wood, Rev. Grady Kinley, and Rev. Haywood Harrell and their wives as a part of the congregation. Under the leadership of Pastor Swartz, New Hope continued to move forward in ministry and mission by embarking on the building of a **new sanctuary**.

HISTORY

OF

New Hope United Methodist Church

1979

[This edition listed highlights by year and included the pastoral appointments. Picking up from the previous record the following are recorded.]

1976— The Reverend J. Lloyd Spencer was appointed to serve the New Hope membership. A young adult class was started as well as a weekly bible study group.

1978— The painting of various parts of the church building was accomplished by the church members.

1979— A new acoustical ceiling was installed in the main Sanctuary. The Reverend Jan J. Dickens was appointed to serve the New Hope community.

The Community of New Hope as well as the New Hope United Methodist Church has continued to grow through the years. The present enrollment at New Hope is 197 members. During the past year an increase of 38 members were seen to have joined the family here at New Hope. There is a dream of the construction of a New Sanctuary among this congregation. This dream each day seems a step closer to reality. By the Grace of God, we hope to continue to serve the Lord here at New Hope.



Birthday jar

During Sunday school assembly each week, those with birthday celebrations for the week are encouraged to drop a penny for each year they are celebrating. The proceeds will go to a church project, possibly a New Hope UMC Scholarship Fund. — Newsletter, September 1979.



“Communion Table”

The James Carlyle Class took as a project for their class the purchasing of a New Communion Table for their New Hope Church. This Communion Table is a beautiful addition to our furnishings here at the Church. —Newsletter, November 1979.



“Youth Scholarship Established”

The Education Committee along with the Sunday School teachers here at New Hope have established a scholarship program for the youth (grades 10-12) attending New Hope. The purpose of this plan is to provide a motivating and comprehensive program of a spiritual nature for our young people. — Newsletter, December 1979.

Tidbits from the New Hope Newsletter—Rev. Jan Dickens, editor -1980

November 9—Paint your church sanctuary week

UMM election results: John Andrews, pres.; Doug Chesson, VP; Don Helsabeck, Sec.; Harold Coltrane, treas.

Sunday school teachers featured:

Margaret Edmonds—Kindergarten Class of 4 and 5 year olds

John & Jean Fehl—Elementary Grades Sunday School Class

Steve Abbott—class for Young Adults formed, taught by Steve, a former United Methodist student lay pastor.

Jack Edmonds—Betsy Edwards adult Sunday School class.

Diane Kester—Sunday School Superintendent

Regular meetings of Quilting and Chrismon at 10:00 am on Wednesdays

January 1981, Mrs. Frankie Smeltzer left as organist. "The way to share much is to share a little each day."

Goldsboro District UMW held first "39 and Under Event" at Daniels Memorial UMC—February 21, 1981.

Easter Sunrise Service held on Bear Creek Lake behind the home of John & Nancy McNeill.

Confirmation class graduates: Linda Potter, Dion Potter, Bret Tornow, Kelly Tornow, Kim Huskins, Frankie Sutton, Jackie Sutton.

New Hope Scholarship winners for 1981: Clint Chesson, Brenda Wallace, and Kim Huskins.

Goal for Sunday School attendance set at 100.

Family night program for Advent included covered dish supper, showing of "Warm Fuzzies", making Advent calendars, making Advent family wreaths, a Jessie Tree, and sharing of family traditions.

Family Watch Night held with games followed by

Watch Night service just before mid-night



Tidbits from the New Hope United Methodist Church Newsletter—1982

The Church Mouse left his footprint in the February edition.

Frankie Sutton won the District Pinewood Derby.

Betty Wallace was District UMW President.

Montessori School held in the Boyette Building,

New members welcomed in June—Pat and Perry Wade and Anne Peoples.

Ten youth from New Hope graduated from high school: John Capps, Pam Dale, Cheryl Jordan, Dawn Kester, Deneen Kester, Anne McNeill, Ronald Potter, Stacey Rowe, Carla Smith, and Brenda Wallace.

LaGrange Players performed for the Second Annual New Hope Dinner Theater.

June—New Hope welcomed Rev. Jerry Dodson, his wife Wanda, their daughters Deborah and Shelly, and son Stephen.

Jan Dickens wrote his last "From the Pastor" column for the Newsletter and continued in his ministry as a chaplain in the Air Force.

New lights for the sanctuary [now the Fellowship Hall] were installed.

Debi Young, choral director, started the first Fifth Sunday Night Sing—yes, 7:30 PM!

Membership report: "We have 178 members in the church. Of these there are 37 inactive who live out of town. The are 24 inactive members locally."—Wilma Lipp, Membership Chairman

Fall Harvest Festival tickets were \$3 for a plate of fried chicken, potato salad, green beans, apple ring, drink and desert. This was followed by a super action sale.

New members: Rusty and Joan Arbeit with children Kathy and Amy.

First gathering of The Senior Citizens of the Community (later named Jubilee Club) as a joint effort between New Hope and the Pinewood Presbyterian Church to involve the entire community.

New members listed in September: Scott Young, Debra Young, Wanda Dodson

New members listed in December: Dana and Kim Elderkin, Judy Yates, Lugene Edmonds, Donald King

For sale items: Offset press—\$400; Manual mimeograph—\$100; Office desk and chair—\$100.

THANKS FOR THE MEMORY

Homecoming at New Hope is just a memory now, but what a good memory it is. The rains came and so did the people, their coats wet but not their spirits. It was a joy to watch as old, new and in between members came to worship God, renew old friendships and celebrate new Hope's twenty-fifth anniversary.

Rev. Dodson had prepared a wonderful service with the Reverend Charles Smith, the Goldsboro District Superintendent bring the morning message. Mr. Mac Yates, Chairperson of the Administrative Board assisted Rev. Dodson and Rev. Smith in dedicating and burning the mortgage to the Ben R. Boyette, Sr. Fellowship Hall. Miss Marian Kennedy of La Grange sang 'Bless this Church' and 'My Tribute, To God be the Glory'. The Choir under the direction of Debra Young rendered two beautiful messages in song. Mrs. Linda Potter received special recognition from the United Methodist Women who gave a gift to missions in her honor for her service to the church and to God.

The history prepared by Maggie Gwatney and Betty Wallace was read by Betty and brought back wonderful memories to many in the congregation. A display of the history books in the library brought a lot of laughing, joking and, yes, a tear or two as old and new members gathered around to browse and reminisce.

Rev. Dodson read a letter from a former minister and told of several who called to send their love and regrets that they could not be with us on this momentous occasion.

From the lighting of the candles to the benediction the congregation was caught up in the warmth and joy of being together once more at new Hope. Truly the presence of the Lord was with us.

The dinner was abundant and delicious! If you were with us, thanks for making our celebration more complete. If you could not be with us our love and prayers go out to you because you will always be a part of New Hope and its heritage.

- Sue Coltrane

ODE TO HOMECOMING

*For cleaning, mopping, scrubbing too,
And cleaning windows clear as new,
For mowing, trimming and raking grass
And sweeping parking lot smooth as glass.
And adding new lights and beauty to the narthex and all
For getting out plates, napkins and cups
And wrapping all the plastic ware up
For putting up tables, & spreading them about
And putting all the pretty decorations out.
For making name tags & pinning them on
And greeting old friends who came back home
For singing songs so pleasant to our ear
And proclaiming our history for all to hear
For preaching, burning the mortgage and taking the lead
And printing communications for all to read.
For cooking and baking delicious cuisine
And Clearing all garbage from the scene
For parking cars and saying "how do you do"
For all who helped and all who came
Thank You.*

*The Homecoming Committee, Sue, Debra,
Maggie, Tom, Hilda, Minerva, Clint, and Don H.*

Photos from Third Decade: 1977-1986



James & Cori's Class 1981



Kindergarten class 1981



Young Adults Class



Younger Elementary Class 1981

REPORT OF THE CHURCH TREASURER

As of Sunday, October 24, 1982 the following is a summary of monies received and paid out for the beautification projects of our church.

Net profit from Fair Booth	5,259.96
Total donations for Heat and A/C	657.50
Net Profit from Harvest Sale	2,671.50
Net profit from Harvest Dinner	862.71
Donations for Lights & Installation	1,141.39
Donation for narthex lamp	100.00
Donation for Carpet	<u>50.00</u>
Grand total	10,743.06
Paid out for Heat Pumps	7,730.00
Paid out for Lights in Sanctuary	591.60
Paid out for narthex Lamp	<u>100.00</u>
Grand total	8,421.60
Total left in Savings from projects	2,321.46

Now we have worked hard and can see the beautiful results of our labor. Let us now look forward to the future and give graciously to the effort of paying our Outreach Ministries Apportionment and our Extra Mile Giving. We accepted these debts when we approved our 1982 budget.

As of October 24, 1982 we still owe \$3,856.00 in Outreach Ministries and \$913 on our second mile giving. Yes, I agree this seems like a tremendous amount to have to raise in such a short time. However, let us have faith and know that the Lord never puts on us more than we can handle.

- Donald Wallace, Treasurer



THE DEDICATION
OF THE
BEN R. BOYETTE, SR. FELLOWSHIP HALL
OCTOBER 24, 1982

Mr. Mac Yates: We present this building to be dedicated to the glory of God and the service of men.

Minister: By what name shall this building henceforth be known?

Mr. Mac Yates: It shall be called the Ben R. Boyette, Sr. Fellowship Hall.

Minister: Beloved in the Lord, we rejoice that God has put it into the hearts of his people to build this building to the glory of his name. I now accept this building to be known as the Ben R. Boyette, Sr. Fellowship Hall, that we may dedicate it, and so set it apart for the worship of almighty God and the service of men. Let us therefore, as we are assembled, solemnly dedicate this place to its proper and sacred uses.

Burning of the Mortgage

Minister: To the glory of God the Father, who has called us by his grace; To the honor of his Son, who loved us and gave himself for us; To the praise of the Holy Spirit, who illumines and sanctifies us;

People: we dedicate this building.

Minister: For the worship of God in prayer and praise; For the preaching of the everlasting Gospel; For the celebration of the holy Sacraments;

People: we dedicate this building.

Minister: For the comfort of all who mourn: For strength to those who are tempted; For light to those who seek the way;

People: we dedicate this building.

Minister: For the hallowing of family life; For teaching and guiding the young; For the perfecting of the saints;

People: we dedicate this building.

Almighty God, who through thy Son our Lord hast called us into light, wherein we may have fellowship with thee and with one another: Grant that here thy people may meet in devotion to thee; here may thy way be taught, thy name hallowed, and thy glory praised. Here may life be nourished and guided, and the bonds of fellowship in Christ be nurtured in mutual love and selfless purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Now, therefore, O Lord, let thine eyes be open toward this building day and night; and let thine presence be accessible to all those who come here seeking thee. May love, harmony, peace, and goodwill govern the actions of the people who use this facility. We pray your blessings upon this building and its use and may the name of Jesus Christ be glorified by it. Hear our prayer, O Lord, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Minister: For the conversion of sinners; For the promotion of righteousness; For the extension of the kingdom of God;

People: We dedicate this building.

Minister: In the unity of faith; In the bond of Christian brotherhood; In charity and good will to all; People: we dedicate this building.

Minister: In gratitude for the labors of all who love and serve this church; In loving remembrance of those who have finished their course; In the hope of a blessed immortality through Jesus Christ our Lord;

People: we dedicate this building.

All: We now, the people of this church and congregation, compassed about with a great cloud of witnesses, grateful for our heritage, sensible of the sacrifice of our fathers in the faith, confessing that apart from us their work cannot be made perfect, do dedicate ourselves anew to the worship and service of almighty God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Minister: Let us now offer unto God our petitions and intercessions for his blessing and grace.

Grant, O Lord, that, as thy people meet in this place, to consider reverently and faithfully the affairs of the church and congregation, it may so be that all may be one in that spiritual discipline which thou dost enjoin upon thy disciples, so that they may act wisely and well as faithful stewards in the ministrations of the temporal and spiritual affairs of thine earthly kingdom. Amen.

Almighty, everlasting God, bless, we beseech thee, and take under thy protection thy children. Pour into their hearts thy grace, that they may be here enlightened and instructed to learn what is pleasing to thee, and may grow in wisdom and stature, and in favor with thee and with their fellow men; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE DEDICATION
OF THE
BEN R. BOYETTE, SR. FELLOWSHIP HALL

OCTOBER 24, 1982

NEW HOPE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
NEW HOPE ROAD
GOLDSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA 27530

Dedication of Ben Boyette Building
1982



1984
Rev. Jerry Dodson was
awarded a special mission
recognition pin by the
UMW. He is pictured here
being pinned by his wife,
Wanda. Betty Wallace,
UMW President is looking
on.



Jack Edmonds is visible in
the choir loft.



New Hope
United Methodist Church
NEWSLETTER

1983 Highlights

- Pastor Dodson attended the Church Growth Workshop of the Institute for American Church Growth held in Jacksonville, Florida.
- New Members—February: Tom and Alice Stainback with son, Jerry.
- Mac Yates received congratulations and thanks for the new robe cabinet.
- Spiritual Gifts workshop lead by Rev. Charles Bryant from the North Carolina Conference Council on Ministries held in April.
- Bruce McNeill entertained the senior citizens with a magic show.
- New choir robes purchased in memory of Gladys Davies, Diane Kester's mother.
- Church steeple added.
- Jack Edmonds was selected as Father of the Year.
- First computer and dot matrix printer used for Newsletter articles.
- Women of the church volunteered at United Church Ministries.
- Beginning of study in celebration of 200 years of American Methodism.
- Membership audit and search for members who had left the area.
- Proceeds from the fair booth: \$4,598.44
- Proceeds from the Fall Festival: Auction—\$2,943.35 and supper \$697.26
- Support for the St. Stephen's Soup Kitchen continues.
- Moravian style Lovefeast and carol service held on Christmas Eve.
- New members welcomed in December: Ruby "Shorty" Lewis, Chanda Lewis, Jason Lewis, Jody Raynor, Renate Brasington, Edna Small. "We hope these new members of our family will find peace, joy, and satisfaction in the activities of our church."



New Members
December 1983

Karen Small, Edna Small, Jason Lewis, Jody Raynor, Ruby "Shorty" Lewis, Chanda Lewis, Renate Brasington

New Hope
United Methodist Church
NEWSLETTER

1984 Highlights
Jerry Dodson, pastor

Valentine Sweetheart Dinner held at the MGN Regency West.
Workday in February to install insulation in the sanctuary.
Church mailing address changed from 102 Lewis Drive (parsonage address) to 200 New Hope Road.
"Forty days of prayer for five persons" continued for second year during Lent.
New plumbing, carpets, and painting done in the parsonage.
Ray Kennedy and his group performed during the UMW Dinner Theatre.
As a part of the celebration of the Bicentennial of Methodism in America, a group spent a weekend on St. Simon's Island in Georgia. They stayed in Epworth By the Sea, named for the birthplace of John and Charles Wesley.
Jubilee Club still active with 23 seniors at the summer dinner and fellowship.
Air conditioner installed in the church office.
Church pictorial directory made in September.
New members: Brad and LaMonde McMahon with children Patrick and Katie; and Virginia Potter.
Small World Child Care Center shared a program of patriotic music.
Homecoming speaker was Reverend C.D. "Bo" Padgett, pastor 1970-1973.
Proceeds from the fair booth: \$4218.22
Proceeds from Fall Festival: \$3,603.47
Christmas services included 'A King Comes' cantata by the new Hope Choir, the Christmas Eve love feast and candlelight service, and the Senior UMYF Christmas card tree.
Musician: Carol Anne Katz; choir director: Diane Kester; Council on Ministries chair, Doug Chesson; Head usher: "Big" John Andrews; UMYF counselors: John and Nancy McNeill; Jubilee Club President: Enid Lipp

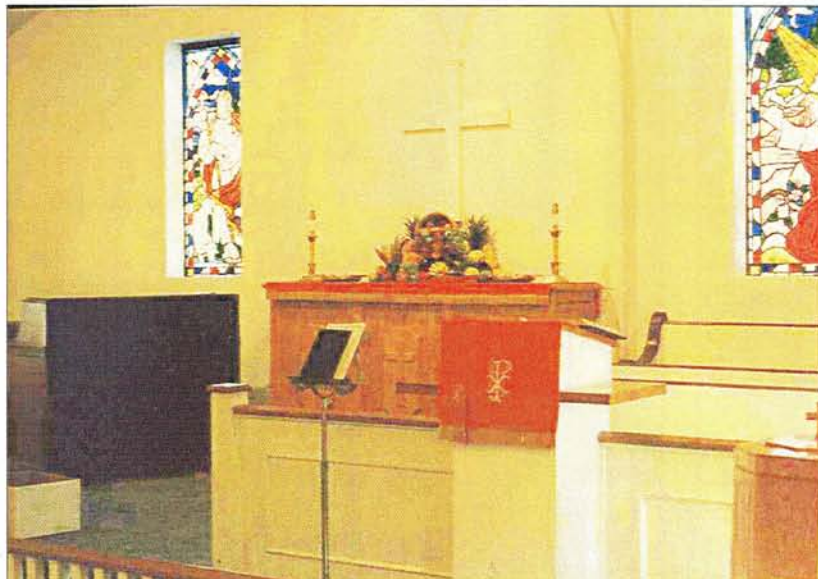


1985

Stained glass windows installed.

Donors are recorded on a plaque currently hanging in this room, now designated as the Fellowship Hall.

First wedding in this setting was Deneen W. Kester and Randy E. Marshall, August 18, 1985.



1986

1986

29th homecoming

GOLDSBORO — New Hope Church celebrated their 29th Homecoming Worship Service Oct. 26. Bishop C. P. Minnick was the guest preacher with a message on "Who Is The Church?" Anne McNeill shared a dynamic report on New Hope's growth and improvements during 1986. The Rev. Charles M.

Smith, Goldsboro district superintendent, accompanied by his wife Barbara sang "Shall We Gather At The River." The New Hope Choir, directed by Mrs. Diane Kester, also offered special music. After the service a meal was served in the Ben Boyette Fellowship Hall.

THE NEWS

... OF NEW HOPE

Jerry S. Dodson..... Minister
Diane D. Kester Director of Music
Carol Anne Katz Church Organist
Curtis Edwards..... Church Treasurer
Margaret Edmonds..... Church Custodian
Lois Wood Assistant Organist

- Anne McNeill sent on work team to Puerto Rico.
- Dinner Theatre presented by Ray Kennedy.
- Jubilee Club strong with 23 members.
- Building Fund initiated.
- Several UMW Circles meeting regularly.
- Trinity Bible Study launched.
- Lay Witness Mission held.
- Budget for 1987—\$62,385.
- New babies recognized at homecoming —Joshua Coltrane, Christopher Malpass, Harper Gwatney, and Kelyn

IMPORTANT DATES AND BRIEF HISTORY OF NEW HOPE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The New hope Methodist Church was organized in 1956 when the Rev. H. M. McLamb made a religious census of the New Hope Community. Interest seemed to justify the existence of a church; so a meeting was called at New hope High School (now Eastern Wayne) on August 23, 1956 when a committee was appointed to raise funds to purchase the land on which our present building stands.

- 1957: The N. C. Annual Conference appointed the Rev. Hal Edwards, Jr. to serve as pastor of the newly formed New Hope-Ebenezer Charge. A metal building was procured from the Conference and the first Sunday School and worship was held on October 27th with 39 people present.
- 1958: Charter membership was closed on Easter Sunday with a total of 49 members.
- 1959: N.C. Annual Conference appointed the Rev. C. R. Hollowell as a full time pastor. A Methodist Men's Club was chartered and the Women's Society of Christian Service was organized
- 1961: First service in present building was held in June. In addition to funds raised locally, substantial amounts were contributed to the church by the N.C. Conference, the Ten Dollar Club, and the Duke Endowment.
- 1962: A parsonage was built and occupied in June by our newly appointed pastor, The Rev. H. L. Harrell.
- 1966: Rev. J. C. Loy was appointed to our church. An electric organ was purchased.
- 1968: We became New Hope United Methodist.
- 1969: Rev. R. L. McLean was appointed as our pastor. Plans were started for an Educational Building.
- 1970: Rev. C. D. Padgett was appointed in June.
- 1971: Dedication of a second unit of our church was held in January.
- 1973: Rev. William G. French was appointed as our pastor.
- 1974: A church newsletter was started.
- 1976: Rev. Lloyd Spencer was appointed to our church.
- 1977: New Life Baptist Church met in our Fellowship Hall for two years until they could procure a permanent home.
- 1979: Rev. Jan Dickens, Sr. was appointed as our new pastor.
- 1980: We celebrated the mortgage burning and dedication of our parsonage. The education building was named in honor of Ben R. Boyette, Sr., Rev. H. M. McLamb made the presentation.
- 1980: Mr. R. J. (Jim) Huskins was consecrated and sponsored by New Hope for the ministry.
- 1981: Goldsboro Montessori School was housed in the Educational Building until June 1982.
The Fair Booth which we had rented since 1972 was purchased from the New Hope Grange.
- 1982: Rev. Jerry Dodson was appointed to our church.

- 1983: A steeple was erected to help New Hope stand out as a landmark in our community.
A senior Citizens group was organized between New Hope and Pinewood Presbyterians.
- 1984: The land behind church was purchased.
- 1985: Stained glass windows were installed.
We published our first church directory.
- 1986: First Lay-Witness Mission was held in November.
- 1987: Rev. Rufus Butner was appointed and served our church January through June.
Rev. Alan Swartz was appointed at Annual Conference. An updated church directory was published.

New hope is fortunate to have three retired ministers, Rev. Sam Wood, Rev. Grady Kinley and Rev. Haywood Harrell and their wives as part of our congregation.

At the present time we are sharing our church with all levels of Boy Scouts and Brownie Girl Scouts, the Goldsboro Precept Bible Study Group, and a Wayne County Headstart Class. We are happy our church is useful in the community. God has blessed us with usefulness and success in the past; we believe under the fine leadership of Pastor Swartz and his lovely wife, JoAnne, that the future holds for us blessings untold — to God be the glory now and forever.

Homecoming
October 25, 1987

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Sanctuary in 1983

Ceiling lowered but before the stained glass windows were installed

Rev. Jerry Dodson
1982-1987



From left, the Rev. Jim Huskins, John McNeill, chairman of the planning committee for the new windows, and the Rev. Jerry Dodson in front of one of the new stained glass windows.

New Hope dedicates (1985) stained glass windows

GOLDSBORO -- On Oct. 27 New Hope Church celebrated its 28th anniversary. The Rev. Jim Huskins, a former member of the church and now serving as the minister of the Andrews-Soapstone Charge in the Durham District, was the guest speaker.

A highlight of the worship service was the dedication of the recently installed stained glass windows. Huskins and the Rev. Jerry Dodson, pastor of New Hope, took the congregation on a window by window tour and explained the pictures and symbols within each one.

the stained glass window project was incredible," commented Dodson, "as the entire amount of over \$16,000 was committed within two weeks of the date that it was announced. When the last window was installed the project was paid in full."

Many visitors and former members joined in the celebration in which the church history was presented, old pictures and mementos were displayed in the church library, and a picnic lunch was held in the Ben R. Boyette Fellowship Hall after the worship



NEW PASTOR — The Rev. Jerry S. Dodson has been appointed pastor of New Hope United Methodist Church. He has served churches in Graham, Hillsborough and Haw River. He received a BS degree in Business Administration from Appalachian State University and a master of divinity from Duke Divinity School. He has completed a basic unit of Clinical Pastoral Education at the N.C. Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill. He and his wife, Wanda, are natives of Mebane. They have three children and reside on Lewis Drive.

Fourth Decade: 1987-1996



**Dinner Theatre
1988**

**Carol Anne Katz
Joanne Swartz
Alan Swartz**

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THE NEWS OF NEW HOPE

1988 Highlights

- Minerva Adams Circle (UMW) distributed Health Kits to the Tri-County Health Center in Newton Grove. Other active circles were Shalom and "39 and Under".
- Congregational survey results showed 85.5% perceived the need for a new sanctuary.
- Average attendance at morning worship in the 1st five months was 150 worshipers.
- March introduced two Sunday morning services.
- Maplewood Sunday held in September.
- Suzuki Talent Education's Christmas Music Festival included New Hope talent of Jeff Love and John Mark Swartz on violins and cellist Brett Love.

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'... and then there were 34!'

By JOANNE SWARTZ

GOLDSBORO — All who attended those early meetings of the Young Disciples Class at New Hope Church here - all 3 of them - felt a bond of friendship, a desire for growth through Bible study, and hope — hope that if they could establish a good thing, others would want to come.

I remember the first "little thing" I did that meant something to someone — it was the simple act of putting on a pot of coffee for the 3 members of the class, and remembering how each person liked his or her coffee. We prayed for God's blessings on our group, and we invited people we knew to try our class.

First one new couple came, then they invited another couple to come with them and then it happened — we outgrew our small meeting room. The sign on our door was exciting: "Young Disciples Outgrew This Room - Please Come to Fellowship Hall."

With this growth was a new need for fellowship and interaction beyond the class time. We met at an area restaurant for a pizza buffet one Tuesday evening, and each couple who had previously been coming invited guests — imagine our joy when sixteen showed up for this meal!



Young Disciples class at Texan barbecue fellowship meal.

We continued to care for one another — we held special prayer vigils when class members had illness in their families, carried meals to those who had been sick, celebrated birthdays, and tried to keep in touch with each other during the week.

Our teacher (who is also New Hope Church's pastor) researched and selected the very best literature for our Sunday morning sessions — literature that would hold the interest of our group and make them want to come each week.

Our class picture of our "Texas Barbecue Night" fellowship dinner tells the rest of the story. The Young Disciples Class is now 34 members strong, and the addition of this number of young adults to New Hope has brought about some wonderful projects — we had to add an additional nursery for infants, and we are designing a playground structure for older children to be built by this class because their presence has created a growing children's ministry here as well!

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THE NEWS OF NEW HOPE

Highlights of 1989
Alan Swartz, pastor
JoAnne Swartz, Program Director

Reception for new members held in January.

Jubilee Club still active with monthly luncheons.

Young Adult Sunday School class held dinners

8:45 worship service began March 5th.

New members: Tim & Beth Woldt; George, Dee & Lisa Wolfskeil; Paul & Helen Beaudoin; Don, Cindy & Jason Blanchette; Jay Rickman; Tim & Leslie Moreland; Bob & Sheila Metcalf; Frank & Lynn Salter.

Hymnal Fund purchased 125 new hymnals.

UMW presented the Aloha Dinner Theatre featuring local talent and an Hawaiian Buffet.

New members and families in July: Sandy Lyden and children Todd, Corey, Kyle, and Coleen; and Keith & Janet Reed and children Charlotte, Andrea, and Billy.

New photos for a new church directory made.

Harold Coltrane retired from the Appliance Department of Sears.

Family Fall Retreat held in Elk Shoals United Methodist Camp, Jefferson, NC.

Three children's choirs formed—Cherubs, Crusaders, and Aldersgate.

Quilting group continued to meet on Wednesday morning.

Into the future by Faith—Building campaign begun, Dale Wilkerson, chair.

New members in the fall: Clifford & Lois Faircloth;

Esther Wagner and Amy; David & Paula Atkinson and son Stephen; Steve & Cheryl Lackey; Sandy & Teri Marley and daughters Allison, Christina and Amanda.

Blessed with 39 new members in 1989.

Covenant Players performed at New Hope.

Moravian Love Feast held to begin Advent season.

Sunday School Sundaes!



★ Rusty, John, John, Stephen, Danny and Kevin (clockwise from top left) enjoy sundaes/

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THE NEWS OF NEW HOPE

Highlights of 1990—Alan Swartz, pastor

UMM sponsored Valentine's Dinner.

Pinewood Sunday honoring neighbors in the Pinewood subdivision.

Acolytes honored: Rusty Davis, John Swartz, Jason Blanchette, Jennifer Rickman, Roland Zarate, Kevin Medbery, Karl Medbery, Jimmie Lunzmann, and Corey Lyden.

Evening of music presented by the chancel choir.

Goals for 1990 established:

Add one new Sunday School class.

Evaluate and improve church parking.

Establish an effective lay visitation program.

Improve the efficiency of the H/AC in the church and fellowship hall.

Develop and carry out a Pinewood Sunday

Establish at least two covenant support groups.

Establish a systematic maintenance schedule for the parsonage.

Barbeque Chicken Dinner set as fund raiser for the Building Fund

Single Parents Support Group established with ten members.

Young Adults Sunday School class held monthly dinners.

Average worship attendance Jan.—November was 152.



Highlights of 1991

UMM held 2nd annual Chili Cookoff.

UMW presented "Mardi Gras" Dinner Theatre.

Church sponsored Mom's Morning Out on Wednesday mornings.

Building effort moved ahead with the selection of the architect, Alpha Design Group.

Colonial Acres Sunday invited residents of this subdivision to worship at New Hope.



Winners of the Outstanding Seniors Awards at the Goldsboro District Lay rally pose with two district ministers. From left, front: Todd Lyden; middle: Rebekah McRoy and Elizabeth Brown; back: the Rev. Tom Loftis, district coordinator of higher education; Dan Sullivan; and the Rev. Ray Broadwell, district youth coordinator. Not pictured is Todd Rowe.



Staff photos by Winkie Lee

Valerie Arends was named Layperson of the Year at the Goldsboro District United Methodist Lay Rally. With her are, from left, back: the Rev. Alan Swartz, minister at New Hope and the Rev. Malloy Owen III, district superintendent; and, front, husband Bob Arends.

January 31, 1992

Methodists recognized for outstanding service to churches and communities

Valerie Arends, a member of New Hope United Methodist Church, was named Layperson of the Year at the Goldsboro District Lay Rally held in the Goldsboro High School Auditorium.

The district is comprised of Wayne and Johnston counties, and portions of Duplin and Lenoir counties.

Mrs. Arends was selected for her outstanding service in all areas of church work. District Lay Leader John Martindale announced her as the winner, and, with District Superintendent the Rev. Malloy Owen III, offered congratulations.

Among those in attendance were her husband, Capt. Bob Arends, and her pastor, the Rev. Alan Swartz.

The wife of a KC-10 pilot and mother of two is leader of the Saturday Evening Circle of the United Methodist Women, coordinator fo Children's Church, a member of the Young Disciples Sunday School class, past co-chair of the 1992 "Christmas in the Country" bazaar and participant in the 1992 New Hope Fair Booth at the Wayne County Fair.

During the Gulf War, Mars. Arends attended prayer vigils

at the church, often at 3 a.m., and prayer services held twice a week every week.

She also participated in and often chaired various other church projects.

On the district level, she was active in United Methodist Women cluster meetings and conference events.

Swartz praised her dedication and said she has a natural appeal noticed by church members.

"When we select our church's Layperson of the Year, it's hard to say who's best qualified because there are so many," he said. "So we look for who's representative of the best in us."

...

High school senior Tod Lyden, the son of Sandra and the late John Lyden and a student at Eastern Wayne was one of five high school seniors presented with awards., Among his activities: president of the United Methodist Youth Fellowship, secretary of the District Youth Council, contributor to the New Hope newsletter, and three-year attendee at Annual Conference School. His pastor is the Rev. Alan Swartz, New Hope United Methodist.

A brochure about New Hope was written and published this year. The 11” x 4.25” 8 page publication is reprinted below.

Welcome to New Hope United Methodist Church

New Hope United Methodist Church is a caring, compassionate Christian fellowship committed to the ministry and mission of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Through this brochure, we wish to introduce ourselves to you, giving brief information about our church programs and activities. It is our prayer that you will find a hearty welcome, an atmosphere of acceptance and love, and a true sense of God’s presence and leading whenever you are at New Hope. Our church staff is ready and eager to assist you with questions or comments you might have concerning our church program and calendar of activities.

Alan P. Swartz—Pastor
Teri Marley—Administrative Assistant
Jo Anne Swartz—Program Director
Carol Anne Katz—Organist
Scott & Debi Young—Sextons
Owen Ragland—Lay Leader
Don Blanchette—Assistant Lay Leader
Jo Anne Swartz—Chancel Choir Director

Worship

Worship services are scheduled for 8:45 and 11 AM on Sunday morning. Evening worship, prayer and praise services are held on Sundays at 6 PM. Professional child care is provided in separate infant and toddler nurseries during all worship services. Children’s Church, including Bible lessons and crafts for ages 3 through 1st grade, is held during the 11 AM service. Many parents in the process of bringing children to worship services for the first few times have chosen the more informal 8:45 AM service as a place to begin this valuable experience. A Coffee and Juice Fellowship follows the early service at 9:30 AM in the Ben Boyette Fellowship Building.

Bible Study: Growing in Faith

Sunday School classes using a variety of materials and approaches are offered for all ages at New Hope. Sunday School for the **Infant Nursery and Toddlers** includes music, singing, loving care, and the “Me at Three” curriculum as a study guide. Four and five-year olds use the United Methodist “Invitational” curriculum in our **Kindergarten Class**. The “**Love Class**” (Grades 1-3) uses United Methodist “invitational series curriculum, as does the “**Peace Kids**” class (Grades 4-6). These classes meet in the Ben Boyette Fellowship Building. Curriculum on topics of interest, on Biblical studies, and on social concerns is features in the **Junior-Senior High Sunday School Class** which meets in our spacious Youth Room. The **Young Disciples’ Class** (mostly from ages mid-20’s to mid-40’s) offers studies on topics such as the Life of Christ, Spiritual Life, Biblical studies, and current issues facing Christians. The **Discipleship Class** (similar ages) also designs its curriculum to help new Christians grow in their understanding of the Bible, the life of Christ, social concerns, and United Methodist beliefs. The **Betsy Edwards Class**, a class which enjoys a lecture-discussion format, uses the Bible Study series offered by the UMC on a rotating basis. The **James Carlisle Class**, a senior adult class, follows the International Sunday School Lesson series and is taught by several class members. The **Bible Study Class** meets in the sanctuary and offers a survey of the entire Bible. The James Carlisle Class meetings on Sundays at 9:45 AM; other classes begin promptly at 10 AM.

Choral Music

Choral music experiences are open to ages toddler through adult through the Music Ministry of New Hope UMC. The **Cherub Choir** meets during Sunday School in the Toddler Nursery for ages 1-3. The **Aldersgate Choir** (grades 2-6) and **Crusader Choir** (kindergarten through 1st grade) rehearse on Sunday afternoons. The **Youth Choir** (for junior/senior high and college-age singers) rehearses on Sundays prior to UMYF. The **Chancel Choir**, service choir for Sunday morning worship, rehearses on Thursday evenings at 7 PM and is open to high school-age through adult singers. (for more information about the Chancel Choir please see our **Music Ministry** brochure. All choirs offer a variety of styles and types of music and present anthems during worship services at New Hope. Our choirs also perform at area churches and at nursing homes as an extension of their ministry.

Special Fellowship Groups

Opportunities for fellowship and friendship abound at New Hope! Fellowship activities which involve the entire church family include 5th Sunday Fellowship Dinners, the Sweetheart Banquet (sponsored by United Methodist Men), Chili Cook-Off, a Church-Wide Picnic (sponsored by United Methodist Women) and various special events which change from year to year. Senior adults may participate each month in the **Pinewood Jubilee Club**, for fellowship meals, trips and outings, and programs of interest to senior adults. Regular **Young Adult/Baby Boomer** Fellowship Meals are scheduled with child care provided at a nominal cost. Our **Single Adult** groups also meets monthly (look for dates, times, and places in each week's bulletin). Groups

within the church, such as the **United Methodist Women**, **United Methodist Men**, and Sunday School classes also plan fellowship activities around seasonal events.

Children in grades 2 through 6 are invited to join the **New hope Kids** which meets on Sundays during the evening worship hour (6 PM). Snacks, programs, getting-to-know-you games, and missions projects are the focus of this group. Junior through Senior High youths are invited to join the **United Methodist Youth Fellowship** which meets on Sundays from 5:30-7 PM (fellowship meal at 5:30) in the Youth Room. By March of 1992, we will have two UMYF groups—one for junior highs, another for senior highs. We are blessed to have excellent, creative, spirit-led leadership in our UMYF — their programs and activities are designed to encourage growth in grace, knowledge of scripture, and wisdom to face the challenges which confront college or career-bound youths of the '90s.

Age-Level Ministries; Special Ministries

We are constantly on the look-out for special ministries which strengthen the body of Christ—our church family—and enable them to be of ministry and service as Christ's witnesses. Special programs planned for the 1992-1993 program calendar include a series of parenting discussion groups, a marriage enrichment workshop, a family retreat, missions studies, Holy Week services, and short-term Bible studies.

In 1992 we implemented our **Lay Shepherding Ministry**. Shepherding groups of 10 to 12 members each will be contacted regularly by a group leader, or shepherd, who will offer prayer support, friendship, guidance, and information on various aspects of church membership and growth. The shepherds will maintain close contact with Pastor Swartz and will keep him informed of any special needs among the various groups. Every member is an important member at New Hope! We pray that our Lay Shepherding ministry will be an avenue used by our Lord to draw our membership closer to each other and to Him.

Our Ministry of Building

1992 is an exciting year for New Hope as we look forward to ground breaking and construction of a new sanctuary to accommodate our growing church family. A model of the new sanctuary is on display at the church along with a series of drawings. The membership of New Hope sees the construction of this permanent sanctuary as a sign of God's grace at work in this congregation. We call all long-standing, new, and prospective members to join us in prayer for God's guidance as we continue in this major project. As we work together to construct His sanctuary, may our plans, our progress, and our dedication be pleasing in His sight. We pray for the many people in New Hope's future who will worship, who will experience salvation and grace, who will be married, and who will commit their lives to Christian service in this sanctuary after our life's labors are ended.

Other Ministries

Vacation Church School—open to all children ages toddler through 6th grade (generally held the last week of June—9 AM to 11:30 AM)

Soup Kitchen Ministry (helping at St. Stephen's Community Soup Kitchen) - every 4th Wednesday of the month, 10 AM to 12 noon

New Hope Food Closet—sponsored by UMYF (ongoing missions project) - special food drive at Thanksgiving, Valentine's Day and Christmas

Live Nativity Scene—during Advent, complete with outdoor set, live animals, costumes

Missions Studies—sponsored by United Methodist Women on topics designated by the national organization—church family is invited

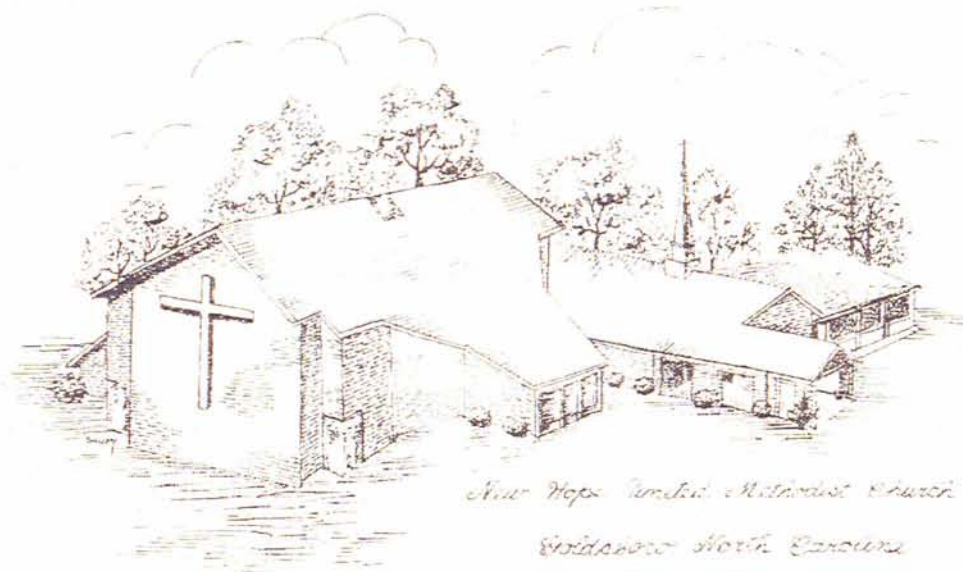
Youth Retreats—chartered during Winter, 1992—designed by youth leaders

Sharing Groups—organized by individuals within the church (informal Bible study, devotions, sharing, prayer—any combination of these components)

Prayer Vigils—announced periods of continuous prayer for aspects of our church's growth and ministry

Compassion Child—New Hope sponsors Kimaku, a child the congregation "adopted" through Compassion International on-going missions project)

Revised: August 1992



"A Service of Ground Breaking"

September 20, 1992

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Worship Notes

We wish to acknowledge the following sources in the preparation of our liturgy for today. The Congregational Prayer comes from the *Book of Common Prayer* (1979), the Procession of the Cross, prayer, and Breaking of the Ground litany comes from *Blessings and Consecrations* (Abingdon, 1984), the hymn "Amazing Grace" is in the public domain and was written by John Newton in the 18th century.

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Otis Freeman for the following birthdays in their family: in memory of the Reverend H. C. Freeman (September 28th); in honor of Mae M. Freeman (September 24th); in honor of Betty F. Williamson (September 20th); and in honor of Louann W. Heath (September 13th). May God bless you.

The Building Committee reminds you to be in prayer for our Building Program.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER LIST:
Bryan and Michael Wood (nephews of Mary Fleenor), Mac Packard, Joyce Edwards, Stephen Elliot, the Amends, the Worthys, the Packards, the Eberles, Neva Tangen, Sherrie Browning's mom, Carrie Rugger, Brian Christman, Kim Anderson, Nora Janet Smith, Susan Cauthen, Pat Butts, Esther Marshall (Dave Marshall's mom), Rick Underwood, Dawn Placke (Frank & Pat Toth's grand-daughter), Bertha Waitley, Jim Hay, Aaron Rumsey, Nancy Horne, Erica Gray, Mary Collins, Gary Packard's grandfather, Chris Wilkerson, Mrs. Hawkins, Chris Drummond, Teresa Grantham, Kathy Clayton, Jo Prebua, Aline Lavin, David Presnell, Diana Dunham, Carolyn Hill, Debi Young's mother, Ruth Best, Tina Lewis, Bobby Means (Eugenia Brooks' nephew), Otis Barrow, Marel Stroud, Mrs. Hilton, Elizabeth Crumpler, Sarah Lavin, John and Alma Andrews, Ada Belle Shearin, and Kimaku (our Compassion Child).



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sunday, September 20, 1992

- 8:45 AM - Worship Service
- 9:30 AM - Coffee and juice fellowship
- 10:00 AM - Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 AM - Worship Service
- 5:00 PM - Trustees
- 5:00 PM - Aldersgate Choir (till 5:45)
- 5:30 PM - UMYF (dress comfortably)
- 6:00 PM - Crusader Choir (till 6:45)
- 6:00 PM - New Hope Kids (till 7:00)
- 6:45 PM - Children's Bible Study
(for Crusader Choir aged children)
- 7:15 PM - Lay Shepherd Meeting

Summary of Giving Report for September 13, 1992

Tithes & Offerings	\$1,588.27
Needed Weekly	2,080.00
Behind Budget	2,325.58
Last Week - Behind	1,833.85

Building Fund	905.00
Pastor's Discretionary	110.00
Mothers Day Out	52.50

LITURGY PLANNING SESSION:

Each Friday at 12 Noon we examine upcoming worship services. Come and join us—bring yourself, a Bible, and a bag lunch. As we prepare for Sunday, October 4th please study: Psalm 137; Lamentations 1:1-6; 2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10.

Disaster Relief efforts due to Hurricane Andrew are underway. Our church has already received \$55.00 for relief. We wish to give you another opportunity to give to help meet this need. Mark your gift Hurricane Relief and we will send this money to aid victims of the disaster through our own United Methodist Committee on relief. (UMCOR Advance #901185-6).

You may now designate funds for the Hawaiian Hurricane Relief Effort.

Gathering and Praise

Gathering

As people gather to worship we invite you to greet one another. We do ask that when the prelude begins we use the time to be in prayer.

Prelude and lighting of the Candles

Carol Anne Katz, Organist

Acolyte: (8:45) Ronnie Marcinski; (11:00) John Swartz

Welcome

Welcome to New Hope UMC. Please complete the Registration Pad located in each pew and pass it to the person next to you. After all have signed it should be returned to the center aisle side of the pew.

*Hymn No. 545

"The Church's One Foundation"

Congregational Prayer (in unison)

Almighty God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to reconcile the world to yourself: We praise and bless you for those whom you have sent in the power of the Spirit to preach the Gospel to all nations. We thank you that in all parts of the earth a community of love has been gathered together by their prayers and labors, and that in every place your servants call upon your Name; for the kingdom and the power and the glory are yours for ever. Amen.

(Children may leave at this time for Children's Church)

Congregational Concerns

Giving of Ourselves and Our Gifts

Offertory

"God of Grace and God of Glory" - Chancel Choir

*Doxology No. 94

Service of the Word

Prayer for Illumination (in unison)

Lay Reader

Lay Readers: Ron Marcinski (8:45); Owen Ragland (11:00)

Almighty God, you have poured out your Holy Spirit upon us that we may be comforted when afflicted and afflicted when comfortable. May your Holy Spirit enter into our lives today that in the reading and hearing of your holy Word we may be so comforted or afflicted and that in all things we will seek to do your will; through the grace and peace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

First Lesson - I Chronicles 21:28—22:16

Gospel Lesson - John 4:19-24

Sermon

The Reverend Alan P. Swartz

Service of the Table

Eucharistic Presenters: JoAnne and John Swartz (8:45); Tom and Rhonda Wells (11:00)

*Hymn No. 590

"Christ Loves the Church"

Prayers of the People

Brief intercessions, petitions, and thanksgivings by the leader or members of the congregation. Each of these prayers will be followed by the common response:

"Lord, hear our prayer"

spoken by all.

*The Great Thanksgiving (see page 15 in *Hymnal*)

*The Holy Communion (Ushers will indicate when to go forward)

Eucharistic Assistant: JoAnne Swartz (8:45); Mac Yates (11:00)

The Lord's table is open to all people regardless of their church affiliation. You need not be a member of this church or a United Methodist to participate. Our method of receiving is called intinction, which means you are given a piece of bread (or a wafer) and when the cup is presented to you dip the bread into the cup and then consume it. We will receive communion by standing at the front of the church. After receiving, return to your seat by the outside aisles.

While other go forward for communion we encourage you join in the singing of these eucharistic hymns with the choir. You may also wish to share signs of peace with others around you. Sing out with thanksgiving to God for he has done in your life.

614	<i>"For the Bread Which You have Broken"</i>
620	<i>"One Bread, One Body"</i>
599	<i>"Break Thou the Bread of Life"</i>
618	<i>"Let US Break Bread Together"</i>
298	<i>"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"</i>
616	<i>"Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast"</i>

*Prayer after Communion (in unison)

God and Father of us all, you provide us with nourishment for body, mind and soul; help us to use the strength you give to us in acts of compassion and grace; through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Processional to the Building Site

Carol Anne Katz, Organist

At this point in the service we will all process outside to the site of the future sanctuary of New Hope United Methodist Church. A cross that has been especially prepared for this purpose will lead the way to the site where the altar of the new sanctuary will be. Let all the people follow this cross to the altar site, and in our lives may we follow the cross of Jesus.

Those who do not wish to stay for the entire service are dismissed at this point.

Breaking of the Ground

Procession of the Cross

The congregation will follow the cross to the place of construction. After the cross is in its place, all should gather around it for the Breaking of the Ground liturgy.

After all are in place the Leader begins: (Congregational responses are in *italics*)

Give to the Lord the glory due to his name;
bring an offering,
and come into his courts.

*Praise waits for you, O God,
and to you shall the vow be performed.*

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

*Except the Lord build the house
they labor in vain that build it.*

Let us pray:

Prayer (in unison)

Almighty and everlasting God, ever exalted yet always near: be present with us, gathered together here to set apart this ground upon which we stand to the honor and glory of your great name. Let your Spirit descend upon your church which will come together here; and as they depart from this place, go with them in the peace and power of your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Breaking of Ground (responses in *italics*)

To the glory of God, in the presence of this congregation, I now direct that ground be broken for the New Hope United Methodist Church. The responsibility and privilege rests upon us to cause a building to rise here which shall be a house of this people of God and a place devoted to the worship of Almighty God and to the glory of his blessed Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

[As each one of those selected turns a spadeful of earth, the pastor says one of the following responses to which the people respond:]

That a church may meet here where children shall learn to love God and grow in grace and goodness, and in favor with God and all people,

we break this ground today.

That a church may meet here where youth shall be inspired to pause to pray and rise to serve,

we break this ground today.

That a church may meet here where the weary and heavy-laden shall find inner peace which the world can neither give nor take away,

we break this ground today.

That a church may meet here where the Word of God shall be so read and preached that it shall become the Living Word, and the sacraments so celebrated that all life shall become sacramental,

we break this ground today.

That a church may meet here where multitudes shall be refreshed in spirit, relieved from pain, released from bondage, and redeemed from sin,

we break this ground today.

That a church may meet here where the grace of God may make our lives into a Christlike love and our homes places of living witness for that kingdom where Christ is Lord,

we break this ground today.

That a church may rise here from which, by the power of the Holy Spirit, your people are sent forth into this community and all the world as champions of justice and love to all people,

we break this ground today.

Let us pray:

Closing Prayer (in unison)

Lord God, you fill the whole world with your presence, that your name may be hallowed everywhere. Bless us who meet here, on this ground made holy your worship. Consecrate those whose vision and work provide this site. Help us to rejoice in this work just begun and persevere to its completion, so that this place may resound with your praises and become for us a home where we may together be nurtured in the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hymn

"Amazing Grace"

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess, within the veil, a life of joy and peace.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

Dismissal with Blessing

The FAIR BOOTH SIGN-UP CHART is posted in the sanctuary. Other sheets, taped to the kitchen counter, are for volunteers who can work before the Fair officially opens on Sept. 28. Please note that some shifts are 4 hours—we hope this helps the booth to run more smoothly. Please sign up to help us—proceeds benefit the Building Fund.

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS:

Just a reminder of our new Fall Schedule for our children's music ministry—Aldersgate Choir (grades 3-6) meets from 5-5:45 PM; Crusader Choir (ages 4K through 2nd grade) meets from 6-6:45 PM with a Children's Bible Study from 6:45 PM until the end of Evening Worship for all who wish to stay. Choirs will meet in the Fellowship Hall.

All glory and praise belongs to God for this day.

We wish to thank him for the work of our Building Committee. We are grateful that they have allowed themselves to serve as his instruments in this project.

Building Committee

Mac Yates, Chair
Frank Toth, Vice-Chair
Dale Wilkerson
Barbara Chesson
Janie Woodard
John McNeill
Linda Pottor
Jim Amend
Bob Arends

Special Guests today include:

Charles Woodall of the Alpha Design Group
Jim Daniels of Daniels and Daniels
Construction Company
Jason Frizzell of Wachovia Bank

New Hope United Methodist Church is a caring, compassionate Christian fellowship committed to the ministry and mission of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Through this brochure, we wish to introduce ourselves to you, giving brief information about our church programs and activities. It is our prayer that you will find a hearty welcome, an atmosphere of acceptance and love, and a true sense of God's presence and leading whenever you are at New Hope. Our church staff is ready and eager to assist you with questions or comments you might have concerning our church program and calendar of activities.

Alan P. Swartz - Pastor
Teri Marley - Administrative Assistant
Jo Anne Swartz - Director of Lay Ministries
Carol Anne Katz - Organist
Scott & Debi Young - Sextons
Owen Ragland - Lay Leader
Jo Anne Swartz - Chancel Choir Director
Cyndi Farver - Director of Children's Choirs

Lay Shepherds:
Don Blanchette (751-0708)
Doug Chesson (778-2035)
Butch & Lynn Ransom (751-8744)
Pat Toth (778-4066)
Tom & Rhonda Wells (778-5293)
Patti Wilkerson (778-6643)
Mac Yates (778-1641)

Worship

Worship services are scheduled for 8:45 and 11 AM on Sunday morning. Evening worship, prayer and praise services are held on Sundays at 6 PM. Professional child care is provided in separate infant and toddler nurseries during all worship services. Children's Church, including Bible lessons and crafts for ages 3 through 1st grade, is held during the 11 AM service. Many parents in the process of bringing children to worship services for the first few times have chosen the more informal 8:45 AM service as a place to begin this valuable experience. A Coffee and Juice Fellowship follows the early service at 9:30 AM in the Ben Boyette Fellowship Building.



Bible Study: Growing in Faith

Sunday School classes using a variety of materials and approaches are offered for all ages at New Hope. Sunday School for the Infant Nursery and Toddlers includes music, singing, loving care, and the "Me at Three" curriculum as a study guide. Four and five-year-olds use the United Methodist "Invitational" curriculum in our Kindergarten Class. The "Love Class" (Grades 1-3) uses United Methodist "Invitational" series curriculum, as does the "Peace Kids" Class (Grades 4-6). These classes meet in the Ben Boyette Fellowship Building.

Curriculum on topics of interest, on Biblical studies, and on social concerns is featured in the Junior-Senior High Sunday School class which meets in our spacious Youth Room. The Young Disciples' Class (Young Adults & "Baby Boomers") offers studies on topics such as the Life of Christ, Spiritual Life, Biblical studies, and current issues facing Christians. The Discipleship Class also designs its curriculum to help new Christians grow in their understanding of the Bible, the life of Christ, social concerns, and United Methodist beliefs.

The Betsy Edwards Class, a class which enjoys a lecture-discussion format, uses the Bible Study series offered by the UMC and is taught by several class members on a rotating basis. The James Carlisle Class, a senior adult class, follows the International Sunday School Lesson series and is taught by several class members. The James Carlisle Class meets on Sundays at 9:45 AM; other classes begin promptly at 10 AM.

A fifth Sunday School Class for adults which meets in the sanctuary is following the "Through the Bible in One Year" study guide by Stringfellow. This, our newest class, is a popular one with varied ages of adult participants.

Choral Music

Choral music experiences are open to ages toddler through adult through the Music Ministry of New Hope UMC. The Cherub

Choir meets during Sunday School in the Toddler Nursery for ages 1-3. The Aldersgate Choir (grades 3-6) and Crusader Choir (kindergarten through 2nd grade) rehearse on Sunday afternoons. The Youth Choir (for junior - senior high and college-age singers) rehearses on Sundays prior to UMYF. The Chancel Choir, the service choir for Sunday morning worship, rehearses on Thursday evenings at 7 PM and is open to high school-age through adult singers. All choirs offer a variety of styles and types of music and present anthems during worship services at New Hope. Our choirs also perform at area churches and at nursing homes as an extension of their ministry.

Special Fellowship Groups

Opportunities for fellowship and friendship abound at New Hope! Fellowship activities which involve the entire church family include 5th Sunday Fellowship Dinners, the Sweetheart Banquet (sponsored by United Methodist Men), Chili Cook-Off, a church-wide picnic (sponsored by United Methodist Women) and various special events which change from year to year. Senior adults may participate in the Jubilee Club, a group of New Hope, Pinewood Presbyterian and community members who have monthly fellowship meals, plan trips and outings, and schedule programs of interest to senior adults.

Regular Young Adult - Baby Boomer fellowship meals are scheduled with child care provided at a nominal cost. Groups within the church, such as the United Methodist Women, United Methodist Men, and Sunday School classes also plan fellowship activities around seasonal events.

Children in grades 3 through 6 are invited to join the "New Hope Kids Club" which meets on Sundays during the evening worship hour (6 PM). Snacks, programs, getting-to-know-you games, and missions projects are the focus of this group. Junior through Senior High youths are invited to join the United Methodist Youth Fellowship which meets on Sundays from 5:30 - 7 PM (fellowship time at 5:30) in the Youth Room.



Goldsboro District

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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J. MALLOY OWEN, III
District Superintendent

September 17, 1992

New Hope United Methodist Church
200 New Hope Road
Goldsboro, NC 27534

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

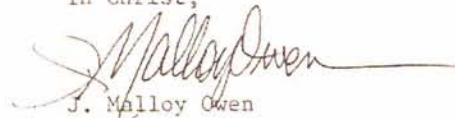
We join you in praising God as you break ground today for your new sanctuary! Congratulations!

Because you could not know the date of breaking ground in advance, I had already promised to preach this morning for homecoming at Sarecta Church in Duplin County. Pat and I would be with you if we had known in time. Be assured of our prayers and best wishes.

May the Lord bless the preaching of His Word in the sanctuary you are about to build. It is my prayer that many persons will come to Christ Jesus as Saviour and Lord in this place.

God bless you always.

In Christ,



J. Malloy Owen

JMO/pso



The United Methodist Church

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THE METHODIST BUILDING 1307 GLENWOOD AVENUE
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C. P. MINNICK, JR.
RESIDENT BISHOP

September 17, 1992

OFFICE (919) 832-9560
RESIDENCE (919) 782-0520

TO: THE MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION
NEW HOPE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

My dear Sisters and Brothers:

Congratulations to you on this very special occasion--the ground-breaking for the addition to your sanctuary building. This new facility will greatly expand the types of ministries which you can offer in the name of Jesus Christ to your members, to the surrounding community, and to the church at large.

I am confident that you will achieve those dreams to which you have committed your spiritual and material resources.

And I am grateful to all of you for your witness in the North Carolina Annual Conference to the meaning of faithful discipleship to Jesus Christ and vital congregational life in His name and spirit.

Grace to you and peace from God and our Lord Jesus Christ.

Sincerely,

C. P. Minnick, Jr.

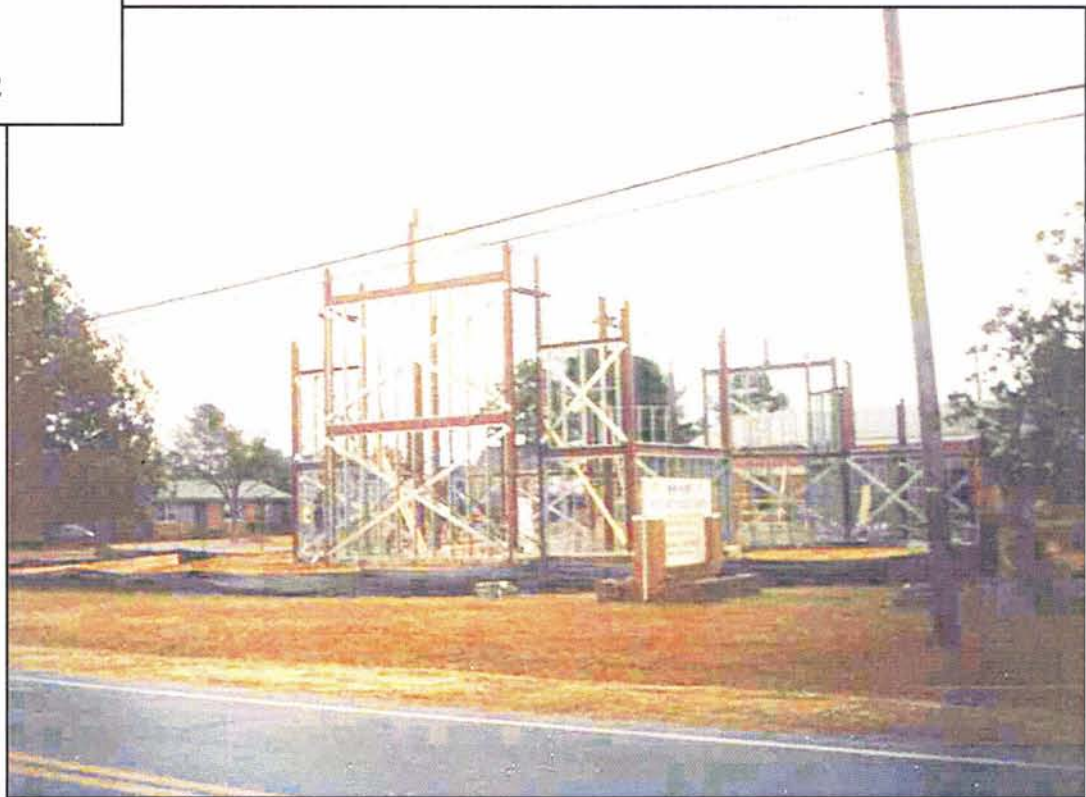
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Above—October 1992

Right—December 1992



Have a Seat, Please!

As you may remember, the purchase of a few items for the new sanctuary was not included in the construction contract. One of the big ticket items we have to purchase separately is seating. It is time to begin serious fundraising for our pews. We must place the order soon and have about 33% of the cost up front.

We are purchasing many different lengths of pews. Since the pews are of different lengths they also cost different amounts. Why not purchase one of these pews for the church? Please consider the chart below, fill out the form at the bottom and drop it in the offering plate or give it to one of the ushers. Thank-you.

(Please notice that the chart printed on the back page of the bulletin is incorrect. The label pew lengths are shown correctly here.)

Pew Length in Seats	Pew Length in Feet	Number of Pews	Cost per Pew
22	33	3	\$1,320.00
20	30	3	\$1,200.00
18	27	4	\$1,080.00
16	24	1	\$960.00
15	22.5	2	\$900.00
14	21	1	\$840.00
12	18	2	\$720.00
11	16.5	1	\$660.00
10	15	1	\$600.00

Name _____

Date: November 8, 1992

I/We wish to purchase the following:

- 22 seat pew for \$1,320
- 20 seat pew for \$1,200
- 18 seat pew for \$1,080
- 16 seat pew for \$960
- 15 seat pew for \$900
- 14 seat pew for \$840
- 12 seat pew for \$720
- 11 seat pew for \$660
- 10 seat pew for \$600
- Other: _____ seats at \$60.00 per seat for a total of \$ _____

- In Honor of _____
- In Memory of _____

1992

Nursery Guild established.

Stories from Portney, NC appeared in sermons.

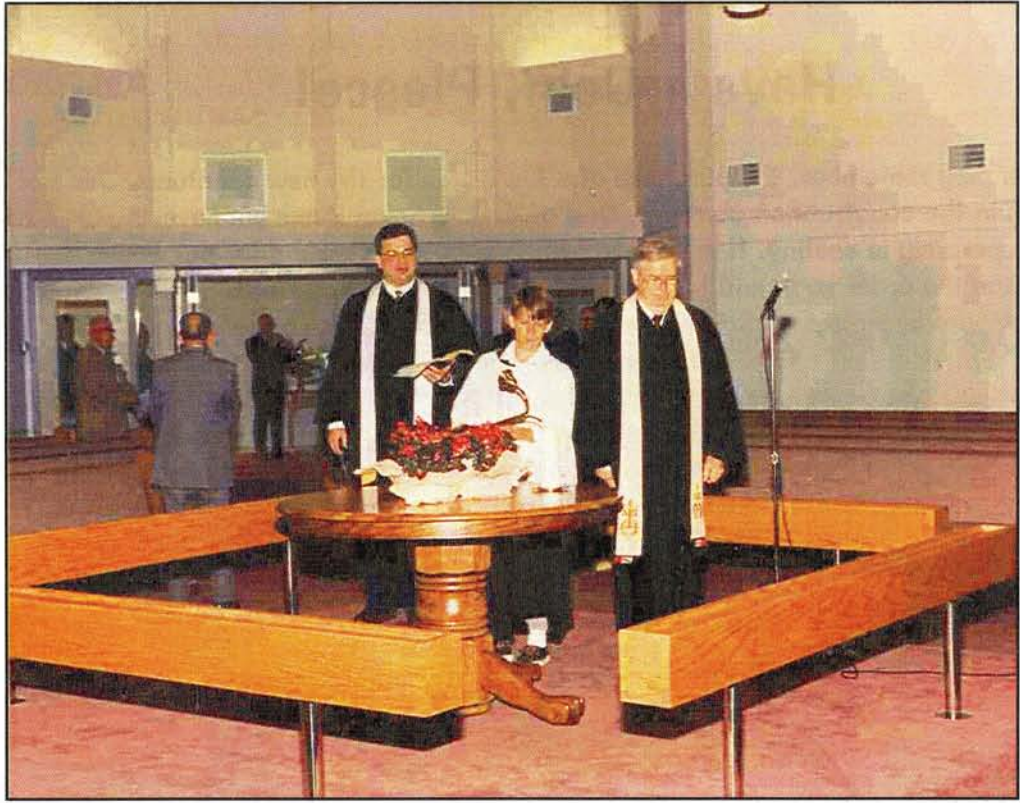
Lay Shepherding ministry begun.

Family retreat held at Camp Don Lee.

UMW published a cook book, *Holy Chow*.

Todd Lyden, UMYF member, contributed a regular column for News of New Hope.

New sanctuary built! Under the watchful supervision of Charles Woodall, Architect with Alpha Deigns of Raleigh the construction of the sanctuary began in September 1992. Daniels & Daniels of Goldsboro was the general contractor.



**New Sanctuary Dedication
May 9, 1993**



Highlights 1993

Average attendance for worship Jan-April was 161.

Sunday School classes and teachers:

James Carlisle Class—Dale Wilkerson

Betsy Edwards Class—share teaching responsibilities

Through the Bible in a Year Class—Keith Reed

Discipleship Class Mark McDaniels

Young Disciples—Alan Swartz

Youth Sunday School Class—Keith Lynch

The Peace Kids—Diane Kester

The Love Class—Vicki Lynch

Kindergarten Class—Mary Batts and Patti Wilkerson

Toddler and Infant—Glynda Tyndall, Eugenia Brooks, Margie Joyner

Pinewood Jubilee Club in the news monthly.

David Atkinson led the music worship at the early service with his guitar and singing.

Doctor of Ministry degree conferred on Pastor Alan Swartz

Mothers' Day out continued on Wednesday mornings.

Moving into a New Sanctuary

"We are all looking forward to moving into our new sanctuary on May 9th. Sunday School will start with an assembly in our current sanctuary at 8:45 AM and classes will begin at 9. We will gather back to the current sanctuary at 10:00. There we will have the announcements and then take up the hymnals and pew Bibles to carry with us into the new sanctuary during the processional.

"The procession will be led by some of our children carrying a candle, the pulpit Bible and the tintinabulum. As we enter the new sanctuary singing the hymns of the processional we will move to new places in new pews. The spell of newness will be all around us — the smell of the carpet, the freshly stained oak furnishings and pine beams. We will see a new pulpit, a new Lord's table and new kneeling rails.

"But it will be in the midst of all the newness that we shall see things that are the same—the familiar faces of people who gather each week to worship the Lord and Creator of us all.

"The hymns will be familiar hymns. The prayer concerns will be those we have lifted up before. The sermon will present the same Gospel that has offered life and hope to so many throughout the centuries.

"Yes, we will be gathering in a new sanctuary. The newness of it may remind us of the newness of life offered to us in Christ Jesus. The sameness may remind us of the constancy of God's love.

"Whatever feelings you may experience on the day we consecrate our new sanctuary, it is my personal prayer that all of us may be blessed by the experience."

Alan P. Swartz

Pastor's study refurnished with oriental rug, celery-colored velvet sofa, antique writing desk, a wing chair, 2 mahogany end tables, and an oak dictionary stand for a live plant.

Fall Festival held for fun with games, booths, hotdogs, face painting, and a piñata.

Additional Sunday School class formed for First Graders—taught by Mary Batts.

Two family retreats held—one in Emerald Isle and one in Asheboro.

Daily Prayer themes established.

Sunday: Your Personal, Family and Work Life

Monday: Our Church Leadership and Administration

Tuesday: Children and Youth Ministries

Wednesday: Adult Ministries

Thursday: Community Ministries

Friday: Church Finances

Saturday: The Church Family

Young Adults held Progressive Dinner.

Highlights from News of New Hope—1994

Deb Fontaine was editor of the News of New Hope.

Pattie Wilkerson served as an office volunteer until April when Beverly Sager was hired.

Intergenerational Church Ministry, Logos, began in September. It included Bible study, worship skills, activity time, and the family dinner hour.

New members welcomed to the NHUMC Family:

Steve & Diane Caudill

Byron Adkins and Catherine Zehmer

Tammy Guinn

Jeannie Holloman

Rick and Terry Featherston

Norm & Kathleen Seip

Dan & Iris Cox

Rudy & Diana Maier

Worship services held at Guardian Care.

Dinner honoring retiring district superintendent, Rev. Malloy Owen.

New pastor arrived in June. Steve and Marie Little, with their children Sara, Mark, and Kelly, arrived from Battleboro to serve New Hope.

Chicken dinner raised \$3,618 for the building fund.

Ruth Best Memorial Garden established on the east side of the sanctuary. "Ruth is remembered as a quiet worker who went about doing work for her family and church. She loved working with the UMW and participated in their programs and fundraisers. In recent years, her activity was slowed by her illness, but her love of lie was reflected in her well attended flowers and garden."

Steve Little, pastor, with "Jiggy" John Acree at a church dinner



THE NEWS OF NEW HOPE

1995

Chicken dinner profited \$4,163 to go towards building payments and insurance.

Docia Proctor hired as office secretary.

Lay Leader's Corner written by Doug Chesson.

New Hope sponsored a Compassion International child, Kimaku.

Pastor Little realized that 1/2 of the families in the 1993 directory were no longer in the area.

Bret Hubbell, Mike & Amy Johnson accepted the leadership roll for the UMYF. Plans included a trip to Methodist College for a football game, ice skating, pizza and sundae night, and helping with the Fall Festival and fair booth.

Logos was in full operation.

Pinewood Jubilee Club continued monthly meetings.

Fall Bazar was held in November.

Church kitchen remodeling began.

Thanksgiving dinners provided for 12 families.

Altar Guild had six ladies formed into 3 teams.

Sara Little and Martha DiMaria lead the UMYF with several projects.

"First ever" Pancake Supper held by Troop 8. Leaders included Lacy Britt, Dave Disch, Dan Flick, Brian Dzinbal and Lacy Allan Britt.

Christmas gifts to the church totaled \$4,000 towards conference missions.



United Methodist Women of New Hope

❖ The News of New Hope ❖

Highlights 1996
Steve Little, pastor
Roy Vice, editor

Calendar shows several active groups

- Boy Scouts
- Girl Scouts
- Chancel Choir
- LOGOS
- Pinewood Jubilee Club
- UMW
- UMM
- UMYF
- Vacation Bible School

Sarah Little selected as one of 5 Outstanding Seniors in the Goldsboro District.

UMYF started their own newsletter and calendar.

Men attended the Promise Keepers conference in Charlotte.

Sue Coltrane wrote a brief history of "A Church That's On the Move...", 1956-1996 for Homecoming.

Sara Little went on a mission trip to Costa Rica.

Travis Potter joined other youth in the Appalachian Trail Hike.

First Web page for the church posted in June.

UMW officers for 1996-7 were Mary Collins, Rhonda Vice, Amy Johnson, Marie Little, Lucy Cate-Falls, Iris Cox, Carrie Wiebe, and Amy Miller

Hurricane Fran visited North Carolina.

Fall 1996 brought a new Youth Ministry to Goldsboro. JSG & Co aired on cable television each Saturday afternoon 3:30-4:00 as a ministry of Greg Forrester.



VBS 1996



Doug Chis
Julia Acosta
Scott DeWitt
LOGOS

Fifth Decade: 1997— 2006

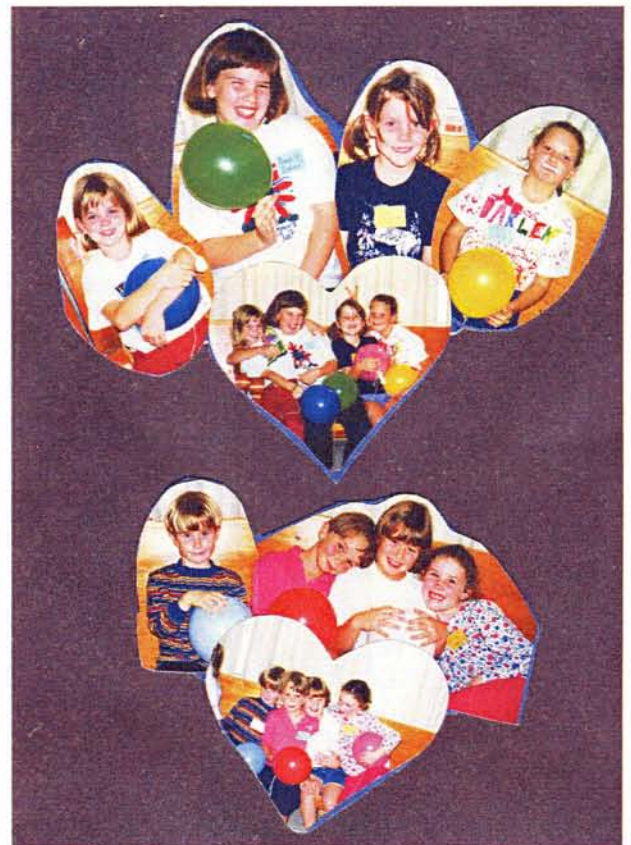
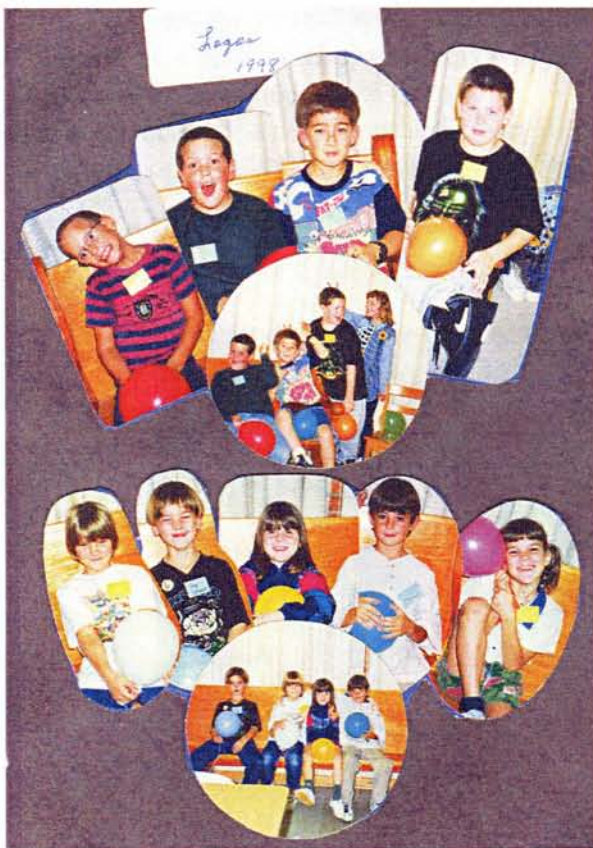
The News Of New Hope

New Hope United Methodist Church, Goldsboro, NC

Stephen N. Little, Pastor
Doug Chesson, Lay Leader
Brent Hubbell, Music Director
Carrie Wiebe, Church Secretary

1997

Local missions included "Respond Ministry" and Food Pantry.
Meena Noah sent to Venezuela on a Medical Missions Trip.
LOGOS collected items for school kits for Robeson County Church and Community Center.
New heat/AC unit installed; walkway poles painted; yard work done.
Chicken dinner again a success!
Disciple Bible Study concluded after 34 weeks.
Capital Funds Drive (C. F. D.) begun.





The News Of New Hope

New Hope United Methodist Church - Goldsboro - NC

August/September 1998

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Doug Chesson turned over the position of Lay Leader to Tom Potter.

John Acree elected Chair of the Administrative Council.

Scott Disch completed the Food Pantry as his Eagle Scout project.

LOGOS teachers included

Lisa Godwin—teens

Nancy Montague—Grades 4-6

Brenda Morawski—Grades 2-3

Tracy Regan—Grade 1

Laney Jacob— Kindergarten

Ronda Vice and Dawn Potter—contacts for LOGOS

Disciple II Bible Study met on Sunday evenings.

Chicken Dinner fund raiser held once more.

5th Sunday Hymn Sing and Covered Dish held.

Emphasis on Sunday School for the year.

Chancel choir received new robes through funding from a previous choir member.

Roy vice continued as Newsletter editor.

Family camping trip held in the fall.

UMW Annual Christmas Bazaar held in November.

Stewardship Dinner held as kickoff to the 1999 Stewardship campaign.

Hand chimes donated to the church for the music ministry.

UMW held baby shower for Jesus in November helped provide diaper bags for parents of needy newborns.

December—bid a fond farewell to Music Director Brent Hubbell.



New Hope United Methodist Church

Forty-Fifth Anniversary 1956-2001

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1996-8: Some of the **improvements** made to the church: new kitchen stove with exhaust fan, commercial refrigerator, new shingles on the Boyette Building, three new heat pumps, new carpet in the office.



- 1999: Rev. Steve Little heard the call to move to Clinton.
Rev. Dr. Carolyn Smith appointed to New Hope in June.
The parsonage family included her husband, Mike Pilgrim, and children Adam, Beth, and Jennifer.
The UMW sponsored the Angel Closet, an outreach ministry to the youngest members of our community.
Mary Collins assumed responsibility for the News of New Hope.
New Hope sponsored a **refugee family** from Bosnia and assisted with two other refugee families.
Mission team went to Wasilla, Alaska.
Playground received renovations.
Choir members: Doug Chesson, John Collins, Mary Collins, Dave Disch, Shirley Disch, Greg Forester, Diane Kester, Andrea Malpass, MaryEllen Merritt, Sharon Mumford, Mina Noah, Van Noah, Laura O'Neill, Mike Pilgrim, Dawn Potter, Linda Tozier, Carrie Wiebe
- 2000: The original **parsonage**, built in 1962, was sold and a larger house was purchased at 204 Bayleaf Drive. Storage utility building was added to the property.
Andrea Malpass joined the music ministry as organist.
To help with the various Hurricane Relief Teams being housed in the Boyette Building, a shower was installed in the men's restroom.
The **New Hope UMC Chesson Endowment** was established with the United

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Methodist Foundation, Inc.

Storage cabinet built in Boyette Building by the Boy Scouts.

Parents Anonymous began program at New Hope.

Administrative Council Retreat generated a church inventory in the areas of "Worship-Growth-Fellowship", "Outreach Missions," "Witness Ministries".

New church secretary hired upon resignation of Carrie Wiebe.

Replaced air conditioner in Education wing of the building.

In November Dr. Smith requested a Spiritual Growth Study leave.

The following month Rev. McGee Creech was appointed as interim pastor. God blessed our church with the leadership of Rev. Creech.

Chef Tom
Potter



2001: **Feb:** UMYF held 30 hour famine lock-in to raise money for World Hunger.

Feb: New members welcomed were Kelly Land, Glenn & Jamie Westfall.

Feb: New Hope won the Goldsboro District Lay Rally Attendance Award.

April 29: Celebration of **forty-five years** with the mission "to serve our Lord through worship, outreach in the name of Jesus Christ, and to equip the saints for the work of this ministry."

June: Rev. Hunter Preston appointed to New Hope UMC with wife Karen and daughters Kelli and Sarah. Rev. McGee Creech once again retired after serving our church 7 months as interim pastor.

Sept.: New Hope UMC held the first church service at the **Wayne County Fair** on the Sunday before the Fair opened. New Hope has operated a food booth at the fair since 1972.

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Interim Pastor
Reverend McGee Creech
December 2000-June 2001



Betsy Edwards Sunday School Class Teachers
Dan Cox, John McNeill, John Acree



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- 2002: **Jan.:** NHUMC won plaque at Goldsboro District Lay Rally for second year in a row. Parsonage floor and paneling were installed in the den and the property was connected to the Goldsboro sewer and water system.
UMM installed vinyl siding on the wooden sections of the Boyette building.
The parking lot repaired and sprayed with sealer.
Repairs and improvements at the parsonage included paneling and floor covering in the den, window treatments, and connections to the city water and sewage. The Praise Team formed and a set of drums was acquired in memory of Jake Jacobs.
Praise services held on Sunday evenings and sometimes between the early service and Sunday School in the mornings.
Hope Hicks Lockamy hired as musical director.
Joanne Read hired as secretary.
New church directory printed.
July: Several men experienced the Promise Keepers gathering in Raleigh.
Aug.: Rev. Jim Huskins brought the morning message for Homecoming.
Sept.: NHUMC held the 2nd worship service at the Wayne County Fair.



Praise Service 2002

5 generations



Five generations pictured are, front from left, Britany Sutton; Ethel Smith Boyette, great-great-grandmother; Jackie Sutton, father; back from left, Debbie C. Sutton, grandmother; and Sue B. Coltrane, great-grandmother.



Five generations pictured are, front from left, Anna Miller; Ethel Smith Boyette, great-great-grandmother; Lynny Coltrane, grandfather; back from left, Ben Miller; Tessa C. Denton, mother; and Sue Coltrane, great-grandmother.

Feb.: Boy Scout Troop 8 dedicated an **American flag and pole** on the church lawn in memory of Lacy Britt, former Scout Master, as the Eagle Project of Josh Coltrane.

March: UMM installed the **spot light** on the cross in front of the church.

May: A **softball team** organized by Mike Acree.

July: A **mission team** from NHUMC went to Alaska to help build a church. The team included, Keith Reid, Dawn Potter, Tom Potter, Laney Jacobs, and Ian Jacobs.

Aug.: Hope Lockamy and Anne Kosuda started a **youth/adult handbell choir** with bells loaned to New Hope. Fund started to purchase a 3-octave set.

New members: Bill & Lynn Collins and children Lynn, Jessica, and Will.

Sept.: A three-night **revival** lead by Rev. Marty Cauly. Homecoming Sunday with former pastor Dr. Alan Swartz featured. UMYF started the fall with new members and a new advisor, Joe Kosuda.

New Hope UMC began hosting Parents Anonymous® program.

Oct.: Our third church service at the **Wayne County Fair** was held by the Praise Team. Keith Reid volunteered with **MERCI**, rebuilding homes after Hurricane Isabel. Homecoming held.

Dec.: **Glass doors** installed in the Boyette Building and the hall into the Fellowship Building in memory of Mable Coltrain, Bill Merritt, and John Lavin. Year 2003 ended with a great Christmas Eve service, including the handbells.

The church parking lot was refuge for the bank robber's get-away car.

- 2004
- Mike Acree—Chair, Administrative Council
 - Music Director—Hope Lockamy
 - Director of Hand bells—Anne Kosuda
 - UMM President—Dan Cox
 - UMW President—Jane Fields
 - UMYF President—Ian Jacobs
 - Roger Bedford—Finance Secretary

Feb.: New Hope UMC won the District Lay Rally attendance for the 4th year. Roger Bedford was Lay Person of the Year for New Hope.

Several individuals went on their "Walk to Emmaus."

May: Order was placed for a 3 octave (37) hand bell set inscribed in honor or in memory by the contributors.

July: Youth on rafting trip to Bryson City.

New members: Jami Lavin, Joseph and Amanda Wade, and Jerry and Margaret Wells.

Aug.: Roof was replaced on the Educational Building. A glass door was installed in the narthex in memory of John Lavin, Bill Merritt, and Dorothy Harrell. Air conditioner was replaced in the Sanctuary. Repairs at the parsonage included vinyl siding replaced on the side next to the drive, also three insulated windows were installed on the same side.

Three octave set of hand bells was received.

Karen Preston, pastor's wife, applied for and received a grant to establish the Goldsboro District Parish Ministry and she was appointed the first Parish Nurse. The mission is to promote excellence in personal stewardship through health and wellness ministries among the churches in Goldsboro.

Fantastic 5th: Celebration of Sunday School with the following classes and their teachers:

More at Four preschoolers — Mary & John Collins and Amy Miller

PreSchool-Grade 1 — Dawn & Keith Tackett

The Class that Love Built—Nancy McNeill

Tweens — Mary Batts

High school—Jennifer Baron

Roaring Lambs

Growing Disciples

Betsy Edwards Class

Softball team placed 2nd in league play.

Oct.: Part of the hand bell set and several other items were stolen. Some bells were recovered and either were refurbished or replaced. The church insurance covered all but the \$2,000 deductible.

The **Praise Team** lead the church service at the Wayne County Fair. Everyone worked hard at the fairbooth, but still had time for great fellowship.

Nov.: A project was started to raise money to replace 35 windows in the Education Building

Dec.: The insulated windows were installed in the Education Building. All windows were purchased in honor or memory of someone.

UMW purchased 15 faux blinds for the west side of the building and the church purchased the ones on the east side.

Members of New Hope adopted families from the Parents Anonymous ® group for Christmas.

Keith Reed continued to volunteer on the coast with the hurricane recovery team through M.E.R.C.I. (Marion Edwards Recovery Center Initiatives), located in Rosewood.



Praise Team members also worked in the Fair Booth!
Hope Lockamy
Karen Preston
Dawn Potter

2005

Jan.: Karen Preston named Lay Person of the year:

NHUMW hosted Sub-District Cluster meeting of 66 women from 12 churches for worship, planning, and fellowship.

UMM began the studies series "Measure of a Man: Men Mentoring Men."

New members welcomed: Don & Haley Ledbetter, Bill and Jennifer Baron, Joann Fleming.

Preparatory members included Aria Ledbetter and Cheyenne and David Baron.

Carla Bedford hired as office manager.

April: Joint Easter Sunrise service with Saulston UMC at the Wildlife Pond followed by breakfast.

April: Dedication of 3 octave handbell set.

April: Dedication of Disciple Build House by Habitat for Humanity in Wayne County.

April: District Camp Meeting at Rockfish Meadows.

May: Purchase of riding lawnmower and sofa for parsonage; donation of loveseat.

New member welcomed: Jennifer Harris and Preparatory member Genevieve.

May: Celebration of Charter Member Ms Ethel Boyette's 95th birthday

Sponsored Jennifer Barron on her mission trip to Dominican Republic.

Blood Drive a huge success.

July: Hurricane relief team to Pamlico County to work with Keith Reed and M.E.R.C.I.

Kids were Wild about God during Vacation Bible School week.

Aug.: Pictures made for new church directory.

Bill Reed led the scouts in his Eagle Project to landscape around the Boyette Building.

Oct.: Successful fair week, including Praise Service. Installed 1000 gallon grease trap.

Gala Dinner & Silent Auction raised over \$3,000 for building improvements.

Nov.: Flu shot clinic and blood drive.

First Silent Auction/ Spaghetti Dinner with entertainment by Hunter Preston, Andy Preston, and Jimmy Aycok.

Large storage closet built in the Boyette Building as an Eagle Scout project by J. J. Boli and Troop 8.

New homes in heaven for Tommie Gwatney, John Acree, Don Shuey, and Lora O'Neal during 2005.

Dec.: Parents Anonymous Christmas Dinner with visit from Santa.



Fifth Sunday
pot lucks are
popular!

- 2006:
- Jan.:** Work team to Pascagoula, MS to help with **hurricane recovery**.
 - Praise Service** held 2nd Sunday of each month at 9:45 am.
 - Feb.:** I love my church stewardship drive.
 - Feb.:** Goldsboro District recognized the **Parents Anonymous®** as Lay Program of the Year.
 - Mar.:** High speed Internet installed.
UMYF participated in 30 hour famine for World Hunger.
 - Apr.:** Chalk art revival during Holy Week.
Camp meeting at Rockfish Meadows
 - Apr.:** Lent offering \$1,002 sent to sister church in Pascagoula, **Mississippi**
 - Apr.:** Easter cantata dedicated to deceased choir member, Lora Corbett O'Neal.
Needles for Spike the cactus sold to promote Vacation Bible School.
 - New members: Ed Porter, Shannon Porter with Edwin as Preparatory Member.
 - May-June:** Winning softball team.
 - May:** Pictures made for church pictorial directory.
 - Summer-Fall: Essential church** evening service led by D. J. Abrahamson
 - June: New carpet** installed in Fellowship Hall.
 - June:** Sandra Lewis went on a **mission trip** to Africa.
 - July:** Goodbyes said to the Preston family and we welcomed new pastor, R. Martin Armstrong, Jr., and wife Eleanor.
 - July:** Another successful **Vacation Bible School**.
 - July:** Monthly Bible Memory verses began.
 - Aug.:** Softball Team went 5-5 for the season and went on to win the championship.
 - Aug.:** Baptism held at Lake Gaston
 - Aug.:** New Hope UMC selected to participate in Transformation Team **initiative**.
 - Fall:** Blood drive and Flu Shot Clinic held.
 - Fall: Disciple I Bible Study** well attended.
 - Sept.:** Fair booth proceeds exceeded \$11,000. Sixth year of a worship service at the Wayne County Fair.
Parsonage received new windows and siding.
 - Oct.:** Fall Festival fun for families!
Plans for the **50th Anniversary Celebration** began.
 - Nov.:** A moment of remembering was held during Charge Conference for long-time member and servant of God, Curtis Edwards.
Carla Bedford stepped down as Office Manager.
 - Dec.:** Many families and the Scouts participated in the Adopt-a-Grandparent program.
Janice Rouse hired as Church Secretary.
- 2007
- Jan.:** Holy Conversations began as members worked to define "Who we are" and "Who are our neighbors".
 - Feb.:** *The Mysterious Benefactor* presented during the UMYF Valentine Dinner Theatre.
Family and Friends Saturday Breakfast began on the 3rd Saturday of the month.
Church supported Erin Acree and Jami Lavin for their Dance for Christ mission trip to Jamaica.
Visitation and Outreach Team prepared gift bags and a welcome table to greet Sunday visitors under the leadership of Rebecca Lancaster.
 - Mar.:** Trustees completed repairs of the covered walkway between buildings, installation of new windows and blinds in the Boyette Building
 - July: 50th Anniversary Celebration**

Lay Person of the Year for New Hope

1983	Benjamin Robert Boyette, Sr.—Also District Lay Person of the Year
1989	Margaret Edmonds
1990	
1991	Valerie Arends—Also District Lay Person of the Year
1992	
1993	
1994	Mac Yates
1995	Doug Chesson
1996	Greg Forrester
1997	Rhonda Vice
1998	Tom and Dawn Potter
1999	Diane Kester
2000	Harold Coltrane
2001	Dan Cox
2002	Roger Bedford
2003	Roger Bedford
2004	Al Smith
2005	Karen Preston

The future holds for us blessings untold
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To God be the glory now and forever!

Lay Ministry of the Year for New Hope and for the District
2006 Parents' Anonymous®

Historians
Wilma Lipp
Sue Coltrane
1997-present: Dan and Iris Cox



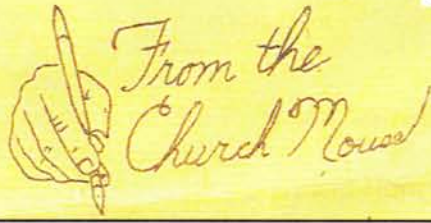
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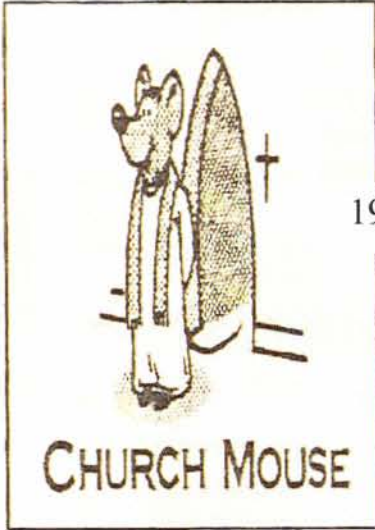


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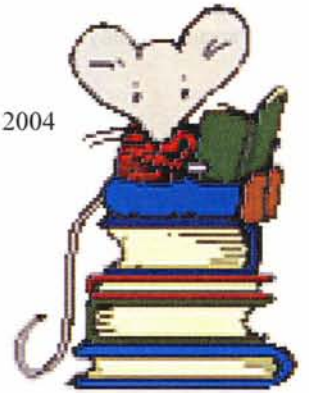


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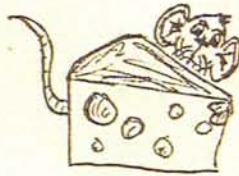


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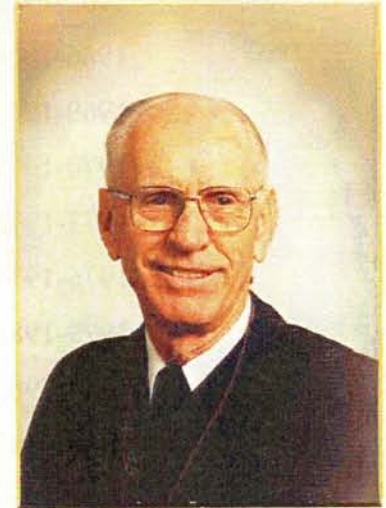
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1959-1962	Rev. C. R. Hollowell
1962-1966	Rev. Haywood L. Harrell
1966-1969	Rev. J. C. Loy
1969-1970	Rev. R. L. McLean
1970-1973	Rev. C. D. Padgett
1973-1976	Rev. William G. French
1976-1979	Rev. J. Lloyd Spencer
1979-1982	Rev. Jan J. Dickens
1982-1987	Rev. Jerry Dodson
1987-1987	Rev. Rufus Butner
1987-1994	Rev. Alan Swartz
1994-1999	Rev. Steve Little
1999-2000	Rev. Carolyn Smith
2000-2001	Rev. McGee Creech
2001-2006	Rev. Hunter H. Preston
2006-	Rev. R. Martin Armstrong, III



REV. HAL EDWARDS 1957-1959



REV. C. R. HOLLOWELL 1959-1962



REV. H.L. HARRELL 1962-1965



REV. W.C. LOY 1966-1969

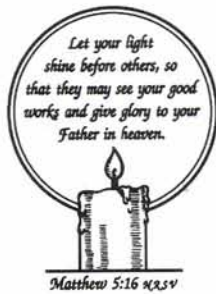


REV. ROBERT MACLEAN 1969-1970



REV. H.D. RADEST 1970-1973

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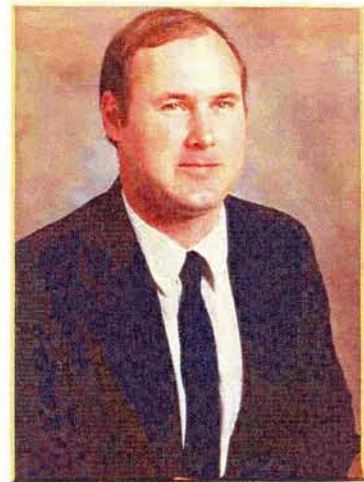
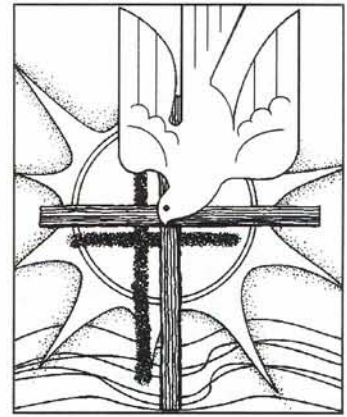




REV. W.G. FRENCH 1973-1976



Rev. J. Lloyd Spencer, 1976-1979



REV. JAN J. DICKENS 1979-1982



REV. JERRY DODSON
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REV. ALAN SWARTZ 1987-1994



Rev. Ralph Dickens III
1994-1999



REV. STEPHEN LITTLE
1994-1999



Rev. Carolyn Klayim
1999-2000



Rev. Hunter H. Preston
June 2001-June 2006



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