

Simon says, “Jump in place.” Simon says, “Raise your hands!” Simon says, “Bark like a dog!” FOLLOW ME...If you remember back to your childhood, you would do the first three because Simon said and you want to win the game, but you wouldn’t follow him. As a matter of fact, when we were younger, we would do any crazy thing Simon said if it would get us first place. Well, I don’t know who Simon is (I don’t think it is Cowell), but I do know that we should follow Paul (the apostle) if we want to successfully win the game of life. Listen to his words in 1 Corinthians 11:1, “PATTERN YOURSELVES after me [follow my example], as I imitate and follow Christ [the Messiah]. (Amplified) Paul says, the most important thing in my life is the pursuit of Jesus Christ (Philippians 3) and I want you to join me in this cause. Let’s do it together, he says and I agree with him. I mean who wants to do the most significant quest in their life alone???? This is the essence of Small Groups at New Hope. They provide an opportunity for you to join with other people of similar interests or seasons in life for the purpose of emotional, relational and spiritual growth. Something we could try alone, but it is much more rewarding with other people!
Lance says, “Join A Small Group....Let’s FOLLOW Christ together!”

23 Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise. 24 Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. 25 And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near. Hebrews 10

1. Look for a group that interests you or use the Index By Days section in the back to determine the groups that meet at times when you are available.
2. Call the Small Group Leader to notify the group leader of your interest and to find out more information about the group.
3. Still need some help? Contact us at 412-384-5599 or nhopeag@yahoo.com for more assistance.

Frequently Asked Questions.....

What is a small group?

An opportunity for people to connect regularly as they journey through life together. Spiritual, emotional and relational growth takes place as everyone shares in the everyday experiences of life.

Who leads the groups?

A trained leader facilitates and encourages group conversation.

What is the commitment to a group?

When you select a group, you will be asked to make a commitment to attend your group’s meetings and to contribute in your group’s discussion and activities. No term limit is required, but we believe that spiritual, emotional and relational growth with a group takes time.

Can I change groups if I want to?

Absolutely. Approach your group leader and they can make a recommendation or you can wait until the next semester.

“Growing Relationships And Connecting Everyone”

ARTS AND CRAFTS

“To connect individuals in groups for the purpose of growing healthy relationships with God and others. As we care for one another and share the love of Christ we fulfill God’s command to make disciples of all people.”

- New Hope’s Vision Statement

Characteristics of “G.R.A.C.E.” Groups:

1. They meet regularly (at least bi-weekly).
2. They have three or more people attending, including the leader.
3. They develop and identify an assistant leader.
4. Each group (care/connect) demonstrates one or more of the five purposes:

**GRACE * GROWTH * GIVING *
GOING * GLORIFY**

5. Unless specified, they welcome new people who are outside of the church.
6. They encourage group members to invite people who are outside of the church.
7. They complete their topic by the start of the next sign-up rally.

King’s Kids Crocheters

Ava Oskin (412-779-3135)

Would you like to help make people feel loved and warm? Then join us every other Wednesday and ‘spin a yarn.’ If you can knit or crochet, we need you! We’re making afghans for orphans, babies and kids who have cancer. Help us share Christ’s love to those who might not know any other love.

Childcare: Yes

Classroom - Toddler Room

Every other Wednesday @ 7:00 - 8:15 p.m.

Requirements: Supplies

BIBLE

Starting Point

Pastor Lance (724-633-1032, 412-384-5599)

Starting Point is a small group conversational environment where you can explore faith and build relationships. During the week, you will listen to audio sermons and walk through the Q & A in the conversation guide. On Sunday mornings, we will come together to discuss your questions and discover what the Bible has to say on these important issues. This Small Group is specifically designed for:

* Seekers - Those who are curious about God, Jesus, the Bible & Christianity

* Starters - Those who are new to a relationship with Christ

* Returners - Those who have some church experience, but have been away for a while

I am very excited about this opportunity and believe it will help anyone who participates to understanding and following God more clearly. Hope to see you there so we can grow together!

Childcare: Yes

Classroom

Sunday's @ 8:45 a.m.

Requirements: Journal and audio CD's - \$15

Sunday Morning Studiers

John Sethman (724-929-2197)

We are going to have an in-depth study of the book of Revelation and in doing so, other books of God's Word will be included. Considering the way our world and the Church are going, we think this is very relevant.

Childcare: yes (*if needed*)

Classroom 7

Sunday @ 9:00 a.m.

What's So Amazing About Grace

Chuck DeBellis (412-384-3299)

We speak of grace often, but do we understand it? More importantly, do we truly believe in it and do our lives proclaim it as powerfully as our words?

Childcare: no

115 Skyvue Drive, Elizabeth

Wednesday @ 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

CHILDREN

Nursery

Kristy Anderson - Coordinator (724-872-8825)

Infant nursery – newborns through crawlers

Toddler Nursery - walkers - 2 year olds

Sunday @ 10:00 a.m.

Toddler Tunes - 3 year olds - kindergarten boys & girls

Carol Beuten (724-863-7838)

Meets during kids' church on Sundays from October 4 through Christmas musical

Room 1

Kid's Choir - 1st - 6th grade boys & girls

Suzie Corigliano (724-782-0375)

Room 7

Sunday @ 10:00 a.m. (*Seasonal*)

Kids' Church

Kids' Church is a place where our youngest members can learn about the Bible in a way that's relevant for them. Lessons are taught through Bible Stories, songs, movement and activities for the younger children. In-class role playing, games, Bible stories and prayer time are all a part of older kids' church.

Sunday @ 10:30 a.m.

* **Preschool - 3 & 4 year olds**

Room 1

* **Kindergarten - 5 year olds and kindergartners**

Room 4

* **Elementary - 1st - 6th grades**

Room 2

CHILDREN

B.G.M.C. (Boys & Girls Missionary Challenge) 1st - 6th grades

Mike & Sharon Jarvinen (412-884-3794)

BGMC is the missions education emphasis for boys and girls in the Assemblies of God. It provides resources to help teach kids about missions. It supports our missionaries in their fields of ministry in America and around the world.

Room 2

One Sunday per month @ 10:30 a.m.

S.O.Y. (Siblings of Youth) - 1st - 6th grade boys & girls

Nicole Schier (412-992-6556)

S.O.Y. is a weekly fun night for kids who have brothers and/or sisters in the youth group.

Room 2

Sunday night @ 6:00 p.m.

Junior Bible Quiz - 3rd - 5th grade boys & girls

Junior Bible Quiz (JBQ) was created and designed to help children develop a love for the Bible and an understanding that its truth can guide their lives daily. Junior Bible Quiz offers a fun, exciting way to motivate children to understand the all-important truths in God's Word. Through cooperative learning, children work together on teams to learn and understand the questions and answers from the Bible Fact-Pak. Then using cooperative competition the children meet with other teams for a fun quizzing match. <http://nationaljlbq.org>

Room 3

Wednesday @ 6:00 p.m.

*Teams form in August

Nursery

Kristy Anderson (724-872-8825)

Infant nursery - newborns through crawlers

Toddler nursery - walkers - two year olds

Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m.

CHILDREN

National Girls' Ministry

***Mpat Girls Clubs**

A place where preschool children and elementary aged girls learn biblical truths for living and impacting their world through Bible stories, unit memory verses, crafts and directed play.

Rainbows - 3 year old through pre-K boys & girls

Diane Day (412-754-0623)

Daisies - Kindergarten girls

Carol Beuten (724-863-7838)

Upstairs

Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m.

Prims - 1st - 2nd grade girls

Upstairs

Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m.

Stars - 3rd - 5th grade girls

Cathy Welty (412-384-9199)

Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m.

***Teen Girl Ministries**

Specializing in the teen girl experience. Encouraging rites of passage, resource-guided mentoring and preparation for the points in a teen girl's life where she faces choices that will bring her closer to or further away from Christ.

Friends Club - 6th - 8th grade girls

Debi Ogrosky (412-672-0720)

Room 4

Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m.

Girls Only - 9th - 12th grade girls

Jen O'Brien (724-633-1032)

Visitor's Center

Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m.

CHILDREN

National Boys' Ministry

Royal Rangers

Royal Rangers is a worldwide ministry of the Assemblies of God and is designed to provide young boys with challenging activities while providing them with Christian instruction.

Ranger Kids - Kindergarten - 2nd grade boys

Nathan Pressel (724-929-2748)

Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m.

Discovery Rangers - 3rd - 5th grade boys

Bob Welty (412-384-9199)

Room 7

Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m.

Adventure Rangers - 6th - 8th grade boys

Dean Hofmeister (724-489-9223)

Room 3

Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m.

Expedition Rangers - 9th - 12th grade boys

Bob Wooley (412-751-7532)

Room 2

Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m.

FAMILY AND MARRIAGE

Laughing Your Way to a Better Marriage

Pastor Lance with Mark Gungor on DVD (724-633-1032)

Based on Mark Gungor's wildly popular seminar, Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage...Our speaker uses his unique blend of humor and tell-it-like-it-is honesty, to help couples get along and have fun doing it. Through exploring a variety of subjects including the myth of a "soul mate," the different ways men and women think, the conflicting levels of libido and the necessity to forgive, Gungor proves that the key to marital bliss is not romance or destiny – it's work and skill. Couples need to work hard at maintaining their relationship and to have the skills to pull it off. The longer spouses wait to learn these skills, the greater their chance of wanting to bail, yet Gungor makes it easy for couples to bring their relationship to the next level. JOIN US FOR GREAT FELLOWSHIP, CONVERSATION AND ENCOURAGEMENT!

Childcare: Yes as noted

West Newton and White Oak

Meeting Dates - Friday @ 6:30 p.m.

2/5 West Newton

2/19 White Oak

3/5 West Newton

3/26 White Oak

4/2 Good Friday (church)

4/16 West Newton

4/30 White Oak

5/14 West Newton

5/30 White Oak

FELLOWSHIP

Common Ground Fellowship

Keith & Suzie Corigliano (724-782-0375)

We serve up food, fun and fellowship. A group of uncommon believers growing in the common ground of our faith in Jesus Christ. This semester we will be doing “*The Truth Project*” from Focus on the Family. Join us!

Childcare: yes

6300 Jack Street, Finleyville

Every other Sunday @ 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

FINE ARTS

S.M.L. (Sunday Morning Live) Players

Misty Franks (412-754-0709)

“All the world’s a stage, and we are but players...” If you enjoy doing skits, dramas, or mime, this is the group for you! Adults and teens are welcome.

Childcare: no

Rehearsals at church as needed

HOSPITALITY

Greeter Ministry

Maryann Marks (412-384-4365)

Provides a friendly and warm atmosphere to everyone as they enter the building, distribute bulletins, escort newcomers to sanctuary, etc.

Greet one or two times a month.

Sunday @ 10:00 a.m.

Usher Ministry

Chuck DeBellis (412-384-3299)

Help to create an atmosphere in which everyone can connect with God in worship. Assist in receiving the offering and serving communion.

Sunday @ 10:00 a.m.

Visitor's Center

Mary Dupler(724-929-6764, 412-384-5599)

A place for first-time visitors to come after church and receive more information about New Hope. Workers serve on a monthly basis.

Sunday @ 11:30 am

MEN

Weekend Warrior's

John Sethman (724-929-2197; 724-797-5625)

Got Time? Need Exercise? Enjoy Basketball? Then it is time to step out of the crowd and onto the court. Join us every Friday evening for a time of exercise and encouragement as we play some hoops and help one another grow in Christ.

Childcare: no

Rostraver Elementary School

Friday @ 8:00 - 11:00 p.m.

OUTREACH

School of Evangelism

Doug Tunney Jr. - WYAM (724-930-6133)

95 percent of believers have never led anyone to a personal relationship with Christ. Many feel ill-equipped and fearful. You may feel this way...This Small Group environment will provide you with the tools, hands-on experience and increased confidence to communicate your faith more effectively to others. The meetings will be a combination of lecture, discipleship, group interaction, prayer and outreach opportunities. (Two local and one in New York City). Sixteen other local churches in Pittsburgh have participated in the School of Evangelism and have led over 3,000 people to Christ in NYC and after. Some topics that will be covered are:

Foundations for Evangelism

The Father Heart of God

Understanding People

Building Bridges to the Lost

How to Lead Someone to Christ & Keep Them

I (Pastor Lance) will be involved in this group and look forward to becoming a more effective Fisher of Men!

Childcare: Yes

Sanctuary

Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m.

Requirements: \$29.99 (class materials) + \$150 for NYC outreach

PRAYER

Pray-ers

Amy Hoffman (412-751-7152 work: 412-664-1969)

All women who are interested in prayer for our church, community of McKeesport and Elizabeth, the nation, leaders, Israel, Jerusalem and the return of Jesus.

Childcare: no

Senior Care Plaza , 624 Lysle Blvd., McKeesport

First Thursday @ 10:00 a.m.

RECREATION

Adventures Unlimited

Don & Norma Kite (724-929-5831)

Come and join us as we build relationships through adventures. We'll spend time exploring our spiritual lives with one another while hanging out and having fun.

Childcare: no

Day and meeting place varies according to activity

Bedrock Rollers

Jim Martinelli (724-872-6748)

A time of fun and fellowship. A night to get out and enjoy a lot of great friends. We usually have 4 or 5 parties to celebrate holidays while we bowl.

Childcare: no

Brunswick 51 Lanes - Belle Vernon

Monday @ 7:00 p.m. (through March)

Golf League

Don Kite (724-929-5831)

Season begins in April and continues weekly through September.

Seven Springs Golf Course - Elizabeth

Monday @ 4:00 p.m.

Student Ministries

Expedition Rangers (9th through 12th grade boys)

Lance O'Brien (724-633-1032)

Bob Wooley (412-751-7532)

Guys, we haven't forgotten about you! We're planning some COOL Wednesday night classes that will be great for you! It's still in the works, so just hold on tight and be ready! We're trying to come up with the best plan for you. Pastor Lance, Jen and Bob are putting their heads together to get you back involved on Wednesday nights as a powerful, incredible, fun group! More details are on the way.

Classroom 2

Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m.

Requirements: 9th through 12th grade boys only

Girls Only Club (9th through 12th grade girls)

Jennifer O'Brien (724-633-1032)

We have so much fun in this small group! We discuss all kinds of interesting topics teen girls face every day. Some of the topics this semester will be "Family Relationships", "Women in Ministry", and "Pro-Life vs Pro-Choice". The girls are open, interesting and great to be around! Hope to see you there!

Visitor's Center

Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m.

Requirement: 9th through 12th grade girls only

Strong Youth Ministries - Like it - Love it - Live it

Jen O'Brien (724-633-1032)

"I WANT TO LIVE!!!" You've all heard those words on television and in movies, now I want you to experience this feeling! Are you tired of the boring old life of trying to be a Christian at home, school and work and FAILING? Then you need to GET A LIFE! On Sunday nights we'll be having a blast hangin' out and figuring out how to LIVE and have fun doing it! We'll be learning about worship, discipleship, ministry and evangelism. You'll LOVE IT - I just know it! Some of the things we'll be covering are: foundations, character, convictions, commitment, serving, leading and much more! JOIN US and bring friends.

Sanctuary

Sunday @ 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Requirements: 7th through 12th grade teens ONLY

WOMEN

Girl Talk

Mary Dupler (724-929-6764, 412-384-5599)

Ask any woman who has ever cleaned a teenager's room to describe "chaos"! So much of life reveals our desire to find order in the midst of chaos. There is something inside of each of us that yearns for a fresh understanding of God, the world around us, and our relationships with others. This semester we will be using the first five books of the Bible (the Pentateuch) as our guide to study how God spoke and brought meaning and order out of chaos and continues to bring form, shape and meaning to our lives. Ladies, take a couple hours each week to come and build lasting relationships centered around the Word of God -plus fun and food! Childcare: no

108 Skyvue Drive, Elizabeth

Every other Tuesday @ 6:30 p.m.

Heart and Hand Group

Lesley Cherepko (412-751-0478)

Gail Mordecki (724-258-8735)

Florence Whetsel (412-751-9246)

A ministry of service and spiritual development for all women. We will sponsor social events such as, but not limited to, retreats, spring banquets and Christmas dinners. We will do fund raisers for special projects in the church. If you have an interest and a talent in planning for these events - come join us. **Childcare:** no

Church

2nd Tuesday of the month @ 6:30 p.m. *(As announced)*

Ladies Bible Study

Debi Ogrosky (412-672-0720)

This semester we will continue doing a 60 minute study from Precepts Ministry entitled "Counting the Cost" by Kay Arthur. Come learn about our wonderful Lord and Savior. Share with other women to grow and care for each other.

Childcare: yes

2917 Bowman Street, McKeesport

Every other Friday @ 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

WORSHIP

New Hope Choir

Florence Whetsel (412-751-9246)

Do you like to sing? Come and join our choir to prepare musical programs to celebrate the 'wonder' of Christmas and the 'joy' of Easter. We develop wonderful friendships and have fun singing together. Our mission is to present in song the stories from the Bible of what God has done for us to give us life (salvation) that we may make a joyful noise (song) unto Him. Come and spread (sing) the good news to all the world.

Practice: Thursday @ 6:30 - 8:30 pm

September through December

February through April

Worship Band & Media Team

Jason Franks (412-754-0709)

Worship and media are a vital part of our Sunday morning service. From worship songs to videos to special music, each are important to the overall atmosphere in our services. Auditions will be held in the Spring and Fall for available openings. Contact church office for details.

Practice: Sunday @ 8:30 a.m.

Requirements: Proficiency in either voice or an instrument is required and placement is decided through auditions.