

Week Four: Peace Treaty

Peace. Many would give almost anything to find some. We look for it in all kinds of places, but the peace we usually find is temporary at best. God sent Jesus to show us how to have full and lasting peace – not somewhere in the distant future, but right now, regardless of our outward circumstances. Thanks for joining us as we discover the gift of peace that can be yours! ***This week... Peace Treaty.*** We will never know true peace when there are things we need to reconcile with other people. God can help us make things right with others, so that peace has a chance to flourish.

FIRST TIME GUESTS

We promise we're not going to make you stand up in front of everyone or track you down, but we'd love to know you were here today! Simply fill out your communication card in the seat back in front of you and check the "First Time Guest" box. On your way out, stop by Guest Services at the front doors and get your FREE welcome gift. **We're glad you are here!**

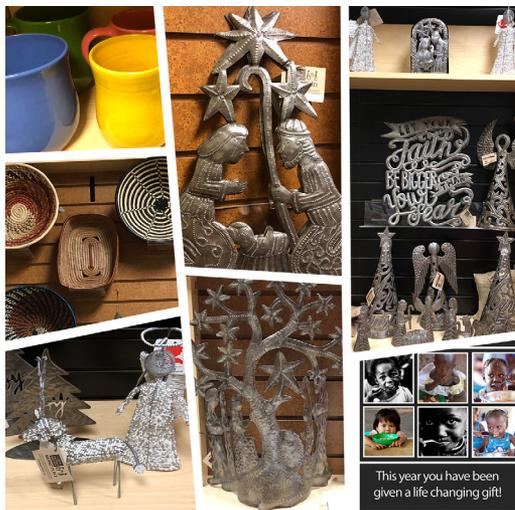
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US TODAY!**

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We are honored when people choose to do church with us. New Hope is for anyone who wants to seek God - from those exploring whether or not God even exists, to devoted Christ-followers. Wherever you are, you'll find we are committed to showing everyone the love of Jesus and help them establish a relationship with Him. We are casual, laid-back, and far from perfect. **ALL are welcome!**

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EASY WAYS TO FEED KIDS & SHOW LOVE!



Please consider doing your Christmas shopping in our MarketPlace and provide the gift of food along with a present that is sure to bring a smile to the face of your friend, teacher, co-worker or loved one. All proceeds from sales in the MarketPlace help fund the meals we pack with Feed My Starving Children. We have beautiful scarves, bags, jewelry and beaded animals, as well as many Christmas themed decorations and ornaments.

What about those hard to buy for people? We've got you covered! Consider making a donation to our work with Feed My Starving Children for those people on your list. We have gift cards available in the MarketPlace showing the size of donation and how many meals that donation provides. Provide a life changing gift for a child in need today.



Parent Night – It's a Phase, Don't Miss It!

It can be difficult being a parent today. We all want the same things for our kids, we just don't always know how to accomplish it. The church wants to partner with you to give you encouragement, support, and handles on how to successfully parent at every phase of a child's life. **Join us January 17th, at 7 pm, at New Hope Church for a presentation and discussion about how we can work together to make a better future for our kids. The event is free and we'll have childcare for a small fee if you need it. Just sign up when you register. Simply go online to bit.ly/nhparentnight.**



**The Landing will NOT be meeting on December 25th or January 1st.
We will be back on January 8th.**

Coming up in 2019:

The Landing 2019 Kick Off Party
Tuesday, January 8th 7-9 pm
Strength in Numbers: Having Authentic Friendships
Small Group Games, Ice Cream Sundaes,
and Hot Cocoa Bar!

Bring a new friend, get a gift card!

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The Bible is for
moms/dads/singles/the poor/
children/entrepreneurs/the jobless/
graduates/dropouts/the seeking/
the young/the old/the rich/
the broken/the weary/
everyone.

Welcome to the 2019 Bible Reading Plan!

This year we are going to read through the New Testament chronologically, meaning that we will read the events in the order they are believed to have occurred. We are going to be following the Navigator's 5 x 5 x 5 plan again this year. This plan will have each of us reading a chapter a day through specific books of the Bible, which will take approximately five minutes. We will read for five out of seven days each week and will have the option of using two days to dig deeper or reflect on what we've read. Just spending a few minutes each day in God's Word is not only doable, but has the power to be life changing! We hope you will join us in this challenge and watch what God does in your heart and life this year.



Walk 4 Water

As a result of funds collected during our 2018 Walk 4 Water, Water 4 Kids International was able to open a well on November 3rd in Shangu, Uganda. Thanks for bringing clean, life-saving water to the precious people of Shangu and their surrounding communities. Having clean water is now something that hundreds do not need to think about. Thanks!

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In partnership with The Back Pack and Silo Center Preschool, nearly 600 coats were collected this year. During the four-week collection, the Fairfax County Public School Homeless Liaison Office would pick up the coats after each weekend. The need in our community is so great they were able to place EACH coat to those in need in the community within days of picking them up. Having a warm coat is now something that nearly 600 individuals do not need to think about. Thanks!



After a rough summer in Nicaragua, the bike shop is back up and running again. The 322 bikes collected through New Hope have been selling and have been a huge blessing to the shop! In fact, Nica Bikes is now the #1 seller of used bikes in Nicaragua! Across the nation there are tremendous difficulties, but we are clearly seeing God at work in the midst of it and lives are being changed for the better. Thanks!

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Holiday OF HOPE

The Holiday of Hope initiative provided four gifts each, for 76 children, from five elementary schools in our area. The initiative also helped three families that are homeless and 25 teens that are homeless or in an unaccompanied minor situation (living in a shelter, with another family, etc.). In addition to that, gifts were provided for the Last Chance Boutique that allowed county social workers to help fill needs and wish lists for additional students in the Fairfax County School system. Thanks!

TRENDING

A MESSAGE ABOUT BULLYING

Takeover, the Student Ministry for 6th through 12th graders, are kicking off the New Year with a series about bullying. Join us on Sunday nights as we get some insight on how to deal with this huge problem and on how we should treat others in a way that honors God and how to connect with others when we feel disconnected. The doors open at 5:30 pm for socializing and games. The service begins at 6 pm with small groups afterwards. We wrap up around 8 pm when students will be ready for pick up. Check out nhctakeover.com and be sure to follow us on social media at [nhctakeover](https://www.facebook.com/nhctakeover).

JANUARY 6TH

We'll talk about how God created us as His masterpiece.

It's also 'Who Rules, Who Drools?' night. Join us for some fun-hearted competition as we kick off the New Year. Bring back your completed Simply Christmas Devo from over holiday break and you'll win a prize!

JANUARY 13TH

No Takeover: Winter Bash

Takeover won't meet this night because we'll just be returning from Winter Bash! The Spot will still be open during the 11 am service for any students in town to connect, play games, eat a Pop Tart, and watch the service together.

JANUARY 20TH

Movie Night!

It's Movie Night and BFF Night! We will watch the movie - The Greatest Showman. Popcorn is free, and you can buy candy for \$2. All proceeds go to Feed My Starving Children (FMSC). This is the perfect night to bring your friends, introduce them to Takeover, and possibly win a \$5 gift card for both of you!

JANUARY 27th

We'll talk about how God created us for connection.

It's also 'Prove It!' Sunday. Can you bounce a ping pong ball 50 times off a paddle, drink a fish milkshake, hula-hoop for 5 mins straight, recite the Bible verse from last week, or sing the books of the Bible song? We'll give you the chance to win a prize when you prove you can do these and other crazy challenges on 'Prove It!' night.



For those who are seriously dating or already engaged, New Hope Church is launching a new pre-marriage class. This class is designed to help couples better understand God's plan for marriage and learn how to navigate the challenges of marriage by better understanding one's future spouse. The unique and permanent bonding of a man and woman in marriage is a great blessing and the anchor on which society is built. But doing marriage successfully requires a unique set of skills and perspectives for couples to learn and develop. The class will look at compatibilities and differences in partners, effective communication strategies, building a home together and honoring God in your commitment.

The class will be taught by Bill and Lorna Soderberg in their home and will be scheduled around the mutual availability of all participants. **The class will meet six times, once per week for 90 minutes each session.** Instruction/discussion is built around the book, "Preparing for Marriage" by Boehi, Nelson, Schulte & Shadrach, general editor Dennis Rainey.

Please reach out with any questions or to let us know if you would like to join the class. Call Bill or Lorna at 630-606-8051 or you can email them at lornasoderberg@gmail.com.

Our church has a strong history of special year-end giving that helps us to meet current needs and helps start the new year in a positive position. Thank you for prayerfully considering how you can make a huge difference with a special year-end gift. **To take a deduction for the gift on your 2018 tax return, your gift must be postmarked or received by the church on or before December 31, 2018.** There are two ways to give online: 1) Create an account on the HUB and utilize the secure online giving through New Hope Church's giving platform, or 2) Use your bank's online bill pay platform to give using your checking account. To give electronically, visit newhope.org/giving.

WE ♥ OUR VOLUNTEERS

We love our volunteers and we take pleasure in spotlighting them each week. This week, we'd like to thank the 750+ volunteers that donated their time in 2018 to serve others at New Hope! Each one of you takes an active role in fulfilling our mission to help others become fully devoted followers of Christ. Serving others is what He calls His followers to do and we are thankful for your obedience. From serving our smallest babies in Kids' Time to serving our youth in The Landing and Takeover; from helping our guests park their cars to ushering guests into the auditorium for service; from leading worship on stage to providing tech support behind the scenes; **each and every ministry is important and we appreciate you! THANK YOU!** If you've been away from serving for a while or haven't yet taken that step, we would love to have you start serving in 2019. 750 volunteers may sound like we have it all covered, but many of our volunteers serve on more than one team and multiple times a month to make things come together. **We do have a place for YOU! Contact Carol Ann at carolann.gregoire@newhope.org.**

LOOKING AHEAD- The Landing will not be meeting on either Christmas Day or New Year's Day. **Lifebound** will not be meeting on December 26th or January 2nd. Our **weekend services** on December 29th and 30th will be online only. Simply visit live.newhope.org.

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