

## MESSAGE NOTES



**Series:** He Will Be Our Peace  
**Message:** Peace-Full  
**Speaker:** Rusty Coram  
**Date:** December 1/2, 2018

**peace (def):** prosperity, tranquility, quiet, security, harmony

<sup>6</sup> For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. <sup>7</sup> Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.

Isaiah 9:6-7 (NIV)

There are two sources of peace available to us:

One is the peace that our world offers, found in...

possessions

people

power

position

pleasure

“pain” management

This path to peace will ultimately disappoint.

*They don't know where to find peace or what it means to be just and good. They have mapped out crooked roads, and no one who follows them knows a moment's peace.*

Isaiah 59:8 (NLT)

There is a better kind of peace that is found only in a person.

*I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give isn't like the peace the world gives. So, don't be troubled or afraid.*

John 14:27 (NLT)

*I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world.*

John 16:33 (NLT)

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**BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:**

NIV – New International Version

NLT – New Living Translation



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-Full.*** Our relationships with others can play a big part in how much peace we experience in life. God offers us something that can create harmony and community instead of division and hostility.

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## 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!**

**WE'RE  
SO GLAD  
YOU JOINED  
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!**



We have limited items still left from the Greeney Sale. Please make sure to stop by the display and grab some great greenery and help save a life! All proceeds go directly to fund meals through Feed My Starving Children (fmsc.org). We also have trees for purchase that we will donate to a local family in need- to include lights, a stand and the ornaments.



## ADOPTION & FOSTER CARE CONNECT

At New Hope, we're proud to have families touched by adoption by being an adoptee, birth parents, adoptive parents, waiting adoptive parents, and foster parents. Our goal is to support and encourage one another as we navigate life. **Our Adoption & Foster Parent Group** exists to provide connection with other parents that "get" what you are living. Here, you'll find love, encouragement, and support that will help sustain you through the hard times of adoption and fostering. **Join us Sunday, December 9th for lunch. Please RSVP to Karena at [karena.rowenhorst@newhope.org](mailto:karena.rowenhorst@newhope.org). See you there!**

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**Prayer changes lives, strengthens the weak, and touches the very heart of God.** We have a wonderful ministry of prayer warriors that are here to pray with you. If you need prayer, we are here for you. **Simply send an email to [prayerteam@newhope.org](mailto:prayerteam@newhope.org) and your prayer will be delivered via e-mail to the members of the Prayer Team and kept confidential.**



**Did you know that nearly 60% of people who give at New Hope Church use online giving?** It's simple and secure. Whether you'd like to give a single gift, or schedule ongoing donations, you can do it all online using your checking account, debit, or credit card. 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](http://newhope.org/giving).**



**Spotify<sup>®</sup>**

**WEEKLY MUSIC FROM NEW HOPE CHURCH  
FOLLOW US ON SPOTIFY**

**Have you ever sat in a weekend service and heard a song you wanted to buy, but you didn't know the name of it or the artist's name?** Well, we've fixed that for you. On Spotify, you'll find the current pre-service playlist, as well as playlists from previous weekends. Spotify is free and easy to use. **Simply go to [open.spotify.com/user/nhclorton](http://open.spotify.com/user/nhclorton) to get your free Spotify account and subscribe to follow New Hope Church.**



Women's Wrap & Eat Christmas Party  
Wednesday, December 19th  
7 pm at New Hope Church



Ladies - join us for our 17th year of wrapping presents for the children of teen parents in a special program called Project Opportunity. It's part of a local alternative high school in Fairfax County that supports teen parents working to finish their high school diploma.

We wrap, eat and enjoy treats! No need to RSVP, just bring an appetizer (last name A-M) or dessert (last name N-Z) to share! Please bring a friend and small groups are welcome to attend together! Email Karenna at [karenna.rowenhorst@newhope.org](mailto:karenna.rowenhorst@newhope.org) with any questions.

## WEEKLY BIBLE READING PLAN

Being a follower of Jesus is not a checklist of do's and don'ts; it's a relationship, and just like any relationship, it takes an investment of time to make it grow. Setting aside time every day to be in God's Word is a great place to start! **Why not follow the Bible Reading Plan? Copies are available at Guest Services, online at [nhcbrp.com](http://nhcbrp.com) or on the church app. Members of our Senior Staff post weekly insight to the readings.**

Dear Friends,

It was a privilege and honor to spend the evening of November 17 (The Night of Hope Gala) with you sharing the story of FMSC and celebrating our partnership with New Hope. Thank you for giving so generously toward our mission of feeding God's children.

Blessings,  
Mark Crea  
Executive Director/CEO of Feed My Starving Children



# Holiday OF HOPE

This Year  
Give the Gift of Hope!

Providing Hope for  
Families In Our  
Immediate Community

## PURCHASE YOUR VOUCHERS TODAY

Families in our community are struggling. Struggling to meet the daily needs of their family, let alone providing joy for their children for Christmas. Although we know that true joy is not found in shiny wrapping paper under a sparkling tree, we also know that parents desire to give good things to their kids - especially at Christmas. Let's provide a Holiday of Hope by helping families in our own backyard. Each \$25 voucher you purchase will provide a wish list item for a family. We are also hoping to provide wrapping paper and supplies, as well as things to make holiday cookies for each family. With the help of the local school counselors and the Homeless Liaison Office at Fairfax County, we identified nearly 80 children, representing over 35 families that need our help.

Here's how you can get involved:

- **Please donate online to purchase a gift voucher at [bit.ly/nhcholidayofhope](https://bit.ly/nhcholidayofhope)** (our goal is 284 vouchers).
- **Remix, Revolution, and SPIN** will be collecting cookie mixes, frosting, and sprinkles.
- **Takeover** will be collecting wrapping paper, tape, bows, ribbons, stickers, and tissue paper.

**All donations and collections need to be turned in by Sunday, December 9th, so they can be put together and delivered to the families. Thanks for helping to provide a Holiday of Hope.**

# GOING OUT OF TOWN FOR THE HOLIDAYS?



Did you know you can still watch the weekend services online? It is super easy. If you have internet access, you can watch the services. Just go online to [live.newhope.org](http://live.newhope.org) on any device.

A graphic for a 'Coat Drive' event. It features a central dark blue circle with the words 'Coat Drive' in a gold, cursive font. Surrounding this are illustrations of winter gear: two green mittens with white snowflake patterns, two blue and green patterned gloves, and two green and blue patterned gloves. The background is light blue with a repeating pattern of white snowflakes. At the bottom, there is a white banner with green text.

HELP US SHARE THE WARMTH  
NEW & GENTLY USED COATS • ALL SIZES | ALL AGES • NOV 24-DEC 16

You can help us spread warmth, because no one should be left out in the cold! Simply go through your closets, **pull out your gently worn coats, and bring them to church between now and December 16th** – it's that easy! We will take all sizes for all ages- including new coats!



# CHRISTMAS FAMILY BREAKFAST

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8TH  
7:15-9 AM • DROP IN ANYTIME

REGISTER AT [BIT.LY/FAMILYBFAST2018](http://bit.ly/familybfast2018)

**New Hope Church Men's Ministry is hosting a family breakfast next Saturday, December 8th.** We will be serving breakfast starting around 7:15 am. Our plan is to have food, fellowship and fun to last until 9:00 am. Our menu is comprised of pancakes, bacon, scrambled eggs, grits, donuts, fruit & yogurt, juice, tea and coffee. The cost is \$5.00 for an individual and \$10.00 for a family. Please register online at [bit.ly/familybfast2018](http://bit.ly/familybfast2018) or in the lobby after the service.

**Life can be tough, but you don't have to go through it alone. We want to remind you of two ministries that can help you as you navigate the tough times:** For those 18 years old and older, we have **Celebrate Recovery (CR)**. CR meets Friday nights at 7 pm. You can reach out to CR at [celebraterecovery@newhope.org](mailto:celebraterecovery@newhope.org). For students in middle and high school, we have **The Landing**. The Landing meets every Tuesday night at 7 pm. You can reach The Landing at [info@thingscansuck.com](mailto:info@thingscansuck.com).

## 2019 MINISTRY PLAN

**Our 2019 Ministry Plan is available at Guest Services.** Partners were emailed the plan on November 23rd.

**We will have an RSVP-only meetings for those that have any questions about the 2019 Ministry Plan.** Please email us at [info@newhope.org](mailto:info@newhope.org) if you wish to attend either of these meetings:

- December 3rd at 7:00 pm. RSVP only meeting

**The Partner vote on the Ministry Plan will be next weekend, December 8th & 9th before and after the weekend services.** Please email [finance@newhope.org](mailto:finance@newhope.org), if you have any questions.



# WE ♥ OUR VOLUNTEERS

We love our volunteers and we take pleasure in spotlighting them each week. **This week, we'd like to recognize Eyleen Adorno.** Eyleen serves on the Greeter/Usher Team. If she's not greeting you at the front doors, then she is welcoming you with a big smile up in the balcony. Thank you, Eyleen. We appreciate you! **If you are interested in serving on one of our many teams, please contact Carol Ann at [carolann.gregoire@newhope.org](mailto:carolann.gregoire@newhope.org). We have a place for YOU!**



**TAKEOVER  
WINTER  
BASH**

JANUARY 11-13 | STUDENTS IN 6TH-12TH GRADE  
WATERMARKS CAMP & WINTERGREEN RESORT

**REGISTRATION IS  
OPEN AT  
[BIT.LY/2019WINTERBASH](http://bit.ly/2019winterbash)**

Hey students in 6th through 12th grade-are you wondering how you're going to kick the New Year off right? Love snow? Skiing? Snowboarding and tubing? Hot chocolate in the lodge? Join us January 11-13 for the 2019 Winter Bash! We will be traveling to Watermarks Camp in Scottsville, Virginia for the weekend, enjoying food, friends, fun and worship. We will leave on Friday afternoon and arrive back Sunday afternoon. The cost for the event which covers food, lodging, transportation, and activities at Watermarks Camp is \$125. The easiest way to sign up is to go online to [bit.ly/2019winterbash](http://bit.ly/2019winterbash). The online registration will have all of the information you need to sign up.

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## TAKE HOME SHEET



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One thing we all have in common is to want peace in our lives. The important question is, "What or whom do I pursue to find peace? Do I rely on what the World offers or Jesus?"

Even those who have accepted Jesus as their Savior and Leader can easily adopt the means the World offers as short-cuts to prosperity and security. The World's solutions can give temporary peace, but sooner or later will be found to be inadequate. For example, if my source of peace is possessions, I will constantly need to replace or repair them to stay ahead. Or if I use alcohol or drugs, I will eventually sober up and not only need more but have to face the consequences of being out of commission.

Take some time now and honestly evaluate what it is you depend on for peace in your life. Write down the ones that come to mind.

Now imagine that Jesus is sitting next to you, looks you in the eye and says...

*"I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give isn't like the peace the world gives. So, don't be troubled or afraid...I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world."*

These are His promises of hope and peace to everyone who has surrendered their life to trust and follow Him.

If you have accepted Him, ask Him now to help you to trust Him fully in all areas of your life – especially the ones where you are fearful, anxious and peace-less. He is ready to help if you will ask.

*Then Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light.*

Matthew 11:28-30 (NLT)

If you are not yet a follower, listen to what Jesus offers. What difference might it make in your life if you lived with Jesus in the lead? What would you need to know, understand or overcome to accept Him? He wants a relationship with you but will never force the issue.