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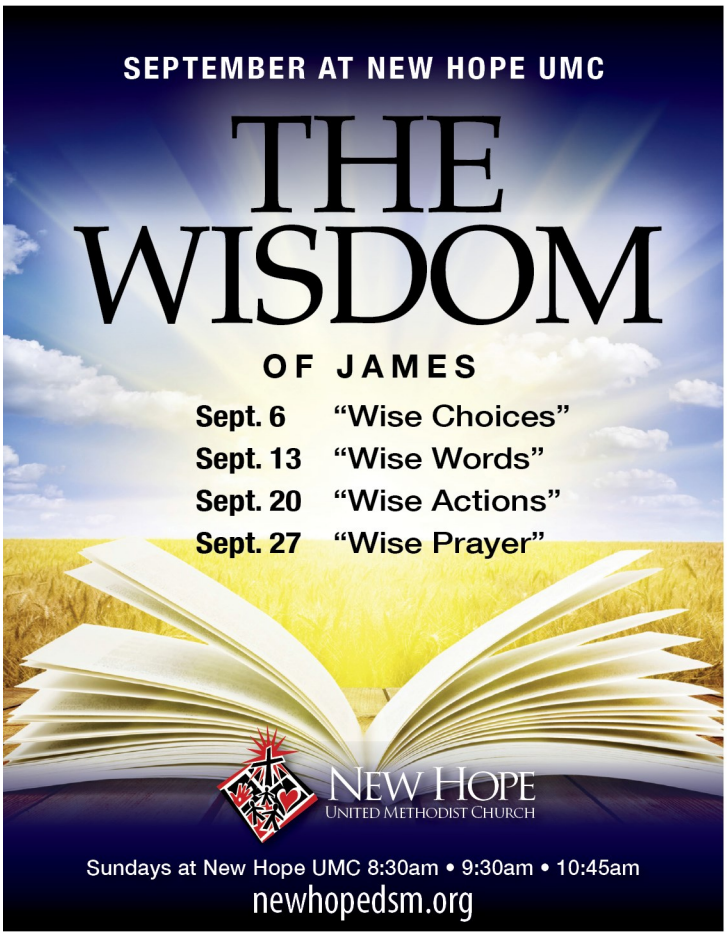
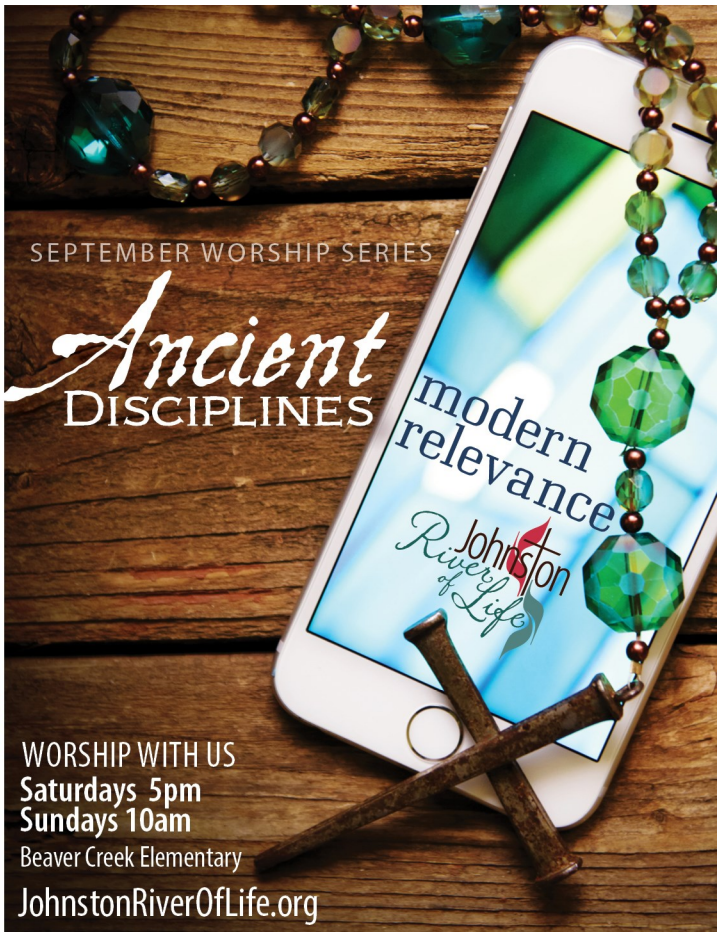




Rally Day & Ministry Fair

Sunday, September 13th!

One Worship Service
10am-11am in the Family Life Center and will feature both Traditional and Contemporary music

All-Church potluck
11:30am-12:30pm.
Please bring your favorite dish(es) to share

Ministry Fair
Highlighting the various ministries at New Hope UMC

Games
11:00am-12:30pm for all ages

Please join us!!!!!

membership news

Prayer Chain Request

If you have a prayer chain request, please call Jan Davisson at 251-4894 or the church office at 278-2097.
To be added to the e-mail prayer chain distribution list, please call the church office or Jan.

Prayer Concerns

Dave Davis; Terri Lowe; Tim Krebs; Olive Walker; Bruce & Barb Flickinger; Bishop Julius Trimble; District Superintendent, David Weesner; District Field Minister, Karen Nelson; Dr. Emmanuel Mefor, missionary. Prayers for the following military personnel: Jason Homard; Zach McClain; Tim Rains; Collin Traylor; Devan Stanton, Jared Stanton and our national and world leaders, our military and their families.

Sympathy

Our Sympathy to Pastor Neil and Cheryl Cross and their daughters, Michelle & Laura, on the passing of Cheryl's mother, Amy Sams.

Our Sympathy to Eldon Cross and Cathy Beck-Cross and family on the passing of Cathy's father, Frank Norman Beck.

Charge Conference

Our Charge Conference will be held on **Sunday, October 12, 6:30pm at New Hope UMC.** Watch for sign up to attend in the tear-off form of the bulletins.
We want to make sure there is enough books for everyone.

Thank You:

In the past year we have discovered God at work through the people in the New Hope and JROL congregations. Since Jim's surgery we have been richly blessed by your many acts of kindness and compassion. Thank you for the prayers, calls, beautiful quilt, and delicious food. We have also been blessed as we have been able to return to worship. Every day is a gift from God, and as we walk this road of life together we are reminded, "We can do all things through the strength of the One who lives within us." (Philippians 4:13)
As the Lord lives!
Jim and Lynn Louk

CELEBRATING OUR MEMBERS

On August 16, we welcomed the following members into the New Hope UMC family!

Susan Clark (husband is Dr. Wayne Clark)
410 NW Cindy Ln, Ankeny, IA 50023
suespruce@aol.com
515-964-5119

Joshua and Amanda Gaul
2119 NW 159th St., Unit 42, Clive, IA 50325
Joshua: gauljoshua@hotmail.com; 515-822-4966
Amanda: forsythamanda@hotmail.com; 515-468-7043

Terri Lowe
3943 2nd Ave., Des Moines, IA 50313
Lowetee@hotmail.com
641-757-1358

Confirmation Class

Begins September 13

The Confirmation class will have their first class meeting on
September 13, 4:30-6:00 p.m.
The Confirmation program is designed to enable the Confirmation students to combine intellectual learning and experiential learning as we spend time together learning about and growing in the Christian faith.

Some of the key components that we have as a part of the program: students help lead in a worship service, they serve in such programs as the Hand of Luke meal to the shelter, and they have a chance to tour other churches to learn about other expressions of the Christian faith.

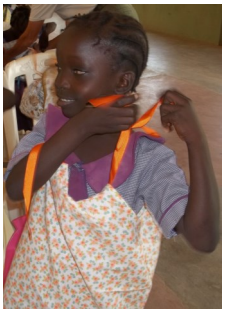
Another key component of our Confirmation experience is the "Mentor" process, in which we ask adult mentors to be with the youth during the class sessions. As one Christian leader said, the Christian faith is more caught that taught, and it is so very helpful for our Confirmation youth to spend some time with and have the Christian faith modeled by an adult who is also on their faith journey. I am so very grateful for the adults who are helping with this year's Confirmation program.

We look forward to a year of learning, experiences and fun together in our Confirmation program.
Pastor Jon Gaul

i Love a Parade

New Hope needs YOU to help represent our church in our community in the Beaverdale Parade! Please prayerfully consider walking with us on **Saturday, September 19th,** to show your pride in our church! Parade starts at 10am. To volunteer, contact Eldon Cross, elcatalia4@gmail.com or 515 250-1476.

The New Hope Puppet Troupe will be hosting their very first car wash on **Sunday September 20th during all 3 services.** This is meant to be a fun team building activity for the children while providing a service to the folks in our congregation, and maybe earn a little extra money for their puppet fund. There will be free will offering and is also weather permitting of course.



Needlers Sew-In
Saturday, Sept. 26, 9am - 3pm

The Needlers will gather at church for sewing Little Dresses, Little Britches and feminine hygiene kits for the Iowa Nigeria Partnership mission. All stitchers are welcome to join us for all or part of the day. Bring your sewing machine, if possible. There are also a few non-sewing tasks to be done. Lunch is potluck. Questions? please contact Diane Densmore, ddindsm1@mchsi.com or 515-270-1974.

Begins Sept 20 10am

Beaver Creek Elementary

H2GO Kids!

Hearts 2 Hear God • Hands 2 Help Others

H2GO Nursery
- 6 weeks -2 years old
- Toys, music, playing, etc.

Pearl Rewards System
- Bringing Bible
- Attendance
- Bringing friends
- Memorizing Bible verses
- Turn in pearls at end of each month for Pearl Rewards!

H2GO Kids!
- Age Groups: 3-6 years old & 7-11 years old
- Check in & check out system
- Learn a song of the month and perform it for JROL friends and families the last Saturday/Sunday of every month
- Short Video Lesson
- Bible Verse of the day
- Offering
- Prayer
- Craft
- Game

Johnston River of Life
JohnstonRiverOfLife.org

Be a part of the launch of our new Children's Education Program on Sept 20!
All kids receive a pearl to redeem at the treasure chest.

christian learning opportunities

Children & Youth Ministries Mission Statement
A church family working together to teach children to know, grow, and show the love of Jesus Christ.

Christian Learning Time (CLT)

CLT will begin on Sunday, September 20th!
Don't forget to register your children and youth for Christian Learning Time! ***CLT Registration forms are available at the TGIW table in the Fellowship Hall or in the education classrooms.***

You won't want to miss the fun year we have planned with a brand new curriculum.

Deep Blue is the new awe-inspiring resource for children which includes adventure, exciting stories, science experiments, arts and crafts, animated video storytelling, and active games-all combined into a living–faith experience that will help children discover what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ today. The Deep Blue Common English Bible will be the focus of our curriculum and the gift our 3rd graders will receive.

3rd Grade Bibles: Those students entering 3rd grade for the 2015-2016 school year will be presented a Bible from the church during our church services at 9:30 and 10:45 on Sunday September 20th. PLEASE NOTE THIS IS WILL NOT BE ON RALLY SUNDAY AS IT OFTEN HAS BEEN IN THE PAST. When signing up for Christian Learning Time, please indicate which service time you would prefer to receive your Bible, or contact sjacobson@newhopedsm.org to let us know that info. If your family attends JROL, they will receive their Bibles on Sunday, September 20th.

Acolyte Training: For all children in 4th grade and up that wish to help acolyte this year, there will be a short acolyte training at 10:45 on Sunday, September 27th. We will meet in your classroom downstairs. If you wish to serve our church by acolyting in the 10:45 service, please sign up on Sarah's bulletin board.

Help Wanted: We are still looking for 1-2 co-teachers for our 4-5th grade class. If you are interested in teaching this class with Jodi Christensen, please talk with Sarah Jacobson.

Children's Worship

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP SCHEDULE WILL BEGIN SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH.
Children's Worship is a meaningful time for children ages 3 years through 2nd grade to worship and connect with God. Children will participate in an engaging worship service geared just for them in the Sanctuary after the Children's Message during the 9:30 service.
We would like to stick to our Two-Adult rule as much as possible, so we will be asking parents of these children to step in from time to time to help with crowd control. We are always looking for youth helpers in 5th grade or older.
If you have any questions or would like to help, please contact Sherri Bogue or see the new Children's Worship Bulletin board near the Purple room.

New Hope Puppet Troupe begins!

Wednesday, September 16

Our first official NH Puppet meeting will be Wednesday, September 16 from 7:15 pm-8pm, directly following TGIW in the 5th and 6th grade classroom downstairs.

If you have a child interested in participating this year please contact Melanie Henry, 515-318-3216, melhenry0@gmail.com or Linda Dean, 515-707-2384, deanlinda2@aol.com.

TGIW
THANK GOD IT'S WEDNESDAY!

TGIW 2015-2016

Wednesdays 5:30pm Dinner, 6-7:15pm Activities

Curriculum: Power Xpress

Registration forms are now available at the TGIW table. Registration fee of $5/kid or $10/family will help cover some of our activity costs throughout the year.

We have some great activities planned this year, but to make that happen we need some great volunteers too! Here is how you can help:

Activity leaders for November (Art 11/4) and help with Operation Christmas Child Mission project (11/18), for December (Science 12/2)- sign up on the TGIW bulletin board if you can help, or contact Sarah Jacobson or Anita Gaul with questions.

Shepherds/extra floating adults -always needed!!!!

Kitchen helpers (contact Kim or Mica Wills)

Jr. Blast helpers (contact Pastor Jon)

Join us for the TGIW Kick-Off Family Tailgating Party!!! Wednesday, September 16th 5:30-7:00pm

Dress up in your favorite team apparel, bring your lawn games to play and join us for a kick-off party! This will be a great fellowship opportunity with activities for the whole family!

Hotdogs and Hamburgers will be served for supper.

Children and Family Ministries Info Board

For the month of September you can find the following resources on the bulletin board. The meal time devotion is titled "Need and Eraser?" The Parent Resource article is titled "Kid's Popularity Rules."

If you have any ideas or suggestions for Parent Resources or topics you'd like to see, please contact sjacobson@newhopedsm.org.

Youth Groups

Jr. BLAST (6th-8th grade) Join us for our kick-off gathering on **Wednesday, September 16, 6-7pm.** You may join the TGIW dinner at 5:30pm and then stay for the Jr. BLAST fun. Please plan to meet in the Fellowship Hall by 6pm with Pastor Jon Gaul.

Sr. BLAST (9th-12th grade) Leaders: Chris Higdon, Charity & McKayla Johnson, and Pam Frey
BLAST@NewHopeDSM.org

CALLING ALL INCOMING FRESHMAN; we are inviting you to join New Hope Senior High BLAST group. This group is open to any High School students that are interested in fellowshipping, learning more about the gospel of Jesus Christ, and giving back to the community.

Fellowship: Allow the youth to develop relationships with each other and prepare them to become leaders now and tomorrow in our church.

Education: Share the gospel of Jesus Christ to the youth through our activities and Bible study events. Work to integrate the youth into the larger church body, through our active involvement with other church activities.

Service: Living out our faith by providing opportunities for the youth to give back to the community/church through meaningful service projects and activities.

We are kicking off the 2015-2016 year on **Wednesday, September 16th** with TGIW at New Hope. Similar to last year, the leadership team has already planned the events for the first half of the year. We will have a schedule for you at our kick-off event on September 16th.

In planning the schedule for the first half of the year, we have kept a lot of the events the same; including our weekly gathering on Wednesday nights at 6pm. During this time, we will be reading and discussing Christian literature, starting with *Letters from a Skeptic* by Dr. Gregory A. Boyd. We started this book last year, but only made it through the first section on questions about God. We will start in the second section of the book; in which the father poses questions about Jesus Christ. If you were not able to join us last year for the first part; don't worry about it, the book can easily be started from any of the sections.

"Back to School" Lock-In on August 21st

Here are some upcoming youth events for the next two months:

Sept. 16th @ 6pm ~ BLAST Kicks off Wednesday Meetings (**T**hank **G**od for **B**LAST **D**iscussions - **TGBD**)
Sept. 23rd @ 6pm ~ **T**hank **G**od for **B**LAST **D**iscussions – **TGBD**
Sept. 27th ~ BLAST Breakfast
Oct. 7th @ 6pm ~ **T**hank **G**od for **B**LAST **D**iscussions – **TGBD**
Oct. 11th ~ BLAST Breakfast
Oct. 14th @ 6pm ~ **T**hank **G**od for **B**LAST **D**iscussions – **TGBD**
Oct. 18th ~ Help at Harvest Dinner at New Hope
Oct. 21st @ 6pm ~ ChildServe
Oct. 28th ~ BLAST Halloween (Haunted House & Zombie Burger)

More information about the above events will be sent out in email and posted on Facebook (http://www.facebook.com/SeniorHighBlast).

Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 14 at New Hope UMC. This open to the public craft & gift fair will have crafters or national direct sales companies as vendors. Interested in being a vendor? Please contact Tamara Evans at 515-710-9238 or tamaraevans2@gmail.com.

50th Anniversary Celebration * Sunday, November 22, 2015, 3 p.m.

In the Beginning Under the Oak Tree. On behalf of the entire New Hope leadership team, we would like to invite you and your family to attend our 50th Anniversary Celebration Event.

Bishop Julius Trimble will be our special guest at the three Sunday morning services (8:30, 9:30 and 10:45).

The 50th Anniversary Celebration Event will take place on Sunday, November 22 at 3pm.

RSVP to the committee at: newhopeumc50@gmail.com or call 515-289-1343.

Also, we are needing volunteers for the following: Decorations, Music, Videographer, and Set up/take down. Please email or call to let us know you can help. Thank you!

Updates from Chair of The Board of Trustees: John Rains

Landscape/Fall Cleanup - September 12

The Landscape Committee and Board of Trustees have planned a "Landscape Cleanup Day" on Saturday, September 12th, 9:00am until finished. *Lunch will be provided with pie.*
We will be trimming, transplanting, fixing retaining walls, removing dead bushes, edging the circle drive and further beatifying our church campus. ***We need your help, please plan to attend by volunteering your time and talents!*** Sign-up sheets are in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us!

New Roof - September 26 & October 3

The roof over the offices/rest rooms need replacing (original part of the church). This project is at least 4 years overdue and cannot be put off any longer. The Board of Trustees believe it's been 17 years since it was replaced. The plan is to do it by volunteers from New Hope and JROL.

We have had two bids, one for $11,780 + $2400 for the flat roof over east entry and another one for $8964 w/o the flat roof. The estimate for materials and doing it ourselves is $5000 for materials, including a contractor (who has been used before) to supervise. He will provide some equipment and haul away the shingles removed. The Board of Trustees feel this is the way to proceed, savings of nearly $4000.

The planned dates for this project is September 26th and October 3rd, planning for two weekends just in case we need it. Please plan to assist!

If you would like to donate toward this project please mark the memo line of your check ***"Board of Trustees-Capital Improvements".*** It would be great if the cost of the roof could be raised through donations. The gutter on the east has to also be replaced but at this time we do not have an estimate. It is estimated that the roofs of the church should be good for another 10 years before we have to think about this project again. ***Thank you for your consideration of donating!***

New Lighting – The lighting in the Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary has been updated with LED bulbs, which has greatly improved the brightness of the lighting. Also, the mercury vapor lights in the FLC have been replaced with LED bulbs, greatly enhancing the lighting and will give the ability of instant on. The Board of Trustees have been looking into this for nearly a year and finally was able to take advantage of a terrific sale! The work was done by Paul Weisskopf please tell him *"Thanks"* when your see him.

Kitchen Team: The church kitchen team is in need of volunteers to help with cleaning and organizing the kitchens. Please volunteer by contacting Betty Holwegner 278-8115 or John Rains 278-8282 jjrains@q.com

Join the Landscape Team!

The garden entrances to our facility are very inviting and welcoming.
The landscape team is in need of volunteers to assist in routine clean up and maintenance (primarily weeding, deadheading and watering planters). Previous experience is not required as we are happy to share our gardening experience. In addition to general maintenance we could use someone to manage the roses and shrubs outside the NE entrances to the industrial kitchen and family life center.
If you are interested in joining the Landscape Committee, participating in routine maintenance and watering or assisting in planning and scheduling as a co-leader, please contact Ruth Doxon, 253-9113, rdoxon@gmail.com or Kathy Russi, 333-1764, kwrussi@aol.com

groups gathering together

Men's Breakfast
Saturday, September 12 at 7:30 a.m. at New Hope.

Women's Fellowship
Join them on **Thursday, September 17**, 9am at church. All women of New Hope and JROL are invited.
Questions? Call Betty Holwegner at 278-8115.

Widow's Luncheon
Join other women whose spouses have gone to glory before them at a luncheon at Panara in Johnston on Merle Hay Rd. **Friday, September 18th at 11:30.** If you need a ride or have questions, you can contact
Sharon Smith 515-277-7125 or Shirley Frus 515-279-1130.

Care Ministry Team
This team ministers to congregation members who have had new babies, have been in the hospital, have been ill or are dealing with grief. This team meets on a quarterly basis and will meet on **Thursday, October 8, 10:00am** at New Hope. If you would like to join the Care Ministry team, please contact Clarice Rubek or Mary Ann Rice.

Blood Pressure Check
New Hope is offering free Blood Pressure checks each month. **September 6, 9:30-11:00am** will be the next BP checks. Come to the Narthex after each worship service.

Chancel Choir
Practice on Wednesdays at 6:30pm. Join us! Contact Eldon Cross, Director of Music, elcatalia4@gmail.com or 515 250-1476.

Veterans Helping Veterans
Join us for the following gathering: September 19, 8:30 am. The speaker will be Devin Miller from Unity Point Hospice who will talk about his work with veterans. All Veterans and spouses are welcome to join us!
If you have questions, please contact Billy Nuzum at bbnewz54@gmail.com

Women's Bible Study
st Sharon Smith's home
We will meet Monday, August 31st to set our agenda and begin the study on September 14th. Bring ideas and study books to choose. Meet at Sharon Smith's home: 8093 Cobblestone Rd., Urbandale. We will again have the opportunity to choose either 1:00pm or 6:30pm, so come when it is most convenient for you.

Stay tuned….for a new Women's Bible Study on Monday evenings beginning September 14th at 6:30pm.

Support Groups
Al-Anon
Every Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. in the Ruby Chapel.
Alcoholics Anonymous
Every Tuesday at Noon in the Ruby Chapel.
Stroke Club of Iowa
3rd Tuesday of the month (February - October) at 7 p.m.

Small Groups
2015-2016 Friday Small Group
The Friday Small Group will meet on **September 11 & 25** (the second & fourth Friday of each month, unless otherwise noted). Join us at 1 pm at the Pizza Ranch, 4954 86th St, Urbandale. The Pizza Ranch has a buffet and as you arrive, pay for your buffet, load up your plate and join us in our reserved room. I will be reading from a James Moore book and we will be discussing Revelations. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Kielsmeier, 515-689-9680.

Life Group (Bible Study):
Are you looking for a place to connect with friends, build your faith, and get support?
Join a Sunday Evening Life Group (small group):

"All the Places to Go…How Will You Know?" by John Ortberg. Sundays 5:30 PM.
1. Pastor Craig & Jody Ferguson's 6850 NW 54th Ct. Johnston 515.984.0482
or Charity Johnson's (rotating) 6243 NW 49th St. Johnston 515.720.8299

And

2. Sundays 6:00 PM. Held at Dick & Netha Pipho's 712 SE 4th St. Grimes

missions

September Mission News

WOMEN AT THE WELL: Did you know that the United Methodist Church has a physical church and congregation at the Women's Prison at Mitchellville? Pastor Lee Schott is their pastor. This church has helped many women to heal and be forgiven for their unlawful acts, and to be chosen as God's precious adopted people.

New Hope has chosen to make a covenant with Women at the Well, to support them through giving, prayers, and visits. We pray for these women each Sunday, have visited their church service and have given of our resources to continue this important Mission.

We also have two active reentry teams working with two women who have reentered society after their incarceration.

Pastor Lee will be speaking at all 3 services on Sunday, December 6th. Please plan on attending and hearing of our denomination's commitment to working with women once thought incapable of being rehabilitated.

MISSIONARY VISIT: Please put **Tuesday, November 10th** on your calendar as our missionaries that we support, Emmanuel and Florence Mefor are visiting the Iowa Annual Conference churches that support them. They will visit with us about their important work in Zimbabwe at the hospital in Mutambara.

CFUM POWER BREAKFAST BOOK COLLECTION: Also, we will continue collecting books for children at CFUM, Children and Family Urban Movement's Power Breakfasts, where mentors read to the children and then the children get to keep the books. We will accept new books for Pre-School through 5th grade. Place your books in the appropriate basket on the Mission Table at the back of Fellowship Hall.

MEALS FROM THE HEARTLAND: We are still accepting donations for our Meals packaging August 2nd. We have reached almost 80% of our goal of $5,600. We packaged 28,000 meals with many hands and are very thankful for everyone giving of their time to go over our goal of 26,000 meals.

THANKSGIVING INGATHERING: We will continue to collect items for several kits for the Thanksgiving Ingathering. Go to the Mission Table to find the "ingredients" and baskets for the finished kits. The baskets will remain on the table through the end of October.

We are also hoping crafters and artisans will contribute items for the auction at our Ingathering at Greenfield, November 2nd. The rules are also on the Mission Table. If you have something you would like to donate, please contact Sharon Smith, 515-419-7082. wicketsblooms@aol.com.

HABITAT WORK DAY is scheduled for Sat., Oct. 3. If you would like to participate, please contact Denise Hartford, denisehartford@gmail.com or 515-890-1406.

Mission Trip for Adults

Mission Trip to Honduras, February 6-13, 2016. We are looking for more team members to sign up by September 1. Questions? Or to sign up, please contact Denise Hartford,denisehartford@gmail.com, text or call 515-890-1406.

Hand of Luke - September 14

Meatball Sandwich
Broccoli with Cheese
Fresh Fruit
Ice Cream Sandwiches

The 14th of each month, New Hopers donate food, cook a meal and serve it at the Central Iowa Shelter & Services, downtown.
Sign up in the Fellowship Hall. Cooks meet at the church between 3:00-3:30pm. Servers transport the food to the Central Iowa Shelter & Services at 5:30pm, return by 8:00pm.

When dropping off your non perishables, please see that they are ***clearly labeled HOL and clearly indicate who it is from*** and place on the kitchen counter. Frozen items may be placed on the marked shelves in the industrial freezer. If possible, please indicate on the sign up sheet where you placed your item(s) (for example, "in pantry", or "in the refrig."). Baked goods should be transferred to a disposable container if possible. *Thank you!!*

AUDIO-VISUAL team

Help Wanted with the 9:30am Tech Support Team

Volunteers are needed to oversee the audio visual needs for the 9:30 worship service on Sundays.

Hopefully several people will volunteer and a rotation schedule can be developed.

Please volunteer by contacting the church office at 278-2097 or nhfamily@newhopedsm.org.

Thank you to all of our veterans who have so generously served our country and now our church.
Thank you to Sgt. Patrick Perkins of the Heroes Hunting Foundation for coming to New Hope and sharing his ministry.

Salute OUR VETERANS

ALL WOMEN of United Methodist Churches in the Central District
are invited to the

CENTRAL DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
ANNUAL MEETING
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2015

Uptown Campus of Ankeny United Methodist Church
206 SW Walnut Street
Ankeny, Iowa

Keynote Speaker:
Rita Vallery, President of Iowa Conference United Methodist Women

Please bring a mission gift for Hawthorn Hill from this list:
Trash bags (39 gal.), Powdered laundry detergent, Disinfectant sprays,
Multipurpose cleaners, Paper towels

8:30 a.m. - Registration and Coffee
Program Resource Room open
9:00 a.m. Meeting begins
After lunch: Choice of two of the following Breakout Sessions:
"What's New in UMW," "The Church and Disabilities," "Domestic Violence"
2:30 p.m. - Closing Worship

Lunch

Each carload of attendees is asked to bring a salad for lunch. Please bring with it a card listing the ingredients so persons with dietary restrictions or allergies can know which salads they can eat. Rolls, beverages and cookies will be provided by the Ankeny United Methodist Methodist Women.

United Methodist Women

In order for us to prepare properly
for you, please report the number of adults (men are also welcome!) and children
who will be attending to
Lynn Louk
515-276-7900 or jimlynnlouk@mac.com

Free childcare will be provided but reservations must be made by August 26.
Please bring a sack lunch for each child.

Please notify Lynn Louk (515-276-7900 or jimlynnlouk@mac.com) if you plan to attend.

Financial Update

Below is the July 2015 General Fund operating report for New Hope and Johnston River of Life.
Due to your generosity and the increase in pledges last year, we were able to reduce the size of the projected deficit this year. Thank you for your giving and faithfulness in supporting the work and ministries of New Hope and Johnston River of Life.

New Hope Financial Update

	July 2015 Actual
Total Receipts	$24,535.41
Total Expenditures	28,956.66
Net Surplus (Deficit)	($4,421.25)

	YTD 2015 Actual
Total Receipts	$187,000.08
Total Expenditures	190,466.84
Net Surplus (Deficit)	($3,466.76)

Johnston River of Life Financial Update

	July 2015 Actual
Total Receipts	$4,490.46
Total Expenditures	11,592.04
Net Surplus (Deficit)	($7,101.58)

	YTD 2015 Actual
Total Receipts	$69,983.61
Total Expenditures	69,025.23
Net Surplus (Deficit)	$958.38

Discretionary Fund has been established. The fund will be used by Pastor Jon for parishioner's extreme needs or occasionally when people come to the church for help. Your donations toward this fund is greatly appreciated. Please place your donation with the offering and note "Discretionary Fund" in the memo line of your check.

New Hope Sunday morning Worship attendance

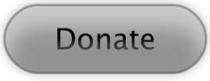
	8:30	9:30	10:45	total
August 2	50	53	73	176
August 9	29	65	67	161
August 16	28	77	96	201
August 23	34	91	90	215

Johnston River of Life Worship attendance

Sat		Sun		total
Aug. 1	36	Aug. 2	55	91
Aug. 8	27	Aug. 9	24	51
Aug. 15	18	Aug. 16	22	40
Aug. 22	39	Aug. 23	28	67

Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving

New Hope wants to remind you that we offer electronic giving as a way to automate your offering.



To setup online Giving go to www.newhopedsm.org OR www.johnstonriveroflife.org and click on the donate button. This will direct you securely to set up an automatic donation plan, change your donation plan, make a one-time donation or view your online donation history. Changes can be made confidentially at any time. Or if you like, paper authorization forms are located on the table in fellowship hall. Please contact the church office for additional information.

If you decide to give electronically, please feel free to pick up a card that says **"I give electronically"** to put in the offering plate if you would like to participate in the offertory.

I just moved my son into college (ISU – gained another convert). My daughter is in her Sophomore year at Johnston. The education world is back in full swing building a foundation, preparing the minds of our youth for the imposing and unending job of caring for the world and each other; for leading and feeding nations, for discovery and growth, for arts, music... "and the pursuit of happiness."

I am not an architect, but I know some of the basics about building. You must calculate the weight, height, wind tension, and so forth to know how thick and strong to build a foundation, and how deep to drill the support piles for larger structures.

I think there are two things that are important to remember:

If the foundation is not strong enough, the building will not stand the test of time.
The bigger the structure the more a person needs to invest in a strong foundation.

I also believe that the foundation of a building can be a powerful metaphor for the education in a person's life. If we don't prepare the foundation, we may not stand the test of time, and the greater aspirations a person has, the stronger their foundation needs to be.

I am convinced that it requires more than just a secular education. I believe that every person needs a foundation that includes math, science, language, arts, history, etc; but we also need a foundation of faith, a grounding in peace, hope, and love, that can support us when the storms of life prevail; when the ground under our feet shifts, and we feel like our world is falling down around us.

As school starts up so do the local churches. Christian education programs and small groups are starting in an effort to build and reinforce the foundation of our lives. I encourage you to get involved in these programs and support your kids in this essential process of building the foundation for their future.

September 20th JROL kicks off H2GO (Hearts to Hear God, Hands to Help Others) Kids program. Bring your kids and they will get a "Pearl" to spend on items in the Treasure Chest. We hope to see you there.

Pastor Craig Ferguson

serve

Sign up to help!
Look for the sign-up sheets at the entrance of the Narthex and the Family Life Center.

sunday volunteers

Greeters arrive at worship service fifteen minutes early to welcome worshipers.

Lectors read the scripture lessons for the day at the 8:30 and 10:45 worship services.

Children's Church meets during 9:30 a.m. worship service in the sanctuary & 1st/2nd grade classroom. Volunteers read a Bible story to the children and supervise craft and play time.

Hosts bake or purchase 6 to 8 dozen cookies and use 3 to 5 dozen cookies from the tall, silver freezer in the supply room. (no peanuts/nuts), and serve coffee and water after the 9:30 contemporary and 10:45 traditional worship services. After fellowship time the hosts wash, dry, and put away the cookie platters, rinse out and dry the coffee canisters, and take the trash out to the trash bin. When you sign up to host, a letter from New Hope will be mailed to you before you host with instructions on how to host.

If you are interested in volunteering for any of these positions, please call Nancy Monthei, church secretary, at 278-2097.

Those who serve New Hope in September

8:30am Traditional Service

Greeters
6
13
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27

Lectors
6
13 Cathy Short
20 Billy Nuzum
27 Cathy Short

Traditional Service Callers
6 Norma Sutton
13 Bob & Marlys Borcherding
20 Norma Sutton
27 Bob & Marlys Borcherding

Contemporary Service Callers
6 Rod & Lynette Cook
13 Eldon Cross
20 Rod & Lynette Cook
27 Eldon Cross

9:30am Contemporary Service

Greeters
6
13
20
27

Lectors
6
13
20
27 Andy Sutton

***Hosts**
6 Gary Stubbs
13 Rally Day
20 DeVonne Douglas
27 Sr. BLAST breakfast

Money Counters
6 Clark Howland, Rick Homard, Larry Wood
13 Jerry Kielsmeier, Kim Traylor, John Burrough
20 Tony & Tracy Hoffman, Glenna Ross
27 DeVonne Douglas, Randy Jansen, Ron Zoss

Pal Friday: 9 a.m.
4 Marilyn Osborn
11 Marlys Borcherding
18 Shirley Johnson
25 Marilyn Monroe

10:45am Traditional Service

Greeters
6
13
20
27

Lectors
6 Jon Verner
13
20 Billy Nuzum
27

***Hosts**
6 Neal & Roberta Cave
13 Rally Day
20
27 Sr. BLAST breakfast

thank you for volunteering to help with the worship services. If something comes up and you have a conflict, please contact another church member to switch with you and call the church office with the changes (278-2097).

September 2015

WORSHIP SERVICES
New Hope UMC, Sunday mornings: 8:30, 9:30, 10:45
Johnston River of Life
5pm Saturdays and 10am Sundays at Beaver Creek Elementary in Johnston

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 9:30a, Sr. Singers practice 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 7:00p, Worship Cluster Mtg., Ruby Chapel	2 Waxing Floors 6:30p, Choir practice 7:45p, Praise Team	3 Waxing Floors 7:00p, JROL Mtg., Ruby Chapel 7:15p, Rally Day Planning	4 Waxing Floors Office Vol: Marge Carnahan	5 Waxing Floors
6 Holy Communion 9:30-11a, Blood Pressure Sunday	7 **Church Office Closed** **Labor Day**	8 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 6:00p, Trustees Mtg, Ruby Chapel 7:00p, Finance Mtg., Ruby Chapel	9 6:30p, Choir practice 7:45p, Praise Team	10 6:30p, Harvest Dinner & Auction Mtg., Ruby Chapel	11 Office Vol: Marlys Borcherding 1p, Friday Small Group, Pizza Ranch	12 7:30a, Men's Breakfast 9a, Landscape/Fall Clean up at church JROL Tailgate
13 **RALLY DAY** On Worship: 10am Potluck Games Ministry Fair 4:30p, Confirmation Class	14 3:30p, Hand of Luke 1p, 6:30p, Bible Study at Sharon Smith's	15 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 7:00p, Stroke Club	16 5:30p, Family Tailgating Party 6:00p, Jr. BLAST 6:00p, Sr. BLAST 6:30p, Choir practice 7:15p, Puppets 7:45p, Praise Team	17 9:00a, Women's Fellowship at church	18 Office Vol: Shirley Johnson 11:30a, Widow's Luncheon at Panera in Johnston 6p, Allyson Louzek & Erik Cluney rehearsal	19 8:30a, Veteran's Breakfast at church 10a, Beaverdale Parade 2p, Allyson Louzek & Erik Cluney wedding No JROL Worship
20 Food Pantry Sunday CLT Begins! 3rd Grade Bibles given 9:30a Children's Worship Car Wash Fundraiser by Puppet Troupe JROL Fall Kick-off	21 ***Deadline for Oct. LINK*** 1p, 6:30p, Bible Study at Sharon Smith's	22 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA	23 5:30p, TGIW 6:00p, Jr. BLAST 6:00p, Sr. BLAST 6:30p, Choir practice 7:15p, Puppets 7:45p, Praise Team	24 7:00p, Administrative Council Mtg., Ruby Chapel	25 Office Vol: Marilyn Monroe 1p, Friday Small Group, Pizza Ranch	26 Roofing Day 9a-3p, Needlers Sew In, Fellowship Hall
27 Sr. BLAST breakfast fundraiser 10:45a, Acolyte Training 4:30p, Confirmation Class	28 1p, 6:30p, Bible Study at Sharon Smith's	29 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 10a-3p, IA Conf. Retiree Gathering, F.Hall, FLC	30 5:30p, TGIW 6:00p, Jr. BLAST 6:00p, Sr. BLAST 6:30p, Choir practice 7:15p, Puppets 7:45p, Praise Team	October 1 7:00p, JROL Mtg., Ruby Chapel	October 2 Office Vol: Theresa Flickinger	October 3 Roofing Day Habitat for Humanity Day

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Happy Birthday to you!!

"May God's many blessings, be yours the year through."

1 Levi Kinnetz, Zoie Lamp, Madysan Johnson
2 Craig Ferguson
4 James Neu
5 Tim Carrigan, Madilyn Moellers
6 Marlys Borcherding, Taylor Martz
7 Eugene Pecinovsky, Maddox Alcorn
8 Eli Goodson, Trenton Cracraft
9 Jerry Kielsmeier, Jenn Higdon, Trent Johnson, Charlie Strauss
10 Kirk Hartung, Ambrose Moses, Grace Rowland, Grace Beasley
11 Lindsey McCulley, Nathan Grow, Elaine Sheer
12 Emma Monthei, Byron Hover-Williamson
13 John Kirkpatrick, Abbey Hitchcock
15 Sharon Lewis, Eddy Johnston, Kristine Wakeman, Judy Nemmers
16 Nancy Monthei, Emma Weih
17 Ruth Doxon
18 Dennis Haugland, Allyson Sutton, Sherri Bogue
19 Jordan Thompson, Ty Dolberg, Megan Thomsen, Joe Borchardt
20 Maya Johnston
21 Glenda Millard, Zane Sutton
22 Clarice Rubek, Brian Hartung
23 Donna Gronstal, Karla Rankin, Patty Gressman
24 Janet Carrigan
25 Jeffrey Huber, Matt Trillet
27 Valerie Hawthorne, Kyle Redies, Nora Mundy
28 Bryan Haase
30 Joe Nemmers

Happy Anniversary!

6 Greg & Raynette Meyers
8 Gene & Elaine Lesch
9 Dustin & Melanie Henry
9 Chad & Cindy Meyer
10 Bob & Marge Robinson
14 John & Joyce Turek
14 John & Carolyn Burrough
18 Scott & Lisa Peterson
18 Jason & Tamara Evans
19 Tom & Ann Schultz
21 Steve & Liz Grow
22 Corey & Deanne Miller
23 Dennis & Renee Haugland
26 Jamie & Marte Carlson
30 Joe & Kim Traylor

If you see that your name is not listed, please call the church office at 278-2097, or email at nhfamily@newhopedsm.org, so we can update our files.

It is amazing how many studies get reported in the news media. One that I read some time ago concerned the effects on a person of the various facial expressions they commonly display. The expression with the worst effect was frowning.

Frowning over a prolonged period of time not only contributes to creating permanent lines on a person's brow but, according to the study, it also heats up the brain—which is apparently undesirable. That made me wonder if the term "hotheaded" came from this discovery.

These studies can be amusing and make me wonder about the people who think them up and carry them out. However, such studies can also share useful information. For instance, in one study it was found that 77.6% of people who become active in a church do so because they were invited by a family member, friend, neighbor, or co-worker. This means that the power each one of us has in sharing with others the love of God and the support of the church is greater than any other program available. This is a tremendous opportunity and a tremendous responsibility for each one of us. We have the ability to help our family members, friends, neighbors, and co-workers experience God's love and care for their lives.

As summer wraps up and the fresh start of a new school year and church program year begins, why not take to heart some of the research and studies available to us to make some changes in our lives? I would recommend two for starters. First, don't frown. After all, nobody wants to be known as a "hothead." And second, invite someone to church. You can help others know of the saving power and love of God.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Jon Gaul

Jon Gaul

September Theme -- "The Widsom of James"

September 6	Title: "Wise Choices"	Script.: James 2:1-10	Holy Communion
September 13	Title: "Wise Words"	Script.: James 3:1-12	One Worship: 10am; Rally Day
September 20	Title: "Wise Actions"	Script: James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a	Christian Learning Time begins
September 27	Title: "Wise Prayers"	Script.: James 5:13-20	

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Johnston River of Life

Sunday Worship Services at New Hope

8:30am Traditional Service
9:30am Contemporary Service
10:45am Traditional Service

Johnston River of Life Casual Worship Services

Currently meeting at Beaver Creek Elementary,
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Sundays at 10am

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