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New Hope United
Methodist Church

September
2017

SEPTEMBER AT NEW HOPE UMC

Called to Godly

Living

September 3
"Living in Harmony"

September 10
"Living in Reconciliation"

September 17
"Living in Acceptance"

September 24
"Living Christ's Gospel"



NEW HOPE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sundays at New Hope UMC 8:30am • 9:30am • 10:45am
newhopedsm.org

Johnston
River of Life

Being Christ in Community.

WORSHIP WITH US

Saturdays 5pm & Sundays 10am
Beaver Creek Elementary

JohnstonRiverOfLife.org

Hero of Faith Day
at New Hope UMC
Sunday, September 10

Please join us at New Hope UMC for the kick off to the fall season!

Sunday, September 10!

One Worship Service: 10am-11am in the Family Life Center. Featuring both Traditional and Contemporary music

All-Church potluck: 11:00am-12:30pm. Please bring your favorite dish(es) to share

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

Please join us!! Invite your friends to church!!



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.

Prayer Concern

Esther Stout; Arny Larsen; Kim Traylor; Vickey Cary; Joan Wakeman; Linn Redding; Olive Walker; Bishop Laurie Haller; District Superintendent, Rev. Heecheon Jeon; District Field Outreach Minister, Naomi Sea Young Wittstruck; Dr. Emmanuel Mefor, missionary.

Prayers for the following military personnel: Kelsey Bartley; Dawn Bernal; Jason Homard; Cory Larson; Adam Larson; Joshua Larson; Zach McClain; Todd McGinnity; Matthew Plourde; Anthony Plourde; Tim Rains; Devan Stanton; Jared Stanton; and our national and world leaders, our military and their families.

Sympathy

Our Sympathy to Bob & Billy Nuzum on the passing of their great grandson, Taylor Wayne Horn.

Our Sympathy to Bob Robinson and family on the passing of Marjorie Robinson, wife and mother. Memorial service will be held on Saturday, September 2, 1:30pm in the Sanctuary.

Thank you

Thank you for your continued thoughts, prayers, and messages as Army continues to fight his cancer. It means so much to us! Army & Shelley Larsen

Help Needed!

The **funeral luncheon committee** would like to update their persons to call list for help when needed. If you would be willing to donate a salad, cake, and/or help with setup and cleanup, please email Kristin Welter t.welter@mchsi.com or call 306-3901.

Welcome & Invitation: We are forming a new group to help with planning fun and special events at New Hope UMC. Please volunteer!

9:30 PC support: advance through the PowerPoint slides during the service.

Sunday money counters: work as a team to count the weekly offering.

Sunday worship helpers & hosts: sign up on the clipboards to volunteer!

Landscaping Help Needed: Volunteers are needed for the upkeep of the church's flower gardens. Assist with deadheading, weeding, and occasional watering.

Please contact Nancy in the church office to volunteer! 515-278-2097, nhfamily@newhopedsm.org



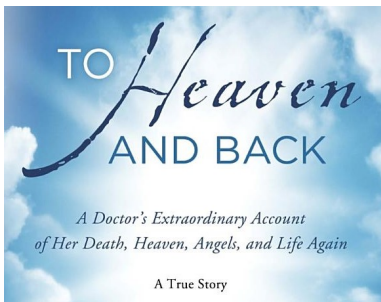
MEALS FROM THE HEARTLAND

Thank you to the many helpers and people who donated to this event and cause, we had a very successful meal packaging, August 13th. We packaged 26,296 meals of Mac & Cheese to be distributed to local food banks and needy areas around the world.

We are especially thankful to Pastor Craig for including \$2,000 for it in his Lily Grant. We will be sending a check for \$5,409.20 to Meals for the ingredients and the truck. Thank you to all who donated! We hope to have our 8th annual event next August!

More pictures are on New Hope's facebook page.





Have you ever wondered what heaven is like?

Join us for a discussion of the book, To Heaven and Back by Mary C. Neal, M.D. Learn from her experience.

A kayak accident adventure takes one woman to heaven--where she experienced God's peace, joy and angels—and back to life again. Despite rescue efforts, Mary was submerged underwater for too long and as a result died. Mary's life has been forever changed from her experience in heaven and her newfound understanding of her purpose on earth, her awareness of God, and her closer relationship with Jesus.

We will meet in the Ruby Chapel on September 11th at 1pm. You will need to get and read the book before our discussion. You can check it out or download it from the library or purchase your own copy.

Plan to join us for a great discussion.
Roberta Cave and Armenta Buckingham



Pastor Craig, Jody, Nathan & Hanna Grace Ferguson's home is in need of a team to replace the siding and repair windows. Updated info is as follows:

1. Tearing off siding will be done Tuesday, September 26 beginning at 5:00 p.m.
2. Repair of windows and siding prep will be done on Wednesday through Friday, September 27-29 beginning each day at 8:00 a.m.
3. Siding will be done Saturday, Sept. 30 from 8:00 a.m. through 3:00 p.m. and again on Sunday, Oct. 1 from 1:00 until done. A meal will be provided Sunday evening.

It is imperative that you preregister with Denise Hartford, denisehartford@gmail.com or 515-890-1406 so you can be kept up to date on changes to times and/or needs.

There are no monetary costs to JROL/New Hope/Hopkins Grove for this project.

God's Girlfriends Retreat

"A Friend Loves At All Times." Proverbs 17:17

Saturday, October 7, 2017

Doors open at 8:30 a.m., retreat from 9:00 a.m. - Noon



We are thrilled to have wonderful speakers who will share their faith journey at our God's Girlfriends Women's Retreat. Speakers are New Hope / Johnston River of Life members: Barbara Agan, Charity Johnson, and Linda Kielsmeier & Judy Stout.



Barbara Agan
"God Winks in My Life"



Charity Johnson
"Crossroads"



**Linda Kielsmeier
and Judy Stout**
"A Pilgrimage"

Bring your girlfriends for a morning of music, inspiration, and fellowship. Doors will open at 8:30 a.m. with breakfast provided. The program will begin at 9:15 a.m. and we will conclude our gathering by celebrating Holy Communion.

This retreat is open to the community and is recommended for girls/women 16 yrs. old and older.

Please pick up a registration form in the Fellowship Hall and fill it out and return to the church office.

Questions? Please contact either Carole Followwill, Barb Mather, Sharon Smith or Nancy Monthei.



Changes for our Confirmation Class

We will begin holding confirmation classes for those going into 8th grade and older. This means that we will not be holding confirmation classes this school year, but will skip a year so that our current 7th graders will then be offered confirmation when they begin 8th grade in the fall of 2018.

Here are some of the reasons for this change.

First, in most of the United Methodist Churches that I've served and others that I'm aware of, confirmation is offered for those in 8th grade and the material is designed for that age group. Even though I will say that the 7th grade students I've had here have been very mature, the extra year does help the students to deal with the material at a deeper level.

Another reason is that completion of confirmation makes the students full members of the church and should mark an increase in their involvement in the church. When they complete confirmation as 8th graders, they will be able to join in the activities of the Sr. Blast Youth group when the next school year begins. They will also be eligible to serve on church boards and committees.

With the added maturity of another year and the direct transition after confirmation to the Sr. High youth, we will offer confirmation to those 8th grade and older in the fall of 2018.

If you have any questions or concerns about this change, please let me know. I would like to hear from you.

Pastor Jon

Oklahoma Mission Trip

Work on our recent OK mission trip included jackhammering tile flooring and retiling, laying laminate flooring, building a deck, replacing a window, drywall, subfloor work, and painting. All projects were due to tornados and/or flooding in the course of the last few years.

However, it is always the relationships we build that are the most important. One of those was with a man who told us that he didn't have the money to fix his mobile home following a tornado two years ago, so he wrote his problem on a slip of paper and put it into his "God Can". The day we arrived he shared this story and said, "Now you're all here!"

What a blessing and a privilege to be able to be Christ's hands and feet on earth and meet such wonderful folks in the process! Please join us in praying for the OK United Methodist Church Disaster Response as their funding is running out at the end of 2017 as there are still around 300 people waiting for needed repairs.



1st row (l-r): Denise Hartford, Joel from OK, Nan Stubbs, Clark Howland, Kirk Whittlesey from Humboldt, 2nd row: Matt Thornton, Linda Lynch from Gilmore City, Bob Lynch from Gilmore City, Bruce Dykstra from Ventura, Gary Stubbs & John Hartford.



The bike crew and support team that made the trip to Billy's Ice Cream on August 6th!

Blood Pressure Check

BP checks will resume on September 17, 9:30a-11a in the Narthex.

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, September 9 at 7:30 a.m. at New Hope.

Veterans Helping Veterans

The next Veterans Helping Veterans will be Saturday, September 16, 8:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Questions, please contact Billy Nuzum at bbnewz54@gmail.com

Bidwell-Riverside Center

Women's Fellowship members and any other men or women who wish to join them will be doing volunteer work at Bidwell Riverside Center, 1203 Hartford Ave, Des Moines, on Wed., September 27, from 9:00 a.m. till noon. We will meet at the church at 8:30 to carpool to the center. Please notify Lynn Louk if you are planning to go. Contact her at 276-7900, jimlynnlouk@mac.com

There are many ways in which we can help, such as checking in clients, helping clients go through the grocery-style food pantry, and sorting donations. Our help is greatly appreciated.

Women's Fellowship

Thursday, September 21, 9:00am at New Hope. Questions? Contact Susan Clark at 964-5119 or Sharon Smith at 419-7082

Care Ministry Team

Next meeting is Thursday, September 14, 10am in the Fellowship Hall. 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. If you would like to join the Care Ministry team, please contact Clarice Rubek or Mary Ann Rice.

New Hope Needlers

Friday, September 15, 9am-3pm in the 3rd grade classroom. Please note that the Needlers will meet the 3rd Friday of each month. All are welcome!

Please bring your sewing machine and current project. Dress kits will be available. Lunch will be at Panera. Contact Jody Rains, 278-8282, with questions.

Friday Bible Study

The Friday Bible Study begins on September 1, 2017 at the Pizza Ranch at 1pm. (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.

"One Another's" give us a practical agenda for how we can love one another. "Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions." (1 John 3:18).

Our theme will be "Offer Hospitality to One Another" and our text is "offer hospitality to one another" from (1 Peter 4:9).

Join us on Sept. 1 and Sept. 15! Study leader: Jim Louk

Adult Discussion Group

Join us at New Hope on Sundays at 9:30am in the Ruby Chapel. Group discussions are based from "The Wired Word" that weaves current events into the Bible study.

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.

Earlier this spring, the Needlers sent 65 Days for Girls feminine hygiene kits to the Peter D. Weaver Congo Partnership, a member of the Methodist Global Ministries, based in Kinshasa in the Democratic Republic of Congo. The kits were distributed to girls at the Mama Tola Secondary School in Diengenga. In the sharing of this very important aspect of sanitation and education, it became apparent that this can actually become a self-sustaining project for this tiny village.

The school has a sewing program to teach the students how to begin a vocation to provide for their families and construct the kits themselves.

So the Needlers not only helped those 65 girls, but will be helping hundreds of others. Blessings to our New Hope ladies who continue to make these kits, along with quilts, Little Dresses and Little Britches for our missions.

We welcome all (men, too!) who have a basic sewing ability to our group. There are also jobs for non-sewers. We meet the third Friday of the month in the 3rd grade classroom. For more information, contact Jody Rains, jody47@gmail.com, 278-8282 or Diane Densmore, ddindsm1@mchsi.com, 270-1974.



Children's Ministries

Children's Ministries Mission

Statement: A church family working together to teach children to know, grow, and show the love of Jesus Christ.

3rd Grade Bibles: On **September 10th, 10am worship** (one combined worship service that day), the 3rd graders will receive the "*Children's CEV*" Bibles during worship.

Christian Learning Time (CLT): CLT starts on **Sunday, September 17th** and is from 10:45-11:45am for 4 year olds thru 6th grade. Any youth in 7th grade or above are welcome to assist in the classrooms. Parents, don't forget to register your children for Christian Learning Time during the month of September! CLT Registration will be available on the welcome center. Please register for information on line at <http://www.NewHopeDSM.org/Children-Signup.html>

Christian Learning Time Teachers

4 year old-1st: Tamara Evans/ Andy Sutton
2nd-4th Grade: Nick Bogue/ Janet Carrigan
5th-6th Grade: Abbi Herrick/ Sherri Bogue



We are using a rotation curriculum with our 4 yr. olds-1st graders this year that involves teaching the Bible stories through art, storytelling, games, cooking, video, science and music. We are always looking for one-time leaders for these activities. If you are interested in helping, please contact Charity Johnson at cjohnson@newhopedsm.org

Acolyte Training: For all children in 3rd grade and up that want to learn what it means to be an acolyte, there will be a short acolyte training at 10:45 on Sunday, October 1st. If you wish to serve our church by acolyte helpers in the 10:45 service, please sign up on the list outside the 3rd-6th grade classroom doors.

Children's Worship: Children's Worship will resume **on Sunday, September 17th**. Children's Worship is a meaningful time for children ages 4 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 will end our time together in the Orange classroom. We are always looking for youth helpers who are in 9th grade and older who would like to help. If you have any questions or if you would like to help with this program please contact Charity Johnson at cjohnson@newhopedsm.org



Wednesday, September 13th will be our first official night of Thank God It's Wednesday "TGIW"!

All kids in K-5th grades. Please register for information on line at <http://www.NewHopeDSM.org/Children-Signup.html>. Registration forms will be available for you on the greeter table. Please make sure to complete a form for your child(ren) and youth. **The registration fee is \$10/family for the whole year.**

Join us for an exciting new year of TGIW!!!

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| Puppets: | 5:15-6:00pm |
| Dinner: | 5:45-6:15pm |
| Kids Activities/Youth Groups: | 6:15-7:00pm |
| Jr. Ringers (for 2 nd grade and up): | 6:00-6:30pm |

Jr. Ringers- Is open to all 2nd graders and up who want to play bells. They will meet from 6:00-6:30pm when TGIW is offered. Questions??? Contact Kristin Welter, t.welter@mchsi.com.

Puppets- Is open to all 3rd graders and up who want to share the gospel message with our congregation through the art form of puppeteering. They will meet from 5:15-6:00 every week that TGIW is offered, unless otherwise decided by the directors. There will be about 4 performances throughout the year. They can always use parent help with crowd control. Practices start on Wednesday, September 13th. Questions??? Contact Melanie Henry, melhenry0@gmail.com, or Linda Dean, deanlinda2@aol.com!

Youth Groups

BLAST
**Believing, Learning,
Assisting, Serving, Teens**

Jr. BLAST (6th-8th grade) Junior High Blast is off to a Fighting Start!!

That is a **FOOD FIGHT!** Please mark your calendars for **September 30th from 6:00 to 7:30**. Rain date to follow if needed. Please bring your soft food ammunition of choice. Some ideas include cooked pasta, jello, mashed potatoes, cool whip, etc. After all of the throwing, dodging and smearing we would like to have a picnic supper to dry off before they get back in your car. Can you please bring a sandwich and then chips/dessert etc to share?! Parents you are welcome to stay, watch, or participate if your middle schooler will let you.

We will be starting Jr. High Blast at the beginning of TGIW on **September 13th** at 5:45 for a night of fun. Times have changed this year. Please be aware that **dinner is now 5:45 to 6:15. Blast will run from 6:15 to 7:00**. We respect your time so will always try to watch the time at 7:00. That said, we would like to make a number of field trips this year. Most of them will involve fun mission projects, that will require more time. We will give you plenty of warning when the schedule will change.

Last, as your leaders of Jr High Blast, we are committed to being with your child on Wednesday nights. In years past the kids have gone to a pumpkin farm/corn maze. We would like to continue that tradition on October 15. We would like to have some parents volunteers to go with the group. Please let us know if you are available and interested in having a great time with our middle schoolers!!

Thank you! Jackie Johnson 257-4045 Jackiejohnson81@aol.com; Tami Wise 251-2987 mtlwise@hotmail.com

Sr. BLAST (8th-12th grade) Leaders: Chris Higdon, McKayla Johnson, and Pam Frey – BLAST@NewHopeDSM.org

CALLING ALL INCOMING FRESHMAN & 8TH GRADERS; we are inviting you to join New Hope Senior High BLAST group. This group is open to any High School students and 8th graders that are interested in fellowship, 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 2017-2018 year on Saturday, September 9th with the Iowa vs Iowa State football game. However, we are still working out the actual details... but be assured it will be a fun and a rewarding event. Even without all of the details planned, please invite and bring your friends to this event; we will have a special surprise for your guest and you for bringing them to this event.



Similar to previous years, the leadership team has already planned the events for the first half of the year. We will be refocusing the group on service projects throughout this year; including working once a month with ChildServe. A schedule for you at our kick-off event on September 9th. 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 have a Bible study and fellowship time. Plan to come early on Wednesdays -5:30pm - to have dinner with the rest of the TGIW kids.

This year we are switching our group messaging program to "Group Me". If you want to continue getting updates and text messages; please re-scribe using this link: <http://tinyurl.com/zxdssgc>.

Here are the some upcoming youth events for the next two months. More information about the above events will be sent out in email and posted on Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/SeniorHighBlast>).

Sept. 9th ~ Iowa VS Iowa State Service Project and Game

Sept. 13th @ 6pm ~ Thank God for **BLAST** Discussion

Sept. 20th @ 6pm ~ ChildServe (*meet at New Hope UMC*)

Sept. 24th @ 8am ~ BLAST Breakfast

Not Meeting Sept. 27th - Johnston Homecoming Week

Oct. 4th @ 6pm ~ Thank God for **BLAST** Discussion

Oct. 11th @ 6pm ~ Thank God for **BLAST** Discussion

Oct. 14th @ 6pm ~ Johnston Partnership Service Project

Oct. 15th @ 5pm ~ Help with New Hope Harvest Dinner

Oct. 18th @ 6pm ~ ChildServe (*meet at New Hope UMC*)

Oct. 20th @ 6pm ~ BLAST Halloween Party

Oct. 25th @ 6pm ~ Thank God for **BLAST** Discussion

Oct. 30th @ 4:30pm ~ Help with JROL Trunk-Or-Treat (*meet at Johnston Barn*)

missions

September Mission News

Mission Focus for September is: Days for Girls

New Hope Needlers has made and distributed many **Days for Girls** kits in Nigeria, Ghana, and Nicaragua through the Iowa Nigeria Partnership and Self Help International. These small bags of reusable feminine hygiene kits have changed the lives of the girls receiving them, making them more dignified, free, and educated. Right now, millions of women and girls around the world are being held back because of something incredibly simple. **Days for Girls** gives back days of health, dignity, and opportunity, through providing hygiene solutions that keep girls in school without interruption for up to 3 years.

Days for Girls is on a mission to reach 'Every Girl. Everywhere. Period.' Thus far they've reached nearly **800,000** women and girls in over 100 countries, but there are millions more still to reach.

Days for Girls has received many awards: *Named by the Huffington Post as a 'Next Ten' organization poised to change the world in the next decade. *Featured at the 2015, 2016, and 2017 UN Commission on the Status of Women. *Two-Time Girl Effect Champion, *African Seed Award, 2015-Gender Equity and Entrepreneurship.

HAND OF LUKE: *September 14:* If you would like to contribute to our ministry of a meal for the Central Iowa Shelter and Services, please sign up on the Hand of Luke sheets in the F. Hall, to donate food, cook, and/or serve.

THANKSGIVING INGATHERING: We will be delivering Sewing and Health Kits to Central District's annual event at Greenfield, Iowa, November, 4th. In the past we have also taken donated quilts, wood craft, etc. to be entered in the auction to fund our district's Hunger Grants. New Hope has been a recipient of the grants to help with our Meals from the Heartland event.

Place your kits or items for kits into the labeled baskets on the Mission Table at the back of Fellowship Hall.

HEALTH KITS

- 1 new hand towel (15"x25" up to 17"x27")
 - 1 new washcloth
 - 1 bath-sized bar of soap in wrapper (3 oz. or larger);
No Ivory or Jergens
 - 1 large, sturdy comb (not-pocket-sized)
 - 1 new toothbrush in original sealed wrapper,
not child-sized
 - 6 band aids (3/4"-1")
 - 1 nail file or fingernail clipper (no emery boards or toenail clippers)
 - Lay out hand towel and lay washcloth flat in center.
 - Place items on top of washcloth. Fold sides of towel to cover items.
 - Fold one end of towel so it covers all items. Grasp bundles of items and roll over rest of towel tightly. Place rolled bundle in zip-lock bag.
- VALUE \$12 plus \$2 shipping**

JOPPA: Missions matched the amount the VBS children gave to JOPPA, (\$809.22), so the amount given totaled: \$1618.44!

SAVE THE DATE:

November 9th: visit **Women at the Well worship service.** Look for sign ups on the Mission Table at the back of Fellowship Hall. First come first served as our allotted visitors are limited.



OUR APPROACH

How we reach Every girl. Everywhere. Period.

VOLUNTEERS: CHAPTERS & TEAMS



THE SOCIAL ENTERPRISE MODEL



CHAPTERS & TEAMS:

CHAPTERS AND TEAMS MAKE KITS AND PARTNER WITH ORGANIZATIONS TO DISTRIBUTE KITS FOR FREE. THIS MODEL IS IMPORTANT IN REMOTE AND HIGH-NEED AREAS, SUCH AS EMERGENCY & RELIEF SETTINGS.



THE ENTERPRISE MODEL:

3 CENTERS SERVE AS MANAGEMENT AND SUPPLY CHAIN HUBS. CENTERS SUPPORT MICRO-ENTERPRISES THAT MEET NEEDS ON A COMMUNITY LEVEL. WOMEN SELL KITS AND KEEP PROCEEDS, SUPPORTING LOCAL LEADERSHIP & PROGRAM SUSTAINABILITY.



THIS ADDS UP TO...

640,000+
WOMEN AND
GIRLS REACHED



100+
COUNTRIES



11 COUNTRIES
WITH
ENTERPRISE
PROGRAMS



800+
CHAPTERS &
TEAMS



SEWING KITS

- 3 yards cotton or cotton-blend fabric (one piece)
 - 1 sewing scissors
 - 1 new spool matching thread (med. to large size)
 - 1 pkg hand-sewing needles
 - 5-8 matching flat buttons on card (in original package)
 - Wrap sewing notions in fabric. Seal in zip lock bag.
- VALUE \$28 plus \$2 shipping**

Note, one of the most expensive items of the Sewing Kit is the scissors. If you would like to donate your kit minus the scissors, let Sharon Smith know and one will be supplied. Thanks!

2017 HARVEST DINNER & AUCTION

TICKET SALES

ADULTS AGES 12+ **\$10** **KIDS** 5-11 **\$5** **KIDS** 4 & UNDER **FREE**

Childcare will be available during the Auction for children 4 and under.

WHY DO I NEED TICKETS?

We need to plan for how many people to expect at this event. The ticket sales cover our dinner costs so the auction and general store proceeds can go straight to the church.

NOTE: If you know you cannot attend but want to donate, please do! Just let us know that you're donating — that way, we don't add you to our head count.

HOW CAN I BUY TICKETS?

Stop by the Welcome Center in the New Hope Fellowship Hall after each Sunday service between September 17 and October 8.

WHAT IF I CAN'T BUY TICKETS AT CHURCH?

Contact Larry or Patrice Webber (lpwebber@mchsi.com).

**WANT MORE
INFO?**

Stay tuned for more upcoming details.

Contact Larry Webber (lpwebber@mchsi.com)
for more info on how you can be involved.



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

4 PM: General Store Opens

5 PM: Dinner is Served

6 PM: Auction Begins



Mark your calendars for Saturday,
November 11, 9am-3pm at New Hope UMC.

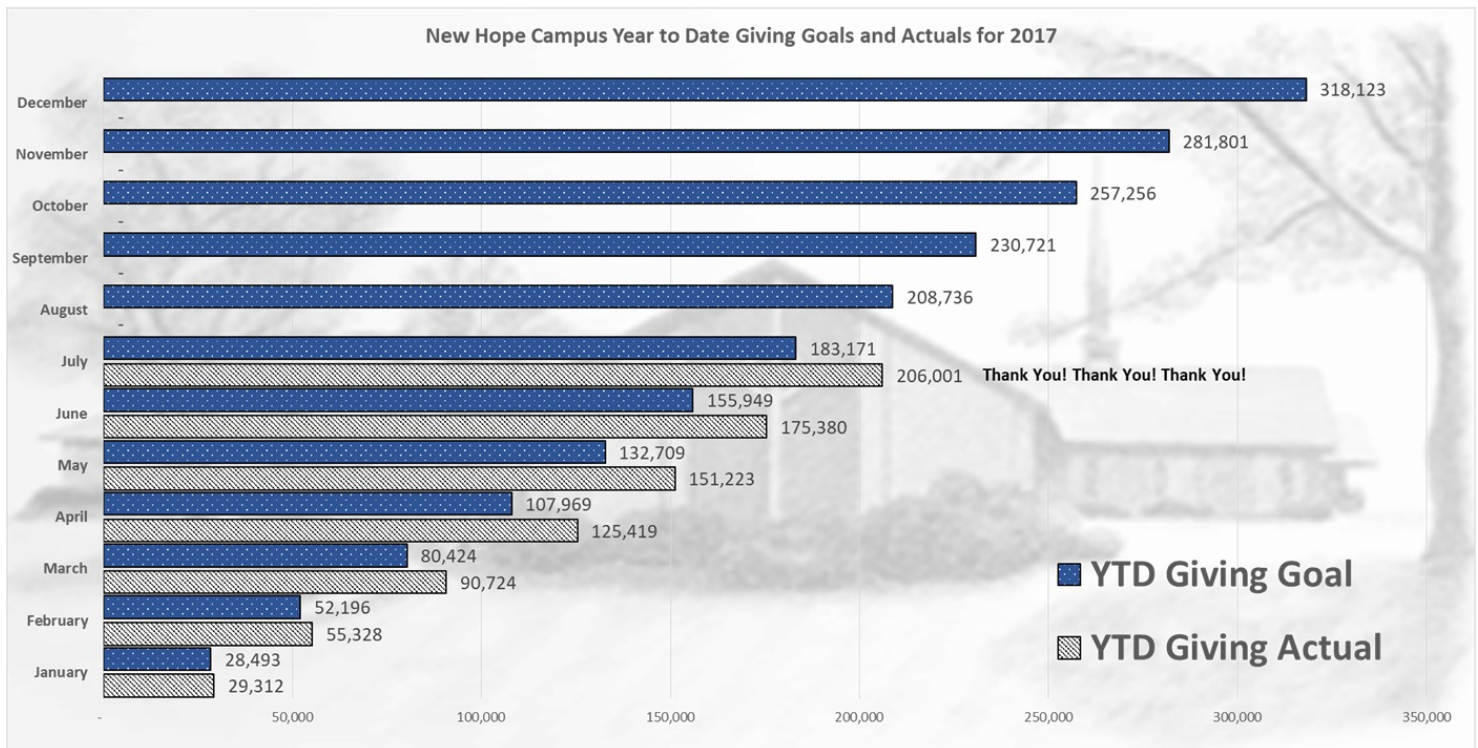
This open to the public craft & gift fair will have crafters or national direct sales companies as vendors.

Please contact Deb Henry at [515-282-0547](tel:515-282-0547) or mssci@aol.com. Or complete a registration form and turn it in with your payment to the church office. Forms are in the Fellowship Hall.

Save the Date!

- September 10, "Hero of Faith Day", 10am Worship; 11am Potluck & Games at New Hope UMC
- September 13, TGIW, Youth groups, Puppets, Bells
- September 16, 5pm, JROL fall kickoff. Worship, meal, games.
- September 17, Children's Worship resumes during the 9:30 service
- September 17, Christian Learning Time begins, 10:45-11:45am, 4 yr olds - 6th grade
- October 7, 9am-Noon, God's Girlfriends Women's Retreat at New Hope.
- October 8, 2-4pm, Charge Conference at New Hope
- October 15, Harvest Dinner & Auction

- October 20, Pastor Craig's return celebration, Crown Point
- October 30, 5-6p, JROL's beggars night at the barn
- November 4, Thanksgiving Ingathering
- November 9th: visit Women at the Well worship service. Look for sign ups on the Mission Table
- November 11, 9a-3p, Garlands of Gifts vendor & craft fair at New Hope
- December 4, 7:00p, Advent by Candlelight
- December 10, Cookie Walk
- December 16, 5 & 7p, JROL's Christmas at the barn
- December 24, 10am Worship; Eve Services, 5:30p, 7:30p, 10p
- Uganda, Africa Mission Trip (June 2-15, 2018). Contact Denise Hartford, 515-890-1406



New Hope Sunday morning Worship attendance

| | 8:30 | 9:30 | 10:45 | total |
|-----------|------|------|-------|-------|
| July 30 | 33 | 66 | 71 | 170 |
| August 6 | 53 | 95 | 56 | 204 |
| August 13 | 34 | 50 | 66 | 150 |
| August 20 | 36 | 78 | 68 | 182 |

Johnston River of Life Worship attendance

| Sat | Sun | total |
|---------|---------|-------|
| July 29 | July 30 | 52 |
| Aug 5 | Aug 6 | 80 |
| Aug 12 | Aug 13 | 65 |
| Aug 19 | Aug 20 | |

Donate

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.

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 worship services.

Hosts bake or purchase 6 to 8 dozen cookies (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 | 9:30am Contemporary Service | 10:45am Traditional Service |
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| <u>Lectors</u> 3 17 Cathy Short 24 | <u>Lectors</u> 3 Andy Sutton 10, 10a Jodi Christensen 17 24 | <u>Lectors</u> 3 Jon Verner 17 24 Barb Mather |
| <u>Traditional Service Callers</u> 3 Bob & Marlys Borcharding 10 Norma Sutton 17 Bob & Marlys Borcharding 24 Norma Sutton | <u>Hosts</u> 3 Pam Frey 17 Glenna Ross 24 Sr. BLAST | <u>Hosts</u> 3 17 Soards family 24 Sr. BLAST |
| <u>Office Volunteers</u> 1 Pat Papenheim 8 Shirley Johnson 15 Marilyn Monroe 22 Theresa Flickinger 29 Gayle Easton | <u>9:30 Computer Support</u> 3 Nancy Monthei 10, 10a Pam Frey 17 Gary Stubbs 24 Rick Homard | <u>Money Counters</u> 3 Clark Howland;Rick Homard, OPEN 10 Tami Wise, Jerry Kielsmeier, Clark Howland 17 Tony & Tracy Hoffman, Glenna Ross 24 DeVonne Douglas, Randy Jansen, Ron Zoss |
| | <u>9:15 Welcome Center</u> 3 Bob & Carol Harter 17 Jane Wagner 24 Pat Papenheim | |

Pastor Craig is currently on an extended renewal leave to Scotland. (June 26 - October 13, 2017)

Keep up with Craig's journeys, what he is experiencing, and stay informed of how to pray for him and how he is praying for each of us! Please go to his FB page, or his blog (<https://pastorclferguson.wordpress.com/>)

Craig's agenda is as follows:

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| Aug 26 – Sept 1 | Isle of Eigg Spiritual Retreat |
| Sept 2 – 3 | Braemar Highland Games |
| Sept 4-10 | Fly Fishing in the Caringorm Mountains |
| Sept 11 – 26 | Scottish Civic Trust Doors Open Days |
| Sept 27 – Oct 5 | Glasgow Bagpipe Intensive II |
| Oct 6 – 13 | Home and Reconnecting with Family |

September 2017

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 |
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| | | | | | 1 Office Vol: Pat Papenheim 1p, Friday Bible Study, Pizza Ranch | 2 1:30p, Memorial Service for Marge Robinson |
| 3 Holy Communion | 4 Office Closed Labor Day | 5 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 7:00p, Trustees Mtg., R.Chapel | 6 7:45p, Praise Team | 7 7:00p, JROL Mtg., R.Chapel | 8 Office Vol: Shirley Johnson | 9 7:30a, Men's Breakfast 10a-Noon, R.Chapel reserved Sr. BLAST Iowa/ISU service project & game |
| 10 10a, combined one Worship service 3rd grade bibles 11a-12:30p, Potluck & Games | 11 1p, Book Talk, R.Chapel 7p, Worship Design Mtg., Pastor's office | 12 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 6:30p, Finance Mtg., R.Chapel | 13 TGIW begins! 5:15-6p, Puppets (3 rd & up) 5:45-6:15p, Dinner for all 6:15-7p, Kids Activities (K-5 th grade) 6p-7p, Sr. BLAST 6:15-7p, Jr. BLAST 6-6:30p, Jr. Ringers (2 nd & up) 7:45p, Praise Team practice | 14 10a, Care Team Mtg., F.Hall 3:30p, Hand of Luke | 15 Deadline for Oct. LINK Office Vol: Marilyn Monroe 9a-3p, Needlers at church 1p, Friday Bible Study, Pizza Ranch | 16 8:30a, Veterans Breakfast at church 5p, JROL Fall Kick off |
| 17 Food Pantry Sunday (offering) 9:30-11a, Blood Pressure Sunday, Narthex 10:45, Christian Learning Time begins for K-6th grade Harvest Dinner tickets on sale | 18 | 19 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 7:00p, Stroke Club, F.Hall | 20 TGIW: 5:15-6p, Puppets (3 rd & up) 5:45-6:15p, Dinner for all 6:15-7p, Kids Activities (K-5 th grade) 6p-7p, Sr. BLAST—ChildServe 6:15-7p, Jr. BLAST 6-6:30p, Jr. Ringers (2 nd & up) 7:45p, Praise Team practice | 21 9:00a, Women's Fellowship at church | 22 Office Vol: Theresa Flickinger | 23 |
| 24 * UM Student Day (offering) Harvest Dinner tickets on sale | 25 | 26 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA | 27 9-11am, Volunteer at Bidwell Riverside 5:15-6p, Puppets (3 rd & up) 5:45-6:15p, Dinner for all 6:15-7p, Kids Activities (K-5 th grade) No Sr. BLAST 6:15-7p, Jr. BLAST 6-6:30p, Jr. Ringers (2 nd & up) 7:45p, Praise Team practice | 28 6:30p, AD Council mtg., R.Chapel | 29 Office Vol: Gayle Easton | 30 6-7:30p, Jr. BLAST |

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- 2 Craig Ferguson
- 4 James Neu
- 5 Tim Carrigan, Angie Eaves
- 6 Marlys Borcharding, Taylor Martz
- 7 Eugene Pecinovsky, Maddox Alcorn
- 8 Eli Goodson, Trenton Cracraft
- 9 Jerry Kielsmeier, Jenn Higdon, Trent Johnson, Charlie Strauss
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- 13 John Kirkpatrick, Abbey Hitchcock
- 14 Randy Jansen

- 15 Sharon Lewis, Eddy Johnston, Kristine Wakeman, Judy Nemmers
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I want to get back to the very basics of what life and Christianity is all about for me (and I hope for many). Sometimes in church work we get so burden by what we feel we “have to do” that we lose sight of what it’s all about. This goes for both pastors and lay persons.

Jesus tried to straighten us out a number of times. In Matthew, Mark and Luke, we find three different versions of what Jesus considered the two greatest commandments: “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself’ (Matt. 22:37-39 NRSV).

John also gets into it. After reminding us how much God loves the world (John 3:16), Jesus says, “I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another” (John 13:34-35 NRSV).

It must have been hard for the people in Jesus’ day to get it, because further clarification is given. In Luke, it’s defining who the neighbors are that we must love as ourselves (Samaritans!). And in Matthew 5:44 and Luke 6:27 Jesus tells us to even love our enemies! It seems clear that we are to love everybody!

Now I know that we know all of this, but do we really know it? Or do we really get it? Or is it just very hard to do? I ask this because there seems to be a lack of love in our world today (I think that may be an understatement).

As we work together, love has to be at the center of our relationships. As we reach out to others, it has to be motivated by love and extending that love and God’s love to them.

I was reminded of an old piece of advice by our former Bishop, Bishop Trimble. He said, “People want to know how much you care before they will care how much you know.”

Let’s make sure we let others know we care for them, from the Des Moines metro area to the whole world beyond.

With Christ’s love and care,

Pastor Jon Gaul

September Theme-- "Called to Godly Living"

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| September 3 | <u>Title:</u> "Living in Harmony" | <u>Script.:</u> Romans 12:9-21 |
| September 10 | <u>Title:</u> "Living in Reconciliation" | <u>Script.:</u> Matthew 18:15-20 |
| September 17 | <u>Title:</u> "Living in Acceptance" | <u>Script.:</u> Romans 14:1-12 |
| September 24 | <u>Title:</u> "Living Christ's Gospel" | <u>Script.:</u> Philippians 1:27-30 |



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