

MARCH AT NEW HOPE UMC

UNVEILING GOD

Mar 3 "Unveiling Our Faces"

Mar 10 "Unveiling Our Hearts"

Mar 17 "Unveiling God's Wings"

Mar 24 "Unveiling God's Ways"

Mar 31 "Unveiling A New Creation"



On Sunday, **March 3rd**, we will have a CELEBRATION on this last Sunday before the season of Lent begins.

We are calling it **MARDI GRAS SUNDAY!**

Mardi Gras is the name for the day before Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday. It is known for parades, pageants, costumes, masked balls, and people dancing in the streets. The colors of Mardi Gras are **purple** (representing justice), **green** (representing faith), and **gold** (representing power).

Our celebration of Mardi Gras at New Hope will be through our music, message, and decorations on Sunday, March 3rd, at all three services (8:30, 9:30, 10:45). **We encourage you to invite your relatives, friends, neighbors, co-workers, and everyone to celebrate with us!** This will be a joyous and uplifting service as we prepare for Lent.



Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, March 6th
6:00pm Pancake Supper
7:00pm Ash Wed. Service

Come for Pancakes, 6:00 pm pancake supper. Free-Will Offering. Prepared and Served by Sr. High BLAST. Help Sr. High BLAST in raising money for their summer mission trip.

Stay for worship, 7:00 pm

Childcare will be provided for children ages 4 and lower.

Join us this Ash Wednesday for food, fellowship, and prayer.



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

David Followwill; Robin Harlow; Norma Vandenberg; Mica Wills; Courtney LePera; Bishop Laurie Haller; District Superintendent, Rev. Heecheon Jeon; Rev. Dr. Lilian Gallo Seagren; Interim Associate of Congregational Excellence, Naomi Sea Young Wittstruck; Dr. Emmanuel Mefor, missionary.

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



If you are home bound, in a nursing home, or feeling alone and have not been visited by our

Care Team or Pastor Jon, please let us know because we would love to visit you. Please contact the church office at 278-2097,

nhfamily@newhopeds.org

Our Sympathy

Our Sympathy to Gabby & Lexi Dean on the passing of their mom, Linda Dean.

Our Sympathy to Gerald & Jane Perdue on the passing of Gerald's mother, Jessie May Perdue.

Our Sympathy to the family of Irene Aulich, past member of New Hope UMC.

Thank You

Thank you for the beautiful quilt from the Needlers and the delicious meal from Larry & Paulette Wood. ~Theresa & Elmer Flickinger

Thank you! Thank you! To Pastor Gaul and our entire church family, The love and support you gave to our family on the loss of our son, Daniel, was unbelievable. Plus all the food, cards, prayers and hugs. Thank you for always being there. ~The Sutton family

A special thanks to New Hope members for the prayers, cards, meals, and rides to therapy after my knee replacement surgery. What a wonderful church family. Paulette Wood enclosed this quote when gifting me a meal: "Each time a meal is delivered, Christian love is revealed". How true, New Hope, you are revealing Christ's love! ~Sharon Smith

Thank You

To our New Hope Church Family, Pastor Jon, & Members of the Care Team, February is well known as "heart month" and it was certainly true for David with his bypass surgery! He continues to improve and heal each day. We feel blessed that we were covered in prayers by so many and know that God listened and added his guiding hands for the medical staff and David. Proverbs 11: 25 says that those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed. We are so thankful to be a part of one big loving family! From the bottom of our hearts, we thank you for all the cards, thoughts, phone calls, and prayers. Our New Hope family has lifted us up when we felt tired and overwhelmed and we know that God has and will continue to carry us through this process.

~David and Carole Followwill

Girl Scout Sunday March 10

All Girl Scouts and leaders are encouraged to wear their Girl Scout uniforms for Girl Scout Sunday on March 10.



Daylight Saving time begins **March 10, 2019** Spring forward one hour!

THE SHACK

Begins Tuesday, March 5, 6:30 P.M.



In this work of fiction by William P. Young, a man is invited to spend a weekend with God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. His notions of the Trinity and his preconceptions about religion and Christianity are challenged, and he begins the process of healing several traumatic emotional

wounds he has sustained in his life. The first edition of THE SHACK came out in November of 2016, and the movie was released in 2017. Several of us New Hoppers read the book and then saw the movie together.

Please read the Foreword and the first four chapters of THE SHACK for our first Bible study on Tuesday, March 5. I have two copies of THE SHACK for \$2/each if you need a book.

This is the tentative schedule; each Tuesday we will meet for 1 to 1 ½ hours.

Tuesday, March 5 - The Foreword and chapter 1, 2, 3 and 4

Tuesday, March 12 - Chapter 5, 6, 7 and 8

Tuesday, March 19 – Spring Break

Tuesday, March 26 - Watch the first part of the movie that covers the Foreword through Chapter 8

Tuesday, April 2 - Chapters 9, 10, 11 and 12

Tuesday, April 9 - Chapters 13, 14, 15 and 16

Tuesday, April 16 - Chapters 17 and 18 and watch the rest of the movie

Please join us in learning and discussing God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

Thank you,
Linda Kielsmeier, lapals@hotmail.com, 515-689-9680

Confirmation Class for 8th Graders



March Schedule:

March 3, 4:15pm (Students & Mentors)

Topic: Christianity and other religions

March 6, Ash Wednesday Service, arrive by 6pm.

March 24, 4:15pm (Students & Mentors)

Topic: Going Forth & Creed

March 28, Tour of Faith, 8am-3:30pm

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Gaul at 278-2097 or nhfamily@newhopedsm.org.

Friday Afternoon Bible Study

Friday Afternoon Bible Study meets at the Pizza Ranch at 4954 86th St, Urbandale at 1 p.m. and ends approximately 2:45pm.

Leader is Jim Louk, 515-276-7900

Friday Bible Study will meet:

March 8th:

Luke 22:39-46; John 1:1-3,14;

Philippians 2:1-11

Our study will focus on

OBEDIENCE. How far will

you go in allowing the mind-set of Jesus to become the mind-set by which you live?

And on **March 22nd:**

Luke 24:1-12; Philippians 2:1-11

We will focus on the mind-set of HOPE. Which mind-set will we choose - 1) the mind-set of the death addicted world? or 2) will we choose to live with the mind-set of the risen Christ?



My Grown Up, God and Me!

Join us this **March** on **Friday mornings** from 9:30-11am at New Hope!

9:30-10:30 Devotional time for the grown ups while the kids play. We meet in the nursery for this.

10:30-11 Children's Bible Based Story/Activity Time.

We will not be meeting on March 22nd due to Spring Break.

If you would like to check out this group, but aren't able to commit to coming weekly, feel free to pop in any week that works for you! Each group meeting is a stand alone devotion and activity.

Our February focus was the amazing **LOVE** God has for us! To celebrate Valentine's Day we also decorated cookies- one for us and one for our grown up!



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.

Blood Pressure Check

March 3rd, 9:30a-11a, Narthex.

Men's Breakfast

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

Women's Fellowship

Next meeting is Thursday, March 21, 9:00 a.m. at church. Refreshments will be served followed by our program by Sara Maniscalco Robinson of Iowa Veterans' Perspective. Please join us. Visitors are welcome!

Veterans Helping Veterans

The Veterans Helping Veterans will be having two 8:30am breakfasts for 2019. **The dates are:**

Saturday, May 18

Saturday, November 16

Please mark your calendars. The breakfasts are open to all veterans, their spouses, and supporters.

If you have any questions, please contact Billy Nuzum. at bbnewz54@gmail.com

Music Ministries

Chancel Choir rehearses on Wednesdays from 6:30p-7:30p in the Sanctuary. Chancel Choir performs most Sundays from September to May.

Our **Praise Team** leads the contemporary Christian music for our 9:30a service. The Praise Team meets on Wednesdays from 7:45p-8:45p in the Family Life Center.

We welcome all to join us in our fellowship of music, friends, and fun. Questions? Please contact: Mr. Eric Mohlis, Director of Music emohlis@newhopedsm.org
319-361-2471

Care Ministry Team

The Care Ministry meets quarterly. Next meeting is on Thurs., April 11 at 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

The Needlers meet the third Friday of the month in the 3rd grade classroom from 9:00 - 3:00, with a break for lunch at Panera. We sew lap quilts for the Care Team, Little Dresses, Little Britches, and Days for Girls feminine hygiene kits for various missions.

Projects only need basic sewing skills, but you don't need to be a seamstress to join us.

We often have non-sewing jobs to do. The next get-together is **Friday, March 15th.**

Questions? Contact Jody Rains, 278-8282

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.

IT IS
WELL
WITH
my
soul

Faith journey

A family was heading on vacation: two little ones were nestled in car seats; the van was packed. As Dad locked the house and Mom secured the garage, an adult neighbor the kids knew walked up and spoke through an open window.

"Where are you going?" The kids shrugged.

"Well, what road are you taking?" the friend asked with a knowing smile.

Of course, they had no idea.

"Do you know where you'll eat today, or where you'll spend the night?"

Blank stares.

Then the friend asked, "Who are you traveling with?"

The children broke into grins and shouted, "Mommy and Daddy!"

On the journey of faith, we don't know precisely where we're headed or how all our needs will be met. But we know who we're traveling with: our loving God who is fully aware of the twists and turns ahead; the loving Parent who promises to care for us wherever we go.

- The Newsletter Newsletter

Children's Ministries

If you have any questions, please contact Charity Johnson at cjohnson@newhopedsm.org

Children's Ministries Mission Statement: "Connecting kids to God and others."

Christian Learning Time (CLT): Sundays, 10:45-11:15am for 4 year olds thru 7th grade.
No CLT on March 17th and the 24th because of Spring Break.

Thank God It's Wednesday (TGIW)

Will not meet on March 20th because of Spring Break.
The **LAST** Wednesday Night for TGIW will be April 24th.

I would like to thank everyone involved in making the Children's Ministry Breakfast Appreciation amazing. We have some very dedicated individuals teaching these kids about the love and adventures of Jesus. I am honored to be a part of a great group of individuals and a greater part of an amazing church that supports these individuals. Thank you everyone for all you do.



VBS 2019 July 14th -18th

If you would like to up to be a lead person please sign up at the Children's Ministry Table.
We need everyone to help make this **VBS ROAR** for these kids; they enjoy learning from everyone and they enjoy showing you all what they are learning about God.

BLAST—Believing, Learning, Assisting, Serving, Teens

March 2019

Jr. BLAST (6th-8th grade) Leaders: Jackie Johnson & Jenn Higdon

JrBLAST@NewHopeDSM.org

February was a SNOW and COLD filled month which limited the number of times we were able to meet! Luckily, we were able to work hard on our fleece blanket project and got a lot accomplished in the short amount of meeting time that we had. These blankets will be gifted in love to members of our church family that are home bound or hurting.

Many thanks to Diane Densmore for cutting fabric to help prepare our project!

March Schedule:

3/6- No Meeting, Ash Wednesday

3/13- Meals from Heartland, 6:00-8:15pm ****We will need to leave from the church at 5:40 to arrive in time for our shift.**** Our Jr. BLAST kids are welcome to come early (5:20) to eat dinner before we leave if they would like to.

3/20- No Meeting, Spring Break

3/27- Many Hands Thrift Store Service Project, 6:10-8:05pm. This project was re-scheduled from one of the weather cancellations. The times listed are when we will depart from/return to New Hope.

THANK YOU parents for your understanding of our community projects that require additional time to accomplish! As always- if transportation is going to be an issue, please let us know and we will do our best to help out.



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



Thanks you to everyone who supported the Senior High BLAST in February with our recent Sweetheart Dinner. We were able to rise over \$400, which will go directly to support our Summer Mission Trip to Chicago, in which we will be taking **15 people; 11 youth and 4 adults!!!!**

!!! A NEW RECORD FOR NUMBER OF PEOPLE ON A TRIP FOR SENIOR BLAST !!!

Outside of raising money for our Summer Mission Trip; the Senior High BLAST group has been meeting monthly with ChildServe for Game Nights. During game nights, our youth group plays different games with the residents of ChildServe. In February, the group played Jeopardy with the kids. Additionally, the BLAST Group has started studying "The Story" on Wednesday nights to look at the Bible in Chronological order.

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

- Mar. 6th @ 5pm ~ Ash Wednesday Pancake Dinner
- Mar. 13th @ 6pm ~ Thank God for BLAST Discussion
~ Not Meeting on Mar. 20th because of Spring Break ~
- Mar. 27th @ 6pm ~ Thank God for BLAST Discussion
- Mar. 31st ~ BLAST Breakfast
- Apr. 3rd @ 6pm ~ Thank God for BLAST Discussion
- Apr. 10th @ 6pm ~ Thank God for BLAST Discussion
- Apr. 14th ~ BLAST Breakfast
- Apr. 17th @ 6pm ~ ChildServe (meet at New Hope UMC)
- Apr. 24th @ 6pm ~ Thank God for BLAST Discussion

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

Who is ready to eat pancakes? Don't forget that we are serving "all you can eat" pancakes on Wednesday, March. 6th at 5pm.

This is before the Ash Wednesday service at 7pm.



2019 GOD'S GIRLFRIENDS RETREAT

Spring CLEANING FOR YOUR HEART & SOUL

SATURDAY, APRIL 6TH | 8:00AM-12:00PM



Spring is such a beautiful time of year, with flowers blooming, rain falling, and everything getting greener day by day. And once the windows are thrown open and the fresh air starts stirring, most of us get the urge.... We just can't stop ourselves..... We've got to clean!

Spring cleaning, while worth the effort, will only last for a season, but spiritual cleansing could have an eternal influence. So don't just dust behind those bookshelves. Instead, dust off that favorite Bible and get ready for a spiritual spring cleansing.

We invite you to draw closer to God, involve Jesus in your daily life, and let the Son shine in. So, grab your best girlfriend, sister, neighbor, or someone new you want to get to know and join us for a morning of "Spring Cleaning For Your Heart & Soul".

LOVING OTHERS: BIDWELL RIVERSIDE CENTER

A donation to Bidwell helps us lift our neighbors out of poverty, helps us educate the next generation, helps us feed those who are hungry. Your donation supports our mission of building hope. We will be collecting items at the retreat for donation. Prayerfully consider donating to this local mission.

Needed Items: Wipes & Diapers (Size 3-5 and adult)
Personal Items: Toilet Paper, Shampoo, Soap
Deodorant, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Feminine Hygiene Products, and Razors.

RETREAT DETAILS

DOORS OPEN (7:45AM)

EARLY BIRD PRAYER WALK (8:00AM-8:30AM)

This is a beautiful way to connect to the Holy Spirit and bless others. Sandy Cannon and Anita Gaul will be leading the walk and providing guidance.

MORNING MINGLE (8:30AM - 9:00AM)

(Light Breakfast Provided)

WELCOME MESSAGE, WORSHIP TIME, AND
FEATURED SPEAKERS (9:00AM - 12:00PM)

- "How God and Grandma Got Me Here"
Jackie Johnson
- "Decluttering to Find Your True Treasures"
Sara Woodcock
- "Oh, You Wonderful Women!"
Billy Nuzum



REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MARCH 24TH

PRINTED FORMS: Available in Fellowship Hall
Please turn them into the church office.

ONLINE REGISTRATION: www.eventbrite.com
Type in "spring cleaning" to find the event.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2019 | 8:00AM-12:00PM

FEATURED SPEAKERS:
JACKIE JOHNSON
SARA WOODCOCK
BILLY NUZUM

SPECIAL EVENT: 8:00AM
EARLY BIRD PRAYER WALK



2019 GOD'S GIRLFRIENDS RETREAT

REGISTRATION INFORMATION (PLEASE PRINT)

Name: _____

Address: _____

(CITY) _____ (ZIP CODE) _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

(PLEASE CIRCLE) Member / Non-Member / Guest

Special Dietary Needs: _____

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MARCH 24TH

NEW! Now you have two ways to register. 1.) Fill out the form and turn it in to the church office or 2.) Register online at www.eventbrite.com.

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missions

March 2019 MISSION NEWS

UGANDA CHICKEN PROJECT: Thanks again to all those of you who helped us exceed our goal of \$5,000! The villagers had borrowed a coop from a fellow church member to start, but have already begun the construction of their own chicken coop. We are expecting the \$500 grant from the conference soon, which they will need to pay for chickens and supplies.

CAMPERSHIPS: Please make sure your children get registered for the camp of their choice at Wesley Woods Camp and Retreat Center. Missions is planning on supporting each camper with half the costs or up to \$200. If you need to have more help, please contact Sharon Smith: 515-419-7082. We wish to have as many children attend one of our United Methodist Camps as possible.

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY: Thanks to Jackie Johnson for organizing this event for DMARC food pantries. And thanks to all those of you who participated, great job! What a fun way to help support those with a need to help feed their family!

MISSION GIVING: Please read through the year end report and the report to the conference on our giving to the "Rainbow Covenant." You can find both at the small table and bulletin board at the back of Fellowship Hall, near the large Mission table. New Hope should be proud of being such a loving, giving congregation!

STAY TUNED: We are meeting to plan out the rest of the year and will soon be letting you know what exciting things are in store!



HAND OF LUKE - Thursday, March 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 sheet in the Fellowship Hall, to donate food, cook, and/or serve.

Questions? Contact Jolene Harlow, 515-490-8813 or rdharlow@earthlink.net. Thank you for your support of this program!

Also, do you have a work group or a group of friends that you would like to sign up to help? This is a great way to get others besides our church members involved in this program. Pick a month and let Jolene Harlow know at rdharlow@earthlink.net.



Confirmation students cooked & served the February 14th meal.



RUMMAGE SALE UPDATES

A reminder that the New Hope annual rummage sale will be held on **May 2, 3, and 4** this year. Donations will be accepted on Sunday, April 28 only. Look for the signup sheet for members in need of transporting larger items. Please sign up before April 28 as transportation help will be available only on the 28th.

Most of the area leaders positions have been filled, but we are still in need of a leader for the children's clothes, men's clothes, women's clothes, shoes, and office items.

Please consider being a leader for one of these areas. Contact Carol Harter at 274-1467 or carolannharter@gmail.com if you can help. You would be responsible for pricing and displaying the donations in your area. There would be volunteers scheduled to help you. Work will start at noon on the 28th so volunteers who work during the week can volunteer on Sunday.

The Rummage Sale is a big outreach for our church. You can help provide a pleasant shopping experience for those in need, meet other church members, showcase the friendliness of New Hope, raise money for our missions and church projects, all while having fun.

VOLUNTEERS!!

Thank you to those who have already volunteered. It is so helpful in planning. Volunteer sign up sheets will be in the main hallway starting **Sunday, March 17th**. You are also welcome to email us directly with your preferred time and areas and we will happily get you signed up.

THANK YOU in advance to all of the volunteers that will share their time and talents this year! We appreciate each one of you!

Questions about any/all things volunteer related?
Jackie Johnson (515)710-3239/jackiejohnson81@aol.com
Jenn Higdon (515)441-4725/jenn@higdon-family.net



New Hope UMC Congregation, you may have heard that the Board of Trustees would like to make significant updates to the main entrance hallways and the Fellowship Hall, including new paint, a mural inside the east entrance, and new flooring. The existing tile in those areas is the original tile from 1965. They are asbestos, and would cost a fortune to remove. The Trustees have found a vendor with a product that can be laid over the existing tile. It is slip-resistant, long-wearing, and very attractive. It is the same product that was used in the renovation of the women's and men's bathrooms. We have chosen a color that compliments the new wall color, a light beige with some gray modeling. The cost of the product and installation, for both the Fellowship Hall and the hallways, is **\$16,400**. The cost of just the hallways, including the area in front of the Ruby Chapel, is \$9,800. This includes reinstalling the vinyl baseboard.

The impetus for this project is primarily safety, with the added benefit of updating the church with a beautiful, contemporary look. We have had several people fall in the hallway in the last year, and have already experienced our first incident of 2019. It is likely they tripped by catching their walker, cane or foot on the edge of the carpet runners. Therefore, we are attempting to eliminate that particular hazard. In addition, the new flooring would alleviate the need for costly strip and wax maintenance, and would help reduce long-term upkeep costs. For these reasons, we want to execute this project as soon as possible.

The Board of Trustees is asking the congregation to prayerfully consider donating to this very worthy project. We have approximately \$4,400 in our capital improvement account to kick-start the effort. When donating, please note "flooring project" on the memo line of your check.

We thank Linda and Jerry Kielsmeier, John Burrough, Larry Wood, John Rains, and all other volunteers involved in the hallway being painted. Also, a thank you to David Followwill for the many hours of research he invested in this project.

Thank you for your consideration, and for your donations!

Spencer Sutton
Chair, Board of Trustees

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.

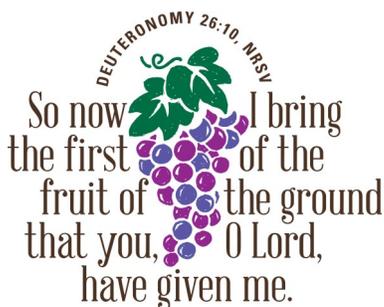
Lectors read the scripture lessons for the day at the worship services.

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, Office Admin at 278-2097.

Those who serve New Hope in March 2019:

8:30am Traditional Service	9:30am Contemporary Service	10:45am Traditional Service
<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Greeters</u>
3	3	3
10	10	10
17	17	17
24	24	24
31	31	31
<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Lectors</u>
3 Billy Nuzum	3 Pam Frey	3 Jon Verner
10 Cathy Short	10 Charity Johnson	10
17	17	17 Lynn Davisson
24 Billy Nuzum	24	24 Barb Mather
31	31	31 Cathy Cate
<u>Traditional Service Callers</u>	<u>Hosts</u>	<u>Hosts</u>
3 Bob & Marlys Borcharding	3 Melisa Forbes	3
10 Norma Sutton	10 Glenna Ross	10 Carol Harter
17 Bob & Marlys Borcharding	17 Pam Frey	17 Lynn & Jan Davisson
24 Norma Sutton	24	24
31 Bob & Marlys Borcharding	31 Sr. BLAST breakfast	31 Sr. BLAST breakfast
<u>Office Volunteers</u>	<u>9:30 Computer Support</u>	<u>Money Counters</u>
1 Ruth Doxon	3 Sherri Bogue	3 Glenna Ross, Tony & Tracy Hoffman
8 Susan Blank	10 Kevin/Caleb Christensen	10 Clark Howland; Rick Homard, Patty Nearmyer
22 John & Joyce Turek	17 Pam Frey	17 Randy Jansen, DeVonne Douglas; Glenna Ross
29 Charlene Cobb	24 Kelly Mohrman	24 Tami Wise, Jerry Kielsmeier, John Burrough
	31 Gary Stubbs	31 Glenna Ross, Tony & Tracy Hoffman



New Hope Sunday morning Worship attendance

	8:30	9:30	10:45	Total
January 27	25	92	51	168
February 3	25	97	58	180
February 10	21	54	37	112
February 17	church service canceled due to lots of snow			

March 2019

WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday mornings

8:30

9:30

10:45

3 Mardi Gras Sunday Communion Sunday 9:30a-11a, Blood Pressure checks, Narthex 10:45a, Spiritual Gifts small group 4:15p, Confirmation Class	4 7p, Trustees Mtg., R.Chapel	5 9:30a, Sr. Singers practice 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 6:30p "The Shack" bible study	6 Ash Wednesday 6:00p, Pancake dinner fundraiser 7:00p, Ash Wednesday Service	7 7:00p, Worship Design, Pastor's office 7:00p, JROL Mtg., R.Chapel	1 Office Vol: Ruth Daxon 9:30-11a, Child/Adult devotional time 6p, FLC reserved 8 Office Vol: Susan Blank 9:30-11a, Child/Adult devotional time	2 4-9p, FLC reserved 9 7:30a, Men's Breakfast
10 Guest Preacher: Barb Mather 1st Sunday in Lent Daylight Savings Girl Scout Sunday 10:45a, Spiritual Gifts small group 2:30p, Healthy Church Initiative	11	12 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 6:30p "The Shack" bible study	13 5:30p, Children's Choir 5:45p, Dinner 6:15p, TGIW 6:15p, Jr. BLAST 6:15p, Sr. BLAST 6:30p, Chancel Choir practice 7:00p, Puppets 7:45p, Praise Team practice	14 3:30p, Hand of Luke	15 Office Vol: Marlys Borchherding 9a-3p, Needlers 9:30-11a, Child/Adult devotional time	16
17 2nd Sunday in Lent Food Pantry Sunday No CLT	18	19 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 7:00p, Stroke Club, F.Hall	20 6:30p, Chancel Choir practice 7:45p, Praise Team practice	21 9:00a, Women's Fellowship at church 6:30p, Finance Mtg., R.Chapel	22 Deadline for April LINK Office Vol: John & Joyce Turek 1:00p, Bible Study at Pizza Ranch	23 FHall, FLC reserved
24 3rd Sunday in Lent No CLT 4:15p, Confirmation Class	25	26 9:30a, Sr. Singers practice 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 6:30p "The Shack" bible study	27 5:30p, Children's Choir 5:45p, Dinner 6:15p, TGIW 6:15p, Jr. BLAST 6:15p, Sr. BLAST 6:30p, Chancel Choir practice 7:00p, Puppets 7:45p, Praise Team practice	28 Confirmation Tour of Faith 6:30p, Administrative Council Mtg., R.Chapel	29 Office Vol: Charlene Cobb 9:30-11a, Child/Adult devotional time FLC reserved	30 FLC reserved
31 4th Sunday in Lent UMCOR Sunday (offering) Sr. BLAST breakfast fundraiser	April 1	April 2 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 6:30p "The Shack" bible study	April 3 5:30p, Children's Choir 5:45p, Dinner 6:15p, TGIW 6:15p, Jr. BLAST 6:15p, Sr. BLAST 6:30p, Chancel Choir practice 7:00p, Puppets 7:45p, Praise Team practice	April 4	April 5 Office Vol: Pat Papenheim 9:30-11a, Child/Adult devotional time	April 6 8:00a—Noon, God's Girlfriends Retreat!

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I recently experienced something for only the second time in my life. In this day and age of seemingly dependence on "artificial intelligence," that is computers, I consider it a minor miracle that it has only happened to me twice. What I am referring to is a computer "meltdown."

The first time it happened was in the fall of 2003. Wow, did they even have computers back then? At that time I had what they called a computer hard drive crash. I'm not sure why it's called a "crash," as I heard no sound, just a screen with a funny message about not being able to find my C drive.

Oh, I did have a little warning. Earlier, my computer froze up and, when it was restarting, it told me that I had some bad sectors and that it would isolate them. That sounded good to me. Bad sectors should be isolated, shouldn't they? Matthew 13:47-48 says, "The kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad." See, "the bad" should be thrown out. Although later I realized that some of the good (including documents and emails) was thrown out with the bad.

I was also told by my computer that this could be a sign of impending hardware failure, so I backed up my documents (apparently only the ones in the "good" sectors). Sure enough, a few days later, my hard drive was gone. But I thought maybe, if I had shown a little compassion for the bad sectors, given them a little additional understanding and unconditional love, they might have changed and the hard drive saved.

I know that's pretty farfetched, but that's the effect computer problems had on me back then. It was just so totally beyond my comprehension that I became silly. It was my protest against a technology that I felt too dependent on and could not understand or control.

My current computer "meltdown," for it wasn't a hard drive crash this time, is not so dramatic. I've been told they should be able to recover the files on my hard drive. Also, this is just one of four computers that I use, so I have plenty of backup. What? Four computers? Did I say something about being too dependent on technology?

What did I learned from "the crash" (we should always learn something from every significant event)? First, as the old joke goes about Jesus and Satan having a contest on computers, the power goes out and Satan loses all his work, but Jesus' work is still there when the power come back. Satan asks why and God replies, "Because Jesus saves!" The first lesson is "save your work." Since I did have some warning, I did do a backup, but as I mentioned, I lost some of my work with the "bad sectors," including emails which included jokes members had been sending me to improve my attempts at humor. I had to fall back on my old bad jokes after that.

And the second thing I learned, don't get too attached to your computer. It may talk to you, but it's still not a substitute for a good friend.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Jon

Lenten Theme-- "Unveiling God"

March 3	<u>Title:</u> "Unveiling Our Faces"	<u>Script.:</u> 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2	Communion Sunday Mardi Gras Sunday
March 10	Guest Preacher: Barb Mather, Certified Lay Minister <u>Title:</u> "Unveiling our Hearts"	<u>Script.:</u> Romans 10:8-13	
March 17	<u>Title:</u> "Unveiling God's Wings"	<u>Script.:</u> Luke 13:31-35	
March 24	<u>Title:</u> "Unveiling God's Ways"	<u>Script.:</u> Isaiah 55:1-9	
March 31	<u>Title:</u> "Unveiling a New Creation"	<u>Script.:</u> 2 Corinthians 5:16-21	



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8:30am Traditional Service

9:30am Contemporary Service

10:45am Traditional Service

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