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February Worship Themes



Father & Daughter AND Mother & Son DESSERT & DANCE

This evening is for that special adult-figure and child(ren) of all ages. Dessert will be held, followed by entertainment, dancing and lots of fun! Reservations are required by March 2nd. Space is limited. Please call New Hope UMC at 515-278-2097 or e-mail at nhfamily@newhopedsm.org



Friday, March 9
6:00 – 8:00 pm

6:00 pm: Doors Open

Keepsake photos taken throughout the evening

6:30pm: Dessert, Entertainment & Dance

Free-will offering event

Join us!



membership news

prayer chain request

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

Prayer Concerns

Jann Williams; Sonya Verner; Carly Mohrman; Preshia Paulding; Forrest McCleary; Bishop Julius Trimble; District Superintendent, David Weesner. Prayers for the following military personnel: CPT Jeff Bleakley, Major Chris Latcham; Jim Holwegner and our national and world leaders, our military and their families.

Our Sympathy

Our Sympathy to Jason & Heather Kerndt on the stillbirth of their son, Michael Jason Kerndt.

Wedding

Congratulations to Cody Zoss and Gina Henderson on their wedding at New Hope UMC on January 7th.

Change of Address

Margaret Hemphill
6040 Terrace Dr.
Johnston, IA 50131
Same phone & email

Births

Congratulations to Lacey & Seth Fulton on the birth of their son, **Liam Bradley Fulton**. Liam was born on December 29th and weighed 8 lbs and 7oz.

Congratulations to Seth & Amanda Ickowitz on the birth of their son, **Quentin Jay Ickowitz**. Quentin was born on January 3rd and weighed 7lbs 3oz and was 20 inches long.

Congratulations to Deborah O'Brien and Joshua Lee on the birth of their daughter, **Vivienne Kathren Lee**. Vivienne was born on January 13th and weighed 7lbs 5oz and was 19 1/2" inches long.

Thank You

Phoebe and I want to thank all of our church family for the prayers, concerns and visits during Phoebe's move to Bishop Drumm. Her room number is 251. She would always welcome your visits.

Lee Ross

Dear New Hope Family,
I would like to thank you for your prayers, calls, cards, meals, and quilt that I received after my surgery. We appreciated it all more than you know. It is so comforting to know that I will always have your support and prayers. I continue to get better daily and know that I am heading in the right direction. God bless you.

Kristy Hegwood

Thank You

Thanks to all the generous New Hopers, the Mission Committee was able to purchase an Ark worth \$5,000 from Heifer International!!

I want to thank our New Hope family for all of the support and prayers over the past year in behalf of Bob and me. It has been such an important part of my ongoing recovery. All follow up tests have been normal to date.

Ann Krause

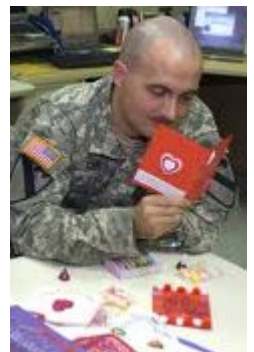
I wish to thank everyone for your prayers and meaningful cards during my recovery from surgery. Thank you, Neil, for your prayers and visits to both hospitals. They meant very much to me. New Hope is a very caring church!!

In Christian Love,
Evelyn Kruse and family

Valentine Note for our Servicemen

Though we sent cookies and a Valentine to our servicemen this week from the *whole* New Hope congregation, it would be wonderful if individual New Hopers also sent a Valentine.

Printed address sheets are on the military board. If you send a Valentine be sure to mention your New Hope affiliation. We know our servicemen would love to hear from you.



upcoming events

New Member Sign Up

10:30 & Noon

Sunday, February 5th

If you would like to become a member of New Hope, please meet in the Fellowship Hall to register. Dates of the New Member classes will be discussed.

Register for
CLASSES

If you are unable to attend on February 5th, but wish to be a part of the New Member classes, please contact the church office.

Learn the Fine Art of Needle Tatting

Instructed by Billy Nuzum



Class is free to New Hope Members with the purchase of instruction kit of \$16.

\$10 for non-members plus cost of kit.

Please contact at 238-2302 or bbnewz54@gmail.com

Limited class sizes.

Beginning class:

Thursday, Feb. 16
6pm to 7:30pm

Intermediate class:

Thursday, Feb 23
6pm to 7:30pm

Ash Wednesday

6:00pm Pancake Supper

7:00pm Ash Wed. Service

Wednesday, February 22

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

Ash Wednesday worship.

Confirmation students will be helping to lead the worship service.

(Childcare will be provided for children ages 4 and lower.)

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



REAL MEN 2012

Friday, Feb. 24, 7p.m.

Rising Sun Church of Christ

Pleasant Hill, IA

REAL MEN is a Christian men's conference designed to encourage men to become the men that God is calling them to be: Strong, godly leaders in their homes, churches and communities.

This year's conference promises to be another hit with men looking to be challenged and encouraged in their faith. Keynote speaker is Pastor Mark Scott of Mountainview Community Christian Church in Highlands Ranch, CO. Also planned for Real Men 2012 is a roundtable discussion with national radio show host Steve Deace and Pastor Jeff Mullen of Waukee, IA. For more information, please go to: <http://realmeniowa.org/promo/>

We would like to get a group of men from New Hope to attend this conference together. For more information please contact New Hope member, Chris Higdon – Chris@Higdon-Family.net or 515-306-7617.

Volleyball

Mondays, 7-8pm

Feb. 13 through the end of March

Get out of the cold and warm up by playing volleyball at New Hope! Beginning on Monday, February 13, teens and adults can come play volleyball, 7:00-8:00 pm in the Family Life Center through the end of March. It is great fun and exercise!

Boy Scouts

Sunday, Feb. 12

All Boy Scouts and leaders are encouraged to wear their Boy Scout uniforms for Boy Scout Sunday on February 12.

christian learning opportunities



Saturday Night Worship

**1st & 3rd Saturday,
5:00 p.m.**

Beaver Creek Elementary,
8701 Lyndhurst Drive,
Johnston.

All are invited to join us for these fun and energizing worship services! **Johnstonriveroflife.org**

Please take note of the upcoming events:

- ⇒ **February 4th: potluck after worship**
- ⇒ **Weekly services beginning March 31st.**

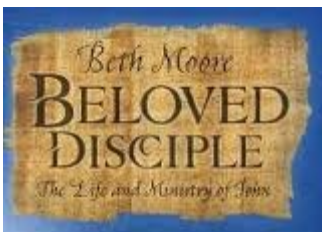
Friday Small Group

February 10 & 24

We will meet in the private meeting room of the HyVee Cafeteria and Deli, 1990 Grand Ave., West Des Moines at 1:00 PM for lunch with study and discussion to follow, ending at approx. 3:00 PM. Questions? contact Donnafred Hinman, 226-2141.

Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study will resume on *Monday, February 6th at 6:00 in the Ruby Chapel.*



We will be studying Beth Moore's Beloved Disciple - the Life and Ministry of John. Just as Christ took John on a lifetime journey into the depths of His love, He will do the same for us in this study which was filmed

on location in Greece and Turkey.

We will meet for 11 weeks ending on April 9th. Questions? Contact Sharon Smith at wicketsblooms@mediacombb.net or 277-7125.

Sunday Adult Education class

February 5th will end our sermon series on Why? Exploring common questions about God. Starting on February 12th we will do a biblical study on prayer.

Adult Education Classes will be held at 9:30 & 10:45 a.m. in the Ruby Chapel.

Life Groups

These are a great way to meet new friends, build existing relationships, deepen your faith, and dig into scripture. If you are interested in joining or starting a Life Group contact Pastor Ferguson, 319-939-6788, craig@newhopedsd.org.



Friday Night Fellowship: 1st & 3rd Fridays, 7:00 p.m. at Kevin & Jo Christensen's, 8417 Weybridge Johnston, 515-277-6695 or jokevchristensen@gmail.com. Everyone is welcome, kids are welcome. Study will be on the Book of John.

Faith in the Post-Modern World: 2nd and 4th Saturdays @ 4:30 PM at Billy Nuzum's, 8050 NW 63rd Court, Johnston, 515-238-2302, bbnewz54@gmail.com. Everyone is welcome. We will be looking at recent events in the news or general events and how they effect the world we live in and the faith we hold.

Traveling Group: 2nd & 4th Saturdays, 4-6pm. We will discuss Adam Hamilton's series *Christianity's Family Tree: What Other Christians Believe and Why.* Contact: Nick & Sherri Bogue, boguesa@gmail.com, for location and date. Childcare provided.

Children's ministries



February's B.I.G. Idea:

We believe that the stories Jesus told help us know how to live.

February's Bible Verse: But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. James 1:22

February's B.I.G. Theme: Stories Jesus Told



Again in February we will be having an attendance challenge to see which class will have the highest percentage of children attending for the month. Any guests that you bring will count toward your total. The class with the highest attendance will earn a special snack from Kelly. Good luck to everyone!

Children's Worship

Elaine Sheer will be leading Children's Worship in February. If you would like to be an adult helper or you have a tween/teen would would like to volunteer to help, please contact Kelly at Kelly@newhopedsm.org.

Children's Worship is held during the 9:30 a.m. service and 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. This service will follow a traditional format, with praise songs, prayers, joys/concerns, offering, scripture reading, and a message. We will include a time for fellowship at the end of our service. Kids will gather back in the 1st/2nd grade classroom to share in a healthy snack of fruits or vegetables and have time to visit with their friends.



TGIW—A midweek ministry dedicated to children & adults of all ages, teaching the *Word of God* in Scripture, Music and Fun! Wednesday nights begin with dinner at 5:30 p.m., followed by activities from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Please remember that our teachers and helpers are voluntary, and are giving of their time. Continue remind your students to be respectful to the helpers, fellow students, and church property. TGIW should be treated as any other learning environment, good behavior is expected. We would love to continue to have these fun activities for our children

February 1, 8, and 29th will be regular TGIW.

February 15: We will be having another Family Night (dinner will not be served). We will be roller skating at Skate North. Admission of \$1.00 per person will be paid for by TGIW. Regular Roller Skate rental of \$1.00 will also be paid. However, you may choose to bring skates. If you choose to rent in-line skates that will be the responsibility of the family. This will be another Family event. Please plan to attend as a family, as it will be very difficult to supervise children on the floor, off the floor, bathrooms, etc. We hope that you are enjoying the opportunity to spend some "family time" with your "church family".

NO TGIW February 22, as this is Ash Wednesday.

*****Please remember in case of inclement weather, and schools are closed, there will be no TGIW.*****

youth programs

Jr. High BLAST

7th & 8th graders -



It's the long awaited event....**THE LOCK-IN!**

We will be having a lock-in on Friday Feb 10th through Saturday Feb 11th. Please arrive at the church at 7pm and have your parents pick you up at 9am.

Friends are welcomed and encouraged.

Please bring a snack to share, your favorite game, your sleeping bag and pillow (modest pajamas) and a FLASHLIGHT (with your name on it).....we will take care of the rest!

We have soooo many fun activities to do this night. Too many to mention, but, if you attended last year you may remember how much fun we had! Please let us know if you plan on attending by sending an RSVP to Brian/Stacie Bridges, slbridges2003@yahoo.com

or

Tony/Tracy Hoffman, chytnt@yahoo.com

SAVE THE DATES:

Vacation Bible School will be held
Sunday, July 15 - Thursday, July 19,
5:30pm-8:00pm.



More details about
Operation Overboard
coming out soon!

Sr. High BLAST

9th - 12th graders:

Join us for the following activities!



This month we're meeting on **Feb 12th and Feb 26th**. Watch your email and Facebook for details.

We'll also be putting on our annual Ash Wednesday **Pancake Supper on Feb 22nd**.

More details on this as we get closer to the date. Come join us and bring a friend! Questions? contact Dani at 254-0156 or Julie at 276-2886.



Confirmation Schedule for February:

February 5, 4:00 p.m.

Topic: "Being a Disciple"



Tues., February 14, Hand of Luke

February 19, 4:00 p.m.

Topic: "Living Our Commitment"

Wed., February 22, Ash Wednesday Service



Get ready for the Super Bowl! Sunday February 5th is the big day. Many people will have parties whether their team is in the game or not, or whether they watched a single game the rest of the season or not. They will fill their stomachs with snacks, and drinks. They will cheer and shout. They will invite their friends and their neighbors to celebrate the day with them. It is a big day that culminates the football season. The church has big days too. Christmas and Easter tend to be the BIG days when everyone comes to celebrate whether they attend a service any other time during the year or not. We even tend to invite our family on those special days, and have big meals and parties at home. But New Hope has another BIG day coming up very soon and we want to invite everyone to participate. As you may know, during the past year we have been laying the ground work to Kick Off a 4th worship service at the new campus of Beaver Creek Elementary. We are finally at the point where

we are ready to begin meeting weekly. This big event is similar to what New Hope did 6 years ago when it started the 3rd service (9:30 AM). It took the commitment of the whole church, and now we see that it has become a very significant part of our community life. On February 12th and 19th you will hear more details at New Hope and be asked to consider how you can join in the celebration.

**March 31st, Palm Saturday, at 5 pm
is the BIG day.**

We will meet at Beaver Creek to celebrate the Kick Off of this new service and praise God for how he continues to bless our New Hope Family. This will be a unique opportunity to celebrate the newest step of faith that God has put in front of us. We encourage you to put this date on your calendar and plan to invite a friend with you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Craig Zengerson".

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 twenty 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 buy or bake six to eight dozen cookies, and serve coffee and lemonade after the 9:30 contemporary and 10:45 traditional worship services. New Hope purchases three to five dozen cookies to also be served with the hosts' cookies. 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 February:

8:30am Traditional Service	9:30am Contemporary Service	10:45am Traditional Service
<u>Greeters</u> 5 Roger Moore 12 Le Howland 19 Charlotte Schultz 26 Marge Carnahan <u>Lectors</u> 5 Cathy Short 12 19 Vicki O'Brien 26	<u>Greeters</u> 5 12 Dolberg family 19 26 <u>Hosts</u> 5 Bill & Pam Gibbons 12 cookies: Amanda Ickowitz Host: OPEN 19 26 <u>Children's Church</u> Elaine Sheer <u>Nursery</u> Sherry Faulkner	<u>Greeters</u> 5 12 Ginny & Mel Ghee 19 26 <u>Lectors</u> 5 12 Jon Verner 19 Janet Short 26 Billy Nuzum <u>Hosts</u> 5 12 cookies: Norma Sutton Host: OPEN 19 26 <u>Nursery</u> Sherry Faulkner
<u>Traditional Service Callers</u> 5 Mark & Leah Scherer 12 Jim & Norma Smith 19 Craig Ferguson 26 Norma Sutton <u>Contemporary Service Callers</u> 5 Melisa Forbes & Pam Frey 12 Eldon Cross 19 Michele Hamilton 26 Melisa Forbes & Pam Frey	<u>Money Counters</u> 5 Clark Howland, Linda Holloway, OPEN 12 Jerry Kielsmeier, Kim Traylor, OPEN 19 DeVonne Douglas, Randy Jansen, Ron Zoss 26 Tony & Tracy Hoffman, Glenna Ross	<u>Pal Friday: 9 a.m.</u> 3 Norma Sutton 10 Shirley Frus 17 Darlene Caldwell 24 Norma Smith

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).

groups gathering together

Exercise Classes

Join us *anytime* on:

6pm to 6:45pm on Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays for a variety of cardio/weights exercise programs.
11:45am-12:30pm on Wednesdays for a weights/resistance band class.

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, February 11
at 7:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Women's Fellowship

Thursday, February 16
If you have any questions, please contact Shirley Frus at 279-1130.

New Hope Needlers

Next gathering is **Thurs., February 9 at 1:00 pm.**
at New Hope.

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 the next meeting is **Mon., March 26 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. 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.
February 19 will be the next BP checks. Come to the Narthex after each worship service.

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.

Des Moines Area Parkinson's Support Group

1st Wednesday of the month (March - November) at 3:30 p.m.

Stroke Club of Iowa

3rd Tuesday of the month (February - October) at 7:00 p.m.



Pastor Craig Ferguson; Pastor Neil Cross; Bishop Julius Trimble; District Superintendent, David Weesner; Field Outreach Minister, Karen Nelson

We were honored to have Bishop Julius Trimble preach at New Hope on January 15th. He was joined by his wife, Racelder Grandberry-Trimble, District Superintendent, David Weesner; and Field Outreach Minister, Karen Nelson.

More pictures of this special day can be found on New Hope UMC's facebook page.

missions

February Mission Focus: Justice for Our Neighbors

JUSTICE FOR OUR NEIGHBORS, (JFON) is a faith-driven ministry, welcoming immigrants into our churches and communities by providing free, high-quality immigration legal services, education, and advocacy.

Iowa Justice for Our Neighbors has been serving clients in our communities since 1999. Established by the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) in 1999, JFON helps people from all over the world. Our services are available to all without regard to race, gender, or religion. Clinics are located in Cedar Rapids, Des Moines, Columbus Junction and Storm Lake. JFON is one of the many missions helping others that are located at Trinity UMC in Des Moines. Another is Las Americas, a Spanish-speaking faith community in Trinity United Methodist Church. Las Americas is in ministry with the Hispanic/Latino community in a variety of ways - adult Bible study, youth group, women's group, and a men's group.



MEDICAL MISSION NEEDS

In March, a group of Methodists, Quakers and other friends will be heading to the rural community of Chipilapa, El Salvador, near the Guatemalan border to offer medical services to residents of the area. This will be the second Volunteers in Mission (VIM) sponsored medical mission trip to this community. During the first visit, in 2010, approximately 1400 people were served by a small team of doctors, nurses, and dentists in a makeshift clinic held in an abandoned coffee factory. Most of those served had never had medical care before. Chipilapa is home to two long-time members of Las Americas. Land was donated for a new clinic, which is in the process of being built.

***New Hope Missions will be collecting items for this trip. The following are items needed:

- ♦ first aid supplies, all types
- ♦ antibiotic and antifungal ointments
- ♦ over-the-counter meds, adult and pediatric
- ♦ vitamins, adult, pediatric and prenatal
- ♦ medical and dental instruments and equipment of all kinds
- ♦ small lightweight children's items such as balloons, stickers, beads



MISSIONARY VISIT

Wednesday, March 28th

New Hope is hosting Karen Johnson Ujereh, a missionary who has served in the Congo, Zimbabwe, and Senegal.

Since there is no TGIW scheduled, the Mission Committee is planning a **family event beginning with a potluck meal at 5:30pm on Wednesday, March 28th**. There will be activities for all ages.

This will be a wonderful opportunity to learn more about our United Methodist Missions in Africa.

Mission's Year End Report: 2011

The following list includes monetary and in-kind gifts donated through the Mission Fund, Women's Fellowship, T.G.I.W., Youth groups, CLT, Hand of Luke, Mission Apportionments and Special Offerings.

RAINBOW COVENANT GIVING

RED:	(International Advance Special Projects) <u>Personal Energy Transportation</u>	\$ 408.00
	<u>Nothing but Nets</u>	1,308.83
	<u>Self Help International</u>	133.83
	<u>Women's Micro Credit Program</u>	308.83
ORANGE:	(United States Advance Special Projects) <u>Red Bird Mission</u>	250.00
	<u>McCurdy Mission School</u>	250.00
	<u>Rio Grande Conference</u>	250.00
	<u>Outreach Hispanic Community</u>	250.00
	<u>Blackfeet UM Parish</u>	250.00
YELLOW:	UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) <u>Disaster Response, Joplin</u>	2,030.00
	<u>Pacific Emergency, Japan</u>	1,509.00
	<u>Disaster, Southern U.S.</u>	222.50
	<u>Haiti Solar Ovens Project</u>	250.00
	<u>UNICEF (CLT)</u>	24.38
	<u>Church World Service Blankets and Tools</u> (Missions and Sunday School)	483.83
	<u>Health Kits</u>	480.00
	<u>Cash for Toothpaste</u>	40.00
	<u>Sewing Kits</u>	180.00
	<u>Shipping for Kits</u>	100.00
GREEN:	(International Hunger/Poverty Projects) <u>DMARC</u> -(Missions, congregation, Sunday Sshool, Women's Fellowship)	8754.93
	<u>Urbandale and Johnston Food Pantry</u>	2400.00
	<u>Backpacks, Johnston Healthy Living</u>	350.00
	<u>Heifer International</u>	5200.00
	<u>WE CAN</u>	2383.35
	<u>Meals from the Heartland</u>	3,600.00
BLUE:	(Iowa Advance Special Projects) <u>Iowa Nigeria Partnership</u> (Artemesia Seeds, EmpowerHer)	250.00
	<u>Bidwell Riverside</u> (Missions, Women's Fellowship)	1,288.35
	<u>New Directions/Hawthorn Hill</u> (Missions, Women's Fellowship)	1,451.76
	<u>CFUM</u>	500.00
	<u>Justice for our Neighbors</u>	260.00
	<u>Disaster Relief Fund of Iowa</u>	152.50
	<u>Hope Ministries</u>	1,514.00
INDIGO:	(Parish Development Projects) <u>Trinity UMC</u>	1500.00
	<u>Las Americas</u>	250.00
	<u>Women at the Well Prison Ministry</u>	250.00

PURPLE: (Special Sunday Offerings) 1074.00

THIRD MILE GIVING: Missionary Covenant, Emmanuel Mefor 2,500.00
Drake University Wesley Foundation 818.00
Camp Wesley Woods 818.00
Camp Scholarships

OTHER GIVING NOT RAINBOW COVENANT ELIGIBLE ITEMS

Foundation for Peace 162.00
Mission Apportionments (Part of 1st mile of giving) 1250.00
Hand of Luke 4,700.00
Angel Tree 560.00
Smile Train 169.00

TOTAL: **\$50,885.09**

Hand of Luke

Saturday, February 14

Pizza Casserole
Garlic Bread, Tossed Salad
Decorated Cup Cakes

COOKS & SERVERS: The Confirmation Students and their mentors will prepare and serve the meal. Meet at church between 3:00-3:30pm, transport to the Central Iowa Shelter & Services at 5:30pm, and return by 8:00pm.

If you would like to contribute to our ministry by making food donations, please sign up in the Fellowship Hall.

When individuals drop off their non perishables, we ask that they **clearly label them HOL and clearly indicate who it is from** and leave them on the kitchen counter.

Frozen items may be placed in the new industrial freezer, on the upper two left shelves. If possible, please indicate on the sign up sheet where you placed your item(s) (for example, “in pantry”, or “in the refrig.”). **THANK YOU!!!**

Food Pantry

Your monetary donations and food donations to the Food Pantry is greatly appreciated! Please keep up the great job! Go to the following link to view a list of the most needed food items:

<http://movethefood.org/donate/most-needed-items-listing/>

*If you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday. **Isaiah 58:10***

We are looking to create a “team” of volunteers to help with the sound system for the 9:30 a.m. Sunday worship service.



A rotation schedule will be created for the volunteers. Training will be given on the equipment. You will have the best seat in the service! Please volunteer by contacting the church office by February 19th. **THANK YOU!**

Business Directory

Do you own a business or are a professional that would like to advertise your profession and/or business in the New Hope Business Directory? Please email the following information to the church office at nhfamily@newhopedsm.org or mail the below information to the church office....by Monday, February 26.

Name:

Business:

Address, City, State, Zip:

Telephone:

Email:

Website:

Brief description of business:

Submissions will be compiled into a New Hope Business Directory and posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.



new hope financial update

Below is the General Fund operating budget report for December 2011 compared to our 2011 budget and December 2010

	Dec 2011 Actual	Dec 2011 Budget	Dec 2010 Actual
Total Receipts	34,825.73	26,727.65	31,679.04
Total Expenditures	31,809.57	27,794.43	25,024.88
Net Surplus (Deficit)	3,016.16	(1,066.78)	6,654.16

	YTD Dec 2011 Actual	YTD Dec 2011 Budget	YTD Dec 2010 Actual
Total Receipts	340,942.87	313,966.00	324,843.55
Total Expenditures	309,641.37	317,437.95	300,596.37
Net Surplus (Deficit)	31,301.50	(3,471.95)	24,247.18

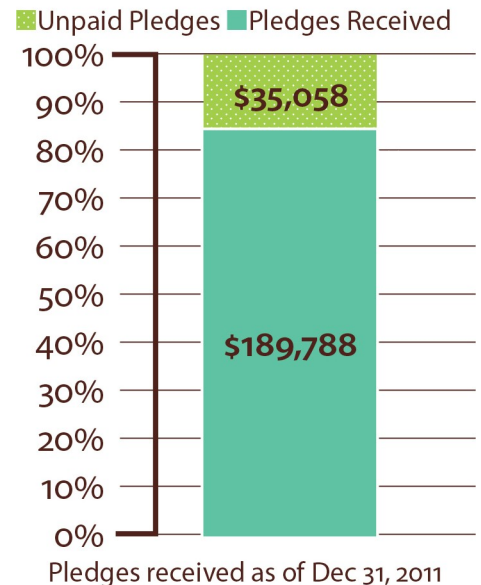
Donate

Electronic Giving

You may give to New Hope through electronic giving.

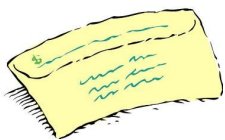
A step-by-step process is available on our web-site, www.newhopedsm.org, by clicking the "Donate" button and following the instructions. Or there is sheet on electronic giving available at the sign-up table in the Fellowship Hall.

continuing our journey
- embracing our future
=\$224,846



2012 Offering Envelopes

Please pick up your 2012 offering envelopes from the table in the Fellowship Hall.



If you did not indicate on your 2012 pledge sheet that you want

offering envelopes and would like to have them, please contact the church office. The money counters appreciate you using the envelopes.

sunday morning worship attendance

	8:30	9:30	10:45	total
Dec 25	one service			77
Jan 1	21	62	73	156
Jan 8	43	138	108	289
Jan 15	no 8:30	182	127	309
Jan 22	34	104	89	227

River of Life Worship Attendance				
Jan 7	40		Jan 21	43

E-NEWSLETTER

Postage prices have increased. Would you like to help save New Hope UMC a little money each month by receiving the monthly newsletter via e-mail?

Each month an e-mail message will be sent to you to let you know when the monthly newsletter has been uploaded to the New Hope UMC website, www.newhopedsm.org. You can click on the month's newsletter and read it right from your computer, smartphone, iPad, etc. You can read it wherever you may be...at home, at work, at school, on vacation, etc.

Please contact the church office, nhfamily@newhopedsm.org, or 278-2097, to let us know if you would prefer to receive the newsletter via e-mail instead of through the mail. Thank you!

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 11:45a, Weights/ Resistance class 5:30p, TGIW 6:30p, Chancel Choir 7:45p, Praise Team	2 6-6:45p, Exercise 6:45p, Godspell Rehearsal	3 Pal: Norma Sutton	4 5:00p, Johnston River of Life worship at Beaver Creek Elementary & <i>potluck</i>
5 Holy Communion 10:30 & Noon, sign up for membership class 4p, Confirmation	6 6p, Women's Bible Study 6-6:45p, Exercise 6:45p, Godspell Rehearsal 7:00p, Trustees Mtg.	7 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 6-6:45p, Exercise 6:45p, Godspell Rehearsal	8 11:45a, Weights/ Resistance class 5:30p, TGIW 6:30p, Chancel Choir 7:45p, Praise Team	9 1:00-3:00p, New Hope Needlers 6-6:45p, Exercise 6:45p, Godspell Rehearsal	10 Pal: Shirley Frus 1:00p, Small Grp at HyVee, 1990 Grand Ave., West Des Moines 7p, Jr. BLAST Lock in	11 7:30a, Men's Breakfast 9a, Jr. BLAST Lock in ends
12 *Disabilities Awareness Boy Scout Sunday 12p Compassionate Callers 6p, Godspell Children's choir audition 6p, Sr. BLAST 6p, Godspell Youth chorus auditions	13 6p, Women's Bible Study 6-6:45p, Exercise 6:45p, Godspell Rehearsal 7:00p, Volleyball	14 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 3:30p, Hand of Luke 6-6:45p, Exercise	15 Mar. LINK deadline 11:45a, Weights/ Resistance class 4:30p, Missions Mtg. TGIW-Skating Party 6:30p, Chancel Choir 7:45p, Praise Team	16 9a, Women's Fellowship at church 6-6:45p, Exercise 6p, Needle Tatting 6:45p, Godspell Rehearsal 7:00p, Worship Design	17 Pal: Darlene Caldwell	18 5:00p, Johnston River of Life worship at Beaver Creek Elementary
19 Food Pantry Sunday Blood Pressure Sunday 4p, Confirmation	20 6p, Women's Bible Study 6-6:45p, Exercise 6:45p, Godspell Rehearsal 7:00p, Volleyball	21 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 6-6:45p, Exercise 6:45p, Godspell Rehearsal 7:00p, Finance Meeting 7:00p, Stroke Club	22 11:45a, Weights/ Resistance class 6:00p, Pancake Supper 7:00p, Ash Wednesday Service	23 6-6:45p, Exercise 6p, Needle Tatting 6:45p, Godspell Rehearsal	24 Pal: Norma Smith 1:00p, Small Grp at HyVee, 1990 Grand Ave., West Des Moines 7p, Real Men Conf.	25
26 1st Sunday in Lent 6:00p, Sr. BLAST	27 6p, Women's Bible Study 6-6:45p, Exercise 6:45p, Godspell Rehearsal 7:00p, Volleyball	28 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 6-6:45p, Exercise 7:00p, AD Council	29 11:45a, Weights/ Resistance class 5:30p, TGIW 6:30p, Chancel Choir 7:45p, Praise Team	Mar. 1 6-6:45p, Exercise 6:45p, Godspell Rehearsal	2 Pal: Ann Krause	3 5:00p, Johnston River of Life worship at Beaver Creek Elementary

***Sun., Feb 12: Disabilities Awareness Sunday:** Monies from the special offering will be used for grants to local churches in the Iowa Annual Conference to help with projects to enhance accessibility of church facilities and parsonages, for camperships for persons with disabilities, and for educational events for district representatives and local churches to better serve all people. Please give generously.

Happy Birthday to you!!

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

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| 1 Judy Peterson, Nicole Weisskopf | 15 Shirley Curtis |
| 2 Kay Goff, Wendy Musgrave | 16 Scott Rowland, Elaine Stubbs |
| 3 Ron Rubek, Erika Weih | 17 Bob Conroy, Ruth Eckles, |
| 4 Abby Ness | Vicki Hover-Williamson, Evan Stone |
| 5 Dawn Pritchard, Cody Zoss | 18 Jann Williams, Ava Henry, Hugh Myers, |
| 6 Dale Monthei, Don Schipman, | Kaitlyn Grow, Linda Sesker |
| Linda Kielszmeier, Penny Dolberg | 19 Susan Egger, Dan Wilmoth, |
| 7 Sandy Wilges | Heather Kerndt, Makenna Meyer |
| 8 Jacob Naumann | 22 John Michael Dickerson, Julie Hartung, |
| 9 Barb Conrad, Freda Ruleman, | Brock Zenor |
| Delanee Ensley, Jaden Miller, | 23 Lyle Pritchard, Jeff Evans |
| Kari Walker, Benjamin Higdon | 24 Marte Carlson, Gina Frizzell, |
| 10 Clark Howland | Amanda Ickowitz |
| 11 Steve Sutton, Evelyne Villines, | 25 Earl Lewis |
| Aimee Thomas, Max Notz | 27 Avery Peterson, Clarissa Short, |
| 13 Mike Urquhart | Kinney Carnahan |
| 14 Sheryl Faulkner | 28 John Huber, Ray Pugh |
| | 29 Doris Pugh |

Looking Ahead:

Mar. 11: Daylight Savings Time begins; Girl Scout Sunday
Mar. 14: Last T.G.I.W.
Mar. 28: Missionary Karen Ujereh visit. Potluck at 5:30.
Mar. 31: Johnston River of Life weekly Saturday worship
begins. 5:00pm, Beaver Creek Elementary
Apr. 15, 22, 19: 6pm Ray Pugh Institute of New Hope
Apr. 19-21: Rummage Sale
Apr. 27, 28, 29: Godspell production



Happy Anniversary!

- 1: Dean & Judy Peterson
9: Ron & Clarice Rubek
24: Larry & Kim Buske
28: Clark & Le Howland

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Then Jesus called the twelve together and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases, and He sent them out to proclaim the Kingdom of God and to heal." – Luke 9:1-2

The disciples didn't really understand what Jesus was about at first. They thought He was going to be a king like David, throw out the Romans and set up Israel as a great kingdom again. They had seen Jesus do amazing things. They thought to themselves, "There is nobody like Jesus and we get a front row seat and sit and watch." But they discovered that they weren't just to sit and watch. They were to "go and do" like Jesus did. They were to offer Jesus' compassion, Jesus' healing, to proclaim the Good News about the Kingdom of God. And they weren't just to wait for people to come to them. They were to go out. In this text, Jesus sends out the Twelve to the villages, to where the people were, to bring Christ's ministry to them.

When they were sent out, they were to do what they had seen Jesus doing. They were to care for people. If people were sick, they were to heal them, to pray for them. If people were hungry, they were to feed them. If people were lonely, they were to bring Christ's friendship. They were to bring the Good News, to proclaim the Kingdom of God.

That is still the task of Jesus' followers. We are to go out into the world to offer the Good News of Jesus Christ in the terms that makes best sense in their context. We might have skills and training in healing, and we offer that. We might be good at listening to people, and we offer that. We might be good with our hands, we might be good at organizing, we might be good at teaching and we offer that.

But we are to go out in the name of Christ to offer His ministry in the world.

At our worship services on February 12 and 19, Craig and I will be talking about a new initiative in establishing our River of Life ministry in Johnston. We feel this is one more step in the Great Commission of Jesus: "Go and make disciples." We hope you'll join us as we share New Hope's strategy to "go and do" like Jesus did.

worship themes for february

feb 5	Why Does God's Love Prevail? Colossians 1:3-14
feb 12	The Disciples' Prayer Matthew 6:7-15
feb 19	Jesus' Prayer for You Matthew 28:16-20
feb 26	Facing the Wall Luke 4:1-13

Communion	(Neil)
	(Neil)
	(Craig)
First Sunday of Lent	(Neil)



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Traditional Services: 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.

Contemporary Service: 9:30 a.m.

Children's Worship: 9:30 a.m.

Christian Learning Time: 10:45 a.m.

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