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MAY AT NEW HOPE

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THE HUNGER GAMES



Moral Choices in an Amoral World

May 6 Conformity
May 13 Independence
May 20 Survival
May 27 Sacrifice

HAVE YOU EVER felt like the world is
against you in your quest to live your faith ?

DO YOU STRUGGLE to keep your own
identity in a world that seems to have other plans for you ?

JOIN US during the month of May, as we look at
some of the moral choices we are faced with, using the
movie and book *The Hunger Games* as a backdrop.



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

Sonya Verner; Maysie Johnson; Ryan Dickey; Elaine Stubbs; Bishop Julius Trimble; District Superintendent, David Weesner; District Field Minister, Karen Nelson; Dr. Emmanuel Mefor, missionary. Prayers for the following military personnel: CPT Jeff Bleakley, Major Chris Latcham; Jason Homard; Tyler Nearmyer and our national and world leaders, our military and their families.

Our Sympathy to Mel & Ginny Ghee and family on the death of his brother, Paul.

Change of Address

Bob & Marge Robinson
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Clive, IA 50325
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mbrobsn@hotmail.com

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Thank You

After my lengthy hospital stay, let us tell you what wonderful friends we have at New Hope and thanks for your visits. Thank you for the delicious food, your phone calls, and the many beautiful & welcomed cards. Neil we thank you for the many visits and the prayers so comforting. Appreciated so much. I still have a way to go as now have two arms incapacitated. Thanks for all your prayers and to Dale who is beside me at all times. **Dale & Laura Myers**

I would like to offer my heartfelt thanks to all of our New Hope friends. For the many cards, calls, prayers, and food during my recent health struggles and death of my brother Paul. Thank you New Hope Quilters for the beautiful quilt. Ginny and I were overwhelmed by your sincere acts of kindness. We were specially blessed with the many visits from our Pastor Neil. Thank you all so much. **Mel & Ginny Ghee**

Thank You

Thank you to the New Hope family for your thoughts and prayers during my recovery from surgery. **Roger Moore**

Graduation Open Houses



We would like to invite the congregation to celebrate **Nicole's** graduation. Her open house is on May 19 from 4pm-7pm at our home, 349 Torgerson Lane, Des Moines.

Paul, Pam & Nicole Weisskopf

Graduation Open House - **Adam Jaschen**

Our New Hope family has been such a big part of Adam's life, we'd like to invite everyone to please come and help us celebrate Adam's graduation from JHS!

Sat May 12th; 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Family Life Center at New Hope

**The 2012 Confirmation students were confirmed on Sunday, April 15.
Welcome to our new members!!**



Front Row: Nathan Zoss, Maysie Johnson, Rachel Jackson, Sam Fairchild, Ana Kirkpatrick, Luke Johnston

Back Row: Mason Lillegraven, Spencer Wolfe, Noah Henry, Pastor Cross, Bryce Rowland, Ellie Roquet, Emma Heiser

upcoming events

Perennial Plant Sale

Sunday, May 6th

On May 6th, the landscape team will hold a perennial plant sale raising funds to support maintenance of the courtyard and east gardens. In addition to divisions from established plants in the courtyard we will be seeking donations from the gardens of our congregation.



PLANT SALE

If you have perennials available, please dig and pot them now as the warm spring weather has accelerated

growth. Please include plant name (and variety if known), color, height and sun/shade requirements.

Plant donations will be accepted Saturday, May 5th between the hours of 3 and 6pm.

If you are unable to make your donation that afternoon, please contact Ruth Doxon, 253-9115

Sloppy Joe Lunch

Sunday, May 6th

In conjunction with the plant sale on the first Sunday of May (the 6th), the Sr High BLAST youth will be hosting a Sloppy Joe lunch.

You gotta eat, too, so come have a great lunch of **Sloppy Joe's, coleslaw, potato chips, dessert and a drink** and then stay to peruse and purchase your plants for your landscaping pleasure.

Proceeds from your free will donation for your lunch will be used for the 2012 mission trip.



As a family oriented ministry, New Hope / Johnston River of Life is excited to offer a once a month community movie night at the Barn in Johnston, 6169 Northglenn Drive (next to the Library).

These movies will be family oriented and a great way to invite a friend or neighbor to a "church" event. The evenings will **start at 7 PM** with entertainment (music,) lawn games, and popcorn will be provided. At dusk the movie will start and the event will end after the show.

The first date is set for May 23rd.

Bring a lawn chair and the family down for a lot of fun.

Community BBQ

Saturday, May 12

Join us at Johnston River of Life, Beaver Creek Elementary, Johnston.

5 PM Worship; 6 PM BBQ and family fun.



Meat will be provided.

Watch for sign-up sheets to let us know what side dish you can provide for the BBQ.

Bring your ball glove and bat for a fun family game of softball.



They're ba-a-a-ck!!

There has been a recent sighting of a flock of pink flamingos flying from yard to yard of New Hope members again. Continuing with their efforts to raise funds for their 2012

summer mission trip, the Sr. High BLAST's highly trained team of flamingo removal specialists are ready for action. If the flock is found frolicking in front of your flat, please contact your Sr. High BLAST F4 Team (Flamingo Flock Forwarding Force) to send them on their way. If you would like the Flamingo Flock to fly to a New Hope neighbor near you, please contact Danielle Jaschen 254-0156 or Julie Craighton at 276-2886.

Pictures will be taken at each flock siting!

Landscape - Spring News

This spring new outdoor planters will be gracing the east entrance.

To assist funding the materials needed for the planters, members of the congregation are encouraged to sponsor a seasonal display. The landscape team is seeking 8 sponsors per seasonal rotation. Sponsorship may be in honor or memory of a loved one or simply to give thanks for the beauty God provides in each of our Midwest seasons.

For \$20 you have the opportunity to participate in providing a beautiful welcome to our church and enjoy the reward of seeing your donation at work each time you visit the church.

Sign up materials are located on the bulletin board above the sign up table in Fellowship Hall.

If you have questions about sponsorship of outdoor annual plantings or activities of the landscape team, please contact Ruth Doxon, 253-9115 or Kathy Russi, 333-1764.



SAVE THE DATE!

New Hope United Methodist Blood Drive Event Date is **July 9** with times available from **4 to 7PM**.

Watch for Sign up sheet in the Fellowship Hall. One donation can help 3 people and even save lives!

Contact Terri Lichter 276-6809 with any questions.

The 19th Ray Pugh Institute of New Hope was a **great success!**

Thank you to all the wonderful and inspiring presenters:

- ♦ Dr. Raymond Pugh presented "How to Get the Most Out of Your Life."
- ♦ Jessica Pray, Miss Iowa: Jessica spoke about her experiences growing up in her family, community and pursuing excellence.
- ♦ Brad, Tammy, Scott & Grant Lair gave a wonderful presentation on their vacation to Machu Picchu and the Galapagos Islands.

Thank you also to everyone that volunteered their time to share their music, make cookies, host, usher, help with the sound system, and help with advertising. You all are amazing! Thank you for the time you invest in this program. Also, thank you to the many people that attended the sessions. We look forward to the 2013 sessions!



Dr. Ray Pugh and Jessica Pray, Miss Iowa

christian learning opportunities

Friday Small Group

May 4 & 18

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.

Sunday Adult Education class

Study will be done based on the Sermon Series: "The Hunger Games: Moral Choices in an Amoral World." Adult Education Classes will be held at 9:30 & 10:45am in the Ruby Chapel. *May 20th will be the last class.*



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@newhopedsm.org.

Wednesday Mornings:

2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 9:45-11am @ Jenn Higdon's, 8144 Durham Circle, Johnston, 319-230-3363. Bible Study on the book "Boundaries with Kids by Dr. Henry Cloud and Dr. John Townsend. Kids are welcome.

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.

Images from the April 5th Maundy Thursday drama, *At the Foot of the Cross*, by Chris St. Clair. *Thank you to all the volunteers that performed in this very moving drama.*



Children's ministries



May's B.I.G. Theme:

Stories of the Spirit

May's B.I.G. Idea:

We believe that the stories of the Spirit promise us that the Holy Spirit is present in our lives.

May's Bible Verse: The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Galatians 5:22-23



A big THANK YOU to the following people, who devoted their time and talents to teach the children of New Hope during our midweek TGIW.

Pam Frey	Rick Roquet	Patty Narmeyer	Jann Williams	Kelly Mohrman
Suzanne Neu	Alyssa Strauss	Tami Wise	Jenn Higdon	Greg Mohrman
Shelly Thompson	Ashley Astley	Sara Cullinan	Linda Dean	Kristin Welter
	Jody Ferguson	Mona Kirkpatrick	Melanie Henry	Jon Verner

And our Kitchen Angels:

Betty Holwegner	Roberta Cave	Paulette Wood	Ellen Hester	Marge Carnahan
Jan Davisson	Ginny Ghee	Judy Stout	Esther Stout	JoAnn Decker
				Sharon Lewis

We will be working over the next few months to revamp our current Wednesday night program to better fit the needs of our group.

A big THANK YOU to the following people, who have devoted their time and talents to teach the children of New Hope during our Christian Learning Time.

Jody Ferguson	Jodi Christensen	Tami Wise	Kristy Hegwood	SaLynn Lemke
Rick Roquet	Kelly Mohrman	Renee Haugland	Tim Hegwood	Shelly Thompson
Michelle Roquet	Greg Mohrman	Jennifer Riley	Joyce Turek	Shelly Ringgenberg
Maya Johnston	Tara Notz	Tamara Evans	Janet Carrigan	Cathy Short
Kevin Christensen	Patty Narmeyer	Melanie Henry	Wendy Musgrave	Andy Sutton
				Michele Hamilton

We very much APPRECIATE all the people who volunteered their time to lead Children's Worship this year.

Jodi Christensen	Sherri Bogue
Suzanne Neu	Elaine Sheer
Jen Berger	Kelly Mohrman

We also very much APPRECIATE all of our tween/teen helpers who volunteered their time to assist in Children's Worship this year.

Grace Ferguson	Ellie Roquet
Jordan Williamson	Maddy Dolberg
	Allyson Mohrman

Just a reminder that our **last CLT** will be **May 20**, and we will be having a fun **Field Day** like we had last year to celebrate all we have done this year. Mark your calendar and plan to wear comfy clothes and shoes!



Children's Worship: If you are interested in leading the Children's Worship format in the upcoming months, we would love to have your help. I am still in need of **adult helpers during the 9:30 service** to assist with Children's Worship. The leader will lead songs, prayers, etc, but we are in need of an adult helper for each week.

Please consider helping once a month. **Contact: Kelly Mohrman at gmohrman@mchsi.com**

youth programs

Sr. High BLAST

9th - 12th graders:

Can you believe it - our year is almost over! May is a busy month with Mother's Day,

graduations and Memorial Day weekend so we only have one scheduled event for now.

Sunday, May 6th: Sloppy Joe lunch right after the 3rd service. We'll need help to pull this off again so watch for more details via email and Facebook. Questions? contact Dani at 254-0156 or Julie at 276-2886.

Operation Overboard

"Dive in and dare to go deep with God!"

Sunday, July 15 to

Thursday, July 19

Dinner at 5:30 p.m. (free-will offering),

Site Activities at 6:00-8:00 p.m.

For children age 3 (must be age 3 by July 1, 2012) to kids entering 5th grade in 2012/2013 school year. A parent or guardian will need to plan to attend with the 3/4 year olds. *Registration forms are in the Fellowship Hall.*



The April 7th Egg Hunt and Party was egg-citing!!! Lots of eggs to find, face painters, balloon artist, crafts, inflatables, and lots & lots of fun!!! Thank you to all the volunteers that helped with this event!





The *Woman* in your life

Mothers, moms, women, daughters, sisters, aunts, represent a group of people who have a significant influence on our lives. These women have filled the role of friend, parent, caregiver, listener, counselor, pastor, prayer warrior, guardian, encourager... so forth and so forth. Often we take for granted the role that the women in our lives have claimed. I mean we appreciate it, but we also take it for granted that all the little things will get done and the voids will be filled.

God used women through history as a way to shape the world; in fact I think it is good to remember what God said after creation, "It is not good for the man to be alone." Reality is that women have been influential and directed the course of individuals, businesses, religious organization, and nations. We can name names like Suzanna Wesley who shaped both Charles and John Wesley, the founders of our United Methodist Church, or Barbara Heck, who inspired Philip Embury to preach. We could look at

women like Mother Theresa, Joan of Arc, Eleanor Roosevelt, Princess Diana, or Harriet Tubman, whose names have shaped our world history. But the truth is we need not look that far to know the influence of a woman.

My mother found herself faced with parenting 3 children by herself when she was 38. My father passed away and her kids (ages 6, 14, and 17) were at challenging ages. I was the high school senior facing my father's funeral and graduation in the same weekend. I still don't know how I made it through, but I know that it was my mother's strength and the support of family that pulled it all together. I often look back at all my mother did to influence my life, the lives of my two sisters, the challenges she faced, and the perseverance with which she faced every day, and I realize

that none of us children would be who we are without her constant prayers, support, encouragement, and even discipline.

And I know that I am not alone. Each of you had a mother, grandmother, aunt, or sister who filled a significant role in your life. They probably faced a few challenges along the way to be there for you. But they endured. Maybe you are one of those women today who is persistently standing beside someone, and shaping them into the person they will be. I know it is not easy, but God has entrusted you with a great task. This month as we celebrate mother's day, I hope you will take a moment to thank that special woman in your life, and if you are that woman for someone, be blessed and know that God created you for that purpose.

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 May:

8:30am Traditional Service	9:30am Contemporary Service	10:45am Traditional Service
<u>Greeters</u> 6 Charlotte Schultz 13 Jerry Stastny 20 27	<u>Greeters</u> 6 DeVonne Douglas 13 Jackson family 20 Riley family 27 Evans family	<u>Greeters</u> 6 13 Marilyn Osborn 20 27
<u>Lectors</u> 6 Cathy Short 13 Cathy Short 20 Maurine Myers 27 Maurine Myers	<u>Hosts</u> 6 Bill & Pam Gibbons 13 Pam Frey 20 Clyde & Cindy Rail 27	<u>Lectors</u> 6 13 Jon Verner 20 27
	<u>Children's Church</u> 6 Elaine Sheer 13 Elaine Sheer 20 27	<u>Hosts</u> 6 Sheldon & Esther Stout 13 Marilyn Osborn 20 Lee Ross 27 Roberta Cave
	<u>Nursery</u> Sherry Faulkner	<u>Acolytes:</u> 6 Taylor Evans, Caleb Williamson 13 Lexi Dean, Kyle Hegwood 20 Lydia Johnston, Tyler Mohrman 27 Lydia Johnston, Tyler Mohrman
<u>Traditional Service Callers</u> 6 Bob & Marlys Borcharding 13 Mark & Leah Scherer 20 Jim & Norma Smith 27 Craig Ferguson	<u>Money Counters</u> 6 Jerry Kielsmeier, Kim Traylor, Kari Baccam 13 DeVonne Douglas, Randy Jansen, Ron Zoss 20 Tony & Tracy Hoffman, Glenna Ross 27 Clark Howland, Larry Wood, Linda Holloway	<u>Nursery</u> Sherry Faulkner
<u>Contemporary Service Callers</u> 6 Eldon Cross 13 Michele Hamilton 20 Melisa Forbes & Pam Frey 27 Eldon Cross	<u>Pal Friday: 9 a.m.</u> 4 Norma Smith 11 Ann Krause 18 Marlys Borcharding 25 Marge Carnahan	

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.
4:30pm on Wednesdays for a resistance/strength class.

Blood Pressure Check

New Hope is offering free Blood Pressure checks each month.

May 13 will be the next BP checks. Come to the Narthex after each worship service.

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, May 12
at 7:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Women's Fellowship

Thursday, May 17 at church.
If you have any questions, please contact Shirley Frus at 279-1130.

Care Ministry Team

This team ministers to congregation members who have had new babies, have been in the hospital, have been ill or are dealing with grief. This team meets on a quarterly basis and the next meeting is **Mon., June 25 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.

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 gives the Children's Message during the March 31st Palm Saturday service. This was also the kick-off of the weekly Saturday services at 5pm at Beaver Creek Elementary in Johnston.



The Rummage & Bake Sale was a huge success!
A report of the results will be coming soon.
Thank you to everyone that volunteered their time to help with this all-church event!

missions

May Mission Focus: Our May Mission Focuses on 2 of our United Methodist Mission Schools in the U.S., Redbird Mission School in Beverly, Kentucky, and McCurdy Mission School in Espanola, New Mexico. Both of these Mission Schools are in high poverty areas with very high unemployment.

During May, you will find 2 giving trees in the Fellowship Hall, one for Redbird, and one for McCurdy. Take a gift tag and return with your check for the indicated amount in the offering plate. Both Mission Schools are experiencing low donations and may have to curtail some programs if not fully funded. This is how you can reach out and help them.



REDBIRD MISSION SCHOOL: Redbird has served the area around Beverly, Kentucky for over 85 years. Over the years, Red Bird Mission School has grown and changed to meet the needs of the local people. Thousands of students have passed through the doors of this Christian institution and have been profoundly affected by the high standards and goals.

The Mission was begun as an answer to prayer by the Evangelical Church, later the Evangelical United Methodist Church and when they merged with the Methodist Church, the United Methodist Church.

Red Bird Mission has also worked to meet the health care needs of people in the Red Bird River Valley. Soon after teachers came, nurses and doctors arrived, making calls to mountain homes on horseback.

In 1975 Red Bird Hospital was incorporated and became part of the Red Bird Mission. In 2000, Red Bird Mountain Medical Center was renamed Red Bird Clinic, Inc., which still operates today as an out-patient ministry.

You can also help support the Mission by buying local crafts on the website: <http://rbmission.org/index.php>



McCURDY MISSION SCHOOL: McCurdy school had its beginnings after the 1862 Homestead Act. Its location and basic structure as a boarding school began one century ago in 1912. McCurdy School has continued to provide a high quality Christian-based education and now enrolls approximately 420 students. It now includes boarding and local commuting students.

The Española Valley is home to many people who commute to work to Los Alamos and Santa Fe. Housing is more affordable here, which is an important factor.

This fall, the school will become a charter school with an increase of United Methodist services available on campus: a Before and After School Program, Preschool, a mental health and counseling clinic, possible parenting classes, teen center, and summer enrichment camp.

The Española Valley contains many wonderful artisans so the McCurdy School showcases their work at a gift shop as a fundraiser. You can access the shop by using this link: <http://www.mccurdy.org/mc/gift>

Hand of Luke

Monday, May 14

Hashbrown casserole

Corn

Bread & butter

cookies

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

Cooks meet at the church between 3:00-3:30pm.

Servers transport the food to the Central Iowa Shelter & Services at 5:30pm and return by 8:00pm.

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!!!**



Remember your mother

Sunday, May 13

Whoever you are, wherever you are, on Mother's Day, remember your mother. Without her and your father, you would only have been a dream and a hope, never a reality.

No wonder God gave us the commandment: "Honor your father and your mother ..." (Exodus 20:12, nrsv). God gave us life through them. —Charles Ferrell

Memorial Day

May 28

Over the years, Memorial Day has become a big holiday weekend. It's now the unofficial start of summer, rather than a day of tribute to the departed it was originally meant to be.

Even if we plan fun events for Memorial Day weekend, it's important to stop long enough to bow our heads and pay respect to our departed loved ones — especially those who fell in battle while helping preserve America's liberties.

Let us take time to make the pilgrimage to various cemeteries and pause long enough to say, "Thank you, Father, for these special lives, for sacrifices made and for friendships we have shared."



—The Newsletter Newsletter



Camps and Retreat Ministries is pleased to announce that the new summer online camper registration program is now up and operational. To access the online registration, you may go to www.iacampsandretreat.org. There are also, 2012 camp catalogs in the Fellowship Hall for your use.

Also, there is the 2012 Summer Games jr. - a United Methodist Camp that will be held at Camp Wesley Woods. For more information, please go to www.summergamesuniversity.org.

Camperships are available from New Hope UMC: **\$100 per child**, to any United Methodist Church camp. Please inform the church office when you have registered your child(ren).

Wherever you go

Graduations bring a commencement, or beginning, of new things.

In 1990, Dr. Seuss published *Oh, the Places You'll Go!* This popular graduation gift tells in Seuss' inimitable style of all life's possible ups and downs, twists and turns. There will surely be excitement and slumps, fun and loneliness, purpose and confusion. And, yes, fear: "There are some [things], down the road between hither and yon, that can scare you so much you won't want to go on."

The sheer determination of the storybook's life-traveler moves him beyond trouble and fear. But God's children don't have to go it alone. Life cannot take us anywhere God hasn't been first. Furthermore, he walks beside us on every winding path and around every corner.

Graduates — and all Christians — can trust in the promise of Joshua 1:9 (NIV): "*Be strong and courageous ... for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.*"

—The Newsletter Newsletter



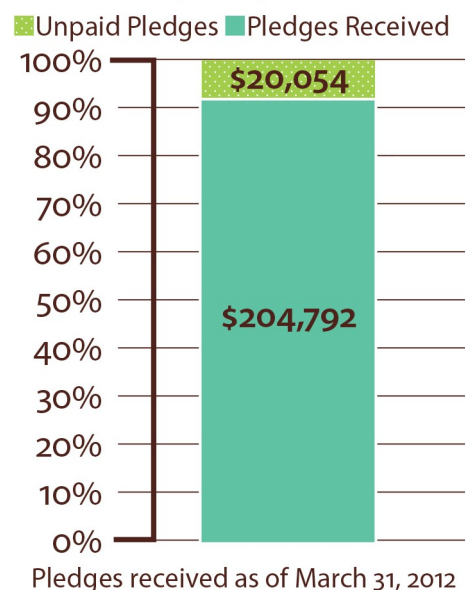
new hope financial update

Below is the General Fund operating budget report for March 2012 compared to our 2012 budget and March 2011

	Mar 2012 Actual	Mar 2012 Budget	Mar 2011 Actual
Total Receipts	23,237.11	24,489.08	28,233.36
Total Expenditures	24,033.52	26,521.68	23,404.38
Net Surplus (Deficit)	(796.41)	(2,032.60)	4,828.98

	YTD Mar 2012 Actual	YTD Mar 2012 Budget	YTD Mar 2011 Actual
Total Receipts	78,834.32	79,418.21	85,512.76
Total Expenditures	79,931.51	85,109.69	70,983.54
Net Surplus (Deficit)	(1,097.19)	(5,691.48)	14,529.22

continuing our journey
- embracing our future
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Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving

Donate

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

Direct Debit Giving can be used to automatically and securely transfer funds from your checking or savings account to our church's bank account. Credit Card Giving lets you make offerings automatically on a predetermined schedule. Your contribution can be scheduled weekly, bi-weekly,

monthly or one time.

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.

sunday morning worship attendance

	8:30	9:30	10:45	total
April 1	36	164	101	301
April 8	74	210	194	478
April 15	44	115	194	353
April 22	30	93	86	209

River of Life Worship Attendance

Mar 31	95	April 7	85
April 14	59	April 21	45

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Minutes and the 2012 Budget are posted on the bulletin board by the church office for your review anytime.

sign up to receive the LINK by email

If you would like to help minimize both our costs and our impact on the planet by receiving The LINK via e-mail, please contact the church office at 515.278.2097 or send an email to nhfamily@newhopedsm.org.

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AT NEW HOPE

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

		1 9:30a, Sr. Singers practice 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 6p, Exercise class 7p, Structure Team Mtg.	2 3:30p, Parkinson's Support Group 4:30p, Exercise class 6:30p, Chancel Choir 7:30p, Praise Team	3 6p, Exercise class	4 Pal: Norma Smith 1p, Friday Sml Grp at Hy-Vee, 1990 Grand Ave., W.DSM	5 5p, Johnston River of Life worship @ Beaver Creek Elem.
6 Holy Communion Graduate Reconciliation Golden Cross Sunday (offering) Noon, Compassionate Callers Perennial plant sale Sloppy Joe lunch	7 6p, Exercise class 7p, Trustees mtg.	8 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 6p, Exercise class	9 4:3p, Exercise class 6:30p, Chancel Choir 7:30p, Praise Team	10 6p, Exercise class	11 Pal: Ann Krause 5p, Johnston River of Life worship @ Beaver Creek Elem.	12 7:30a, Men's Breakfast 1-4p, FLC rented 5p, worship & 6p BBQ Johnston River of Life worship @ Beaver Creek Elem.
13 Mother's Day Blood Pressure Sunday	14 3:30p, Hand of Luke 6p, Exercise class	15 May LINK deadline 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 6p, Exercise class 7p, Finance Mtg. 7p, Stroke Club	16 4:30p, Exercise class 4:30p, Missions Mtg. 6:30p, Chancel Choir 7:30p, Praise Team	17 9a, Women's Fellowship at church 6p Exercise class 7p, Worship Design	18 Pal: Marlys Borcherd- ing 1p, Friday Sml Grp at Hy-Vee, 1990 Grand Ave., W.DSM	19 5p, Johnston River of Life worship @ Beaver Creek Elem.
20 Last day of CLT Food Pantry Sunday	21 6p, Exercise class 7p, SPRC, R.Chapel	22 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 6p, Exercise Class 7p, AD Council	23 4:30p, Exercise class 7:00p, Movie Night at the Barn in Johnston 7:30p, Praise Team	24 6p Exercise class	25 Pal: Marge Carnahan 5p, Johnston River of Life worship @ Beaver Creek Elem.	26 5p, Johnston River of Life worship @ Beaver Creek Elem.
27 Memorial Sunday Day of Pentecost **Peace with Justice Sunday (offering)	28 OFFICE CLOSED Memorial Day NO Exercise class	29 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 6p, Exercise class	30 4:30p, Exercise class 7:30p, Praise Team	31 6p Exercise class	1 Pal: Barb Easton 2 5p, Johnston River of Life worship @ Beaver Creek Elem. June 2 - 5, Annual Conf. in DSM	

***Golden Cross (offering), May 6** - An offering to support special grants for local churches to develop health ministries for Iowa's Children in Poverty.

****Peace with Justice Sunday (offering), May 27** - Your generous gifts support Peace with Justice ministries in the conference, overseen by the conference board of church and society; and Peace with Justice work in the United States and around the world, related to the General Board of Church and Society.

Looking Ahead:
June 16, 10:00a, Johnston Green Days Parade
July 15-19: 5:30-8:00p, Vacation Bible School

Happy Birthday to you!!

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

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| 2 Collin Urquhart | Andrew Wise, Abbi Herrick |
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Happy Anniversary!

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| 2 Eric & Mallory Chabak |
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| 9 Richard & SaLynn Lemke |
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| 19 Don & Ruth Doxon |
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Decisions



Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good;
love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. – Romans 12:9

The first time I met anyone from North Carolina was when I was in seminary. She was a part of a group of friends I spent a lot of time with. She had this wonderful southern accent and when our group would part, she would say, "Y'all be good." I learned that it is an expression often used in the south, and had about the same meaning as my brother saying, just before we went to bed, "Don't let the bed bugs bite." It was just kind of a saying that you didn't take too seriously.

Yet the whole area of ethical decision, integrity, and character are very relevant today. News stories of failures in business ethics, political ethics, and personal ethics are rampant today. These are some examples of major ethical failures that we see in the papers where people have stumbled morally in major ways. But each of us, each day, make ethical decisions that impact our lives. And sometimes the temptation is not to make a difficult decision or do the difficult thing.

In the midst of the Watergate hearings, Senator Howard Baker was questioning a Nixon aide, Herbert Porter, about his decision-making process in the midst of that situation. Baker asked: "Did you ever have any qualms about what you were doing?" Porter answered, "I was not the one to stand up in a meeting and say this should be stopped." Baker asked, "Did you ever think of saying, 'I do not think this is quite right...?'" Porter: "Yes, I did." Baker: "What did you do

about it?" Porter: "I did nothing." When Senator Baker asked "Why?" Porter answered, "In all honesty, probably because of the fear of group pressure that would ensue, of not being a team player." Sometimes the most difficult ethical decisions are in the midst social pressure.

The movie "Hunger Games" is a fascinating movie in a number of ways. It is certainly an interesting study of ethical decision in the midst of a society that doesn't have many morals, and puts its citizens in difficult moral dilemmas. The plot of the story is that in some future society, a dictator government has taken over, and, for entertainment, forces each of 12 districts to supply a male and female teenager for what they call "hunger games," staged in a very large "arena" in which all the participants try to kill each other, leaving only one alive. It's a sobering, yet instructive story of trying to do at least some things right in that very imperfect environment. The story is very reminiscent of Christians making ethical choices in Nazi Germany, or in the midst of the Roman persecutions. Paul advised the early Christians, in the midst of a society that often immoral and cruel, to live a different lifestyle, a different kind of ethic: "Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good..."



worship themes for may

May 6 **Conformity** *Philippians 3:4-7*
May 13 **Independence** *Romans 12:1-13*
May 20 **Survival** *1 Thessalonians 4:9-18*
May 27 **Sacrifice** *Hebrews 10:11-14*

Senior Recognition Sunday
Mother's Day

Memorial Day Sunday

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1 church, 2 campuses, 4 worship services.



Sunday Worship Services at New Hope

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

Saturday Worship Service in Johnston

5:00pm Casual Service
Currently meeting at Beaver Creek Elementary,
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