

A monthly publication
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JUNE AT NEW HOPE

2012

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Johnston Green Days Parade

The Johnston Green Days is an annual summer event and New Hope will again be part of the parade held on Saturday, June 16 at 10:00 a.m.

We are looking for assistance in the following areas:

1. Trailer Decorations
2. Parade Walkers

If you can help out in any of these areas, contact Pastor Craig Ferguson.



Johnston River of Life One Day VBS

Wednesday, **July 11**, 6-8pm.

Johnston Barn, 6169 Northglenn Drive
for kids ages 3yr. through 5th grade.

Week Long VBS at New Hope campus

Sunday – Thursday, **July 15-19**.

5:30pm Supper, 6-8:00pm Activities

VBS is for children age 3 (must be age 3 by July 1, 2012. Three-year-old children need to be accompanied by a parent) to kids entering 5th grade in the 2012/2013 school year.

Registration forms (participant and volunteer) for the week long VBS are on page 7 & 8, on the church website, and also in the Fellowship Hall.

Please consider volunteering to make our children's week a success!

Adult VBS led by Pastor Cross

Sunday-Thursday, July 15-19, 6 - 8 pm in the Ruby Chapel.

More details will be announced soon.



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; Ryan Dickey; Elaine Stubbs; Evelyn Kruse; 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 Greg & Cheryl Long and family on the death of Cheryl's mother, Catherine Fritz.

Birth

Congratulations to Ryan & Jessica McGinnity on the birth of their baby boy, Marcus Alan McGinnity. Marcus was born on May 1st at Mercy Hospital. He weighed 9 lbs and 14 oz. He joins big brother, Roland, at home. Beaming grandparents are Kathy & Dan Crees. Barb & Sherm Conrad are the happy great-grandparents. Marcus is their 10th great-grandchild.

Birth

Congratulations to Cody & Gina Zoss on the birth of their son, Kingsley Scott Zoss. Kingsley was born on May 18 at Methodist West. He weighed 9lbs and was 20 in. long. Proud grandparents are Ron & Denise Zoss.

Thank You

Dear Precious Friends and Family!! Thank you so much for walking this recent journey in our lives! You may have heard that Elaine was diagnosed with a grade IV malignant brain tumor on the right side of her brain. It was originally about the size of a small baseball, affecting the left side of her body with stroke-like symptoms. We would like to give an update and clarify some misinformation that some may have. Grade IV is a way that the World Health Organization grades tumors for research and communication. This does not mean stage four cancer. Actually to the contrary, we are pleased to tell you that Elaine is healthy enough to have been accepted into a national research group investigating a new drug to help not only her, but others with the same kind of cancerous tumor. Tumor tissue collected during the surgical biopsy (which took as much of the tumor first), is now being sent to study sites across the country. Samples will be donated to other studies to further knowledge about other diseases of the brain such as Alzheimer's. Elaine's participation will be about one year, with 3-5 years of follow up before the

research is complete. God will determine the course of this and the results! We are completely at rest within His loving will. We are so honored to be a part of this and feel led by God to help others!

We hope you will join us in our joyous new life and explore with us how God is working in our lives and helping others, also. We are so happy and will give updates periodically. Elaine will soon continue with physical, occupational and speech therapy on an outpatient basis with On With Life in Ankeny. This has already helped so much in intensive rehabilitation in the hospital. Elaine is looking forward to being "kitchen trained" so she can cook again! Gary will be eating mighty well, and healthy!! Maybe we can work out some occupational therapy for Gary and his fishing skills!

While in the hospital, each prayer, thought, card, act of kindness and visit from all of you (and there were so many!) helped us to feel the steady hand of God on our shoulders. We have never felt his presence more! There are no doubts that God is good and will lead us the way we should go. We are honored and excited about what He has for us next!!

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you! You are truly the arms of Christ on this earth and in our lives! Sincerely and prayerfully in Christ, until we see you and can give a big hug---- **Gary and Elaine Stubbs**



Pastor Neil and Pastor Craig and several pastors/clergy/lay leaders will be attending the 2012 session of the Iowa Annual Conference, June 2-5. You may follow along as the session coverage can be accessed directly from the "2012 Annual Conference" button on the regular homepage or at: www.iaumc.org/annual-session.

News stories will be updated throughout the session.

upcoming events



Join us in supporting the Prevent Blindness Iowa charity walk “Light the Night for Sight” on **Thursday June 14th at 7:00 pm during Johnston Green Days.** The walk is about two miles and takes place on the sidewalks and trails around the Johnston Library. There are several ways you can get involved. Join our

team!! Help find team sponsors!! Donate yourself!! A sign up will be made available during all four worship services for team sign up. So grab the family, get out with us and walk for a great cause before heading over to the Johnston Green Days evening activities. You can also go to our team webpage to raise money for the walk and find out more about this important organization. Go to www.preventblindness.net/LNSiowa and click on the “Find A Team or Participant” link. Once there enter our team name: JROL/New Hope and click search. Once there take a look around, register to join the team and walk or help by donating in our team’s name. We look forward to seeing you all there and to raising money for Prevent Blindness Iowa.



SIGN UP!

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

Sign up sheets are in the Fellowship Hall.

One donation can help 3 people and even save lives!

Contact Terri Lichter 276-6809 with any questions.



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.

Join us on June 27, July 25 and August 22

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



Get ready for the Johnston Community Amazing Race hosted by Johnston River of Life

Put it on your calendars now. **July 14th at 10:00am registration for the Johnston Amazing Race will be at Beaver Creek Elementary.** There will be two separate race levels available. One race will focus on family style challenges and one will involve more difficult puzzles and locations. Both will offer lots of fun and great prizes. We are working with Johnston area businesses and organizations to provide a first class community event. More details to come on our website and facebook pages so be on the look out for exciting updates and sponsor information. Want to help?? We would love to have you on a volunteer committee to ensure the success of this highly visible event. Please look for an event sign up sheet during service or contact Amanda Samuelson by email at Jandie_Samuelson@yahoo.com. Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you there!!

christian learning opportunities



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.

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.

Nursery Volunteers Needed



6th grade students and up, if you would be interested in helping in the nursery this summer, we would love to have you! Our current nursery staff is overwhelmed at times with the amount of children (especially during the 9:30 service). Since we will not be having Children's Worship this summer, it may be necessary to have extra help in the nursery.

If you are in 6th grade and up, and are interested in helping in the nursery, please contact Kelly Mohrman at gmohrman@mchsi.com or 515-490-0449 to be placed on a schedule. We thank you for your consideration in advance!

Loose Change to Loosen Chains Update

The mission project that the 5th and 6th grade CLT students held in the months of April and May, has been totaled. The students raised \$221 dollars to help end Modern Day slavery!! In addition to this amount the Missions Committee has contributed to the mission making our **total donation \$442.00**. WOW!! Thank you to all who helped with this mission! Logan Bridges, Maddy Dolberg, Grace Ferguson, Rex Haugland, Maddie Johnston, Allison Lemke, Ally Mohrman, Brock Moore, Brenden Riley Drew Wise.

To wrap up our **CLT** program for the 2011-2012 school year we had a blast celebrating with a field day and cool treats. Please check face book for pictures of the event.



Sr. High BLAST

We won't be meeting on a regular basis during the summer months. **Our mission trip is set for June 17th-22nd** for those that signed up to attend. We're headed to Camp Kingswood, MN which is just west of Minneapolis. We'll be doing some urban mission work like working at a food bank, a soup kitchen, etc. along with doing some minor home repair work. Please keep the group in your prayers. Have a great summer! Questions? contact Dani at 254-0156 or Julie at 276-2886.



Beaver Avenue is currently under construction. We experience the challenge of it every time we visit New Hope. Right now it's not a big deal. We just ignore the detour signs and slip into the church. But we know that there will be a time when the road in front of us is a single lane and even more inconvenient. However we also anticipate the nice new road that we will have when it is all done. We know that the challenges of today's construction will reward us "down the road".

During the month of June our sermon series will be on Tool Time, building our faith. During this series we will be talking about some of the steps that are needed to take our childhood faith from a single lane gravel road to a more efficient highway. Or in the imagery of Home Improvement we will be building a house of faith.

As we can all witness now, building a road or upgrading it to handle more traffic takes time and involves even a little deconstruction. Building or remodeling a home also requires time, effort, and planning to do it properly. I

know occasionally in my life I have encountered faith challenges or new components of faith and culture that haven't fit in my existing faith experience and I have needed to adjust, or reconstruct my thinking. These "Remodeling" projects are sometimes very difficult, but they can also bring some of the greatest rewards.

I want you to imagine the kind of faith that you have always wanted.

Does it include more study or prayer?

Does it revolve around service and compassion?

Are there questions that you have that need answered?

Are there spiritual struggles that keep you from loving God or loving Neighbor?

As we enter the month of June I am going to ask you to think about what kind of house you have always wanted, Victorian, larger ranch, small cottage, or an acreage with a 2 story farm house? At the same time I want you to imagine the kind of faith that you have always wanted. Does it include more study or prayer? Does it revolve

around service and compassion? Are there questions that you have that need answered? Are there spiritual struggles that keep you from loving God or loving Neighbor?

This will be a fun series. You may even see some T.V. characters teaching you how to construct your faith.



A JOYOUS 2012 Rummage Sale Report

It is with great joy that I announce the results of New Hope's 2012 Rummage Sale. There are two aspects of the sale to celebrate. The first is the wonderful cooperation and fellowship exhibited by New Hope members, both before and during the sale. Believe it or not, over 130 members were involved in some capacity with the sale. This does not include members who donated items and sorted their own items. That sorting made the whole process much easier and faster. I had a very hard working committee that recruited many workers from all ages and services. I heard comments of what fun it was to meet members from other services and get to know them as we worked together.

The second is the \$8000 that was raised for God's work. This could not have been accomplished without everyone's time commitment. In addition to the money, we sent a truckload of nice items to Hope Ministries, and provided a pleasant shopping experience for the public.

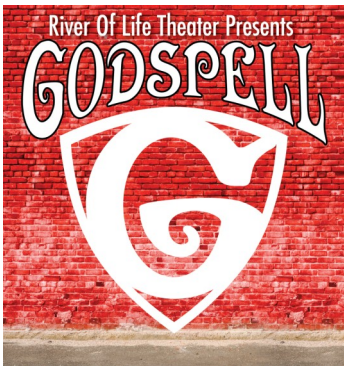
I would like to thank my committee that included the following members: Norma Sutton, Shirley Frus, Armenta Buckingham, Maryls Borcharding, Esther Stout, Jody Rains, Suzanne Neu, Marge Carnahan, Billy Nuzum, Cathy Cate, Glean Coates, Sue Baldwin, Terri Lichter, Carol Followwill, Kim Buske, Charlene Cobb, Jann Williams, Carrie Naumann, Linda Kielsmeier, JoAnn Decker, Kim Traylor, Jerry Kielsmeier. I would also like to thank Darlene Caldwell who led the rummage sale at New Hope for many years and made it easy for others to follow.

To think we did all this with the road closed!!! The ideas and suggestions are coming in for next year. If you have an idea for an addition or a change, please call 274-1467 or email carolannharter@gmail.com. Also, if you wish to volunteer to lead an area, volunteer early to get your first choice.

Next year's sale will be April 11, 12, and 13. Start saving, sorting, and planning to donate a few hours for next year's successful sale.

A big thank you to all who helped. See you next year.

Carol Harter



We would like to give a special thank you to everyone who assisted with the production of Godspell during the past several months. We

know that many hours of practice, promotion, design, sales, communication, and overall exhausting details went in to making it the huge success that it was. The event had its desired effect of touching the lives of many people in the community and bringing many first time guests into all three locations. Overall there were 825 people who attended the show in three sold out nights. Not only did it break even, but we made enough money to begin dreaming of a future production (Maybe not right away though) A final thanks to every New Hope member who attended the production and invited a friend. We hope that it was a blessing to everyone.



Fri., Aug. 24, 2012

7pm-10pm

and

Sat., Aug. 25, 2012

9am-5pm

Wells Fargo Arena, DSM

You've never seen Women of Faith like this before!

We all experience good times and bad days, triumphs and tragedies. But no matter what life throws at you, this is what matters. God loves you. (Always has. Always will.) You're invited to be part of a very special celebration. Compelling stories, Bible-based teaching, unstoppable inspiration, and a few surprises combine for an experience like no other. God loves you! And that means there is always a reason to celebrate.

New Hope has 25 tickets reserved. Cost is \$91. Teacher and military discount cost is \$71. Please contact Jodi Christensen at jokevchristensen@gmail.com or 277-6695 if you have any questions or would like to attend this wonderful event. More information can be found at www.womenoffaith.com. Click on Des Moines event.

Our soul waits for the LORD; He is our help and our shield. For our heart shall rejoice in Him, because we have trusted in His holy name. Psalm 33:20-21 NKJV



PARTICIPANT FORM

Operation Overboard

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

Sunday, July 15 – Thursday, July 19
Café supper: 5:30-6pm VBS activities: 6-8pm

Children age 3 (*must be age 3 by July 1, 2012*) to kids entering 5th grade in the 2012/2013 school year.
Please note: A parent or guardian will need to plan to attend with the 3 and 4 year olds.

NAME(S) (<i>please print</i>):	<u>T-Shirt Size*</u>	<u>BIRTHDATE & 2012/2013 GRADE:</u>
_____	S M L XL	_____
_____	S M L XL	_____
_____	S M L XL	_____
_____	S M L XL	_____

*All t-shirts are in "child sizes". Please indicate if you need an adult size.



ALLERGIES OR OTHER MEDICAL CONCERNS (*parents are responsible for daily allergy wristband placement*): _____

PARENT(S): _____

ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ **CELL PHONE:** _____

EMAIL: _____

PERMISSION FOR PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN AND USED FOR CHURCH PROMOTIONAL PURPOSE: ____ YES ____ NO

VBS REGISTRATION: \$10 per child OR \$25 for a family of 3 or more

*Make check out to New Hope United Methodist Church.
 In memo line put VBS.
 Please staple check to form.*

Questions? Contact *Jennifer Riley* at
 jriley1225@mchsi.com
 or *Melanie Henry* at dustinhenry@hotmail.com
 or call the church office at 278-2097.





VOLUNTEER FORM

Operation Overboard

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

Sunday, July 15 – Thursday, July 19

Café supper: 5:30-6pm

VBS activities: 6-8pm

Sign up to volunteer today! Youth (6th grade and up) and adults can sign up, so fill out this form and drop it in our sign-up box!

If you have any questions, contact our Directors, *Jennifer Riley* at jriley1225@mchsi.com or *Melanie Henry* at dustinhenry@hotmail.com or call the church office at 278-2097.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____



Youth: Please circle the grade you are entering in the fall: 6th 7th 8th 9th 10th 11th 12th

T-Shirt Size (these are adult sizes, please circle one): S M L XL XXL XXXL

If you need a size smaller, we can order a “youth XL”, just let us know.



Please attach a check for \$7 (made out to New Hope, VBS on memo) for shirt cost.

Please mark which group you would prefer to help...

Decorating [] Crafts [] Bible Story [] Music [] Games [] Science []

Kitchen Crew [] Nursery [] Photography Assistant []

Group Leader (takes kids from station to station) []

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 June:

8:30am Traditional Service	9:30am Contemporary Service	10:45am Traditional Service
<u>Greeters</u> 3 10 17 24	<u>Greeters</u> 3 Jim & Teri Gairns 10 17 24	<u>Greeters</u> 3 Lynn & Jan Davisson 10 17 24
<u>Lectors</u> 3 Vicki O'Brien 10 Cathy Short 17 Maurine Myers 24 Vicki O'Brien	<u>Hosts</u> 3 Host: OPEN Cookies: Lindsey Robertson; 10 Glenna Ross 17 Spencer & Andy Sutton 24 Host: Open Cookies: JoAnn Decker;	<u>Lectors</u> 3 Jon Verner 10 17 24
	<u>Nursery</u> Sherry Faulkner	<u>Hosts</u> 3 Host: OPEN Cookies: Norma Sutton 10 Lynn & Jan Davisson 17 Roberta Cave 24 Earl & Sharon Lewis
<u>Traditional Service Callers</u> 3 Norma Sutton 10 Bob & Marlys Borcharding 17 Mark & Leah Scherer 24 Jim & Norma Smith	<u>Money Counters</u> 3 Jerry Kielsmeier, Kim Traylor, Kari Baccam 10 DeVonne Douglas, Randy Jansen, Ron Zoss 17 Tony & Tracy Hoffman, Glenna Ross 24 Clark Howland, Larry Wood, Linda Holloway	<u>Acolytes:</u> 3 Taylor Evans, Caleb Williamson 10 Lexi Dean, Kyle Hegwood 17 Lydia Johnston, Tyler Mohrman 24 Taylor Evans, Caleb Williamson
<u>Contemporary Service Callers</u> 3 Michele Hamilton 10 Melisa Forbes & Pam Frey 17 Eldon Cross 24 Michele Hamilton	<u>Pal Friday: 9 a.m.</u> 1 Barb Easton 8 Alice Hedman 15 Pat Papeneheim 22 Norma Sutton 29 Shirley Frus	<u>Nursery</u> Sherry Faulkner

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).



Serve the Lord with Gladness

groups gathering together

Blood Pressure Check

New Hope is offering free Blood Pressure checks each month.

June 24 will be the next BP checks. Come to the Narthex after each worship service.

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.

Summer Music Needed

I am in need of individuals and groups (sorry, no animal acts) that would like to share their talents with the congregation over the summer months. You will have the option to sing at the 8:30 or 10:45 service, or both!



Please let me know if you need piano accompaniment, have a CD or you will accompany yourself.

Also, on the third Sunday of each month, the Seasonal Choir will get together at **10:00** in the music room to prepare for the anthem that day. Dates are filling up fast so please contact Eldon Cross at elcatalia4@gmail.com or 515 250-1476.

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, June 9

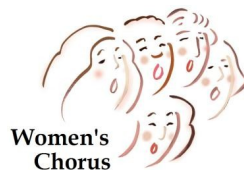
at 7:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Women's Fellowship

No meeting will be held in June. There will be a brunch on July 19th at 9:00 a.m. at Castaways. If you have any questions, please contact Shirley Frus at 279-1130.

Ladies of the Church

Do you love to sing? We are putting together a Women's Chorus to sing special music at the 10:45am service on August 5, directed by



Linda Reaney and organized by Billy Nuzum. We will have one practice on Wednesday, August 1 at 6:30 pm at the church and would love to have you, and your friends, come and join us for singing and fellowship. No audition necessary, it doesn't matter what service you attend, just show up for practice.

Sorry guys, this is ladies only! Don't miss out on the fun!

If you have questions, please contact Billy Nuzum at 238-2302 or bbnewz54@gmail.com

Containers

Ladies. Please check the SE corner of the old kitchen for your cooking items. Many of these items are pans and containers. Any items left in this SE corner after July 4th will be considered property of the New Hope kitchens. Thank you.

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.

Like father, like child

As we celebrate Father's Day, we likely see traits in our dads (or other father figures) that we hope to be known for ourselves: integrity, gentleness, a great sense of humor, a love of learning, a humble spirit.

Amy Grant's song "Father's Eyes" tells of a young girl who wants nothing more than for others to recognize her father — and her heavenly Father — in her. "When people look inside my life, I want to hear them say, 'She's got her father's eyes.'"

What characteristics of God your Father are reflected in your eyes, heart and life? And what godly qualities would you like to cultivate?

May others see our heavenly Father in us!

- The Newsletter Newsletter



**Sunday,
June 17, 2012**

missions

June Mission Focus: (CFUM) Children and Family Urban Ministries

Our June Mission Focus is CFUM, Children and Family Urban Ministries located in Trinity UMC on the near North Side. CFUM is an Advance Special of the UMC because of its many exciting and varied programs that help with literacy, hunger, and enrichment of the lives of children and families that live near-by.



The Mission Committee is asking for help in collecting the following items for the backpacks to be given away. Please put items in basket on Mission Table. Donations can be placed in the offering plate with CFUM on the memo line.

- ⇒ \$20 per student to purchase supplies in bulk
- ⇒ Spiral notebooks (70 count wide lined-red, blue, yellow, green, black)
- ⇒ 24 count Colored pencils
- ⇒ Glue sticks
- ⇒ Fiskar point tipped Scissors
- ⇒ Wide ruled filler paper 150 sheets
- ⇒ Package of #2 pencils

PROGRAMS AT CFUM

The Breakfast Club is a year-round breakfast program for children, serving an average of 80 children during the school year, and an average of 60 children during the summer months. In conjunction with the Breakfast Club are the **Power Hour** where academics are supported, and the **Power Breakfast** where volunteers read and mentor students.

The Supper Club provides an evening meal for 110-150 adults and children Monday-Friday and 40-60 adults and children on Saturday.

The Haven is an after school program offered to 50 children during the extended school year at Moulton Extended Learning Center (mid July- early June). Daily, it offers literacy enrichment and homework help along with recreational and creative activities for grade-school children. **Backyard Boyz**, and **The Whyld Girls** are gender-specific programs for middle school students.

Awesome Days takes place Monday through Friday during the Moulton school breaks. Educational components such as reading, writing, computer skills, math, art, cultural activities, and field trips fill the days.

The **Back-to-School Health Fair** is held annually in July. The fair offers physicals, dental and vision screenings, school supplies, and a tent-full of neighborhood agencies available for families with children returning to school

Friday Fun Night and **Community Celebrations** and a **Winter Clothing Closet** are other programs available.



We have set August 5th for our next on-site packaging event at New Hope. Put it on your calendar and stay tuned for our fundraising for the cost of the meals.

CAMPERS

Missions will give \$100 toward a week camp experience at a United Methodist Camp. Call the office when you register!



Hand of Luke

Thursday, June 14

Ground Beef "Goop"

Corn

Lettuce Salad

Dessert Bar or Cake

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!!!**



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).

Perennial Plant Sale Update

Thank you to all the congregants and friends that donated perennials to the recent plant sale. Special thanks to Kathy, Sue, Nancy, Bob and Eldon for assisting with advertising, signage, potting donations, setting up tables and lighting and participating in the sale. Despite the early downpour we met with success raising \$392 which will be utilized in ongoing support and maintenance of the gardens and planters surrounding the entrances of the church. The few plants remaining post sale have been donated and will grace the landscape at Wesley Woods Camp.



Landscape Changes

Spring has sprung and with the danger of frost diminishing each day planters have been filled. Like home, they will take regular maintenance and watering particularly during the warm summer months. If you are available to water the planters on occasion, please contact Ruth Doxon 253-9115 or Nancy at the church office.

Recently the east entrance bench and urns were painted to coordinate with the stone wall and trim (thank you Glenda for your support). Having received very favorable feedback the courtyard benches will also be painted. Once returned, take the time to have a seat, relax, reflect and enjoy the view. The ground cover in the courtyard springs back readily and would not mind your footsteps particularly if taking the time to rest.

If you would like to participate in landscape activities, learn more about flower and shrub maintenance or simply enjoy the camaraderie, contact Ruth Doxon 253-9115 or Kathy Russi 333-1764.



Continuing Our Journey Campaign

We would like to express our gratitude to the congregation for their financial contributions towards the Continuing Our Journey Campaign. This campaign concluded at the end of May with a balance of approximately \$350,000.

We have refinanced the mortgage at a rate of 4.5 percent. The mortgage is a 15 year term but we will continue to make a payment in the amount of \$5348 per month. This will allow us to pay the mortgage off in approximately 6 ½ years.

We can't do this without your help. We would encourage you to continue your giving to the mortgage. If you are not currently giving to the mortgage fund, we would encourage you to do so. If you have any questions regarding your pledge balance, please contact Nancy in the church office.

Stewardship & Finance Committee

new hope financial update

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

	April 2012 Actual	April 2012 Budget	April 2011 Actual
Total Receipts	34,021.97	33,210.05	29,836.74
Total Expenditures	34,249.88	35,284.43	22,799.93
Net Surplus (Deficit)	(227.91)	(2,074.38)	7,036.81
	YTD April 2012 Actual	YTD April 2012 Budget	YTD April 2011 Actual
Total Receipts	112,856.29	112,628.26	115,349.50
Total Expenditures	114,181.39	120,394.12	93,783.47
Net Surplus (Deficit)	(1,325.10)	(7,765.86)	21,566.03

sunday morning worship attendance

	8:30	9:30	10:45	total
Apr 29	43	115	83	241
May 6	37	105	106	248
May 13	34	137	106	277
May 20	34	118	103	255

River of Life Worship Attendance

Apr 28	54	May 5	35
May 12	48	May 19	26

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AT NEW HOPE

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

					1 Pal: Barb Easton	2 June 2 - 5, Annual Conf. in DSM 5p, Johnston River of Life worship @ Beaver Creek Elem.
3 Holy Communion	4 7p, Trustees mtg.	5 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA	6 3:30p, Parkinsons' Support Group 7:30p, Praise Team	7 7:00p, SPRC Meeting	8 Pal: Alice Hedman	9 7:30a, Men's Breakfast 5p, Johnston River of Life worship @ Beaver Creek Elem.
10	11	12 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA	13 7:30p, Praise Team	14 3:30p, Hand of Luke 7p, Worship Design 7p, "Light the Night for Sight" walk in Johnston	15 July LINK deadline Pal: Pat Papenheim	16 10a, Green Days Parade 5p, Johnston River of Life worship @ Beaver Creek Elem.
17 Father's Day Food Pantry Sunday	18	19 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 7p, Stroke Club	20 4:30p, Missions Mtg. 7:30p, Praise Team	21	22 Pal: Norma Sutton	23 5p, Johnston River of Life worship @ Beaver Creek Elem.
Sr. BLAST Mission Trip: June 17—22						
24 Blood Pressure Sunday	25 6:30p, Care Team Mtg.	26 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 6:30p, Finance Mtg. 7:30p, AD Council	27 7:00p, Movie Night at the Barn in Johnston 7:30p, Praise Team	28	29 Pal: Shirley Frus	30 5p, Johnston River of Life worship @ Beaver Creek Elem.

Staff Vacation Plans:

Pastor Cross: June 17 – 24; July 2 – 9

Kelly Mohrman: June 11-13

Pastor Ferguson: July 20-26

Nancy Monthei: July 23-27

Craig & Neil out of the office August 16-19 for SCD conference

Looking Ahead:

July 9: 4-7pm Blood Drive at New Hope UMC

July 11: 6-8pm, VBS at the Johnston Barn

July 14: 10am, Amazing Race

July 15-19: 5:30-8:00p, VBS at New Hope

July 25 & Aug. 22, Movie Night

Aug. 5: Meals from the Heartland

Aug. 24 & 25, Women of Faith

Happy Birthday to you!!

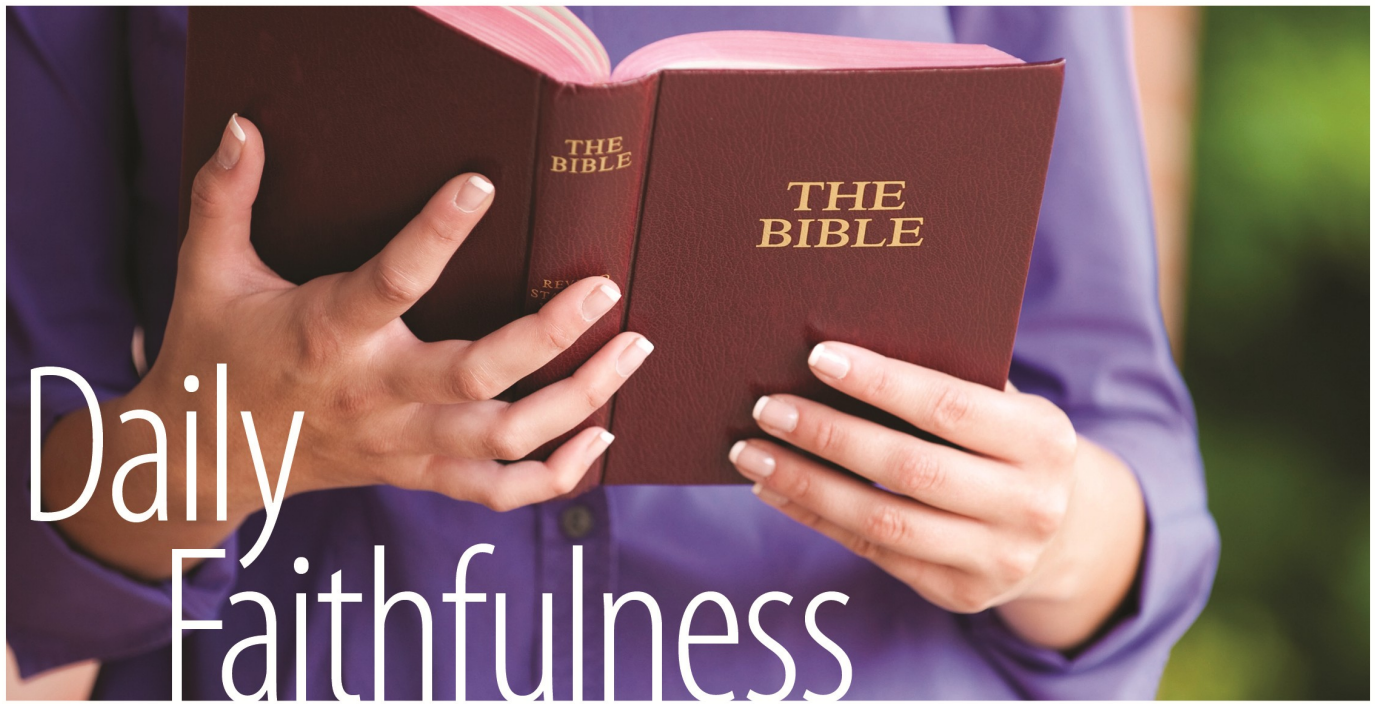
"May God's many blessings, be yours the year through."

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| 1 Jon Musgrave, Dan Sherman | 15 Stephen Schultz, Ginny Ghee, |
| 3 Jon Verner, Kayla Jansen | Mason Lillegraven, Jessica McGinnity |
| 4 Le Howland, Larry Webber, | 16 Jeremiah Ukabiala, Amanda Fordyce |
| Lauren Peterson | 17 Tracy DeBates, Jordan Williamson |
| 5 Rick Homard, Karen Davis, | 18 Cheryl Lillegraven, Althea Holcomb, |
| Samantha Strauss | Christopher Henry |
| 6 Debbie Conroy, Tara Notz | 19 Sharon Smith, Terri Lichter, |
| 7 Lorraine Machholz, Neal Cave, | Mary Thompson |
| Mary Drossel | 20 Ian Beck-Cross, Kaegan Wigant |
| 8 Natalie Fairchild, Dana Reed, | 21 Linda Reaney, Nathan Gronstal, |
| Kristin Redies | Ryley Sandberg |
| 9 Jim Smith | 24 James Cate |
| 10 Alan Swett, Larry Wood, | 25 Glenna Ross, Darla Wolfe, Garrett |
| Abigail Carrigan, Bradley Carrigan | Cook |
| 11 Tyler Mohrman, Holly Haynes | 28 Tyler McGinnity, Geneva Mongar |
| 12 Doug Fairchild, Norma Smith, Ryan | 29 Kevin Christensen, Alissa Strauss, |
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| 13 Donna Christensen, Morgan Wolfe | 30 Susan Larsen, Alyssa Sundell, |
| 14 Sally Price, Buchi Ukabiala, | Craig Buske, Mallory Chabak |
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| 23 Jack & Marilyn Schoop |
| 23 Gerald & Jane Perdue |
| 24 Tim & Kristy Hegwood |
| 26 Ron & Denise Zoss |
| 27 Larry & Melisa Forbes |
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| 28 Robin & Jennifer Riley |
| 30 Mike & Rose White |

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"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." - II Timothy 4:7

One of the fun things we did in the summer time was play baseball in the front lawn. We have a good-sized front lawn, had marked off the bases, and had a backstop to protect the house from wild pitches. We often would pretend we were Sandy Koufax, or Mickey Mantle, or Ted Williams. But I ran across the name of a guy we never pretended to be. He wasn't flashy, didn't get a lot of press at the time, but his record was a very impressive one. His name was Don Sutton. He played from 1966-1988. Only in one of those seasons did he have more than 20 wins. But on June 21, 1986, he won his 300th game, something only 30 pitchers had achieved up to that time.

Sutton once described himself as "a grinder and a mechanic." He didn't have the sparkle of a Sandy Koufax, or the sophistication of a Don Drysdale. Sutton himself said: "I've never considered myself flamboyant or exceptional. But all my life I've found a way to get the job done." Not a bad talent to have. In 1998 Don Sutton was voted into the Hall of Fame.

The Bible is filled with faithful people who just kind of were "grinders." They weren't flamboyant or sparkling. They were steady, they hung in there, they "kept the faith." Paul was one who knew how to "grind it out." In II Corinthians he talks about how he hung in there, in spite of all kinds of difficulties he has been through. He talks about some of

them – 5 times he received 39 lashes, 3 times was beaten with rods. He had been battered with stones, shipwrecked, imprisoned, been on dangerous journeys, had sleepless nights, missed meals. But Paul says he discovered, even in those kinds of times, he could rely on Christ to give him the strength he needed.

Andrew is another example. He would never have been invited to speak at the Presidential Prayer Breakfast. But he introduced Peter to Christ, and it made all the difference. There was Epaphroditus. He never wrote anything in the New Testament, but he is described by Paul as his brother, co-worker, fellow soldier, and who ministered to Paul in his need over the years. He had staying power.

There are faithful folks today who do the everyday things in order to live out their faith. There are the Sunday School teachers who teach, week in and week out. There are the senior saints who have been faithful over the long haul. There are the everyday Christians who do the best they can to live out their faith each day in the decisions they make at work and the way they treat their fellow workers, the way they spend time with their families – all as ways to live out their faith in Christ. Sometimes the most faithful thing we can do is to faithfully do the small, the unexciting, the mundane, the everyday things, as faithfully as possible, in the name of Christ.

Neil

worship themes for june

June 3	Tool Time: The Mason Luke 6:46-49
June 10	Tool Time: The Carpenter Mark 6:1-11
June 17	Tool Time: The Electrician I Thessalonians 5:11-15
June 24	Tool Time: The Roofer II Thessalonians 3:1-3

Fathers Day

Craig
Neil
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Craig

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,
8701 Lyndhurst Drive



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