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THE STORY



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New Hope United Methodist Church Ministry Fair

January 13 • After all 3 services

On January 13, 2013, New Hope will hold a Ministry Fair after all services. This will be your opportunity to learn more about the many activities that New Hope sponsors. The Ministry Fair is a good opportunity to talk with cluster leaders and committee chairs to learn about the various activities and how these activities may match your interests, spiritual gifts, and time availability. Not only is getting involved in a New Hope ministry a meaningful way to serve, but it's also a way to make new friends among our New Hope family. Below is a summary of the New Hope clusters and some of the activities associated with each of them. For more complete information, attend the Ministry Fair on January 13.

Christian Care: provides care and support to members in times of need. Examples include Prayer Chain, Card

Ministry, Home Shut In Visitation, and New Hope Needlers.

Missions and Social Outreach: provides materials and other support for people in need outside our congregation. Examples include: Angel Tree, Hand of Luke, Meals from the Heartland, Nothing but Nets, Bidwell Riverside, and UMCOR kits.

Worship: includes activities that contribute to the New Hope worship experience. Examples include Altar Guild, Music, Hand Bell Ringers, Technology, and Communion.

Children/Youth Education: activities that provide Christian education for our youth. Examples include Christian Learning Time, VBS, TGIW, Confirmation, Jr High Leadership, Sr High Leadership, and Christmas program.

Adult/Family: activities that

continue our Christian growth in adulthood and as families. Examples include Men's Fellowship, Women's Fellowship, Advent by Candlelight, Father-Daughter Dance, and Bible Studies.

Evangelism & Membership: activities that foster evangelism and growing our congregation. Examples are: Visitation team, New Member Shepherding, Rummage Sale, and Beaverdale Days.

Johnston River of Life: all the activities related to our Johnston campus, including worship services, community outreach events, music, and others.

Trustees: provides activities that support our New Hope church facility and related functions, including grounds and building maintenance, landscaping, and kitchen.



membership news

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

Linda Dean; Laura Myers; Ellen Hester; Bishop Julius Trimble; District Superintendent, David Weesner; District Field Minister, Karen Nelson; Dr. Emmanuel Mefor, missionary. Prayers for the following military personnel: Jason Homard; Tyler Nearmyer and our national and world leaders, our military and their families.

Sympathy

Our Sympathy to Danielle Jaschen and her children, Nicole & Adam, on the passing of Danielle's father, Don Shaw.

Our Sympathy to Dodee Pugh and family on the passing of her husband, Ray Pugh.

Ray was a member of New Hope UMC and brought joy and smiles to everyone he met. Throughout 19 years, The Ray Pugh Institute of New Hope hosted speakers with inspirational messages, of which represented Ray's positive attitude that was admired by many!



Baptisms

Congratulations to Kyler David Church who was baptized on December 9th. Kyler is the son of Brad and Tracy Church.

Birth

Congratulations to Brad & Jackie Johnson on the birth of their baby, Brynna Pearle Johnson. Brynna was born on November 22nd and weighed 7 lbs 12 ounces and 20" long. She joins, at home, her siblings, Brandin, Brianna, Bradyn, and Brennan.

Congratulations to Mark & Megan Thomsen on the birth of their baby, Jax Ethan Thomsen. Jax was born on November 30th and weighed 8 lbs 9 oz, 21 inches long.

Thank You

Thank you to all of you who brought your used toys, books and Christmas ornaments for our give away to the students in our English classes. People from over 20 different countries, Christians, Hindus, Bhudists and Muslims were all thrilled to receive gifts for their children and grandchildren during this holiday season. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

Karen Skovgard

"The more you give, the more you live!"

One of Ray Pugh's favorite quotes.

Thank You

"Dear New Hope - Christmas Blessings! I am the mom of Sgt. Zak Ellefson (then Specialist) who your church prayed for during his deployment in Iraq in 2009 and 2010. When he came home for a visit in October '12, I found a card he had received from you in June '09 with a *Prayer for Protection* card by Buz Aldrin. He had been keeping it in his car. I wanted to let you know how much it meant to him and to me. When he first arrived in Iraq, the HumVee he was driving with five other men hit an IED. The HumVee tires were blown off and it suffered serious damage, requiring 3 weeks of repair before it was again operational. Thankfully, all the soldiers escaped serious injury. I know your prayers helped to keep him safe. Thank you for praying for our military service members. May you have a blessed Christmas. With grateful thanks - Love, Cindy Ellefson"

To New Hope Members: While our servicemen/women support program sends cards and packages to relatives of New Hope members who are deployed abroad, this note shows how much the prayers and support of this congregation mean to those deployed in dangerous areas.

If your relative or loved one is deployed, please let the office know their name and APO address, and we'll include them in our program as well.



New Member Sign Up

10:30 & Noon

Sunday, January 20

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.

If you are unable to attend on January 20th, but wish to be a part of the New Member classes, please contact the church office.



Exercise is good for your mind, body, and soul

Soon New Year's resolutions will be made. If yours is to start exercising more, then join us at New Hope UMC for *free* classes in the Family Life Center!

We will start a 10-week program the week of January 7th.

The schedule is as follows:

Mondays: 5:30 - 6:15pm, Cardio workout

Tuesdays: 5:30 - 6:15pm, Yoga led by instructor

Wednesdays, 11:30am-12:15pm, Resistance bands

Thursdays: 5:30 - 6:15pm, Cardio workout

Go at your own pace...low impact or high impact...with the Cardio workouts. These are fun and easy to follow.

Yoga is a wonderful way to stretch and relax.

Resistance bands are provided by New Hope.

Outdoor Landscape

May our ground be covered with snow by the time you are reading this. While many of you may wish that it never arrives, a layer of snow goes a long way in providing much needed moisture and protection from the fluctuating temperatures and winter winds.

Many have commented on the winter display in the outdoor planters at the east entrance and in the courtyard. The evergreen, sycamore stems and red dogwood stems will remain in place until spring. At that time we will be seeking out more "spring like" elements.

To support the continued beautification of the church entrances, simply place "designated landscape" in the memo line of your check. For \$20 you may sponsor a planter for up to 3 months.

If you have any questions or wish to participate in the church gardens team, please contact Ruth Daxon at rdaxon@gmail.com, 253-9115 or Kathy Russi at kwrucci@aol.com, 333-1764

The New Hope UMC Board of Trustees are forming a group of individuals on Wednesday mornings each week to fix/repair items around the church. **The first gathering will be on Wednesday, January 9th.** We will meet at **9:00am** in the fellowship hall (come early for cup of coffee and donut/cookie). This includes both men and woman.

Things we will do are replacing light bulbs, repairing faucets (bathroom items), cleaning/organizing, working outside when the weather permits, most items will be minor repair in nature but could get into some more complicated items when need arises. Will you be part of this team? If so, please reply to John Rains, jjrains@q.com or call 515-238-1576 (cell). Thank you for considering this!



Work Day

at Church



Cookie Walk 2012

Thanks to all at New Hope for a GREAT cookie walk on December 2, 2012.

We netted a total of \$1,158, and our Women's Fellowship is very grateful to all of you who donated cookies and who bought cookies. Our Women's Fellowship will use the money for local mission work.

Special thanks to my co-chair, Lee Ross, for all her support and assistance. And also a big big thanks to all the Church Angels who helped to set up on Saturday the 1st and who worked on Sunday to make the cookie walk run so smoothly.

I personally thank you all for your support and friendship. We have a wonderful church family who continues to donate their time, talent and funds.

Blessings to all

Clarice Rubek , Chair of Cookie Walk 2012



Community Christmas at the Barn

A HUGE thank you to everyone that helped with the success of the Christmas at the Barn on December 15th.

The JROL team that planned the event did an amazing job! From collecting items needed, making ornaments for families to take home, decorating, taking pictures, assisting with the worship services, hosting, cleaning up, and to everyone that donated items toward this community event — THANK YOU. Your time, talents and gracious gifts were greatly appreciated.

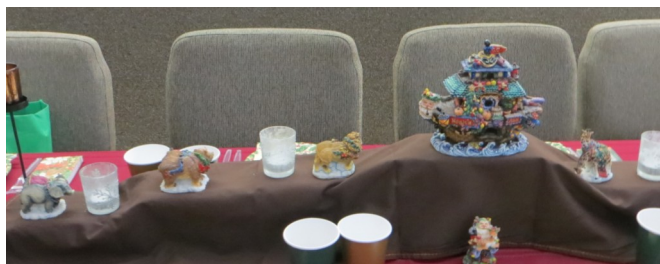
Between 300 - 400 people participated in the event and \$1,000 raised for the Johnston food bank and clothes closet.



December 9th was the Children's Christmas program during the 9:30 and 10:45 services. Children/youth sang songs, read scriptures and performed handbell songs. It was a wonderful program!



December 3rd was the Advent by Candlelight for women of the church and their friends. It was a peaceful and beautiful evening. Thank you to the hosts, attendees, organizers, and performers.





Join us in January to hear the rest of **THE STORY**

Saturdays 5pm at Beaver Creek Elementary, 8701 Lyndhurst Drive, Johnston
Sundays 8:30am, 9:30am, 10:45am at New Hope UMC, 4525 Beaver Ave, Des Moines

Small Groups will reconvene in January 2013 to follow the church-wide curriculum, *The Story*. Please join any of the following groups starting the week of January 6, 2013:

- ◆ Sundays, 9:30 or 10:45 am in the Ruby Chapel
- ◆ Mondays, 10:30 am in the Ruby Chapel. Led by Jodi Christensen
- ◆ Mondays, 7:00 pm, at Mark & Leah Scherer's home. Contact Mark & Leah, 270-2385.
- ◆ Thursdays, 7:00 pm at Jane Wagner's home, led by Eldon Cross. Contact Jane at 278-0055.
- ◆ 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month at 4pm at Sherri & Nick Bogue's home. Childcare is provided. Contact Sherri & Nick Bogue, boguesa@gmail.com with questions.

Women's Bible Study

Will resume on **Monday, January 7**
6:00 p.m., in the Ruby Chapel

Beloved Disciple is an in-depth study of the life of John the apostle and his relationship with the One who loved him. The goal of the study is to get to know John's heart as Christ's beloved disciple and to let him lead us deeper in to the depths of Christ's inexhaustible love. As we travel this journey with the beloved disciple, we will grow, as John did, in our desire to follow our Master and to love Him with all our being.

It is an interactive study which includes daily assignments and Bible study with a weekly video-centered group session. If you want to participate but don't have a lot of time to do the weekly lessons, you will be provided with the basic Bible scriptures to read and ponder.

If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Smith, 277-7125 or wicketsblooms@mediacombb.net

Friday Small Group

Fridays, January 11 & 25

The Friday Small Group meets every other Friday. 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. at 3:00 PM.

If you have any questions, please contact Donnafred Hinman, 226-2141.

**confirmation
schedule** for January



January 6, 4:00 p.m.
Topic: "Church History"

January 20, 4:00 p.m.
Topic: "The Call to Service"

youth programs

Jr. BLAST (6th-8th grade). Coordinators: Penny Dolberg & Renee Haugland.

Watch your emails for notices of upcoming gatherings. Questions? Contact Penny Dolberg at 201-7643 or penny.dolberg@gmail.com or Renee Haugland 252-8632 or drhaugland@msn.com.

Sr. BLAST (9th-12th grade) Leaders: Chris & Jennifer Higdon and Charity Johnson – BLAST@NewHopeDSM.org

In December, the Senior High BLAST group celebrated Christmas with Johnston River of Life Community Christmas as their live Nativity.



Additionally, the BLAST group celebrated Christmas together and enjoyed dancing, making pizza, and a white-elephant gift exchange.



We have planned events for the next three months:

- January 13th** ~ Brunch After Church Services
- January 20th @ 6pm** ~ Semi-Monthly Meeting
- January 26th @ 3pm** ~ Winter Jam Concert
- February 3rd @ 3pm** ~ Super Bowl Party and Sub Fundraiser
- February 10th @ 5pm** ~ Church Sweetheart Dinner
- February 17th @ 2pm** ~ Going to Wesley Woods
- February 22nd** ~ Youth Lock-In
- March 10th @ 6pm** ~ Semi-Monthly Meeting

We are looking forward to the events planned in 2013; more information about the above events will be sent out in email and posted on Facebook

<http://www.facebook.com/SeniorHighBlast>

christian learning opportunities

Children's Ministries
Coordinator: Kelly Mohrman
gmohrman@mchsi.com



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

Children's Worship: Children's Worship 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. The 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 where kids will gather back in the 1st and 2nd grade classroom and share in a healthy snack and have time to visit with friends. Please contact Kelly Mohrman.

Christian Learning Time: We will be resuming "The Story" in January. Christian Learning Time will start up again on January 6, 2013, after a short Christmas break.

The first Sunday of the month we will be having donuts in CLT. This is an informal way of celebrating the breaking of the bread and sharing in fellowship with peers. Kids of Hope will now be "Bucket Fillers." Students will work to fill a bucket in their classroom. "Drops" into the bucket will be added for each child that attends Christian Learning Time, participation in class, and when a child "fills" another person's heart with a compliment or help. When a classroom's bucket is filled we will decide how we want to celebrate as a class.

He said "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all of your mind." Matthew 22:37

So whatever you wish others would do for you, do also for them, for this is the law and the Prophets. Matthew 7:12

Our **mission** for the months of January and February will be donating food items for DMARC. Please see list of needed items:

100% Juice (tomato, orange, or vegetable in a can or plastic bottle)

Fruit (canned in water or 100% juice, not in heavy syrup)

Vegetables (tomatoes, green beans, mixed vegetables, or sweet potatoes, canned with no salt added)

Beans (dry or canned in water)

Peanut butter

Meat (tuna or chicken canned in water)

Whole-grain dry pasta or egg noodles

Brown rice (regular or instant)

Vegetable soup (low-sodium)

Spaghetti sauce

Cereal (instant or regular oatmeal with no sugar added, whole grain Cheerios, wheat Chex, Wheaties, granola or shredded wheat)

Shelf-stable low-fat UHT milk (in aseptic packaging, no canned milk)

Infant/baby formula Diapers and baby wipes

Personal products (shampoo, soap, feminine hygiene, toothpaste, or deodorant)

Fresh whole grain bread items (with generous expiration dates)

Fresh fruits and vegetables (potatoes/sweet potatoes, bananas, apples, carrots, grapes, oranges, tomatoes, melons, broccoli, or bell peppers)



We are continuing to learn *What's In the Bible* with Buck Denver! Kids are engaging in large group learning time, small group learning time, weekly activities, and a monthly mission.

Handbells are practicing on Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm. We would still love to include children's choir into our mid-week activities. If you would be interested in leading a children's choir, please contact Eldon Cross.

TGIW will resume on January 9, 2013 after a short Christmas break.

January 23, we will be having a family skate night. There will NOT be a meal that night. Please plan to attend as a family and enjoy a night of roller skating from 6-7:30 at Skate North Incrediroll on Meredith.

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

Thank you for all the donations for Santa's Attic that was held on December 12th. The kids had a great time!!



Vacation Bible School

The dates have been set for VBS. We will be having a FUN FAIR on **July 14-18, 2013.**

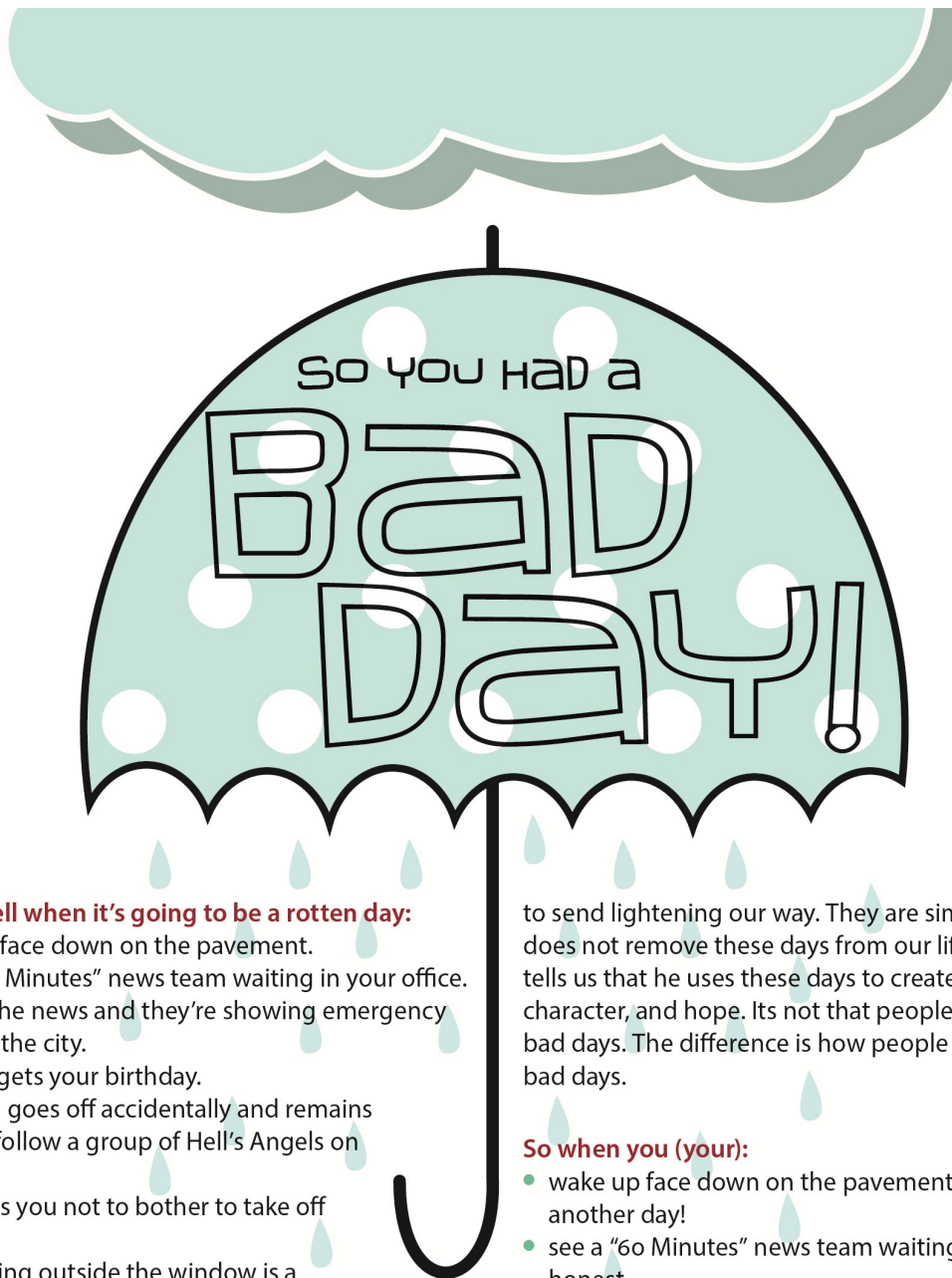
If you are interested in co-leading this year's VBS, please contact, Kelly Mohrman at gmohrman@mchis.com or 490-0449.



Scholarship Opportunities for High School Seniors

The Iowa United Methodist Foundation has scholarships that can assist high school seniors as they continue their education. A list of scholarships for the 2013-2014 academic year is posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

Interested students may download the application form from www.iumf.org. Upon completion, the application form and other supporting documentation may be sent to the Iowa United Foundation. All paperwork is due no later than March 15, 2013.



How you can tell when it's going to be a rotten day:

- You wake up face down on the pavement.
- You see a "60 Minutes" news team waiting in your office.
- You turn on the news and they're showing emergency routes out of the city.
- Your twin forgets your birthday.
- Your car horn goes off accidentally and remains stuck as you follow a group of Hell's Angels on the freeway.
- Your boss tells you not to bother to take off your coat.
- The bird singing outside the window is a buzzard.

Ever wake up and feel like you are facing the end of the world (Mayan Calendar?) Or a Fiscal Cliff? Ever feel like somehow your grades slipped from A's to D's or your financial books went from balanced to broken, or your relationships from healthy to hazardous? Maybe you felt like you woke up on the wrong side of the bed... or everyone else in your world did! Maybe you just had a BAD day!

No matter how blessed your life is there are just those days.

As Christians, we are not precluded from this phenomenon of bad days. In fact we may be more susceptible. Because of the fact that we believe God blesses us, we struggle to understand why when bad things happen to us! People with fish bumper stickers can achieve road rage as quickly as anyone else.

These bad days come and go. They are not the end of the world nor do they indicate that God is angry and going

to send lightening our way. They are simply Bad Days. God does not remove these days from our life, instead Scripture tells us that he uses these days to create perseverance, character, and hope. Its not that people of faith don't have bad days. The difference is how people of faith respond to bad days.

So when you (your):

- wake up face down on the pavement... thank God for another day!
- see a "60 Minutes" news team waiting in your office... be honest.
- turn on the news and they're showing emergency routes out of the city... ask who needs a ride.
- twin forgets your birthday... don't forget theirs.
- car horn goes off accidentally and remains stuck as you follow a group of Hell's Angels on the freeway...pull over and ask for help fixing it.
- boss tells you not to bother to take off your coat... say thank you for the opportunity.
- bird singing outside the window is a buzzard... ask if God wants you to move to Africa and be a missionary!

(Ok that last one may be a joke, but the idea is to see the negatives in life as opportunities to be like Christ; to have perseverance, character, and hope.

serve

Sign up to help!
Look for the sign-up
sheets at the entrance
of the Narthex and the
Family Life Center.

sunday volunteers

Greeters arrive at worship service fifteen minutes early to welcome worshipers.

Lectors read the scripture lessons for the day at the 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 January

8:30am Traditional Service

Greeters

6
13
20
27

Lectors

6 Cathy Short
13
20
27 Cathy Short

Traditional Service Callers

6 Bob & Marlys Borcherting
13 Mark & Leah Scherer
20 Jim & Norma Smith
27 Norma Sutton

Contemporary Service Callers

6 Melisa Forbes & Pam Frey
13 Eldon Cross
20 Melisa Forbes & Pam Frey
27 Eldon Cross

9:30am Contemporary Service

Greeters

6 DeVonne Douglas
13 Hoffman family
20 Rod & Lynette Cook
27

Hosts

6 Melisa & Larry Forbes
13 Pam Frey
20 Glenna Ross
27 Andy & Spencer Sutton

Money Counters

6 Ron Zoss, Larry Wood, Rick Homard
13 Jerry Kielsmeier, Kim Traylor, Kari Baccam
20 DeVonne Douglas, Randy Jansen, Ron Zoss
27 Tony & Tracy Hoffman, Glenna Ross

Pal Friday: 9 a.m.

4 Pat Papenheim
11 Marlys Borcherting
18 Norma Sutton
25 Barb Easton

10:45am Traditional Service

Greeters

6 Jim & Norma Smith
13 Lee Ross
20 Linda & Jerry Kielsmeier
27 Bob & Carol Harter

Lectors

6 Jon Verner
13
20 Barb Mather
27 Cathy Cate

Hosts

6 Esther & Sheldon Stout
13 Roberta & Neal Cave
20 Sharon & Earl Lewis
27 Carol & Bob Harter

Acolytes

6 Sarah Sahlin, Taylor Evans
13 Sheldon Astley, Lexi Dean
20 Tyler Mohrman, Samantha Strauss
27 Sarah Sahlin, Taylor Evans



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

Blood Pressure Check

New Hope is offering free Blood Pressure checks each month.

January 20 will be the next BP checks. Come to the Narthex after each worship service.

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, January 12
at 7:30 a.m. in the Ruby Chapel.

Women's Fellowship

No meeting in January
If you have any questions, please contact Shirley Frus at 279-1130.

Hearing Assisted

Device. There are 4 hearing assistant devices for the Sanctuary (Traditional Services). Contact an usher to receive one for the 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 will meet on **April 18 at 10:00am at New Hope.**

If you would like to join the Care Ministry team, please contact Clarice Rubek or Mary Ann Rice.

Church Library

The library committee will meet on **the 2nd and 4th Wed. mornings of the month from 10:00 to 11:30.** Please contact Carol Harter, 274-1467, if you would like to join us.

New Hope Chancel Choir

Wednesdays @ 6:30 p.m.
Eldon Cross, Director of Music,
elcatalia4@gmail.com
or 515 250-1476.

Support Groups

Al-Anon

Every Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. in the Ruby Chapel.

Alcoholics Anonymous

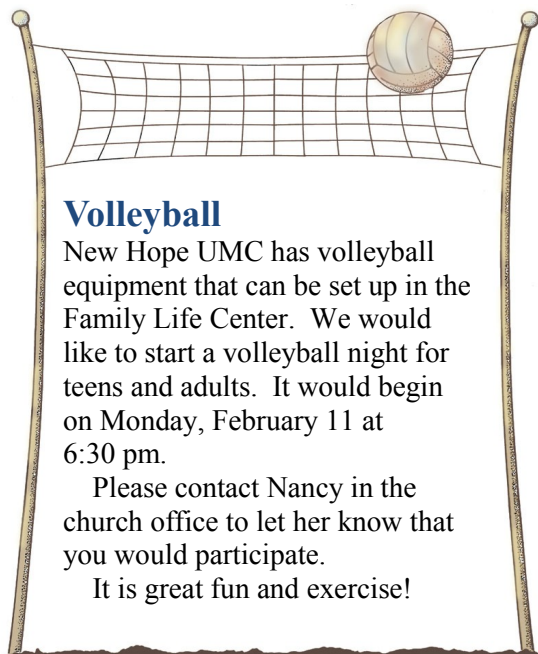
Every Tuesday at Noon in the Ruby Chapel.

Stroke Club of Iowa

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

On December 16th, under the direction of Eldon Cross, the seasonal choir performed beautiful music from "Together for Christmas" by Pepper Choplin. Brenda McConahay was the pianist, John Rains and Bob Nuzum were narrators.





Volleyball

New Hope UMC has volleyball equipment that can be set up in the Family Life Center. We would like to start a volleyball night for teens and adults. It would begin on Monday, February 11 at 6:30 pm.

Please contact Nancy in the church office to let her know that you would participate.

It is great fun and exercise!

Several churches will be participating in a five week volleyball tournament that would go from the Sunday after Super Bowl to the Sunday before Spring Break.

The purpose is threefold:

- 1) to raise money for Imagine No Malaria;
- 2) to promote a greater sense of connection within our Central District churches; and
- 3) to use it as an outreach by inviting non-churched friends to participate on a team.



If you would like to join the New Hope UMC volleyball team, please contact Nancy Monthei at 278-2097 or nancy@newhopedsm.org, by Sunday, January 20th.



2013 Altar Flower Calendar

For the Traditional Services (8:30 & 10:45), if you would like to have flowers on the altar in

celebration of a birthday, anniversary, graduation, or in honor or in memory of a loved one, please sign up on the flower calendar which is located across from church office. *The cost is \$30.00 per Sunday and you may take your flowers home after the 10:45 a.m. service.*

A New Year poem

Another fresh new year is here ...
Another year to live!
To banish worry, doubt, and fear,
To love and laugh and give!

This bright new year is given me
To live each day with zest ...
To daily grow and try to be
My highest and my best!

I have the opportunity
Once more to right some wrongs,
To pray for peace, to plant a tree,
And sing more joyful songs!

—William Arthur Ward

Hand of Luke

Monday, January 14

Potato Cheese Soup, Southwestern Vegetable Soup
Corn Muffins or Dinner Roll
Tossed Salad
Dessert Bars

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!!!**

missions

January Mission of the Month: DMARC

The Des Moines Area Religious Council (DMARC) is an interfaith organization of religious communities working together to meet basic human needs.

The rise in poverty has been accompanied by a growing demand for emergency food. Right here in Des Moines's metro:

- 68% of employed food pantry consumers earn \$8 per hour or less and just 7% earn \$10 per hour or more
- 87% have monthly household income of \$1500 or less (\$18,000/year)
- 1,540 households (4,300 people) borrow money to pay their rent/mortgage 2,860 households (8,000 people) will need to move to cheaper housing due to insufficient income.

DMARC has had to curtail the foods they give out each month because of insufficient donations. New Hope Missions donate \$100 each month to both the Urbandale and Johnston Food Pantries.

Because of the overwhelming need, the Mission Committee will match all funds given to DMARC in January by New Hoppers. Please give generously.



Mission Trip to Slidell, LA



Adult Mission Trip to Slidell, LA March 2-9, 2013 (Deadline to sign up is January 15, 2013.)

First, I should probably introduce myself. My name is Denise Hartford and I recently moved to the Des Moines area from Humboldt, IA. I have been serving as the Iowa North Central District Missions Coordinator for the UMC. Now I am a member of JROL and New Hope UMC and want to share my passion for mission work, plus, it

makes a great opportunity to get acquainted!

Would you consider being a part of the 20 person mission team that is currently being formed to work in Slidell, LA? We are going March 2-9, 2013 and will be doing construction work, repairs, painting, etc. No matter what your skill level, there will be jobs for everyone! We will be working through Epworth Project and more information and photos can be found on-line at www.epworthproject.com/. Slidell is a city of about 27,000 north of New Orleans across Lake Pontchartrain. We truly are needed to come and work in this area as it was very hard hit by Hurricane Katrina in 2005 and then again this year by Hurricane Isaac.

Information regarding the mission trip can be found on the sign-up table in the Fellowship Hall at New Hope or on the welcome table at JROL.

I do hope you'll consider this opportunity! If you have any questions, please feel free to email john12hartford@gmail.com or call me at [515-890-1406](tel:515-890-1406).

Reminder: **Deadline to sign up is January 15, 2013.**

Together on His Mission, Denise Hartford

January Thaw

This event is sponsored by GuideOne Insurance and presented by the Des Moines Area Religious Council, the Center for Social Ministry, the Jewish Federation, and the Masjid An-Noor Muslim Community.

Join the interfaith educational series on January 8 & 15, and 10 & 17, 2013, at the Heartland Presbyterian Church, 14300 Hickman Road, in Clive.

The classes will be held on Tuesdays or Thursdays from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Each course is two nights.

Entertainment will be offered from 6:30-7:00 p.m. and includes the Java Jews band, Harpist Rebecca Whitlow, Opera Singer Eileen Cooper and the Heartland Jazz Trio.

For a listing of speakers and topics, go to info@dmreligious.org



new hope financial update

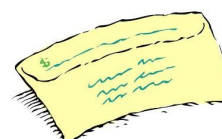
Below is the General Fund operating budget report for
November 2012 compared to our 2012 budget and November 2011

	Nov 2012 Actual	Nov 2012 Budget	Nov 2011 Actual
Total Receipts	29,770.27	29,238.08	32,133.21
Total Expenditures	30,018.32	31,279.75	26,838.57
Net Surplus (Deficit)	(\$248.05)	(\$2,040.67)	5,294.64
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	YTD Nov 2012 Actual	YTD Nov 2012 Budget	YTD Nov 2011 Actual
Total Receipts	289,020.56	302,268.76	306,117.14
Total Expenditures	306,835.48	325,488.28	277,831.80
Net Surplus (Deficit)	(\$17,814.92)	(\$23,219.52)	28,285.34

sunday morning worship attendance

	8:30	9:30	10:45	total
Nov 25	62	131	105	298
Dec 2	46	164	101	311
Dec 9	30	204	190	424
Dec 16	79	102	173	354
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River of Life Worship Attendance				
Nov 24	36		Dec 1	29
Dec 8	48		Dec 15	315

2013 Offering Envelopes



Please pick up your 2013 offering envelopes from the table in the Fellowship Hall. *If you did not indicate on your 2013 pledge sheet that you want offering envelopes and would like to have them, please sign your name on the sheet by the envelopes and the envelopes will be available for you next Sunday.*

The money counters appreciate you using the envelopes.

Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving

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

To setup online Giving go to www.newhopedsm.org OR www.johnstonriveroflife.org and click on the donate button. This will direct you securely to set up an automatic donation plan, change your donation plan, make a one-time donation or view your online donation history. Changes can be made confidentially at any time. Or if you like, paper authorization forms are located on the table in fellowship hall. Please contact the church office for additional information.

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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.

january

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AT NEW HOPE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 New Year's Day Office Closed 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA	2 NO TGIW 6:30p, Chancel Choir 7:45p, Praise Team	3	4 Pal: Pat Papenheim	5 10a, Take down Christmas decorations 5:00p, Johnston River of Life worship at Beaver Creek Elementary
8 Epiphany Sunday Holy Communion Noon, Compassionate Callers 4p, Confirmation	7 5:30p, Exercise 6p, Women's Fellowship 7:00p, Trustees	8 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 5:30p, Yoga	9 11:30a, Exercise/Resistance 5:30p, TGIW 6:30p, Chancel Choir 7:45p, Praise Team	10 5:30p, Exercise	11 Pal: Marlys Borcharding 1:00p, Small Grp at HyVee, 1990 Grand Ave., West Des Moines	12 7:30a, Men's Breakfast 5:00p, Johnston River of Life worship at Beaver Creek Elementary
13 Ministry Fair Sr. BLAST after services	14 5:30p, Exercise 6p, Women's Fellowship	15 Feb. LINK deadline Mission Trip deadline 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 5:30p, Yoga 7:00p, Finance Meeting	16 11:30a, Exercise/Resistance 4:30p, Missions Mtg. 5:30p, TGIW 6:30p, Chancel Choir 7:45p, Praise Team	17 5:30p, Exercise 7:00p, Worship Design	18 Pal: Norma Sutton	19 5:00p, Johnston River of Life worship at Beaver Creek Elementary
20 *Human Relations Day (offering) Blood Pressure Sunday 10:30 & Noon, New Member sign up 4p, Confirmation 6p, Sr. BLAST	21 Martin Luther King Jr. Day OFFICE CLOSED 5:30p, Exercise 6p, Women's Fellowship	22 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 5:30p, Yoga 7:00p, AD Council	23 11:30a, Exercise/Resistance TGIW Skate Night 6:30p, Chancel Choir 7:45p, Praise Team	24 5:30p, Exercise	25 Pal: Barb Easton 1:00p, Small Grp at HyVee, 1990 Grand Ave., West Des Moines	26 Sr. BLAST to Winter Jam concert 5:00p, Johnston River of Life worship at Beaver Creek Elementary
27 Food Pantry Sunday 4p-5:30p, New Member class	28 5:30p, Exercise 6p, Women's Fellowship	29 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 5:30p, Yoga	30 11:30a, Exercise/Resistance 5:30p, TGIW 6:30p, Chancel Choir 7:45p, Praise Team	31 5:30p, Exercise	Feb. 1 Pal: Norma Smith	Feb. 2 5:00p, Johnston River of Life worship at Beaver Creek Elementary

***Human Relations Day, Jan. 20:** A Church-wide Special Sunday of The United Methodist Church. Your generous gifts on Human Relations Day support: Community Developers and United Methodist Voluntary Services programs, related to the General Board of Global Ministries, and Youth Offender Rehabilitation Program, General Board of Church and Society. Your gift makes a world of difference! Thank you!

Looking Ahead:
Feb. 10: Boy Scout Recognition
Feb. 13: 7:00p, Ash Wed. Service

Happy Birthday to you!!

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

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| 1 David Kinsey, Rick Roquet | 19 David O'Brien, Taylor Jackson |
| 2 Ruth Stone, David Wilson, Kate Ness, | 20 Nolan Martz |
| 3 Zach Price, Quentin Ickowitz | 21 Brenda McCulley, Melissa |
| 5 Shannon Hentzell, Jason Gronstal, | Haase, Taylor Evans |
| Kasi Dickerson, David Reierson | 22 Dustin Henry, Harold Schuler, |
| 6 Matthew McCulley | Jameson Fagen |
| 7 Henry Strauss | 23 Linda Holloway, Katie Paulson, |
| 8 Maurine Myers, Doug Hewitt | Kate Dickey |
| 9 Kari Baccam | 24 George Buckingham |
| 10 Gayle Easton, Lisa Swett, Norma | 26 Amanda Samuelson |
| Wallin | 27 Margaret Holmgren |
| 13 Vivienne Lee | 29 Bob Robinson, Bill Gibbons, |
| 14 Doris Harvey | Lori Marsh |
| 15 Alyssa Eaves | 30 Dale Myers, Barb Mather, |
| 16 Marilyn Mc Cleary, Mark Thomsen | Kirsten Sahlin |
| 17 Joan Clay, Nate Nuzum, Gerald Perdue | 31 Steve Jackson, Denise Zoss, |
| 18 Devin Ensley, Ann Krause | Kenny Ukabiala |

Happy Anniversary!!!

- 1: Ryan & Abbi Herrick
- 2: Michael & Joelyn Gerovac
- 7: Cody & Gina Zoss
- 15: Bob & Marlys Borcharding
- 17: Keith & Julie Craighton
- 24: Neal & Roberta Cave
- 24: Arny & Shelley Larsen
- 29: Sheldon & Esther Stout

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On Epiphany Sunday, January 6, we celebrate the "Visitation of the Wise Men." The season of Epiphany also celebrates the bringing of the Good News to the Gentiles. The word "epiphany" means "to show." Manifestation is another word used to describe the meaning of Epiphany. It is the manifestation of the glory of God in sending Christ into the world. The emphasis of Epiphany is on the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles. The Epiphany season has therefore become a time for the emphasis of the evangelism and the missionary task of the Church, and the living out of the Gospel in the world.

Wisdom is a good topic for us in January. For the Bible, wisdom is more than having a high I.Q. or the amount of education one has had. Wisdom is the art of living life well under God's sovereignty. Wisdom includes the ability to make great decisions and seeing God's work in the world every day.

The writers of the Bible treasured wisdom. In fact, there is a whole section of the Bible called Wisdom Literature. There are three books in the Bible that are categorized by most scholars as Wisdom Literature: Job, Proverbs and Ecclesiastes. Some of the Psalms can also be considered as part of the category of Wisdom Literature in the Old Testament.

Jesus also talked about the importance of having wisdom and its connection to faith. He talked about the five bridesmaids who were wise and the five who were foolish (Matthew 25:1-13). He talks about the faithful and wise servant, who the master had put in charge of the household (Matthew 24:45-51). Jesus says that everyone who hears these words of His and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. Wisdom is about hearing the Word and living the faith.

We will pick up the sermon series we are doing on "The Story" after a break during the Advent season. We will begin the January sermons with the story of King Solomon, who is known among the people of Israel as Solomon the Wise. We will then look at some of the wise and foolish decisions of some of the kings of Israel. For the Bible, foolishness is trying to live without God, trying to live by our own self-defined purpose, sufficient unto ourselves, and it can become very destructive. Wisdom is keeping God at the center of one's life.

Neil

worship themes for january

Jan 6 **The King Who Had It All** I Kings 3:3-14
 Jan 13 **A Kingdom Torn in Two** I Kings 12:1-11
 Jan 20 **God's Messengers** I Kings 18:30-40
 Jan 27 **The Beginning of the End** II Kings 17:1-6

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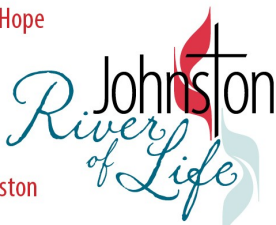


Sunday Worship Services at New Hope

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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