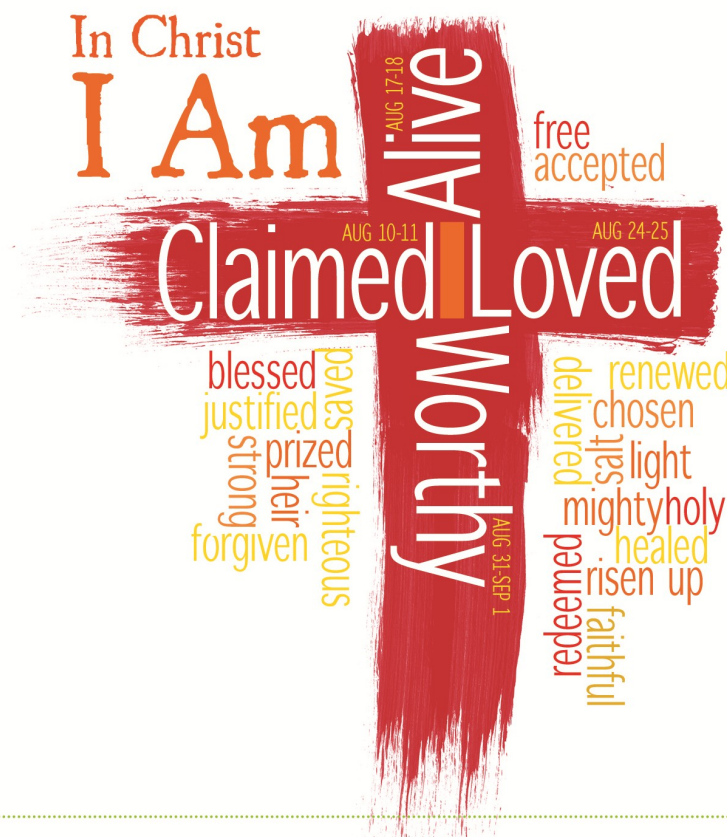


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Meals from the Heartland Sunday at New Hope

Aug 4

Our mission statement is: "A Church Family called to Serve God, Love Others, and Follow Jesus Christ." John Wesley believed it was very important to provide "methods" by which people could live out their Christian discipleship – methods that included prayer, worship the Sacraments, Bible reading, fellowship and service. Wesley very much believed that we needed to "practice" our Christian discipleship and so service was very important to him.

On Sunday, August 4, we will again be providing an opportunity to worship and serve at the same time and place. We are hosting a "Meals from the Heartland" event in which we will worship for 20 minutes at our

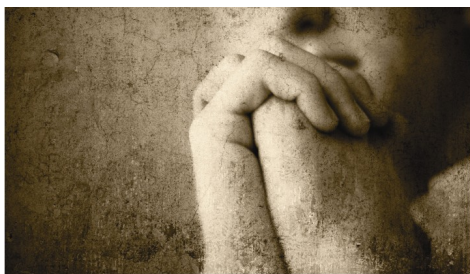
8:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 10:45 a.m. worship services and then those who choose to will move to Fellowship Hall where the whole family can participate in preparing food packets for "Meals from the Heartland." Meals from the Heartland originated from a month-long packaging event during Lent in 2007 in West Des Moines, Iowa, where more than 1,000,000 meals were packaged. After this positive experience, a few volunteers asked the golden question of each other, "What if...we gathered thousands and were able to feed millions?"

The food from Meals from the Heartland reaches people in Iowa, the United States and around the entire world. Requests from Iowa food



banks always take priority. To date, no request from an Iowa organization to distribute food in the state has ever been denied.

This is a very worthwhile way in which New Hope can live out its mission statement of "Serving God, Loving Others, and Following Jesus Christ."



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

Barb Easton; Lynn Davisson; Audrey Conard, aunt of Mike Collet; Deborah Bishop, friend of Julie Sahlin; Bishop Julius Trimble; District Superintendent, David Weesner; District Field Minister, Karen Nelson; Dr. Emmanuel Mefor, missionary. Prayers for the following military personnel: Jason Homard; Zach McClain; and our national and world leaders, our military and their families.

Sympathy

Our Sympathy to the family of Howard Hughes. Howard's funeral was held on Sunday, July 14th.

Wedding

Congratulations to Amanda Fordyce and Glenn Robinson on their July 13th wedding in Ames, IA.

Membership

Congratulations to Olive Marie Walker for her recognition of membership. Olive's husband is John Walker, who is a member of New Hope UMC.

Thank You

So Long (Hate Goodbyes): I am very sad I will be leaving you all and moving to Rockford, ILL to be by family of which are all in Illinois.

To Pastor Cross and my many friends, I can never find enough words to THANK YOU for all you have done to help me. I don't know if I would have made it without your prayers, cards, and food in my trying times. You have heard this before so here goes again...**New Hope Family is the greatest** and I will miss you all.

And a special thank you to Neil for being there when I needed him the most.

God Bless You All,
Jerry Stastny
2750 N. Mulford
Apt. B-103
Rockford, IL 61114



Thank you to Steve Sutton for the BEAUTIFUL kiosk located in Fellowship Hall for the Structure Cluster Information.

His hard work and wonderful workmanship are so appreciated by all. Thank you, Steve. Billy Nuzum
Lay Leader

Thank you to all who helped with the Staff and Council pictures in the entry hallway. Jon and Wendy Musgrave, Linda Kielsmier, Nancy Monthei and John Rains, I so appreciate your help with this project. Thank you to all who serve in our church.

Billy Nuzum
Lay Leader

Confirmation Class Dessert August 29 @ 6:30 p.m.

Attention 7th graders and families!

Are you starting 7th grade this fall?
Do you have a child/grandchild/niece/nephew/cousin/sibling/neighbor who is starting 7th grade?
Are you interested in... Confirmation?



Then plan on attending our special Confirmation Dessert Meeting, Wednesday, August 29, at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.

This informational meeting is for 7th graders interested in Confirmation, and their parents/families. We'll take a brief look at Confirmation year schedule, as well as discuss what one can expect in Confirmation. *Please bring your family schedule.* An ice cream dessert will be served.

If you have any questions or unable to attend that evening, please contact Pastor Cross at 278-2097 or nhfamily@newhopedsm.org.



Women's chorus will be singing at the **10:45 service on August 11**. We would love to have anyone that would like to sing with us. We will meet at 10am

that morning to practice. Linda Reaney will be directing.

ALL WOMEN OF NEW HOPE You are invited to the 2nd ANNUAL TRIP TO WALNUT on August 22

<http://www.walnutiowa.org>

Join the women of the church as they enjoy lunch and a fun day shopping in Walnut, Iowa.



Esther Stout has, again invited us to have lunch at the library. The other merchants are excited about us coming because they so enjoyed our visit last year. They

are busy planning little specials for you.

We will leave the church at 9:00am and return in the afternoon. We will be carpooling so each car can leave when they are ready.

Watch for signup time the first week of August.

New Hope Chancel Choir Begins Wednesday, August 21, 6:30 p.m.

Take your voice from the shower to one of the best seats in the sanctuary! Chancel Choir will begin Wednesday, August 21 at 6:30 p.m. to prepare for the upcoming church year. Please meet in the sanctuary.

For those new to our congregation, most rehearsals last one hour and we share our "sermon in song" at the 10:45 a.m. service from September to May.

The group sings many different styles so there is something to meet all musical tastes. If child care is needed, this can be arranged (please let me know in advance so I can be sure to have a provider available).

If your schedule makes it impossible for you to sing with us on a regular basis, I encourage you to consider being a part of our Seasonal Choir that meets to prepare for our Christmas and Easter cantatas, as well as once a month during the summer. These rehearsals start after Chancel Choir at around 7:30 p.m. (except during the summer) and last for one hour.

If you enjoy making music, we'd love to have you! We have a wonderful group of musicians and I'm always looking for new folks to join in the music ministry at New Hope. Mark your calendars, and I look forward to seeing you on August 21.

Eldon Cross,

Director of Music, elcatalia4@gmail.com or 515 250-1476.

Sunday Mornings in Johnston

August 11 @ 10am

We are excited to announce the growth and additional direction of our JROL services.

Please support JROL by attending a Sunday service this summer at our Beaver Creek Elementary School location. It will become a regular weekly worship time this fall in addition to maintaining our successful 5 PM Saturday nights.

As always our ministry goal is to provide as many ways for people to connect with God as possible and we believe Sunday mornings at our JROL campus will provide another key element to the effectiveness and long reaching impact of New Hope UMC. Please pray for, and invite a friend to this exciting new service.



LITTLE DRESSES FOR AFRICA MINISTRY

Changing lives one little dress at a time!

“Little Dresses for Africa is a non-profit 501c3, Christian organization, which provides relief to the children of Africa. **Simple dresses are made out of pillowcases, and distributed through the orphanages, churches and schools in Africa to plant in the hearts of little girls that they are worthy!**”

62 little dresses, made by individuals in our New Hope community, traveled to Malawi, Africa on July 13 with a mission team from Ankeny United Methodist Church. This mission trip was a partnership of hope, and a ministry of presence and accompaniment, as the team conducted worship services and Bible studies, visited and listened, and presented the little dresses, giving hope to the people of Malawi. The Little Dresses for Africa ministry has captured the hearts of many and continues to grow as groups of all sizes spring up across America. Please join us in August to view pictures and video of the presentation of the dresses to little girls of Malawi. Also, please consider helping this ministry in the following ways:

Make little dresses! Pillowcases and directions can be found on the Missions Table.

Donate pillowcases, thread, double fold bias tape, decorative trim, buttons, 1/4" elastic.

Share the Little Dresses for Africa story with the New Hope community.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 6:30PM IN THE 3-4 CLASSROOM

Knowledge of knitting/crocheting not required! Questions? Contact Jean Vesely, 274-5082.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry knits or crochets shawls that are given to persons who are ill, have suffered a loss, or are in the midst of a life crisis. The group currently meets at 6:30 on the first Tuesday of each month to work on shawls and pray for

the recipients of their work. You can join our Prayer Shawl Ministry by getting involved in making shawls with us or by requesting a shawl for a friend or loved one you know that is in need. If you wish to donate yarn, or make a monetary donation to purchase yarn, we welcome your contribution! You can find more information about the Prayer Shawl Ministry (i.e., yarn, directions for knitting) on the Missions table.

Chick Lit. Book Club

Please join us for lively, insightful conversation and fellowship!

August Theme: Lost And Found

Date: Thursday, August 22 at 6:30 in the Ruby Chapel

BOOK: Wild, by Cheryl Strand

“At twenty-two, Cheryl Strayed thought she had lost everything. In the wake of her mother’s death, her family scattered and her own marriage was soon destroyed. Four years later, with nothing more to lose, she made the most impulsive decision of her life. With no experience or training, driven only by blind will, she would hike more than a thousand miles of the Pacific Crest Trail from the Mojave Desert through California and Oregon to Washington State—and she would do it alone. Told with suspense and style, sparkling with warmth and humor, *Wild* powerfully captures the terrors and pleasures of one young woman forging ahead against all odds on a journey that maddened, strengthened, and ultimately healed her.”



Backstage with the Bible!

Thank you to all who helped out with JROL VBS, Backstage with the Bible! The weather cooled off just in time as we dug into the Bible and discussed the 10 Commandments; The Cross and that Jesus died for us; and that we are Saved by Grace! We had fun during our game time, craft time and snacks, where we also got to sing some karaoke. The music and curriculum was written by the group Go Fish and the music was very engaging. We had 37 kids from New Hope, JROL and the community be reached by the program. Many of those families came to church on Saturday evening to worship with us. Check out JROL's Facebook page to check out some pretty neat videos of our evenings together.



The picture is of our kids eating their 10 Commandment Snack - a graham cracker with frosting and they added licorice bits as they discussed the commandments.

(More pictures can be found on the Johnston River of Life Facebook page.)



Everywhere Fun Fair!

From July 14-18, New Hope kids and friends "bought their tickets" and entered the Everywhere Fun Fair vacation Bible school. We were led around the world during this fair by Telly Ticket (played by the talented Will Rock) and the bird Godwin Merryfeather (voice talent by Spencer Sutton). Eighty children and thirty-five adult volunteers had a great time with lots of learning, movement, craft-making, singing, laughter, and prayer. This year our mission was to donate supplies for the upcoming school year. VBS participants donated enough to stuff twenty backpacks full of school supplies for Johnston students in need.

We continued VBS-X which allowed children grades 6-8 to continue to participate in VBS in their own way- organizing the mission project, helping to distribute water to the volunteers, and doing their own fun games. Thank you to Kristi Mundy, Renee Haugland, and Melanie Henry for leading these kids.

Special thanks to the leaders of each of the stations: Tami and Mark Wise, Carole Followwill, Linda Kielsmeier, Shelly Peterson, Andy Sutton, and Sara Cullinan. All of these leaders' preparation and teaching made for a memorable VBS. More than once a VBSer was heard to say, "That was cool!" Thanks also to all volunteers who assisted in these rooms and to the shepherds who made sure the children made it to their destinations safely!

There were also many who helped behind the scenes with decorations, audio/video, and in the kitchen (thanks Penny Dolberg and crew!). Nancy Monthei was a lifesaver in too many ways to list here. Lastly, thank you to the congregation of New Hope. Your monetary, food, and supply donations made this VBS possible. In addition to our own New Hope children, we had many visiting children and several that attended church with families the next Sunday. We felt so blessed to have these new faces join us. We pray that this experience was a positive one for the New Hope children, visitors, and adult volunteers and that it deepened their connection with God.

Kelly Mohrman and Sherri Bogue (directors VBS 2013)

Sr. BLAST Mission Trip by Kayla Jansen

"Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?"⁴⁷ As for everyone who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice, I will show you what they are like.⁴⁸ They are like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built.⁴⁹ But the one who hears my words and does not put them into practice is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. The moment the torrent struck that house, it collapsed and its destruction was complete." Luke 6: 46-49

It all started as we loaded 12 people, 12 luggage bags, 12 carryon bags, sleeping bags, pillows, food, water, and a guitar in a 15 passenger van... It was difficult but we got it! So off we went. It didn't seem possible that we were going to be driving to the whole other side of the country. We stopped for the night in the small town of Hooker, Oklahoma. The plan was to sleep at the church, but instead we stayed with different families. The people of the town opened up their arms and their houses and welcomed us with warm hearts. It was a good thing we were able to do this because New Mexico didn't seem to end. And we thought Kansas was bad. Even with an unexpected oil change in the morning, we made it to our sight in the Navajo Nation. We were more than excited to start our week with the beautiful sights - God's masterpiece - surrounding us, and to meet the other group of volunteers who came from Louisiana.



Hooker Soda Fountain & Grill



Helping Grandma Lilly

Our days went like so: wake up, breakfast, devotionals, worksite, lunch, lights out. A lot of our work consisted of weeding, weeding, and more weeding. We started to even dream and have nightmares about the never ending tumble weeds. As the week went on, we were able to branch out and picked up trash, cleaned out sheds, put in a door, scraped paint, and tidied up Grandma Lilly's and Pastor Mike's yards.

Grandma Lilly was someone we got to work with. She lived right next to the church and was so sweet. She never took her smile away as she saw the work that we had done for her. She told stories about the culture which was very interesting. This is where Ezra was caught along with many other lizards and weird bugs (may Ezra rest in peace).

Along with all of our hard work we were given opportunities to go on different adventures. These included hiking in the Painted Desert, where our endurance was definitely tested. Then there was hiking up a mountain to go through a cave that led to an amazing view of the Nation. Jumping off of cliffs at a creek was where some fears were put to the side. Finally, getting to experience and see the Grand Canyon for the first time for all of us in the group; was an inspiring moment to see God's creation up close.

Overall, the week was one none will forget; learning about our own foundation of our lives and setting a foundation for the Senior High BLAST group to build upon. What a great week!

All of the trip photos can be found on Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/SeniorHighBlast>).

youth programs

Jr. BLAST (6th-8th grade): Upcoming events coming soon!

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

Yá'át'ééh... "Hello" in Navajo. We are excited that twelve of our BLAST members and leaders (Jody Ferguson, Charity Johnson, Chris Higdon, McKayla Johnson, Nathan Ferguson, Kayla Jansen, Brady Jansen, Triston Nearmyer, Kaylee Stubbs, Hannah Hoffman, Kate Lichter, and Rachel Jackson) had a great mission trip experience at the Navajo Nation, which is located in northeastern Arizona. All of the pictures and videos are posted on Facebook and Kayla Jansen also has an article published in this Link newsletter.



It is hard to believe that Chris and Charity have lead the Senior High BLAST group for a year now. Looking back this year has been a great year for the group. The BLAST group is offering an informational meeting for any new freshmen that want to get involved with Senior High BLAST or any other high school student that would like to get involved. The informational meeting for both the kids and parents will be after each service on Sunday, August 18th.

Finally, the group is excited to announce that they will be starting a weekly Wednesday night gathering in September. The plan for Wednesday night is to offer a place for the Sr. High Blast to gather, have fun, and learn more about Jesus Christ; in addition the group will be helping out with New Hope Wednesday night children activities (TG/W). More information will be coming out about our Wednesday night gathers.

Here are the some upcoming Youth events for the next couple of months:

Aug 18th ~ BLAST 2013/2014 season Kick-Off Meeting (*incoming 9th Grader are welcome*)

Aug 18th ~ Wesley Woods Ignition!

Sept 11th @ 5:30 pm ~ BLAST Wednesday Night Activities

Sept 14th ~ BLAST Iowa VS Iowa State Game

Sept 18th @ 5:30 pm ~ BLAST Wednesday Night Activities

Sept 25th @ 5:30 pm ~ BLAST Wednesday Night Activities

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

Christian Learning Time

We will begin CLT again on Rally Day, Sunday, September 8th, 2013. We will be using a new curriculum by Cokesbury called *Grow, Proclaim, Serve*. This curriculum will contain a video component and great activities to reinforce the lesson each week. We are taking volunteers NOW for the fall teaching positions. Please contact the church office if you are interested in helping in the classrooms of 3 year olds through 6th grade students.

Rally Day: Join us Sunday, September 8, for Rally Day! We will kick off Children's Worship, Christian Learning Time (for all ages), lunch and fun for the whole family!

TGIW REBOOT: The children's ministries cluster has been working together all summer to give our program a complete reboot. Please watch for more details and how you can help to make our program a success!

Christian Learning Time: Christian Learning Time will begin on Rally Sunday, September 8th. Please look for sign-up sheets on the table below the CLT bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

*We are looking for teachers to teach our new curriculum this fall. We will be using the Cokesbury curriculum *Grow, Proclaim, Serve*. If you are interested in teaching at any age level from 3 years to 6th grade, please contact the Church office.

3rd Grade Bibles: Those students entering 3rd grade for the 2013-2014 school year will be presented a Bible from the church during our Rally Day church services. When signing up for Christian Learning Time, please indicate which service time you would prefer to receive your Bible.



Children's Ministry Volunteer Roundup!

Sunday, August 11

One of the strengths of New Hope is its commitment to our children and the many quality programs we offer as we stand behind our pledge given during baptisms to surround these children with a community of love and forgiveness according to the example of Christ so that they may grow to be true disciples. Therefore, we will have a Commitment Sunday on August 11 for Children's Ministry Volunteers. This upcoming school year we will need volunteers for Christian Learning Time (Sunday School), Thank God It's Wednesday, Children's Church (during the 9:30 service), and for the nursery. On August 11 congregants will have the opportunity to volunteer for these programs. Watch for more specific information on each program in the coming weeks.

At the beginning of July, Jr. BLAST (6th-8th graders) had a great time working in the Johnston Partnership garden and then having a water day at church.



Everywhere Fun Fair was held at New Hope UMC in July. Bible Study, songs, crafts, science, games and gathering were enjoyed by all. Thanks for all the volunteers and participants!!



Back to school

Early one morning, a mother woke her son, who whined about having to go to school.
 "Give me two reasons why you don't want to go," she said.
 "Well," he complained, "the kids don't like me, and neither do the teachers!"
 "Nonsense," she said. "Come get ready."
 "Give me two reasons why I should go," the son protested.
 "Well, for one, you're 52," she said. "For another, you're the principal!"

Good Luck to all the kids/youth heading back to school this month and to all the college students as they pack and move for their colleges!
 And many blessings to the teachers and school administration as they prepare for another year!



HARVEST DINNER AND FUNDRAISER

Save the date----Sunday, October 20 for the auction with a new look.

* The New Hope GENERAL STORE will be open at 4:00 p.m. selling homemade food items, craft projects, wooden items, etc. made and donated by New Hope members.

* The HARVEST DINNER will be served at 5:00 p.m. The menu planned is pork roast, oven roasted potatoes, green beans, apple salad, macaroni & cheese, relish tray, rolls, and desserts.

* TICKETS will be sold for this dinner. The cost is \$10.00 for adults (12 and up), \$5 for children ages 5-11, and children under 5 will eat free. Due to limited seating, there will be a limit on the number of tickets available. Watch for the ticket sale announcement.

* CHILD CARE will be available after the meal. Children under 4 years will go to the nursery and for children 4 to 11, there will be planned and supervised activities available.

* Entertainment will be provided before and during dinner. Watch for future details.

* The Live Auction will again be conducted by Jerry Cluver. The items will be displayed on Sunday morning, October 20, so everyone can begin making their plans and come ready to bid! Jerry is very entertaining and will provide us with a fun auction.

*This activity is a FUNDRAISER for New Hope. Plan to invite your neighbors and friends to join you in a fun filled evening.



As a family oriented ministry, New Hope/Johnston River of Life is excited to offer community movie nights 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 evening will **start at 7 PM**, popcorn will be provided.

August 7 - "Wreck it Ralph"

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



This open to the public craft & gift fair will be held on Sat., November 9, 9a-3p, at New Hope.

Crafters & national direct sales companies are welcome. We will limit one vendor per national direct sales company and it will be on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Registration forms are on the sign up table in the Fellowship Hall and on the church website. Please return your form & check to the church office by October 2, 2013.

gone fishing

I am writing this as I am already traveling on vacation – Canada Fishing thanks to an amazing second father. Nathan, I and Grandpa Mark are

headed out for my first fishing trip to Canada. With no phone, email, or outside world contact at all, we are planning to do nothing other than relax, fish, and read. I have to admit that with the pace of the last year and little time off I am very much needing and excited to spend some serious down time away from the “Joys” of ministry.

There is just something enticing about the peace and quiet, the water and trees, the big fish and little ones, the plane landing on the lake, and the change of scenery and daily course of events. There is a purpose even in the absence of a “Things to do list.” (Of course I am sure it will be twice as long when I get back.)

But it is interesting to me that Jesus recruited so many fishermen, that he called them to be fishers of men, or even that His ministry was often on the lake or hillside. As Fishermen we travel around the lake to different locations looking for fish that will bite. We try different lures to figure out what is attractive to the fish. We practice our presentation of the bait. And we are very patient, knowing that some days are better than others.

I believe we have a lot to learn from any occupation, but As Jesus himself used the analogy of fishing for the hearts of people, I believe we can learn from the practices of fishermen.

As Christians, we are sent into the world to fish for people. To be a good fisherman (Christian) we have to be patient and pray. We have to try shallow water, deep water, and areas of different vegetation (community areas, school events, coffee houses, and businesses). We need to try different lures, baits, and colors of jigs (different styles and locations of worship, community activities, movies, service projects).

I can't tell you if we will be successful or not, but I know that we are all going with great anticipation. We are committed to do whatever it takes to catch as many fish as possible. We will

spend days on that lake trying everything we can. That is our whole purpose.

As Christians, God sends each of us on a great fishing trip. He has given us our lake of influence and areas of contact so that we can try everything to invite others into the boat... the boat of life. We should never be content just to float on the water of life, but should constantly be fishing.

Paul says in his letter to the Corinthians how important it is for us to relate to people the way they are, not to change them, but to win them into faith. Sounds a little like fishing to me.

Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law. To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings. – I Corinthians 9:19-23

Let's go fishing,



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 (no peanuts/nuts), 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 August.

8:30am Traditional Service

Greeters

4 Mike, Kris & Samantha Wakeman
11 Deane Glen
18 Dodee Pugh
25 Kathy Russi

Lectors

4 Cathy Short
11
18 Maurine Myers
25 Cathy Short

Traditional Service Callers

4 Jim & Norma Smith
11 Norma Sutton
18 Craig Ferguson
25 Mark & Leah Scherer

Contemporary Service Callers

4 Melisa Forbes/Pam Frey
11 Eldon Cross
18 Melisa Forbes/Pam Frey
25 Eldon Cross

9:30am Contemporary Service

Greeters

4 Pam Frey
11
18
25

*Hosts

4 Tony & Tracy Hoffman
11 Bill & Pam Gibbons
18 Cindy & Clyde Rail
25 Larry & Paulette Wood

Money Counters

4 Tony & Tracy Hoffman, Glenna Ross
11 Jerry Kielsmeier, Kim Traylor, Ron Zoss
18 Clark Howland, Rick Homard, Larry Wood
25 DeVonne Douglas, Randy Jansen, Kari Bac-cam

Pal Friday: 9 a.m.

2 Marlys Borcharding
9 Norma Sutton
16 Barb Easton
23 Norma Smith

10:45am Traditional Service

Greeters

4
11
18
25

Lectors

4 Sally Corcoran
11 Jon Verner
18 Billy Nuzum
25 Barb Mather

*Hosts

4 Andy & Spencer Sutton
11 Esther & Sheldon Stout
18 Carol & Bob Harter
25 Larry & Paulette Wood

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).



* Hosts...please note that several New Hoppers have peanut allergies. Therefore, please refrain from using peanut butter or any peanuts/nuts in your cookies. **THANK YOU!**

groups gathering together

Blood Pressure Check

New Hope is offering free Blood Pressure checks each month. **August 11** will be the next BP checks. Come to the Narthex after each worship service.

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, August 10 at 7:30 a.m. in the Ruby Chapel.

Women's Fellowship

No meeting in August

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

Work Team

The New Hope UMC Fix-it Team will meet not meet in August.



We are going to try a quarterly approach with the first event being on

Saturday, September 7th at 9am. Please come join us!

We welcome anyone who can attend. **You do not have to be a "master fixer" just willing to help!** You do not have to attend each time, just come when you can and help out around the church, enjoy a cup of coffee and some fellowship with fellow members.

Thanks!

John Rains

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 **October 10, 10am** at New Hope. If you would like to join the Care Ministry team, please contact Clarice Rubek or Mary Ann Rice.

Exercise is good for your mind, body, and soul.

We would like to offer exercise classes this fall at New Hope UMC. We are looking for **volunteers** to lead a low impact or high impact class. If you are interested, please contact Nancy Monthei by August 30th at nancy@newhopedsm.org or 278-2097. *Exercise: you don't have time not to. – Unknown*



It is time to upgrade our church directory! Our last directory was published in 2010 and since that time more than 85 new members have joined our church.

Save the Dates:

October 22—26

2pm-9pm

Sign up sheets will be out in September. Please plan to be a part of our church family's photo directory.

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.

Small Groups

2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month at 4pm. Childcare is provided. Contact Sherri & Nick Bogue, boguesa@gmail.com with questions.

Women's Bible Study 6:30pm, in the Ruby Chapel every other Monday. Next gatherings are **August 12, 26** Please bring your Bible. The name of the study is: **DEVELOPING POWER THOUGHTS** by Joyce Meyer. Joyce asks, "Are you ready to have your mind and life transformed"? When your mind and thoughts are based on scripture and Jesus' words, not negative thoughts of the world, you will be able to make wise decisions, have healthier relationships, live a more peaceful life, and thus, become a happier person. You will receive a small workbook and a packet of scripture power thoughts to use. Come join a group of women in Joyce's scripture based teaching and "media action plan".

missions

August Mission News

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our packaging of **Meals from the Heartland!** We were able to feed many hungry people around the world and here at home.

A record number of children attended Church camp this year! Hurray!

The Mission Committee was able to furnish 17 backpacks for the VBS children to fill for the Johnston Partnership.

August Mission focus is: **The Thanksgiving Ingathering.** You say, Thanksgiving is months away, however, we want to give you the opportunity to donate items for kits that will go to our Iowa Nigeria Partners or to UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) after local and world disasters. We will collect through the months of August and September. These are the kits we have selected:

UMCOR Birthing Kit: Place all in a gallon zip lock bag

- 1 hotel-size bar of soap
- 1 square yard of clear 4-mil plastic sheeting (like painting drop cloths)
- 1 clean single edge razor blade (wrap in cardboard)
- 2 flannelette receiving blankets, 30" x 30" or 32" x 32".
- 1 pair of latex gloves
- 3 pieces of cotton string, each 12" long

Layette Kit

- 1 receiving blanket
- 2 diapers and 2 diaper pins
- 1 small lightweight gown or sleeper
- 1 undershirt or onesie small
- 1 baby washcloth

Health Kit:

- 1 new hand towel 15" x 25" to 17" x 27"
- 1 bath sized bar of soap in wrapper (3 oz. or larger)
- 1 large sturdy comb (not pocket sized)
- 1 adult toothbrush in original seal
- 1 nail file or fingernail clipper (no emery boards or toe clippers)
- 1 new washcloth
- 6 band aids (3/4")

***Note, it is very important to stay to the size indicated as if one item in a shipment is not as stated on the shipping, all are held back.

We will also collect items for sewing, knitting, and a *new* personal and dependable Kit: PAD. The patterns and items to collect will be on the Mission Table.

At the Ingathering events, a live and silent auction will also be held to raise over a million dollars state-wide. Items desired are woodcrafts, quilts of many sizes, and other craft items. *See Sharon Smith about your items you want to donate for the auction.

Hand of Luke

Wednesday, August 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 refig."). **THANK YOU!!!**

sunday morning worship attendance

	8:30	9:30	10:45	total
June 30	29	100	91	220
July 7	39	103	96	238
July 14	23	126	89	238
July 21	43	135	94	272

River of Life Worship Attendance

June 29	24	July 6	55
July 13	63	July 14	12
July 20	38		

new hope financial update

Below is the General Fund operating budget report for June 2013 compared to our 2013 budget and June 2012

	June 2013 Actual	June 2013 Budget	June 2012 Actual
Total Receipts	28,375.14	28,736.15	23,690.34
Total Expenditures	29,322.00	35,379.08	22,935.07
Net Surplus (Deficit)	(946.86)	(6,642.93)	755.27
	YTD June 2013 Actual	YTD June 2013 Budget	YTD June 2012 Actual
Total Receipts	166,409.77	152,619.38	160,253.56
Total Expenditures	178,549.35	187,590.05	161,117.92
Net Surplus (Deficit)	(12,139.58)	(34,970.67)	(864.36)

Newsletter: With the increased expense of paper needed to mail the monthly newsletter and the increase in postage, we THANK YOU for your prompt responses in letting us know that we can email you The LINK, or you will pick up THE LINK from church. If you haven't already, please contact the church office to let us know how you would like to receive your newsletter.

Friday Email Announcements: New Hope UMC sends out a weekly email with upcoming announcements. If you have not been receiving the email, please let us know! Please send an email to nhfamily@newhopedsm.org and we will add you to the distribution list.

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.

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.

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AT NEW HOPE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 Pal: Marlys Borchering	3 5:00p, Johnston River of Life worship at Beaver Creek Elementary
4 Meals from the Heartland Commissioning of Joplin Mission trip	5 6:30p, Women's Bible Study???	6 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 6:30p, Prayer Shawl/ Knitting group	7 7:30p, Praise Team	8 7p, Worship Design Mtg.	9 Pal: Norma Sutton	10 7:30a, Men's Breakfast 11a, JROL -Purple Heart Day at Camp Dodge 5:00p, Johnston River of Life worship at Beaver Creek Elementary
11 Holy Communion Blood Pressure Sunday Commitment Sunday:Children's Ministry 10a, JROL service 10:45a, Women's Chorus Noon, Cluster mtg.	12 6:30p, Women's Bible Study	13 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA	14 3:30p, Hand of Luke 7:30p, Praise Team	15 Deadline for Sept. LINK	16 Pal: Barb Easton	17 5:00p, JROL at Camp Dodge Pool Pavilion
18 Food Pantry Sunday Sr. BLAST kick off and Wesley Woods	19	20 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 7:00p, Stroke Club 7:00p, Finance Meeting	21 4:30p, Missions Mtg. 6:30p, Confirmation Dessert 6:30p, Choir practice 7:30p, Praise Team	22 9a, Women's trip to Walnut, IA 6:30p, Book Club, Ruby Chapel	23 Pal: Norma Smith Kate Dickey/David Cossa rehearsal	24 Kate Dickey/David Cossa wedding 5:00p, Johnston River of Life worship, Beaver Creek Elementary
25 4p, Lay Ministry	26 6:30p, Women's Bible Study	30 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 7:00p, AD Council Mtg	28 6:30p, Choir practice 7:30p, Praise Team	29	30 Pal: Shirley Frus	31 5:00p, Johnston River of Life worship at Beaver Creek Elementary

Upcoming:

Sept. 8, Rally Day, Christian Learning Time
Sept. 11, 5:30p, TGIW begins for kids/young
Oct. 20, Dinner & Auction Fundraiser
Oct. 22-26 Photo Directory
Nov. 9, 9am-3pm, Garlands of Gifts

Staff Vacation Plans:

Nancy Monthei: afternoon of August 2; August 5
Pastor Cross: August 14-18

Happy Birthday to you!!

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

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| 1 Melisa Forbes, Jeffrey Duis | 18 Jodi Christensen, Brock Moore, Marilyn Rapp, Carsten Thompson |
| 3 Ryan Dickey, Carly Mohrman | 19 Annabelle Carrigan, Monica Johnson |
| 4 Mona Kirkpatrick | 20 Margaret Hemphill, Katie Rock, Darlene Caldwell |
| 5 Chibs Ukabiala, Joyce Turek | 21 Tim Welter, Chris Hartung, Katarina Moore, Dan Hitchcock |
| 6 Gus Skovgard, Jamie Carlson | 22 Cari Gregg |
| 8 Georgia Wilson, Owen Johnston, Patricia Ahnen | 23 Deb Cale, Nancy Wiles, Jessica Stern |
| 10 Bev Kile, Megan Madison, Payton Walker, Allison Lemke | 24 Carey Hinman, Karen Johnston, Brendon Riley, Stephanie Alcorn |
| 11 Lucy Wilmoth, Sheldon Stout | 25 Esther Stout, Greg Meyers |
| 12 Joe Hoffman | 26 Aubrey Happ, Andrew Bogue |
| 13 Todd McGinnity, Judy Stout, Kilee DeBates, Triston Nearmyer, Allison Christensen | 27 Kadence Wigant |
| 15 Zoe Goodson, Valerie Hubert | 28 Donna Kinsey, Cameron Christensen, Abigail Boulting, Kadence Wigant, Karen Campbell |
| 16 Gary Stubbs, Emily Lewis, Chandler Heiser, Carolyn Burrough | 29 Suzie Martz, Catherine Leyda, Armenta Buckingham |
| 17 Lanette Miller | 30 Lynn Davisson, Sam Fairchild |
| | 31 Ethan Johnston, Gueda King |

Happy Anniversary!!!

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| 3 Craig & Jody Ferguson |
| 3 Joe & Cathy Short |
| 6 Jeffrey & Beth Merrill |
| 6 Jaden & Lanette Miller |
| 7 Chad & Alissa Strauss |
| 8 Tim & Brenda McCulley |
| 9 Lyle & Dawn Pritchard |
| 14 Richard & Charlene Cobb |
| 16 Bill & Pam Gibbons |
| 17 Kurt & Angie Eaves |
| 25 Mark & Leah Scherer |
| 27 Jerry & Linda Kielsmeier |
| 29 Jody & Darla Wolfe |
| 30 William & Katie Rock |
| 31 Dan & Lucy Wilmoth |

If you see that your name is not listed, please call the church office at 278-2097, or email at nhfamily@newhopedsm.org, so we can update our files.

who you are

Sometimes we just need to regain perspective about who we are and Whose we are.

Life can get very busy, stressful and sometimes overwhelming. We can be tempted to think that how the world defines us is who we truly are. So we can let our lives get defined by how many worldly possession we have, or how much worldly power we have, or what the world thinks of us. In the midst of that, sometimes we need to gain a new perspective, to be reminded of who we truly are and whose we truly are. There was a time when Charles Schultz, the author of the Peanuts cartoon, also did cartoons for church newsletters. I am including one with this article.

When I look at Your heavens, the work of Your fingers,
the moon and the stars that You have established;
what are human beings that You are mindful of them,
mortals that You care for them? Yet, You have made
them a little lower than the angels and crowned them
with glory and honor. – Psalm 8:3-5



The Psalmist who wrote Psalm 8 also regained his perspective when he, too, looked at the Universe and reflected on our place in it. He sees the vastness of the Universe and reflects on how small we all are in comparison. But he is amazed at how much we mean to the One who created it. God has created us a little lower than the angels and has crowned us "with glory and honor. We are created to be God's children – that's how vast His love is for us. That's the perspective we need.

So, some summer night, go out and gaze at the stars and reflect upon who you are and Whose you are. It just might give you a new perspective about a lot of things.

Neil

"As I stand here looking at the universe, somehow being recently appointed program chairman for the annual picnic no longer seems frightening!"

worship themes for august

Aug 4 **Sharing in Christ's Work** II Corinthians 9:6-15
Aug 11 **I Am Claimed** Ephesians 1:3-14
Aug 18 **I Am Alive** Ephesians 2:1-10
Aug 25 **I Am Loved** Ephesians 3:14-21

New Hope Meals from the Heartland packing event
Communion Sunday
Craig preaches

1 church, 2 campuses, 4 worship services.

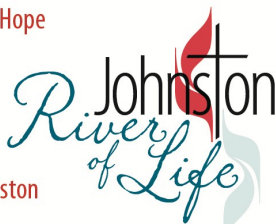


Sunday Worship Services at New Hope

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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