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Learning New Lessons

Sept. 7 "Learning Love"
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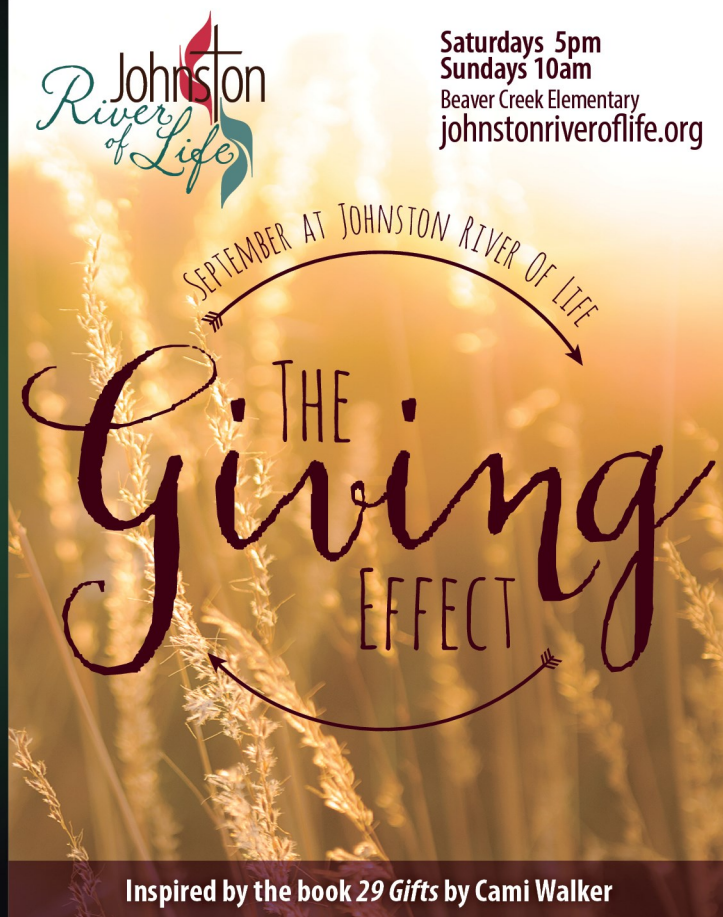
Sept. 21 "Learning Fairness"

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sundays at New Hope UMC 8:30am • 9:30am • 10:45am
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Johnston
River of Life

Saturdays 5pm
Sundays 10am
Beaver Creek Elementary
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SEPTEMBER AT JOHNSTON RIVER OF LIFE

THE
Giving
EFFECT

Inspired by the book *29 Gifts* by Cami Walker



Sun., Sept. 7 is Rally Day at New Hope UMC

Join us for the first day of Christian Learning Time (Sunday school for preschoolers – adult) on Sunday, Sept. 7th.

CLT Age 3 – Grade 5: Classes will meet at 10:45 for the first 30 minutes and then ages 3 – grade 5 will participate in fun and games.

Jr. and Sr. High CLT- A special invitation to 6th-12th graders: Join the Jr. and Sr. CLT classes for **Rally Day Extreme!** Meet in the Jr. and Sr. youth rooms at 10:45 for the first 15 minutes and then participate in activities designed just for you.

Adult CLT: There are two choices for adults @ 9:30 & 10:45 in the Ruby Chapel

All-church potluck @ 11:45

Bring a dish by last name to share.

A-G: Main Dish * H-O: Side Dish * P-Z: Dessert

Sun., Sept. 21 is the Fall Kick off at Johnston River of Life

Special Community Event with worship at 10am followed by a free meal, games and children's activities.



Begin a
new
season with Johnston
River of Life

Sept 21 • 10am
Beaver Creek Elementary



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

Laura Myers; Shedrick Robinson, friend of Kim Wills; 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; Tim Rains; Collin Traylor; Mike McGhee and our national and world leaders, our military and their families.

Birth

Congratulations to Travis & Christy O'Brien on the birth of **Evelyn Rose O'Brien**. Evelyn was born on August 5th, weighed 8 lbs 5.5 oz, 20" long. She joins big sisters, Natalie and Jocelyn and big brother Hayden in the family.

Congratulations Mark and Megan Thomsen on the birth of their baby girl, **Lucille Rose Thomsen**. Lucille was born on August 15th and weighed in at 6lb 14 oz. She joins big brother, Jax, at home.

Congratulations to Matt & Erika Weih on the birth of their baby boy, **Owen Thomas Weih**. Owen was born on August 26th and weighed in at 11lbs and 22" long. He joins big brother, Bryce, and big sister, Emma, at home.

Wedding

*Congratulations to **Emma Davis and Jordan Clapper** on their August 2nd wedding at New Hope UMC.*

Sympathy

Our Sympathy to **Dick & Charlene Cobb** on the passing of Dick's cousin, Judith Bauer.

Our Sympathy to **Greg & Deb Baker** and family on the passing of Greg's father, Don Baker.

Thank You

To my wonderful church family: Thank you for all your prayers, thoughts, words and gifts since my accident. A big thank you to the ladies for the beautiful lap quilt. It will be greatly used. I should get to come home soon. God Bless you all. Love and prayers, **Marilyn Rapp**

Thank you to those who helped with the work morning at New Hope on July 19th. Without your help there would be a lot of work, many make light work of large tasks! Tasks accomplished were – spreading mulch on the main island in drive, trimming bushes and pulling weeds at Parsonage, and cutting tall weeds in holding pond. Those who helped are – Mike Wakeman, Jerry Kielsmeier, Arny Larsen, Steve Sutton, Roger and Brock Moore, Dan, Anna and John Kirkpatrick and Evan and John Rains.

New Member Sign Up

**10:30 & Noon
September 21**

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

If you are unable to attend on September 21st, but wish to be a part of the New Member classes, please contact the church office, 278-2097.



Charge Conference

Our Charge Conference will be held on **Sunday, October 26 at 2:00-3:30pm at Valley UMC**. Watch for sign up to attend in the tear-off form of the bulletins. We want to make sure there is enough books for everyone.



Thank you to everyone that volunteered and donated for the Meals from the Heartland service project, August 10.



Confirmation Class Begins September 14

The Confirmation class will have their first class meeting on **September 14, 4:30-6:00 p.m.** The Confirmation program is designed to enable the Confirmation students to combine intellectual learning and experiential learning as we spend time together learning about and growing in the

Christian faith.

Some of the key components that we have as a part of the program: students help lead in a worship service, they serve in such programs as the Hand of Luke meal to the shelter, and they have a chance to tour other churches to learn about other expressions of the Christian faith.

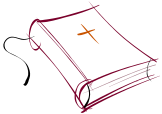
Another key component of our Confirmation experience is the "Mentor" process, in which we ask adult mentors to be with the youth during the class sessions. As one Christian leader said, the Christian faith is more caught than taught, and it is so very helpful for our Confirmation youth to spend some time with and have the Christian faith modeled by an adult who is also on their faith journey. I am so very grateful for the adults who are helping with this year's Confirmation program.

We look forward to a year of learning, experiences and fun together in our Confirmation program.

Pastor Jon Gaul

The Friday Afternoon Bible Study

Join us on **Friday, Sept. 12** at 1pm at the Pizza Ranch, 4954 86th St, Urbandale. The Pizza Ranch has a buffet and as you arrive, pay for your buffet, load up your plate and join us in our reserved room.



We study various James Moore books and are starting off with his book *"If God is Your Co-Pilot*

Swap Seats!" I present a chapter from his book and we enjoy an open discussion. Please bring your Bible. I also suggest we study the book of Mark by reading a chapter at home every two weeks.

The Friday Afternoon Bible Study is held the 2nd and 4th Friday of every month with December having only one meeting date. Following are the dates we will be meeting in 2014 – 2015:

September 12, 26; October 10, 24
November 14, 28; December 12
January 9, 23; February 13, 27
March 13, 27; April 10, 24
May 8, 22

Please join us. We look forward to enjoying fellowship with you.

Thank you,
Linda Kielsmeier
515-689-9680
lapals@hotmail.com

Women's Bible Study will begin again in September

We will meet at 6:30pm in the Ruby Chapel September 8th to choose our study.

Some possibilities are: When God's People Pray by Jim Cymbala, Fruit of the Spirit and Learning to be Led by the Holy Spirit by Joyce Meyer.

Bring other possibilities to the meeting. Some have mentioned they would like to study a book of the Bible in depth, too.

Questions? Please contact Sharon Smith, wicketsblooms@aol.com



We will be restarting the adult bell choir starting September 17th.

It will meet on Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30pm in the music room.

All adults and teens are welcome!

Previous bell ringing experience is not necessary.

We welcome all skill levels! Come give it a try!

Questions? Contact Kristin Welter, t.welter@mchsi.com

Beaverdale Parade

September 20, 10am

New Hope UMC and Johnston River of Life will be participating in this year's Beaverdale Parade. This is a wonderful outreach event.

We need volunteers to walk in the parade. Please contact the church office if you would like to help.



christian learning opportunities

Children & Youth Ministries Mission Statement

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

As a reminder, Sarah Jacobson, our Children's Ministry Coordinator, works 15 hours a week. Sarah's regular office hours during the school year will be Sundays 9am-12pm, Wednesdays 4-7:30pm and various other hours, including an occasional Friday morning. If you need to contact Sarah outside of these time frames, the best way to reach her is by email sjacobson@newhopedsm.org.



Christian Learning Time (CLT)

Don't forget to register your children and youth for Christian Learning Time in the fall! You won't want to miss the fun year we have planned! Registration forms are available at the Welcome Center window in the Fellowship Hall or in the education classrooms.

Sunday Schedule:

10:45- 11am Gathering time for 3 yrs-K in the Purple classroom (starting Sept. 14th)
Gathering time for 1st-5th grade in Orange classroom (starting Oct. 5th)
11-11:45am Regular CLT

*****PARENTS PLEASE NOTE:** *This year we will be following our Safe Sanctuaries Policy more closely in regards to dismissing children after our programs. At New Hope, our policy is to only release children to the parent/guardian listed on their registration form. ****

For CLT: All children 3rd grade and younger must be picked up in their classrooms on Sunday mornings. If you attend the 10:45 service, you will need to pick up your child from their classroom within 10 minutes of the end of the service. If you are volunteering in a classroom, your child will be brought to you by their teacher. Children/youth 4th grade and up will be responsible for finding their parent/guardian after Christian Learning Time.

For TGIW: All children ages K through 5th grade will need to be signed in by a parent/guardian, as well as signed out. If a child is not signed out by a parent/guardian or leader of another program they participate in (i.e. puppets) they will not be allowed to leave. Children will not be allowed to wait by the doors or in the parking lot for their parents. This ensures the safety of all of our children at New Hope.

4-5th grade teacher needed!!!

We are still looking for 1-2 co-teachers for our 4-5th grade class. If you are interested in teaching this class with Kevin Christensen, please talk with Sarah Jacobson

3rd Grade Bibles: Those students entering 3rd grade for the 2014-2015 school year will be presented a Bible from the church during our Rally Day church services at 9:30 and 10:45. When signing up for Christian Learning Time, please indicate which service time you would prefer to receive your Bible, or contact sjacobson@newhopedsm.org before Sept. 3rd to let us know that info. If your family goes to JROL, they will receive their Bibles the weekend of Sept. 6 & 7.

Acolyte Training: For all children in 4th grade and up that wish to help acolyte this year, there will be a short acolyte training at 10:45 on Sunday, September 14th. We will meet in the back end of the Fellowship Hall (near the sanctuary). If you wish to serve our church by acolyting in the 10:45 service, please sign up on the 4-5th grade classroom door (downstairs).

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 after the Children's Message during the 9:30 service.

This year we need to stick to our Two-Adult rule as much as possible, so we will be asking parents to step in from time to time to help with crowd control. We are always looking for youth helpers in 5th grade or older. If you have any questions or concerns or would like to help, please contact Sherri Bogue or see the new Children's Worship Bulletin board near the Purple room.



STARTING THIS FALL ADULT MINISTRIES AND CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES HAVE A NEW LEARNING OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU!

Who: Parents and Grandparents OF ALL AGES are invited

What: A Christian Learning Time class for adults

When: Starting Sunday, September 7th at 10:45am

Where: The Ruby Chapel

Why: This is a great opportunity for the parents and grandparents of our congregation to spend some time learning from one another and growing together as the most influential people in the lives of our children.

Rick and Cathy Homard will lead us in a 6-session group study called “*The Love Dare for Parents*” This study will help parents learn how God has wired each of their children so that they can tailor the way they discipline, show affection, and teach life lessons, relating to each child based on his or her uniqueness.

If you are interested in joining this class and purchasing “The Love Dare for Parents Bible Study” book, please refer to the insert in the weekly bulletin or info outside Sarah’s office.

Prayer Opportunity: Adult Ministries and Children and Youth Ministries are partnering to offer an opportunity for adult Christians to pray for and connect with New Hope and JROL’s children and youth.

We are seeking adults who would like to pray for the children of a Christian Learning Time (CLT) class. Our goal is to have 2-3 adult prayer partners for each class. Adult prayer partners will meet the children of their assigned class and pray for them. We are asking that adults who volunteer to be prayer partners make the following commitments:

1. Pray for the children/youth of your class

2. Visit their CLT class on

New Hope: Sunday September 14th and 2-3 more times September -May.

JROL: Saturday Night Class on September 20th

-or- Sunday Morning Class on September 21st

3. Send birthday cards to the children/youth in the CLT class (no gifts please- these kids need your presence, not your presents)

4. Support CLT teachers with encouraging words and cards

5. Authorize New Hope to complete a background check

If you are interested, sign up on the clipboard in the fellowship hall.

Join us for the TGIW Family Night Kick Off!

Family Tailgating Party * Wednesday, September 10th, 6pm

Bring your favorite lawn game to play, dress up in your favorite team attire and come for a light dinner. Please RSVP on the TGIW bulletin board so we know how much food to prepare. You can bring other tailgating snacks to share, (we’ll provide the snow cones) and even decorate your vehicle. Let this be an opportunity to get pumped up for the big Iowa vs. ISU game on September 13th. There will be a contest for the best dressed family and best decorated vehicle!



TGIW Registration: Make sure to sign your child up for TGIW on Wednesday, September 17th. There will be important information packets, with lots of new policies and schedule changes for parents to pick up at registration time. If your child is participating in TGIW this year, please make sure to get one of these info packets!

Things to look forward to in September: Lots of outdoor games, Bible video component (we will learn about the Bible), Handbells for 3rd grade and up, an interactive Mission project involving your art/writing skills.

Come join us on September 17th and 24th for TGIW

Dinner 5:30-6pm * Handbells 6-6:30pm * Activities 6-7:15pm

Check out the Children and Family Ministries Information Spot! This month in the Parent Link and on the bulletin board you will find a meal time devotion titled “Cold Feet” and an activity puzzle for kids. Under the Parent Resources section we are gearing our topics to the parents/families with teens in the house. You’ll find articles such as “How do I handle my strong-willed teenager,” and “Teen Rebellion-Behavior with a Reason.” If you have any ideas or suggestions for Parent Resources or topics you’d like to see, please contact sjacobson@newhopedsm.org.

youth programs

(6th-8th grade) The focus of **Jr. High BLAST** is to share the love of Christ through fun fellowship activities and service projects.

September Gatherings: Junior Blast is gearing up for another year of fun, fellowship, and growing in faith! We will meet on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 to 7:15. The first event of the year will be the family night kickoff tailgate party on September 10th, so all ages are encouraged to come.

On September 17th, we will have the first official Junior Blast event. If you have any questions, please contact Ryan Jacobson (ryantjacobson@hotmail.com)

Note to parents and other adults: In accordance with New Hope's safe sanctuary policy, there needs to be at least two adults present for every Junior Blast event. If there are any weeks that we don't have two or more adults scheduled to be present, then it will have to be cancelled for that week. If you are interested in signing up to volunteer, please contact Ryan Jacobson (ryantjacobson@hotmail.com)

(9th-12th grade) Sr. BLAST Leaders: Chris Higdon, Charity Johnson, and Pam Frey.

The school year is off and running; and so is the New Hope Senior BLAST group. The leadership team has set the schedule for the first half of the year and is excited to announce that this year the group will be meeting weekly on Sundays at New Hope. Starting on September 14th from 3pm to 5pm; the group will be meeting to have fun and learn more about Jesus Christ. This will be a time used for fellowship and to hold a group devotional.

Additionally, this year the leadership team wants to get the group back focused on our three core principles:

Education: Share the gospel of Jesus Christ to the youth through our activities and Bible study events. Work to integrate the youth into the larger church body, through our active involvement with other church activities.

Fellowship: Allow the youth to develop relationships with each other and prepare them to become leaders now and tomorrow in our church.

Service: Living out our faith by providing opportunities for the youth to give back to the community/church through meaningful service projects and activities.

Our first get-together in September (Sept. 13th) will involve a service project of working for Encore Thrift Store on Merle Hay Road; followed by a tailgating party of watching the Iowa VS Iowa State game. **However, in preparation for this service project; we are asking the congregation to help by bringing canned vegetables (#10 sized cans preferred) to be donated to Hope Ministries.** We will have donation boxes at Church for people to place their canned donations into.



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

Sept. 7th ~ New Hope Rally Day Activities

Sept. 13th @ 8:30am ~ Iowa vs ISU Game & Service Project

Sept. 14th ~ New Hope BLAST Breakfast

Sept. 14th @ 3pm ~ Sunday BLAST Meeting

Sept. 21st ~ JROL Rally Day Activities

Sept. 21st @ 3pm ~ Sunday BLAST Meeting

Sept. 28th @ 3 pm ~ Sunday BLAST Meeting

Oct. 5th @ 3pm ~ Sunday BLAST Meeting

Oct. 12th @ 3pm ~ Sunday BLAST Meeting

Oct. 19th @ 3 pm ~ Help with Harvest Dinner
at New Hope

Oct. 26th @ 4 pm ~ BLAST Corn Maze/
Haunted House

Oct. 30th @ 4 pm ~ JROL Community
Beggar Night

More information about the above events will be sent out in email and posted on Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/SeniorHighBlast>).

groups gathering together

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, September 13
at 7:30 a.m. at New Hope.

Women's Fellowship

New Hope Women's Fellowship will have their first fall meeting on Thursday, September 18 at 9am. Our program will be Eden Stokka talking about Music Therapy. All women of New Hope are invited. If you've never come before, this is a good time to start! Questions? Call Sharon Lewis 254-1692 or Lee Ross 276-9790.

Blood Pressure Check

New Hope is offering free Blood Pressure checks each month. **September 21, 9:30-11:00am** 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 will meet on **Thursday, October 9, 10am** at New Hope. If you would like to join the Care Ministry team, please contact Clarice Rubek or Mary Ann Rice.

New Hope Needlers - Monthly Gatherings

The New Hope Needlers plan to meet on **Monday, September 15 at 11:30am at Panera** in Johnston for lunch, then sewing from 1- 4 pm at Kim Buske's. Any sewers are welcome to join for one or both parts of the day. Questions? Call Kim at 515-334-5448.

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

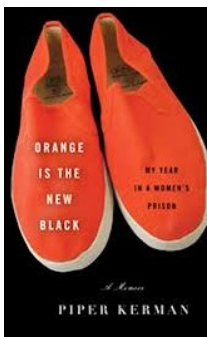
3rd Tuesday of the month (February - October) at 7 p.m.

Small Groups

Adult Sunday School

9:30 & 10:45 a.m. in the Ruby Chapel.

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



CHICK LIT BOOK CLUB/PRAYER GROUP/FILM GROUP

Coming to the Ruby Chapel on September 25th at 6:30pm!

Orange is the New Black: My Year in a Women's Prison by Piper Kerman

"With a career, a boyfriend, and a loving family, Piper Kerman barely resembles the reckless young woman who delivered a suitcase of drug money ten years before. But that past has caught up with her. Convicted and sentenced to fifteen months at the infamous federal correctional facility in Danbury, Connecticut, the well-heeled Smith College alumna is now inmate #11187-424—one of the millions of people who disappear "down the rabbit hole" of the American penal system. From her first strip search to her final release, Kerman learns to navigate this strange world with its strictly enforced codes of behavior and arbitrary rules. She meets women from all walks of life, who surprise her with small tokens of generosity, hard words of wisdom, and simple acts of acceptance. Heartbreaking, hilarious, and at times enraging, Kerman's story offers a rare look into the lives of women in prison—why it is we lock so many away and what happens to them when they're there."

Needlers Sew-In Monday, October 13

Join the New Hope Needlers as they work on Little Dresses and Little Britches for Africa - and maybe do a bit of quilting as well. We will be meeting in Fellowship Hall approximately 9:00am-3:30pm with a pot luck lunch at noon.

Feel free to join for all or part of the day. We have material, trims and patterns.

Bring your own machine or let us know if you'd like to use one of the ones we have available. Questions? Contact Kim Buske at 515-334-5448 or kim.buske@gmail.com.



missions



SEPTEMBER MISSION NEWS

Thanks to all New Hoppers and JROL for making our *Meals from the Heartland* packaging a success!!! We were able to package more than our goal our goal of 30,000 by the end. It was fun to see all ages focusing on measuring, weighing, sealing and packing. We are also close to meeting our \$6,000 goal.

Women at the Well is our September focus as we are taking 6 members to a worship service at the women's prison in Mitchellville, September 25th. Our UMC Conference started a congregation among these women, many of whom have also been traumatized by violence and abuse. When the women get involved with Women at the Well they are able to heal with our wonderful Savior's healing touch. To continue that healing and helping women successfully return back into society, a team of 6 from New Hope/JROL is waiting to receive training as a re entry team.

Denise Hartford is organizing a team for a *Habitat for Humanity Build* on September 6th. She has all but 4 workers but if more sign up (on the Mission table), she will see if she can take more.

Needlers and others are furiously making *Little Dresses and Britches for Africa* to be delivered on a mission trip to Tanzania in October by *Outreach Africa* leaders, Kathy and Floyd Hammer, who were presenters at the last Ray Pugh Institute.

DMARC is having great difficulty in filling the shelves of the food pantries in the metro area. You might consider giving a monthly amount in the offering on DMARC Sunday, the 3rd Sunday of each month. You will find envelopes in the bulletin for that purpose. Buying bulk can produce more food than individuals can so monetary giving is more helpful, but we do have a grocery cart for food items by the Mission table. If you have any questions about DMARC, ask Charlene Cobb, our DMARC representative.



Hand of Luke is currently serving up to 250 individuals each month at Central Iowa Shelter & Services downtown Des Moines.

Sign up sheets are located in the Narthex. While receipt of supplies is most appreciated there are occasions when meal ingredients must be supplemented. If you are interested in providing a financial donation to support this cause, please notate "Missions - HOL" on your check (or with your cash). Thank you.

Hand of Luke - September 14

Grilled Hamburger on a Bun with toppings
Baked Beans, Potato Chips
Watermelon, Ice Cream Sandwiches

Sign up in the Fellowship Hall to make food donations, cook or serve. Cooks meet at the church between 3:00-3:30pm. Servers transport the food to the Central Iowa Shelter & Services at 5:30pm, return by 8:00pm.

When dropping off your non perishables, please see that they are **clearly labeled HOL and clearly indicate who it is from** and place on the kitchen counter. Frozen items may be placed on the marked shelves in the industrial freezer. If possible, please indicate on the sign up sheet where you placed your item(s) (for example, "in pantry", or "in the fridge."). Baked goods should be transferred to a disposable container if possible. THANK YOU!!!



-Yee-Haw-

The 2014 Harvest Dinner & Auction Fundraiser Sunday, October 19th 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

It's time to get ready and prepare for this year's Harvest Dinner & Auction Fundraiser. We want to raise funds for New Hope's programs and projects which will help us fulfill our Mission Statement: Serve God, Love Others, and Follow Jesus.

What is the Harvest Dinner & Auction Fundraiser?

1. A General Store, 4 to 8 p.m.

The General Store will have for sale donated items which are new and perhaps handmade by you. Not everybody can knit and crochet, bake or make jams and jellies or create works of art out of wood. Your gifts and talents are needed in the General Store and we are asking for items with a sale value of up to \$50. Please let Barb Agan know what you will be donating to the General Store. Your donation can be brought to New Hope on Saturday, October 18 from noon to 3 p.m. Barb Agan's contact information is: 515-255-8292 aganbarjim@gmail.com.

2. An Auction, 6 to 8 p.m.

Jerry Kluver will again be the auctioneer and he will keep us entertained as he works with his 'side kick' and emcee John Rains. Donations needed for the auction can be handmade items, trip packages, dinners for groups, game tickets and handyman services. Five auction items will be started at the bid of \$30 with the rest of the items having a starting bid of \$50. So please bring your donation valued at \$50 or more to

Sunday, October 12. Please contact Melisa Forbes to let her know what you will be donating to the Auction. Melisa's contact information is: 515-276-0695 mel4bs@aol.com.

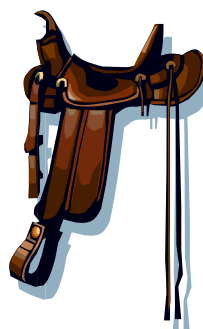
3. A Dinner, 5 to 6 p.m.

Dinner will be a delicious buffet with pork and its trimmings, dessert and drink.

4. Musical Entertainment, 5 to 6 p.m. by Junction Jazz Society

5. Children Activities, 6 to 8 p.m.

During the auction, children activities will be provided.



Tickets for the Harvest Dinner and Auction will be sold beginning Sunday, September 7 in the Fellowship Hall after each worship service.

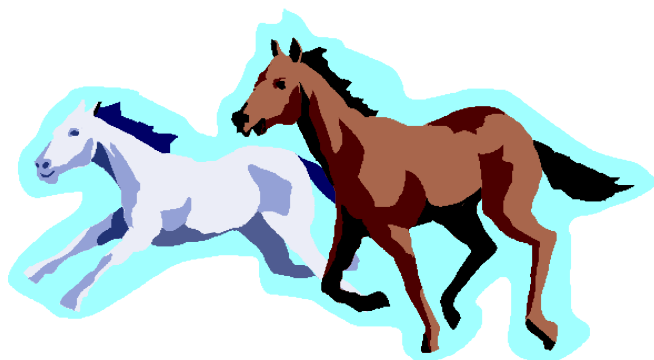
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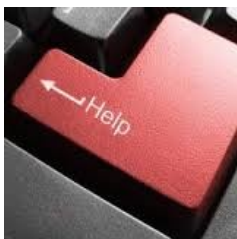
Adults - 12 years and up, \$10

Children 5 to 11 years, \$5

Children 4 years and younger, FREE

*Keep your eyes open.
You may see some horses.*





ATTENTION ALL TECHIES!!!

New Hope United Methodist Church is looking for a Web Master to maintain the church website. This is a volunteer position.

If this is a gift that you could share with the church, please contact Billy Nuzum at bbnewz54@gmail.com or Chris Higdon at HigdonChristopherG@johndeere.com.

Coming Late Fall...

New Hope Books & Collectibles Sale

Saturday, December 6 from 9AM-3PM

At the recent rummage sale wrap up meeting, there was discussion about (1) the significant increase in the number of books we received and (2) the shopper for books and collectibles is perhaps a different shopper than the typical rummage sale shopper looking for clothes, housewares, bedding, etc. The committee decided to try hosting a separate Books and Collectibles Sale later this year and then not include books in the spring rummage sale.

To that end, a Books and Collectibles Sale has been

scheduled for **one day only Saturday, December 6 from 9AM-3PM in Fellowship Hall**. Proceeds from the Books and Collectibles Sale will be added to the rummage sale proceeds.

Collectibles may be antiques, curios, art, or manufactured collectibles. Examples of manufactured collectibles are Avon bottles, Hummel figurines, Lladro figures, Longaberger baskets, and Fenton glass. All collectibles for this sale should be clean, unbroken, and ready for display. No toys, furniture, or large antiques will be included in the sale. Individuals with collectibles can either donate them to New Hope for the sale or choose to sell them at the sale on consignment, with the seller receiving 50% and New Hope receiving 50%. Any unsold collectibles on consignment would remain the property of the member, understanding that the owner will need to be present at the end of the sale to pick up the unsold collectibles. Books would be a donation to New Hope for the sale and any unsold books would be given to the Johnston Lions Club for their spring book sale. The sale staff will price all items to be sold; items will be priced competitively (under the price listed on eBay, Craig's List, etc.). Unlike the rummage sale, there will be no mark downs or price negotiation.

What do you need to do now:

- start setting aside books and collectibles that you want to donate or collectibles to sell on consignment. Items for the sale will be accepted Tuesday-Wednesday, Dec 2 - 3 from 1-7 PM.
- mark your calendar for Saturday, December 6 and plan to attend the sale. Tell your friends and neighbors.
- consider volunteering to help set up the sale, work at the sale, or help with take down
- save paper shopping bags with handles, tissue paper, and bubble wrap. (There will be a drop box for these under the sign-up table soon).

If you have any questions about what is a 'collectible' or any other questions, please contact Kim Buske (kim.buske@gmail.com) or Kathy Russi (KWRussi@aol.com).



Garlands of Gifts

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, November 15, 9am-3pm** at New Hope UMC.

This open to the public craft & gift fair will have crafters or national direct sales companies as vendors. Free Admission!

New Hope Financial Update

Below is the General Fund operating budget report for July 2014 compared to our 2014 budget and July 2013

	July 2014 Actual	July 2014 Budget	July 2013 Actual
Total Receipts	22,393.96	22,706.58	25,770.90
Total Expenditures	<u>28,724.56</u>	<u>31,067.31</u>	<u>31,331.48</u>
Net Surplus (Deficit)	(6,330.60)	(8,360.73)	(5,560.58)
	YTD July 2014 Actual	YTD July 2014 Budget	YTD July 2013 Actual
Total Receipts	170,090.06	166,415.82	192,180.67
Total Expenditures	<u>196,412.74</u>	<u>203,088.13</u>	<u>209,880.83</u>
Net Surplus (Deficit)	(26,322.68)	(36,672.31)	(17,700.16)

New Hope Sunday morning Worship attendance

	8:30	9:30	10:45	total
Aug 3	30	86	84	200
Aug 10	48	73	71	192
Aug 17	25	98	83	206
Aug 24	38	88	102	228

Johnston River of Life Financial Update

Below is the General Fund operating budget report for July 2014 compared to our 2014 budget and July 2013

	July 2014 Actual	July 2014 Budget	July 2013 Actual
Total Receipts	7,841.22	13,863.33	n/a
Total Expenditures	<u>8,400.95</u>	<u>8,400.95</u>	n/a
Net Surplus (Deficit)	(559.73)	5,621.22	n/a
	YTD July 2014 Actual	YTD July 2014 Budget	YTD July 2013 Actual
Total Receipts	73,828.33	63,933.33	n/a
Total Expenditures	<u>70,926.32</u>	<u>67,344.81</u>	n/a
Net Surplus (Deficit)	2,902.01	(3,411.48)	n/a

Johnston River of Life Worship attendance

	Sat		Sun		total
Aug 2	50		Aug 3	40	90
Aug 9	45		Aug 10	44	89
Aug 16	36		Aug 17	46	82
Aug 23	48		Aug 24	46	94

Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving

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.

Donate



School has started! The fair is over! The routine has begun!

It is a time when people make a fresh start. Kids get new teachers, start new classes, and even get new clothes. Parents celebrate a return to normalcy while lamenting the last camping trip or vacation of the season. We plan our lives based upon the school calendar, our work schedule, or holidays. These new seasons give us pause for reevaluation, and restructuring of life.

Personally, I believe God made us this way. Winter, Spring, Summer, Fall; seasons are a part of life, a part our world, and a part of the universe. We can think on the grand scale of the Hyakutake comet that has a orbital period estimated at 72,000 years, or earths rotation of one day. It seems that creation is centered around a cycle. In the Movie "The Lion King," *Elton John* sings - *The Circle of Life*. We live amidst seasons.

Each season of life brings with it a new challenge and a new choice. For some it is the question of education, where and what. Others debate the question, to marry or not to marry, or maybe it is "How long will the other person wait to ask?" Still others debate where to live or which job to take? How many children should we have? Or, what kind of car to drive at this stage in life? Isn't it amazing in fact how you can oftentimes determine a persons season of life from what kind of vehicle they drive.

Faith can also be found in seasons. Maybe you are a Christmas and Easter person. Maybe you are a Baptism, Confirmation, Wedding, and Funeral person. Maybe you are an every week, 3 times a week kinda person. Whatever your past faith experience has been, there is always an opportunity for a new season, a new experience. This fall is a great season to start a New Season of Faith.

At New Hope and JROL this fall you will find many great opportunities to deepen your faith, to participate in worship, and engage in service. There is something to fit everyone: Five worship services, Christian learning classes for all ages, small groups, service teams, youth activities, and outreach events. Whatever your gift or passion in ministry, we invite you to start a New Season of faith.

Pastor Craig Ferguson

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 September

8:30am Traditional Service	9:30am Contemporary Service	10:45am Traditional Service
<u>Greeters</u> 7 Charlotte Schultz 14 21 28	<u>Greeters</u> 7 Glenna Ross 14 21 28	<u>Greeters</u> 7 Sheldon & Esther Stout 14 21 28
<u>Lectors</u> 7 Cathy Short 14 21 Vicki O'Brien 28 Vicki O'Brien	<u>Lectors</u> 7 William Rock 14 21 Tony Hoffman 28	<u>Lectors</u> 7 Jon Verner 14 Barb Mather 21 28 Billy Nuzum
	<u>*Hosts</u> 7 Pam Weisskopf 14 Sr. BLAST 21 Pam & Bill Gibbons 28 Paulette & Larry Wood	<u>*Hosts</u> 7 Roberta & Neal Cave 14 Sr. BLAST 21 Linda & Jerry Kielsmeier 28 Paulette & Larry Wood
<u>Traditional Service Callers</u> 7 Mark & Leah Scherer 14 Bob & Marlys Borcharding 21 Norma Sutton 28 Bob & Marlys Borcharding	<u>Money Counters</u> 7 Clark Howland, Rick Homard, Larry Wood 14 Jerry Kielsmeier, Kim Traylor, OPEN 21 Tony & Tracy Hoffman, Glenna Ross 28 Ron Zoss, DeVonne Douglas, Randy Jansen	
<u>Contemporary Service Callers</u> 7 Rod & Lynette Cook 14 Eldon Cross 21 Rod & Lynette Cook 28 Eldon Cross	<u>Pal Friday: 9 a.m.</u> 5 Marlys Borcharding 12 Ann Krause 19 Norma Smith 26 Shirley Johnson	

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!**

september

2014
AT NEW HOPE

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

	1 Labor Day Office Closed	2 9:30a, Sr. Singers practice 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 7p, Trustees Meeting, Ruby Chapel	3 6:30p, Choir practice 7:45p, Praise Team	4 7p, Worship Cluster, Pastor's Study 7p, JROL Mtg., R.Chapel	5 Office Vol: Norma Smith	6
7 Communion *UM Student Day offering Rally Day - CLT begins! 3rd grade bibles Noon, Potluck & games Harvest Dinner tickets on sale	8 6:30p, Women's Bible Study, R.Chapel	9 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 6:00p, Harvest Auction Meeting	10 6:00p, Family Tailgating Night 6p, Jr. BLAST 6:30p, Choir practice 7:45p, Praise Team	11 7p, Nominating Commit- tee Mtg., R.Chapel	12 Office Vol: Ann Krause 1p, Friday Small Group at Pizza Ranch	13 7:30a, Men's Breakfast 8:30a, Sr. BLAST
14 Breakfast by Sr. BLAST 10:45a, Acolyte Training 3:30p, Hand of Luke 3-5p, Sr. BLAST 4:30p, Confirmation Class	15 <i>Oct. LINK deadline</i> 11:30a, Needlers at Panera 7p, Staff Pastor Parish Mtg., R.Chapel	16 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 7:00p, Finance Meeting 7:00p, Stroke Club	17 5:30p, TGIW 6:00p, Jr. BLAST 6:30p, Choir practice 6:30p, Adult Handbells 7:45p, Praise Team	18 9a, Women's Fellowship at church	19 Office Vol: Marlys Borcherding Wedding Rehearsal	20 10a, Beaverdale Parade Randi Silvers & Zach Ramsey wedding
21 Food Pantry Sunday 9:30-11a, Blood Pressure New Member sign up 10a, JROL, back to school worship 3-5p, Sr. BLAST	22	23 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 7:00p, AD Council Mtg	24 5:30p, TGIW 6:00p, Jr. BLAST 6:30p, Choir practice 6:30p, Adult Handbells 7:45p, Praise Team	25 6:30p, Book Club, R.Chapel	26 Office Vol: Shirley Johnson 1p, Friday Small Group at Pizza Ranch	27
28 NCD Survey Noon, New Member class 3-5p, Sr. BLAST 4:30p, Confirmation Class	29	30 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA	October 1 5:30p, TGIW 6:00p, Jr. BLAST 6:30p, Choir practice 6:30p, Adult Handbells 7:45p, Praise Team	2	3 Office Vol: Marilyn Monroe	4

***UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY, SUNDAY, SEPT. 7:** Your generous gifts support United Methodist scholarships and the United Methodist Student Loan Fund, administered by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry.

Happy Birthday to you!!

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

- 1 Levi Kinnetz, Zoie Lamp
- 2 Craig Ferguson
- 4 James Neu
- 5 Tim Carrigan, Madilyn Moellers
- 6 Marlys Borcherding, Taylor Martz
- 7 Eugene Pecinovsky, Maddox Alcorn
- 8 Eli Goodson, Trenton Cracraft
- 9 Jerry Kielsmeier, Jenn Higdon, Trent Johnson, Charlie Strauss
- 10 Kirk Hartung, Ambrose Moses, Grace Rowland, Grace Beasley
- 11 Lindsey McCulley, Nathan Grow, Elaine Sheer
- 12 Emma Monthei, Byron Hover-Williamson
- 13 John Kirkpatrick, Abbey Hitchcock
- 14 Randy Jansen, Deane Glen

- 15 Sharon Lewis, Eddy Johnston, Kristine Wakeman
- 16 Nancy Monthei, Emma Weih
- 17 Ruth Daxon
- 18 Dennis Haugland, Allyson Sutton, Sherri Bogue
- 19 Jordan Thompson, Ty Dolberg, Megan Thomsen, Joe Borchardt
- 20 Maya Johnston
- 21 Glenda Millard, Zane Sutton
- 22 Clarice Rubek, Brian Hartung
- 23 Donna Gronstal, Karla Rankin, Patty Gressman
- 24 Janet Carrigan
- 25 Jeffrey Huber, Matt Trillet
- 26 Jennifer Berger
- 27 Valerie Hawthorne, Kyle Redies, Nora Mundy
- 28 Bryan Haase

Happy Anniversary!!!

- 6 Greg & Raynette Meyers
- 8 Gene & Elaine Lesch
- 9 Dustin & Melanie Henry
- 9 Chad & Cindy Meyer
- 10 Bob & Marge Robinson
- 14 John & Joyce Turek
- 14 John & Carolyn Burrough
- 18 Scott & Lisa Peterson
- 18 Jason & Tamara Evans
- 19 Tom & Ann Schultz
- 21 Steve & Liz Grow
- 22 Corey & Deanne Miller
- 23 Dennis & Renee Haugland
- 26 Jamie & Marte Carlson
- 30 Joe & Kim Traylor

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.



Natural Church Development

At our Administrative Council meeting on July 29, 2014, I presented a program called "Natural Church Development." This program has been used extensively in churches throughout our conference. I have used it in the last two churches I served. It is a resource that helps churches determine their strengths and areas of need. It can help churches determine priorities and goals that will enable them to become stronger and healthier. The Administrative Council voted to have New Hope engage in this process.

The Natural Church Development process will begin with members of New Hope being invited to fill out a survey form on the work and ministry of New Hope UMC. These forms will be scored in comparison with a data base of literally thousands of churches of all denominations from all around the world. It is the largest data base on churches of its kind. Our church will then be rated on eight essential characteristics that churches need to have in place at a certain level for them to be healthy and growing. The eight characteristics are:

Empowering Leadership
Gift-Based Ministry
Passionate Spirituality
Effective Structures
Inspiring Worship Service
Holistic Small Groups
Need-Oriented Evangelism
Loving Relationships

When the survey results are tabulated, we will receive scores for each of the eight characteristics and be able to see our strengths and needs as a congregation. We will then use this to plan ways to strengthen the lowest scores and utilize the highest ones to grow the mission and ministry of New Hope.

Pastor Craig Ferguson has also used Natural Church Development in the past and will lead this same process at the Johnston River of Life site.

The Natural Church Development survey is not designed for people to give suggestions or express their preferences. It is a research tool that asks specific questions about what knowledgeable, involved and active members have personally experienced in the church. With that in mind, we are open to anyone who would like to participate to do so. We will not limit participation and we especially encourage those in leadership positions to be involved.

We will have the forms available to be filled out on Sunday, September 28, following each of the worship services. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns about this process, please let me know. It can be a powerful tool to help us grow in our mission, outreach, and service.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Jon

September Sermon Series: "Back to School: Learning New Lessons"

September 7 Title: "Learning Love" Text: Romans 13:8-14, Communion, Rally Day

September 14 Title: "Learning Forgiveness" Text: Matthew 18:21-35

September 21 Title: "Learning Fairness" Text: Matthew 20:1-16

September 28 Title: "Learning Obedience" Text: Exodus 17:1-7; Matthew 21:28-32



Sunday Worship Services at New Hope

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

Johnston River of Life Casual Worship Services

Currently meeting at Beaver Creek Elementary,
8701 Lyndhurst Drive, Johnston

Saturdays at 5:00 pm

Sundays at 10am

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