

the link

A monthly publication of
New Hope United
Methodist Church

November 2014

NOVEMBER AT NEW HOPE UMC



CELEBRATING THE GIFT

- Nov. 2 "The Gift of the Saints"
- Nov. 9 "The Gift of Preparation"
- Nov. 16 "The Gift of Talents"
- Nov. 23 "The Gift of Helping"

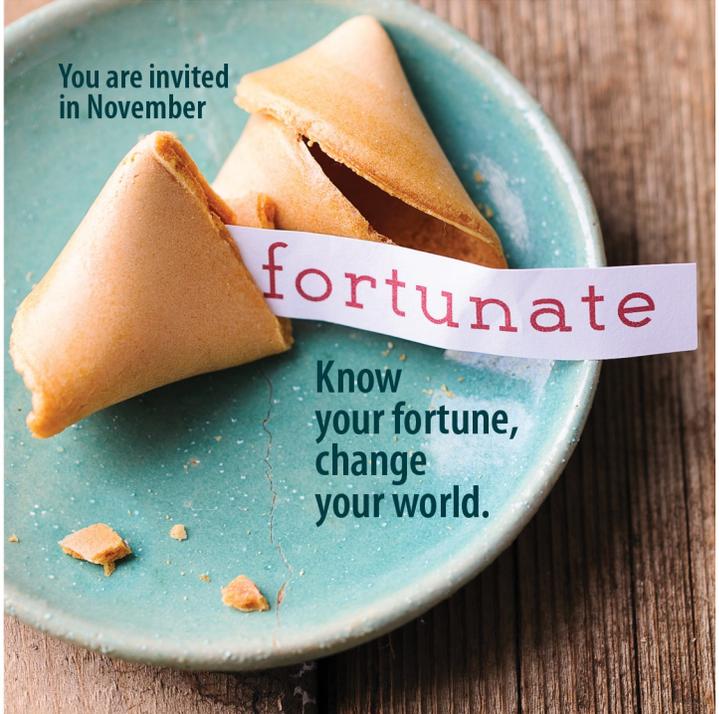


NEW HOPE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sundays at New Hope UMC 8:30am • 9:30am • 10:45am
newhopedsm.org



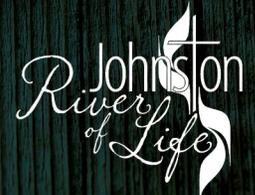
You are invited
in November



fortunate

Know
your fortune,
change
your world.

Saturdays 5pm
Sundays 10am
Beaver Creek Elementary
johnstonriveroflife.org



Garlands of Gifts Craft & Gift Fair

Sat, Nov 15 • 9am - 3pm
Free Admission!

NEW HOPE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
4525 Beaver Ave, Des Moines

Over 45 vendors showcasing jewelry, candles,
home décor, beauty items, children's items,
food, cleaning products, and more!



Stewardship Sunday

November 23

Join us for our annual pledge drive! A pledge sheet will be available at each worship service that explains the designated funds. We invite you to prayerfully consider your financial giving for the 2015 year and celebrate what God is doing through New Hope UMC and Johnston River of Life.



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; Anne Cunningham; Marcia Clemmens, mother of Keel Clemmens; Bruce Flickinger, son of Elmer & Theresa Flickinger; Nathan William Hartford, grandson of John & Denise Hartford; 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; Devan Stanton, Jared Stanton and our national and world leaders, our military and their families.

Wedding

Congratulations to Brandi Callison and Taylor Webber on their October 25 wedding at New Hope UMC.

Sympathy

Our Sympathy to Don & Ruth Doxon for the passing of Ruth's sister-in-law, Casey Gottula.

Our Sympathy to Jerry Stastny's daughter and stepsons and the New Hope UMC family on the passing of Jerry.

Our Sympathy to Lindsey, Jared & Caitlyn Robinson on the passing of Lindsey's Grandma, Mary Lee Jahnke.

Our Sympathy to Dana and Teresa Garside and family on the passing of Teresa's mother, Carol McCuen.

Our Sympathy to Allyson Louzek and Eric Cluney on the passing of Eric's Great Aunt Joan.

Thank You

We are truly blessed to be a part of the New Hope/JROL family. Thank you for your thoughts and prayers for our grandson, Nathan. He was enthusiastically welcomed home recently and is doing just fine.

Praise God!
John & Denise Hartford

Special thank you to Glenna Ross, Lee Ross, DeVonne Douglas, and Althea Holcomb for coordinating the New Member and Shepherd Luncheon held on Oct. 12.

Thank You

Again we wish to thank Rev. Gaul and everyone from our lovely church family for the phone calls and cards during Laura's last period of hospital and rehabilitation. We thank you. Your thoughts and prayers are so appreciated. God bless each and every one.

Dale and Laura Myers.

THANKS to all PIE BAKERS and BUYERS! You've added \$385 to Women's Fellowship treasury! We will be deciding soon on the recipients of funds we have raised. The Women's Fellowship.

confirmation schedule



November 9, 4:30 p.m.

Topic: "Way of Salvation & Quadrilateral"

November 23, 4:30 p.m.

Topic: "Worship & Sacraments"

Sun., Nov. 2

Daylight

Saving

Time ends



Nursery Attendant

We have been blessed to have Tamara Evans as the Nursery Attendant at New Hope UMC. Tamara is leaving this position at the beginning of 2015.

We will be advertising for a paid Nursery Attendant at New Hope UMC for the position to begin January 4, 2015. If you know of anyone that would be interested in this position, please contact Byron Hover-Williamson, Chair of SPRC, at 515.240.1634 or byronw28@aol.com.

Welcome New Members!

On October 19th, we welcomed the following into the New Hope UMC and Johnston River of Life membership:



Wade and Gina Breitsprecher
3216 Seneca Ave., Des Moines, IA
50310, 515-271-0991,
iowabees@msn.com.
They have 3 children: Noah (14),
Luke (13), and Leah (10).



Ryan and Sarah Jacobson
915 45th Street, West Des Moines, IA
50265.
Ryan: 515-720-3769
ryantjacobson@hotmail.com
Sarah: 515-720-0315
sarahejacobson@hotmail.com



Fred Buzale
5427 Aurora Ave., Apt. 260,
Des Moines, IA 50310,
515-782-5055, buzalef@yahoo.com.



Allyson Louzek
4501 86th St., Apt. 27, Urbandale, IA
50322, 319-389-3013
alouzek@gmail.com
Her fiancé is Eric Cluney.



Ron and Linda Cooley
3700 Elm Dr., Apt. 1, Urbandale, IA
50322, 515-528-8827.
Linda: sweetgrandma46@aol.com.
Ron: bigcat0013@aol.com.



Lynne Paff-Boal
10616 Sharon Circle, Urbandale, IA
50322, 515-278-9851
leslynne@q.com.
Her husband is Steve Boal.



Steve Dann, 6408 Sunset Terrace,
Windsor Heights, IA 50324,
515-255-5392
desgnbydan@aol.com.



Dick & Netha Pipho
712 SE 4th St., Grimes, IA 50111
515-986-4071
nlpipho@ishsi.com.



Anita Gaul, 4545 Beaver Ave.,
Des Moines, IA 50310,
515-835-9883,
jonanitagaul@aol.com.
Her husband is Pastor Jon Gaul.



Georgette Banny Umuhoza
3830 6th Ave., Apt. 4B, Des Moines, IA
50313, 515-777-3455
gbumuhoza@dmacc.edu.

Patrick Kyenkya
5427 Aurora Ave., Apt. 260,
Des Moines, IA 50310, 515-770-4481,
egankkasigwa@yahoo.com.



New Members and their
Shepherds on Sunday,
October 19 at New Hope UMC
during the 9:30 & 10:45 services.





Advent by Candlelight

Monday, December 1
7:00 p.m.

Enter the season of advent in a spirit of love and joy rather than stress and anxiety.

Dessert will be served by table hostesses; followed by a program of music, scripture, verse, and stories. All women of the church (including high school students) and their guests are invited to attend.

SIGN-UP: Sign-up sheets for those wishing to attend and those volunteering to hostess are in the fellowship hall.

HOSTESSES are REQUESTED to register their list of guests with Cathy Cate to assure everyone has a seat.

Deadline is November 16.

Women's Chorus

Advent by Candlelight

We will, once again, have a Women's Chorus performing for Advent by Candlelight.

Practice times are November 9 and November 23, after the 10:45 service, in the Sanctuary. Linda Reaney will be directing.

Come join us in this musical contribution to the Advent season.



Poinsettia Orders

Deadline is November 16

You can order a poinsettia, in honor or in memory of a loved one, which will be utilized to decorate the New Hope sanctuary and the FLC stage during the Advent and Christmas season.

Please complete the poinsettia order form on the tear-off form of the bulletins and place your reservation along with your check with the offering. Deadline is November 17.

The cost is \$8.00 per plant.



Fall Work Day November 8

The fall work day is Saturday, Nov. 8th, and will begin at 9am and finish when the tasks are completed. We will be working on

cleaning up the yard from cutting down a couple of trees, picking up sticks, raking leaves, clearing drive of leaf and walnut debris, working on stopping the wash out into the holding pond and more. NO trimming of bushes. There may be some other miscellaneous tasks. Please bring leaf rakes (not garden rakes), branch loppers and small hand trimmer, gloves, warm sweater or jacket. There is poison ivy here and there so wear appropriate clothing (long pants and long sleeves). You may or may not be assigned to those areas. Let me know if you are extremely allergic to poison ivy/poison oak. The temperature early will most likely be in the upper 40's and the high may be around the mid 60's. I need at least one chain saw and at least one weed eater with heavy line. Army Larsen and Mike Wakeman will be in charge of the day. Lunch will be served at noon by Jody Rains and helpers. Yes, there will be pie!

We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, November 8th!

John Rains

Chair, Board of Trustees



The Angel Tree with Angel tags listing gifts for children of parents in prison will also be available in Fellowship Hall late November.

We are doubling the amount of tags this year, so be quick, they go fast! There will be directions placed with the tags.



Honoring our Veterans

On **Sunday, November 9**, during each of the worship services, we will be honoring our veterans who have served in the military at any time in their lifetime. If you are a veteran, we would very much like to recognize you on that Sunday.

We are grateful for the service our veterans have given to our country, and want to have a chance to share our thanks.

Also, there will be a second **Veterans Helping Veterans breakfast on Saturday, November 22, 2014, in Fellowship Hall at 8:30am**. All New Hope veterans and spouses are invited. Please RSVP to Billy Nuzum at 238-2302 or bbnewz54@gmail.com.

Hanging of the Greens

Sunday, November 23

Please join us on the 23rd as we work to beautify the church for this blessed time. We will begin at 10:30am in the FLC and continue in the sanctuary after the 10:45am service has ended. In past years we have easily been done by 1:30pm.



If you can share some time after either of these services, it would be so appreciated! We particularly need people who can climb and are able to lift a Christmas tree or two (aka younger than your average Altar Guild member).

Our church attendance is always up during the holidays and includes many visitors and prospective members, so please help us make New Hope glow!

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4,
6:30pm**

In the Fellowship Hall



The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet Tuesday, November 4 at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall. The 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. You can join our Prayer Shawl Ministry by getting involved in making shawls with us or by giving a shawl to 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! If you would like more information about the Prayer Shawl Ministry (i.e., yarn, directions for knitting), or would like to give a shawl to someone in need, please go to the Missions table in the Fellowship Hall. Questions? Please contact Jean Vesely, 274-5082.

CHICK LIT BOOK CLUB/PRAYER GROUP/FILM GROUP

November 20, 6:30pm, Ruby Chapel

Orphan Train by Christina Baker Kline

Penobscot Indian Molly Ayer is close to “aging out” out of the foster care system. A community service position helping an elderly woman clean out her home is the only thing keeping Molly out of juvie and worse...

As she helps Vivian sort through her possessions and memories, Molly learns that she and Vivian aren't as different as they seem to be. A young Irish immigrant orphaned in New York City, Vivian was put on a train to the Midwest with hundreds of other children whose destinies would be determined by luck and chance.

Molly discovers that she has the power to help Vivian find answers to mysteries that have haunted her for her entire life – answers that will ultimately free them both.

Rich in detail and epic in scope, *Orphan Train* by Christina Baker Kline is a powerful novel of upheaval and resilience, of unexpected friendship, and of the secrets we carry that keep us from finding out who we are. Questions? Contact Jean Vesely, 274-5082.





Children's Christmas Program * Sunday, December 14, 9:30am

The children invite you to share in "Apple Red Happiness" at worship on Sunday, December 14th during the 9:30AM worship service. The service is sure to rekindle memories and promises to ignite "Popcorn Cheerfulness" while they share the timeless story of the birth of a Blessed Baby.

Clippity Clop, Clippity Clop, can you hear God's people walk...to worship! What a morning it will be with the adult choir bringing the sermon in song at the 8:30 & 10:45 service.

Please plan to share and be delighted with the children's presentation at 9:30! Come hear the Good News!

DMARC Food Pantry Network Sees Substantial Rise in Use

In 2014, the Des Moines Area Religious Council's Food Pantry Network has seen doubled usage compared to last year. Since January 2014, DMARC has served over 2,700 families that have never had to use a food pantry before because they were able to make ends meet.

Why the dramatic increase? Huge cuts to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) went into effect in November 2013. As the economy improves and families make a little more money, they stop qualifying for SNAP even though they are still thousands of dollars away from a sustainable income.

Monetary donations always go further in purchasing food, as it can be purchased in bulk for maximum savings. DMARC relies almost entirely on *individuals, partner organizations, companies, and congregations* to stock the Food Pantry Network warehouse shelves with food for our neighbors. Another way to help is to volunteer at the DMARC Food Pantry Network warehouse or one of 12 area partner food pantries.

You can place your monetary donation with the offering and your check made out to New Hope UMC, and DMARC in the memo line. Thank you!



Hand of Luke - November 14

- Meatball Sandwich**
- Broccoli with Cheese**
- Fresh Fruit**
- Ice Cream Sundaes**

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 refrig."). Baked goods should be transferred to a disposable container if possible.

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

YEE HAW!!!

The Harvest Dinner & Auction Fundraiser was a great success!

Thank you to all the chairs of the committees and their committee members for planning a wonderful event! Thank you to the Men's Group for serving the dinner, to Sr. BLAST for being the wait staff, to Jr. BLAST for coordinating the children's activities, to Tamara Evans for being the nursery attendant, to the ever entertaining Jerry Kluver, auctioneer, and to Junction Jazz Society for the wonderful music.

This event would not have been successful without the many people that contributed items to the General Store and the live Auction. Your donations were greatly appreciated and largely why this was such a successful event.

The approximate net is \$7,300.

Thank you to all that bought tickets and attended this fundraiser. We hope you all enjoyed yourselves and we look forward to your participation again next year. **Save the date: Sunday, October 18, 2015!**

Volunteers are needed to help plan next year's Harvest Dinner & Auction Fundraiser. Please contact Nancy Monthei, 278-2097 or nancy@newhopedsm.org to let her know you want to volunteer.

Nancy Monthei, chair
Larry Webber, co-chair



New Hope Needlers met on Monday, Oct. 13 to work on Little Dresses and Little Britches for Africa. Many clothing pieces were made, wonderful fellowship time, and a delicious potluck.



New Hope's First Books, Collectibles and Bake Sale

Saturday, December 6 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

New Hope's first Books, Collectibles, and Bake Sale will be held December 6. This new event is part of our long rummage sale tradition. Proceeds from the books and collectibles will be added to the rummage sale proceeds and bake sale proceeds go to the Women's Fellowship.

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. If you have any questions regarding what is considered a collectible, don't hesitate to contact us.

At the time of drop off, donators of collectibles can decide if they want to pick up their items that do not sell. If they want to do so, donators must be at the church at 3:30 PM on Saturday, December 6 to pick up any unsold collectibles. Any unsold collectibles not picked up at that time become the property of New Hope to sell via another channel or store for sale at the spring rummage sale.

All books are donations to New Hope for the sale and any unsold books will 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.

How you can support the sale:

-Start setting aside books and collectibles that you want to donate. Items for the sale will be accepted Tuesday, and Wednesday, December 2 and 3 from 1-7 PM. **If you have a sizable number of collectible items to donate or have collectibles with values over \$ 50 to donate, please contact us now. This will allow us time to determine an appropriate sale price and to advertise the items prior to the event.** If you have items to donate but cannot arrange to drop them off the dates and times listed, please contact us to arrange another time to provide us with the items.

- Mark your calendar for Saturday, December 6 and plan to attend the sale. Tell your friends and neighbors. There are bookmarks and flyers available at the church that you can share at work or with friends and family

-Volunteer to help set up the sale, work at the sale, or help with take down

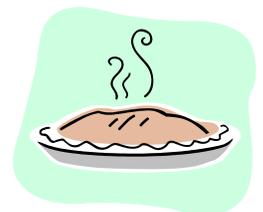
-Save paper shopping bags with handles, tissue paper, plastic bags, and bubble wrap. (There will be a drop box for these under the sign up table mid-November).

We Need You! In order for this new event to be successful, we need a large selection of books and collectibles to sell **AND we need your help** in setting up and staffing the event. Thanks for helping support this new event at New Hope.

If you have questions, please contact Kim Buske (kim.buske@gmail.com) or Kathy Russi (KWRussi@aol.com).



There will also be a New Hope Bake Sale



Instead of having a Cookie Walk, Women's Fellowship is sponsoring a Bake Sale at the Books and Collectibles Sale. We are asking for pies, cakes, cookies, candy, jams, jellies, rolls etc. It would be appreciated if you could have your items labeled with ingredients, wrapped and ready for sale. Please bring your bake sale items to New Hope on Friday morning December, 5 from 9 a.m. to noon. The Women's Fellowship is sponsoring this Bake Sale and proceeds will go to missions. If you have questions, please contact Linda Kielsmeier, 515-689-9680 or at lapals@hotmail.com.



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.



Children's Worship (Ages 3 years through 2nd grade)

Children's Worship is a meaningful time for children to worship and connect with God. They 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 ask parents to help with crowd control and to help us stay in ratio now that we are easily getting 13+ children every week. Please see the sign up list on the bulletin board in the education wing to participate. You don't even have to be a parent to get a "taste" of what Children's Worship is all about. We are always looking for youth helpers in 5th grade or older. If you have any questions, concerns or would like to help, please contact Sherri Bogue or see the new Children's Worship Bulletin board in the education hallway.

Parents of Children's Worship Participants: Please make sure to pick up your child/children within 5 minutes of the end of the 9:30 service. This will ensure that all children get picked up by the correct person, and our leaders can make it on time to their other Sunday commitments. Thank you!

Christian Learning Time (Sundays 10:45-11:45)

Everyone is welcome to join us for CLT. We have classes for all ages starting at 3 years old through 12th grade, and even adult. Please fill out a registration form for CLT if you haven't already done so. It's very important that our church has emergency contact info on every child/youth involved in our programs.

During the month of November, our children will be learning about the life of Joseph in the Old Testament, being thankful, and focus on Advent/Christmas. Our memory verse for the month will be found in Jeremiah 29:11 ***"For I know the plans I have in mind for you, declares the Lord."*** They will also learn how they can participate in Operation Christmas Child.

Schedule

- 10:45- 11am Gathering time for 3 yrs-K in the Purple classroom (Every week)
Gathering time for 1st-5th grade in Orange classroom (ONLY THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH)
- 11-11:45am Regular CLT



Make sure to return your filled UNICEF box to Sarah no later than Nov. 9th (with your name clearly marked on it) so we can see which CLT class has raised the most money!

Just a friendly reminder: Parents of 3rd grade and below, please make sure to pick up your child in their classroom no later than within 10 minutes of the end of the 10:45 service. This will ensure that all children get picked up by the correct person, and our teachers will get to leave with their families as well. Children/youth in 4th grade and up will be responsible for finding their parent/guardian after CLT. Thank you for helping us implement these new policies. We appreciate your participation!

Acolytes: If you are in 4th grade and up and would like to serve as an acolyte at the 10:45 service, please sign up on the list outside the 4th and 5th grade classroom or contact Sarah Jacobson with a date you'd like to help out.



Thank God It's Wednesday (TGIW)

If you haven't yet registered your child for TGIW, just fill out the registration form (found on the TGIW weekly registration table) and turn in your \$5/child or \$10/family registration fee. This money will help us cover basic programming costs. TGIW is for K-5th graders. We start at 5:30 for a free will donation supper followed by three 20 minute rotations and devotions until 7:15. This means if your child isn't there right at 6pm, they may miss out on some of the activities. We also ask that all Jr. BLAST participants fill out a registration form as well.

REMINDER TO TGIW PARENTS: As of this school year, all children ages K through 5th grade will need to be SIGNED IN by a parent/guardian who drops them off, as well as SIGNED OUT. We will no longer be allowing children to wait in the parking lot for their parents. We ask that parents please take the time to come in the door, sign in/out your child and find out what's going on and how you can be involved. All children can be picked up in the Family Life Center. 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. This ensures the safety of all of our children at New Hope. Thank you!

TGIW Family Night Operation Christmas Child Packaging Event Wednesday, November 12th

Dinner 5:30pm

Packaging 6:15-7:30pm

See Page 11 for more details.



Things to look forward to in November:

Turkey games & a Scavenger Hunt

Bible video component (we will learn about the Bible)!

Handbells for 3rd grade and up

Writing letters to soldiers

Come join us on November 5th, 12th and 17th for TGIW * (NO TGIW on November 26th due to Thanksgiving.)

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 "All in the Family" and an activity puzzle for kids and some articles on siblings titled "Sibling Rivalry" and "I Need Attention Too: Helping the Sibling of a Child with Special Needs". If you have any ideas or suggestions for Parent Resources or topics you'd like to see, please contact sjacobson@newhopedsm.org.



TGIW kids made bags out of t-shirts with assistance from Sharon Smith.



The New Hope Puppet Troupe performed on October 19. They invited the CLT class to join them in the performance.



It's that time of year again for our...

Operation Christmas Child Packaging Party

Wednesday, November 12th

All kids, adults and families are invited to New Hope

Meal @ 5:30pm

Mission Project @ 6:15-7:30pm

Since 1993, more than 113 million boys and girls in over 130 countries around the world have experienced God's love through the power of simple shoebox gifts from Operation Christmas Child. Samaritan's Purse works with local churches and ministry partners to deliver the gifts and share the life-changing Good News of Jesus Christ. Last year our church sent 70 shoe boxes to children all over the world that wouldn't otherwise get a Christmas gift. Let's see if this year we can at least meet that goal, and even surpass it!

You just follow these simple steps on how to pack a shoebox:

SHOEBOX

Use an empty cardboard or plastic shoebox (average size). You can wrap the box and lid separately, but wrapping is not required. WRAPPING WILL HAPPEN AT THE PACKAGING EVENT ON Nov 12th!

If you would like to donate shoe boxes, plastic containers, tape or Christmas wrapping paper for this project, deliver them to the TGIW table in the Fellowship Hall. We ask this year that you **please consider using shoe boxes with DETACHABLE lids** as they will be easier to wrap.

BOY OR GIRL

Decide whether your gift will be for a boy or a girl, and the age category: 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14. The appropriate boy/girl label will be provided at the TGIW table. Mark the correct age category and tape the label to the top of your box.

FILL WITH GIFTS

From now until Nov 12th (no later than Nov 16th) consider purchasing some gifts for a child. Deliver the gifts individually to church or fill a box with a variety of gifts that will bring delight to a child.

GIFT SUGGESTIONS

Toys: Include items that children will immediately embrace such as dolls, toy cars, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, balls, toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries), etc.

School Supplies: pens, pencils and sharpeners, crayons, markers, notebooks, paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

Non-Liquid Hygiene Items: toothbrushes, bar soap, combs, washcloths, etc.

Accessories: t-shirts, socks, hats, sunglasses, hair clips, jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries), etc.

A Personal Note: You may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. If you include your name and address, the child may be able to write back.

Do Not Include: Used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; chocolate or food; out-of-date candy; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

INCLUDE \$7 DONATION PER BOX

Help cover shipping and other costs related to delivering your shoeboxes to children overseas by donating \$7 for each gift you prepare. You can give online to discover the destination of your box at www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/follow-your-box/. Or, you can write a check to Samaritan's Purse (note "OCC" on the memo line) and place it in an envelope on top of the items inside your shoebox. If you are preparing multiple gifts, please make one combined donation. Note: Follow Your Box is only available through online giving.

PRAY

Ask God to use your gifts to show His love to the child who will receive your shoebox.

*If you have any donations, or would like your already purchased gift to be wrapped by the kids, youth and families of our church, please have them to New Hope by **Wednesday, November 12th**. If you will be taking care of the entire gift (including wrapping) yourself, please have all completed boxes returned to church by **Sunday, November 16th**.

youth programs

(6th-8th grade) Jr. High BLAST meets on **Wednesday evenings from 6-7:15pm**. Join us for fun, fellowship, and growing in faith! 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)



Junior Blast will have a **lock-in at New Hope starting at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, November 7th and going to approx. 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 8th**. We will stay up late, eat food, play games, enjoy a movie and popcorn, and serve the Men's Breakfast group by cooking them breakfast in the morning and enjoying it together.

Upcoming events:

Wed., Nov. 5 - Jr. Blast

Fri., Nov. 7, 6pm to Sat., Nov. 8, 9am - Lock-In

Wed., Nov. 12 - Family Night - Wrapping Gifts for Operation Christmas Child

Wed., Nov. 19 - Jr. Blast

Nov. 26 - No Junior Blast - Thanksgiving Break



(9th-12th grade) Sr. BLAST Leaders: Chris Higdon, Charity Johnson, and Pam Frey
BLAST@NewHopeDSM.org (More information about the events will be sent out in email and posted on Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/SeniorHighBlast>).)



October has been a great month for New Hope Senior High BLAST. The group continued their bible study on the book of Mark, held a couple of fun outings; including a trip to a haunted house and helped New Hope with the Harvest Dinner and Auction.

The group is excited to announce their summer **2015 mission trip destination...** We are heading to **Memphis, Tennessee to do urban mission work**. The group will be serving in the neighborhoods in and around downtown Memphis where many families are struggling to just get by and area ministries are working hard to reach out to the community. The exact dates for the trip will be announced in early January. However, the group will begin the fundraising activities for this trip in November with three activities.

First, there will be a **church breakfast on November 9th after each of the New Hope services that day**. Secondly, the group will be hosting a **Thanksgiving bake sale at Johnston River of Life on November 22nd**. Finally, starting in November, the Senior High BLAST group is selling "**Keep Christ in Christmas**" vehicle magnets for \$5 to promote the true spirit of Christmas. People often forget the real reason for the Christmas season while they are buying presents, decorating their homes, and attending parties. These magnets are a way to silently evangelize this sentiment.



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

Nov. 2nd, 16th @ 3 pm ~ BLAST Meeting

Nov. 9th~ New Hope BLAST Breakfast

Nov 13th @ 6 pm ~ Garlands of Gift Setup

Nov 15th @ 3 pm ~ Garlands of Gift Tear Down

Nov. 22nd @ 4 pm ~ JROL Saturday Bake Sale

Dec. 6th @ 4 pm ~ Help with Books & Collectibles Sale

Dec 7th @ 3 pm ~ Sunday BLAST Meeting

Dec 14th ~ BLAST Christmas Party/Caroling

Dec 20th ~ JROL Community Christmas at the Barn

FamilyLife brings you The Art of Marriage, an all-new video-based marriage event created to help couples fully experience God's plan for marriage.

Now, in this fresh new video guided event, couples have the opportunity to look at their relationship in a whole new way. Weaving instruction from respected pastors and Bible teachers together with compelling stories, humorous vignettes, man-on-the-street interviews and more, The Art of Marriage will help couples

apply what the Bible teaches about marriage in a powerful way. It's practical, funny, and straight to the heart.

The six-session video event will be held at New Hope UMC on February 6 & 7, 2015. Cost is \$52.24. Deadline is January 26, 2015. Registration forms will be out soon! For more information, please contact Bill Gibbons at 515-770-2146, bpgibb1975@gmail.com

the art of 
marriage[®]
getting to the heart of God's design

girlfriends

Save the Date for the

“God's Girlfriends” Women's Retreat
Saturday, March 7 * 9am-4pm at New Hope UMC
For 16 yrs. old and up.

Bring your girlfriends for a day of laughter, sharing, singing, scriptures and devotions, and lunch!

Watch for registration forms coming out soon! Questions? Please contact either Carole Followwill, Barb Mather, Sharon Smith or Nancy Monthei.



Save Your
Items for Our
Rummage Sale

The **New Hope Spring Rummage Sale** will be here before you know it. No, seriously. We know you are busily getting books and collectibles ready for the Book & Collectibles Boutique on December 6th, but while you are doing that please set aside items that would be more appropriate for the Spring Rummage Sale. Here are some things to consider as you are setting aside items for the Rummage Sale:

1. **Beginning with the 2015 Spring Rummage Sale, we will not be pricing anything over \$100.** Keep in mind, for this kind of a sale, it is not about what an item may or may not be worth, it's about what we can actually get for it. Most items priced over \$100 do not sell until the half-price sale starts. If you are planning to donate an item that you believe is worth more than \$100, you should consider selling it yourself and donating part of the proceeds to the church.
2. **We will not be selling books or collectibles at the Spring Rummage Sale.** You should bring those items to the Book and Collectibles Boutique.
3. **NO TVs, computers, printers, Christmas trees, Christmas wreaths, or garlands will be accepted.**
4. **As you prepare your donations, please organize them into separate containers.** For example, put children's clothes in one sack or box, women's clothing in another, men's clothing in another, kitchen items in another, etc.
5. **All items must be clean and ready to display. No donations should be broken or torn.** Check all electrical items to assure they are in working order and marked with a tag that says "works." All bedding should be folded and sets fastened together and marked with the size (twin, double, queen, or king). Bringing your items to the sale sorted, clean, unbroken and labeled regarding size, etc. saves many hours of volunteer time during the set up and pricing process.
6. **This sale is an important part of our community outreach.** Many people come every year and get nice, clean, clothing for their kids and tell us they couldn't afford to do this without us.

As you know the Spring Rummage Sale is an all-church effort and many, many hours of preparation time and work during the sale are needed to make it successful. Please volunteer and join the fun. Check out the Link next month for more information on the volunteering aspect of the sale.

groups gathering together

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, November 8
at 7:30 a.m. at New Hope.

Women's Fellowship

New Hope Women's Fellowship will have their first fall meeting on **Thursday, November 20** at 9am. Questions? Call Sharon Lewis 254-1692 or Lee Ross 276-9790.

Blood Pressure Check

New Hope is offering free Blood Pressure checks each month. **November 2, 9:30-11:00am** will be the next BP checks. Come to the Narthex after each worship service.

Women's Bible Study

We will conclude our "Fruit of the Spirit" study on November 3rd, but begin an overview of the Bible by using some of the "Story" videos and discussions through November. We will not meet on December 1st as that is Advent by Candlelight.



Beginning December 8th, we will do a short 3 week Advent study through December 22nd.

We will begin again in January with a study on Prayer. You can choose Monday morning at 10:00 or Monday evening at 6:30. Drop in as you are able. Questions? Contact Sharon Smith, 277-7125.

I AM SECOND®

The 10:45 Adult Sunday School

We will begin a new 6 week series called "I am Second" beginning 11/2/14. This book is a collection of personal stories about people who have had life-changing encounters with Jesus Christ and are walking in radical obedience by putting Him first in their lives. Come discover and explore what it means to truly put Jesus first in your life.

A book is not required, but if you are interested in purchasing a copy you can do so through Amazon.com or Family Christian Bookstore. Please speak with Andy Sutton or Michele Hamilton for more information.

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, January 8, 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, November 10th at 11:30am at Panera** in Johnston for lunch, then migrate to Kim Buske's home to sew from 1- 4 pm at Kim Buske's. Any and all sewers are welcome to join. 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.

Friday Small Group

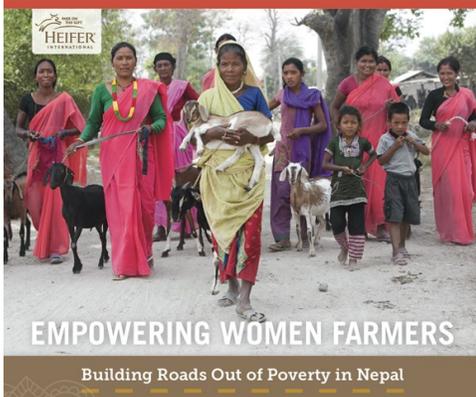
The Friday Small Group meets 2nd and 4th Friday of every month. Next gatherings are on Nov. 14 & 28.

Join us 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.

If you have any questions, please contact Linda Kielsmeier, 515-689-9680

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

missions



NOVEMBER MISSION: HEIFER INTERNATIONAL

The Mission Cluster has sponsored an Heifer International “Raise an Ark” for several years, but this year we are trying something different. The Meals from the Heartland project was our big fundraiser for the year, and Heifer is the second. This year, we are sponsoring an exciting project of Heifer: “**THE GOATS GIVE BACK IN NEPAL**”, a project to empower women. We have not set a goal but will purchase as many goats as we can with the money we receive.

Many people in the village of Kabilash in central Nepal rely on goats to obtain milk to feed their families. Up to now, they lacked the knowledge to feed and care for them properly. This, combined with limited connections to other markets, had locked them in a state of poverty. Heifer has stepped in and helped to bring structure and connect members of the community through the creation of self-help groups, that work together toward a common goal in order to set up cooperatives and district cooperative unions—formal organizations managed by women.

Cooperatives increase efficiency through improved technology, adding value through each stage, and granting every player a fair price. Heifer is also working with the women to preserve the environment. Projects use agroecology techniques, a sustainable farming, that enriches soil and technology like biogas stoves that encourages a clean and healthy living environment.

Empowerment and leadership skills enable women in Heifer’s projects to influence decision-making processes, claim their rights and partner with local organizations and government to promote rural livelihoods in vulnerable communities.

This will result in holistic, lasting change that will increase meat and milk productivity. Families build a steady income allowing them to better feed their children so they are no longer malnourished and can go to school. Imports are reduced and successful small, women-led, businesses created, weaving these women into the fabric of the local economy.

You will find Honor Cards on the Mission Table and at JROL. These are new and look like a real red greeting card. You can send these in place of the usual Christmas card to your loved ones with the note of how many goats or shares of goats you are buying in their honor. One goat is \$120 and a share of a goat is \$10. You may place your donation in the offering plate with “Heifer” on the memo line of your check. Thank you for helping with this important project.



Women at the Well Reentry Team Training

New Hope will be hosting a Women at the Well Training session **Saturday, November 8th, from 10am to 2pm** in the Ruby Chapel.

If you would like to be a member of our team, please let Sharon Smith know: wicketsblooms@aol.com 515-277-712.

New Hope Books and Collectibles Sale

Saturday, December 6 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

We Need You!

New Hope's first Books and Collectibles Sale will be held December 6. This new event is part of our long rummage sale tradition.

There is a change in that there will not be a consignment option at the sale subsequent to the Finance Committee deciding to only accept donated items for the sale.

In order for this new event to be successful, we need a large selection of books and collectibles to sell AND we need your help in setting up and staffing the event.

If you have a sizable number of collectible items to donate or have collectibles with values over \$50 to donate, please contact us now. This will allow us time to determine an appropriate sale price and to include the items as part of our advertising the event.

In addition to setting aside books and collectibles for our sale, please consider helping staff the sale.

There are a variety of tasks from which you may choose. They include:

Intake: documenting the receipt of donations of books and collectibles.

Times: Tuesday, Dec. 2 & Wednesday, Dec. 3, 9 AM-Noon, 1-4 PM, 4-7 PM

Collectibles pricing: research the market price of collectibles and help establish sale price.

Times: Tuesday-Friday, Dec. 2-5, 9 AM-Noon, 1-4 PM

Set-up: arranging the displays of the books and collectibles for sale;

Times: Thursday, Dec. 4 & Friday, Dec. 5, 9 AM- Noon, 1-4 PM, 4-7 PM

Cashier/Sacker: check-out customers and package items sold:

Times: Saturday, Dec 6., 9 AM-Noon, 10 AM- 1 PM, 1- 4 PM

Sale assistant: monitor areas of the sale area, answer questions, assist shoppers:

Times: Saturday, Dec 6., 9 Am- Noon, 10 AM- 1PM, 1-4 PM

Take Down/Clean-up: assist with packing up unsold items, rearrange tables, etc:

Saturday, Dec. 6, 4-6 PM

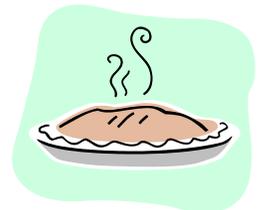
Security: circulate and assist in addressing any security (theft, conflict, etc) scenarios that might arise.

Times: Saturday, Dec. 6, 9 AM- 11:30 AM, 11:30 AM- 2 PM, 2-4 PM.

If you can help out, please contact Kim Buske at Kim.Buske@gmail.com or Kathy Russi at KWRussi@aol.com.



There will also be a New Hope Bake Sale



We are having a bake sale to raise funds for New Hope supported missions. Please bring your bake sale items to New Hope on Friday morning December, 5 from 9 a.m. to noon. We are asking for pies, cakes, cookies, candy, jams, jellies, rolls etc. It would be appreciated if you could have your items labeled with ingredients, wrapped and ready for sale. If you have questions, please contact Linda Kielsmeier, 515-689-9680 or at lapals@hotmail.com.





Come spend Christmas with us....

Sunday, December 14

8:30 & 10:45 a.m., Christmas Cantata in the Sanctuary.

9:30 a.m. Children’s Christmas Program in the Family Life Center

Saturday, December 20

5:00 & 7:00 p.m.: A Johnston Community Christmas sponsored by Johnston River of Life. The Johnston Barn, 6169 Northglenn Drive.

Wednesday, December 24—Eve Services

5:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m., and 10:00 p.m.

Heartbeat Bell Choir

Thursday, December 18, 7:30 p.m.

HeartBeat Handbell Ensemble will perform a Christmas concert.

Please plan to join us for an evening of Christmas cheer!



Financial Update: Below is the September 2014 General Fund operating report for New Hope and Johnston River of Life. Based on last fall’s stewardship campaign, a deficit was projected for the New Hope budget this year. Gratefully, the deficit has not been as large as projected. Thank you for your giving and faithfulness in supporting the work and ministries of New Hope and Johnston River of Life. We ask for your continued support in this last part of the year and hope that we can decrease the deficit as we finish the year.

New Hope Financial Update

Johnston River of Life Financial Update

	September 2014
	Actual
Total Receipts	20,711.56
Total Expenditures	<u>27,044.30</u>
Net Surplus (Deficit)	(6,332.74)
	YTD September 2014
	Actual
Total Receipts	214,956.76
Total Expenditures	<u>251,065.16</u>
Net Surplus (Deficit)	(36,108.40)

	September 2014
	Actual
Total Receipts	8,797.67
Total Expenditures	<u>8,715.46</u>
Net Surplus (Deficit)	82.21
	YTD September 2014
	Actual
Total Receipts	92,005.22
Total Expenditures	<u>87,428.90</u>
Net Surplus (Deficit)	4,576.32

	New Hope Sunday morning Worship attendance			
	8:30	9:30	10:45	total
Sept 28	38	108	92	238
Oct 5	35	84	106	225
Oct 12	31	117	94	242
Oct 19	45	117	120	282
Oct 26	32	79	93	204

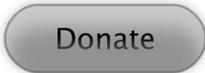
	Johnston River of Life Worship attendance			
	Sat	Sun		total
Sept 27	43	Sept 28	36	79
Oct 4	40	Oct 5	48	88
Oct 11	44	Oct 12	51	95
Oct 18	34	Oct 19	40	74
Oct 25	40	Oct 26	64	104

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.



Fortunate

I'm starting to make friends at JROL. I'm trying to put my past behind me and give it all to God. Forgiving myself is the hardest part... I'm use to living in pain and hurt, and I didn't know anything else. I'm ready for the light of God. Thanks for accepting my family and I. It feels great being apart of a family.

-Bridget P.

JROL has been everything I have been looking for in a church. I have always wanted to be part of a church that reaches out to the community, to feel needed and to make a difference. With JROL I have found that and call it home.

-Laura S.

One of our families favorite food is to grab some Chinese and eventually enjoy a fortune cookie. We have fun reading the fortunes if nothing else to determine if they fit the person, or if we opened the wrong one. Nowadays they even include your lucky numbers. Wow if only life was so simple that we could read a few lines and know what our fortune and future is...

Hmmm, now that I have said that it makes me realize that we really can. God, the divine creator, who put the stars in place, has given us a message of hope and a promised future. It makes a difference to know what the future holds.

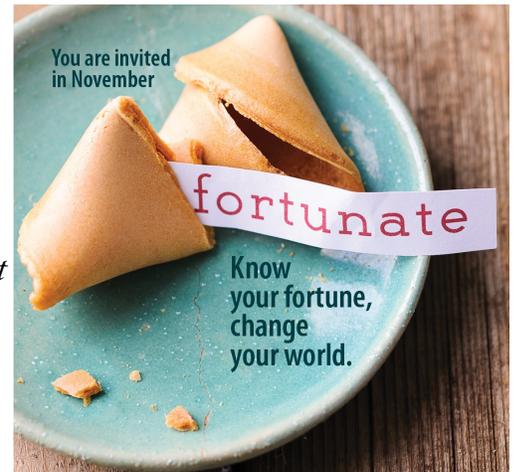
This month at JROL we will be giving out *home made fortune cookies* every week with Bible verses or appropriate saying. We are focusing on the theme that we are all fortunate and that God has given us each many gifts and a wonderful future. Part of knowing how blessed we are however, involves understanding that we are responsible for what we do with what we have, (Gifts & Talents)

When I was at the Exponential conference in October, I attended a couple of sessions on generosity and stewardship. I was reminded that *Generosity changes everything*, how we live, how we love, how we serve. Learning how to bless others with what we have is a *spiritual* gift, it is a *relational* blessing, it is a *missional* expression, and it is *transformational* of individuals, families, and communities.

I am so blessed to be a part of a church that understands the importance of generosity and sacrificing for the mission and glory of God. It is a joy to be leading a group that is actively reaching the unchurched, the dechurched, the young families, and actively giving back to the community in service. Thank you for sharing your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. Your generosity is changing our community.

If you have not yet received an end of year summary for JROL ministries, you can download it on our website: www.johnstonriveroflife.org

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 November

8:30am Traditional Service	9:30am Contemporary Service	10:45am Traditional Service
<p><u>Greeters</u> 2 9 16 23 30</p> <p><u>Lectors</u> 2 Cathy Short 9 Maurine Myers 16 23 30</p> <p><u>Traditional Service Callers</u> 2 Mark & Leah Scherer 9 Norma Sutton 16 Bob & Marlys Borcharding 23 Norma Sutton 30 Bob & Marlys Borcharding</p> <p><u>Contemporary Service Callers</u> 2 Rod & Lynette Cook 9 Eldon Cross 16 Rod & Lynette Cook 23 Eldon Cross 30 Rod & Lynette Cook</p>	<p><u>Greeters</u> 2 Barb Agan 9 Pam Weisskopf 16 Barb Agan 23 Glenna Ross 30 Kim Wills & Mica Wills</p> <p><u>Lectors</u> 2 Andy Sutton 9 16 Tony Hoffman 23 Patrice Webber 30</p> <p><u>*Hosts</u> 2 John & Joyce Turek 9 Sr. BLAST 16 Paulette & Larry Wood 23 Melisa & Larry Forbes 30 Pam Frey</p> <p><u>Money Counters</u> 2 Clark Howland, Rick Homard, Larry Wood 9 Jerry Kielsmeier, Kim Traylor, John Burrough 16 Tony & Tracy Hoffman, Glenna Ross 23 Ron Zoss, DeVonne Douglas, Randy Jansen 30 Clark Howland, Rick Homard, Larry Wood</p> <p><u>Pal Friday: 9 a.m.</u> 7 Marge Carnahan 14 Pat Papenheim 21 Marlys Borcharding Wed., 26 Norma Sutton</p>	<p><u>Greeters</u> 2 9 Lee Ross 16 23 30</p> <p><u>Lectors</u> 2 Cathy Cate 9 16 Jon Verner 23 30</p> <p><u>*Hosts</u> 2 Earl & Sharon Lewis 9 Sr. BLAST 16 Paulette & Larry Wood 23 Linda & Jerry Kielsmeier 30 Andy & Spencer Sutton</p>

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!**

november

2014
AT NEW HOPE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 Daylight Saving Time ends Holy Communion 1-3p, Venture Crew 3-5, Sr. BLAST	3 10a, Women's Bible Study, R.Chapel 6:30p, Women's Bible Study, R.Chapel 7p, Trustees Meeting, 3rd grade classroom	4 9:30a, Sr. Singers practice 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 6:30p, Prayer Shawl ministry, F.Hall 7p, Worship Cluster, R.Chapel	5 5:30p, TGIW 6:00p, Jr. BLAST 6:30p, Choir practice 6:30p, Adult Handbells 7:15p, Puppets 7:30p, Seasonal Choir 7:45p, Praise Team	6 7p, JROL Mtg., R.Chapel	7 Office Vol: Marge Carnahan Jr. BLAST lock in	1 Thanksgiving Ingathering 8 7:30a Men's breakfast 9a, Fall Clean up at church 10a, Re-Entry Training, R.Chapel
9 Veterans Honored Breakfast by Sr. BLAST 8:30a, Owen Weih baptism 9:30, Blood Pressure 11:45, Women's Chorus practice 1-3p, Venture Crew 4:30p, Confirmation Class	10 11:30a, New Hope Needlers, Panera	11 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA	12 5:30p, Dinner 6:00p, Family Night/ gift wrapping 6:30p, Choir practice 6:30p, Adult Handbells 7:15p, Puppets 7:30p, Seasonal Choir 7:45p, Praise Team	13 Noon, -2pm, Ruby Chapel and F.Hall reserved 6pm, Sr. BLAST to set up tables for Garlands of Gifts	14 Office Vol: Pat Papenheim 1p, Friday Small Group at Pizza Ranch 3:30p, Hand of Luke 6:30p, Vendors set up for Garlands of Gifts	15 9a-3p, Garlands of Gifts at New Hope 3p, Sr. BLAST tear down from Garlands of Gifts
16 Food Pantry Sunday Deadline for Poinsettia Order Deadline to sign up for Advent by Candlelight Noon, Cluster Group, R.Chapel 3-5p, Sr. BLAST	17 Nov LINK deadline 7:00p, SPRC Mtg, R.Chapel	18 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 7:00p, Finance Meeting	19 5:30p, TGIW 6:00p, Jr. BLAST 6:30p, Choir practice 6:30p, Adult Handbells 7:15p, Puppets 7:30p, Seasonal Choir 7:45p, Praise Team	20 9a, Women's Fellowship at church 6:30p, Book Club, R.Chapel	21 Office Vol: Marlys Borcharding	22 8:30a, Veteran's Breakfast, F.Hall 4p, Sr. BLAST bake sale at JROL
23 Stewardship Sunday 8:30a, Evelyn O'Brien baptism Hanging of the Greens 10:45, Jr. Ringers 11:45, Women's Chorus practice 1-3p, Venture Crew 4:30p, Confirmation Class	24	25 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 7:00p, AD Council Mtg	26 Office Vol: Norma Sutton NO TGIW NO Jr. BLAST 6:30p, Choir practice 6:30p, Adult Handbells 7:30p, Seasonal Choir 7:45p, Praise Team	27 Office Closed  <i>Thanksgiving</i>	28 Office Closed	29
30 1st Sunday of Advent UM Student Day (offering) 8:30a, Lucille Thomsen baptism 1-3p, Venture Crew	December 1 7:00p, Advent by Candlelight 7:00p, Trustees Mtg.	2 9:30a, Sr. Singers practice 9:30a, Alanon; Noon, AA 6:30, Prayer Shawl Ministry, F.Hall	3 5:30p, TGIW 6:00p, Jr. BLAST 6:30p, Choir practice 6:30p, Adult Handbells 7:15p, Puppets 7:30p, Seasonal Choir 7:45p, Praise Team	4 7p, JROL Mtg., R.Chapel	5 Office Vol: Norma Smith	6 9a-3p, Books & Collectibles Sale 4pm, Sr. BLAST help clean up after event

***United Methodist Student Day offering—Nov. 30: New Hope honors our members who are college students.** Your offering on United Methodist Student Day nurtures persons to serve their churches and their communities. Please give generously. Your gift makes a world of difference!

Happy Birthday to you!!
"May God's many blessings, be yours the year through."

Happy Anniversary!!!

- | | |
|--|---|
| 2 Matthew Weih, Jerzie Carlson | 19 Mark Wise, Katelyn Hass |
| 3 DeVonne Douglas, Jo Renee Hartung | 20 Casaundra Christensen |
| 4 John Dickerson, Joe Fairchild, Taylor Peterson | 21 Judy Frizzell, Carol Harter, Jim Frizzell, Emma Heiser, Julie Sahlin, Madison Kerndt |
| 5 Denice Sutton, Kelly Mohrman, Michael Collet, Barbara Williamson | 22 Benjamin Hegwood, Amanda Soards, Brynna Johnson |
| 6 Zachary McClain, Bryce Rowland | 23 Linda Kasper, Don Doxon, Tamara Evans |
| 8 Gavin Hawthorne, Barb Agan | 24 Jared Robertson, Jackson Gregg |
| 9 Karen Skovgard, Stacie Bridges, Andrea Stern, Kinsey Evans | 25 Kay Gier, Julie Craighton, Sarah Jacobson |
| 10 Norma Sutton | 26 Jason Kerndt |
| 11 Craig Thompson, Ryan Armstrong | 27 Evelyn Kruse, Brian Bridges, Dave Mongar, Laura Siffin, Maysie Johnson |
| 12 Jacob Hitchcock, Calid Armstrong | 28 John Rains, Lee Ross, Steve Cate |
| 13 Cheryl Cross | 29 Lynn Clary, John Speck, Jason Homard, Marilyn Monroe, Fred Buzale |
| 14 Peggy Phillips, Kim Traylor, Maliya Carlson, Jason Evans | 30 Damon DeBates, Jaela Wills, Raynette Meyers, Jax Thomsen |
| 15 Larry Forbes | |
| 16 Nathan Zoss, Lily Larsen, Noelle Beasley | |
| 17 Doris Ummel, Luke Bogue | |
| 18 Jim Wells, Danielle Clemmens | |

- 2 James & Suzanne Neu
- 5 David & Karen Davis
- 7 Brian & Suzie Martz
- 12 Larry & Paulette Wood
- 20 Chris & Jenn Higdon
- 22 Don & Doris Ummel
- 23 Scott & Deanne Rowland
- 23 Ron & Linda Cooley

WORSHIP SERVICES

New Hope UMC
Sunday mornings: 8:30, 9:30, 10:45
Johnston River of Life
5pm Saturdays and 10am Sundays at Beaver Creek Elementary in Johnston

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.



God Loves a Cheerful Giver~

A little known passage of scripture from 2 Corinthians 8:1-4 reads: *“We want you to know, brothers and sisters, about the grace of God that has been granted to the churches of Macedonia; for during a severe ordeal of affliction, their abundant joy and extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on*

their part. For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave according to their means, and even beyond their means, begging us earnestly for the privilege of sharing in this ministry to the saints.”

This passage continues to amaze me. Who has abundant joy in the midst of severe affliction and extreme poverty which overflows in a wealth of generosity? Who would give beyond their means and beg to do so as a privilege? It doesn't make sense in our “modern” world.

Who were these Macedonians anyway? Macedonia was conquered by Rome and annexed as a Roman province around 150 years before the time of Christ. It consisted of what is today Northern and Central Greece. Scholars suggest the “severe affliction” was religious persecutions, such as Paul faced in many places, which left them in a condition of *extreme poverty*. The phrase is literally “down-to-the-depth poverty” or, as Philip Hughes translates, “rock bottom” poverty. In spite of that, they found a way to be generous beyond their means, which one scholar suggests was figuring out what they could afford to give and then giving more.

I have often suggested that the answer to any church’s budget needs could be solved by recruiting some Macedonians. I have done this in a joking manner, but I now realize that there are Macedonians all around us. The Rev. Dean Snyder, senior pastor at Foundry United Methodist Church in Washington D.C., tells about one “Macedonian” as follows: “An older woman once told me she was giving 21 percent of her income to God through her local church. Years earlier, she had given only 3 percent. But one year, while listening to a stewardship sermon, she decided to increase her giving by 2 percent a year until she was tithing. Giving felt so good, she said, that when she got to 10 percent, she didn’t want to stop, so she just kept increasing her pledge. Now she never intends to stop.”

I think we have to agree that she is a Macedonian. I know I’m on thin ice here, because some people don’t like to talk about money in church. However, the key is not about money, it’s about joy! This woman said **“giving felt so good.”** I often quote the scripture: **“God loves a cheerful giver,”** (2 Corinthians 9:7b) and then said there should be a footnote, “but will also receive from a grouch.” I realize now that I won’t find that footnote because God really does want us to be cheerful.

Our worship theme for November is “Celebrating the Gift!” Join us as we cheerfully celebrate all that God has done for us. As for the Macedonians, I’m still not quite there, as I have not gone “beyond my means” in giving. Perhaps, if I hang around a few Macedonians, I’ll get there yet. Anyone want to join me?

Grace and peace, Pastor Jon

November Sermon Series: “Celebrating the Gift”

November 2	Title: “The Gift of the Saints”	Text: 1 John 3:1-3, Communion
November 9	Title: “The Gift of Preparation”	Text: Matthew 25:1-13
November 16	Title: “The Gift of Talents”	Text: Matthew 25:14-30
November 23	Title: “The Gift of Helping”	Text: Ephesians 1:15-23, Stewardship Sunday
November 30	1st Sunday in Advent Title: “Hurry Up & Wait”	Text: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9



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

Serve God | Love Others | Follow Jesus

www.newhopedsm.org • www.johnstonriveroflife.org

Church Staff

Pastor: Jon Gaul
Outreach Pastor: Craig Ferguson
Director of Music: Eldon Cross
Children's Ministries Coordinator: Sarah Jacobson
Office Administrator: Nancy Monthei
Nursery Attendant: Tamara Evans
Custodian: Chuck VanDyke

Church Office Hours

Mon–Fri: 8:00am - 4:30pm

E-mail Information

Church address: nhfamily@newhopedsm.org
Jon Gaul: jgaul@newhopedsm.org

Craig Ferguson: craig@newhopedsm.org
Nancy Monthei: nancy@newhopedsm.org
Sarah Jacobson: sjacobson@newhopedsm.org
Eldon Cross: eldon@newhopedsm.org

Find Us

Phone: (515) 278-2097
4525 Beaver Avenue • Des Moines, IA 50310

find us on facebook!

Visit the website to find our facebook link.

The Link newsletter is a monthly publication.
Editor: Nancy Monthei, Reporters: New Hope Church family
Please contact the church office at 278-2097 if you have a change in address or would like to be taken off the LINK mailing list.

the link
New Hope United Methodist Church
4525 Beaver Avenue
Des Moines, Iowa 50310