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A monthly publication of  
New Hope United  
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# April 2015


APRIL AT NEW HOPE UMC

# FAITH

IN THE MIDST OF...

# FEAR

Apr. 2 7PM, Maundy Thursday Drama  
Apr. 5 "Too Afraid to Talk"  
*Easter: Easter Cantata 8:30 & 10:45*  
April 12 "Hiding in Fear"  
Apr. 19 "Fear of the Unknown"  
Apr. 26 "Living Without Fear"



NEW HOPE  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH


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

# EmPOWERed

the divine inside

Saturdays 5pm  
& Sundays 10am  
Beaver Creek Elementary



Johnston  
River of Life  
[JohnstonRiverOfLife.org](http://JohnstonRiverOfLife.org)



**Thurs., April 2.** 7:00pm, New Hope UMC

*Maundy Thursday Drama*

Maundy Thursday Drama will be one of the most impactful events of the year. Expect dramatic scenes, music, communion, and ending with the congregation gathered around the crosses. We hope you will come for this special worship service, and as always, invite a friend to come with you.

**Fri., April 3, 7am-7pm,** Ruby Chapel

*Good Friday Prayer Vigil*

This is a chance for the church to be in prayer on the day we remember the death of Christ, and what His sacrifice means to us. You may pray in the Ruby Chapel at New Hope or you may pray at home or at work. Sign up, in the Fellowship Hall, for a half hour time frame of prayer.

**Sat., April 4, 4pm,** Johnston River of Life

*Community Easter Celebration*

Egg hunt, worship service & meal

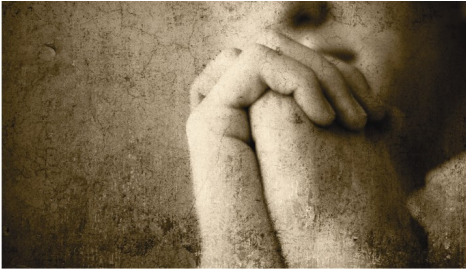
**Sun., April 5, 10am,** *Easter Sunday*, Johnston River of Life at the Barn, 6169 Northglenn Dr., Johnston

**Sun., April 5,** *Easter Sunday*, New Hope UMC

8:30 & 10:45 Easter Cantata, "Upon This Rock" by Pepper Choplin.

9:30 Contemporary Service

10:45 Easter Celebration for CLT students ages 3 years- 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Activities include a short Easter movie, crafts and egg hunt.



# membership news

## Prayer Chain Request

If you have a prayer chain request, please call Jan Davisson at 251-4894 or the church office at 278-2097.

To be added to the e-mail prayer chain distribution list, please call the church office or Jan.

## Thank You

I want to thank the church members for the visits, phone calls, cards and food. Also for the beautiful and warm lap quilt. Thank you to Pastor Jon for the visits. I am grateful for the kindness and support.

Marilyn Monroe

## Prayer Concerns

John Rains; Glenda Millard; Olive Walker; Bruce Flickinger; 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; Devan Stanton, Jared Stanton and our national and world leaders, our military and their families.

## Birth

Congratulations to Ryan and Sarah Jacobson on the birth of their son, Dane Micah Jacobson. Dane was born on March 3<sup>rd</sup> and weighed 7 pounds, 9 ounces.

## Baptism

Congratulations to Cash Anthony Hager, who was baptized on March 8th at the 10:45 worship service. Cash is the son of Stephanie and Tony Hager.

## Welcome New Members!

On February 28th and March 1st, we welcomed the following members into the New Hope UMC & Johnston River of Life family!

### At New Hope UMC:

**Sandy Cannon**, 5018 Bel-Aire Rd, Des Moines, IA 50310. 515-290-9905 sandradcannon@gmail.com. Kent Abbott is her husband.

**Sally Lindstrom**, 2744 Bennett Ave., Des Moines, IA 50310. 515-255-4010 sallyann2744@gmail.com.

**Lynn Louk**, 7400 Goodman Drive, Urbandale, IA 50322. 515-276-7900 jimlynnlouk@mac.com. Her husband is Rev. James Louk.

**Joe & Judy Nemmers and Sara**, 4509 29th St., Des Moines, IA 50310.

Judy: 563-451-6139 nemmersjudy@yahoo.com

Joe: 563-451-6140 joe.nemmers@yahoo.com

**Linda Yaske**, 1517 Tournament Club Way, Polk City, IA 50226, 517-303-5239 linda.yaske@gmail.com.

### At Johnston River of Life:

**Dave & Cammy Beason**, 8261 NW Beaver Ave., Johnston, IA 50131.

Dave: 515-251-8969 dbeason@mchsi.com

Cammy: 515-490-9066 cbeason@mchsi.com

**Patrick Mulley**, 7504 Canterbury Rd, #76, Urbandale, IA 50322, phmulley@gmail.com

**David & Sherrie Rogers**, 3318 Brook Run Drive, Des Moines, IA 50317, 515-264-1810 rogersd@usa.net

**Dan & Nancy Routson**, 6037 Pinewood Court, Johnston, IA 50131, 515-270-6462 dlrner@msn.com



## RUMMAGE AND BAKE SALE

**April 23, 12pm-6pm; April 24, 9am-6pm; April 25, 9am-12pm**

Proceeds from the Rummage Sale help fund New Hope's ministries.

**DONATIONS** will be accepted **Sunday, April 19 (1:00 pm - 7:00pm)**  
**and Monday, April 20 (9:00 am - 7:00 pm).**

We look forward to your participation with our annual Rummage Sale!

1. Beginning with the 2015 Spring Rummage Sale, we will not be pricing anything over \$100
2. We will not be selling books or collectibles at the Spring Rummage Sale.
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.
5. All donated items should be washed or dusted, ready for display. Please help out and have your items ready to display. Items, not in displayable condition will go in the free box.

**VOLUNTEER!** We need YOU to help us organize the 2015 Rummage Sale. There is a job for everyone—sitting, standing, moving, sorting, pricing, sacking, etc. After prayerful consideration, please volunteer for the day and hour you could serve. Times are available from 10:45am Sun., April 19, to 2:00pm Sat., April 25. To volunteer, please contact: Barb Agan at 255-8292, [aganbarjim@gmail.com](mailto:aganbarjim@gmail.com) or Linda Kielsmeier at 689-9680, [lapals@hotmail.com](mailto:lapals@hotmail.com).



## BAKE SALE!

Bake some goodies for our "Rummage Sale" booth.

You can donate & buy for your sweet tooth!

To be sure it will be "love at first bite",

As sweet treats are always a delight!

Please support the Bake Shoppe with your homemade jams, pickles, salsa, breads, rolls, candy, cookies, cakes, brownies, pies, snack mixes, and ??? Remember to tell us the name of your baked items and alert us if nuts or peanut butter are used. Gluten free baked goods are welcome also. We will be glad to

package your cookies for you.

When you should bring your wares?

April 22, Wednesday until 7:30 PM

April 23, Thursday morning beginning at 9AM

April 24, Friday morning

**No Bake Good accepted on Saturday, April 25th.**

## MISSION OF NEW HOPE 2015 RUMMAGE SALE

**GUIDING WORDS:** *Whatever may be your task, work at it heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that it is from the Lord (and not from men) that you will receive the inheritance which is your reward. The One Whom you are actually serving (is) the Lord Christ (the Messiah). Colossians 3:23,24*

### PURPOSE:

A. TO SERVE GOD WHILE RAISING FUNDS TO MAINTAIN OUR CHURCH BUILDING FOR THE PURPOSE OF:

1. Worship
2. Mission work with-in the church building.
3. Prepare materials for mission work outside the building.
4. Fellowship with other believers.
5. Education and study of the word.
6. Strengthen families through study, education, and fellowship.

B. TO SERVE GOD WHILE MINISTERING TO OTHERS BY:

Providing a clean, pleasant, organized shopping experience for those in need of low priced shopping.

C. TO SERVE GOD WHILE DOING CHURCH OUTREACH BY:

Presenting a friendly, caring atmosphere to encourage shoppers to come back and visit our church.

**INTENT:** TO SERVE GOD WITH EVERY MEMBER SERVING TO REACH OUR GOAL OF RAISING \$10,000 FOR THE MISSIONS OF NEW HOPE.



## Spring Clean-Up at New Hope Campus

**Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>**

Please consider volunteering to help with the maintenance and beautification of our campus grounds on Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>. There will be tasks for all skill levels: picking up twigs and debris, raking leaves, weeding, mulching, trimming where needed, and other general landscaping.

Please bring work gloves, leaf rakes, pruning shears, etc.

We will work from 9am to completion. Lunch will be provided. Sign-up sheets are in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us!

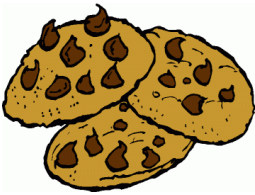


## Volunteer Enrichment

**Sunday, April 19, 10:45am**

Children and Youth Ministry volunteers, mark your calendars! On Sunday April 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:45 a.m. we will have another volunteer enrichment opportunity. This enrichment time will be especially helpful to Children's Worship and CLT volunteers. Topics to be discussed include review activities and activities to get kids up and moving.

Questions? Contact Sherri Bogue ([boguesa@gmail.com](mailto:boguesa@gmail.com) or 277-0725).



## ATTENTION all you cookie (and coffee) lovers!

We are offering an *opportunity for discipleship* in Fellowship at New Hope!!

Coordinator of Hosts – organize and maintain scheduling

Hosting & Baking – supplying treats and serving during fellowship

Hosting Only – serving coffee and treats during fellowship

Baking Only – baking and supplying treats

**Coordinator of Hosts:** Check the clipboard to see if enough volunteers have signed up for each week/service, and check the freezer to monitor the supply of treats. When spots are unfilled, ask Billy to make an announcement, or ask Nancy to include an announcement for volunteers in the weekly bulletin. Nancy must be notified by noon on Thursdays in order to get announcements in the bulletin for the following Sunday. Please prayerfully consider committing for at least a year.

**Sign Up!!** A clipboard will be provided in the Fellowship Hall for members of the congregation to sign up as a host, baker, or host & baker. We ask those supplying treats to provide 8-12 dozen. Leftovers should be labeled as "Fellowship" along with the current date and placed into the freezer.

Doing some baking this week? Make an extra 1-2 dozen and bring them in! Place them in the freezer labeled "Fellowship" along with current date.



***If we have an open slot, there will be no treats for that service.***

This tradition of fellowship is a treasured time for our congregation and a great way to connect with new and existing members. Please speak with Pam Frey or Nancy Monthei if you are willing to take on this opportunity, or if you know someone who might be interested. If you cannot personally take this on, please help us in praying for the right person to step into this role.

Questions? Ask me. Thank you! Pam Frey, [yayafrey@gmail.com](mailto:yayafrey@gmail.com), 515-490-8440



## Celebrate Confirmation

**Sunday, April 26, 10:45 a.m.**

The Confirmation class will be confirmed with a special reception to follow. We hope you'll join us for this wonderful worship opportunity, where the students not only share what they have learned with the congregation, but also design and lead the entire service! Come and congratulate them on this important stepping-stone in their faith journey!

**The Confirmation Class of 2015:** Luke Breitsprecher, Caroline Christensen, Peyton Henry, Joseph Hoffman, Madyson Johnson, Courtney LePera, Catherine Leyda, MaryGrace Leyda, Tyler Mohrman, Tanner Rowland, Sarah Sahlin.

## Confirmation schedule

**April 12, 4:30 p.m.**

*Students and Mentors*

Topic: "What I Think about Confirmation"

**6pm Dinner**

**April 19, 4:30 p.m.**

*Students and Mentors*

Topic: "Creed" and Rehearsal

**April 26**

*Students and Mentors*

Confirmation Sunday, 10:45 a.m.





\*\*\*Sign up by April 12\*\*\*

## Join us at Wesley Woods on Saturday, May 2, 10am-2pm!

New Hope UMC was selected as one of Iowa UMC Camp Challenge Winners for 2014! With this honor, we receive an all-expense paid day of fun and fellowship at Wesley Woods Camp and Retreat Center.

Everyone of any age is encouraged to attend, any time from 10am to 2pm. There will be a wagon ride tour of the camp, archery for ages 10 yrs and older, hot dog roast with all the fixin's, and much more!

Please save this date on your calendar! **Sign up in the Fellowship Hall. Deadline to sign up will be by April 12** so that we can give the camp ample time to let them know how many people to expect. We can also set up carpooling from New Hope UMC. We hope you join us on May 2!

## World Quilting Day

The New Hope Needlers spent the afternoon at the church on Saturday, March 21 not quilting, or at least, not quilting much. Instead, the group welcomed Kay Hertz from the Days for Girls (DFG) organization and spent the bulk of the afternoon on the Little Dresses / Little Britches for Africa and the DFG sanitary kits that are so desperately needed.

## April New Hope Needlers

The Needlers will meet on **Monday, April 13th at 11:30 am** at the Panera in Johnston for lunch / fellowship, followed by sewing at Kim Buske's from 1-4 p.m. Any sewers are welcome to join for either or both.

## Serger Wanted

The Needlers could really use a nice serger for the group. If you have one that you could donate, please contact Kim Buske at 515-491-5402 or [Kim.Buske@gmail.com](mailto:Kim.Buske@gmail.com).



Sue Baldwin, Kay Hertz, Le Howland at the cutting table.



Diane Densmore with a finished pair of Little Britches



Sharon Lewis hard at work.



Carolyn Burrough kept her serger humming.

## Graduate Recognition

Graduate Recognition will be on **Saturday, May 2 & Sunday May 3 at Johnston River of Life and also on Sunday, May 3 at New Hope UMC**. We invite all graduates: high school, college, and higher degrees, to send us information to be included in the bulletins to celebrate your accomplishments with you. Please complete the below information and drop this form off at the church office or mail it to New Hope UMC, 4525 Beaver Ave., Des Moines, IA 50310. **Please fill out and send in NO LATER than Sunday, April 26.**



### High School Graduates:

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

PLANS AFTER HIGH SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

### College/Graduate School Graduates:

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

DEGREE(S): \_\_\_\_\_

FUTURE PLANS: \_\_\_\_\_

Please tick one of the following boxes to let us know which service we can hope to expect you at:

New Hope: May 3, 8:30 worship [ ] 9:30 worship [ ] 10:45 worship [ ]  
JROL: May 2, 5pm [ ] May 3, 10am [ ] Sorry, I won't be present [ ]



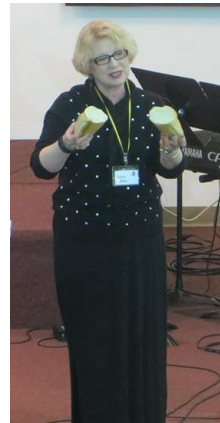
## Women's Retreat thank you

Thank you to everyone that attended the God's Girlfriends Women's Retreat at New Hope UMC, March 7th.

It was a day full of laughter, music, wonderful messages, skits, sharing, and delicious lunch. Your presence added so much to the blessings of the day.

Thank you to the committee leaders: Carole Followwill, Barb Mather, Nancy Monthei, and Sharon Smith. And, thank you to everyone that helped with this event. Your commitment made this first Women's Retreat a success!

We were blessed to have with us Rev. Dr. Karen Nelson, Field Outreach Minister. Karen ended the event by leading Holy Communion.



## Spring Plant Sale

Sunday, May 3

Mark your calendars for Sunday, May 3rd for the New Hope plant sale. The 2015 plant sale is to raise funds for designated outdoor landscaping (gardens and planters). Among the plants that will be available are multiple varieties of coleus, perennials, and tomatoes.

Save the Date!

**Sunday, November 22, 2015**

New Hope UMC 50th Anniversary will be celebrated in the services and in the afternoon. Stay tuned!



## Update from The Board of Trustees

**Rio Red Chairs** - Recently, eight red (Rio Red) chairs were purchased for use in the Fellowship Hall. The intent is to leave these chairs in the Fellowship Hall for the purpose of assisting older people when rising up from the sitting position. ***Please reserve these eight chairs for older members.*** The cost of the chairs will be paid for from the Phoebe Landis Memorial Fund. Thank you to the family of Phoebe Landis!

**Giving** - If you feel you can give a little extra, one of the options is to give to the Trustee's Budget by identifying the gift is for "Capital Improvements". This is a Trustee line item on the designated gifts page of the Finance Report and will be used for items needed which are not covered by our budget. In the March Link there was a list of major repair items needed in 2015. Some are necessary and some are in the category of "nice to have" but not a priority.

Thank you for assisting with keeping your church in good repair and looking nice! If anyone has any questions concerning the property of the church please direct them to the Trustees (Army Larsen, Vice Chair; David Followwill; Melisa Forbes; Mike Wakeman; Paul Weisskopf; Rick Homard, Secretary; Roger Moore; Spencer Sutton; John Rains, Chair)

John Rains  
Chair, Board of Trustees

## Storybook Project of Iowa

**New Hope Community donates 41 books to local organization!**

### *What is the Storybook Project?*

The Storybook Project gives mothers, fathers, and grandparents at the Iowa Correctional Institution for Women at Mitchellville, and the Iowa Correctional Release Center and Newton Correctional Facility in Newton the opportunity to connect with their children/grandchildren age birth through 17 through reading. Stories are read into a recorder and then the book and CD are mailed to the children. A new book is chosen for each child, each month. The goal is to maintain and strengthen the parent/child bonds during separation.

### *Who benefits from the Storybook Project?*

Mothers, fathers and grandparents are grateful for the opportunity to maintain strong ties with their children while separated.

Children feel close to their parents when listening to them read stories along with a few added personal words of affection. They also receive educational benefits from reading.

Volunteers have a rewarding experience by providing support to mothers and fathers in a prison setting. The program brings much joy to everyone.

Contributors have the satisfaction of knowing their donations help keep mothers, fathers, grandparents and children connected during their separation.

## Fundraiser/Mission Trips/Work Day for Adults

Team members: Pastor Craig Ferguson, Bill Gibbons, Jessica Hass, Jim Jensen, Wendy Musgrave, Laura Siffin, John & Denise Hartford, along with other team members from the North Central District will be busing tables (and collecting tips as well as a percentage of profits the restaurant takes in during our scheduled time) on **Monday, April 20 at Pizza Ranch, 4954 86th St., Urbandale from 5:30 - 9:00 pm.** The money raised will help pay for materials the team will need to begin building a house for a Honduran family in need.

*No cooking that night! How easy is that?*

**Habitat for Humanity Work Day** will be approximately Saturday, April 25, depending on the progress of the house. The team will be painting the exterior.

**Mission Trip to Honduras, February 6-13, 2016.** Team meetings are being held monthly and we are getting a start on learning some Spanish. There is still room for more team members, but it would be great, if you're interested, to please sign up soon.

Questions? Or to sign up for any of these events, please contact Denise Hartford, [denisehartford@gmail.com](mailto:denisehartford@gmail.com), text or call 515-890-1406.



# 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. Parents or other adults, please prayerfully consider helping as a second adult at least one time between now and the middle of May. You will not be responsible for anything but crowd control and assisting the Children's Worship Leader for the week. Sign up on the bulletin board in the education hallway.

**Christian Learning Time (Sundays 10:45-11:45):** Everyone is welcome to join us for Christian Learning Time opportunities. We have classes for all ages starting at 3 years old through 12<sup>th</sup> grade, and even adult classes in the Ruby Chapel at both 9:30 and 10:45am.

**What you can find at the Children and Family Ministries Information Spot:** The meal time devotion for this month is titled "Hooray for Grandparents." You will also find part 4 of 5 in a series focused on Protecting Our Families. This article is titled "Household Idols." If you have any ideas or suggestions for Parent Resources or topics you'd like to see, please contact [sjacobson@newhopedsm.org](mailto:sjacobson@newhopedsm.org).

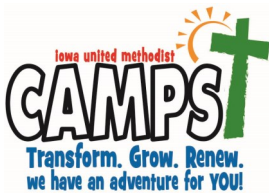


### Join us for the CLT Easter Party

Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 10:45-11:45am

For all CLT students ages 3 years- 5<sup>th</sup> grade

Activities include a short Easter movie, crafts and the egg hunt



**Church Camp!** Brochures are at the sign up table in the Fellowship Hall or go to

[www.iaumc.org/camps](http://www.iaumc.org/camps).

**Camperships** are available from New Hope UMC. The Mission committee is encouraging kids/youth to attend any United Methodist camp and will support them with a scholarship of 1/3 of the cost paid from the Mission Fund. Our funds are less this year so we had to reduce the amount contributed by missions from 1/2 to 1/3. If there is a reason this would keep a child from going to camp because of the cost, please contact Sharon Smith at 277-7125 or

[wicketsblooms@aol.com](mailto:wicketsblooms@aol.com). We had a tremendous increase in children attending camps last summer, which was very inspiring so we want to continue helping children attend. Please inform the church office when you have registered your child(ren). If anyone from our congregation would like to donate to a campership fund, please call the church office with your pledge. Thank you!



## Mark Your Calendars!



Children's Ministry is so excited to announce this year's VBS: **SonSpark Labs**.

This science-themed VBS will focus on how Jesus is God's plan for the world and is scheduled for **Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 5:30pm-8:00pm.**

Please keep an eye out for more information!

Also: We **LOVE** volunteers!

If you would like to offer your talents, please contact Kristi Miller @ [Kristi.mundy@gmail.com](mailto:Kristi.mundy@gmail.com).







A special THANK YOU goes out to Suzanne Neu, Linda Dean, Mel Henry, and their team of dedicated volunteers who have stepped up to carry on the TGIW program for K-5<sup>th</sup> graders through the remainder of the school year. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the following schedule, please contact Suzanne, Linda or Mel.

**Schedule for the remainder of the 2014-15 school year:**

<b>April 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>5:30 Dinner 6-7pm Easter Activities</b>	<b>April 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Project with ARL or Hope Animal Rescue (more details TBD)</b>
<b>April 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Off-site event (more details TBD)</b>	<b>April 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5:30 Dinner (hot dogs provided, bring a side to share) 6-7pm Blessing of our Pets Program</b>
<b>April 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5:30 Dinner (Pizza provided) 6-7pm Make items for ARL and Hope Animal Rescue</b>		

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS WHO HELPED MAKE OUR WEDNESDAY NIGHT TGIW AND BLAST PROGRAMS A SUCCESS. WE COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOUR HELP!

Jr. BLAST Leaders/Helpers

Ryan Jacobson  
Nathan Roff  
Penny Dolberg  
Mel Henry  
Dustin Henry  
Nancy Wiles  
Mark Sahlin  
Tami Wise  
Stephanie Jones  
Vicki Hover-Williamson  
Lori Marsh  
Sara Cullinan  
Tony Hoffman

Sr. BLAST Leaders

Pam Frey  
Chris Higdon  
Charity Johnson  
McKayla Johnson  
(Jr. Leader)

Puppet Leaders

Linda Dean  
Mel Henry

TGIW Activity Leaders/Helpers

Monica Balk  
Jeff Balk  
Andy Sutton  
Robin Harlow  
Jolene Harlow  
Carole Followwill  
Nathan Roff  
Beth Roff  
Suzanne Neu  
Jackie Johnson  
Sharon Smith  
Mona Kirkpatrick  
Kristen Welter

Lindsey Robertson  
Sandra Cannon  
Vicki Hover-Williamson  
Mel McGhee  
New Hope Needlers group  
Connie Armstrong  
Tami Wise  
Spencer Sutton  
Stephanie Jones  
Ali Cooley  
Jenn Higdon

TGIW Kitchen Helpers

Kim Wills  
Mica Wills  
Sharon Lewis  
Kathy Russi  
Betty Holwegner  
Judy Stout  
Barb Mather  
Marge Carnahan  
Esther Stout  
Sheldon Stout  
Don Kirkpatrick  
Carole Followwill

**TGIW Going Forward...**

One thing we ask of the congregation is to prayerfully consider where you might see yourself serving with the Wednesday Night Children and Youth Ministry Programs for the 2015-2016 school year. If your child or youth is involved with these programs, we especially look for your help to maintain these programs.

As you can see from the above list of volunteers, it takes MANY dedicated people to create and carry out a successful Wednesday Night program for the amount of kids and youth that we have interested. To continue with a weekly TGIW program for K-5<sup>th</sup> grade, we will need a minimum of 5 volunteers every week (this does not include the kitchen volunteers). To continue with a successful Jr. Blast program, we will need a minimum of 2 coordinators to help with the planning and making events/activities happen, a minimum of 2 adults present each week, plus extra helpers for off-site events.

Hopefully this gives our church an idea of what the needs are going forward. As we begin to develop these schedules over the coming months, we'll have a better idea of specific volunteer positions we will be looking to fill for next year. In the meantime, we ask that you be in prayer about how you can take part in maintaining these successful ministries for the future of our church. Keep your eyes open for more information to come in April and beyond.

**Looking for a TGIW Co-Director**

Are you an organizer? Do you like to do behind-the-scenes event planning? Are you passionate about the Wednesday Night Program and would like to see it be continually offered for our children, youth and families? If so, we are looking for a new TGIW Director to work with Sarah Jacobson in starting to plan this summer and continue into the 2015-2016 school year. You just need to have an interest, a passion and a time commitment of 1-2 hours/week for 1 year. Filling this volunteer co-director role is very important to continue the TGIW program. If interested, contact Sarah at [sjacobson@newhopedsd.org](mailto:sjacobson@newhopedsd.org).

# Youth Groups

**Sr. BLAST (9th-12th grade)** Leaders: Chris Higdon, Charity & McKayla Johnson, and Pam Frey  
[BLAST@NewHopeDSM.org](mailto:BLAST@NewHopeDSM.org)



We are excited to announce that we are roughly **70% funded** for our upcoming Memphis Mission Trip. We have \$4,200 of the needed \$6,000 to take 12 of our Senior High BLAST members and leaders for a week long mission trip to one of the poorest city in the nation in cities that have a population less than 1 million. To complete our fundraising goal, the Senior High BLAST group has several opportunities to support us coming up in April.

To start with, the BLAST group has a few New Hope T-Shirts for sale and we are selling Hy-Vee coupon books. The Hy-Vee coupon books pay for themselves with the very first coupon; \$5 off of a \$50 grocery purchase. The books only cost \$5.



On Sunday, **April 26<sup>th</sup>**; **Buffalo Wild Wings on Merle Hay road** will be sponsoring a New Hope Senior High BLAST day; so a portion of your bill will go to help support the Senior High BLAST mission trip this summer. Just tell your server that you are there to support New Hope BLAST group that day.

Beyond the fundraising efforts, the Senior High BLAST group will be volunteering to work at ChildServe on Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> and be volunteering at the New Hope Rummage Sale on April 25<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, the group will still be meeting on Wednesday nights as we dive deeper in question from the book "Letters from a Skeptic".

Here are the some upcoming Youth events for the next two months:

**Apr. 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> @ 6 pm** ~ Wed Night Activities  
**Apr. 15<sup>th</sup> @ 6 pm** ~ ChildServe Volunteer  
**Apr. 19<sup>th</sup>** ~ New Hope BLAST Breakfast  
**Apr. 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 6 pm** ~ Wed Night Activities  
**Apr. 25<sup>th</sup>** ~ Work the Rummage Sale

**Apr. 26<sup>th</sup>** ~ BLAST day at Buffalo Wild Wings  
**Apr. 29<sup>th</sup> @ 6 pm** ~ Wed Night Activities  
**May 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> @ 6 pm** ~ Wed Night Activities  
**May 17<sup>th</sup>** ~ New Hope BLAST Breakfast  
**May 20<sup>th</sup> @ 6 pm** ~ ChildServe Volunteer  
**May 27<sup>th</sup> @ 6 pm** ~ Wed Night Activities

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, April 11**  
at 7:30 a.m. at New Hope.

## Women's Fellowship

New Hope Women's Fellowship will have their next meeting on **Thurs, April 16**, 9-10am social hour; 10-11am meeting with a speaker. All women of New Hope and JROL are invited. Questions? Call Betty Holwegner at 278-8115.

**Women's Bible Study** will be on hiatus until fall.

## Widow's Luncheon

Come join us for food and conversation at The Perk Up Café, 7003 Douglas Avenue, **Friday April 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:30**. If you need a ride or have questions, you can contact Sharon Smith 515-277-7125 or Shirley Frus 515-279-1130.

## Veterans Helping Veterans

Our next meeting will be on **Saturday, April 18, at 8:30am**.



On Feb. 14 the Veterans group visited the Gold Museum. It was a very interesting trip with a lot of information and many interactive displays. We highly recommend a visit to the museum by anyone interested in military history.

The VHV met for breakfast on March 14. We were honored to have Miyoko Hikiji as guest speaker. Miyoko spoke about her time in Iraq and her current work with veterans.

Thank you to the veterans, their spouses that joined us, the supporters of

our military, and guests that joined us.

Thank you also to Betty Holwegner, Pam Frey, and Kathy Russi for preparing and serving the breakfast.

**Our next breakfast is Saturday, April 18, at 8:30am.** All veterans and their spouses are invited to join us. If you have questions, please contact Billy Nuzum at [bbnewz54@gmail.com](mailto:bbnewz54@gmail.com)

## 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, April 9, 1:30pm** at New Hope. If you would like to join the Care Ministry team, please contact Clarice Rubek or Mary Ann Rice.

## Blood Pressure Check

New Hope is offering free Blood Pressure checks each month. **May 3, 9:30-11:00am** will be the next BP checks. Come to the Narthex after each worship service.

## 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

### Life Group (Bible Study):

Are you looking for a place to connect with friends, build your faith, and get support?

Join a Life Group (small group).

Contact Teresa Garside at

[dtgarside@q.com](mailto:dtgarside@q.com) or 515-986-4600

### Adult Sunday School

9:30 & 10:45 a.m. Join us in the Ruby Chapel for group discussions and Bible Study.

### Friday Small Group

The Friday Small Group will meet on **April 10**.

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





# missions

## APRIL MISSION: Justice for Our Neighbors

Justice for Our Neighbors can make the difference between life and death for the families of refugees.

Iowa Justice For Our Neighbors (JFON) is a faith-driven ministry, welcoming immigrants and refugees into our churches and communities by providing free, high-quality refugee and immigration legal services, education, and advocacy.

Established by the United Methodist Committee on Relief in 1999, JFON helps people from all over the world. Our services are available to all without regard to race, gender, or religion. Clinics are located in Cedar Rapids, Des Moines, Columbus Junction, Storm Lake, and Ottumwa and now Decorah.

Although JFON is historically a project of The United Methodist Church, Iowa Justice For Our Neighbors is looking to the future. We know that congregations in many denominations and faiths are looking for opportunities to welcome the newcomers in their communities, and we believe our program offers such an opportunity. We want to expand by inviting representatives from other faiths and denominations to serve on our board and volunteers to serve at the legal clinics. Financial support is needed and is an important way for congregations to be involved. In return, Iowa JFON speakers welcome the chance to provide a space for faith-based dialogue on immigration issues and to present information about immigrants, their experience, and the gifts they bring to our communities.



## Other Mission News

1. Thank you to the God's Girlfriends Retreat for donating over **\$320 worth of personal items for Hawthorn Hill's 2 programs: New Directions and Home Connections**. New Directions is a shelter for Women and their children and Home Connections is a shelter for entire families. This is a multi-layered program where transitional housing is provided with a goal of helping them to be financially secure to eventually move into their own home. This is the only program like this in the Des Moines area. Because they are sponsored by the United Methodist Church, they are not eligible for Government grants, so they must rely on other fundraising.
2. When you are making your vacation plans, please block out **August 2<sup>nd</sup>**, our next **Meals from the Heartland** on-site packaging.
3. The Mission Committee is again **encouraging all children to attend a UMC camp this summer**. Last summer we had a record number of children attending which was wonderful. Because of lower pledges for Missions this year, we have had to cut back to the previous support level of 1/3 of the camper's fees. If this presents a problem for children and keeps them from being able to attend, please contact Sharon Smith, 515-277-7125, wicketsblooms@aol.com. The committee is encouraging our congregation to give to a scholarship fund for these cases. The conference also has some monies available to match scholarships from churches.



## Hand of Luke - April 14

**Ground Beef "Goop"**

**Corn**

**Lettuce Salad**

**Dessert Bar or Cake**

The 14th of each month, New Hoppers donate food, cook a meal and serve it at the Central Iowa Shelter & Services, downtown.

Sign up in the Fellowship Hall. Cooks meet at the church between 3:00-3:30pm. Servers transport the food to the Central Iowa Shelter & Services at 5:30pm, 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 re-frig."). Baked goods should be transferred to a disposable container if possible. *Thank you!!*

## Financial Update

Below is the February 2015 General Fund operating report for New Hope and Johnston River of Life. Due to your generosity and the increase in pledges last year, we were able to reduce the size of the projected deficit this year. Thank you for your giving and faithfulness in supporting the work and ministries of New Hope and Johnston River of Life.

### New Hope Financial Update

	February 2015 Actual
Total Receipts	\$27,733.16
Total Expenditures	<u>27,311.74</u>
Net Surplus (Deficit)	421.42
	YTD February 2015 Actual
Total Receipts	49,871.82
Total Expenditures	<u>56,083.21</u>
Net Surplus (Deficit)	(6,211.39)

### Johnston River of Life Financial Update

	February 2015 Actual
Total Receipts	\$5,654.46
Total Expenditures	<u>8,161.56</u>
Net Surplus (Deficit)	(2,507.10)
	YTD February 2015 Actual
Total Receipts	17,352.78
Total Expenditures	<u>16,522.56</u>
Net Surplus (Deficit)	830.22

**Discretionary Fund** has been established. The fund will be used by Pastor Jon for parishioner's extreme needs or occasionally when people come to the church for help. Your donations toward this fund is greatly appreciated. Please place your donation in the Wishing Well located by the Welcome Center in the Fellowship Hall.

#### New Hope Sunday morning Worship attendance

	8:30	9:30	10:45	total
March 1	24	121	88	233
March 8	21	99	102	222
March 15	25	103	88	216
March 22	32	103	89	224

#### Johnston River of Life Worship attendance

Sat		Sun		total
Feb 28	42	Mar 1	42	84
Mar 7	50	Mar 8	28	78
Mar 14	43	Mar 15	41	84
Mar 21	27	Mar 22	44	71

## 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](http://www.newhopedsm.org) OR [www.johnstonriveroflife.org](http://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



# Empowered

the divine inside

Easter is over, (or almost, depending on when you are reading this) and in the cycle of the Church calendar we now enter the season of Pentecost. This is a term of 50 days after the resurrection of Christ until the Holy Spirit descended on the 12 disciples like tongues of fire and the Church was born.

The concept of things unseen is a challenge for most of the modern world. We can break everything down into atoms and molecules. What we could never see or make sense of before is now seeable and knowable.

There remains however the religious and metaphysical concept of a “Holy Spirit,” Ruach, or Pneuma. These words literally have the root understanding of breath, wind, a non-corporeal entity.

The Holy Spirit is known as the third part of the Trinity, fully God. I have found that the Holy Spirit is the most misunderstood or incomprehensible component of God. We can conceive of God the Father, a creator in heaven. We can totally relate to Jesus, fully human, lord and savior. But the non-fleshly, ethereal, Holy Spirit seems to exist outside a realm we can identify with. The movement of wind or breath having life, intelligence, or simple sentience, let alone being a fully connected part of God and intimately woven into our human spirits seems scary or at least uncomfortable for the masses. Francis Chan recently wrote a book on the Holy Spirit called, “The Forgotten God,” which in itself implies we have let go of this concept of a metaphysical yet Divine spirit as antiquated and not valuable in today's society.

I am convinced however, that the significance, activity, and reality of the Holy Spirit is something that necessitates a deeper discussion. Jesus promised when he would send the Spirit, a counselor. The early church taught clearly about the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Even in the Old Testament scripture refers to people being filled with the Spirit. How can we dismiss the Divine that God has put inside each of us?

What is this ethereal Spirit? How is it a part of the Triune God? What is the role of this breath of life, this wind of divine activity that fills and moves us?

You are invited to join Johnston River of Life during April and May where we will be taking a closer look at the concept of the Holy Spirit.

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. 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 April

### 8:30am Traditional Service

#### Greeters

5 Charlotte Schultz  
12  
19 Megan & Mark Thomsen  
26

#### Lectors

5 Billy Nuzum  
12 Cathy Short  
19 Vicki O'Brien  
26 Vicki O'Brien

#### Traditional Service Callers

5 Norma Sutton  
12 Bob & Marlys Borcharding  
19 Norma Sutton  
26 Bob & Marlys Borcharding

#### Contemporary Service Callers

5 Rod & Lynette Cook  
12 Eldon Cross  
19 Rod & Lynette Cook  
26 Eldon Cross

### 9:30am Contemporary Service

#### Greeters

5 Clyde & Cindy Rail  
12 Glenna Ross  
19 Sandy Cannon  
26

#### Lectors

5  
12  
19  
26

#### \*Hosts

5 Pam & Paul Weisskopf  
12 Tracy & Tony Hoffman  
19 Sr. BLAST  
26 Pam & Bill Gibbons

#### Money Counters

5 Tony & Tracy Hoffman,  
Glenna Ross  
12 DeVonne Douglas, Randy  
Jansen, Ron Zoss  
19 Clark Howland, Rick  
Homard, Larry Wood  
26 Jerry Kielsmeier,  
Kim Traylor, John Burrough

#### Pal Friday: 9 a.m.

3 Pat Papenheim  
10 Kay Goff  
17 Marilyn Osborn  
24 Marlys Borcharding

### 10:45am Traditional Service

#### Greeters

5  
12  
19  
26

#### Lectors

5  
12 Jon Verner  
19  
26

#### \*Hosts

5 Linda & Jerry Kielsmeier  
12 Andy & Spencer Sutton  
19 Sr. BLAST  
26 Confirmation Sunday

**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).

# April 2015

## 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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	2		1 5:30p, TGIW & Jr.BLAST 6:00p, Sr. BLAST, R.Chapel 6:30p, Choir practice 7:15p, Puppets 7:30p, Seasonal Choir 7:45p, Praise Team	2  7:00p, Maundy Thursday drama	3 Office Vol: Pat Papenheim  7a-7p, Good Friday Prayer Vigil	4 9am, Spring Clean-up at New Hope  4p, JROL Community Easter Celebration, Egg Hunt, Worship, Meal
5 Easter Sunday 8:30 & 10:45 Cantata 9:30 Contemporary Service 10a, JROL worship at Barn 10:45, CLT Easter Party	6  7:00p, Board of Trustees Meeting, 3rd grade room	7 9:30a, Alanon 9:30a, Senior Singers practice Noon, AA	8 (Offsite) TGIW & Jr.BLAST, TBD 6:00p, Sr. BLAST, R.Chapel 6:30p, Choir practice 7:15p, Puppets 7:45p, Praise Team	9  10a, Care Team Mtg., F.Hall  6-8pm, Girl Scouts, F.Hall	10 Office Vol: Kay Goff  11:30, Widow's luncheon at Perkup Café  1p, Friday Small Group at Pizza Ranch	11 7:30a Men's breakfast
12 Holy Communion Wesley Woods outing deadline Noon, Mission Mtg., R.Chapel 4:30p, Confirmation Class And 6:00p, Dinner	13  11:30, Needlers at Panera	14 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA  3:30p, Hand of Luke	15 <b>Deadline for May LINK</b>  5:30p, TGIW & Jr.BLAST 6:00p, Sr. BLAST at Child Serve 6:30p, Choir practice 7:45p, Praise Team	16  9:00a, Women's Fellowship	17 Office Vol: Marilyn Osborn	18 8:30a, Veterans Helping Veterans breakfast at church
19 Food Pantry Sunday Sr. BLAST breakfast 10:45a, Volunteer Enrichment, R.Chapel  1-7pm, Rummage Sale items drop off  4:30p, Confirmation Class	20 9a-Noon Office Vol: Shirley Frus  9a-7p, Rummage Sale items drop off	21 9a-Noon Office Vol: Denise Hartford  9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 7:00p, Finance Meeting, 5th grade classroom 7:00p, Stroke Club, Sanctuary	22 9a-Noon Office Vol: Jan Davisson  5:30p, TGIW (TBD) 6:00p, Sr. BLAST, R.Chapel 6:30p, Choir practice 7:15p, Puppets 7:45p, Praise Team	23 9a-Noon Office Vol: Charlene Cobb  <b>Noon-6p, Rummage &amp; Bake Sale</b>  7p, Administrative Council Meeting, 5th grade classroom	24 Office Vol: Marlys Borcharding  <b>9a-6p, Rummage &amp; Bake Sale</b>	25 <b>9a-Noon, Rummage &amp; Bake Sale</b>
26 10:45, Confirmation Sunday  Graduation info deadline  Buffalo Wild Wing Day, proceeds to Sr. BLAST	27	28 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA	29  5:30p, TGIW & Jr. BLAST 6:00p, Sr. BLAST, R.Chapel 6:30p, Choir practice 7:15p, Puppets 7:45p, Praise Team	30	May 1 Office Vol: Shirley Johnson	2 Wesley Woods Outing

## Happy Birthday to you!!

- 1 Brian Martz, Tavian Carnahan
- 2 Kirk Dickey, Kelly Reierson, Melvin Ghee, Bob Harter, Jane Perdue
- 3 Patrice Webber, Brett Cullinan, Nicolaus Haase
- 4 Shirley Frus
- 5 Greg Baker
- 7 Pat Papenheim, Lorelai Roff, Bob Soards
- 8 Kate Lichter
- 9 Bhanu Moses
- 10 Rachel Jackson, Kathy Russi, Jacob Baumann
- 11 Arnold Larsen, Elaine Collet
- 12 Tanner Rowland, Max Wearmouth, Reggie Wearmouth, Lynn Louk
- 13 Paul Herring, Carl Wallin
- 15 Carrie Naumann, Thomas Beasley, Steve Halterman

- 16 Doris Fairley
- 17 Donna Greenwood, Bob Rankin, Susan Smith, Peyton Henry
- 19 Carol Evans, Nicole Jaschen, Nathan Ferguson
- 20 Chase Alcorn
- 21 JoAnn Decker
- 22 Amarachi Ukabiala, Ashlynn Riley
- 23 Kathy Crees, Wade Breitsprecher, Jodi Beaderstadt
- 24 Caleb Christensen
- 25 Bob Borcharding, Julie McClain
- 26 Ron Wilson, Audrey Naumann, Adam Gregg, Eli Zimmerman
- 28 Ellie Roquet, Meghan Kinnetz, Madeline Johnston
- 29 Joelyn Gerovac
- 30 Mason Redies

**STAFF:** Nancy Monthei, Office Admin., will be on vacation Monday, April 20—Thursday, April 23. Office volunteers will be in the office 9am-Noon.

## Happy Anniversary!!!

- 5: Eddy & Karen Johnston
- 13: Tony & Tracy Hoffman
- 17: Hugh & Maurine Myers
- 27: Jim & Norma Smith
- 30: Dan & Mona Kirkpatrick

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



I shared in a sermon last month that, although I am close to the middle of the scale, I lean to the side of being an introvert. I said that I had shared a newsletter article about this one time and got the most reaction that I have ever received from an article. Apparently, introverts resonated with me and actually spoke up! After that sermon here at New Hope, a good number of introverts confided in me that they were introverts too. So here's an updated version of that article I wrote.

It's time to speak up for shy people! We have been silent for way too long.

Okay, maybe I'm not a full-fledged shy person, but some people think I am. The current term we use is "introverts."

Some people think I'm an introvert and some people think I'm an extrovert. Actually I'm either one, depending on the situation. If I'm around a bunch of extroverts, then I become an introvert, since there are plenty of others to take the lead. If I'm around a bunch of introverts, then I become an extrovert to fill the void and some people think I never shut up.

I'll admit that I'm most comfortable being quiet if others are doing a lot of talking, so I want to speak up for shy people.

There has been much discrimination against shy people throughout history. They are largely overlooked and unrecognized. Their absence in history books is staggering. I am saddened when I think of all the wonderful things shy people have done that we have just not heard about. (Since first writing this, I have been made aware of a book entitled, Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Can't Stop Talking, by Susan Cain. In it a number of influential introverts have been noted throughout history, including Rosa Parks.)

Sometimes shy people are even wrongly ridiculed as being arrogant because they do not interact with others. It's not that they don't want to join in, they are just afraid and don't know how.

A college professor, who always gave me good grades, wrote a recommendation for me to attend graduate school. In it he said, "Jon may seem somewhat reticent." I wasn't sure how he meant it, but he used it in a way that did not seem altogether complimentary. I looked up the term "reticent" just to verify what it meant and the dictionary said, "disposed to be silent; reserved." I couldn't see what was wrong with that, but I just couldn't bring myself to say anything about it to him.

Anyway, we shy people of the world have at least one great reward to which we can look forward. Jesus stated in the Beatitudes, "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth" (Matthew 5:5).

Don't worry you extroverts out there, when we come into our inheritance, we won't hold any grudges. Besides, we would be too "reticent" to express them if we did.

Grace and peace, Pastor Jon

## **Easter Theme-- "Faith in the Midst of Fear"**

Apr. 5	<u>Title:</u> "Too Afraid to Talk"	<u>Script.:</u> Mark 16:1-8
Apr. 12	<u>Title:</u> "Hiding in Fear"	<u>Script.:</u> John 20:19-31
Apr. 19	<u>Title:</u> "Fear of the Unknown"	<u>Script:</u> 1 John 3:1-7
Apr. 26	<u>Title:</u> "Living Without Fear"	<u>Script.:</u> 1 John 3:16-24





#### 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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**Pastor:** Jon Gaul  
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**Director of Music:** Eldon Cross  
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