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New Hope United
Methodist Church

January 2016

JANUARY AT NEW HOPE UMC

Knowing God

Jan 3	Knowing The Other Wise Man
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NEW HOPE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

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JANUARY WORSHIP SERIES

vision 2020



WORSHIP
Saturdays 5pm &
Sundays 10am
Beaver Creek Elementary
JohnstonRiverOfLife.org



Ask the Pastors

On Sunday, January 10th at Noon, Pastor Jon and Pastor Craig will be hosting a Q&A session in the sanctuary. In an effort to share the ongoing impact of ministry and connection of our two campuses, they will share a little of their vision and upcoming plans while they answer questions from the congregation.

Please plan on attending with your friends and family. If you would like to ask questions but don't want to stand up in front of others, please email your questions to Nancy at the church office, nhfamily@newhopedsm.org, by Friday January 8th at noon.

Join us on Sunday, January 10th at Noon!



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

Prayer Concerns

Dave Davis; Sharon Smith; John Rains; Esther Stout; Alice Hedman; Gus Skovgard; Judy Nemmers; Jill Jacobson; Mica Wills; Terri Lowe; Olive Walker; Bishop Julius Trimble; District Superintendent, David Weesner; District Field Minister, Karen Nelson; Dr. Emmanuel Mefor, missionary.

Prayers for the following military personnel: Kelsey Bartley; AJ Blackman; Jason Homard; Adam Larson; Joshua Larson; Zach McClain; Todd McGinnity; Matthew Plourde; Anthony Plourde; Devan Stanton; Jared Stanton; Skylar Wright and our national and world leaders, our military and their families.

Sympathy

Our sympathy to Kirk & Jo Renee Hartung and family on the passing of Kirk's father, Roger Hartung.

Our Sympathy to Ginny Ghee and family on the passing of her husband, Mel Ghee.

Birth

Congratulations to Taylor and Brandi Webber on the birth of their daughter, Cobain May Webber. Cobain was born on December 1 and weighed 7lbs, 9oz and 19 3/4 inches long.

Thank You

A big "Thank You" from our church staff to the New Hope and Johnston River of Life congregations for their very generous Christmas gifts and greetings.

We appreciate your thoughtfulness and support through the past year.

May this New Year be filled with joy, laughter, and love for all!

Thank you to everyone for their cards and prayers during my recent illness.

Margaret Hemphill

Thank you to everyone who donated items, bags to wrap and time to make Santa's Attic a success this year. We ended up with plenty of wonderful gifts for the kids to surprise family with Christmas morning (or before) and lots of bags to make the wrapping easier than ever. The \$93.25 that was raised will go to support Walk MS, which is a charity the children chose.

Thanks again, Tami Wise



Thank you to everyone that displayed their Nativity Sets during Advent.

You may take your Nativity Sets home. Thank you so much for sharing them with us.

If you think we should do this again next year, please let one of the Altar Guild members know: Carolyn Burrough, Diane Densmore, Pam Frey, Mona Kirkpatrick or Jody Rains.

Lost

The beautiful shawl, that was draped on the chair in the women's restroom, is missing. If anyone knows the whereabouts of the shawl, please contact the church office.

Thank you!

Thank You

I want to say "Thank you!" to the hostesses that volunteer to bake and/or bring in cookies for fellowship time at New Hope

throughout the year. It is always nice to see the variety of cookies that are provided each week. I pray that each of you will continue to host next year.

As always the sign-up sheets are on the counter, please take a look and sign up for the coming weeks.

If you love to bake or want to pick up cookies at the store but don't want to host we can always find someone to set the table up. So feel free to volunteer to bring something in.

Thank you! Pam Weisskopf





Time to divest our church of the Advent decorations.

This will take place after each service on January 3.

Please stay and help us conquer this task.
Many hands make light work!



Our Care Team at New Hope provides meals for parishioners who are experiencing a life event like a new baby, surgery, or major illness.

We have members of the team that prepare the meal and deliver the meal to the home of the parishioner. The members are usually teamed up in groups of two to provide a meal.

We are in need of expanding our team to do this wonderful outreach in our church due to more parishioners to care for and the fact that some of the team

goes away for the winter months. If you are interested in helping with this program please contact Clarice Rubek at 965-8897.

Also please note that the Care Team meeting will be canceled for Jan 14th. In January, all committees will report to Clarice Rubek and a summary will be sent to all members. The next meeting at the church will be Thursday, April 14, 2016 at 10am in the Fellowship Hall.



Deployed Servicemen and Women Packages

To show support and appreciation for their service, our Care Team recently mailed a Christmas package to each of our three servicemen who are deployed *outside* the continental United States. Two of the three packages were sent to Skylar Wright and AJ Blackman. Both are stationed on a Naval ship just outside Iran. Following is a thank you note we received from Skylar's mother, Kathryn, for their packages:

**Remember Those
in the Military**

"I would like to thank you for your kindness. It's amazing how some people's hearts work, you don't even know my child or his friend that's on deployment and still took the time to put together care packages for them. This is the first year I haven't had my son home for Christmas and I'm having a hard time with that. I know he is fine and the Navy will occupy his day and he has tried to assure me multiple times "it's fine mom." But it doesn't make it easier. I don't know AJ, just know of him. Skylar has told me he is having a hard time on his first deployment, as if Skylar was a pro in his second. lol. Thank you again for thinking of them. Have a wonderful holiday season. Kathryn Wright, Skylar's mother"

Deployment outside the continental United States can be a scary and difficult assignment at any time. But deployments at Christmas time can be even more difficult as they miss spending the holidays with their family and friends.

How can you help? You can donate money for postage to send care packages, but also your time in sending a note or card to let them know you appreciate their sacrifices and service. Information and addresses can be found on the military bulletin board located along the hallway. If you choose to help with postage, please put "servicemen/women project" in the memo line of the check. Thank you so much.



2016 Altar Flower Calendar

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

birthday, anniversary, graduation, or in honor or in memory of a loved one, please sign up on the flower calendar which is located across from church office. *The flowers are \$35.00 per Sunday and you may take your flowers home after the 10:45 service.*



Revised New Hope UMC Cookbook to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of our church.

The 2003 version of the *Taste of New Hope* cookbook has been reprinted with additional recipes.

Purchase your cookbook on Sundays for \$15 each at the Welcome Center.

Cash or a Check payable to New Hope UMC and please add Cookbook to the memo line.



Hand of Luke - January 14

**Potatoe Cheese Soup and Southwestern Vegetable Soup
Corn Muffins
Tossed Salad
Cookies**

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 refrig."). Baked goods should be transferred to a disposable container if possible. *Thank you!!*

2016 RUMMAGE SALE—SAVE THE DATE

The 2016 Rummage Sale will be held the week of APRIL 17-23. Preparation will begin on Sunday, April 17 and continue to Wednesday, April 20. The sale begins on Thursday, April 21 from noon to 6:00 pm. It continues Friday from 9:00am to 6:00 pm. and Saturday from 9:00 am to noon. At noon, the clean-up will begin and should be done by 2:00pm.

Members have the opportunity to work a shift or two on any of these dates. If you work during the week, consider donating time on Sun. or Sat.



Watch for the LARGE SIGN-UP CHART. Please be in prayer about the time that works best in your schedule. The earlier you commit, the more choice you have about the area and job you prefer. Recruit a friend or small group to work with you.

This is a huge mission project for our church and an opportunity for every member of New Hope and JROL to be a servant of God.

Let us join together to take church beyond our walls and preach love.

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.



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

Thank you to all of the CLT students who participated in our Children and Youth led Christmas Service! You did a great job sharing your talents with our congregation. And a special thank you goes out to Sherri Bogue for coordinating this service, to Lindsey Robertson for doing behind the scene work, to Shelly Peterson, Ryan Herrick and Sarah Sahlin for leading the music and to all the CLT teachers for your cooperation. We couldn't have done it without these incredible volunteers!!! Check out our facebook page for pictures.

Jr. High CLT

Starting in January 2016, there will no longer be a Jr. High CLT class offered at 10:45am. If your youth would like an education opportunity on any given Sunday, they may either join the 4th and 5th grade class (in the basement) or talk with Sarah Jacobson to help in the younger CLT classes.

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.

What's new on the Children and Family Ministries Resource Board???

This month in the Parent Link and on the bulletin board you will find a meal time devotion titled "The Opposite Game", an activity puzzle for kids, and an article titled "Getting My Child to do His Chores." If you have any ideas or suggestions for Parent Resources or topics you'd like to see more information on, please contact sjacobson@newhopedsm.org.

**Calling All Kids, Youth, Adults, Families,
Small Groups , and anyone else who
wants to join us!**

Faith and Family Night with the Iowa Energy

Sunday, March 6th

Game starts at 3pm



RSVP to join our New Hope/JROL group by Sunday February 28th! This will ensure you get a seat with your friends, a hot dog, popcorn and soda, as well as a postgame Christian concert by Zealand

Worship for **only \$10.71 per ticket**.
Sign up today and bring a friend!



**2016 Summer Camp
Registration is Officially Open!**

Remember, camp events fill quickly, so get registered soon to make sure you secure your spot! To get signed up, go to www.iaumc.org/camps



TGIW 2015-2016

Wednesdays

5:30pm Dinner, 6-7:15pm Rotation Activities (Jr. Ringers 6:10-6:40pm)

TGIW Winter 2016 Help Needed!!!

We have so many great activities planned for the winter, but we are in need of lots of TGIW activity leaders for January and beyond. Take a look at the activities and calendar below to see if you could help out. Contact Sarah Jacobson to volunteer. Thanks for helping us keep our Wednesday program going strong!!!

January 6 th	Games & Outdoor Recreation (weather pending)
January 20 th	Games
January 27 th	Games, Outdoor Recreation (weather pending)
February 3 rd	Games
February 17 th	Cooking
February 24 th	Storytelling
March 2 nd	Video & Games

Extra Kitchen helpers are always needed!!! Contact Kim Wills or consider helping with clean up (even washing tables or putting food away) at least one night per quarter. It will be a challenge to continue offering these meals if we don't have the volunteer help we need to make them happen. Thanks!!!

TGIW Family Night Wednesday, January 13th

Dinner 5:30pm

Weather pending, we will have a night of sledding and other snow activities (location TBD) or it will be a night in with hot drinks and a movie. Please pay attention to the weekly New Hope email and facebook the week before to determine the plan and what you will need to bring along. Hope you'll consider joining us and inviting a friend!



Come Join us for
VBS!!!
July 17-21, 2016

confirmation schedule



January 10, 4:30 p.m.

Topic: I Believe & Membership Vows

January 24 4:30 p.m.

Topic: Church History in One Easy Lesson

New Hope Puppet Troupe Wednesdays, 7:15-8pm

Join the New Hope Puppet Troupe! The group meets directly following TGIW in the 5th and 6th grade classroom downstairs. If you have a child interested in participating this year please contact Melanie Henry, 515-318-3216, melhenry0@gmail.com or Linda Dean, 515-707-2384, deanlinda2@aol.com.

Youth Groups

Jr. BLAST (6th-8th grade): Leaders: Nancy Wiles, Jennifer Riley

Wednesdays, 6-7pm.

You may join the TGIW dinner at 5:30pm and then stay for the Jr. BLAST fun. Please plan to meet Jr. BLAST leaders, Jennifer Riley and Nancy Wiles, in the Fellowship Hall at 6pm.

The tentative January schedule:

Jan. 6	Game Night	Jan. 20	Mission Project
Jan. 13	SkyZone	Jan. 27	Ice Skating Metro Ice Arena

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

BLAST@NewHopeDSM.org

2015 has been a busy year for the Sr. BLAST group; this year the group cooked numerous Sunday morning breakfasts, volunteered at the church for many events, volunteered in the community and with ChildServe, roofed a house in Memphis, Tennessee, had fun fellowship at our weekly bible study and annual BLAST events.

However, we are ready for 2016 to begin and will be looking forward to our Rapid City, South Dakota mission trip this summer (**June 26th** through **July 1st**). We need an initial deposit of **\$90** for anyone considering being a part of this trip next year by **January 7th** to reserve their spot. Additionally, the group has a new policy around how students will receive the remaining funding for the trip. In order to receive funding from the Senior High BLAST mission trip fund; the student must participate in at least 60% of the all BLAST events. This include our weekly meetings, volunteer opportunities, fundraisers, and social outings. View the 2016 event calendar by going to:

<http://www.newhopedsd.org/pdf/BLAST-Calendar.pdf>

Finally, January activities include a pancake breakfast on Sunday, January 10th. Followed by a BLAST Lock-In on Sunday, January 17th; given Monday is a no-school day because of Martin Luther Jr. Day. Don't forget that Winter Jam is coming to town on Friday, January 22nd; this year the tour is being headlined by For King & Country and Matthew West (<http://2016.jamtour.com/>).

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

Not Meeting on Dec. 23rd and Dec. 30th; Due to Christmas Break

Jan. 6th @ 6pm ~ Thank God for BLAST Discussions – TGBD

Jan. 7th ~ \$90 Mission Trip Deposit Deadline

Jan. 10th ~ BLAST Breakfast

Jan. 13th @ 6pm ~ Thank God for BLAST Discussions – TGBD

Jan. 17th ~ BLAST Lock-In at New Hope

Jan. 20th @ 6pm ~ ChildServe Volunteer

Jan. 22nd ~ Winter Jam at Wells Fargo Arena

Jan. 27th @ 6pm ~ Thank God for BLAST Discussions – TGBD

Feb. 3rd @ 6pm ~ Thank God for BLAST Discussions – TGBD

Feb. 7th @ 5pm ~ Super Bowl Party at Higdon's

Feb. 10th @ 5pm ~ Ash Wednesday Dinner

Feb. 13th @ 5pm ~ Sweetheart Dinner

Feb. 17th @ 6pm ~ ChildServe Volunteer

Feb. 24th @ 6pm ~ Thank God for BLAST Discussions – TGBD

Mar. 2nd @ 6pm ~ Thank God for BLAST Discussions – TGBD

Mar. 6th ~ BLAST Breakfast

Mar. 9th @ 6pm ~ Thank God for BLAST Discussions – TGBD

Not Meeting on Mar. 16th; Due to Spring Break

Mar. 23rd @ 6pm ~ Thank God for BLAST Discussions – TGBD

Mar. 30th @ 6pm ~ Thank God for BLAST Discussions – TGBD

More information about the above events will be sent out in email and posted on Facebook

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

**Many enjoyed the sounds and sights of the Advent Season at New Hope UMC!
Advent by Candlelight; Christmas Cantata; Children & Youth-Led Worship, and much more!**



groups gathering together

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, January 9
at 7:30 a.m. at New Hope.

Women's Fellowship

No gathering in January. Join them on **Thursday, February 18**, 9am at church. All women of New Hope and JROL are invited. Questions? Call Betty Holwegner at 278-8115.

New Hope Needers

The Needlers will meet on **Friday, January 15** at 10:30am at the church in the 3rd grade classroom. We will set up our machines, have lunch at the Panera in Johnston, then return to the church for more sewing. The main focus for the day will be quilts, but some may want to work on some of our Nigeria projects as well. Questions? Contact Jody Rains at 278-8282.

Women's Bible study will begin again in January. We will have a planning session January 11th at 1:00pm and 7:00pm in the Ruby Chapel.

Discussion topics will be: Do we want to continue the 2 times of 1:00 and 7:00, and if so, do we do a different study or the same? We have opened up the studies this last session to men, also, and hope to continue that, so do we change our group name from Women's Bible Study?

Also, bring materials you are interested in studying. I will have available a study by Max Lucado on Ephesians. If you can't make the meeting and have something to share, please contact Sharon Smith, 277-7125. Also if you are interested in leading a study this session, let her know.

Veterans Helping Veterans

Our next breakfast is at 8:30am on Saturday, January 23.

All Veterans and spouses are welcome to join us! If you have questions, please contact Billy Nuzum at 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 14, 10:00am** 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.

January 3, 9:30-11:00am will be the next BP checks in the Narthex.

Chancel Choir

Practice on Wednesdays at 6:30pm. Join us! Contact Eldon Cross, Director of Music, elcatalia4@gmail.com or 515 250-1476.

Support Groups

Al-Anon

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

Alcoholics Anonymous

Every Tuesday at Noon in the Ruby Chapel.

Stroke Club of Iowa

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

Small Groups

2016 Friday Small Group

The Friday Small Group will meet on **January 8 & 22** (the second & fourth Friday of each month, unless otherwise noted). Join us at 1 pm 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. I will be reading from a James Moore book and we will be discussing Revelations. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Kielsmeier, 515-689-9680.

Life Group (Bible Study):

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

Join a Sunday Evening Life Group (small group):

1. Sundays 5:30 PM.. Contact Pastor Craig Ferguson at 515.984.0482 or Charity Johnson at 515.720.8299. This group will be held at different home each week.

And

2. Sundays 6:00 PM. Held at Dick & Netha Piphos 712 SE 4th St. Grimes 515.986-4071

missions



Bidwell Riverside is New Hope's Mission focus for January.

<http://www.bidwellriverside.org/>

Bidwell Riverside has been in financial trouble and needs immediate help. The Mission Committee gave them \$1,000 in December but this is a drop in the bucket for all they do for the people in their area. The Women's Fellowship collects personal items for them with a basket on the Mission Table and list of needed items.

Bidwell Riverside has a clothing closet, food pantry, and Pre-school for children plus many other ways to serve the low-income families in Des Moines.

If you can give a monetary donation, it would be greatly appreciated. Just make out your check for New Hope UMC with Bidwell Riverside on the memo line.

Bidwell envisions a future where no one lives in poverty and every person has the opportunity for a positive future.



Thank you to all who gave an animal in honor of a loved one to Heifer International! A special shout out to Jr. Blast, who bought 3 flocks of chicks and one goat for a total of \$180! They used all of their drink mix fundraiser funds. If you weren't able to give in December, you can still do so in January.



Missions will continue to give camperships to children this summer. The level at which we can help depends on the pledges we receive during the Stewardship Drive. Last year we had to cut back to 1/3 of the total cost, but the year before we were able to fund 1/2 of the cost.



Rainbow Covenant

We have planned our giving to be able to be a 3rd Mile giver and a recipient of the Rainbow Covenant award by our conference. The February Link will have the year-end giving totals for our entire church. If your committee or ministry has funds to report, please let Sharon Smith know. Thanks.

Financial Update

Below is the November 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

	November 2015 Actual
Total Receipts	\$32,680.89
Total Expenditures	<u>28,188.04</u>
Net Surplus (Deficit)	<u>\$4,492.85</u>

	YTD 2015 Actual
Total Receipts	\$293,314.59
Total Expenditures	<u>301,070.37</u>
Net Surplus (Deficit)	<u>(\$7,755.78)</u>

Johnston River of Life Financial Update

	November 2015 Actual
Total Receipts	\$6,953.44
Total Expenditures	<u>3,836.04</u>
Net Surplus (Deficit)	<u>\$3,117.40</u>

	YTD 2015 Actual
Total Receipts	\$97,985.79
Total Expenditures	<u>90,736.32</u>
Net Surplus (Deficit)	<u>\$7,249.47</u>

New Hope Sunday morning Worship attendance

	8:30	9:30	10:45	total
November 29	25	100	116	241
December 6	30	111	100	241
December 13	38	165	108	311
December 20	37	106	91	234

Johnston River of Life Worship attendance

Sat	Sun	total
Nov 28 56	Nov 29 37	93
Dec 5 44	Dec 6 59	103
Dec 12 68	Dec 13 47	115

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 with the offering and note "Discretionary Fund" in the memo line of your check.

Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving

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

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

If you decide to give electronically, please feel free to pick up a card that says **"I give electronically"** to put in the offering plate if you would like to participate in the offertory.

Donate

vision 2020

Vision statements are intended to cast a picture of what the future looks like. It gives a focal point and stepping stones to build on in order to reach the desired goals. Vision statements are like a rally cry, gathering people together; or like a telescope to see a distant reality.

Each of us have personal vision and goals for life whether we know it or not. It could be as simple as family, health, happiness, and home; or it could be a goal as radical as climbing Everest, writing a book, running a marathon, or curing cancer.

Ultimately each of us should have personal vision for our life and family. We should also have missional vision for involvement in a community of faith. Consider some of the following questions:

- What character traits and values are most important to you?
- What are your greatest priorities?
- What do you want to accomplish?
- What do you want people to say about you in 10 years?
- What does God see in you?
- What does God want you to do with your life?
- What vision does God have for JROL, and how are you a part of it?

Vision 20/20 is an intentional month of prayer and visioning for individuals, families, and the whole church. What does God want us to look like five years down the road (2020)? How do we get there personally, and as the Church?

Weekly sermons:

1. Looking for Better Vision
2. What are we doing here?
3. Why does it matter?
4. How should we do it?
5. When do we arrive?
6. Where is God leading us?

Pastor 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 bake or purchase 6 to 8 dozen cookies and use 3 to 5 dozen cookies from the tall, silver freezer in the supply room. (no peanuts/nuts), and serve coffee and water 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 January

8:30am Traditional Service	9:30am Contemporary Service	10:45am Traditional Service
<u>Greeters</u> 3 Kathy Russi 10 17 24 31	<u>Greeters</u> 3 10 17 24 31	<u>Greeters</u> 3 Lee Ross/Freda Ruleman 10 17 24 31
<u>Lectors</u> 3 Cathy Short 10 Vicki O'Brien 17 Kirk Hartung 24 31	<u>Lectors</u> 3 10 17 24 31	<u>Lectors</u> 3 Freda Ruleman 10 Jon Verner 17 24 31
	<u>*Hosts</u> 3 Pam Frey 10 Sr. BLAST 17 24 Nancy Monthei 31	<u>*Hosts</u> 3 10 Sr. BLAST 17 Linda Kielsmeier 24 31
<u>Traditional Service Callers</u> 3 Bob & Marlys Borcharding 10 17 24 31	<u>9:30 Computer Support</u> 3 10 17 24 31	<u>Money Counters</u> 3 Jerry Kielsmeier, Kim Traylor, John Burrough 10 Tony & Tracy Hoffman, Robin Harlow 17 DeVonne Douglas, Randy Jansen, Ron Zoss 24 Clark Howland, Rick Homard, Larry Wood 31 Jerry Kielsmeier, Kim Traylor, John Burrough
<u>Contemporary Service Callers</u> 3 Eldon Cross 10 17 24 31	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).	<u>Pal Friday: 9 a.m.</u> 8 15 22 29

January 2016

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
3 Epiphany Sunday Holy Communion Puppets to perform 9:30-11a, Blood Pressure Sunday Undecorate after 9:30 & 10:45 services	4 7:00p, Trustees Mtg, Ruby Chapel	5 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 7:00p, Worship Cluster Mtg., Ruby Chapel	6 5:30p, TGIW 6:00p, Jr. BLAST 6:00p, Sr. BLAST 6:30p, Choir practice 7:15p, Puppets 7:45p, Praise Team	7 6:30-9p, Venture Crew, F.Hall 7:00p, JROL Mtg., Ruby Chapel	1 New Year's Day Office Closed 8 Office Vol: 1p, Friday Small Group, Pizza Ranch	2 9 7:30a, Men's Breakfast
10 Sr. BLAST breakfast fundraiser Noon, "Ask the Pastor", in the Sanctuary 4:30p, Confirmation Class	11 1p, Bible Study 7p, Bible Study	12 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 7:00p, Finance Mtg., Ruby Chapel	13 5:30p, TGIW - Family Night 6:00p, Jr. BLAST 6:00p, Sr. BLAST 6:30p, Choir practice 7:15p, Puppets 7:45p, Praise Team	14 3:30p, Hand of Luke 6-8p, Girl Scouts, F.Hall	15 Office Vol: 10:30a, Needlers at church, Panera for lunch, back to church	16 Noon-9pm, FLC, FHall reserved for Cub Scouts
17 Guest Preacher: Barb Mather Human Relations Day (offering) Sr. BLAST lock in	18 Office Closed	19 <i>Deadline for Feb. LINK</i> 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 10a-2pm, FLC reserved 7p, SPRC Mtg., R.Chapel	20 5:30p, TGIW 6:00p, Jr. BLAST 6:00p, Sr. BLAST 6:30p, Choir practice 7:15p, Puppets 7:45p, Praise Team	21 6:30-9pm Venture Crew	22 Office Vol: 1p, Friday Small Group, Pizza Ranch	23 8:30a, Veterans Breakfast at church
24 10:45a, Jr. Bell Ringers 4:30p, Confirmation class	25	26 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA	27 5:30p, TGIW 6:00p, Jr. BLAST 6:00p, Sr. BLAST 6:30p, Choir practice 7:15p, Puppets 7:45p, Praise Team	28 6-8p, Girl Scouts, F.Hall 7:00p, Administrative Council Mtg., R.Chapel	29 Office Vol:	30
31 Noon-2:30pm, Orientation of new church leaders, review our past, and visioning for the future	February 1 7:00p, Trustees Mtg, Ruby Chapel	February 2 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA	February 3 5:30p, TGIW 6:00p, Jr. BLAST 6:00p, Sr. BLAST 6:30p, Choir practice 7:15p, Puppets 7:45p, Praise Team	February 4 6:30-9pm Venture Crew 7pm, JROL Mtg., Ruby Chapel	February 5 Office Vol:	February 6

***Human Relations Day, Jan. 17:** A Church-wide Special Sunday of The United Methodist Church. Your generous gifts on Human Relations Day support: Community Developers and United Methodist Voluntary Services programs, related to the General Board of Global Ministries, and Youth Offender Rehabilitation Program, General Board of Church and Society. Your gift makes a world of difference! Thank you!

Happy Birthday to you!!

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

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| 1 David Kinsey, Rick Roquet,
Patrick Kyenkya | 19 David O'Brien, Taylor Jackson |
| 3 Zach Price | 20 Nolan Martz |
| 4 Tim Krebs | 21 Brenda McCulley, Melissa
Haase, Taylor Evans |
| 5 Kasi Dickerson, David Reierson | 22 Dustin Henry |
| 7 Henry Strauss | 23 Katie Paulson, Kate Cossa |
| 8 Maurine Myers, Doug Hewitt | 24 George Buckingham |
| 10 Gayle Easton, Norma Wallin | 26 Amanda Thompson |
| 13 Vivienne Lee | 27 Margaret Holmgren,
Michele Krebs |
| 14 Doris Harvey | 29 Bob Robinson, Bill Gibbons,
Lori Marsh |
| 16 Marilyn Mc Cleary, Mark Thomsen,
Wade Zimmerman | 30 Dale Myers, Barb Mather,
Kirsten Sahlin |
| 17 Joan Clay, Nate Nuzum, Gerald Perdue | 31 Denise Zoss, Kenny Ukabiala |
| 18 Ann Krause | |

Happy Anniversary!!!

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

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There was a time when I didn't get much mail and even the so called "junk mail" was exciting to me. At least it was better than an empty mail box. Now, with all the businesses sending out advertisements, including an overload of it on email, I have more than I need. The problem is I want more "personal" mail—letters from family and friends. The catch is I have to send some myself to get it back and I don't do enough of it.

Some time ago, I received a very intriguing postcard. It came first class, stamped and addressed properly; however, when I turned it over, it was totally blank. This struck me as humorous. Here was a card that someone had taken the thought, time, and expense to address and stamp, but had forgotten to include the message that was the reason for sending it in the first place.

It seemed like such a big oversight, but then I realized that we often get so caught up in the little details of our everyday lives that we overlook what is most important. It's really very easy to do. In trying to support a family, maintain relationships, and succeed in careers, we can get so busy with the little details that we neglect the family and friends we are trying to care for and support.

Jesus tried to help us see the "big picture" when he told us about the two greatest commandments that had to do with loving God and our neighbors. He also assured us that "God so loved the world."



I would like to have New Hope and our Johnston River of Life ministry work on the "big picture" as we begin a New Year. We have set Sunday, January 31, as an afternoon for orientation of new church leaders, review of our past, and visioning for the future. This will be an important time for us to seek God's leading for our ministry and witness together and all are invited to attend. We will specifically encourage those who are in leadership to come, but we would like the input of all who are interested in the future of our ministry.

**We will meet on Sunday, January 31, at New Hope,
going from 12 noon until no later than 2:30 p.m.
Come join us!**

Does a blank postcard seem a little odd to relate to our church planning meeting? Maybe so, but then a blank postcard can say anything you want it to and on January 31 we'll start with a blank slate and work together to fill it in.

Blessings, Pastor Jon

Epiphany and the Season after Epiphany: Knowing God

January 3	Title: "Knowing the Other Wise Man" Epiphany Sunday	Script.: Matthew 2:1-12
January 10	Title: "Knowing Your Name" Baptism of the Lord Sunday	Script.: Isaiah 43:1-3a; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
January 17	Title: "Knowing Our Gifts" Guest Preacher: Barb Mather	Script.: 1 Corinthians 12: 1-11
January 24	Title: "Knowing Scripture"	Script.: I Corinthians 12:12-13, 27-31a; Luke 4:14-21
January 31	Title: "Knowing Who We Are"	Script.: Jeremiah 1:4-10; Luke 4:21-30



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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