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2017

JUNE AT NEW HOPE UMC

The Gospel According To
PAUL

June 4
"The Spirit of Christ"

June 11
"The Peace of Christ"

June 18
"The Baptism of Christ"

June 25
Guest Speaker



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

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Johnston
River of Life

Being Christ in Community.

WORSHIP WITH US

Saturdays 5pm & Sundays 10am
Beaver Creek Elementary

JohnstonRiverOfLife.org

**Pastor Craig's
Renewal Leave Send Off Party**

June 9, 2017, 6-9pm
Crown Point Plaza
6300 Pioneer Pkwy, Johnston

Food & Fellowship

****RSVP to craigsrenewal@gmail.com**

**"Go dtuga Dia Deoch Duit as an
tobar nach dtrann"**

**(May God give you a drink from
the well that never runs dry.)**



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.

Prayer Concern

Esther Stout; Larry Forbes; Kim Traylor; Arny Larsen; Margaret Hemphill; Cheryl Lillegraven; Olive Walker; Bishop Laurie Haller; District Superintendent, Rev. Heecheon Jeon; District Field Outreach Minister, Naomi Sea Young Wittstruck; Dr. Emmanuel Mefor, missionary.

Prayers for the following military personnel: Kelsey Bartley; Dawn Bernal; Jason Homard; Cory Larson; Adam Larson; Joshua Larson; Zach McClain; Todd McGinnity; Matthew Plourde; Anthony Plourde; Tim Rains; Devan Stanton; Jared Stanton; and our national and world leaders, our military and their families.

Sympathy

Our sympathy to Rev. Neil and Cheryl Cross on the passing of Neil's mother, Marjorie Cross.

Our sympathy to Kirk Dickey and family on the passing of his mother Darlene Dickey.

Our sympathy to Bill and Pam Gibbons on the passing of Bill's dad, William Gibbons, Jr.

Our sympathy to Clyde & Cindy Rail on the passing of Cindy's brother Steve.

Our sympathy to Jason & Elaine Sheer and family on the passing of Elaine's dad, Charles Headlee.

Wedding

Congratulations to Gary Stubbs and Nan Tollakson on their May 5th wedding.

Baptism

Congratulations to Henry Arthur Roff on his May 21st baptism. Henry is the son of Nathan & Beth Roff and little brother to Charlotte, Lorelai, and William.

Thank You

Dear New Hope family, Thank you for the support, cards, calls, and visits during Doris' passing. It was greatly appreciated and helped us to know our church family was thinking of us. Thank you to the church ladies that provided the luncheon after the service. Don Ummel and family

To New Hope, My heart is overflowing with gratitude for the many ways in which you blessed my son Gary and me during our illnesses with prayers, calls, cards, delicious food and help with our physical needs.

In the loss of my beloved son, your expressions of sympathy and caring have given me and my family so much heartfelt comfort.

With special thanks for Pastor Jon for being there when we needed him with prayers and his words of hope and encouragement.

Thank you my wonderful New Hope Family and may God bless you. God's love truly shines through you.

Freda Ruleman



**Happy
Father's Day
Sunday,
June 18!**



100th Birthday Celebration for Lorraine Machholz

Lorriane is a member of New Hope and her family is having a 100th Birthday Party for her on **Saturday, June 10, 2pm at Fountain West Health Center.**

If you can not attend, you can send her a card at:

Lorraine Machholz
Fountain West Health Center
1501 Office Park Rd
Room 217
West Des Moines, IA 50265

Children's Ministry Coordinator



The SPRC is pleased to announce that **Charity Johnson** has been selected as the new Children's Ministry Coordinator.

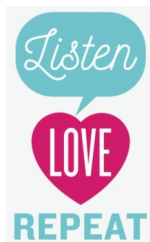
Charity has been actively involved in children's ministry at

both JROL and New Hope. She has served as a Youth Group Leader and Confirmation Mentor for New Hope and has helped with VBS and other events at JROL. Charity just completed her Lay Ministry schooling and graduated with Billy Nuzum the in May of this year.

Charity's ministry objective is "to partner with families as coordinator of a creative children's ministry program for the purpose of bringing children into a life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ, helping them to grow in their love for God and service to others".

Charity will continue to work closely with the outstanding team of teachers and volunteers to create a robust children's ministry program.

Charity will officially begin her new position June 1st. A meet and greet with Charity will be on Sunday, June 18 after each service. Stop in the Fellowship Hall and welcome Charity!



Monday, June 5 will be last day for the study on Listen, Love, Repeat. by Karen Ehman.

In a culture of me-first we will discuss practical daily ways to reach out to others with planned or random acts of kindness.

We will watch a video and read Bible passages and discuss study questions. **Join us on Monday, June 5 at 1pm in the Ruby Chapel.**



HeartBeat hand bell ensemble will be presenting a concert at 7pm on June 6th.

The concert is free and will take place in the Family Life Center.

Please join us for a fun night of both sacred and secular music.



Rootin Tootin Rummage Sale June 11

Thank you to all church members that participated in the annual New Hope Rummage Sale. Many, many, many hands make light work. WHAT A TEAM!!! **\$9300** was raised to put in the designated fund. These funds are not part of the budget. The money will be available for 2 things. It can be used for the upkeep of the church as approved by the trustees and finance committee. Also, members can make a request to the finance committee when there is a need for funds to do a church project or event.

An interesting fact is that 220 people signed in when they came to work and we know not everyone signed in. Many of the people worked for 4 to 8 hours so we could estimate a minimum of 1500 hours were donated to God's work. Thank you to all who offered their time in service to others.

To celebrate this successful team work, the finance committee will be hosting the ROOTIN TOOTIN RUMMAGE SALE CELEBRATION after each service on JUNE 11th. Please join us in enjoying ice cream floats and celebrating a successful sale.

A visit from the Mefors!

Dr. Emmanuel Mefor, a medical doctor, is a missionary with the Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church currently assigned to Mutambara, Zimbabwe. He and his wife, Florence, visited New Hope on May 16. Weekly, we pray for Dr. Mefor. Thank you to the New Hoppers that were able to attend and meet Dr. Mefor and his wife.



Meals from the Heartland Packaging August 13: Save the Date! **New Hope and Johnston River of Life are gearing up for our 7th annual on-site Meals from the Heartland packaging event on August 13!**

We will package 28,000 meals.

Meals from the Heartland is a non-profit organization that has packaged more than 89 million meals to feed starving people around the world and across Iowa since 2008. Isaiah 58:10 says, "Feed the hungry and help those in trouble. Then your light will shine out from the darkness and the darkness around you will shine as bright as noon."

This is a great opportunity to get your family involved in doing God's work! Invite extended family too, as well as friends and neighbors. You can all package together and have fun doing it!

- Four Stations with 8-10 people each. Children are welcome and there will be chairs available for them to stand on. There will also be chairs for people to sit down while you package if you can't stand.
- Three Sessions:
 - 8:30 am with a short worship service and packaging from 9:00-10:00
 - 9:30 am short worship and packaging from 10:00-11:00
 - 10:45 am short worship and packaging from 11:15-12:15
- Donations: Any amount is welcome! If you would like to donate a box of 216 meals, the amount is \$45. Children may use the provided empty food bags for their "piggy bank" to collect their money. \$2,000 has been designated from Pastor Craig's Lilly grant to help fund this ministry.

groups gathering together

Blood Pressure Check

First Sunday of each month.

June 4, 9:30-11:00am will be the next BP checks in the Narthex.

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, June 10

at 7:30 a.m. at New Hope.

Veterans Helping Veterans

Our next breakfast is **Saturday, July 15** at New Hope.

All veterans, spouses and supporters are invited to attend at 8:30 am. Questions?, please contact Billy Nuzum, Lay Leader bbnewz54@gmail.com

Bidwell-Riverside Center

Women's Fellowship members and any other men or women who wish to join them will be doing volunteer work at Bidwell Riverside Center, 1203 Hartford Ave, Des Moines, on **Wednesday, June 28**, from 9:00 a.m. till noon. We will meet at the church at 8:30 to car-pool to the center. Please notify Lynn Louk if you are planning to go. Contact her at 276-7900, jimlynnlouk@mac.com

Women's Fellowship

No gathering in June.

Questions? Contact Susan Clark at 964-5119 or Sharon Smith at 419-7082

Care Ministry Team

Next meeting is **Tuesday, June 13, 10am in the Fellowship Hall.**

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. If you would like to join the Care Ministry team, please contact Clarice Rubek or Mary Ann Rice.

New Hope Needlers

Friday, June 16, 9am-3pm

in the 3rd grade classroom. Please note that the Needlers will meet the 3rd Friday of each month. All are welcome!

Please bring your sewing machine and current project. Dress kits will be available. Lunch will be at Panera. Contact Jody Rains, 278-8282, with questions.

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

Friday Bible Study

The next Friday Bible Study will be in September. More details to come.

Adult Discussion Group

Join us at New Hope on Sundays at 9:30am in the Ruby Chapel. Group discussions are based from "The Wired Word" that weaves current events into the Bible study.

Johnston River of Life Life Group (Bible Study):

90 Minutes in Heaven

Small Group study on Sunday night!
6850 NW 54th Ct. Johnston
5:30 PM - 7:00 PM
Everyone is invited!

Men's Bible Study

Contact Patrick with questions, phmulloy@gmail.com

"Diane and friends and New Hope,

Thank you so much for your generous gift of post-partum kits, little dresses and little britches to Self-Help International! We were able to take them all with us to Ghana in February and the women and girls we serve are so grateful.

I always ask our staff to put any donations to use in the best way possible. Victoria heads up the Teen Girls Club and women's empowerment programs that the Days for Girls kits went to (standard and heavy flow). She was able to distribute the little dresses as shirts - used as gifts for girls who have worked hard and could use a little extra encouragement or reward - and sent the photos attached of the girls in the Bedaabour Teens Club wearing them as shirts!

The girls just loved them. Thank you so much for your support of women and girls around the world!!

All the best,
Nora"



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 for 2017-18 is looking for adult volunteer leaders. During the next school year, Children's Worship will be offered the first Sunday of each month, as well as during the Advent and Lenten seasons. Leaders are asked to follow the worship format, and present a scripture and lesson that includes music and prayers for children ages 3 through second grade. Bibles, music CD's, devotionals and additional resources are available to assist in planning for Children's Worship. A sign-up sheet is available on the Children's Worship bulletin board outside of the purple classroom for those interested in volunteering. If you have questions, please see Elaine Sheer or email her at sheerel@mchsi.com.



Kids...3 years through entering 5th Grade!!
Join New Hope
Sunday, July 16- Thursday, July 20
for the Might Fortress VBS!!
5:30pm supper, 6-8pm activities

In the *Mighty Fortress*, kids learn that God is their refuge and strength. Friends may fail them. They may not ace their next test

or make the team, but God promises to be their rock and their salvation - their fortress and sure defense. So raise your banner! Hold it high! The battle is done. In Jesus, the victory is won.

REGISTER TODAY for kids 3 years through entering 5th Grade! Fill out the registration form found in the Fellowship Hall and attach your check. You can also find this form online at www.newhopedsm.org. For information, call [515-278-2097](tel:515-278-2097) or email Andy Sutton at smileysutton13@gmail.com or text at 515-554-4055.

We also invite all members of the congregation to grab a "Scroll Invitation" and give it to a neighbor, friend or relative to invite them to our event.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! If you would like to offer your gifts and talents (in any way, be it small or large) to help make this a memorable event for our kids, we'd love to have you on our team, as well as adult help with shepherding, meals, audio/visual and registration. Talk with Andy Sutton, Abbi Herrick, or Elaine Sheer if you are interested in helping or sign up on the volunteer list found on our VBS bulletin board.



Johnston River of Life VBS at the Barn

July 31 - August 3rd

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Spark kids' creativity at *Maker Fun Factory VBS*! Kids discover they are created by God and are built for a purpose. Kids learn: God made you; God is for you; God is always with you; God will always love you; and God made you for a reason.

2017 Summer Camp Registration!

The Mission Committee will fund 1/2 of the total cost of a New Hope or JROL child attending a United Methodist Camp.

We want to encourage as many children as possible to have a UMC camp experience!

***Here's what you can do:**

Go on-line at www.iaumc.org/camps or call to register and pay 1/2 of the cost, but tell the registrar that New Hope will send a check for the other half. Then contact Nancy, in the church office, with the name of the child, the total cost, and the name of the camp.



Youth Groups

BLAST
**Believing, Learning,
Assisting, Serving, Teens**



We will be holding a Girls only Bible group on Sundays, 4:30pm-6pm through June 18th. Girls entering 4th grade through 8th grade are welcomed to attend. Please contact Melanie Henry at melhenry0@gmail.com to sign your daughter up or to get more

Sr. BLAST (8th-12th grade) Leaders: Chris Higdon, Pam Frey and McKayla Johnson
BLAST@NewHopeDSM.org.

What a great year!!! Our Senior High BLAST group has wrapped up meeting weekly until the fall of 2017.



The group is excited to announce that we are **100%** funded for our summer mission trip to Eureka Springs, Arkansas. The group couldn't have raised over **\$6,000** towards this trip without the generosity of our congregation and the support of the BLAST kids and parents.

We will be taking 4 adult sponsors on the trip (*Chris Higdon, McKayla Johnson, Pam Frey, and Pastor Jon Gaul*) and 3 High School students (*Brianna Johnson, Drew Wise, and Madysan Johnson*) over 420 miles to work in small towns and rural areas ministries. Our group will be working on a mixture of roofing, painting, wheelchair ramp construction, and general clean-up and repair for the people that live in Eureka Springs, Arkansas.

Please begin to pray for the adult sponsors and youth going on this mission trip and that God will use the Senior BLAST group to bless the people in Eureka Springs, Arkansas. This year trip is from June 25th through July 1st.

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

- **June 4th** ~ Sloppy Joe Lunch after New Hope services
- **June 25th @ 8am** ~ Depart for Summer Mission trip to Eureka Springs
- **July 1st** ~ Return from Summer Mission
- **July 16th** ~ Serving Meals from the Heartland Experience
- **Sept. 9th** ~ Iowa VS Iowa State Service Project and Game

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

missions

JUNE MISSION NEWS

WOMEN AT THE WELL

New Hope is in the third year of our covenant relationship with the United Methodist congregation at the Mitchellville Women's Prison.

In the covenant, we promise to:

Pray: We pray weekly during our services and also promote prayer partners. Barb Mathers receives special prayer requests weekly from the women and places them on note cards near the Mission Table at the rear of Fellowship Hall. Pick up as many as you can pray for during the week.

Presence: We will be visiting their service on November 9th at their 7:00 pm worship service at the Women's Correctional facility in Mitchellville. Sign-ups will be in September and October.

Gifts: The Mission Team has committed to donate \$1 per member each of the 3 years of the covenant.

Witness: We have had 2 re-entry teams helping women re-enter society successfully. If you would like to join a team, please contact Sharon Smith. We can always use extra help as schedules change and not always can everyone participate. The team meets weekly for one year with the released woman to mentor and guide her.

Service: We encourage congregation members to volunteer as a teacher of a craft, Bible study, help staff, etc. on site at Women at the Well. Contact www.womenatthewell.org for more information.

We are very pleased that their Pastor, Lee Schott, will be speaking at our 3 services on June 25th. Expect to be inspired!

BIDWELL RIVERSIDE

On the Mission Table is a basket for personal items in a basket. The Women's Fellowship volunteers as a small group at the site the 4th Wednesday morning of each month. If you would like to volunteer to stock pantry shelves or sort clothing, please contact Lynn Louk at 276-7900, jimlynnlouk@mac.com. Also, if you would like to donate personal items, take a flyer from the Mission table for ideas.

MEALS FROM THE HEARTLAND

Our 7th annual on-site packaging event will be **August 13th**. Each worship service will have a half hour worship service followed by an hour of packaging. Sign ups will begin in June. Be ready to sign up your entire family and/or friends as a team. The packaged meals are distributed to area food banks and around the world in needy areas. **Chris Higdon and Pam Frey will be serving sample meals using special recipes during Fellowship time after each service on July 16th.

UMAFASHA ESL CLASSES

ESL classes continue every Thursday night at 6:30 at Urban Heights Covenant Church on Aurora. If you would like to help assist, please do so by coming a bit early to see what is needed for that evening.

DMARC

Remember that Food Pantry Sunday is the 3rd Sunday of each month. Donations of food may be made at any time in the shopping basket provided or by putting a check in the offering with DMARC on the memo line.

MUFFINS FOR MISSIONS DISPLAY

Check out the display of mission giving, and other information on the sign up table near the entrance to the Family Life Center.

HAND OF LUKE

Thank you to all who donate food, cook, or serve the 200 to 250 homeless people at the Central Iowa Shelter and Services on the 14th of each month. Check the sign up sheets on the table by the entrance to the Family Life Center.

SELF HELP INTERNATIONAL

Nora Tobin will present updates on **July 9th** about her latest trip to Ghana with Self Help International. The presentation will be held in the Ruby Chapel at 11:45 after the last service. All are welcome. Bring your questions. Self Help is doing a fantastic job in Ghana and Nicaragua helping women become self sufficient in order to support family and their children's health and education. Our needlers have sent several Little Dresses and Britches plus sanitary kits with Nora to Ghana.

— **SAVE THE DATE** —

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2017

2017 Harvest Dinner & Auction Fundraiser



EVERYONE
— **IS** —
WELCOME!

**Start thinking about
what you can donate for
the General Store or Auction!**

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

**If you can donate your time and service,
please contact Larry Webber (lpwebber@mchsi.com).**



Mark your calendars for Saturday,
November 11, 9am-3pm at New Hope UMC.

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

Interested in being a vendor?
Please contact Deb Henry at 515-282-0547 or
mssci@aol.com.



Come Away (based on Mark 6:31)

"Come away...

To go on retreat is to take time away from the ordinary routine in order to immerse oneself in prayer and quiet. What is God calling you away from in order to draw closer to him?

...by yourselves...

Solitude is a time-honored spiritual practice. It differs from loneliness or isolation in that it is entered into willingly. Seek out a place where you can be alone, and savor the opportunity to befriend yourself and to place yourself in an awareness of God's presence.

...to a secluded place...

Thanks to technology, we seem to be living in a perpetual chat room. Silence is the sister practice to solitude. Set aside a period of time in which to turn off your cell phone and disengage from the computer. Revel in the quiet that ensues both externally and internally.

...and rest awhile."

Jesus' invitation to his disciples concludes with the enticing notion of rest. As such, it is a reiteration of Sabbath – a time in which to rest from labor. Consider what "belabors" you and how you might set it aside in order to rest quietly and peacefully in God's embrace.

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Pastor Craig's Scotland Renewal

Pastor Craig will soon be leaving for his renewal time in Scotland, reconnecting with his heritage, practicing spiritual disciplines, learning the Bagpipes, hiking and fishing, enjoying leisure with family, and visiting spiritual retreat centers.

Ministers whose congregations are awarded the Lilly grants use their time away from the demands of daily ministry to engage in reflection and renewal. The approach respects the "Sabbath time" concept, offering ministers a carefully considered respite.

We encourage you to be in prayer for Pastor Craig and his family during this time as well as be intentional about ways you can support and be involved with the worship and ministries of JROL in his absence. There is a line up of talented preachers you won't want to miss, and there will be regular updates and video's posted on facebook.

Please attend the send off event on June 9th at 6 PM, Crown Point in Johnston to hear more details.

And if you want to hear Craig play the bagpipes mark your calendar for his return celebration on October 20th.

Craig's agenda is as follows:

June 23 - 25	Relaxing and packing before the trip	Aug 14 – 20	Gearrannan & Callanish Stones
June 26 – July 5	Family in Scotland	Aug 21 – 26	Prayer Walking Isle of Skye
July 6-16	Glasgow Bagpipe Intensive I	Aug 26 – Sept 1	Isle of Eigg Spiritual Retreat
July 17 – 23	Isle of Iona Spiritual Retreat	Sept 2 – 3	Braemar Highland Games
July 24 – Aug 4	Prayer Walking Great Glen Way	Sept 4-10	Fly Fishing in the Caringorm Mountains
Aug 5 – 6	Tartan Heart Festival	Sept 11 – 26	Scottish Civic Trust Doors Open Days
Aug 7-13	Edinburgh Festivals	Sept 27 – Oct 5	Glasgow Bagpipe Intensive II
		Oct 6 – 13	Home and Reconnecting with Family



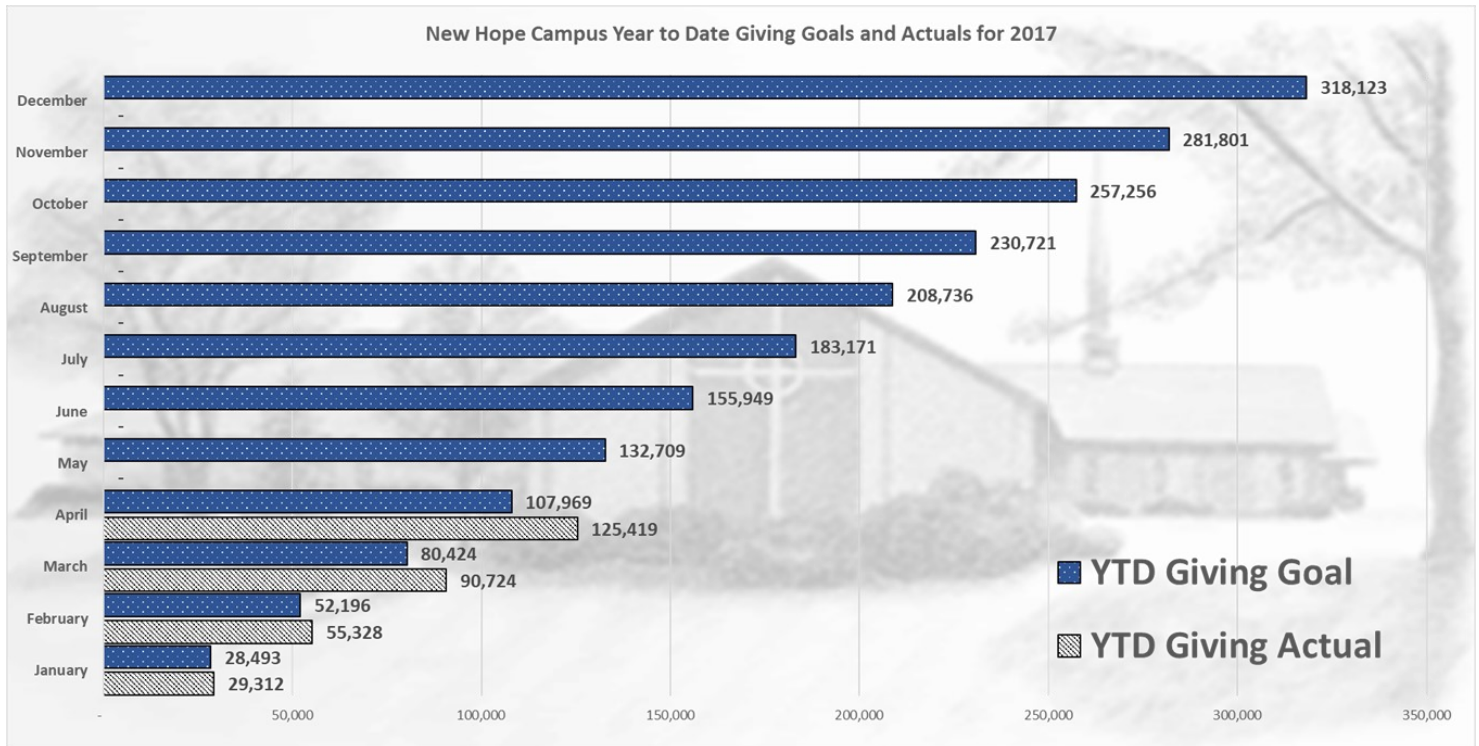
Looking for a way to volunteer?

New Hope needs volunteers for:

9:30 PC support: advance through the PowerPoint slides during the service.

Sunday money counters: work as a team to count the weekly offering.

Please contact Nancy in the church office to volunteer! 515-278-2097,
nhfamily@newhopedsm.org



New Hope Sunday morning Worship attendance				
	8:30	9:30	10:45	total
Apr 30	27	59	162	248
May 7	31	66	83	180
May 14	27	81	85	193
May 21	26	107	67	200

Johnston River of Life Worship attendance				
Sat		Sun		total
May 6	34	May 7	33	67
May 13	36	May 14	43	79
May 20	37	May 21	40	77

Donate

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.

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 worship services.

Hosts bake or purchase 6 to 8 dozen cookies (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 June.

8:30am Traditional Service	9:30am Contemporary Service	10:45am Traditional Service
<u>Greeters</u> 4 11 18 25	<u>Greeters</u> 4 11 18 25	<u>Greeters</u> 4 11 18 25
<u>Lectors</u> 4 11 Cathy Short 18 25	<u>Lectors</u> 4 11 18 25	<u>Lectors</u> 4 Spencer Sutton 11 18 25
<u>Traditional Service Callers</u> 4 Norma Sutton 11 Bob & Marlys Borcharding 18 Norma Sutton 25 Bob & Marlys Borcharding	<u>Hosts</u> 4 Sr. BLAST 11 Finance 18 Pam Weisskopf, Glenna Ross 25	<u>Hosts</u> 4 Sr. BLAST 11 Finance 18 Soards family 25
<u>Office Volunteers</u> 7 Gayle Easton 9 Ellen Hester 16 Pat Papenheim 23 Marilyn Osborn 30 Shirley Johnson	<u>9:30 Computer Support</u> 4 Rick Homard 11 18 25	<u>Money Counters</u> 4 DeVonne Douglas, Randy Jansen, Ron Zoss 11 Larry Wood, Rick Homard, Jerry Kielsmeier 18 Robin Harlow, Clark Howland, Open 25 Tony & Tracy Hoffman, Glenna Ross
	<u>9:15 Welcome Center</u> 4 Roberta Cave 11 Jan Davisson 18 Pat Papenheim 25 Jim & Lynn Louk	

Save the Date!

The South Sudan Mabaan Tribe will be joining us in worship on **Sunday, July 9 for the 9:30 and 10:45 services.** They be sharing their music during both services.

The Mabaan people come from the newest country in the world, South Sudan, and worship on Sundays at Epworth UMC in Des Moines. The pastor of the congregation is Rev. Aaron Limmo. This group comes from the White Nile State in the South Sudan which is near Ethiopia. Most people are farmers and cattle herders in this area.

Southern Sudan is called the "breadbasket" of the country as many crops grow there providing food for the family as well as some left over to sell in the market. This is not the case now as there is in-country fighting, turmoil, killings and attacks over land and oil. Many Mabaan people have fled into neighboring Ethiopia and live in refugee camps. A few Sudanese have been given the opportunity to be resettled in the U.S.

Des Moines, Storm Lake and Omaha have large populations of Mabaans who gather together on holidays, for special events and for joint worship services. The Des Moines group offers Mabaan and English lessons, have Bible studies and sponsor youth programs for their congregation.

June 2017

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
				1 7p, Worship Design Mtg., Pastor's office 7p, JROL Mtg., R.Chapel	2 Office Vol: Gayle Easton	3
4 Pentecost Sunday Holy Communion Sr. BLAST - Sloppy Joe Fundraiser 9:30-11a, Blood Pressure 4:30p, Girls United	5 1p, Bible Study, R.Chapel 7:00p, Trustess Mtg., R.Chapel	6 9:30a, Alanon 9:30a, Sr. Singers practice Noon, AA 7:00p, Heartbeat Bell concert, FLC	7 6:30p, Leadership/ Nominating Committee Mtg., R.Chapel 7:45p, Praise Team	8	9 Office Ellen Hester 6-9pm, Pastor Craig's send off party, Crown Point in Johnston	10 7:30a, Men's Breakfast
11 Peace for Justice (offering) Rootin Tootin Rummage Sale Celebration 4:30p, Girls United	12 6:30p, Money Counter Mtg., R.Chapel	13 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 10a, Care Team Mtg., F.Hall 6:30p, Finance Mtg, F.Hall	14 3:30p, Hand of Luke 7:45p, Praise Team	15 Deadline for July LINK 6:00p, Education Mtg., R.Chapel	16 Office Vol: Pat Papenheim 9a-3p, Needlers at church	17
18 Father's Day Food Pantry Sunday 4:30p, Girls United	19	20 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 7:00p, Stroke Club, F.Hall	21 7:45p, Praise Team	22 7p, AD Council mtg., R.Chapel	23 Office Vol: Marilyn Osborn	24
25 Guest Preacher: Rev. Lee Schott, Women at the Well Sr. BLAST leaves for Mission Trip	26	27	28 9-11am, Volunteer at Bidwell Riverside 7:45p, Praise Team	29	30 Office Vol: Shirley Johnson	July 1
June 25	July 1: Sr. BLAST	mission trip: Eureka Springs, Arkansas				



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

Happy Anniversary!!!

- 1 Jon Musgrave
- 3 Jon Verner, Kayla Jansen
- 4 Le Howland, Larry Webber,
Lauren Peterson
- 5 Rick Homard, Karen Davis,
Samantha Strauss, Susanna Spring
- 7 Lorraine Machholz, Neal Cave,
Mary Drossel, Jolene Harlow,
Paden Klein
- 8 Natalie Fairchild, Kristin Redies
- 9 Jim Smith
- 10 Larry Wood, Abigail Carrigan,
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- 11 Tyler Mohrman, Holly Haynes
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- 13 Donna Christensen, Morgan Wolfe,
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- 17 Tracy DeBates, Jordan Williamson
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- 30 Susan Larsen

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professional ball player.

With the baseball and softball season in full swing, I am reminded of the time I really impressed my kids with my ball playing skill. I had already faced the fact that they were beginning to realize I wasn't the strongest and smartest person in the world, as they once thought (they really did). They were getting older and wiser and realized I was just human after all. But then we started practicing ball for their upcoming season.

We took a couple of turns with parents getting a chance to bat and I hit some fly balls my kids thought would have been major league homeruns. My son was convinced that I could have been a

When I tried to explain that I was really not that good, he wouldn't hear it and named players he watched on TV who were not as good as I (according to him of course). I finally gave up trying to correct him and just accepted his praise, for I knew it wouldn't last long.

We all need to be needed and feel that we are special to someone. None of us is totally without family or friends who care about us, but there are times we do feel alone. When that happens we need to know there is someone who cares about us and to whom we are very special. Even when we may feel most alone, we need to remember that we are always special to God.

We don't have to hit homeruns, be a professional athlete, or anything else to be special to God. God loves us and cares for each one of us just as we are and wants to help us become the best person we can be.

However, if you know of any baseball scouts in the area, please let me know (just kidding—actually some of my most embarrassing moments in my adult life have happened playing church league softball).

Now let's cheer on our favorite teams!

Pastor Jon

The Season after Pentecost : Theme-- "The Gospel According to Paul"

June 4 Title: "The Spirit of Christ" Script.: Acts 2:1-4;
1 Cor. 12:4-7, 12-13

Pentecost Sunday; Holy Communion

June 11 Title: "The Peace of Christ" Script.: 2 Cor. 13:11-13

June 18 Title: "The Baptism of Christ" Script.: Romans 6:1b-11
Father's Day

June 25 Guest Speaker: Rev. Lee Schott -Women at the Well, Mitchellville





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

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