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New Hope United  
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July  
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JULY AT NEW HOPE UMC

*The Gospel According To*

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July 2

*"The Power of Christ"*

July 9

*"The Law of Christ"*

July 16

*"The Suffering and Glory of Christ"*

July 23

*Guest Speaker*

July 30

*"The Love of Christ"*



NEW HOPE  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

[newhopedsm.org](http://newhopedsm.org)

Community

## VBS at the Barn

July 31–August 3 • 6-8pm • at the Simpson Barn

Register at [JohnstonRiverOfLife.org](http://JohnstonRiverOfLife.org)



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### Vacation Bible School at New Hope UMC

Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, July 20

5:30pm Supper; 6:00-8:00pm 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!** Go to <http://www.newhopedsm.org/> or:

VBS Registration Form - [http://www.newhopedsm.org/pdf/2017\\_Participant\\_Form.pdf](http://www.newhopedsm.org/pdf/2017_Participant_Form.pdf)

VBS Volunteer Form - [http://www.newhopedsm.org/pdf/2017\\_Volunteer\\_Form.pdf](http://www.newhopedsm.org/pdf/2017_Volunteer_Form.pdf)

Please sign up to **donate food items** for VBS meals at the VBS table in the hallway.

Please return your **family crest** to the church by 7/9 so that we can add it to the VBS decorations.

VBS **Mission project** is Joppa organization, a volunteer driven, interdenominational, non profit organization that is dedicated to helping the homeless population of central Iowa. Donations needed are bug spray with Deet and sun screen. Monetary donations are also needed to help purchase tents.

### Vacation Bible School at JROL

Monday, July 31 - Thursday, August 3, 6:00 - 8:00pm

Simpson Barn, 6169 Northglenn Dr., Johnston

At Maker Fun Factory VBS, kids discover not only that God made them the way they are, but for a purpose too. Maker Fun Factory is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, touch, and even taste! Sciency-Fun gizmos, games, and cool Bible songs are just a few of the standout activities that help faith flow into real life. Plus, we will help kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life-something we call God Sightings.

Parents, grandparents and friends are invited to join us a Funshop Finale each day at 7:45 to see what all we have learned.

**Register** online at

<https://vbspro.events/p/events/jrol2017>

If you would like to volunteer, please sign up at the website above.

Come back Friday, August 4 at 6pm for a family movie night. Bring your lawn chairs or blankets. Popcorn and lemonade will be provided.





# 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; Kim Traylor; Arny Larsen; 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 Kelly Mohrman and her children Allyson, Tyler & Carly on the passing of Greg Mohrman, husband and father.

Our Sympathy to Pascal Karekezi and Jeanne Mukeshimana on the passing of Jeanne's mother, Judith Nyiamana.

Our Sympathy to Mike Lillegraven and his son Mason on the passing of Cheryl Lillegraven, wife and mother.

Our Sympathy to the family and friends of Margaret Hemphill.

## Birth

Congratulations to Mike & Elaine Collet on the birth of their son, Montgomery Vincent Collet. Monty was born on Tuesday, May 30. He weighed 7 lb 3 oz and 20 inches long.

## Baptism

Congratulations to Gabriel Daniel Steenhoek on his June 3rd baptism at JROL. Parents are Dawn & Gabriel Steenhoek.

## Thank You

I wish to thank all who have said prayers, sent cards, given hugs, given best wishes, brought gifts, and offered their help. I want to thank Pastor Jon for his pre-operative visit and prayers. I thank my lord and savior for carrying me through all of this. A special thank you to Mel my best friend, the love of my life, and my wife of 36 years for everything she did through this illness and has done for me over the years.

Larry Forbes

We would like to thank our New Hope family for every prayer, card, and expression of sympathy upon the passing of our dad/grandpa. A very special thanks to Pastor Jon, Anita, Abbi and Andy for their presence and support during the moments when our need was immediate, and since that time in thought and prayer, and also when a listening ear was what was needed the most. God has blessed us greatly by allowing us to feel the true love of Christ through our family at New Hope United Methodist Church. Jason and Elaine Sheer, William and Levi

Justina Albright

## Thank You

So sorry we missed the Girls United for Christ who left the gorgeous pot and pretty flowers placed on our front step. We thank you all very very much. God bless you all.

Dale & Laura Myers

## Help Needed

The funeral luncheon committee would like to update their persons to call list for help when needed. If you would be willing to donate a salad, cake, and/or help with setup and cleanup, please email Kristin Welter [t.welter@mchsi.com](mailto:t.welter@mchsi.com) or call 306-3901.

## Music & Fellowship

JROL will be holding their next team meeting at the Camp Dodge Pool complex on July 6th. We will meet to discuss JROL issues from 6:30-7pm followed by a time of fellowship with the 34th Army Band Sidewinders. Join us in a time of music and fellowship!



Happy 4th of July!



The Rootin Tootin Rummage Sale Celebration was fun with yummy root beer floats!



## Blood Pressure Check

BP checks will resume in September.

## Men's Breakfast

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

## Veterans Helping Veterans

The next Veterans Helping Veterans will be **Sat., July 15, 8:30am** in the Fellowship Hall. Our guest speakers will be from Puppy Jake organization. Puppy Jake trains service dogs for disabled veterans. Please bring a friend and come to breakfast. There is no charge for this service for our veterans. Questions, please contact Billy Nuzum at [bbnewz54@gmail.com](mailto: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, July 26**, 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](mailto:jimlynnlouk@mac.com)

## Women's Fellowship

**Thursday, July 20, 11:30am** at Castaway's. Questions? Contact Susan Clark at 964-5119 or Sharon Smith at 419-7082

## Care Ministry Team

Next meeting is **Thurs., Sept. 14, 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, July 21, 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.



The Men's "Mixed Up" Chorus performed Harry Chapin's "Cat in the Hat".



**Meals from the Heartland Packaging August 13:** Save the Date! **New Hope and Johnston River of Life are gearing up for our 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

# Youth Groups

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

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

As you are reading this; our Senior High BLAST group will be returning from their week long summer mission trip to Eureka Springs. Plan now to join the group on August 29<sup>th</sup> to celebrate their mission trip experience.

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

**July 1st** ~ Return from Summer Mission

**July 16th** ~ Serving Meals from the Heartland Experience

**Aug. 27th** ~ Eureka Springs Celebration Lunch at New Hope

**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>).



**Girls United For Christ** performed for the congregation on Sunday, June 25. Thank you to all of the participants and leaders!!!

Ally Sutton, Madison McGhee, Allissa Strawbridge, Kayleigh Sokol, Amelia Coon, Ava Henry, Mackenzie McGhee, Charlotte Roff, Ashlyn Meyer, Hannah Siefken, Ashley Marsh(helper). Special thanks to Melanie Henry, leader. And to Andy Sutton, Mel McGhee and Jami Siefken for donating their time, supplies and snacks to the group this year. Thank you to all parents for your continued support!!



## 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](http://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.

# missions

## JULY MISSION NEWS

**MEALS FROM THE HEARTLAND:** Make sure you sign your family/friends up, so you can serve as a team during our 7<sup>th</sup> annual on-site food packaging event *August 13<sup>th</sup>*. Sign-up sheets are on the Mission Table at rear of Fellowship Hall.

New Hope Missions funds the event with donations from you plus a \$2,000 grant from the Lily Foundation within the Lily Grant that Craig Ferguson accepted. Boxes of 216 meals cost about \$45.00, a suggested donation amount. The total amount to be raised is \$5,800.

*July 16<sup>th</sup>*, Pam Frey and Chris Higdon will be serving samples of the meal we package during fellowship time after each service. They will use one of the recipes suggested.

**CAMPERSHIPS:** Has your child/grandchild registered for camp, yet? Missions pays for ½ of the total amount and if you can't afford all of the rest, please contact Sharon Smith as we be able to help you. There are camp catalogs on the sign up table as well as on-line at: [www.campwesleywoods.com](http://www.campwesleywoods.com).

**WOMEN AT THE WELL:** Women at the Well has a new logo. See the small boxes on the Mission Table. We are always looking for volunteers for our Reentry Teams that help mentor women leaving prison successfully navigate the hurdles that they experience upon re-entering society.

**SELF HELP:** *July 9<sup>th</sup>*, Nora Tobin will be presenting an update of Self Help's work in Ghana after her last trip there. We will meet in the Ruby Chapel after the 10:45 service.

Self Help is a United Methodist backed, Iowa based mission in Nicaragua and Ghana to help women and children be self sustaining citizens. Our Needler's group have donated many Little dresses and Britches as well as "Days for Girls" sanitary kits to Self Help recipients.

**HAND OF LUKE:** *July 14:* If you would like to contribute to our ministry of a meal for the Central Iowa Shelter and Services, please sign up on the Hand of Luke sheets in the F. Hall, to donate food, cook, and/or serve.

**THANKSGIVING INGATHERING:** Keep in mind the quilt auction and craft bazaar at Greenfield UMC, *Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>*, where kits are also collected for UMCOR. If you have a quilt and/or craft you would like to donate, please contact Sharon Smith. New Hope has been a recipient of Hunger Grants from those proceeds to help with our Meals from the Heartland packaging, as all proceeds go to Central District church's hunger project funding.

**BIDWELL RIVERSIDE:** Join the Women's Fellowship volunteering to help at the South-side food pantry/clothing and household closets the *4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday* each month. *July* will be the *26<sup>th</sup>*. We also collect personal items on the Mission Table for Bidwell.

**FAIR TRADE:** Buy some *coffee* now at a low price before it is gone. Stop by the Fair Trade shelf in the hallway by the Fellowship Hall entrance for some good deals. We are discontinuing all coffee except for the two favorites: Organic Whole Bean and Organic Colombian regular.

There is no demand for the other kinds so we can take a hint. We will still carry all kinds of *chocolate*: bars, minis, hot cocoa, and chocolate chips for baking. We do have to order during cool months to avoid melting during shipping, so if we run out, wait for fall.

The *Palestinian Olive Oil* is very tasty and great for all kinds of cooking. We ordered an extra case because after the harvest, the supply only lasts so long, then we have to wait until the next harvest. That means it is fresh off the press!

Tea also will be discontinued because of lack of interest. We still have some Rooibos left. Get it while you can!

Missions only charges what it costs us, because it means a lot to support farmers through fair trade since it eliminates the costly middle man. Farmers, then, get a fair price for their products, and can be self-sufficient. The sale prices are even less than what we pay, so you get a great deal!



— **HELP WANTED** —

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2017**

**2017 Harvest Dinner & Auction Fundraiser**

**HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

**Ticket Sales**

**General Store**

**Kitchen Crew**

**Event Clean-Up**



**PLUS**

**Don't forget to think  
about possible auction  
or general store donations**

**If you can donate your time and service,  
please contact Larry Webber ([lpwebber@mchsi.com](mailto: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](mailto:mssci@aol.com).



“People warned me, and yet I was incredulous that it would be hard to find words to fully describe our pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Still, it’s taken me days to decide what to write in answer to Nancy’s request for trip highlights to share in the July [Link](#). You feel a sense of wonder and awe at how ALL those civilizations rose and fell in the same places: Ceasarea, Jericho, Masada, Megido, Jerusalem, Cana etc. To walk in Bethlehem, Nazareth & Jerusalem where Christianity began, to sail on the Galilee where Jesus made fishers of men, to stroll in the gardens where Jesus delivered his ‘Sermon on the Mount,’ to remember your baptism in the Jordan River, perhaps very close to where John actually baptized Jesus, and so much more. Through our trip, history came alive; I return more fully grounded in my faith and thankful for the time and place I live.” **Cathy Short**

“Our trip to Israel was wonderful! We walked where Jesus walked and came closer to understanding his suffering when we stood in his cell. Our guide, Monsur, shared so much historical information of the area with us. So good to be with church friends and acquaintances who all share in the belief and love of our Lord Jesus. I am sure we will all remember this trip and reflect on it often.” **Linda Kielsmeier**

**Pastor Craig** is currently on an extended renewal leave to Scotland. (June 26 - October 13, 2017)

If you want to keep up with his journeys, go to his Facebook page, or his blog

(<https://pastorcferguson.wordpress.com/>)

**Craig's agenda is as follows:**

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
Aug 14 – 20	Garrannan & Callanish Stones	Oct 6 – 13	Home and Reconnecting with Family





## Looking for a way to volunteer?

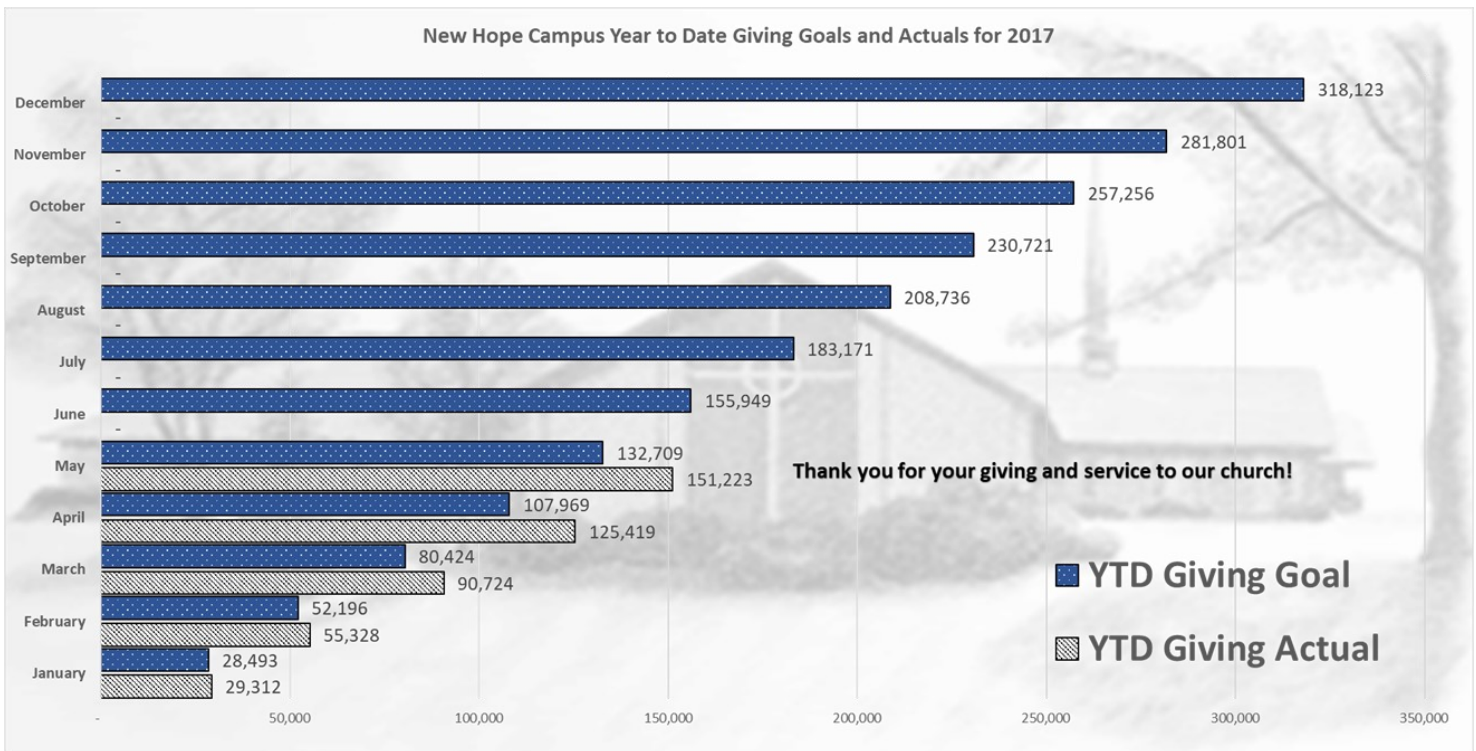
New Hope needs volunteers for:

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

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

**Landscaping Help Needed:** Volunteers are needed for the upkeep of the church's flower gardens. Assist with deadheading, weeding, and occasional watering.

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
May 28	35	59	70	164
June 4	28	58	75	161
June 11	32	88	67	187
June 18	29	73	74	176
June 25	42	85	61	188

### Johnston River of Life Worship attendance

Sat	Sun	total
May 27	May 28	54
June 3	June 4	94
June 10	June 11	89
June 17	June 18	63

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](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.



# 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 July:

8:30am Traditional Service	9:30am Contemporary Service	10:45am Traditional Service
<b><u>Greeters</u></b>	<b><u>Greeters</u></b>	<b><u>Greeters</u></b>
2	2	2
9	9	9
16	16	16
23	23	23
30	30	30
<b><u>Lectors</u></b>	<b><u>Lectors</u></b>	<b><u>Lectors</u></b>
2 Cathy Short	2 Patrice Webber	2 Spencer Sutton
9	9	9 Jon Verner
16 Billy Nuzum	16	16 Billy Nuzum
23 Cathy Short	23	23
30	30	30
<b><u>Traditional Service Callers</u></b>	<b><u>Hosts</u></b>	<b><u>Hosts</u></b>
2 Norma Sutton	2 Soards family	2 Soards family
9 Bob & Marlys Borcharding	9 Pam Frey	9 Jan Davisson
16 Norma Sutton	16 Sr. BLAST	16 Sr. BLAST
23 Bob & Marlys Borcharding	23	23
30 Norma Sutton	30 Glenna Ross	30
<b><u>Office Volunteers</u></b>	<b><u>9:30 Computer Support</u></b>	<b><u>Money Counters</u></b>
7 Marilyn Monroe	2 Pam Frey	2 DeVonne Douglas, Randy Jansen, Ron Zoss
14 Gayle Easton	9 Sherri Bogue	9 Larry Wood, Rick Homard, Jerry Kielsmeier
21 Theresa Flickinger	16	16 Robin Harlow, Clark Howland, Open
25 Norma Sutton	23 Caleb Christensen	23 Tony & Tracy Hoffman, Glenna Ross
	30 Kelly Mohrman	30 DeVonne Douglas, Randy Jansen, Ron Zoss
	<b><u>9:15 Welcome Center</u></b>	
	2 Pat Papenheim	
	9 Marilyn Osborn	
	16 Jim & Lynn Louk	
	23 Jane Wagner	
	30 Bob & Carol Harter	




# July 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
2 Holy Communion	3 Margaret Hemphill 10am Visitation 11am Funeral  7:00p, Trustees Mtg., R.Chapel	4 OFFICE CLOSED  9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA  	5   7:45p, Praise Team	6   7p, Worship Design Mtg., Pastor's office  7p, JROL Mtg., Camp Dodge	7 Office Vol: Marilyn Monroe	1  8 7:30a, Men's Breakfast
9 9:30 & 10:45, South Sudanese Mabaan tribe to perform  11:45a, Nora Tobin, Self Help International, R.Chapel	10	11 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA  6:30p, Finance Mtg., R.Chapel	12   7:45p, Praise Team	13	14 9a-Noon Office Vol: Gayle Easton  3:30p, Hand of Luke	15 8:30a, Veteran's Breakfast
16 Food Pantry Sunday (offering)  Vacation Bible School 5:30-6p, Dinner 6p-8p, Activities	17 9a-Noon Office Vol: Pat Papenheim  Vacation Bible School 5:30-6p, Dinner 6p-8p, Activities	18 9a-Noon Office Vol: Gayle Easton 9:30a, Alanon; Noon, AA 7:00p, Stroke Club, Sanctuary Vacation Bible School 5:30-6p, Dinner 6p-8p, Activities	19 <b>Deadline for Aug. LINK</b>  Vacation Bible School 5:30-6p, Dinner 6p-8p, Activities	20 11:30a, Women's Fellow- ship at Castaway's  Vacation Bible School 5:30-6p, Dinner 6p-7:30p, Activities 7:30p, VBS program	21 Office Vol: Theresa Flickinger  9a-3p, Needlers at church	22
23 Guest Preacher: Barb Mather	24	25 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA	26 9-11am, Volunteer at Bidwell Riverside  7:45p, Praise Team	27   7p, AD Council mtg., R.Chapel	28 Office Vol: Norma Sutton	29
30	31	Aug 1 9:30a, Alanon 9:30a, Sr. Singers practice Noon, AA	Aug 2   7:45p, Praise Team	Aug 3	Aug 4 Office Vol: Marlys Borcherding  Davis/Studer rehearsal	Aug 5   4pm Davis/Studer wedding

### Staff vacations:

July 24 - 28: Pastor Jon on vacation

July 14; 17 - 18: Nancy Monthei on vacation



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

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|--|--|
| 1 Ron Zoss                                 | 16 Cheryl Moore, Patty Nearmyer,           |
| 2 Sally Corcoran, Terry Dolberg,           | Chris Higdon                               |
| Jody Ferguson                              | 17 Ronan Rock, Cash Hager                  |
| 3 Mark Scherer, Chinyere Ukabiala,         | 18 Brad Johnson                            |
| Cindy Meyer, Nicholas Bogue                | 19 Laura Zimmerman                         |
| 4 Chad Strauss                             | 20 Kim Wills, Pam Gibbons, Robin Harlow    |
| 5 Steven Alcorn, Kyden O'Neill             | 21 Allen Davis, Hanna Ferguson, Jim Mather |
| 6 Forrest Mc Cleary, Bailey Egger,         | 22 John Burrough                           |
| Dana Garside                               | 23 Eldon Cross, Adam Jaschen, Gabrielle    |
| 8 Roger Moore, Marc Davis, Jason Balk      | Dean, Max Roquet                           |
| 9 Ryan Herrick, Beth Roff                  | 24 David Baldwin, Tony Hoffman,            |
| 10 Kathy Fairchild, Charlene Cobb,         | SaLynn Lemke                               |
| 11 Sawyer Merrill, Tom Schultz, Courtney   | 25 Jan Davisson, Elaine Lesch              |
| Berry                                      | 26 Mackenzie Hewitt, Sarah Speck           |
| 12 Jane Wagner, David Davis, John Hartford | 27 Deb Henry, Brenda McConahay             |
| 13 Michelle Roquet                         | 29 Shayna Stubbs, Hannah Hoffman,          |
| 14 Cathy Homard, Mike Wakeman,             | Sarah Jacques                              |
| Gavin Meyer                                | 31 Caleb Williamson                        |
| 15 Jody Rains, Rece Haugland               |  |

### Happy Anniversary!!!

- 1 Michael & Melissa Meyer
- 5 Bob & Carol Harter
- 8 Lynn & Jan Davisson
- 8 Rick & Michelle Roquet
- 8 Matt & Erika Weih
- 8 Mark & Julie Sahlin
- 9 Mark & Megan Thomsen
- 13 Dan & Tracy Hitchcock
- 15 Roger & Tammy Dann
- 16 Terry & Penny Dolberg
- 19 George & Armenta Buckingham
- 19 Jeff & Monica Balk
- 22 Jason & Elaine Sheer
- 23 Nate & Sarah Jacques
- 28 Trent & Monica Johnson
- 29 Joe & Judy Nemmers
- 29 Spencer & Andy Sutton

*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.*





Have you ever heard of “The Gospel of Paul?” The word “Gospel” means “Good News.” It can be used in many different contexts, but it is most often used in connection with the Gospels in the New Testament scriptures of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. These books share the Good News of the life, teachings, and redeeming power of Jesus Christ.

In addition to the Gospels, the New Testament contains letters from disciples and early church leaders. Most of these writings come from Paul of Tarsus. Even though his writings are called letters, I am exploring the Good News about Jesus that Paul shares in his writings. Therefore, I am sharing a summer series entitled “The Gospel of Paul.”

During July, we’ll share about the power of Christ that Paul describes as helping us overcome the temptations we have a hard time resisting. We’ll share about the law of Christ, which Paul describes as “the law of the Spirit of life in Christ” that sets us free from what would destroy us. Then we’ll share how the sufferings of the present cannot compare with the glory about to be revealed to us (so let’s get it revealed already!). We’ll conclude with the love of Christ, from which we cannot be separated!

Why is all of this important? Because a life filled with the power, law, glory, and love of God is a life filled with purpose, fulfillment, peace, service, and love that overflows to all! I want that for my life and for the lives of all those around me. I hope you do too.

In this day and age, when many say they are spiritual but not religious, I want to ask them how they can separate the two. The church seems to have gotten a bad reputation, which is caused by humans and not by God. But, imperfect as it is, the church is the best place I know where we can grow spiritually and find avenues of service to share God’s love with others.

Whatever your current level of involvement is in the church, I encourage you to dig a little deeper and seek out new areas of service and witness where you can experience and share the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Grace and peace,

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

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| July 2  | <u>Title:</u> "The Power of Christ"   | <u>Script.:</u> Romans 7:15, 21-25<br>Matthew 11:25-30 |
| July 9  | <u>Title:</u> "The Law of Christ"   | <u>Script.:</u> Romans 8:1-5, 9-11                     |
| July 16 | <u>Title:</u> "The Suffering and Glory of Christ"                                     | <u>Script.:</u> Romans 8:12-25                         |
| July 23 | <u>Title:</u> "Peace With God, What More Could We Want"<br>Guest Speaker, Barb Mather | <u>Script.:</u> Romans 5:1-8                           |
| July 30 | <u>Title:</u> "The Love of Christ"  | <u>Script.:</u> Romans 8:26-28, 31-35, 37-39           |



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