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AUGUST AT NEW HOPE UMC

*The Gospel According To*

## PAUL

**August 6**

***"The Heritage of Christ"***

**August 13**

***"The Good News of Christ"***

**August 20**

***"The Mercy of Christ"***

**August 27**

***"The Body of Christ"***



**NEW HOPE**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

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



WORSHIP WITH US

**Saturdays 5pm & Sundays 10am**

Beaver Creek Elementary

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



### **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!](#)**

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! We will package 28,000 meals.

- 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, packaging from 9:00-10:00
  - 9:30 am short worship, packaging from 10:00-11:00
  - 10:45 am short worship, 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.





# 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; Evelyn Villines; 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 Tim & Brenda McCulley and family on the passing of Brenda's dad, Sonny Schneekloth.

## Birth

Congratulations to William & Katie Rock on the birth of their son, Angus Lee Rock. Angus was born June 30 and weighed 7lb 5oz and was 20 ½" long. He joins big brothers, Ronan and Malcolm, at home.

Congratulations to Ryan & Abbi Herrick on the birth of their son, Lincoln Ryan Herrick. Lincoln was born on July 13. He weighed 7 lbs and 21" long. He joins big sister, Lillian, at home.

## New Members

On July 16, we welcomed our new members: Pascal Karekezi & Jeanne Mukeshimana and their son, Dimitri Gaby. Also at home are daughters, Audrey Keza and Angelle Uwinezwa. *Welcome!!!*

## 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.

**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](mailto:nhfamily@newhopedsm.org)



**It takes a village to pull off VBS at New Hope UMC!!** Thank you for your time, enthusiasm, support, donations, and prayers. We cannot say enough about the amazing volunteers who gave anywhere from one to five nights of their lives – most after a long day at work – to bring the Mighty Fortress of New Hope to life. Our kitchen crew turned a mountain of donations into delicious meals, our shepherds guided our youth throughout the week, our station leaders engaged the kids in fun and educational activities, and our actors provided lessons and entertainment at the beginning and end of each evening. We were excited to support the local Joppa organization for our mission this year by supplying tents, bug spray, and sunscreen to help protect our homeless in the Greater Des Moines area from the extreme weather of Iowa. A special thank you to Pastor Jon for offering your time and ending up in the script. Twelve months to go until the next one!!

From the VBS Team: Andy Sutton, Elaine Sheer, Abbi Herrick, Charity Johnson, Sherri Bogue, and Beth Roff



**More pictures are on New Hope's Facebook page!**



## 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.



## Outdoor Service

**Sunday, August 6  
8:30 a.m.**

Join us for the Outdoor Service in the clearing behind the parsonage! This is the place, by the large oak tree, that the first worship service was held 52 years ago!. To get to the back property, we will use the private drive black-top that is behind the trees

on the south side of the south parking lot. There is an opening in the trees that leads to the private drive. Park in the church parking lot like you usually would, and then walk to the opening. If there is inclement weather, the service will be held in the sanctuary.

The 9:30 a.m. Contemporary service and the 10:45 a.m. Traditional service for that Sunday will be in the church as usual.

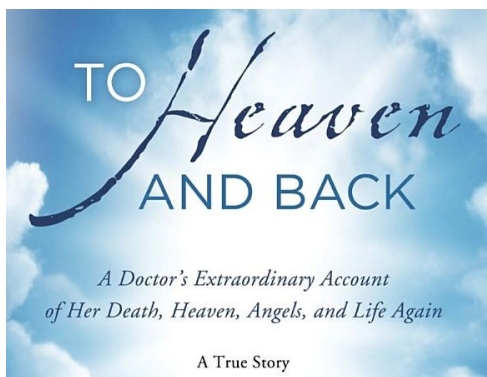
**Who wants Ice Cream?** However, you will need to bike to get the Ice Cream...We are organizing the first New Hope Family Bike ride on August 6<sup>th</sup>.

This is intended to be an 'easy ride' for men, women and children of all ages. We will be meeting at the Raccoon River Valley Trailhead (*West side of Waukee- by Shottenkirk or corner of Hickman Road and 10<sup>th</sup> Street*).

We are meeting at 3:30 pm and plan to ride 14 miles roundtrip; with a stop halfway in Adel for Ice Cream at Billy's Ice Cream Store. Billy's Ice Cream Store is owned and operated by Billy Nuzum, member of New Hope UMC.

This event is for everyone - bring yourself or your family, and invite friends!

Contact Chris Higdon at 515-661-4611  
if you have any questions.



## Have you ever wondered what heaven is like?

Join us for a discussion of the book, To Heaven and Back by Mary C. Neal, M.D. Learn from her experience.

A kayak accident adventure takes one woman to heaven--where she experienced God's peace, joy and angels—and back to life again. Despite rescue efforts, Mary was submerged underwater for too long and as a result died. Mary's life has been forever changed from her experience in heaven and her newfound understanding of her purpose on earth, her awareness of God, and her closer relationship with Jesus.

**We will meet in the Ruby Chapel on September 11<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. You will need to get and read the book before our discussion. You can check it out or download it from the library or purchase your own copy.**

Plan to join us for a great discussion.  
Roberta Cave and Armenta Buckingham

## Blood Pressure Check

BP checks will resume in September.

## Men's Breakfast

**Saturday, August 12**  
at 7:30 a.m. at New Hope.

## Veterans Helping Veterans

The next Veterans Helping Veterans will be **Sat., Sept. 16, 8:30am** in the Fellowship Hall. 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 **Wed., August 23**, from 9:00 a.m. till noon. We will meet at the church at 8:30 to carpool 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)

There are many ways in which we can help, such as checking in clients, helping clients go through the grocery-style food pantry, and sorting donations. Our help is greatly appreciated.

## Women's Fellowship

**Thursday, September 21, 9:00am** at New Hope. 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, August 18, 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.

## Friday Bible Study

The Friday Small Group will meet on **September 1 & 15**. 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. More details to come.  
Leader: Jim Louk

## 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.

## 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.



## Music Director

Eldon Cross has submitted his resignation as our Music Director.

His last day in this role is August 1st. Eldon will continue to share his musical talents as a member of the Praise Band during the 9:30 worship service as well as sharing special music with the other services. Eldon has been an intricate member of our church family with his musical ministry. The SPRC will begin work immediately in locating a suitable replacement so that our praises to God through music can continue and hope to have a replacement in place no later than the end of August.

*If you know of someone that would be interested, please direct them to the church website, [www.newhopedsm.org](http://www.newhopedsm.org), where the job description & application are located.*

Please join me in praying for Eldon as he makes his transition from his role and thank him for all that he has done for New Hope.

Vicki OBrien, Staff/ Parish Relations Committee Chair



## Sunday, September 10!

### One Worship Service

10am-11am  
in the Family Life Center  
and will feature both  
Traditional and Contemporary music

### All-Church potluck

11:00am-12:30pm.  
Please bring your favorite  
dish(es) to share

### Games

11:00am-12:30pm for all ages

**Please join us!!!!**



# Youth/Children

**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)

What an amazing week in Eureka Spring, Arkansas!!! We were truly blessed to get the opportunity to rehab a mobile trailer floor for a very deserving family and help with maintenance around a local youth summer christian campground; that would be hosting 80+ kids this summer.

This year the team served the people of Eureka Spring, Arkansas by working with another youth group from Kansas to repair and replace the floor of a mobile home. With the help of power tools and the supervision from an eighty year old retired contractor named Vern; the group successfully fixed holes in the floor, laid a new subfloor, and put down vinyl tiles.

The team (*Chris Higdon, McKayla Johnson, Pam Frey, Pastor Jon Gaul, Brianna Johnson, Drew Wise, and Madysan Johnson*) would like to share firsthand what they experienced during the trip; during a celebration lunch at New Hope on August 27th. Please plan now to come hear about their experiences and see the photos from their finished projects.



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

**Aug. 27th** ~ Eureka Spring 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>).



## Children's Ministry Programs

We will be using MailChimp to organize all the Children's Ministry Programs.

Please go to <http://www.NewHopeDSM.org/Children-Signup.html> to sign up for communication for CLT, VBS, TGIW, and Volunteers.

Meeting emails will be sent through this link to anyone wanting to volunteer for any of the programs.

Questions? Contact Charity Johnson at [cjohnson@newhopedsm.org](mailto:cjohnson@newhopedsm.org)



## 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

## AUGUST MISSION NEWS

**MEALS FROM THE HEARTLAND:** Make sure you are signed up for the August 13<sup>th</sup> Meals from the Heartland New Hope on-site meal packaging. Do so on the Mission table at the rear of Fellowship Hall.

**CFUM:** Children and Family Urban Movement is a ministry located, presently, at Trinity UMC in Des Moines. They carry out several after school programs for children:

The Haven for K-5

Whyld Girlz for middle school girls

Wonder Girlz for high school girls

Backyard Boyz for middle school boys

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Crew for boys transitioning into middle school

High School Mentors created to prevent teen pregnancy called Future: The Alternative F Word.

Other programs for children include:

Breakfast Program: with mentors and activities such as reading to each other.

Awesome Summer Days: K-5 summer program of learning and fun activities.

Family oriented programs are:

Supper Club: where families are invited to a free supper Monday through Saturday nights.

Back to School Fair: Physicals, school supplies, games and activities for family, concluding with a cook out.

Winter and Spring Talent Shows for families ending with a meal.

The New Hope Mission Team is contributing 50 filled backpacks to be given out at the Back to School Fair. If you would like to contribute to any of CFUM's programs, place your check in the offering plate with CFUM on the memo line. Thank you.

**WOMEN AT THE WELL:** It was wonderful to have Pastor Lee Schott speak at New Hope in June. We have a covenant relationship with Women at the Well. We support their ministry with our presence by visiting their church service on November 9<sup>th</sup>. We also support them with our pledge, and support women re-entering society after being incarcerated with our re entry teams. We are always accepting anyone who wants to participate in these teams. Please contact Sharon Smith if interested.

**SELF HELP:** It was great to have Nora Tobin, and her family visit with us about Self Help's work in Ghana and Nicaragua. We will be contributing to them through the Thanksgiving Ingathering, but anyone can contribute to their work empowering women and girls with a check in the offering plate.

**HAND OF LUKE:** *August 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 our upcoming collection of Health, and Sewing Kits for UMCOR, which we will deliver to the all day event at Greenfield, November 4<sup>th</sup>. See kit items below. You might want to accumulate items for the kits as sales occur. There will be baskets on the Mission table in August for your kit donations. An auction to support Central District's mission projects will be held with donated quilts and crafts. Anyone wanting to donate your quilt or craft, please see Sharon Smith. You can fill out a sheet for your tax deduction.

### **HEALTH KITS**

1 new hand towel (15"x25" up to 17"x27")

1 new washcloth

1 bath-sized bar of soap in wrapper (3 oz. or larger);

No Ivory or Jergens

1 large, sturdy comb (not-pocket-sized)

1 new toothbrush in original sealed wrapper,  
not child-sized

6 band aids (3/4"-1")

1 nail file or fingernail clipper (no emery boards or toenail clippers)

Lay out hand towel and lay washcloth flat in center.

Place items on top of washcloth. Fold sides of towel to cover items.

Fold one end of towel so it covers all items. Grasp bundles of items and roll over rest of towel tightly. Place rolled bundle in zip-lock bag.

VALUE \$12 plus \$2 shipping

### **SEWING KITS**

3 yards cotton or cotton-blend fabric (one piece)

1 sewing scissors

1 new spool matching thread (med. to large size)

1 pkg hand-sewing needles

5-8 matching flat buttons on card (in original package)

Wrap sewing notions in fabric. Seal in zip lock bag.

VALUE \$28 plus \$2 shipping

*Note, one of the most expensive items of the Sewing Kit is the scissors. If you would like to donate your kit minus the scissors, let Sharon Smith know and one will be supplied. Thanks!*





SAVE THE DATE

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2017**

**2017 Harvest Dinner & Auction Fundraiser**

### WHAT CAN I DONATE?

- Canned or Baked Goods
- Knitted, Crocheted, Sewn or Quilted Items
- Artwork or Woodwork
- Sporting Event, Handyman or Dinner Vouchers
- and More!

**NOT SURE IF YOUR IDEA WOULD WORK?**

Run it by us! We'll let you know.

### HOW DO I DONATE?

**GENERAL STORE (LESS THAN \$50 VALUE)**

Contact Robin Harlow

Email: [rdharlow@earthlink.net](mailto:rdharlow@earthlink.net)

Phone: 515-334-7202

**AUCTION (MINIMUM \$50 VALUE)**

Contact Melisa Forbes:

Email: [mel4bs@aol.com](mailto:mel4bs@aol.com)

Phone: 515-490-6334

**WANT MORE INFO?**

Stay tuned for more upcoming details.

Contact Larry Webber ([lpwebber@mchsi.com](mailto:lpwebber@mchsi.com))  
for more info on how you can be involved.



**Save the Date**  
for the  
**"God's Girlfriends"**  
**Women's Retreat**  
**Saturday, October 7**  
**9am-Noon**  
**at New Hope UMC**  
**For 16 yrs. old and up**

Bring your girlfriends for a morning full of inspiration, laughter, and fellowship. Watch for registration forms coming out soon! Questions? Please contact either Carole Followwill, Barb Mather, Sharon Smith or Nancy Monthei.



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

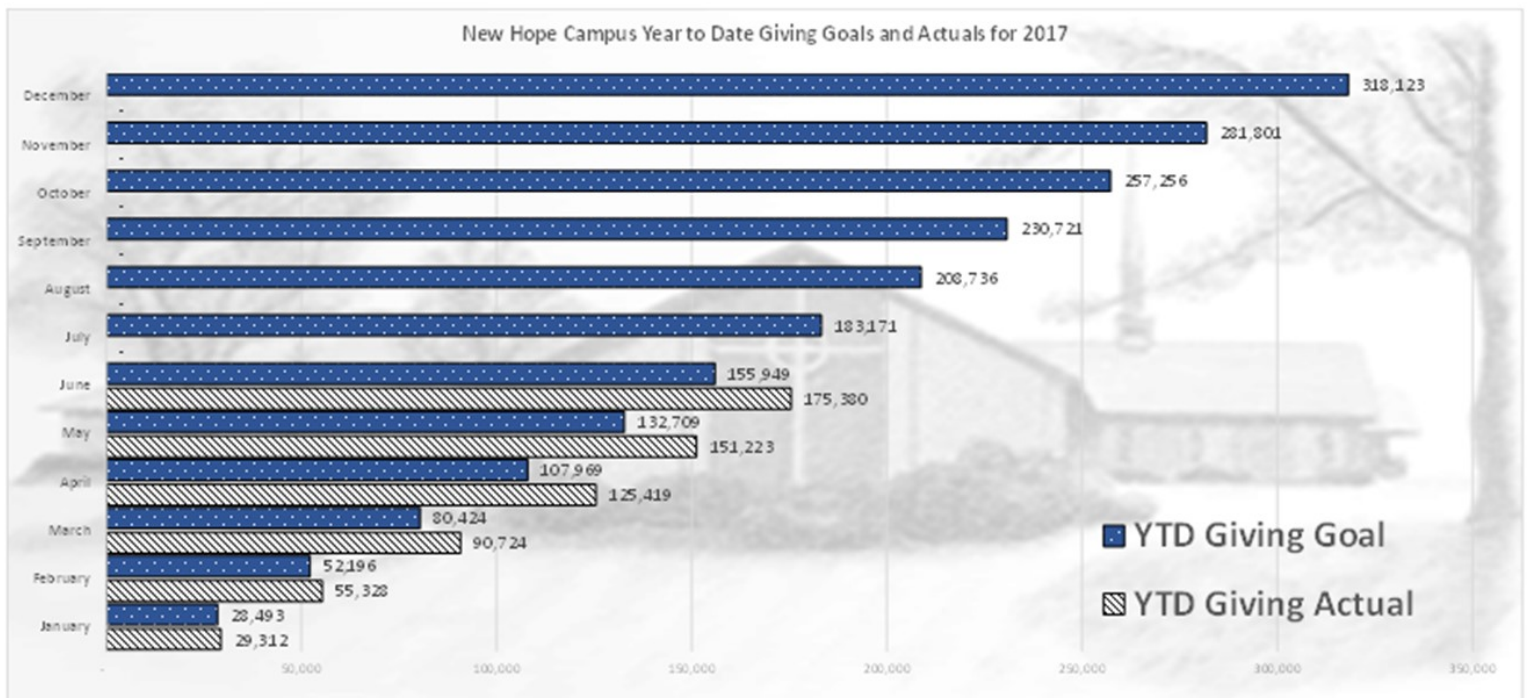
This open to the public craft & gift fair will have crafters or national direct sales companies as vendors.

Interested in being a vendor?

Please contact Deb Henry at 515-282-0547 or [mssci@aol.com](mailto:mssci@aol.com).

# Welcome & Invitation

We are forming a new group to help with planning fun and special events at New Hope UMC. If you would like to be a part of the “Welcome & Invitation” planning group, please contact Nancy in the church office, 278-2097, [nhfamily@newhopedsm.org](mailto:nhfamily@newhopedsm.org)



## New Hope Sunday morning Worship attendance

	8:30	9:30	10:45	total
July 2	30	59	65	154
July 9	44	120	108	272
July 16	35	70	69	174
July 23	26	92	50	168

## Johnston River of Life Worship attendance

Sat	Sun	total
June 24 28	June 25 31	59
July 1 45	July 2 17	62
July 8 40	July 9 47	87
July 15 44	July 16 42	86
July 22 48	July 23 32	80

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 worshippers.

**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 August

8:30am Traditional Service	9:30am Contemporary Service	10:45am Traditional Service
<b><u>Greeters</u></b> 6 13 20 27	<b><u>Greeters</u></b> 6 13 20 27	<b><u>Greeters</u></b> 6 13 20 27
<b><u>Lectors</u></b> 6 Cathy Short 13 20 Cathy Short 27	<b><u>Lectors</u></b> 6 13 20 Sherri Bogue 27	<b><u>Lectors</u></b> 6 Jon Verner 13 20 Spencer Sutton 27
<b><u>Traditional Service Callers</u></b> 6 Bob & Marlys Borcharding 13 Norma Sutton 20 Bob & Marlys Borcharding 27 Norma Sutton	<b><u>Hosts</u></b> 6 13 Not needed 20 27 Sr. BLAST	<b><u>Hosts</u></b> 6 13 Not needed 20 27 Sr. BLAST
<b><u>Office Volunteers</u></b> 4 Norma Sutton 11 Gayle Easton 18 Ellen Hester 25 Pat Papenheim	<b><u>9:30 Computer Support</u></b> 6 Caleb Christensen 13 Nancy Monthei 20 Caleb Christensen 27 Kelly Mohrman	<b><u>Money Counters</u></b> 6 Larry Wood, Rick Homard, Robin Harlow 13 Tami Wise, Jerry Kielsmeier, Larry Wood 20 Tony & Tracy Hoffman, Glenna Ross 27 DeVonne Douglas, Randy Jansen, Ron Zoss
	<b><u>9:15 Welcome Center</u></b> 6 Neal & Roberta Cave 13 Jerry & Linda Kielsmeier 20 Pat Papenheim 27 Jim & Lynn Louk	

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

Keep up with Craig's journeys, what he is experiencing, and stay informed of how to pray for him and how he is praying for each of us! Please go to his FB page, or his blog (<https://pastorcferguson.wordpress.com/>)

### Craig's agenda is as follows:

July 24 – Aug 4 Prayer Walking Great Glen Way  
Aug 5 – 6 Tartan Heart Festival  
Aug 7-13 Edinburgh Festivals  
Aug 14 – 20 Gearrannan & Callanish Stones  
Aug 21 – 26 Prayer Walking Isle of Skye

Aug 26 – Sept 1 Isle of Eigg Spiritual Retreat  
Sept 2 – 3 Braemar Highland Games  
Sept 4-10 Fly Fishing in the Caringorm Mountains  
Sept 11 – 26 Scottish Civic Trust Doors Open Days  
Sept 27 – Oct 5 Glasgow Bagpipe Intensive II  
Oct 6 – 13 Home and Reconnecting with Family

# August 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 9:30a, Alanon 9:30a, Sr. Singers practice Noon, AA	2 7:45p, Praise Team	3	4 Office Vol: Norma Sutton  6p, Davis/Studer rehearsal	5 4p, Davis/Studer wedding
6 Holy Communion 8:30a, Outdoor Service  3:30p, Bike Ride	7  7:00p, Trustees Mtg., R.Chapel	8 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA  6:30p, Finance Mtg., R.Chapel	9 7:45p, Praise Team	10	11 Office Vol: Gayle Easton	12 7:30a, Men's Breakfast  9a-1p, Meals from the Heartland set up
13 Meals from the Heartland packaging event	14  3:30p, Hand of Luke	15 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA  7p, Worship Design Mtg., Pastor's office 7:00p, Stroke Club, Sanctuary	16	17	18 Office Vol: Ellen Hester  <b>Deadline for Sept. LINK</b>  9a-3p, Needlers at church	19
20 Food Pantry Sunday (offering)	21	22 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA	23 9-11am, Volunteer at Bidwell Riverside  7:45p, Praise Team	24  6:30p, AD Council mtg., R.Chapel	25 Office Vol: Pat Papenheim	26
27	28	29 9:30a, Alanon 9:30a, Sr. Singers practice Noon, AA	30 7:45p, Praise Team	31	Sept 1 Office Vol: Marilyn Osborn  1:00p, Friday Small Group, Pizza Ranch	Sept. 2



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

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|---|---|
| 1 Anita Gaul, Melisa Forbes, Jeffrey Duis,<br>Jackie Johnson, Jackson Zimmerman           | 18 Jodi Christensen, Brock Moore, Marilyn<br>Rapp, Carsten Thompson                 |
| 3 Ryan Dickey, Carly Mohrman  | 19 Annabelle Carrigan, Monica Johnson   |
| 4 Mona Kirkpatrick  | 20 Katie Rock, Darlene Caldwell, Camryn<br>Krebs                                    |
| 5 Chibs Ukabiala, Joyce Turek,<br>Victoria Siffin, Evelyn O'Brien                         | 21 Tim Welter, Chris Hartung,<br>Katarina Moore, Dan Hitchcock                      |
| 6 Jamie Carlson   | 22 Cari Gregg, Sophia Garside   |
| 7 Richard Pipho   | 23 Nancy Wiles, Jessica Stern, Roger Dann   |
| 8 Owen Johnston, Patricia Ahnen,<br>Tammy Dann  | 24 Carey Hinman, Karen Johnston,<br>Brendon Riley, Stephanie Alcorn, Bryce<br>Krebs |
| 10 Cadence Hager  | 25 Esther Stout, Greg Meyers  |
| 11 Bev Kile, Megan Madison, Allison Lemke   | 26 Andrew Bogue, Owen Weih, Aiden Clark,<br>Ava Clark                               |
| 12 Sheldon Stout, Linda Cooley  | 27 Kadence Wigant   |
| 13 Joe Hoffman  | 28 Donna Kinsey, Karen Campbell, Bradyn<br>Johnson                                  |
| 14 Todd McGinnity, Judy Stout,<br>Kilee DeBates, Triston Nearmyer,<br>Allison Christensen | 29 Suzie Martz, Catherine Leyda, James Louk,<br>Armenta Buckingham, Brandin Johnson |
| 15 David Cossa  | 30 Lynn Davissom, Sam Fairchild   |
| 16 Zoe Goodson, Lucille Thomsen   | 31 Ethan Johnston, Guelda King  |
| 17 Gary Stubbs, Chandler Heiser, Carolyn<br>Burrough                                      |   |



- 1 Patrick & Georgette Kyenkya
- 3 Craig & Jody Ferguson
- 3 Joe & Cathy Short
- 6 Jeffrey & Beth Merrill
- 7 Chad & Alissa Strauss
- 8 Tim & Brenda McCulley
- 9 Lyle & Dawn Pritchard
- 14 Richard & Charlene Cobb
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Many years ago now, Anita and I were able to join a group that went on a Wesleyan Heritage tour of Great Britain. The tour included a number of historical sites around Great Britain, but was especially focused on the places where the founder of the "Methodist movement," John Wesley, grew up, learned, lived, and ministered. It was my first (and as yet only) trip overseas and I was nervous.

It amazes me to think about all the settlers who left home and family over two hundred years ago to come to this "New World" by sailing ships. Without their courage and faith, we would not be here today. It reminds me of Abraham (then called Abram), who was asked to pull up roots to go to a new land: "Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you.' So Abram went, as the Lord had told him" (Genesis 12:1, 4). What faith it took for Abraham to leave country, kindred and home to follow God's call.

The followers of John Wesley also made such a journey, so that in 1784 the Methodist Church was established in this country. To go back and see where the Methodist movement all started was exciting (of course, I have to admit that I was a history major in college, so what may seem like watching paint dry to others is fascinating to me). To stand in the pulpit of the preaching house at Bristol, where John Wesley taught his lay pastors to preach, was a thrill.

What is also exciting is that, because of faithful missionaries through the years, we can go almost anywhere in the world and find a place of Christian fellowship and be reminded that we are part of God's worldwide family.

Let me also say that it is a privilege to be a part of the history of New Hope United Methodist Church. As I reflect on this history, I think of all the faithful pastors and members of New Hope who have carried on God's work before us. Our church is housed in a comfortable building, which I appreciate very much, but it is the work of God that goes on inside the building and then moves out into the world that is the key.

As the people who are the church, may we continue to learn and grow and minister, remember who we are and what we are called to do.

Some time ago I came across a definition of **vision** shared by Andy Stanley in his book, "Making Vision Stick." He said, "Vision is a mental picture of what could be fueled by a passion that it should be." He then went on to share that to make your vision stick it should be: stated simply, cast convincingly, repeated regularly, celebrated systematically, and embraced personally.

I won't try to unpack all of that here. Suffice it to say that New Hope already has a passion that a more just and equitable world should exist for all people and we are already engaged in making that happen within the sphere of our influence. We just need to be reminded of it, celebrate it and embrace it personally. Then we need to ask, "What more is there that could be that we have the passion to see that it should be?"

Grace and peace,

Pastor Jon

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

August 6	<u>Title:</u> "The Heritage of Christ"	<u>Script.:</u> Romans 9:1-5 , Matthew 14:13-21
August 13	<u>Title:</u> "The Good News of Christ"	<u>Script.:</u> Romans 10:5-15
August 20	<u>Title:</u> "The Mercy of Christ" <u>Script.:</u>	Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
August 27	<u>Title:</u> "The Body of Christ" <u>Script.:</u>	Romans 12:1-8



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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,  
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