

MAY AT NEW HOPE UMC



Thank You! **From the Board of Trustees:**

On behalf of the New Hope UMC Board of Trustees, I would like to thank everyone who donated to the recent installation of a new updated security system. About a year ago we installed a security system in the Parsonage, and we now have cameras inside and outside the church, which monitor the driveway and parking lot, and the hallways and main areas inside. The camera system and server preserve a record of what's going on in the inside and outside of our building.

Thank you to everyone who donated their time to our grounds cleanup day on March 31. The grounds look great for our too-long awaited spring. Your stewardship and hard work is greatly appreciated!

Also, we recently had to replace the main water line from Beaver Ave to the Parsonage, due to an aging system and a substantial leak. The cost of this project was \$12,300. We offer our sincere gratitude to those who donated a total of \$9,000 toward the project. This was very generous, indeed, and it helps us to stay on budget so we can direct those funds toward additional church needs!

Thank you to everyone for all the time and effort you invest toward the betterment of New Hope UMC.

Spencer Sutton
Chair, Board of Trustees



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

Army Larsen; Pam Frey; Ambrose Moses; Linn Redding; 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; Mike McGhee; Todd McGinnity; Tyler McGinnity; Christopher Moore; Matthew Plourde; Anthony Plourde; Devan Stanton; Jared Stanton; and our national and world leaders, our military and their families.

Birth

Congratulations to Jason & Kristi Miller on their baby, Caroline June Miller. Caroline was born on April 3rd and weighed 7lb, 9.25oz and was 19 1/2" in length. She joins big sisters Nora and Margaret at home.

New Members

Congratulations to Bryant and Jami Siefken for becoming members of New Hope UMC on April 8 at the 9:30 service. Bryant and Jami are transferring from Faith Lutheran Church. Their children are Joshua, a college student, and Hannah, 7th grader.

Sympathy

Our Sympathy to Chinyere & Buchi Ukabiala and family on the passing of Chinyere's her father, Nelson Uko.

Our Sympathy to Ruth & Don Doxon and family on the passing of Ruth's father, Gerard Gottula (April 2) and on the passing of Ruth's mother, Phyllis Gottula (April 23).

Our Sympathy to Sally Lindstrom & family on the passing of her son, Timothy Alan Lindstrom.

Thank You

Dear New Hope family, We sincerely thank you for your prayers and Easter greetings. Appreciated the delicious food, too. Ambrose & Bhanu Moses

Thank you for all the kind words and prayers this past month after the passing of my father early in the month and then my mother a few weeks later. They lived long and fruitful lives serving as models to their large family and the community they lived in. Thank you, the New Hope kindness is very much appreciated. Ruth Doxon

Bishop Laurie Haller was the guest preacher on April 15, 9:30 & 10:45am services. Bishop Laurie, along with Pastor Jon, recognized Clark Howland as a Difference Maker for all he does for his church and the many mission trips he has gone on. Bishop Laurie presented Clark and Pastor Jon with Difference Maker hats.

Church Communications

Stay connected with New Hope UMC!!

Weekly announcements and the monthly newsletters are sent out to everyone via email.

CONTACT information



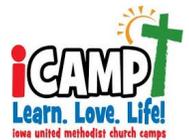
If you have not been receiving these emails, please contact Nancy Monthei in the church

office at 278-2097 or nhfamily@newhopedsm.org.

ALSO, we appreciate receiving your updated contact information.

Thank you!

Camp Scholarships



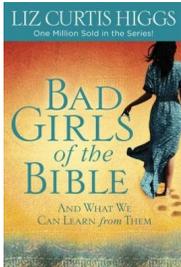
The camp booklets are out! Send your kids to camp for a wonderful, fun filled, and spiritual experience.

Missions will continue to support 1/2 of the cost and if the cost is still too great, the UMC Conference also gives scholarships to help.

Select the camp, call the camp Registrar and tell them about New Hope paying 1/2 the amount. Then call Nancy at church to report: the student, the camp, the date, and the amount.

If you need help in securing a Conference scholarship, please contact Sharon Smith: 515-419-7082, wicketsblooms@aol.com.





Monday Bible Study

Armenta Buckingham and Roberta Cave will lead a 5-week Bible study **starting on Monday, May 7th at 1:00pm**. The study will be on *Bad Girls of the Bible and What We Can Learn From Them*.

We will be watching videos from Liz Curtis Higgs exploring the lives of ten of the best-known women of the Bible. Liz blends fiction and biblical commentary to explore the lives of ten women in the Bible and God's compassion and unconditioned love and mercy.

Please bring your Bible with you. Hope you can join us!

Friday Bible Study

The Friday Bible Study at the Pizza Ranch at 1pm. (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. Study leader: Jim Louk

Join us in **May** for our study:

May 11th, 2018: Theme - Dangerous Attitudes; Text - Luke 10:38-42

In the story of Mary and Martha, what is Jesus saying? It seems as though Jesus is teaching us a great lesson about our inner attitudes: beware of resentment, beware of narrowness, and beware of unkindness. It does make a difference.

May 25, 2018: Theme - Easter is a Serendipity; Text - John 20: 11-18

Not only is this story exciting, but it helps us to see and understand that our sorrow can turn into joy and our despair can turn into hope, and our defeats can turn into victories. We are called to live in the joy and serendipity of Easter, that sense of expecting one thing and finding something infinitely better.



Get Ready to Stamp Out Hunger!

On **Saturday, May 12**, the National Association of Letter Carriers will be holding their 26th annual **Stamp Out Hunger** food drive, and DMARC needs YOUR help to sort tens of thousands of donated food items!

How You Can Get Involved:

DMARC is organizing hundreds of volunteers to help them date-check, seal-check, and sort these food items from Monday, May 14th through Friday, May 18th, and additional volunteers to help with clean-up on Saturday, May 19th. Shifts are only two hours long — perfect for individuals AND groups!

Contact DMARC's Community Outreach and Volunteer Manager, Shoshana Salowitz, to sign up for a shift (two or three!) and make a positive difference in the lives of the individuals and families we serve: ssalowitz@dmarcunited.org or (515) 277-6969 x18.

New Hope UMC Summer Activities

May 20th – 5:30pm to 7:30pm: Family Skate Night at Skate North (5621 Meredith Dr, Des Moines) from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Admission is \$6 per person or \$25 for a family.

June 24th – 2pm to 6pm: Family Potluck at Jester Part (Shelter #4) from 2pm to 6pm. Please bring your favorite dish to share and join us for a day of fun and family gathering

July 15th – 19th to 5:30pm to 8pm: New Hope VBS 2018 – **Hero Central**, starts on July 15th through July 19th. Each night; supper is served at 5:30pm, followed by activities from 6pm to 8pm.

August 5th – 6pm to 8pm: Family Swim Night at Northwest Pool (4915 Madison Ave, Des Moines) from 6pm to 8pm. Admission is free, so bring the whole family to have an end of summer pool party.

If you have any question about these summer activities, please email Charity Johnson at cjohnson@newhopedsms.org



Blood Pressure Check

Next BP checks will be May 20 9:30a-11a in the Narthex.

Men's Breakfast

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

Women's Fellowship

Thursday, May 17, 9am.
Questions? Contact Susan Clark at 964-5119 or Sharon Smith at 419-7082

Veterans Helping Veterans

Justina Albright was our guest speaker at the March breakfast. Justina is a musical therapist at the Des Moines Veterans Hospital and was able to provide us with a very detailed description of how music affects all of us, but especially the different ways it helps treats our veterans. Justina is also a member of the Praise Band at the contemporary service at New Hope.

Our next breakfast is May 12 at 8:30am in the Fellowship Hall. All veterans, their spouses and supporters are invited to attend at no cost.

Questions, please contact Billy Nuzum at bbnewz54@gmail.com



The next Mission Trip for Adults is to Oklahoma, June 10-15, 2018. Please contact Denise Hartford, denisehartford@gmail.com, or 515-890-1406 for information on how to sign up **by May 13.**

Care Ministry Team

The Care Ministry meets quarterly. Next meeting is on Thurs., July 12 at 10am in the F.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

Do You Know What Is In This Picture?



If you know this is a sewing machine you may be able to help the Needlers every 3rd Friday of the month. We meet at 9 a.m. at New Hope, break for lunch at Panera and then come back to finish up our projects for missions. The fabric is beautiful and fun to work with. We need non-sewers too. It is a good time of fellowship and you feel good helping others. Please join us! Next get together is Fri., May 18. Questions? Contact Jody Rains, 278-8282.

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.

Bidwell-Riverside Center:

We have new arrangements worked out for those of us who want to volunteer each month at Bidwell Riverside.

We will work the **2nd Thursday of each month from 1:00 to 4:00**

p.m. Those who want to carpool should meet at the church at 12:30. Both women and men are invited (and urged) to come, as we will be the only group there. They need 2-3 to guide persons through the food pantry "grocery store" and help them make selections, 2-4 to sort donations, 4-6 to stock on Thursday afternoons (because a truck comes in that day), and someone to run the clothing counter. If a larger group comes, 8-10 can be kept busy unpacking in the Bed Bath and Beyond building.

Bidwell is a United Methodist Mission project which has been serving people in the Des Moines area since 1893. It is the largest DMARC food pantry in Des Moines and distributed more than 540,000 food items to families in need last year, as well as having a community garden. More than 6,000 clothing items are dispersed to families each month. Their child development center provides a quality education for 48 children, and family services include assistance with short-term emergencies and guidance to self-sufficiency. Clients are treated with respect and Christian compassion.

Please notify Lynn Louk if you are planning to go. Contact her at 276-7900, jimlynnlouk@mac.com

Children's Ministries

Children's Ministries Mission

Statement: A church family working together to teach children to know, grow, and show the love of Jesus Christ.

Children's Worship



The last date for Children's Worship is May 20, 2018. Thank you to all of the leaders this year: Pam Frey, Abbi Herrick, Jenn Higdon, Jackie Johnson, Nancy Monthei and Linda Yaske.



Calling all Girls entering grades 4th through 8th!!

It's that time of year again for our Girls United for Christ Bible study!

Join us Sunday May 6th-June 17th, 4:30pm-6p (times can be negotiated) for some Girls only fellowship, crafts, music and Bible lessons with an exciting, spiritual twist! I am looking for 1 extra adult to provide 2 deep leadership and assist with crafts and activities each Sunday. Sign up in the Fellowship Hall, contact Melanie Henry for questions or to volunteer~ melhenry0@gmail.com



Vacation Bible School 2018

Sun., July 15th—Thurs., July 19th 5:30-8pm

Ages: 3 yrs.—5th grade

If you have not signed up to be a lead person please sign up to be a Shepard, help at the registration table, help to distribute T-shirts, youth helper in an area (6th grade and above), decoration helper, help with food donations. We need everyone to help make this Hero Central amazing for these kids; they enjoy learning from everyone and they enjoy showing you all what they are learning about God.

Registration: \$10 per child or \$25 for a family of 3 or more.

So take a SUPER HERO LEAP and help with VBS!

Thank God It's Wednesday (TGIW)

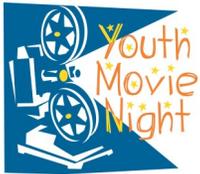
Wednesday, April 18 was our final night of TGIW for the school year. There were a lot of people that shared their talent, along with having local Christian Hip Hop artist *Johnathan Stone* to perform several of his original songs and to share with us how he uses his talent to glorify God!

Thank you to all that attended!

Pictures can be viewed on the New Hope UMC Facebook page.

Jr. BLAST (6th-8th grade) Leaders: Jackie Johnson & Tami Wise:
Email: JrBLAST@NewHopeDSM.org

Our final Wednesday night of Jr. BLAST was on April 18th. We enjoyed watching the talents of some of our Jr. BLAST members and others!



Our final activity will be a movie/game night at church on Friday, May 4th from 7-11pm. Please bring a snack to share!

Thank you for a great year! Enjoy your summer break!

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

April was another busy month for the Senior High BLAST group...

At the beginning of the month; the youth helped do yard work for one of our members. Then in the middle of the month; we had a very successful Omelet Breakfast at New Hope. Finally, we ended the month by helping at the New Hope Rummage Sale.

It is hard to believe that we are down to the last month that Senior BLAST is meeting for the 2017 – 2018 school year... The year has gone by quickly. With that said, we have several exciting events and activities planned for May. To start with, we are planning a diaper baby shower for McKayla on May 2nd. Please bring diapers as a present and we will be playing baby shower games that night.

May 6th is our next BLAST Breakfast at New Hope; we will be serving Breakfast Burritos.

We are having a Mission Trip Parent Meeting on May 9th at 6pm for all parents with youth attending the mission trip this year. This year we have 10 youth participating in the mission trip to Houston, Texas. Please begin to pray that the week will be meaningful to the youth and that we can make a difference in Houston.



- Nic Zimmerman
- Bradyn Johnson
- Caleb Williamson
- Drew Wise
- Brianna Johnston
- Amanda Soards
- Ashley Marsh
- Arianna Bernal
- Mady Johnson
- Sarah Sahlin

We will be ending the year with flower wars and an ice cream party at New Hope on Wednesday, May 23rd.

Here are the some upcoming Youth events for the remainder of the year:

May 2nd @ 6pm ~ Diaper Baby Shower

May 6th @ 8am ~ BLAST Breakfast

May 9th @ 6pm ~ Mission Trip Parent Meeting

May 16th @ 6pm ~ ChildServe

May 23rd @ 6pm ~ End of the Year Party

June 3rd @ 9am ~ Sloppy Joe Lunch

June 9th ~ Depart for Houston

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

missions

MAY MISSION NEWS

Thank you to those who participated in our Nepal Classroom challenge!

The Mission focus for May is two-fold: **YESS and New Horizons.**



***We are collecting diapers for YESS

-and-



***gently used and new books for **New Horizons**. Please place your donations on the Missions table in the Fellowship Hall.

YESS provides a safety net of programs designed to help kids when they need it most, including emergency shelter, crisis nursery care, mental health counseling, and care coordination. As Iowa's largest provider of emergency services for youth, the agency connects more than 2,000 children per year with healing and hope.

Whether families are in need of immediate crisis intervention or just want to learn more about their services, the Access Center can help:

- 24-hour access line (515-282-9377)
- Face-to-face crisis counseling sessions
- Safety and risk screenings
- Crisis planning
- Assessments to determine if emergency shelter is appropriate for a child
- Resources and information about all of YESS' programs as well as supportive services in the community

When a child feels unsafe or needs help, any business or organization with a Safe Place sign can act as a safe haven and connection to all of YESS' supportive services. The staff at fire stations, QuikTrip and Casey's convenience stores, and various other businesses throughout the Des Moines metro have been trained to help any child who asks for help.

When a child seeks safety at a Safe Place location, YESS is contacted and a staff member is sent to respond.

For more information go to: www.yessiowa.org

New Directions Shelter is under the umbrella of New Horizons, which also includes The Home Connection, a support for Iowa homeless families with children which helps them move to permanent housing and gain financial independence. New Directions is one of only three homeless shelters available for families in the Des Moines metro area. The shelter provides eight private bedrooms, balanced meals and laundry facilities.

The shelter is located at 3001 Grand Avenue in Des Moines, IA. For more information on New Directions and Hawthorn Hill go to: www.hawthorn-hill.org

***Stay tuned for updates on our work with Heifer International to provide chickens and support in Uganda.

***Also: Keep your calendar free on August 12th for our 8th annual on-site Meals from the Heartland packaging at New Hope.

AIRTS (Africa Immigrant and Refugee Transition Services), formerly, UMAFASHA, has received their 501C3 and soon will be beginning their fundraising. They are meeting regularly at New Hope. www.airts.org

Hand of Luke—ministry of a meal for Central Iowa Shelter and Services

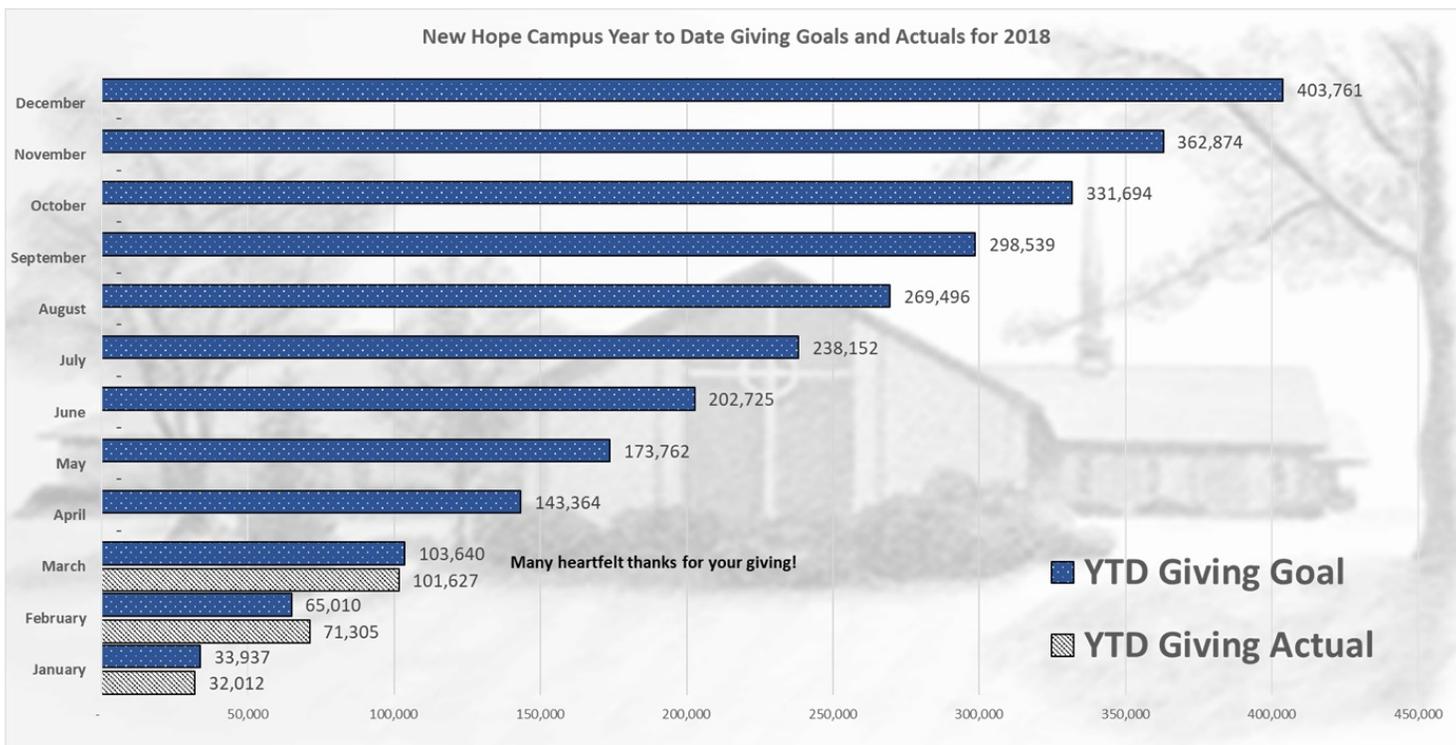
If you would like to contribute to our ministry of a meal for Monday, May 14, please sign up on the Hand of Luke sheet in the Fellowship Hall, to donate food, cook, and/or serve.



Thank you to everyone that donated toward the Rummage & Bake Sale!
 And, thank you to everyone that dedicated their time to organize and set up the sale and also worked on the days of the sale!

This annual event is well known and many people from the community look forward to it every year!

Comments are always heard, throughout the sale, on how the sale is so well organized and New Hoppers are so friendly!! More details on how well the sale did will be in the June LINK.



**New Hope Sunday morning
Worship attendance**

	8:30	9:30	10:45	Total
March 25	28	106	89	223
April 1	52	150	152	354
April 8	35	80	84	199
April 15	26	86	68	180
April 22	32	60	91	183



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 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, Office Admin at 278-2097.

Those who serve New Hope in May

8:30am Traditional Service	9:30am Contemporary Service	10:45am Traditional Service
<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Greeters</u>
6	6	6
13 Charlotte Schultz	13	13
20	20	20
27	27	27
<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Lectors</u>
6 Cathy Short	6	6 Jon Verner
13 Armenta Buckingham	13	13
20 Cathy Short	20	20 Barb Mather
27	27	27
<u>Traditional Service Callers</u>	<u>Hosts</u>	<u>Hosts</u>
6 Bob & Marlys Borcharding	6 Sr. BLAST	6 Sr. BLAST
13 Norma Sutton	13	13
20 Bob & Marlys Borcharding	20 Finance	20 Finance
27 Norma Sutton	27 Nancy Monthei	27
<u>Office Volunteers</u>	<u>9:30 Computer Support</u>	<u>Money Counters</u>
4 Sue Blank	6 Caleb/Kevin Christensen	6 Clark Howland; Rick Homard, Larry Wood
11 Shirley Johnson	13 Kelly Mohrman	13 Randy Jansen, Patty Nearmyer, DeVonne Douglas
18 Theresa Flickinger	20 Nic Wigant	20 John Burrough, Tami Wise, Jerry Kielsmeier
25 Gayle Easton	27 Sherri Bogue	27 Glenna Ross, Open, Open
	<u>9:15 Welcome Center</u>	
	6 Jim & Lynn Louk	
	13 Jerry & Linda Kielsmeier	
	20 Pat Papenheim	
	27 Bob & Carol Harter	



Looking for a way to volunteer?

New Hope needs volunteers for:

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

Kitchen help: work as a team to clean the church kitchens.

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

May 2018

WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday mornings

8:30

9:30

10:45

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 9:30a, Sr. Singers practice 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA	2 6p-7p, Sr. BLAST 6:30p, Choir practice 7:45p, Praise Team practice	3 8a-4p, FLC & F.Hall reserved 7:00p, Worship Design Mtg, Pastor's office 7:00p, JROL Mtg., R.Chapel	4 Office Vol: Sue Blank 7p, Jr. BLAST movie, FLC	5
6 Guest Preacher: Pastor Neil Cross Holy Communion Sr. BLAST breakfast fundraiser 4:30-6p, Girls United for Christ	7 1p, Bible Study, R.Chapel 6:30p, SPRC Mtg., 5th/6th grade classroom 7p, Trustees Mtg., R.Chapel	8 Pastor Jon's birthday! 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA	9 6p-7p, Sr. BLAST 6:30p, Choir practice 7:45p, Praise Team practice	10 10a-3p, FLC & F.Hall reserved 1-4p Bidwell Riverside volunteer work	11 Office Vol: Shirley Johnson 10a-3p, FLC & F.Hall reserved 1p, Friday Bible Study, Pizza Ranch	12 7:30a, Men's Breakfast 8:30a, Veteran's Breakfast, F.Hall
13  4:30-6p, Girls United for Christ	14 1p, Bible Study, R.Chapel 3:30p, Hand of Luke 6:15p, Girl Scouts, F.Hall	15 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 6:30p, Finance Mtg., R.Chapel 7:00p, Stroke Club, F.Hall	16 6p-7p, Sr. BLAST 6:30p, Choir practice 7:45p, Praise Team practice	17 9a, Women's Fellowship, F.Hall, R.Chapel	18 Office Vol: Theresa Flickinger Deadline for May LINK 9a-3p, Needlers 6pm Bailey Egger/Maxwell Dillenburg rehearsal	19 4pm Bailey Egger/Maxwell Dillenburg rehearsal
20 Day of Pentecost Graduate Recognition 9:30-11a, Blood Pressure Sunday, Narthex Food Pantry Sunday 4:30-6p, Girls United for Christ 5:30-7:30p, Family Skate night @ Skate North	21 1p, Bible Study, R.Chapel	22 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA	23 6p-7p, Sr. BLAST 7:45p, Praise Team practice	24 6:30p, Administrative Council Mtg., R.Chapel	25 Office Vol: Gayle Easton 1p, Friday Bible Study, Pizza Ranch 6p-9p, F.Hall reserved	26 5p-10p, F.Hall reserved
27 Memorial Sunday Peace for Justice offering 4:30-6p, Girls United for Christ	28 OFFICE CLOSED for Memorial Day	29 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA	30 7:45p, Praise Team practice	31 June 1 Office Vol: Norma Sutton	June 2	



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

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|---|---|
| 1 Brook Larsen, Lillian Herrick | 17 Tim Mc Culley |
| 3 FloAnn Wills | 18 Kandra Dickerson, Bill Jeffries, |
| 4 Maddy Dolberg, William Rock, | Jane Speck, Alex Hershey, |
| 5 John Lichter, Jeanne Mukeshimana | Samantha Wakeman |
| 6 Cathy Beck-Cross, Alex Williamson, | 22 Linda Yaske |
| Sally Lindstrom | 23 Margaret Heneke, Nate Kinnetz, Dan |
| 8 Bob Reaney, Taylor Webber, Noah Neu | Kirkpatrick, Mark Sahlin |
| Pastor Jon Gaul | 24 Destinee DeBates, Drew Hershey |
| 9 Pam Frey, Michael Craighton, | 25 Jody Wolfe |
| Benjamin Leyda, Mollie Rooney | 27 Jenna Merrill, Hayden Johnston, |
| 10 Sue Medley, Shawn Stringham, Caitlyn | Suzanne Neu, Lydia Garside |
| Robertson, Railey Johnson | 28 Evan Kinnetz, Sarah Sahlin, |
| 11 Spencer Wolfe | Kirsten Warner |
| 13 Marilyn Osborn, Greta Musgrave | 29 Paul Weisskopf, John Walker, |
| 14 Rod Cook, Adam Herring, | Allyson Mohrman |
| Andrew Wise, Abbi Herrick | 30 Norman Kasper, Caroline Christensen, |
| 15 Madison Ramsey | Shirley Johnson, Montgomery Collet |



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| 3 | Jason & Heather Kerndt |
| 3 | John & Jody Rains |
| 5 | Gary & Nan Stubbs |
| 6 | Tim & Janet Carrigan |
| 6 | Nancy & Dale Monthei |
| 7 | Ambrose & Bhanu Moses |
| 10 | Rick & Cathy Homard |
| 14 | Mark & Linda Yaske |
| 19 | Don & Ruth Doxon |
| 19 | Paul & Pam Weisskopf |
| 21 | Craig & Mary Thompson |
| 22 | Forrest & Marilyn Mc Cleary |
| 23 | Mark & Tami Wise |
| 31 | Stephen & Norma Sutton |

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

Early on in my ministry, I was invited to serve on a district committee on congregational development. The work of the committee was to look for ways to start new ministries and strengthen existing ones in local churches. It was a very difficult task.

We were warned early on that some churches would not welcome our help because it would involve "change." As a young and naive pastor (I'm still naive, just not so young), that attitude puzzled me. Who would not welcome change if it meant growing as a church, reaching more people for God, and strengthening the mission of the church? Then I realized that with change and new people coming in, the security of having things the way people were use to would be threatened.

I can even relate to that, as I have found that I don't like change when it comes to rearranging our furniture at home. When we first arranged our furniture, we chose the best possible arrangement (according to me). Why change it!? However, my wife, Anita, likes some variety, so over time I have learned to accept two or maybe three different arrangements that could work and I'll grudgingly help her rearrange every two or three years. (Don't tell Anita, but I have found that I do enjoy the change as well.)

You see, as much as we may want to keep the security of the past, change does and must occur. I have often quoted no less an authority than author and church consultant Gilbert Rendle, who says in his book, Leading Change in the Congregation, "Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine." Okay, so much for my attempt at humor, but without change organizations will become stagnant and eventually die.

Another authority, Lovett Weems, in his book, Church Leadership, writes about change this way: "The movement is from initial vision to maintenance to decline. Is this cycle inevitable? No, but it can change only if there can come moments of recapturing or renewing the vision."



This is a time for New Hope to renew our vision. We have been invited by our District Superintendent, Heecheon Jeon, and our Field Outreach Minister, Naomi Sea Young Wittstruck, to participate in a program called, "Health Church Initiative," often revered to as HCI. Our New Hope Administrative Council has agreed to participate in this program, which I have endorsed.

We will begin by forming a small group that will meet monthly over a period of four or more months with groups from other churches participating in the program. We will be led by a convener in a process of evaluating our churches and reviewing outside resources to assist in the process. At the end of the process, we will choose whether to have an individual church consultation led by outside resource people which will generate of list of prescriptions for our church to consider in setting the goals for our future ministry.

If you are interested and feel led to participate in this process, please let me know as soon as possible so we can get our group formed. The monthly meetings will begin during the summer and continue into the fall.

Please keep New Hope in your prayers as we begin to discern our future together,

Pastor Jon

May Theme-- Eastertide — “Accepting Advice”

May 6	Guest Preacher: Pastor Neil Cross <u>Title:</u> “Peter’s Advice”	<u>Script.:</u> Acts 10:44-48	Communion
May 13	<u>Title:</u> “Mother’s Advice”	<u>Script.:</u> Psalm 1	Ascension Sunday Mother’s Day Festival of the Christian Home
May 20	<u>Title:</u> “The Spirit’s Advice”	<u>Script.:</u> John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15	Pentecost Sunday Graduate Recognition
May 27	<u>Title:</u> "Isaiah’s Advice"	<u>Script.:</u> Isaiah 6:1-8	Trinity Sunday



Sunday Worship Services at New Hope

8:30am Traditional Service

9:30am Contemporary Service

10:45am Traditional Service

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