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New Hope United Methodist Church

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## JULY AT NEW HOPE UMC



NEW HOPE  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sundays at New Hope UMC 8:30am • 9:30am • 10:45am  
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“WHAT EXACTLY  
DO WE SAY TO  
WHOM WE ARE  
SENT?”

July 7

“Please say our holy greetings”

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“Please tell that prayer opens doors to so much more”



**ROAR!**

### Vacation Bible School

Kids 3 yrs thru entering  
5th grade!

Sunday, July 14—

Thursday, July 18

5:45pm Dinner

6-8pm Activities

At ROAR, children will embark on an epic African adventure, exploring God's goodness and celebrating a FEROCIOUS FAITH that empowers them through this life.

Kids will learn and sing incredible worship songs, play teamwork-building games in EPIC Sports, experience one-of-kind Bible Learning in Wild Bible Adventures, use their creativity at Imagination Station, and experience inspiring minds through experiments.

Kids at ROAR will also join an international mission effort to help provide SHOES for the Kyrandia Community in Africa. Please donate gently used shoes.

**Registration forms** are available through the church, on the church website [www.newhopedsm.org](http://www.newhopedsm.org), and on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/NewHopeDSM/>.

***Please share with your family and friends!***

Questions? Contact Charity Johnson,  
[cjohnson@newhopedsm.org](mailto:cjohnson@newhopedsm.org), 515-720-8299.



### Vacation Bible School for Adults

Sunday, July 14—Thursday, July 18

6pm in the Ruby Chapel

“Disciple Making Practices in Matthew,  
Mark, Luke and John”

Come and Learn with Pastor Lilian.

Disciples learn and practice together attentive  
presence, prayer, faith storytelling,  
and ministry with our neighbors.

Pastor Lilian will look forward to seeing you!



# 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

Brenda McConahay; Robin Harlow; Courtney LePera; Bishop Laurie Haller; District Superintendent, Rev. Heecheon Jeon; Dr. Emmanuel Mefor, missionary.

Prayers for the following military personnel: Jessica Weltha-Bales; Kelsey Bartley; Dawn Bernal; Jason Homard; Adam Larson; Joshua Larson; Mike McGhee; Todd McGinnity; Tyler McGinnity; Matthew Plourde; Anthony Plourde; Devan Stanton; Jared Stanton; and our national and world leaders, our military and their families.



If you are home bound, in a nursing home, or feeling alone and have not been visited by our Care Team or Pastor Jon, please let us know because we would love to visit you. Please contact the church office at 278-2097, [nhfamily@newhopedsm.org](mailto:nhfamily@newhopedsm.org)

## Sympathy

Our Sympathy to Paul & Pam Weisskopf and Nicole & Blake Wilson on the passing of Pam's mother, Carol Jean Wymer.

## Baptism

Congratulations to Brennan Johnson on his June 11th baptism. Brennan is the son of Brad & Jackie Johnson.

Congratulations to Zane Sutton on his June 21st baptism. Zane is the son of Spencer & Andy Sutton.

## Thank You

To the members of New Hope UMC: Thank you so much for the many kindnesses that you extended to me and my family during my Mother's long stay at the Hospice House and after her passing. Your phone calls, visits, cards and expressions of caring and sympathy were greatly appreciated. I am so blessed to have friends like you.

Sincerely, Karen Skovgard

P.S. A special thank you to Dan Kirkpatrick, Jerry Kielsmeier, Tony Hoffman and Joe Hoffman for helping us load the U Haul truck and move Mom's things from her apartment to the rummage sale.

## Church Communications

Stay connected with New Hope UMC!!

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

If you have not been receiving these emails, please contact Nancy Monthei in the church office at 278-2097 or [nhfamily@newhopedsm.org](mailto:nhfamily@newhopedsm.org).

ALSO, we appreciate receiving your updated contact information.

Thank you!

## Church Office Hours

Monday – Thursday:  
7:30am – 4:30pm

Friday: 7:30am – 11:30am

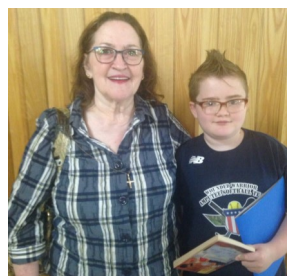
During these hours, please come to the south door with the "Church Offices" sign. Please press the intercom button on the "Enforcer" silver box to ring into the office.

Thank you!

## Welcome to our New Members!



Congratulations to **Jim & Joey Bolstad** for becoming members on June 2nd.  
4114 Amick Ave  
Des Moines, IA 50310  
515-528-9539  
[jimbolstad@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jimbolstad@sbcglobal.net)



Congratulations to **Donna Hopkins** for becoming a member on June 16th.  
4208 Sheridan Ave  
Des Moines, IA 50310  
515-277-4666  
[dslhopkins@aol.com](mailto:dslhopkins@aol.com)



Join us for these fun activities for all ages!!

**July 21, 6:45pm-9pm, Movie Night.**

All of our New Hope family and friends are invited to a night of gathering and fun as we watch "How to Train your Dragon 3". Popcorn and Pop will be provided. Feel free to bring your own lawn chairs and blankets.

**August 4, 6pm-8pm**

**Northwest Aquatic Center, 4915 Madison Ave**

All of our New Hope family and friends are encourage to attend our swim night at Northwest Pool. There is no fee to attend the swim night

Questions? Contact Charity Johnson  
515-720-8299



## Veterans Helping Veterans

### Ice Cream Social

**Sunday, July 14**

The Veterans Helping Veterans will serve ice cream and toppings after the 9:30 and 10:45 services on Sunday, July 14.

This is a fundraiser and money raised will be used to help fund different veteran groups.

Join us!

If you have any questions, please contact Billy Nuzum at [bbnewz54@gmail.com](mailto:bbnewz54@gmail.com)



## Confirmation Class Dessert/Information

**Thursday, August 15 @ 6:30 p.m.**

**Attention 8th graders and families!**

Are you starting 8<sup>th</sup> grade this fall?

*Do you have a child/grandchild/niece/nephew/cousin/sibling/neighbor who is starting 8<sup>th</sup> grade? Are you interested in Confirmation?*

Please plan on attending our special Confirmation Dessert/Information Meeting on

**Thursday, August 15, at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.**

This informational meeting is for 8<sup>th</sup> graders interested in Confirmation, and their parents/families. We'll take a brief look at the Confirmation year schedule, as well as discuss what one can expect in Confirmation. *Please bring your family schedule.* An ice cream dessert will be served.

If you have any questions or are unable to attend that evening, please contact Rev. Lilian at 641-757-2334 or [nhfamily@newhopedsm.org](mailto:nhfamily@newhopedsm.org).



## Thank you from Pastor Jon and Anita

Anita and I thank you so much for the wonderful years we shared together with you at New Hope! It was very meaningful to conclude my parish ministry in such a loving and serving congregation. Thank you also for the love and support we felt on our last Sunday. Your cards and gifts and words of appreciation mean so much to us. Blessings to you as you continue to reach out in love and service to each other and the world.

Jon and Anita Gaul  
1509 Beach St.  
Webster City, IA 50595



### 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.

### Blood Pressure Check

July 7th, 9:30a-11a, Narthex.

### Men's Breakfast

Saturday, July 13th at 7:30 a.m. at New Hope.

### Women's Fellowship

Luncheon on Sunday, July 18, 11:30am at Cozy Café in Johnston. Questions? contact Susan Clark at 964-5119 or Sharon Smith at 419-7082.

### Bidwell-Riverside Center

Members of our congregation will be volunteering at Bidwell Riverside on Thursday, July 11th, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Those who want to carpool meet at the church at 12:30 on the day we are going. Questions? contact Lynn Louk (276-7900).

### Care Ministry Team

The Care Ministry meets quarterly. Next meeting is on **Thurs., July 11 at 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

The Needlers meet the third Friday of the month in the 3rd grade classroom from 9:00 - 3:00, with a break for lunch at Panera. We sew lap quilts for the Care Team, Little Dresses, Little Britches, and Days for Girls feminine hygiene kits for various missions.

Projects only need basic sewing skills, but you don't need to be a seamstress to join us.

We often have non-sewing jobs to do. The next get-together is **Friday, July 19th.**

Questions? Contact Jody Rains, 278-8282

### 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.

### The 2019 Beaverdale Parade will be on Saturday, Sept. 21

Volunteers are needed to ride/walk in the parade for New Hope UMC.



The parade starts at 10 am, goes south on 48th Street to Franklin, east on Franklin to Beaver, then north on Beaver.

Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall! This a great way to invite the church neighborhood to our friendly & welcoming church!



LSI featured New Hope's own Jeanne Mukeshimana in one of their publications. Here are excerpts from that article:

"After terrible violence broke out in her home country of Rwanda, Jeanne knew her family couldn't stay. It wasn't safe."

**"In 2016, Jeanne and her family were finally able to resettle to Texas, leaving their years of trauma behind. Eventually, the family moved to Des Moines and connected with LSI's Refugee Community Services."**

"After witnessing violence in her home country and experiencing trauma, Jeanne knew she wanted a job that could help other people, and decided to pursue a career in nursing. **She enrolled in LSI's Career Pathways program to get started.**"

"Through the program, she was connected to English and healthcare courses. In February of this year, **Jeanne passed the CNA exam with flying colors.**"

**"I'm grateful LSI helped me get my CNA. My career helps people, and I like to help others," Jeanne says. "To succeed is to be patient and to never give up."**

# Children's Ministries

If you have any questions, please contact Charity Johnson at [cjohnson@newhopedsm.org](mailto:cjohnson@newhopedsm.org)

**Children's Ministry Mission:** Connecting Kids to God and others.

## Children's Worship

We are having worship for the children this summer, ages 5yrs to 12yrs old (this will replace the current children's worship) The curriculum will be based off of videos from Right Now Media **"Superbook"**. It will be during the 9:30 service after the children's message. Come and see and learn all about Jesus.

July 7 <sup>th</sup>	Nehemiah	Aug. 4 <sup>th</sup>	King Solomon
July 14 <sup>th</sup>	Elisha and the Syrians	Aug. 11 <sup>th</sup>	Nebuchadnezzar's Dream
July 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>NO CHILDREN'S WORSHIP</b>	Aug. 18 <sup>th</sup>	The Good Samaritan
July 28 <sup>th</sup>	Lazarus		

If you would like to sign up to help, please sign up on the bulletin board outside the purple classroom.



**Kids.....3 years through entering 5<sup>th</sup> Grade!!**

**Join New Hope UMC**

**Sun, July 14<sup>th</sup> – Thurs., July 18<sup>th</sup>  
for Roar Vacation Bible School!!**

**5:45pm Dinner, 6-8pm activities**

We need everyone to help make this ROAR for the kids. They enjoy learning from everyone and they enjoy showing you all what they are learning about God.

Registration forms will be available through the church facebook. Website, or in the fellowship hall.

# BLAST—Believing, Learning, Assisting, Serving, Teens

July 2019

**Jr. BLAST (6th-8th grade)** Leaders: Jackie Johnson & Jenn Higdon  
JrBLAST@NewHopeDSM.org

We look forward to meeting this summer! Please add the following to your calendar:



**July 31st-** Day of Service, 9am-4pm.  
We will be spending a day in service to others, with a little bit of fun too!  
Drop off and pick up at the church.



**August 14th-** Mini Golf/Campfire Cookout, 4pm-9pm.  
Join us for a fun evening of activities at Jester Park!  
Drop off/pick up at church.

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

As you are reading this... We will be in Chicago on our Summer Mission Trip! Please keep our group in your prayers and God will use the Senior BLAST group to bless the people in Chicago.

Bradyn Johnson	Derek Marsh	Madyson Johnson
Caleb Williamson	Logan Wilson	Brianna Johnson
Drew Wise	Ashley Marsh	Brady Jansen
Adam Wise	Amanda Soards	Chris Higdon
Payton Henry	Arianna Bernal	Pam Frey



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

**Aug. 25th** ~ Chicago Celebration Lunch at New Hope  
**Sept. 14th** ~ Iowa VS Iowa State Service Project and Game  
**Sept. 18th @ 6pm** ~ ChildServe (*meet at New Hope UMC*)  
**Sept. 25th @ 6pm** ~ Thank God for **BLAST** Discussion

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

# missions

## JULY MISSION NEWS



**MEALS FROM THE HEARTLAND:** New Hope will be packaging meals on-site **Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup>**. Make sure you and your family/friends sign up now to get the time period you want.

We will be raising over \$5,600 to cover the meals and transportation. If you would like to donate one box, it would be around \$45.00. However, all levels of donations are lovingly accepted.

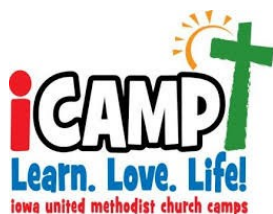
All meals will be distributed locally through the food pantry system to needy families. Meals from the Heartland has created a new meal popular with local families: Taco Pasta, which we will be packaging.

All three services will meet at the regular time, but the worship portion will be shortened to accommodate an hour of packaging.

If you are 4 years old, or have a bad back and can't stand, you can still package using a stool or chair. We can use up to 10 people at a station and there are 4 stations, so 40 people will be packaging after each service.

If you can't help on Sunday, we will be setting up on Saturday at 9am. We need to tape all boxes and apply date stickers, etc., many jobs that can be done sitting down.

Laura Webber created the posters you see on the doors and around the church about the numbers for our Meals from the Heartland event. She also created the poster that is updated each week to show the progress of number of boxes paid for toward our goal of 130.



**CAMPS:** There is still time to sign your child up for a camp at Wesley Woods.

Because of declining apportionments being paid, the Conference Camp Director has come up with an innovative way to help the two remaining Iowa camps, Camp Wesley Woods, and Okoboji Camp be sustainable. It is called "The Kindling Club".

Look for a bulletin insert soon that will give you the information and method to give an amount monthly to the camp of your choice. The concept is that it takes a small amount of kindling to get a fire going, but will begin a large fire, so giving a small amount each month will allow camps to depend on these recurring amounts to ensure that the camping ministry will continue for years to come.



**HOL: HAND OF LUKE—July 14:** Hand of Luke was started by Cathy Beck-Cross and Ruth Doxon years ago, to help feed the homeless at the Central Iowa Shelter and Services, downtown Des Moines.

Each month, a new delicious menu is planned with food donated by our congregation. Robin and Jolene Harlow coordinate sign-ups for the food needed, cooks, and servers at the Shelter. It is a big job to make sure all the necessary food for that menu is donated and that there are enough cooks to prepare the meal at New Hope, and servers to take the food to the shelter and serve it to the homeless.

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

Questions? Contact Jolene Harlow, 515-490-8813 or [rdharlow@earthlink.net](mailto:rdharlow@earthlink.net). Thank you for your support of this program!

Also, do you have a work group or a group of friends that you would like to sign up to help? This is a great way to get others besides our church members involved in this program. Pick a month and let Jolene Harlow know.

Soon to come...online sign up. Jolene will be publishing the site and how to use it. Stay tuned!





## Save the Date

Sunday, October 20, 2019

**2019 Harvest Dinner & Auction  
Fundraiser**

**Start thinking about what you can  
donate to the Silent Auction and/or  
Live Auction!**

## Time to Think About Christmas!

If you are interested in helping with  
*Garlands of Gifts on November 9th*,  
please contact Deb Henry,  
mssci@aol.com or 515-577-1129.  
Many hands make light work.

If you like craft shows or  
organizing, we could use  
your help.

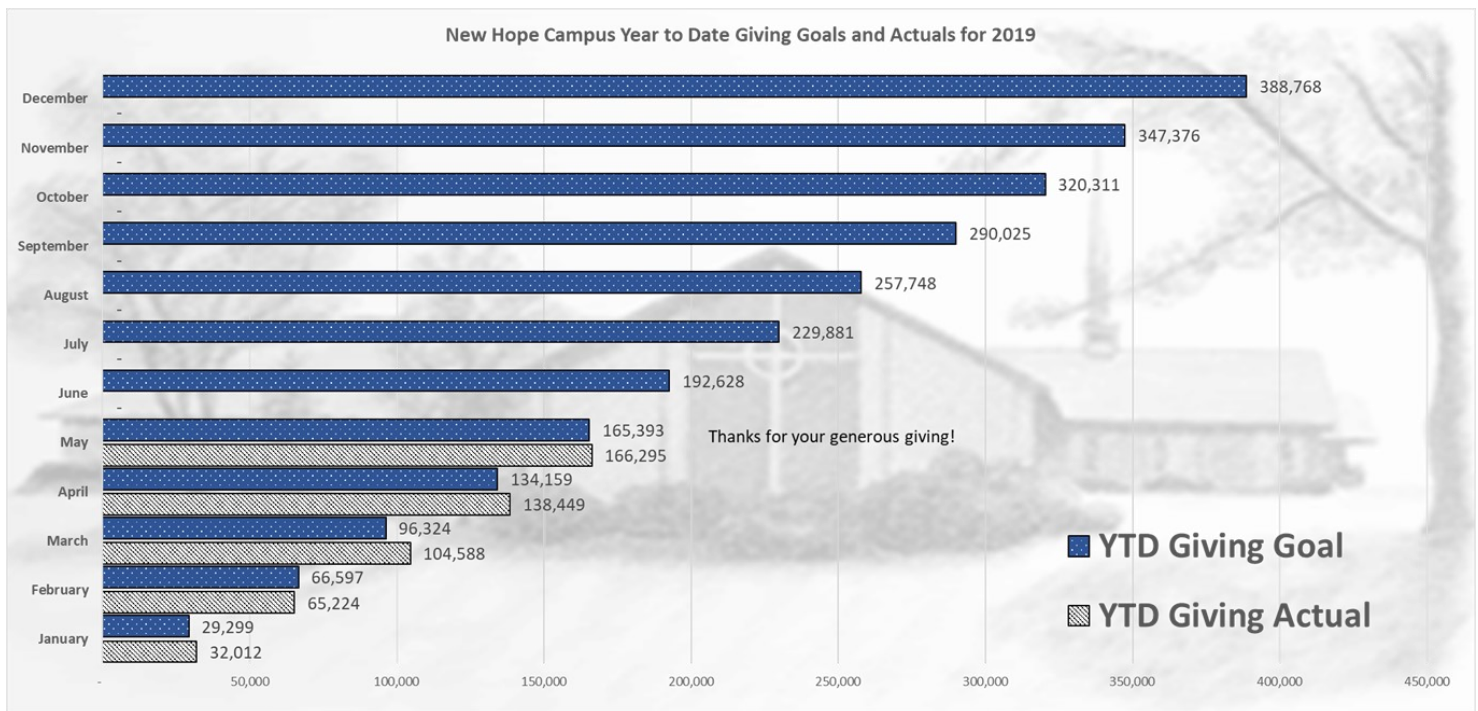
Please consider joining us!



### Donation Questions?

Reach out to Glenna Ross (glenna625@hotmail.com) and/or  
Nancy Monthei (nancy@newhopedsn.org)

**Everyone is welcome!!**



### New Hope Sunday morning Worship attendance

	8:30	9:30	10:45	Total
May 26	32	86	75	193
June 2	30	65	63	158
June 9	20	72	50	142
June 16	32	80	70	182
June 23	One Worship Service			256



# 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.

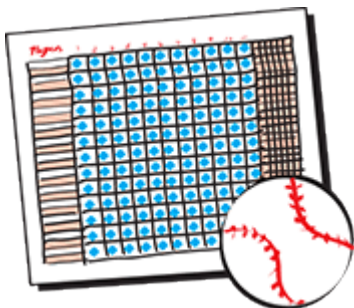
**Lectors** read the scripture lessons for the day at the worship services.

**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, Office Admin at 278-2097.

## Those who serve New Hope in July 2019:

8:30am Traditional Service	9:30am Contemporary Service	10:45am Traditional Service
<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Lectors</b>
7 Billy Nuzum	7 Pam Frey	7 Clarice Rubek
14 Marilyn Osborn	14 Sherri Bogue	14 Cathy Cate
21 Vicki O'Brien	21 Kelly Mohrman	21 Lynn Davisson
28 Billy Nuzum	28 Patrice Webber	28 Barb Mather
<b>Traditional Service Callers</b>	<b>Hosts</b>	<b>Hosts</b>
7 Norma Sutton	7 McCulley/Monthei	7 Linda Yaske
14 Bob & Marlys Borcharding	14 Billy Nuzum/Veterans	14 Billy Nuzum/Veterans
21 Norma Sutton	21 Pam Frey	21 Banny Umuhoza
28 Bob & Marlys Borcharding	28 Renee & Courtney LePera	28 Renee & Courtney LePera
<b>Office Volunteers</b>	<b>9:30 Computer Support</b>	<b>Money Counters</b>
5 Theresa Flickinger	7 Nancy Monthei	7 Tami Wise, Jerry Kielsmeier, Clark Howland
12 Shirley Johnson	14 Pam Frey	14 Randy Jansen, DeVonne Douglas; Patty Nearmyer
19 Gayle Easton	21 Sherri Bogue	21 Glenna Ross, Tony & Tracy Hoffman
26 Ruth Doxon	28 Kevin/Caleb Christensen	28 Clark Howland; Rick Homard, Larry Wood



## Keeping Score

Baseball purists often delight in keeping detailed scorecards. So do many Christians — often unknowingly. Do you give yourself “credit” for your years in the faith? for the number of services or studies you attend? for the good deeds you perform? for the Bible verses and creeds you know by heart?


In Philippians 3:4-6, Paul recites his impressive scorecard, yet despite those credentials, he couldn’t earn God’s favor. Neither can we. Our tallies are all “loss” (v. 7) when compared to the righteousness that comes through faith in Christ (v. 9).

Attending church, serving and memorizing Scripture are good things. But we do them not to *get* right with God but because we *are* right with God — through Jesus.

The Newsletter Newsletter

# July 2019

**WORSHIP SERVICES**  
**Sunday mornings**  
**Traditional Services: 8:30 & 10:45**  
**Contemporary Service: 9:30**

	1 7p, Trustees Mtg., R.Chapel	2 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA	3 6:30p, Worship Design Mtg 7:45p, Praise Team practice	4 Church Office Closed Independence Day 	5 Office Vol: Theresa Flickinger	6
7 Pastor Lilian Gallo Seagren Holy Communion Blood Pressure checks 9:30a, Children's Worship	8	9 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA	10 7:45p, Praise Team practice	11 10a, Care Team Mtg., F.Hall  1p, Bidwell Riverside volunteering	12 Office Vol: Shirley Johnson	13 7:30a, Men's Breakfast
14 9:30a, Children's Worship Veterans Ice Cream Social 3:30p, Hand of Luke  <b>VBS</b> 5:45-6p, Dinner 6-8p, Activities 6p, Adult VBS, R.Chapel	15  <b>VBS</b> 5:45-6p, Dinner 6-8p, Activities 6p, Adult VBS, R.Chapel	16 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA  7p, Stroke Club, Sanctuary  <b>VBS</b> 5:45-6p, Dinner 6-8p, Activities 6p, Adult VBS, R.Chapel	17 7:45p, Praise Team practice  <b>VBS</b> 5:45-6p, Dinner 6-8p, Activities 6p, Adult VBS, R.Chapel	18 11:30a, Women's Fellowship at Cozy Café in Johnston  6:30p, Finance Mtg., R.Chapel <b>VBS</b> 5:45-6p, Dinner 6-8p, Activities 6p, Adult VBS, R.Chapel	19 <b>Deadline for Aug. LINK</b> Office Vol: Gayle Easton  9a-3p, Needlers at church	20
21 Food Pantry Sunday No Children's Worship 9:30a, VBS kids sing 10:45a, Chancel choir  6:45p, Movie Night at New Hope	22  6:30p, Harvest Dinner & Auction Mtg, R.Chapel	23 9:30a, Sr. Singers, Sanctuary 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA	24  7:45p, Praise Team practice	25  6:30p, Administrative Council Mtg., R.Chapel	26 Office Vol: Ruth Doxon	27
28 9:30a, Children's Worship  1p-3p, FLC reserved	29	30 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA  7:00p, Venture Crew, F.Hall	31 9a-4p, Jr. BLAST day of service  7:45p, Praise Team practice	August 1	August 2 Office Vol: Sally Lindstrom	August 3 Noon - 5p, F.Hall reserved



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



1 Ron Zoss  
2 Sally Corcoran, Terry Dolberg,  
3 Chinyere Ukabiala, Cindy Meyer,  
Nicholas Bogue  
4 Chad Strauss  
5 Steven Alcorn, Kyden O'Neill  
6 Forrest Mc Cleary, Bailey Dillenburg  
7 Roger Moore, Marc Davis  
8 Ryan Herrick, Beth Roff  
9 Kathy Fairchild, Charlene Cobb,  
10 Sawyer Merrill, Tom Schultz, Courtney  
Berry  
11 Jane Wagner, David Davis  
12 Michelle Roquet, Lincoln Herrick  
13 Cathy Homard, Mike Wakeman  
14 Jody Rains, Rece Haugland

16 Cheryl Moore, Patty Nearmyer,  
Chris Higdon  
17 Kaiden Nelson, Ronan Rock  
18 Brad Johnson  
19 Kim Wills, Robin Harlow  
20 Allen Davis, Jim Mather  
21 John Burrough  
22 Eldon Cross, Adam Jaschen, Gabrielle  
Dean, Max Roquet, Hannah Siefken  
23 David Baldwin, Tony Hoffman,  
SaLynn Lemke  
24 Jan Davisson, Elaine Lesch  
25 Mackenzie Hewitt, Sarah Speck  
26 Deb Henry, Brenda McConahay  
27 Shayna Stubbs, Hannah Hoffman,  
Sarah Jacques  
28 Caleb Williamson

5 Bob & Carol Harter  
6 Lynn & Jan Davisson  
7 Rick & Michelle Roquet  
8 Matt & Erika Weih  
9 Mark & Julie Sahlin  
10 Mark & Megan Thomsen  
11 Roger & Tammy Dann  
12 Terry & Penny Dolberg  
13 George & Armenta Buckingham  
14 Jeff & Monica Balk  
15 Jason & Elaine Sheer  
16 Nate & Sarah Jacques  
17 Joe & Judy Nemmers  
18 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.*

# FROM THE PASTOR



I greet you all in the name of Christ whose story includes each of our own story of being loved, called and sent.

After loading the truck filled of earthly treasures, Kirk and I drove from Mount Pleasant to Des Moines singing some of our favorite hymns. We are grateful for the privilege of being on this adventure of coming to live and serve with you. May Christ keep us alert always to every opportunity that reveals God's Spirit at work here at New Hope UMC.

Sitting in the three-season room of the parsonage, that's facing the back wooded-area, has brought back memories of my childhood in the Philippines. With its lush green trees and various sounds of birds and small creatures, I remembered this particular memory: My siblings and I would be awakened early in the morning by the sounds of my Dad singing hymns in his "not so perfect singing voice" and often "mixed-up" tunes. My Mom's "perfect singing voice" would join him after three or four hymns. They served the United Methodist Church as Pastors and were in active service for 52 years. Please note that when I was young, I lived in wooded areas and with nature, big and small. I have not always lived in a parsonage as beautiful and comfortable as this parsonage at 4545 Beaver Avenue.

On my 7<sup>th</sup> year as a Social Worker and College Instructor at the Philippine Christian University in Manila, I responded to God's call into ordained ministry. This call did not come like that of the Apostle Paul's story nor the version of the women of Easter. God's call came as I paid attention to the voice of God shaping my own heart to humbly take the joy of becoming a shepherd of God's people, priest of God's holy places, servant of God's Church, and witness of God's amazing love in the world. As a lay person, I participated in the planting of congregations, in bringing people to Christ, in raising new pastors and leaders, and in ministries with young people and the poor.

God's call sent me to the Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, Illinois and while I was there, I met and married Kirk who brought me here to Iowa. I have lived in the United States for more years than in the Philippines. God has richly blessed my life with love for God, joy in Christ, equipping of God's Spirit and the company of the Church. These gifts are always part of my story. I am honored to hear your stories soon, dear New Hope UMC.

*Rev. Lillian Gallo Seager*

## **"What Exactly Do We Say To Whom We Are Sent?"**

July 7	"Please Say Your Holy Greetings"	<u>Script.:</u> Luke 10:1-11, 16-20	Holy Communion
July 14	"Please Tell That They are " Life-Giving Commands"	<u>Script.:</u> Luke 10:25-37	
July 21	"Please Say It Is Something" Necessary	<u>Script.:</u> Luke 10:38-42	
July 28	"Please Tell That Prayer Opens Doors To So Much More"	<u>Script.:</u> Luke 11:1-13	





Sunday Worship Services at New Hope

8:30am Traditional Service

9:30am Contemporary Service

10:45am Traditional Service

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