Worship with Us on Sundays!

Two parking lot worship services @ 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.:
Each service will be 35 minutes.
During the 10:30 service, you will not see Pastor Lilian but you can hear her sermon through the radio feed.

One indoor worship service @ 10:30 a.m.:
Worship will be held in the Family Life Center and will be 35 minutes.
New Hope leadership has prepared for returning safely back to an indoor service option for people of our congregation that wish to participate. Please wear a mask for the indoor service.

Special music will be shared at the services.

Pre-recorded worship service:
Also, please watch for the Pre-recorded Worship Video that is emailed to you and posted to our Facebook page on Sundays.

We look forward to gathering!

Outdoor Rally Day!
Sunday, September 13th
9:30am - 10:15am

Join us as we celebrate the kick off of the fall programming for our children & youth!
9:00 am: Worship with us at in the parking lot and stay for Rally Day!
9:30 am: Bring your lawn chairs and social distance while being entertained! Or stay in your car and listen on the radio feed!
Treats will be given!
Balloon artist will have pre-made balloons to hand out!
Family Friendly Magic Show!
10:30am: Stay for the parking lot service or the 10:30am Indoor service!

FUN for everyone at New Hope UMC!
God, this Labor Day weekend, I thank you for the work to which you have called me — at home and beyond. May I glorify you in all I do.

Prayer Chain Request
If you have a prayer chain request, please call Mary Ann Rice at 964-7734 or the church office at 278-2097.

Prayer Concern
Linda Miller; Anita Gaul; Freda Ruleman; Dorothy Montgomery; Kristy Hegwood; Jim Wells; Glenda Millard; Chris Boyles' sister, Trudy; JoAnn Pugh; Cathy Cate; Jim Clark; Desiree Spring; Stephanie Roul Stewart; Josephine Demarco; Bishop Laurie Haller; District Superintendent, Rev. Heecheon Jeon; Dr. Emmanuel Mefor, missionary; Women at the Well.

Prayers for the following military personnel: Kelsey Bartley; Jason Homard; Adam Larson; Joshua Larson; Todd McGinnity; Tyler McGinnity; Devan 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 Lilian, please let us know because we would love to visit you. Please contact the church office at 278-2097, nhfamily@newhopedsm.org

Our Sympathy
Steve & Norma Sutton on the passing of Norma’s aunt, Ethel Cross.

Wedding
Congratulations to Jason Balk and Sarah Duos on their August 1st wedding.

Congratulations to Jason Homard and Alicia Danielson on their August 8th wedding.

Baptism
Congratulations to Michael Arthur Sentman on his August 9th baptism. Michael is the son of Thad & Rebecca Sentman and little brother to Joshua and Daniel.

ZOOM Coffee Fellowship Moving to Garden Fellowship
It’s been wonderful to see and visit with each other on Wednesdays, during our Coffee Fellowship Times via ZOOM over the summer.

With our Children, Youth and Music Programming re-starting on Wednesdays in September, our ZOOM on Wednesdays is pretty crowded and we can only have one ZOOM at a time.

Therefore, for the month of September, Pastor Lilian will offer one Outdoor Garden Fellowship at 10 a.m. on Wednesdays. We will observe social-distancing and wear a face masks. Please bring a lawn chair. The garden by the Ruby Chapel is ideal for outdoor visits and prayers!

If you have any questions, please contact the church office, 278-2097.

Young Adults Gathering (ages 18 - 27 yrs.) ~ September 27th
Pastor Lilian invites young adults (ages 18 - 27 yrs) for a Zoom gathering on Sunday, September 27th at 4:30 p.m.

Watch for an email that is sent with the ZOOM information. Also if you want to be included in the email, please contact the church office at nhfamily@newhopedsm.org or 278-2097.
Family Fun Night

The days are getting shorter, schools are back in session, and we are so excited to be kicking off another great year of youth/family programming at New Hope!

Your whole family is welcome to join us for a Parking Lot Picnic/BINGO event to kickoff our Wednesday SWAG, Jr. and Sr. BLAST programs for the 2020/2021 year!

When: Wednesday, September 16th, 6-7pm
Where: New Hope Parking Lot
What: Lots of socially distanced family fun!

How? We will be roping off the parking lot and families will be invited to sit in their own space, spread out from others.
You can bring a picnic dinner for your family to enjoy (or not, it’s up to you!)
We will play Bingo for PRIZES, with a portable sound system so everyone can hear... did we mention there will be PRIZES?!

Will you be lucky blessed enough to get a B-I-N-G-O and participate in one of our amazing youth programs this year?

We hope so!

Fall Campus Cleanup
Saturday, September 26th, 9am

The Board of Trustees have planned a “Fall Campus Cleanup Day” on Saturday, September 26th, 9:00am until finished.

We will divide up the tasks to promote distancing, but please bring a mask as well. We will be trimming bushes and trees, cleaning up leaves, and further beautifying our church campus.

Unfortunately, we will not be providing a prepared lunch as usual, due to Covid-19 precautions. We may be able to do something like order pizzas, if we have enough people to feed, or you may opt to bring a packed lunch.

We need your help, please plan to attend by volunteering your time and talents!
Bring gloves, rakes, trimmers, leaf blowers, etc. if you have them.

Thanks!

Spencer Sutton
Chair of Board of Trustees
Rummage Sale Update

Our one day Rummage Sale was a great success! We were able to bless our community and we raised about $2,500 for our church missions and general fund!

**THANK YOU** to everyone that donated items for the sale, bottled water, and use of canopies!

**THANK YOU** to our volunteers that helped sort, set-up, staff the sale, and clean up! New Hope is an amazing community that really comes together to get things done.

**THANK YOU** to our Sr. BLAST youth and leaders for their assistance with the sale this year!

A few highlights from the event:

*Bidwell was unable to take leftover linens due to some changes in place related to Covid-19. **HOWEVER,** we were able to donate some of our leftover linens, luggage and clothing items to benefit refugees in Cedar Rapids that lost everything in the derecho earlier in August.

*Our shoppers were thrilled that they were able to join us outdoors! We had several comments from shoppers that wouldn’t have joined us inside, nice affirmation that it was worth it to implement the changes for this year!

*One shopper was celebrating her 80th birthday with us! We were so flattered that she chose to spend her birthday at our sale.

*We had a steady stream of people throughout the day, but had no problem distancing.

*DAV took all of our sale leftovers and will earn money to support their mission! **DAV is a leading nonprofit charity that provides a lifetime of support for veterans of all generations and their families. The organization helps more than a million veterans each year in positive, life-changing ways.**

See you next year!
 Grain Bin

“For I was hungry and you gave me food,…(Matthew 25:35 NRSV)”

One of the effects of the pandemic season is the burden of so many families to put food on the table. The good news is that we always have something to share so that nobody is hungry. Never underestimate the power of a hand-full of uncooked rice, a cup of uncooked beans, a ladle of maize, a cup of cassava fufu and a can of soup! When all these are gathered into a “Grain Bin”, New Hope will certainly bring smile and hope to our neighbors. Thanks to Paulette and Larry Wood for purchasing the “Grain Bin” ready to receive your donations.

Staying healthy requires healthy food. To our Asian, African, Latino and immigrant neighbors, healthy food includes: rice, maize, cassava flour, and beans. Making these foods available to them will help them with their other basic needs of living, especially when there are school-aged children in the family.

The inspiration of this “Grain Bin” was Pastor Lilian’s story: A poor family of six in the village cooked three cups of raw rice every day. Before the mother/wife adds water into the pot, she sets aside a hand-scoop of the rice into a container. At the end of each month, the family offers to their Church the set aside rice for their Pastor.

Your donations of any of the following is greatly appreciated. A brochure will be available soon!
Thai Jasmine Rice
HyVee Long Grain White Rice
OLA-OLA Cassava Fufu
Quaker Yellow Corn Meal
Bolts Red Mull Grain Free Cassava Flour
Bolts Red Mull Finely Ground Tapioca Flour
SWAD White Corn Flour
Gluten Free Maseca Instant Corn Masa Flour
Pinto Beans
Northern Beans

“Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry…and did not take care of you? (Matthew 25:44 NRSV)”

Thank you for your generosity in the midst of challenging times.

2020 Fall Harvest Music Jamboree and Auction

The Harvest Dinner and Auction Committee is pleased to announce the 2020 Fall Harvest Music Jamboree and Auction. This free event will be held amongst the fantastic fall foliage of the New Hope parking lot on Sunday, October 11th from 2 PM to 3:30 PM.

Come out and enjoy social distancing fellowship, music, fall snacks, and friendly competition for those highly prized auction items from our members.

Due to time limitations and the high uncertainty of the COVID-19 situation in October, the Committee will not be holding a silent auction this year. For us to enjoy all the fine music, we will be offering only a small number of live auction items.

Please mark Sunday, October 11th @ 2 PM on your calendar and email or give the church office a call to RSVP, 515-278-2097, nhfamily@newhopedsm.org by October 4th.

This will help us ensure we have enough parking spots open. Come join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship!
Care Ministry Team
Care Team meeting in Fellowship hall on Thursday, October 8th at 10 am. Masks should be worn and we will sit at proper distancing. If anyone feels uncomfortable coming to the meeting they should contact Clarice Rubek.

Veterans Helping Veterans
Postponed until further notice.
Questions? contact Billy Nuzum at bbnwz54@gmail.com

Men’s Breakfast
Postponed until further notice.

Women’s Fellowship
Postponed until further notice.
Questions? contact Susan Clark at 964-5119.

FRIDAY ZOOM BIBLE STUDY TO BEGIN
On the 2nd Friday in September (September 11), the Friday Bible Study will begin with the study of the book of Philippians. We will continue to meet via Zoom on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month until it is safe for us to resume meeting at the Pizza Ranch. The class will begin at 1:00pm sharp and will last for about one hour and a half. If you are new to the class, please email me at jimlynnlouk@mac.com, and I will email you:

1. How to set up one join a Zoom
2. Specific instructions for Zoom Bible study
3. Preparation information for the first class and every class thereafter.

Don't panic; it is not really difficult to connect to Zoom, and you will be able to share with other class members. I encourage you to give this a try. The book of Philippians has only 4 chapters, but it contains a lot of spiritual information for your own faith along with guidance in your participation in the church.

Come join us!
Jim Louk

Music and COVID-19
by Colby Gochanour

Since COVID-19 took the country by storm, major precautions have been taken within our church. For months, myself and many other music directors (in the church, in schools, and collegiate) have been waiting on a study being published regarding the safest way to sing and play instruments once again. Earlier this month, the first results were published, and have established preliminary guidelines to ensure safe singing. With those precautions taken into consideration, the music program at New Hope is going is using the guidelines to design our music program going forward.

The choir’s current plan is to meet with whomever feels comfortable to sing, given the proper precautions, including reducing the number of choir anthems performed and shortening the rehearsal time. Choir will not be preparing for any performances in the immediate future. Performance method is to be determined. There will also be no Christmas Cantata this year. We will reevaluate our situation in the coming months to determine if an Easter Cantata will be possible.

Regarding Praise Team, at the time of writing this article, a decision has not been made as to whether or not Praise Team will resume soon.

Finally, congregational singing at this point in time is not safe, including both hymns and contemporary music. This may change in the coming months and will keep the congregation posted with any updates.

The safety of the congregation is the most important priority as we plan going forward. We will continue to monitor relevent studies to guide our decisions going forward.

For now, we will worship in spirit, and we look forward to singing with you again.
Mission Statement: Connecting kids to God and others

Christian Learning Time (CLT): 4 year old—7th Grade

Vision Statement: Connecting lessons about God through real life experiences

Our team is meeting to look into doing a multi-aged classroom and curriculum for the year. We will email out more information to everyone when it gets finalized. Thanks for your patience and support to Children’s Ministry.

S.W.A.G. (Saved With Amazing Grace): K - 5th grade

Vision Statement: Connecting lessons about God through real life experiences

S.W.A.G will start on Wednesday, September 16th, 6:00-7:00pm. We will plan to meet at the church for our first S.W.A.G night.

If you have not already guessed, we are going to be doing a Hybrid model like school with some times meeting at the church and some will be Zoom.

This year we will continue to take the Journey through Psalm 23, please look for an activity schedule to be emailed to you with the Journey and if the gathering is at the church or zoom.

There will be NO meals provided at this time with all the COVID-19. We want to keep everyone safe.
We are excited to start a new year of Jr. BLAST at New Hope!
Each year we welcome all 6th - 8th graders (and their friends) in the church to join our group for fun, fellowship and service to others. This year is going to look a little different than a typical year, but we are ready for it! One of the main differences you will notice is that for the foreseeable future, our church will not be allowing Wednesday night meals.
Our BLAST meetings will be held from 6 - 7pm - whether in person (socially distanced and outdoors) or via Zoom! Our kickoff meeting will be a whole church family gathering on Wednesday, September 16th, 6 - 7pm, where we will be playing parking lot Bingo!
Your family is invited to join in the fun by attending together and bringing a picnic dinner if you wish. Families will be socially distanced from others.
Pretty soon, families will start to see emails from us about our program. If you haven't received anything by mid-September, we would love for you to reach out to us so we can get you on our email list! The leaders again this year are Jenn Higdon and Jackie Johnson. You can reach them at: JrBLAST@NewHopeDSM.org.
For those of you that are seasoned members, you will notice that we aren't as scheduled as we are typically. That is due to the uncertainty of what the fall will bring. For right now, we are going to stick to putting out one month at a time and if we get to a point during the year where we are back to meeting indoors and resuming a normal schedule, we will extend our scheduled activities out to the end of the school year.

**Upcoming Dates:**
- Wednesday night kick off: September 16th 6:00-7pm, Families are invited to join the fun!
- September 23rd- in person service project, 6:00-7pm **Outdoors, dress accordingly**
- September 30th- in person Bible pictionary, 6:00-7pm **Outdoors, dress accordingly**

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

CALLING ALL INCOMING FRESHMAN & 8TH GRADERS; we are inviting you to join New Hope Senior High BLAST group. This group is open to any High School students and 8th graders that are interested in fellowship, learning more about the gospel of Jesus Christ, and giving back to the community. If you are new to the group; please send an email to Pam (yayafrey@gmail.com) or Chris (Chris@Higdon-Family.net) with your contact information; we will get you added to our emails.

We will be kicking off our 2020-2021 year on Wednesday, September 16th, 6 - 7pm, with Parking Lot BINGO game. We will be roping off the parking lot and we will be inviting everyone to sit in their own space, spread out from other. Please bring a sack dinner with you; given we will be not serving meal this fall on Wednesday nights. We will play BINGO for prizes with the existing outdoor setup.

After September 16th; we will be meeting either virtually on Wednesday nights (7-8pm) or in the Church parking lot from 6-7pm. Each week will vary depending on the weather and the activities planned; we will let you know prior to meeting on Wednesday night. Our hope is to meet back inside the Church in Mid-October in a socially distant manner.

This year, we are going to focus on VeggieTales videos and learn about the Old Testament stories. We are looking for to reviewing Abraham and Sara, David and Goliath, Ruth, Esther, Jonah, Battle of Jericho, David and Bathsheba, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego; all through the story telling of an animated tomato and cucumber.

More information about the above events will be sent out in email and posted on Facebook (http://www.facebook.com/SeniorHighBlast).
MISSIONS: Personal Dignity Kit for Mission Ingathering—November 7th.

Collection of Personal Dignity Kits will be held in October. Please purchase below items and hold until October. These kits will be distributed to needy areas by UMCOR.

Personal Dignity Kit “PDK”
1 Bath Hand Towel – No kitchen towels
1 Bath Washcloth – No kitchen dishcloths
1 Razor – with guard
1 Nail Clippers – no files or emery boards
1 Adult Tooth Brush – No multipacks
1 Bar Soap – 3-4 oz.

Place in gallon zip lock bag.

CONTINUING SUPPORT OF OUR PARTNERSHIP AGENCIES: Each month checks are issued from the Mission Fund to the following: Missionary, Dr. Emmanuel Mefor, Women at the Well, Bidwell Riverside, Johnston Partnership, Urbandale Food Pantry, and DMARC.

Hand of Luke, September 14th: This is our monthly ministry of a meal for the Central Iowa Shelter and Services.
Since the pandemic started, we have been able to continue our Hand of Luke program thanks to the congregation’s monetary donations. We have used these donations to purchase the food needed to provide a meal. We will continue to do this for the foreseeable future instead of asking the congregation to purchase and drop off food items at the church as in the past. You can either include your donation in the Sunday offering with it designated for HOL or go to the church’s website and do an online donation. Click on Gifts and then fill in the amount on the Hand of Luke line.

We have been asking for volunteers to help prepare the meal and volunteers to deliver it to the Central Iowa Shelter. They are not allowing outside volunteers to serve the meal at this time. For the meal prep, our goal is to only have two people at the church at a given time. These people are usually in the same household or family unit. If you would be willing to help with this, please let Jolene Harlow know and we will contact you when needed.

Finally, we are looking for a couple people who would like to join Jolene Harlow and Patrice Webber as part of the HOL Program Coordinator team. If you are interested or would like more information on what this would entail, please contact Jolene Harlow at rdharlow@earthlink.net or 515-490-8813. Thank you.
### September 2020

#### Sunday Worship
- **9am & 10:30am** Parking Lot
- **10:30am** Indoor

#### Sunday, September 20, 2020
- **1** 6:00p, SPRC Zoom Meeting
- **2** 10:00a, Outdoor Garden Fellowship
- **3** 6:30p, Worship Design Mtg, via Zoom
- **4**
- **5**
- **6** 9a & 10:30a Parking Lot Worship
  - 10:30a Indoor Worship
  - Holy Communion will be offered
- **7** Office Closed - Labor Day
  - 7p, Trustees Mtg., F.Hall
- **8** 6:30p, Worship Design Mtg, via Zoom
- **9**
- **10**
- **11**
- **12**
- **13** 9a & 10:30a Parking Lot Worship
  - 9:30-10:15, Rally Day celebration, parking lot
  - 10:30a Indoor Worship
- **14** 3:30p, Hand of Luke
- **15** 6:30p, Finance Zoom Meeting
- **16** 10:00a, Outdoor Garden Fellowship
  - 6 - 7p, Family Fun Night— parking lot BINGO!
- **17** 6:30p, Christian Education Zoom Meeting
- **18** 1p, Friday Bible Study, via Zoom
- **19**
- **20**
- **21** Deadline for October LINK
- **22**
- **23** 10:00a, Outdoor Garden Fellowship
  - 6 - 7p, SWAG
  - 6 - 7p, Jr. BLAST
  - 7 - 8p, Sr. BLAST
- **24** 6:30p, Administrative Council Zoom Meeting
- **25** 1p, Friday Bible Study, via Zoom
- **26**
- **27**
- **28**
- **29**
- **30** 10:00a, Outdoor Garden Fellowship
  - 6 - 7p, SWAG
  - 6 - 7p, Jr. BLAST
  - 7 - 8p, Sr. BLAST

#### September Birthdays

- **1** Levi Kinnetz, Madysan Johnson, Samuel Gaul
- **2**
- **3**
- **4** James Neu
- **5** Tim Carrigan, Angie Eaves
- **6** Marlys Borcherding
- **7** Eugene Pecinovsky, Maddox Alcorn
- **8** Eli Goodson
- **9** Jerry Kielsmeier, Jenn Higdon, Charlie Strauss
- **10** Kirk Hartung, Grace Rowland, Grace Beasley
- **11** Lindsey McClellan, Elaine Sheer
- **12** Emma Monthei, Byron Williamson
- **13** John Kirkpatrick
- **14** Randy Jansen
- **15** Sharon Lewis, Eddy Johnston, Kristine Wakeman, Judy Nemmers
- **16** Nancy Monthei, Emma Weih
- **17** Ruth Doxon
- **18** Dennis Haugland, Allyson Sutton, Sherri Bogue
- **19** Jordan Thompson, Ty Dolberg, Megan Thomsen
- **20** Maya Johnston
- **21** Glenda Millard, Zane Sutton
- **22** Clarice Rubek, Brian Hartung
- **23** Donna Gronstal, Karla Rankin, Patty Gressman
- **24** Janet Carrigan
- **25** Jeffrey Huber, Matt Trillet
- **26** Angelleuwineza
- **27** Kyle Redies, Julie Boyles, Nora Mundy
- **28** Susan Clark
- **29**
- **30** Joe Nemmers, Jami Siefken

#### September Anniversaries

- **8** Gene & Elaine Lesch
- **9** Dustin & Melanie Henry
- **9** Chad & Cindy Meyer
- **10** Jim & Lynn Louk
- **14** John & Joyce Turek
- **14** John & Carolyn Burrough
- **15** Jerry & Becky Baker
- **18** Jason & Tamara Evans
- **19** Tom & Ann Schultz
- **19** David & Dorothy Montgomery
- **22** Corey & Deanne Miller
- **23** Dennis & Renee Haugland
- **26** Jamie & Marte Carlson

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*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.*

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

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As a new member of the church finance committee, I’m impressed with the dedication of the group that monitors the congregation’s giving and church budget. Also, as being a church member, I do believe in the concept of giving of one’s time, talent, and treasure for the sake of God and our church.

Regarding treasure, I think that we need to give serious thought about our pledge. Just before the pandemic arrived a couple of church members reminded me about the tax law that allows for securities to be given to our church without income tax due on their gains. Now that the stock market is currently making a recovery, that is probably something some of us should look into.

Time and Talent: I first learned from others about giving time and talent to a worthy cause. I saw people doing this and thought, “I’d like to be like them”. For writing this article I remember that Linda and I wrote an article for the “Link” in 2007 that talked about giving of time and talent. Here is an excerpt from 2007 that is just as true today at New Hope as it was back then:

Which jobs have been some of your favorite experiences and why?

Linda: I have always enjoyed choir. When I leave choir rehearsal, I always feel uplifted. Also, we couldn’t have a nicer choir conductor than Dan Wilmoth. I also enjoy working with people on committees and teams. New Hope has so many dedicated and caring workers. (note in 2020: we still have these nice choir directors!!)

Jerry: I enjoy working in teams because I like to experience how well the team can work together, and all of my volunteering has some type of team effort. I especially like working with the church outdoor maintenance projects because it is neat when the team pulls together to do all of the work. I also enjoy serving at Hand of Luke because it is a big team effort for the different groups to supply and prepare the food, and as a part of the server team delivering and serving the food you start to understand how big of a volunteer project this is for New Hope. I also have to confess that we’re lucky to have a very professional group of money counters that understand how important it is to balance the books.

What made you decide to get involved with volunteering? What are some of your thoughts about volunteering for the church?

Jerry and I have both found that working with people is the best way to get to know people and to develop friendships. New Hope has so many “leaders” that you get to experience their leadership qualities by being involved with them in volunteer work. We like to help make something work and hopefully make it better.

In conclusion, THANK YOU for the giving of your TIME, TALENT, and TREASURE!!
Following Christ, inspiring minds, loving hearts, serving hands and transforming communities.

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