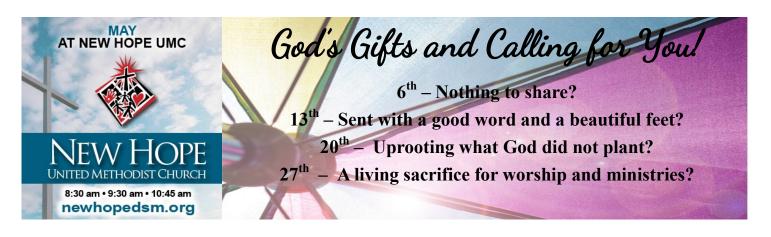


August 2023





Ice Cream Social and Prayer Garden Blessing

Sunday, August 6th, 2pm – 3pm New Hope UMC

Please invite your friends and neighbors and join us for an Ice Cream Social!! Regular and non-dairy ice cream will be available.

Enjoy the opportunity to meet and mingle with your Church family and community. The beautiful courtyard will be celebrated with a new name of "Prayer Garden".

Pastor Lilian will give a special blessing at 2:30 p.m.

Ukulele Workshop ~ August 9th, 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, August 6th, Robert Uy will perform with his ukulele at all three services. And, he invites anyone

(all ages) to join him as he leads an Ukulele Workshop on Wednesday, August 9th, 5:30pm - 7pm in the Neil Cross Family Life Center.

Bring your own Ukulele and have fun learning some new songs! The church has a few ukuleles, so first come, first serve.

He also is offering a Zoom option.

If interested, please contact Preshia Paulding to receive the Zoom link: preshia@msn.com or 515-770-7664.





Prayer Chain Request If you have a prayer chain request, please call Mary Ann

Our Prayers for ~

(Please call the church office if you or your loved one want to be taken off the list.)

Healing from Cancer:

Evette Burton, David Ruleman, Skylar Freeman, Mary Textor, Johan Gallo, Johnny Johnson, Jason Sloss, Julie Mericle, Jessica Smith

Healing from Physical Issues:

Carol Weigel, Chris Bammerlin, Freda Ruleman, Dick Cobb, Jim Mather, Diana Bibler, Alexandria Cooley, Jack Habick, Theresa Faber, Phillip DeMarco

Those Who Are in Rehabilitation and Nursing Care: Jan Davisson, Gayle Easton, Vicki Ealy, Bob Krause

Military: Devan Stanton, Hunter Schmidt, Joshua Ruleman, Rece Haugland, Jacob Gerlach, Brycen Gerlach



On this warm summer day, Lord, may we lie back in your love, like on a sunny beach near singing waves, or in shady grass under a whispering tree.

Sympathy

Our Sympathy to Wayne & Sandy Johnson and family on the passing of Sandy's dad, Larry Hulse.

Thank You

I so much appreciate all the kind encouraging words of care I received within your many prayers, cards, calls, texts, and emails during my cancer treatments.

I am so grateful for your friendship and thoughtfulness. Our New Hope family is a God's Blessing. Barb Agan

Brenda McConahay ~ Thank You!

It has been our sincere privilege to have had Brenda McConahay be our church pianist for 20+ years. Her beautiful music during the 8:30 & 10:45 services has touched many souls of our congregation and visitors.

We have been blessed with her beautiful music as she has accompanied the Chancel Choir, special music, and played for Advent by Candlelight, Christmas Eve, and many other special worship services.

Brenda will be moving closer to family later in August.



Please celebrate Brenda with us on Sunday, August 6th at the 10:45 service. A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall.



Labor Day Sunday ~ September 3rd, 10am

Join us as we worship Labor Day weekend with One Worship Service at 10 AM in the church parking lot (weather permitting).

The Lord gives a wide array of talents and knowledge to us all so we may serve one another through both paid and unpaid work.

Thanks be to God!



Last October all 12 heating and cooling units within the church and parsonage were inspected. This exercise identified most of our units are 20 years old. Major issues within 5 units required 1 to be immediately shut down (nursery and east restrooms) due to a cracked heat exchanger with the other 4 showing impending exchanger issues.

The 5 units were replaced in November at a cost of \$40,000 using funds from our designated fundraising accounts and operating reserves. The "RESTORE the HEAT" campaign was shared with the congregation in our November 20th services and published in "the link" December newsletter asking for additional financial giving toward this cost.

As of 7/26/23, the congregation has contributed \$18,825.41 towards this effort. THANK YOU!!

But now we need to rename our campaign "RESTORE the COOL" as the Ruby Chapel unit recently failed and was replaced at a cost of \$9,000. For the last campaign we depleted all funds in our Fall Jamboree & Auction account with this year's event not until October. Yes, the Rummage Sale fundraiser has just started but proceeds are slated to be used for our monthly/annual community mission activity, not capital improvements. Plus we used some of the Rummage Sale existing funds for the fall campaign without putting any community mission giving in jeopardy.

If you can give toward this new Ruby Chapel unit, please give, but if you can't give, please offer your prayers that we reach our goal of paying for this new unit. All gifts can either be sent directly to the office or be placed in the offering plates during our services identifying them as "Furnace" gifts.



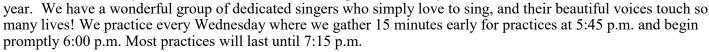
Join us for Veterans Helping Veterans on **Saturday**, **August 12th at 8:30 a.m.** Breakfast will be served. This is open to all veterans, their spouses, and supporters. Questions, please contact Billy Nuzum at bbnewz54@gmail.com.

New Hope Chancel Choir

I am excited to announce that the Chancel Choir will gather on Wednesday, August 30th! We will be sharing a meal in celebration at 5:30 p.m. If you would like to be part of this music ministry, you are welcome to join us!

Practices will resume for our music ministry on Wednesday, September 6th and sing at the 10:45 service on Sunday, September 10th.

For those new to our congregation, the Chancel Choir sings our "sermon in song" selection each Sunday at the 10:45 a.m. service from September to May each



For special events or holiday services, the choir may be asked to also sing at the 8:30 a.m. or 9:30 a.m. services or hold a few extra practices in preparation. Communication is always offered and encouraged, and we delight in sharing our love of God together and the company of one other. Our group sings many different styles so there is something to meet all musical tastes!

If you have a heart for music, love to sing, and would like to share your voice in music ministry at New Hope, we would love to have you!

Music Blessings,

Preshia Paulding, Director of Music, preshia@msn.com or 515-770-7664.



Children's Ministry Updates by Jackie Johnson, Children & Youth Ministries Coordinator jackie@newhopedsm.org or (515)710-3239



Join us for Children's Worship!

Ages PreK and up are welcome to join us **on August 6th** for Children's Worship at **10:45a** in the Family Life Center.

We will have prayer time and a message sing our own offering craft tire.

We will have prayer time and a message, sing, our own offering, craft time and a snack.



August is here and we all know what that means!! Fall is just around the corner!

Check Out How You Can PLUG IN and LIGHT UP your faith this fall!!

TGIW Midweek Meetup starts this year on Wednesday, September 13th for all PreK - 12th graders! Dinner will be offered from 6-6:30pm weekly and activities will be of-

fered from 6:30-7:30pm.

Sunday School starts this year on Sunday, September 17th for PreK - 7th grade! It will be held during the 9:30 service again this year.

Friends are ALWAYS welcome!

Our youth program registration is open now: https://forms.gle/qsdgJyG62KzuMoi37

Please help us plan for our fall programs by registering your child(ren) by September 1st. We appreciate your help with this!

Our Jr. BLAST youth group will be kicking off a fantastic year in mid-September and the only thing missing is YOU! If you enjoy working with older children and are looking for a way to get more involved, look no further than Jr. BLAST leadership.

You *DO NOT* have to have a Jr. BLAST aged youth to lead this group. Speaking from experience, it is an amazing way to get to know the young people in our congregation.

The obligation is on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30 during the school year, starting in mid-September. One week of each month is a planned service project that you would just attend, no planning required.



If you are interested but unsure, Jackie is willing to meet with you to help with planning and answering any questions you may have.

HELPING HANDS NEEDED!

VOLUNTEER IN CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Volunteers Needed!

The calendar may have just changed to August, but we are so excited for fall children's programming and we hope you are too!

We are looking for potential volunteers that enjoy working with children and have a desire to positively impact children in our congregation and our community to prayerfully consider the following needs we currently have:

Sunday School Teachers-

We need people to make a 5-week commitment (or if you feel called to volunteer for more than one of the sessions we would welcome that too).

Session 1: 9/17 - 10/15 Session 2: 10/22 - 11/19

Session 3: 11/26 - 12/24 (No Sunday School on 12/24 or 12/31)

Session 4: 1/7 - 2/4

Session 5: 2/11 - 3/17 (No Sunday School on 3/10)

Session 6: 3/24 - 4/21 Session 7: 4/28 - 5/19

Volunteers will plan and lead a 45-minute lesson for children in their care during the 9:30 service for a period of 5 weeks. Curriculum and planning support is provided to any extent desired by the volunteers. Would you like to co-teach with a friend? We LOVE that idea...feel free to sign up together! Volunteering together is one of the best ways to spend time with someone you enjoy.

Wednesday Night Program Helpers-

We are looking for a couple of volunteers for Wednesday nights! The time commitment would be one hour – from 6:30-7:30pm. You will not be expected to plan the lessons in the helper role, just show up to help with our activities!

If either of these things sounds like something you are interested in being part of, please reach out to Jackie at jackie@newhopedsm.org or (515)710-3239 with questions or to express interest.

Thank you in advance for your consideration!













VBS 2023 was an out-of-this world adventure! We had a blast with the volunteers and the 41 kids that attended!

We learned to Shine Jesus' Light whether times are good, bad, happy or sad.

MANY THANKS to our STELLAR VBS volunteers who carried out our mission this year! We couldn't have stayed in orbit without each one of you and the support you provided in your position on our crew.

Check out our church Facebook page for more photos of the fun!

We will be trading in our space suits for swimming gear and flippers as we will be diving into friendship with God for a SCUBA adventure next summer!

Hold your breath.... dates and details coming soon!

Harvest Jamboree and Auction....



This fundraiser event will take place **October 22nd at 3:30 p.m.** in the Neil Cross Family Life Center.

The purpose of this event is to raise funds for Missions and the Trustees for maintenance of the church properties.

There are several ways to get involved with this event.

- 1. **Donate to the live auction.** We are hoping for 10 live auction items. Each item valued at \$100 or more.
- 2. **Donate to the silent auction.** We are hoping for 20 silent auction items. No value limit.
- 3. **Volunteer** to be on the committee
- 4. **Volunteer** to help the day of the event. The day of the event all committee members are needed to assist with food, handing out bid numbers, be a spotter for the live auction, or any other way needed.
- 5. Attend the event and bid on auction items or donate for a performance

To donate to the Live Auction and/or Silent Auction, please Glenna Ross at (515) 321-3010 by October 1st. There will be delicious desserts, great music and an entertaining auction. There will be no cost to attend.

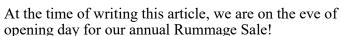
We meet about two or three times prior to the event in the evening. The day of the event all committee members are needed to assist with food, handing out bid numbers, be a spotter for the live auction, or any other way needed.

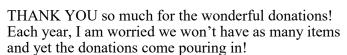
Some of the missions that New Hope donates to are: Johnston Partnership, Urbandale Food Pantry, DMARC, African Immigrants & Refugees Transition, Bidwell Riverside, Jr. BLAST, Sr. BLAST, Hawthorne Hill.

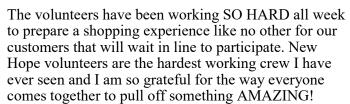




Rummage Sale







Watch for updates of our success in the September LINK!

~ Jackie Johnson















Blood Pressure Check

Next check is on August 6th, 9:30am-11am in the Narthex.

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 (April - September) at 7 p.m. Questions? Contact Sue Toale Knapp, 515-255-0366, stktek1@gmail.com. Online support group: http://www.strokenetwork.org/



Care Ministry Team

The Care Ministry meets quarterly. Next meeting is on Thurs., September 7th 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.

Men's Fellowship will not meet in August.

Watch for updates!



Join us!

9:30 a.m. in the Ruby Chapel using "Wired Word" curriculum.

Bible Study ~ "Signs and Wonders"

Our 3rd Thursday 7:00 p.m. Bible Study at Banny's home will meet on **August 17th** with Dr. Levine's "Signs and Wonders: The Miracles of Jesus". Please contact Pastor Lilian if you plan to attend and to receive the book, Lilian@newhopedsm.org.

New Hope Needlers

The Needlers sewing group will meet on Friday, August 18th from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm in the north classroom. We lunch at Panera in Johnston.

Please join us in sewing lap quilts of your choice for the NHUMC Care Team to distribute to church members. We have fabric, backing and batting to use.

We sew Little Dresses and Little Britches for our overseas missions. Kits for both are provided. We also make components for Days for Girls feminine hygiene kits.

Bring your sewing machine and scissors, pins and thread, or use one of the two sewing machines from the church closet and join us for a day of stitching and fellowship. If you don't sew, we appreciate your help with tasks, such as cutting ribbon, inserting the ribbon in drawstring bags or folding girls underwear.

Questions: Contact Diane Densmore, 515-270-1974 or Jody Rains, 515-278-8282.



Boys and girls who received our britches & dresses in Zambia.





Our next gathering will be on Thursday, September 21st at 9:30 a.m. at the church.

On the **first Sunday of each month**, in the church hallway, when you see our globe, please stop and drop in some change.

You will be helping the United Women in Faith group and the missions they support. Thank you. We are very grateful for your support.

Questions? Please call Susan Clark at 515-964-5119.



Chair Yoga & Fitness

Every Monday and Wednesday at 9:30 a.m., join us for Chair Yoga & Fitness (no fee). This is a gentle yoga & fitness that is done while you are seated on a chair. It's a 30-45 minute session. The instructors are from Youtube videos. Please meet in the Fellowship Hall. *This is for anyone and any age.*

AUGUST MISSION NEWS ~ Marilyn Osborn, Chair of Mission Committee

YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF OTHERS

Johnston Partnership is one of the organizations that receives a monthly donation from New Hope UMC. Join others in the Johnston community by attending their Pie and Ice Cream Social Fundraiser. Information is below.

Pie & Ice Cream Social Fundraiser

Enjoy food, friends and live music while raising funds for a great cause! The Faith Communities of Johnston and the Johnston Partnership invite you to a concert to benefit the Johnston Partnership's Benevolence Fund. This fund is used exclusively to give emergency financial assistance to families residing within the Johnston community. New Hope UMC supports Johnston Partnership and donates monthly to the benevolence fund.



Sunday, August 27th, 2pm - 4pm

at the Simpson Barn, 6169 Northglenn Dr.

Concert provided by Asphalt & Stained Glass https://www.facebook.com/AsphaltStainedGlass

Pie and ice cream will be served!!

Suggested donation for tickets is \$10. Sponsorships are available: \$100 provides 2 free tickets, recognition on the promotion materials, newsletters and church bulletins.

For more information and to purchase tickets, to go https://givebutter.com/Y1vtFc

Can't attend? You can still donated at the link above!



Free Little Food Pantry ~ The need for food continues to grow in our community. If we all bring one non-perishable food item each week to put on our pantry shelf, we can continue to take 30 food items per week to the Free Little Food Pantry in our Meredith Drive community. Please no opened boxes or expired items. Canned fruit in light syrup is preferred.

The food placed in the Free Little Food Pantry stays on the shelf for less than 3 hours because the need is so great. Only non-perishable foods and no expired food products.

Remember to sign up for a Monday to take the 30 food items to the Free Little Food Pantry located between 51st and 52nd Streets north of Meredith Drive.

There is a clipboard with the sign-up sheet on the pantry shelf by our Welcome Center. If you have any questions, please contact Jolene Harlow-515-490-8813 or email at rdharlow@earthlink.net

Fill the Red Barrel: Contributing to the red barrel is as easy as buying a few extra cans of food while you shop and bringing them to church with you. All food and personal care items collected by the Red Barrel Program goes to the DMARC Food Pantry Network. For a list of most needed items, please click on: https://www.dmarcunited.org. If you would rather give a monetary donation, please make your check out to New Hope UMC and include "Food Pantry" in the memo line and place your check with the offering.

Grain Bin: When the Grain Bin is full, the donations will be given to Johnston Partnership, Bidwell Riverside and the Urbandale Food Pantry, on a rotation schedule.

In 2023, monthly donations will be given to: Families Forward (formerly Bidwell Riverside), Missionary Dr. Mefor, Urbandale Food Pantry, DMARC Food Bank, Women at the Well, African Immigrant and Refugee Transition Services (AIRTS), and Johnston Partnership.



Hand of Luke ~ Monday, August 14th

This is our monthly ministry of preparing a meal for the Central Iowa Shelter and Services.

Patrice Webber and Arlene Dabill lead this ministry. We are continuing to utilize your monetary donations to purchase the majority of the food for the monthly meal. Your donations are greatly appreciated!

The menu for August will be goulash, green beans, dinner rolls, and cookies.

Volunteers are needed to cook the meal, transport the food to the shelter, serve at the shelter, and donate cookies (no peanut butter or nuts, please). Please bring cookies in containers that do not need to be returned. If you are interested in this opportunity, you may sign up using the following link: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E044DACA722A4FE3-holmonday2

You may also contact Arlene Dabill at dabill49@aol.com or (515) 321-2059 to volunteer.

East Entrance Addition ~ Financial Update

Donations of \$100 have been received in the month of July (as of 07/26/23) to pay down our principal balance. We continue to make our monthly P&I payment to reduce our liability.

As of July 26th, \$83,297.66 has been donated. This results in a current loan balance of \$46,799.19.

We appreciate all of you who have made monthly pledges to this project until fully paid. All of your donations, regardless the amount, was and is, greatly appreciated!

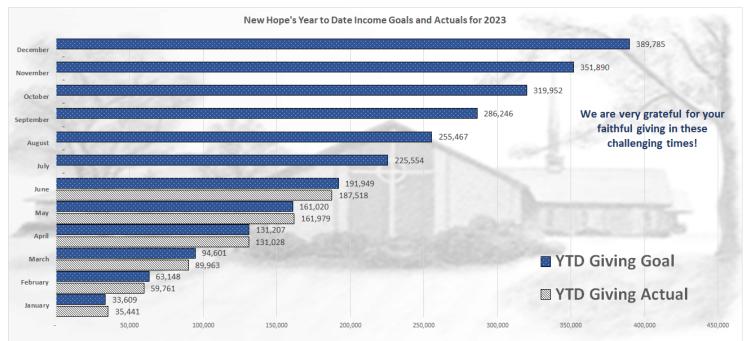
When donating to this project always write in the memo line of your check "East Entrance Addition". Thank you for your generosity and your involvement in our church!

John Rains East Entrance Addition Task Force, Chair





Thank You for your Financial Support



New Hope wants to remind you that we offer online giving as a way to automate your offering.

To setup online giving go to www.newhopedsm.org and click on the

Gifts tab. This will direct you securely to set up an automatic donation. Please contact the church office for additional information.

August 2023

Sunday morning services are: 8:30, 9:30 and 10:45

Nursery at 8:30 & 9:30

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 9:30a, Al-Anon, R.Chapel Noon, AA, R.Chapel	2 9:30 Chair Yoga & Fitness	3	4	5
		6:30p, SPRC Mtg.	6:30p, Praise Band practice	6:30p, Worship Mtg		
6 Communion 9:30a-11a Blood Pressure 10:45a, Children's Worship 10:45a, Brenda McConahay celebration 2-3pm, Ice Cream Social & Prayer Garden blessing	7 9:30 Chair Yoga & Fitness	8 9:30a, Al-Anon, R.Chapel Noon, AA, R.Chapel	9 9:30 Chair Yoga & Fitness 5:30p, Ukulele Worshop 7:00p, Praise Band practice	10	11	12 8:30a, Veterans Helping Veterans
13	14 9:30 Chair Yoga & Fitness	15 9:30a, Al-Anon, R.Chapel Noon, AA, R.Chapel	16 9:30 Chair Yoga & Fitness	17	18 9a-3p, Needlers at church	19
7p, Scout Mtg (Jackie)	3:30p, Hand of Luke	6:30p, Finance Mtg 7:00p, Stroke Club, F.Hall	6:30p, Praise Band practice	7p, Bible Study at Banny's		
20	21 9:30 Chair Yoga & Fitness	22 9:30a, Al-Anon, R.Chapel Noon, AA, R.Chapel	23 Deadline for September LINK 9:30 Chair Yoga & Fitness 6:30p, Praise Band practice	24 6:30p, Administrative Council Mtg.	25	26 3-5p, Celebrating Cultural Diversity
27	28 9:30 Chair Yoga & Fitness 10a-7p, F.Hall & FLC reserved	29 9:30a, Al-Anon, R.Chapel Noon, AA, R.Chapel 10a-4p, F.Hall & FLC reserved	30 9:30 Chair Yoga & Fitness 5:30p, Chancel Choir dinner 6:30p, Praise Band practice			



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

- 1 Melisa Forbes, Jackie Johnson
- 2 Theodore Nearmyer
- 3 Ryan Dickey, Carly Mohrman
- 4 Mona Kirkpatrick
- 5 Chibs Ukabiala, Joyce Turek, Evelyn O'Brien, Mayyer Pranivong
- 7 Dick Pipho
- 10 Allison Lemke
- 11 Sheldon Stout, Linda Cooley
- 12 Joe Hoffman
- 13 Triston Nearmyer, Allison Christensen
- 14 Don Gurnsey, David Cossa
- 15 Lucille Thomsen
- 16 Nancy Foreman, Gary Stubbs, Carolyn Burrough

- 18 Jodi Christensen, Brock Moore, Marilyn Rapp, Carsten Thompson
- 19 Annabelle Carrigan
- 20 Katie Rock
- 21 Tim Welter, Chris Hartung, Katarina Moore
- 22 Celeste Nelson
- 23 Nancy Wiles
- 24 Carey Hinman, Brendon Riley
- 26 Andrew Bogue, Joey Bolstad
- 28 Donna Kinsey, Bradyn Johnson
- 29 Catherine Leyda, James Louk, Armenta Buckingham, Brandin Johnson
- 30 Lynn Davisson, Sam Fairchild
- 31 Guelda King



- 1 Patrick Kyenkya & Georgette Umuhoza
- 3 Joe & Cathy Short
- 7 Chad & Alissa Strauss
- 8 Tim & Brenda McCulley
- 14 Richard & Charlene Cobb
- 13 Pascal Kyenkya & Jeanne Mukeshimana
- 17 Kurt & Angie Eaves
- 19 Wayne & Susan Clark
- 20 Bob & Sue Soards
- 23 Sharon Symonds & Ray Cron
- 24 David & Kate Cossa
- 27 Jerry & Linda Kielsmeier
- 28 Tyler & Emma Sandquist
- 29 Jody & Darla Wolfe
- 30 William & Katie Rock

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.



Worship Services

8:30 & 10:45: Traditional Services in the Sanctuary

9:30: Contemporary Service in the Family Life Center

We continue to offer the Sunday morning Parking Lot Radio Feed and also the Pre-Recorded Worship Services that can be found on the church Facebook page.

Church Staff

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