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New Hope United Methodist Church

June
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Story of HOPE

June 7: Hope in the Long-Awaited Dream
June 14: Guest Preacher

June 21: Joseph Forgives His Brothers
June 28: Hope in Courage

Adventure Awaits in the Rainforest!

Get ready to trek through towering trees, discover hidden waterfalls, and encounter amazing creatures at **Rainforest Fall Vacation Bible School!**

July 12–15, 2026

5:30–6:00 PM – Nightly Dinner (fuel up before the journey!)

6:00–8:00 PM – Rainforest Programs for PreK–8th Grade Explorers

Each night is packed with exciting adventures—games, music, crafts, and Bible discoveries that will help kids grow in faith while exploring the wonders of God’s creation!



Calling all Volunteers!

We need guides, storytellers, and jungle helpers to make this rainforest come alive! Whether you can lead a group, help with snacks, or decorate our jungle trail, there’s a place for you on the team.

Registration is OPEN NOW!

Don’t miss your chance to join this unforgettable expedition!

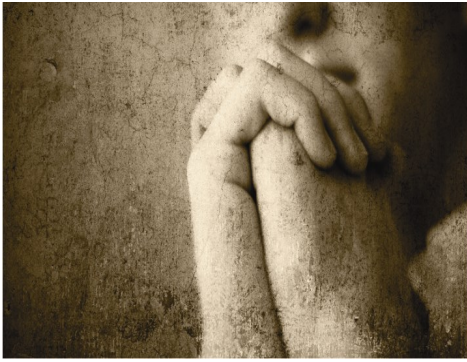
Sign up today to register your child or volunteer and be part of the adventure!

⇒ Participant Registration: <https://forms.gle/tzTQjrmeYjnnUR4X8>

⇒ Volunteer Registration: <https://forms.gle/8ARuL5RMHSvflZdp8>

We can’t wait to explore, discover, and grow—deep in the heart of the rainforest with you this summer at New Hope!

Questions? Contact Jackie at jackie@newhopedsm.org or (515)710-3239.



For fathers and father-figures, we pray and give thanks. And, God, for all the ways you guide, direct, teach and protect us in love, we praise you.

**HAPPY
Father's
Day**
June 21

Prayer Chain Request

If you have a prayer chain request, please call Glenna Ross at 515-321-3010 email at glenna625@hotmail.com or the church office at 515-278-2097.

Our Prayers for ~

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

Healing from Cancer:

DeVonne Douglas, Pam Frey, Marlys Borcharding, Barb Agan, Linda Boyd, Ray Pickett

Healing from Physical Issues:

Linda Wood, Larry Wood, Jack Habick, Dick Cobb, Freda Ruleman, Patricia Smith, Mike Aasheim Osborne

Military: Devan Stanton, Hunter Schmidt, Joshua Ruleman, Jacob Gerlach, Brycen Gerlach, Clayton Hults, Zach McClain, Ethan Hensley, Kaden Moran, Macon Woodlief, Jonah Tibbits, Ethan Douglass



On May 31st, **Dave & Jan Veeder** will join New Hope UMC by profession of faith. As retirees, they stay active with yoga, reading and Dave also enjoys travel and finance. 6791 NW 56th St., Johnston, IA 50131, 515-554-4217, janveeder@msn.com. Please help welcome Dave & Jan to our church

membership!

Baptism

Congratulations to **Sadie Sue Dillenburg** who will be baptized on May 31. Sadie is the daughter of Max & Bailey Dillenburg and little sister to Noah.

Congratulations to **Corbin Kenneth Hall** who will be baptized on May 31. Corbin is the son of Rachel Lindstrom and Travis Hall. Sally Lindstrom, New Hope member, is his great grandmother.

Directory Update

Doris Pugh

6901 Peckham St., Unit 121
Johnston, IA 50131
515-314-3433; rayh.pugh@msn.com

Thank you

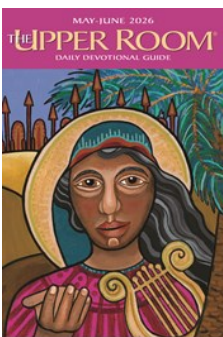
I would like to thank you all for the many prayers, hugs and cards I received during my time dealing with Jennifer's cancer and her death. You were my strength.

Love & Prayers, Linda Cooley and family

Thank you to the Kitchen Crew of Armenta, Althea, DeVonne, Kandra, Judy, Dawn, Patrice and Larry. Our kitchens sparkle!

You are appreciated!

Board of Trustees



New Hope UMC has available to you the Upper Room Daily Devotional Guide.

The **May/June** issue is in the Communication Center.

You may leave a donation in the box by the Upper Room guides.



The countdown is on! At the time of writing this article, we are just over 50 days away from **Rummage Sale 2026**. It will be here before we know it, and excitement is already building!

As I've shared over the past few months, this sale is truly a church-wide effort and takes many helping hands to bring it all together. From sorting and organizing to greeting shoppers and cleaning up, every hour volunteered makes a difference. Whether you can give one hour or many, we are so grateful for the gift of your time, energy, and talents.

Not only is the Rummage Sale one of our church's largest fundraisers, but it is also a meaningful opportunity to connect with our community. Year after year, familiar faces return, and new friendships are formed through simple conversations and acts of kindness.

The sale also provides affordable, high-quality items for families in our area. With the rising cost of everyday living, this ministry is more valuable and needed than ever before.

Below are several ways you can help make this year's Rummage Sale our best one yet:

Share our sale details with friends and family that may want to donate or shop:

Sunday, July 19: Donation Day – Donations will be accepted from the conclusion of service – 7pm

Monday, July 20: Donation Day – Donations will be accepted from 9am-1pm

July 20 - 22: Sorting/Pricing/Sale Organizing Days

SHOPPING HOURS:

July 23 ~ Noon-6pm

July 24 ~ 9am-6pm

July 25 ~ 9am-Noon

Fill a Need:

Cashiers for Thursday - We need 4 teams of checkers/sackers (8 people) to work Thursday, particularly in the first 3 hours of our Sale (Noon-3pm).**Cashiers will be handling money and need to be comfortable making change.**

Area Leaders- Our sale is LARGE, and it is extremely helpful to have one point person to be the leader for each sale area. Please let Jackie know if you will be a returning area leader or would like to sign up for the first time this year to oversee an area!

Saturday Clean Up - If you aren't available during the week but would like to contribute, PLEASE consider volunteering to help us box up the leftovers to be donated. This takes A LOT of time and by the end of the week, our usual team is tired. Assistance with this would be greatly appreciated!

If you want to volunteer for any of these roles or find out more information, please let Jackie know. She can be reached via email-jackiejohnson81@aol.com/phone-(515)710-3239.

Since we are hosting the sale in the summer, we would love to have some of our New Hope young people help as their schedules allow! This counts for silver cord and Scouting America service hours!

Please prayerfully consider how you might be able to help us this year and fill out the linked interest form below or email or talk with Jackie about your availability: jackiejohnson81@aol.com.

Sign up here: <https://forms.gle/6h7qviRiNgm9up9XA>

Thank you so much for your consideration!
Jackie Johnson



Our Bake Sale, during the Rummage Sale, will be hosted by our United Women in Faith group again this year!

They would love to have your help stocking their shelves with goodies! Thinking outside the box is great – they would love donations of homemade jams, pickles, salsa, breads, rolls, candy, cookies, cakes, brownies, pies, snack mixes, etc. Please label your baked items, and alert us if nuts or peanut butter are used. Gluten free baked goods are also welcome.

Please let Glenna Ross if you would like to contribute something yummy to their efforts. Sign up at the *Welcome Center* or text/call Glenna at (515) 321-3010 if you would like to contribute something.

Baked goods can be delivered to the church from 9:00am-5:00pm: Tues. July 21, Wed. July 22, or Thurs. July 23. Thank you in advance for your help with this!



Calling all Iowa State Fair goers!

The West Des Moines United Methodist Church needs help with their food booth on the state fairgrounds.

You will be given an admission ticket.

Our church will receive \$50 for each 4-hour shift,

\$75 for each 6-hour shift, or \$100 for each 8-hour shift that a member of our church works.

The fair runs from August 11 - August 23.

Go to this link for more details and to sign up starting June 15.

<https://wdmumc.org/group-pages/state-fair-stand/>

“Thank You”

to the Chancel Choir and Praise Team

For the beautiful music on Sunday mornings, for your dedication in attending rehearsals, for inspiring us to lift our hearts, minds and voices in singing praises to our Lord, we thank you!

Chancel Choir

Sopranos

Janet Habick
Linda Reaney

Tenor

Mike Wakeman

Basses

Chris Boyles
Lynn Davisson
Gary Williamson

Altos

Susan Frey
Jolene Harlow
Pastor Amy Johnson
Clarice Rubek

Director: Linda Reaney

Piano/Organ

Emily Bowser

Praise Team

Vocals

Janet Habick
Althea Holcomb
Pastor Amy Johnson
Judy Nemmers
Joan Ringgenberg
Michelle Roquet

Instruments

Keyboard: Emily Bowser
Guitar: Drew Douglass, Ethan Douglass
Noah Bardwell
Drums: Ron Ringgenberg

Sound Booth: Steven & Beatrice Schutter

“Thank You”

to the Children & Youth Programs

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all of our teachers and leaders who faithfully give their time, talents, and love to serve the children and youth of New Hope UMC. Through thoughtful lesson preparation, caring guidance, and Christ-like example, they make a lasting impact on our church family.

We are deeply grateful for the dedication of our 2025–2026 volunteers!

Sunday School

Nick Bogue
Sherri Bogue
Tricia Berry

Teen Time Helpers

Pam Frey

TGIW Helpers

Pam Frey
Kris Wakeman
Gracey Harris
Linda Yaske

BLAST (Youth) Leaders

Chris Higdon
Jenn Higdon
McKayla Nearmyer

Puppets

Will Rock

Meals

Glenna Ross, DeVonne Douglas, Cadence Kasper
Patty Nearmyer, McKayla Nearmyer
Dale & Nancy Monthei; Nan & Gary Stubbs
Sue Soards & Dawn Bachelder; Jolene & Robin Harlow
Bruce Bernard & Arlene Dabill

Wow! Our new sign brings our entrance up to a whole new level!

Best of all, the project is fully paid for. This achievement would not have been possible without our *generous* congregation. We want to extend a special thank you to everyone who donated to make this possible, with particular gratitude to the family of Norma Sutton.

Also, thank you to Ruth Doxon for adding low maintenance hosta to make the sign stand out even more!!



Steve, Spencer & Andy Sutton



Ruth Doxon

The Trustees reviewed our options and confirmed that enough funds were donated to cover the cost of the two new furnaces. (We compared the cost of replacing both furnace/AC vs replacing the furnaces only. The difference in costs is minimal.) Consequently, the furnaces were replaced on May 18, 2026. Our last major fundraising event for the time being took place on May 20, 2026. Once we receive the final bill for the furnace installation, we will provide an update regarding the AC fund. (They are over 20 years old)

We will continue with the Wishing Well for other issues/maintenance, since we all know how that goes! Thank you for your generosity!

Board of Trustees



New Hope's Future



This is an inspiring time for New Hope. We have had several inquiries about nonprofit organizations wishing to use our campus. The Trustees realize that a future vision of the New Hope UMC campus needs to be developed before we can seriously entertain sharing our space. Whatever we decide, it needs to align with a modern, proactive approach to New Hope's ministry and our Mission - *Following Christ, inspiring minds, loving hearts, serving hands and transforming communities.*

To prepare for these opportunities, the **Trustees are seeking members to help create a plan for New Hope's campus.** Members who can think creatively (Visionary Planning), are passionate about what New Hope has to offer, be good communicators, and are action oriented, are needed for an Exploratory Committee to set a course for our campus.

This committee will play a vital role in helping New Hope be a blessing to our community.

If you are ready to help shape the future of New Hope's campus or just want more information, please reach out to the Trustee board! Thank you for your consideration!

Pam Frey yayafrey@gmail.com 515-490-8440



Our gratitude to our Veterans is never ending! Unfortunately, with the summer obligations of our cooks we are pausing our Veterans breakfast. Be safe and enjoy the summer. See you in September and as always, thank you for your service.



Armenta and Charlotte placed the flags out for Memorial weekend.

NEW HOPE'S HAPPY CAMPERS

Spend a few summer
Sundays soaking up some
son!

Activities :

- ✓ Outdoor Adventures
- ✓ Arts and Crafts
- ✓ Group Games
- ✓ Camping Themed Snacks
- ✓ Story/Lesson Time

**Join us once or all
three times during
the 10 am service!**

10-11am

June 28

July 26

August 23

Psalm 113:3 "From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the Lord is to be praised."



~ Save the Date ~
**Holy Smokes BBQ Party
(3rd Annual)**

Sunday, August 9, time to be determined, at Aldersgate UMC, 3600 75th St., Urbandale. Hosted by West Metro UMC Circuit: New Hope, Walnut Hills, Maple Grove, Grace, West Des Moines, Valley, Windsor, Aldersgate, Women at the Well and Immanuel.

More details to come!

Do you enjoy our Prayer Garden?

Did you know that people from outside our congregation often come here to sit, meditate, and pray?

We had a wonderful turnout for our spring cleanup, where volunteers pulled weeds, split plants, and raked the grounds.

Now, we need help maintaining this beautiful space during the summer months. The Trustees are looking for volunteers who are willing to take on light gardening tasks.

If you are interested, please contact Pam Frey yayafrey@gmail.com or 515-490-8440.



Social Action Committee News ~

Chair: Althea Holcomb ~ 515.490.0789, althea.holcomb@gmail.com

The Fresh Start meal served in late April was well received. There were several who had not returned in time for the meal so food was left for them. We surmised that these women are at jobs which will hopefully be another move towards a “fresh start.” Many thanks to those who contributed food and/or efforts to this activity!

The Mothers’ Day personal hygiene drive for the Domestic Violence Center provided over 250 personal care items. Thank you all for your generous contributions.



In June, we will be doing our annual diaper drive for Johnston Community Services.

Larger sized diapers (5, 6 or pull-ups) and diaper wipes would be greatly appreciated.

The receiving area for donations of food for the Free Little Food Pantry and the grain bin have been moved to the book shelves in the northwest corner of Fellowship Hall. Thank you for keeping this action going.

Free Little Food Pantry, located between 51st and 52nd Streets north of Meredith Drive

Please help us continue to meet our goal of providing **70** items each week. Please no opened boxes or expired items. Thank you for your support in stocking this pantry with food. Please continue your generosity!

Your help is needed in delivering the food we put in the Free Little Food Pantry on Mondays. Sign up on the clipboard on the top shelf. If you would like to know about delivering the food or would like someone to go with you, please contact Althea Holcomb, 515.490.0789, althea.holcomb@gmail.com.

African Immigrant and Refugee Transition Services (AIRTS) is grateful for the jasmine rice, dried beans and lentils that have been donated to our grain bin! They really appreciate getting these specific food items which are a staple in their diet and food pantries don’t necessarily stock them.

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, go to <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.



Hand of Luke ~Sunday, June 14

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 June will be chicken/vegetable/rice casserole, sliced peaches, dinner rolls, and cookies.

Volunteers are needed to prepare 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/30E044DACA722A4FE3-64201551-holsunday>

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



Camperships – Make sure you get your child(ren) registered for church camp this summer! **New Hope’s Social Action Committee will cover half of the registration fee, up to \$200 for children actively participating in our congregation.**

We want as many as possible to attend our United Methodist camp at Wesley Woods where they will experience nature and Christ in new ways.

Register on-line at: www.iaumc.org/camps. The place to share the portion paid by the church is on the “Camper Profile Form” that is to be completed during the registration process.

If you have any questions about the online registration, contact Shannon, Registrar, at 515-974-8946.

Please Nancy at the church at nancy@newhopeds.org to let her know when you have registered your child(ren).

Thank you to everyone for your generosity and care for our community.

Children's & Youth Ministry

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

What a wonderful year of Sunday School we shared together!

On May 17, we wrapped up with a fun-filled celebration day complete with games, laughter, and plenty of smiles. Even though the weather outside was a little yucky, it didn't stop us from having fun inside!

This year was filled with opportunities to grow in God's love, learn more about Jesus, build friendships, and make lasting memories together.

From Bible lessons with our special Bible Buddies, to crafts and service, silly moments, and LOTS of games - we are so thankful for every child, volunteer, and family who made Sunday School such a blessing this year!

As we celebrate the end of another amazing year, we were reminded that God's love shines bright in every season—rain or shine!

We can't wait to see what God has in store for next year!



A few photos of the fun we had in Sunday School this year!



During the 10am service, throughout the summer, children are welcome to join Jackie at the kid's table in the back of the FLC for quiet activities.

Children's & Youth Ministry

by Jackie Johnson, Children & Youth Ministries Coordinator jackie@newhopedsd.org or (515)710-3239

TGIW Midweek Meetup wrapped up another wonderful year filled with fellowship, laughter, service, and unforgettable memories!

Our final evening was a celebration to remember with our annual Talent Show, where our friends shared their amazing gifts and talents, along with a special performance from guest magician Mikayla Oz that kept everyone entertained and amazed!

Throughout the year, we enjoyed growing together in faith and friendship while making a difference in our community. Our final Service First, All Group Service Project was spent at Every Step, where our group worked hard to assemble 200 goodie bags to bless the people they serve.



Thank you to all of our students, families, volunteers, and supporters who made this year so special! We are already looking forward to another fantastic year of TGIW Midweek Meetup returning in mid-September.

Until then, have a safe and joyful summer!

A few highlights from our Talent Show! More photos are available on the church Facebook page.



BLAST (BLAST@NewHopeDSM.org):

Christopher & Jennifer Higdon and McKayla and Regan Nearmyer



Don't forget to register for Wesley Games!

If you have not signed up, we want all youth to attend Wesley Games (<https://wesleywoodsiowa.org/summer-camp/>). Wesley Games exists to invite students to a life-giving relationship with God in Jesus Christ, participating in God's grace through worship, games, and small group experiences. Students will have an opportunity to engage in team-based game play like Gaga Ball, 9-Square in the Air, and Carpet Ball. In the afternoon they will be able to choose activities like horseback riding, archery, a ropes course, and swimming.

There will be time for Bible study in small groups and worship together. Students will be encouraged to begin or deepen their relationship with Jesus and come back filled with the fire of the Holy Spirit.

This year we are encouraging all youth; both Senior BLAST and Junior BLAST kids to sign up for Wesley Games, <https://wesleywoodsiowa.org/summer-camp/>. Wesley Games is a one-week camp experience on campus at Wesley Woods Camp in Indianola, Iowa. This year's camp is from **July 20-24, 2026!**

Scholarships are available through the Sr. BLAST fund. A \$200 per youth scholarship will be applied to their camp fee. After youth have registered, please email Nancy at nancy@newhopedsm.org so that the \$200 can be sent to the Camp.

Opportunity for our Youth June 21st through June 27th

We will be helping Burns UMC with some local projects to help improve their church. However, the local mission group will be limited to 30 youth so we need you to register as soon as possible: <https://jrol.breezechms.com/form/3b436661>. New Hope is covering the entire costs of the experience. Questions? Contact Chris Higdon 515-306-7617

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

General Information

Who:

- Youth ages 12-18 (6th-12th grade)
- Limited to 30 youth
- Adult volunteers needed
- Chaperones must accompany youth



Location & Projects:

- Burns UMC will be our primary work location
 - Painting, reflooring, yard and playground work
- Other potential work sites include: (Depends on # of youth)
 - Sleep in Heavenly Peace - Building beds for kids
 - Community Gardens
 - Families Forward
- Overnight location Aldersgate UMC - (Showers & Gym)
 - Bring bedding (Air mattress / sleeping bag)

Meals will be provided!

- Please consider a \$10 / meal donation to cover costs

Every church can help: (Great connectionalism)

- Every volunteer is needed!
- Sponsor a Meal / Join for evening worship!

For more information...

-Contact:

- Rev. Dr. Craig Ferguson at pastorcferguson@gmail.com (319) 939-6788
- Rev. Dr. James Pernell at james.pernell@iaumc.org
- District Superintendent Rev. Dr. Lilian Seagren at lilian.seagren@iaumc.org

Schedule:

- Sunday June 21:
 - 3-5 PM - Arrival and orientation
- Mon- Fri
 - 7:30 AM Wake / Breakfast / Devotions
 - 9- Noon Work Teams
 - 12-1 PM Lunch & Devotion
 - 1-4 PM Work Teams
 - 5:30 - 10 PM Supper / Games / Worship
- Wednesday Special day
 - Noon - Iowa Cubs Game (S)
- Saturday - Family work and Celebration
 - 8 - Noon (Any and all welcome)
 - Noon - Celebration Meal



United Women in Faith

Reminder to all that we will not meet in June but will be having a potluck luncheon on Thursday, July 16. All women of the church are invited to join in this fun event. It is a wonderful way to meet new friends or catch up with old friends. Please bring a dish to share. It is always a surprise what we get. Everything is very tasty. Question: Contact Glenna Ross at 515-321-3010 or email: glenna625@hotmail.com

Recipe of the Month: Mexican Street Corn off the Cob

- 1 Tbs. butter
- 4 Ears of Corn, shucked and kernels removed (makes 3-4 cups depending on size of corn)
- 2 Tbs. Mayonnaise
- 3 oz. Feta cheese crumbles
- ½ tsp. smoked paprika
- 1 green onion stalk finely chopped
- Handful of fresh parsley, chopped
- Salt & pepper to taste

In a large skillet (cast iron if you have one) melt butter over medium-high heat then add the corn. Spread evenly and cook for 10-15 minutes, or until the exterior is charred/browned, stirring frequently.

Mix the mayonnaise, cheese crumbles, paprika, green onion, parsley, salt and pepper.

Mix into corn to combine, serve warm.



May 20th Bingo Fundraiser ~ Thank you to:

- ♦ The bakers of the delicious baked goods: John & Kandra Dickerson, Alexis Holcomb, Nancy Monthei, Patty Nearmyer, Glenna Ross, Nan Stubbs, Steve Sutton, Patrice Webber, Linda Yaske!
- ♦ Amazing organizers of the event and the wonderful meal: Dale & Nancy Monthei, Glenna Ross, DeVonne Douglas, Althea Holcomb, Mel Forbes, Pam Frey!
- ♦ Everyone that attended! We had an exciting start with the first game of bingo resulting in bingos from 4 different people! After that, 8 more games were played with the last game being continual play until all the baked goods were taken. We ended the fun at 7:30pm

Free-will donations of **\$2,180.23** will go to the HVAC fund for eventually A/C replacements.



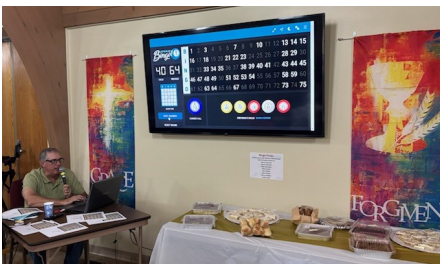
Everyone so focused on their cards!



Juniece won 3 times!



Emma & Theo (youngest player)!



Dale calling the numbers!



Aubrey with her delicious win!



← This table had 5 people win throughout the event!

ADULT Sunday School

Join us!

10:00am in the Ruby Chapel using "Wired Word"

Blood Pressure Check

Next opportunity is on **June 7 8:45am - 11am** in the Narthex.

Support Groups

Al-Anon

Every Tuesday at 9:30am in the Ruby Chapel.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Every Tuesday at Noon in the Ruby Chapel.



Care Ministry Team

The Care Ministry meets quarterly. Next meeting is on **Thurs., July 9, 2026 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, rrubek@aol.com

Sleeping Mats/Loom

If you are new member or just learning about this New Hope Mission, we weave 6 foot long mats out of recycled grocery bags. The mats are given to homeless people in our city and provide a dry barrier from the cold, wet ground. Each mat prevents over 500 plastic bags from going into the landfill!

The weavers are currently starting the 18th mat. We have plenty of white grocery store bags, but we will gladly accept colored bags to add a pop-up color to our mats. Weaving would be a great activity for high school students to earn their silver cord volunteer hours. Our hours are flexible and we would be willing to work with a student to help them out. We do, however, primarily **weave at church on the first and third Thursdays of the month from 1:00 to 2:30.**

Recruit a neighbor or friend and come join the fun.

Contact Sue Baldwin at 515/360-2456 if you have questions.



New Hope Needlers

The Needlers will meet on **Friday, June 19, 9am - 3pm** in the northwest classroom. We lunch at Panera in Johnston.

Please join us to sew lap quilts for the NHUMC Care Team to gift our church members who are hospitalized or moving into care facilities and to newborns. Bring your sewing machine, current project and sewing notions. If your machine isn't portable, we have two in the church closet you may use for the day.

We recently received a generous gift of quilt fabrics to use. Our stash runneth over.

Simple patterns, batting, and backing fabric are also available. Please give prior notice for these.

Questions? Contact Diane Densmore, 515-270-1974.



Men's Fellowship will not meet during the summer. Next gathering will be on **Saturday, September 5 at 8:30 a.m.** at church. All men are invited!!



Chair Yoga & Fitness

Every Monday and Wednesday at 9:30am

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. No fee!

This is for anyone and any age. Bring your friends!



Miracle Sunday ~ Thank you!

Our congregation was able to surpass our \$1000 goal by several hundred dollars! We did it!

In addition to the financial goal, we have gathered seminary books and bibles from several retired and active clergy, adding up to an additional gift of 25-26 cases to stock a United Methodist seminary library in the Philippines! This is enough to fill several shelves with dictionaries, commentaries, Greek and Hebrew language learning books, pastoral care books, history books, United Methodist books, study Bibles, and more! Many are new books, and all are sorted into what is useful and current. The value of the boxes is between \$500 and \$2000 per box (depending on contents) if the seminary had to purchase the same books. Their used value is \$4500 based on weight, and approximately \$500-700 in postage. This gift is important as the seminary receiving them also has limited online access and resources in the locations where many of the pastors are serving and they currently have a very small number of resources in their print library. That makes our total contribution just shy of \$7000!

Thank you to everyone who contributed and made this a successful mission campaign! Well done, good and faithful servants! I hope you have time to savor the joy of this Pentecost miracle you have just brought into the world!

Pastor Amy



*Thank You for your
Financial Support*

| Financial Summary Ending April 30, 2026 | | | |
|--|--------------|--------------|------------|
| | Actual April | Budget April | YTD Actual |
| Income | \$ 35,334 | \$ 29,271 | \$ 141,757 |
| Expense | \$ 30,136 | \$ 30,867 | \$ 124,982 |
| Net Income (Loss) | \$ 5,198 | \$ (1,596) | \$ 16,775 |

We will be offering an **E-Giving Help Desk** the first Sunday of every month. Please stop and talk with a Finance Committee member in the narthex with any questions you may have such as how to set up automated donations, change my donation amount, credit card, bank account, etc.

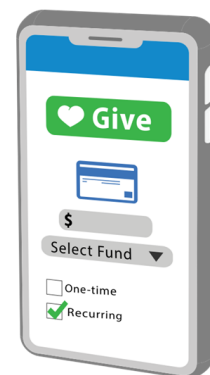
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This Memorial Day, we honor those who gave their lives for us. The origins of the holiday lie in honoring military veterans who died in service to their country. It is important for us to remember that first and foremost on this holiday.

As the month of June continues, though, I challenge you also to remember those who have given their lives in service to God. The word we use in the church is "martyr." Martyrs of the faith are ones who have laid their lives down in exchange for remaining faithful to God. These Christians endured trials we feign to imagine: violence, corporal punishment, torture, spectacles of embarrassment and harassment, and almost every kind of death you can imagine rather than abandoning their faith.

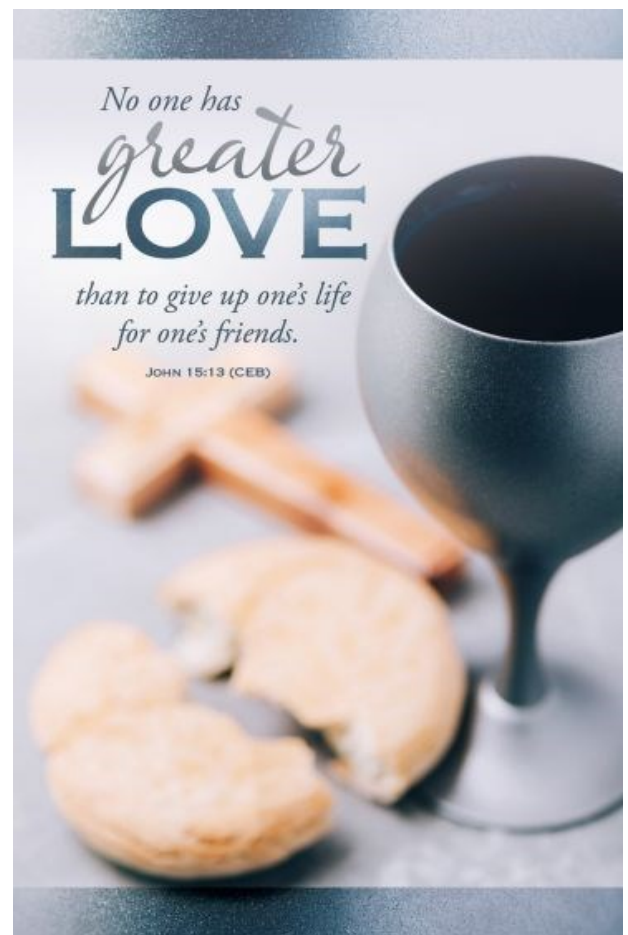
The first martyr, Stephen, is recorded in the Acts of the Apostles. Even in the first days of faith, there were Christians ready to give their whole lives to Christ. They are heroes of faith, just as the soldiers who gave their lives in service are heroes to our nation and families.

In the same way, we remember these saints of old and current saints. In many places, it remains dangerous to speak the message of Christ, a message of peace, hope, and love, in a world of chaos and struggle. It challenges us to remember that our sacrifices are possible because theirs was still greater. They inspire us to be people of faith and service.

May you, in your service and love this month, think on those whose service and love led to death, so that you might remember that all service in the Lord ends in eternal life.

Thank God this month for all who have laid down their lives for their friends. May we learn to cherish others and to give of ourselves in every gift of service we offer.

Blessings of Remembrance,
Pastor Amy



June 2026

**Sunday morning services are:
9:00, 10:00 and 11:00
Nursery at 10:00**

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

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| | 1 Church Office closed 9:30 Chair Yoga & Fitness 7p, Trustees Mtg | 2 9:30a, Al-Anon, R.Chapel Noon, AA, R.Chapel 5:15p, Praise band practice | 3 9:30 Chair Yoga/Fitness | 4 1p, Mat weaving 6:30p, Worship Mtg | 5 | 6 |
| 7 Holy Communion 8:45-11a, Blood Pressures E-giving Help desk 7p, Scouts (Jackie) | 8 Church Office closed 9:30 Chair Yoga & Fitness | 9 9:30a, Al-Anon, R.Chapel Noon, AA, R.Chapel 5:15p, Praise band practice 6:30p, SPPRC Meeting | 10 9:30 Chair Yoga/Fitness | 11 Annual Conference | 12 Annual Conference | 13 Annual Conference |
| 14 Annual Conference Guest Preacher: Rev. Jeremy Geerdes 3pm, Hand of Luke | 15 Church Office closed 9:30 Chair Yoga & Fitness | 16 9:30a, Al-Anon, R.Chapel Noon, AA, R.Chapel 5:15p, Praise band practice 6:30p, Finance Mtg | 17 9:30 Chair Yoga/Fitness | 18 1p, Mat weaving | 19 9a, Needlers | 20 |
| 21 Father's Day | 22 Church Office closed 9:30 Chair Yoga & Fitness | 23 9:30a, Al-Anon, R.Chapel Noon, AA, R.Chapel 5:15p, Praise band practice | 24 July LINK deadline 9:30 Chair Yoga & Fitness | 25 6:30p, Administrative Council Mtg. | 26 | 27 |
| 28 10a, Happy Campers | 29 Church Office closed 9:30 Chair Yoga & Fitness | 30 9:30a, Al-Anon, R.Chapel Noon, AA, R.Chapel 5:15p, Praise band practice | | | | |



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- 4 Larry Webber
- 5 Samantha Strauss
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- 12 Doug Fairchild
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"May God's many blessings, be yours the year through."



WORSHIP *with us* **Sunday Morning Worship Services**
9:00 & 11:00: Traditional Services in the Sanctuary
10:00: Contemporary Service in the Neil Cross Family Life Center
We continue to offer the Pre-Recorded Worship Services that can be found on the church Facebook page.

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