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New Hope United Methodist Church

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Stories of HOPE

July 5: Psalm of Hope
July 12: Hope in Salvation

July 19: Hope in the Peace of the Lion's Dens
July 26: Dream Big, Start Small, Build Deep

Adventure Awaits in the Rainforest!

Thank you to everyone that has signed up to help us with our Rainforest Falls VBS this month!

We are looking forward to an amazing week as we adventure into relationship with God and fellowship with our VBS participants!

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!

There is always room for one more! Please note that we can't guarantee t-shirts for late registrants, but they are welcome to join us!

Volunteers Register Here: <https://forms.gle/yr29ZdHsM38egB257>

Participants Register Here: <https://forms.gle/y1eanp3HaTB3Dxtq8>

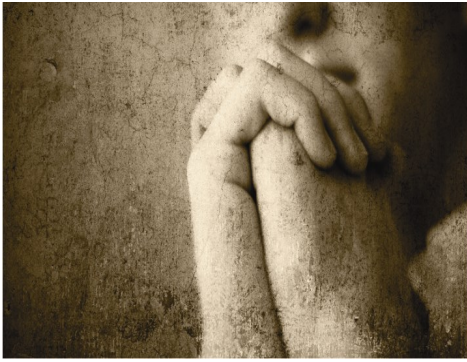
If you aren't sure if you already registered, just email Jackie (jackie@newhopedsm.org) and she will find out for you. VBS t-shirts will be available on Sunday, July 12th at each of the services for volunteers and those in the congregation that ordered a shirt to support our programs.

Participants will receive their shirts at check-in that evening.

Grab your explorer's hat and join us at Rainforest Falls! We can't wait to splash through this exciting adventure with you as we discover the true nature of God and grow in faith together!

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





As our nation celebrates Independence Day, let us remember and proclaim that God so loved the whole world that he sent Jesus to share in this life.

Let us join in praise!



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:

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

Our Sympathy

Our Sympathy to the family and friends of **Jane Wagner**. Jane passed away on May 29. A graveside service was held on June 2. Obituary can be found at: <https://www.ilesfuneralhomes.com/obituary/Jane-Wagner/Johnston-Iowa/1894727>



Please consider sharing your musical talents with the congregation on Sundays at the 9am or 11am services (or both) this summer. Musicians of all ages are invited to share - soloists, duets, quartets and small groups (vocal and instrumental) are welcome.

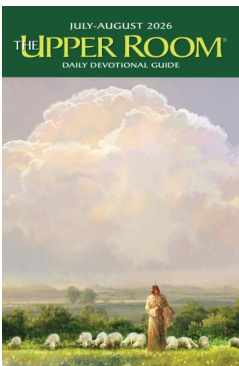
Sign up at the following link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0849A9AB2BA31-64438877-summer#/>

Please sign up by Thursday morning before the Sunday you would like to share your music. Questions? Contact the church office, 515-278-2097, nhfamily@newhopedsm.org.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord!

New Hoppers ~ Worship Helpers!



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

The **July/August** issue is in the

Communication Center.

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

Charleigh Mau was Lector at the 9am service.



Rick Roquet was lector at the 10am service.



July is just around the corner as I write this, and with it comes one of New Hope's most anticipated traditions—our annual Rummage Sale!

Anyone who has been around New Hope for a while knows that the Rummage Sale is a well-oiled machine. Each year, a dedicated team of volunteers comes together to "git-r-done"—or, to put it a bit more eloquently, to transform our church into an organized, welcoming shopping experience for the community.

Hundreds of volunteer hours are invested to ensure that every item is carefully sorted, thoughtfully priced, and beautifully displayed. Just as importantly, our volunteers provide the friendly smiles and warm hospitality that make this event so special.

If you've never volunteered before, we would love to have you join the team! Whether you can spare an hour or contribute several days of your time, every helping hand makes a difference. Not only is the Rummage Sale one of our church's largest fundraisers, but it is also a wonderful opportunity for community outreach.

Year after year, we welcome shoppers who return because they know they'll find quality items at affordable prices and friendly faces throughout the building. With the rising cost of everyday necessities, providing low-cost, high-quality items to our neighbors is more important than ever.

If you have jewelry to donate, please consider bringing it to the collection basket at the Welcome Center on any Sunday between now and the sale. Receiving jewelry early gives our volunteers extra time to sort, organize, and prepare these items for display.

Thank you for your generosity, your willingness to serve, and your support of this important ministry. Together, we can make a meaningful impact in our community while continuing a beloved New Hope tradition.

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 services – 7pm

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

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

Volunteers works from 9am-6pm on each of these days.

SHOPPING HOURS:

July 23 ~ Noon - 6pm

July 24 ~ 9am - 6pm

July 25 ~ 9am - Noon

There are many ways you can help make this year's sale our best one yet! **Help 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 (from 12-3pm). You can sign up with a friend and be paired together! **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. Specific areas of need include clothing and home décor. 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. Sign up here: <https://forms.gle/Y3wsWVYgKyFF11eVA>

Thank you so much for your consideration! Jackie Johnson



Donation Details

Please get your donations ready before bringing them in!

Here's how....

Please sort your things into like kinds - men's clothing together, shoes together, kitchenware together, etc... this will REALLY help our volunteers when it comes time to get the donations ready for display. We truly appreciate your help with this, it saves many hours of time for our volunteers!

Our Rummage Sale has a great reputation in the community for having high quality, gently used items! Please help us keep our good reputation by ensuring your donations are free from damage and in clean, working order when donated.

Do you have an item you aren't sure we will accept?

When in doubt, check this out:

- No mattresses
- No tube style TVs
- No hide-a-bed sofas
- No car seats
- No stuffed animals
- No Christmas trees



**DONATIONS
ACCEPTED:**

**JULY 19-
END OF SERVICES - 7PM
JULY 20-
9AM-1PM**



Thank you in advance for your amazing donations! Our sale would not exist without the generosity of our congregation year after year.

Each and every donation is appreciated and blesses not only our church (by providing financial support for our missions and ministries) but our community is blessed as well!

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!





United
Women
in Faith

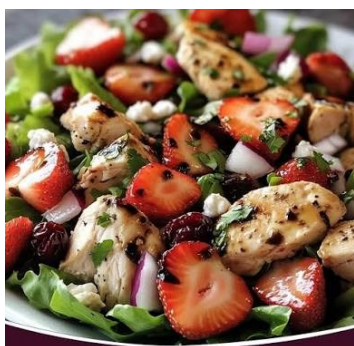
United Women in Faith would like to invite all the women of the church to our annual potluck lunch. It is a fun way to get to know women from the different services. The food is always so delicious.

Please put it on your calendar to come Thursday, July 16 at 11:30am.

Please bring a dish to share. Drinks will be provided.

Questions? Contact Glenna Ross at 515-321-3010 or email: glenna625@hotmail.com

Recipe of the month: **Strawberry Romaine Salad**



Salad

2 heads of Romaine lettuce, torn in bite size pieces
1 pint of strawberries sliced
2 green onions, sliced
1 cup purple seedless grape, halved
½ cup chopped pecans
1 chicken breast cooked and diced

Assemble salad.

Combine dressing ingredients in shaker or jar and shake.
Mix all together and serve.

Dressing

1 Tbs. dry Italian dressing mix
3 Tbs orange juice
3 Tbs rice vinegar
1/2 cup vegetable oil
¼ cup sugar

Women at the Well – Fresh Start Women’s Center



We are providing a meal at the Fresh Start Women’s Center on **Tuesday, July 28.**

Please check the signup sheet in the Welcome Center if you would like to donate food or help prepare and deliver this meal. Contact Jolene Harlow, 515-490-8813, or rdharlow@earthlink.net if you have questions.

Fresh start is a satellite ministry of Women at the Well that features bible study, worship and small group support for the reentry journey of women in transition from jail or prison. A feeding ministry offers a home-cooked meal to the women twice a month, on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. The mission of Women at the Well is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

BINGO Fundraiser

Wednesday, August 5 * Doors open at 6:00pm for Dinner * Bingo starts at 6:30pm

We will have another *epic* night of BINGO! The *free-will offering* will help with the meal expense and to support our church with ongoing expenses/updates.

It includes:

- * 1 Bingo card per person
- * Hot dogs, chips, pasta salad, desserts and beverages
- * Prizes of baked goods
- * Fun vibes + friendly competition

For planning purposes, please RSVP by August 2 at the Welcome Center or email to nancy@newhopedsm.org or call 515-278-2097 (no text). Please invite your friends!!



Limited seating - RSVP today!

Social Action Committee News ~

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



Thank you for the donations of diapers, during the month of June, for our annual diaper drive for Johnston Partnership. June 28th will be the last Sunday for the collection. Johnston Partnership will be extremely grateful that we answered their need!



On July 28, we are hosting another meal for the women at **Fresh Start**. *Please check the sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center for opportunities to help with this meal.*

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.



Hand of Luke ~ Tuesday, July 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 July 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/30E044DACA722A4FE3-64578504-holtuesday>

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@newhopedsm.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

During the 10:00am service each Sunday this summer, children are welcome to join Jackie Johnson, Children's & Youth Ministries Coordinator, at the children's table in the back for coloring and quiet activities. There will also continue to be a dedicated Children's Message during worship weekly throughout the summer.

A staffed nursery is available during the 10am service weekly for children from birth to age 4.



Hear the Waterfall Roar... It's Time for Our Rainforest Falls VBS Celebration!

Grab your gear and join us as we gather at **Rainforest Falls** for a special **VBS Wrap-Up Celebration** during the **10:00 AM service on Sunday, July 19!**

Just like explorers resting beside a rushing waterfall, we invite you to bring your **favorite chair, blanket, or towel** to create your own cozy spot to sit for worship. Together we'll transform our worship space into a rainforest oasis as we celebrate an unforgettable week of discovering God's amazing love! Thank you for embracing this fun rainforest adventure with us. Providing your own seats helps our hardworking volunteers avoid having to move and reset the FLC chairs so they can focus their energy on celebrating our kids and preparing for the Rummage Sale donations to come in later the same day!

If you trekked through Rainforest Falls as a participant, guided young explorers as a volunteer, or supported our VBS ministry with the purchase of a Rainforest Falls shirt, we invite you to wear your shirt proudly on July 19. Let's fill the sanctuary with the bright colors and joyful spirit of our rainforest adventure! During worship, our young explorers will share the songs they learned while journeying through the rainforest, and we'll enjoy a special Rainforest Falls-themed service celebrating the wonder, beauty, and faithfulness of God. Be sure to stop by the children's table for rainforest-inspired activities!

The vines are swaying, the waterfalls are rushing, and the creatures of the rainforest are ready to celebrate all God has done during this incredible week. We can't wait to gather with you for a morning overflowing with joy, wonder, and gratitude!

Come celebrate the adventure.

Discover God's wonders.

Rejoice in a wild and wonderful week at
Rainforest Falls VBS!

**NEW HOPE'S
HAPPY CAMPERS**

Spend a few summer
Sundays soaking up some
sun!

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."

BLAST (BLAST@NewHopeDSM.org):

Christopher & Jennifer Higdon and McKayla and Regan Nearmyer

Final Call ~ Don't forget to register for Wesley Games at <https://wesleywoodsiowa.org/summer-camp/>!



This year, we are encouraging all youth, both Senior BLAST and Junior BLAST kids, to attend the one-week camp experience on campus at Wesley Woods Camp in Indianola. This year's camp is from **July 20-24, 2026!**

Wesley Games exists to invite students into a life-giving relationship with God in Jesus Christ, 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.

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.

Thank you to the youth who participated in the week-long (*June 21 – 27*) Central District Multicultural Youth Mission Experience. The youth and leaders spent the week doing local mission work in Des Moines and spent the evenings doing devotions at Aldersgate United Methodist Church. Aldersgate was the host location for breakfast and dinner, while giving us a spot to make lunch before they left for their mission work. Pastor Amy provided devotions for the group to partake in three times throughout their day.

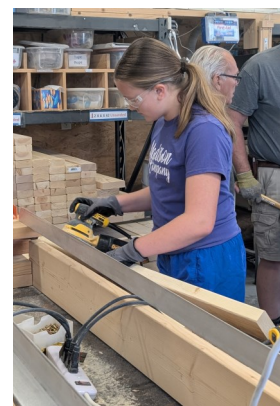
The group was able to participate in mission work at a variety of locations throughout their week. Monday, they started off making beds for "Sleep in Heavenly Peace," which provides a bed, mattress, and bedding for local children. They did some painting projects and demolition projects for Burn United Methodist Church. The group also took turns helping at Families Forward Food Pantry and the New Directions Shelter. After Supper, worship was held, and some time for fun and games. The youth and leaders were able to attend an I-Cubs game during the day on Wednesday.

Please lift up your thanks for these youth and leaders from our church.

Andrew Higdon
Aubrey Hogue
Charleigh Mau

Baylin Schoelerman
Miles Schoelerman
Preston Schoelerman

Pastor Amy
Jennifer Higdon
Christopher Higdon





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.

Signup early to get the times that work best for you. Go to this link for more details: <https://wdmumc.org/group-pages/state-fair-stand/>

It is almost time for Holy Smokes!

New Hope needs people who will represent us with the area United Methodist Churches in competition.

Winner receives the golden spatula and amazing bragging rights!

All proceeds of the event benefit our Fresh Start and Women at the Well friends.

If you are interested in giving it a try, let Nancy or Pastor Amy know. Thanks for your consideration!

For the potluck, everyone is invited to bring a side dish or dessert to share and your own table service.

Beverages will be provided.



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.



Thank you to **Dawn Bachelder**, New Hope member, for volunteering her time to trim the lawn edges and bushes and whacking down the weeds growing in the parking lot cracks!! It's a lot of work!!

We would love to have other volunteers to help with these tasks. *Please contact Nancy in the church office to let us know you can help!!*

ADULT Sunday School

Join us!

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

Blood Pressure Check

Next opportunity is on **July 5**
8:45am - 11am in the Narthex.

Support Groups

AI-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



New Hope Needlers

The Needlers will meet on **Friday, July 10, 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.

Sleeping Mats/Loom

The weavers are finishing up their **19th mat** as you read this. We decided to put a patriotic twist on this mat to celebrate our country's 250th birthday!

The Weavers will take a small break in July and August due to vacation season.

If you have a grandchild or a group that needs volunteer hours, please contact Sue Baldwin a 515/360-2456 and we can make arrangements for some informal meetings.

The weaving group would like to acknowledge Linda Cooley and Susan Clark for the many hours they spent the last few months cutting the bags in preparation for weaving our mats. Their effort is truly appreciated.

If you are 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!



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!

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!!





Thank You for your Financial Support

God has been good to New Hope this year!

With your help, in May we installed a new Outdoor Sign for \$37,659.60 and two new furnaces for \$10,879.20. At the end of April, we were carrying a Net Income positive \$16,775. As of May 31, we continue to be in a positive position with \$7,945. This is good news as we are going into the summer months where families are on vacation and church attendance, along with church donations, slow down.

Thank you for your faithfulness and have a good summer.

Kandra Dickerson, New Hope Finance Committee

Financial Summary Ending May 31, 2026			
	Actual May	Budget May	YTD Actual
Income	\$ 22,635	\$ 31,130	\$ 164,393
Expense	\$ 31,466	\$ 32,572	\$ 156,448
Net Income (Loss)	\$ (8,830)	\$ (1,442)	\$ 7,945

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.

Thank you for your generous tithing and donations.

If you would like to make a donation, please use your smartphone's camera app to scan the QR code.

If you need assistance with online giving, please contact the church office, Tues-Fri, 515-278-2097. Thank you for your interest in

ONLINE giving



“That’s plain enough, isn’t it? You’re no longer wandering exiles. This kingdom of faith is now your home country. You’re no longer strangers or outsiders. You *belong* here, with as much right to the name Christian as anyone. God is building a home. He’s using us all—irrespective of how we got here—in what he is building. He used the apostles and prophets for the foundation. Now he’s using you, fitting you in brick by brick, stone by stone, with Christ Jesus as the cornerstone that holds all the parts together. We see it taking shape day after day—a holy temple built by God, all of us built into it, a temple in which God is quite at home.”
-Ephesians 2:19-22

In this Summer of Hope, as we dig into the old, old story of Jesus and his love, we don’t have to wander far. The kingdom of faith is what we now call our home, and that is everywhere. We are literally being built right into the kingdom.

Travelling is a fairly common thing to do in Summer. I hear every week this month about the amazing places many of you have been or are going. Travelling makes us feel like we are part of something bigger than ourselves. We see new things and meet new people. Sometimes we get lost, and others we find ourselves where we never knew to look before. This scripture passage from Ephesians reminds us that it does not matter where we end up or how we get there at all; what matters is that God is using us. Brick by brick, he builds us into a holy temple so that wherever we are, we are home. And so that God is at home in us. What a beautiful way to live our lives!

Before you go on that big trip, while you are busy packing toothpaste and extra socks, remember that even though you are busy, you need to keep making yourself a temple to God. Care for your body, care for your mind, care for your heart, and care for your soul.

If you do that, you will be a better temple for God so that in you, God is at home no matter where you wander this Summer.

And keep reading those beautiful and familiar stories that we need to dust off.

Just like your medications, take one of them each day to stay spiritually healthy. Be at home in the kingdom of faith! Your every travel, as well as your time at home, will be blessed if you do this. And may your Summer be filled with hope and joy!

Blessings as you become a holy temple!


Pastor Amy



July 2026

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

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

			1 9:30 Chair Yoga/Fitness	2 6:30p, Worship Mtg	3 Church Office Closed	4  Independence Day
5 Holy Communion 8:45-11a, Blood Pressures E-giving Help desk	6 Church Office closed 9:30 Chair Yoga & Fitness 7p, Trustees Mtg	7 9:30a, Al-Anon, R.Chapel Noon, AA, R.Chapel 5:15p, Praise band practice	8 9:30 Chair Yoga/Fitness	9 10a, Care Team Mtg.	10 9a, Needlers	11
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26 Guest Preacher: Patrice Webber 10a, Happy Campers	27 Church Office closed 9:30 Chair Yoga & Fitness	28 9:30a, Al-Anon, R.Chapel Noon, AA, R.Chapel 4p, Fresh Start Meal 5:15p, Praise band practice	29 9:30 Chair Yoga/Fitness	30	31 Church Office Closed	



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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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