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Stories of HOPE

August 2: Faith, Hope, and Charity

August 16: Hope in the Power of God over Our Storms

August 23: Hope in Forgiveness

August 9: Hope in Obedient Fire

August 30: Restored Relationships

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 email to nancy@newhopedsm.org or [call 515-278-2097](tel:515-278-2097) (no text). *Please invite your friends!!*

Limited seating - RSVP today!



**Holy Smokes BBQ
Party & Potluck (3rd Annual)**
Sunday, August 9, 4:30-7:30pm
at Aldersgate UMC, 3600 75th St.,
Urbandale.

Potluck: Bring a side dish or
dessert to share and your own
plates/utensils. Beverages will be
provided.

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.



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:

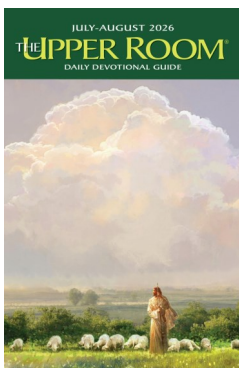
DeVonne Douglas, Pam Frey, Marlys Borcharding, Barb Agan, Linda Boyd, Ray Pickett

Healing from Physical Issues:

Sheldon Stout, Jim Bolstad, Larry Forbes, Janet Habick, Norma Wallin, 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



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.

In Every Season, Turn to God

Are you enjoying a happy time? *Praise God.*

Is life becoming difficult? *Seek God.*

Are you experiencing a quiet moment? *Worship God.*

Are you suffering great pain? *Trust God.*

Are you unsure what to do? *Ask God.*

Are you overwhelmed with joy? *Thank God.*



The family of **Linda Cooley** is having a card shower for her **80th birthday** which is on August 11th. Linda is a member of New Hope UMC.

Please send birthday blessings to

Linda Cooley
7675 University Ave.
Apt. 106
Clive, IA 50325



Our Sympathy

Our Sympathy to Barbara Williamson and family on the passing of her son, Gary Williamson. Gary, New Hope UMC member, passed away on June 29, 2026, at age 72. A Celebration of Life was held July 9th. His choir robe was displayed in his honor. His niece, Jordan Williamson, sang lovely versions of "The Lord's Prayer" and "Amazing Grace" in memory of her Uncle Gary.

Our Sympathy to Dick and Charlene Cobb, New Hope members, on the passing of Dick's older brother, Robert (Bob) Cobb. Bob passed away on July 20 and lived in Rolling Meadows, IL.

Directory Update

Althea Holcomb has a new address. Phone & email remains the same. Please update your copy of the church directory.

Althea Holcomb

2414 49th Place
Des Moines, IA 50310

Thank You To Our Amazing Congregation!

Coming off of VBS and Rummage Sale I want to thank our congregation for the support of our Children's Ministry and Youth Programs and community outreach. So many people volunteered for one or both of these events and they were hugely successful because of our combined efforts! From decorating pre-VBS to clean-up after rummage sale there are a few people that were here almost as much as me and I am SO grateful! Our Church is blessed with an amazing congregation! I hope you all get some well-deserved down time in the month of August!

~ Jackie Johnson



Hosts Are Needed



We would like to thank all of the hostesses for volunteering throughout the year. The gathering between services for fellowship is a time we all enjoy.

We are in need of **more volunteers to host for the 9am/10am services and the 11am service.** Hosting is easy to do. Either bake or purchase 6 dozen cookies or any treats you would like to share.

9am/10am Hosts set up and provide treats. 11am Hosts provide treats and clean up.

You can split the hosting duties with others – team up with someone!

The monthly signup sheets are on the kitchen counter. If there are no volunteers on any given Sunday there will not be any treats provided. We really don't want to see this gathering time end.

Please signup!



As a new school year begins, we invite all students, teachers, school staff, and administrators to bring their backpacks to their worship service on **Sunday, August 23rd** for a special blessing. Together, we'll ask God's guidance, protection, and peace for the year ahead, remembering that wherever we go, God goes with us.

"The Lord your God is with you wherever you go." – Joshua 1:9



New Hope's Free Little Farmers Market

We are looking forward to trying this again this year and hope that you will share the abundance from your gardening expertise.

Starting on Sunday, August 30th and every Sunday through the end of September, we are hoping you will have more produce than you can use and that you will share with your fellow parishioners and the larger community.

Tables will be set up outside of the east doors for you to add your produce.

After each service, all are welcome to take home the produce and enjoy. All leftover items will be taken to the Free Little Food Pantry.



Join us on **Sunday, September 6th** as we worship Labor Day weekend with **One Worship Service at 10am in the Family Life Center.**

Lunch to follow at **11am.**



The main entrée of chicken/vegetable/rice casserole will be provided by Larry & Patrice Webber and is a staple on our monthly Hand of Luke ministry menu. We have often heard that people are curious what kind of things we serve at the shelter, this is your chance to try on of our dishes!

Please bring a salad or dessert to share.

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!



Cy-Hawk Challenge!

The annual Iowa vs. ISU football rivalry is around the corner (kickoff is on Saturday, September 12th in Iowa City).

The Social Action Committee invites you to please bring item(s) from the list below on **August 16, 23, 30 and September 6 or anytime**

in between.

We will have two tables designated by university to place your donations and show your pride!

Your favorite team, Iowa State Cyclones or University of Iowa Hawkeyes, will get points as listed below. **We will announce the winning team on September 13th.**

6 Points/Touchdown

Vegetable Oil
4lb / 5lb Sugar or Flour

3 points / Field Goal

Shelf-stable meats
Shelf-stable milk
Bags of beans or bags of rice

2 points / Conversion

Peanut Butter
Meal kits (Hamburger Helper, Tuna Helper, etc.)
Boxed Cereal
Oatmeal

1 point / Extra Point

Ramen Noodles
Other boxed or bagged shelf stable items

Or donate money (check made out to New Hope UMC, Cy-Hawk in memo line)
\$1 per point



Veterans Breakfast on Saturday, September 19 at 8:30am at church

Breakfast will be served. This is open to all veterans, their spouses, and supporters.

Questions, please contact Pam Frey at yayafrey@gmail.com.

Dear Congregation,

Please see below for the latest maintenance and facility updates from your Trustees.



HVAC

The furnaces have been successfully replaced. Thank you again for your support. Additionally, the AC has been serviced for the summer. We experienced a minor issue during Vacation Bible School (VBS), which was quickly resolved by resetting an outside breaker.

Security & Fire Safety

To prevent middle-of-the-night false alarms that require manual resets at the church, the fire sprinkler system requires a new compressor. If not resolved, these alarms could trigger unnecessary fire department dispatches. The Trustees have approved a \$1,700 quote from Midwest Fire Sprinkler Systems to replace the compressor, and this work will move forward shortly.

Facilities

The roof leak in the Family Life Center/Fellowship Hall has been repaired at a cost of \$2,200.

Bike Station

These public bike repair stands, also known as bicycle maintenance stations, provide cyclists with the tools they need for basic repairs on the go. Think of them as mini-workshops strategically placed throughout the city (a bike station includes all the tools necessary for basic repairs).

You may have noticed the new cement pad in the front yard. This will host a new bike station, which is being funded by a grant we received. Stay tuned for further updates as this project progresses.

Sanctuary sound system is still a work in progress, funded by Memorials.

As always, we remain committed to keeping our church facilities well-maintained while keeping costs to a minimum. We truly appreciate your continued support. Questions? Let us know!

Trustees Committee



As the old saying goes, "It takes a village." The upkeep of our beautiful church campus is no exception.

The Trustees are fortunate to have a dedicated group of volunteers willing to maintain our campus. This includes Dawn Bachelder, Don Gurnsey, Marilyn Osborn, and Ruth Doxon, (our Master Gardener who designs our planters) and many others.

We are also grateful to David Montgomery, who purchased the parking lot shed, and Gary Stubbs, who share the mowing responsibilities.

However, we could always use more hands, especially in our prayer garden.

If you would like to be part of our volunteer team, please contact me at 515-490-8440 or yayafrey@gmail.com.

Social Action Committee News ~

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



Des Moines Area Religious Council (DMARC) Food Pantry Network

Thank you for the many, many food donations throughout the years that filled the **Red Barrel!!** Those donations helped many people through the Des Moines Area Religious Council (DMARC) Food Pantry Network. Going forward, we ask you to give **monetary donations** to DMARC and any food you want to donate to the Free Little Pantry.

As stated on the DMARC website, "Monetary donations are the most effective way to support food pantries, as non-profits can purchase food in bulk at deep discounts, maximizing the impact of every dollar. Financial gifts are generally preferred over canned goods."

Please make your check out to New Hope UMC and include "DMARC" in the memo line and place your check with the weekly offering. Your continued support of the DMARC Food Pantry Network helps alleviate hunger in our community.



Free Little Food Pantry, located between 51st and 52nd Streets north of Meredith Drive, *needs more donations of food.*

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!

Please place items on the shelves in the NW corner of the Fellowship Hall. 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. Please place donations in the Grain Bin by the NW shelves in the Fellowship Hall.



Hand of Luke ~ Friday, August 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 August 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/30E044DACA722A4FE3-64855976-holfriday>

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

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

Children's & Youth Ministry

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



Kids can join us during the 10am service on **Sunday, August 23rd**.

Jackie Johnson will have outdoor activities, arts/crafts, group games, camping themed snacks and story/lesson time for the kids.

Attention New Hope Families...

Mark your calendars for our amazing children and youth offerings this fall!

Thank God It's Wednesday (TGIW) starts this year on **Wednesday, September 16th** for PreK - 12th grade! Dinner will be offered from 6-6:30pm weekly and activities will be offered from 6:30-7:30pm.

Sunday School starts this year on **Sunday, September 20th** for PreK - 7th grade! It will be held during the 10:00am service!

Our youth program registration is open now: <https://forms.gle/cvD1H4ynGFgMtzW6>
Please help us plan by registering your child(ren) by September 1st for planning purposes. We appreciate your help with this!



The temperature outside says it is definitely still summer, but we are excited for fall children's programming at New Hope 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 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: 9/20 - 10/18

Session 2: 10/25 - 11/22

Session 3: 11/29 - 12/27 (No Sunday School on 12/27)

Session 4: 1/3 - 1/31

Session 5: 2/7 - 3/7

Session 6: 3/14 - 4/11 (No Sunday School on 3/14)

Session 7: 4/28 - 5/19



Volunteers will plan and lead a 45-minute lesson for children PreK-7th grade during the 10:00 service for a period of 5 weeks. We are using the Simply Loved Curriculum again this year. Planning and preparing 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. If you would like to help, but aren't comfortable taking the lead that would be fine too!

Wednesday Night Program Helpers-

We are looking for a couple of volunteers for Wednesday nights! The time commitment would be one hour once monthly - from 6:30-7:30pm. You can choose the week of the month that works best for you- the 2nd, 3rd, or 4th Wednesday of the month! 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@newhopedism.org or (515)710-3239 with questions or to express interest. Thank you in advance for your consideration!

BLAST (BLAST@NewHopeDSM.org):

Christopher & Jennifer Higdon and McKayla and Regan Nearmyer

Blast youth have been very busy for the month of July. Many youth have attended a variety of camps together. We had a huge turn out for VBS-X where we explored the rainforest and took some adventures. The youth went shopping to buy clothes and supplies for the Central Iowa Shelter Services where they also served dinner. Many hands so it made for light work! Thank you to the crew of Hand of Luke who prepared the meal we were able to serve. We had many compliments on the food. We also had many hands helping in various ways with the Rummage Sale!



We have been invited to a POOL PARTY!!

On **August 13 from 6pm-8pm** Blast has been invited to **POOL PARTY** to celebrate the mission trip with the youth from JROL. All Blast youth are invited to come and swim and celebrate with those who attended. No painting, weeding or cleaning will be happening. **Please bring a snack to share.** Dave and Cami Beason from JROL are hosting us at their house: 8261 NW Beaver Drive, Johnston. Please reach out to Chris or Jenn if you have any questions.



THANK YOU to everyone who journeyed through Rainforest Falls VBS with us this year!

What an incredible week of adventure, laughter, worship, and exploring the nature of God. Together we discovered more about God's love, sang, created, played, and grew deeper in faith as we traveled through the rainforest.

A heartfelt **THANK YOU** to The Bridge, St. Mary's of Nazareth and Faith Lutheran for generously sharing their rainforest decorations with us after their VBS programs. They helped transform our church into a lush jungle, and we were excited to continue the adventure by passing them along to another church so even more children can explore God's amazing creation!

Thank you to our amazing volunteers for swinging into the rainforest and embracing the adventure that is VBS! From our Canopy Guides to our station leaders, kitchen crew, decorators, scientists, and behind-the-scenes helpers, thank you for sharing your gifts, your time, and the love of Christ with every child who joined us. Because of you, seeds of faith were planted that will continue to grow long after our rainforest adventure has ended.

As we close the expedition on Rainforest Falls, we're already looking ahead to next summer. We are excited for Crave VBS, where we'll discover what it means to truly hunger and thirst for God and find that only Jesus can satisfy the deepest longings of our hearts.

Until then, may your curiosity about God continue to grow into a lifelong craving to know Him more. We can't wait to see you next summer for another unforgettable adventure!

Save the dates for Crave VBS in your calendar now: July 11-14, 2027.

For more photos from our rainforest journey, be sure to visit our church Facebook page.





The New Hope UMC church music planning committee is trying to determine the number of singers for the chancel choir for the 11:00 service starting this fall.

If anyone can sing and enjoys singing, please come to the **choir meeting on Wednesday, September 2nd at 6:15 in the sanctuary choir loft.**

Please consider sharing your singing voices with the church members. Questions? Please contact Nancy in the church office.



United
Women
in Faith

There will be no meeting in August.

Thank you to all who came to the potluck, it was great fun!

**Our next gatherings will be on
Thursday, September 17th at 9:30am
and Saturday, September 26th at 9:30am.**

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



Save the Date!
Autumn Table & Treasures
Saturday, October 17 5pm-7pm



"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."
— **Galatians 6:9 (NIV)**

As the leaves begin to turn and the harvest season draws near, we invite you to begin preparing for this year's **Autumn Table & Treasures** event! Together, we'll celebrate the many gifts God has given us by sharing our talents, treasures, and generosity with one another.

Now is the perfect time to start planning your donation—especially if you're creating something by hand. The most treasured gifts often take time to grow, just like the beauty of the autumn season.

Perhaps you have something to share, such as:

- A cherished antique or collectible
- A gift or certificate from your business
- A handcrafted item or unique work of art
- A service such as babysitting, house cleaning, painting, a haircut, an oil change, or yard work
- A homemade specialty like fresh bread, a pie, jams, a prepared meal, or a beautifully refinished piece of furniture

Every gift—whether large or small—is a blessing. When we offer our talents and treasures to God, they become part of a greater harvest that blesses our church and our community.

Please watch the announcements for more details in the coming weeks.

If you are already planning a donation, we'd love to hear from you! Please contact **Jackie (515)710-3239 or jackie@newhopedsm.org** or **Pastor Amy** so we can begin gathering our wonderful collection of treasures.

May God continue to bless the work of your hands as we prepare for a joyful season of giving.

ADULT Sunday School

Join us!

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

Blood Pressure Check

Next opportunity is on **August 2**
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., October 8, 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 quarter-
ly basis. If you would like to join the
Care Ministry team, please contact
Clarice Rubek, rrubek@aol.com

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 invit-
ed!!

New Hope Needlers

The Needlers will meet on **Friday, August 21st, 9am - 3pm** in the north-
west 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.

We have started making lap quilts and pillow-
cases to donate to "Sleep in Heavenly Peace",
an organization that builds beds and gives
them to children in the Des Moines area who
do not have a bed. Their motto is "No kid
sleeps on the floor in our town!" Each child
receives the bed frame, a mattress, pillow
and bed linens. You may have seen in the
NHIMC July Link that our Blast group spent
time making the frames during their service week this summer. SHP has
made 700 beds in the first 6 months of 2026. The need is great and the
Needlers are happy to help.



Last fall, we received a generous gift of quilt fabrics to use. Our stash run-
neth over. Simple patterns, batting, and backing fabric are also available.
Please give prior notice for these.

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

Sleeping Mats/Loom

The Weavers will take a small break in 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.

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!



New Hope Endowment Milestone

In July, the New Hope endowment fund reached \$100,000 for the first time in our history. Thank you to our generous and faithful donors. A moment for celebration!

Endowment Funds are different than regular savings accounts in a church. Donations are never to be withdrawn, only the interest earned is available and then only for purposes as stipulated in the New Hope's Endowment Bylaws. Distributions approved by the Endowment Committee may be used for worship, work programs, local outreach, education and facilities. This permanent endowment fund is managed by the Iowa United Methodist Foundation.

There are many ways to contribute to this endowment fund, either now or at the time of death. Estate planning may be an ideal way to support our church, such as through cash gifts, insurance proceeds, stock transfers, and real estate donations.

Continuing the legacy and missions of our church, either now or in your future plans, is rewarding and will benefit our church family and community in many ways for many years. All gifts are greatly appreciated, and cumulatively, will provide annual financial support for New Hope United Methodist Church, our church family.

Kirk Hartung, Chair
New Hope Endowment Committee



Financial Summary Ending June 30, 2026			
	Actual June	Budget June	YTD Actual
Income	\$ 31,819	\$ 27,084	\$ 196,212
Expense	\$ 30,074	\$ 30,847	\$ 186,522
Net Income (Loss)	\$ 1,745	\$ (3,763)	\$ 9,690

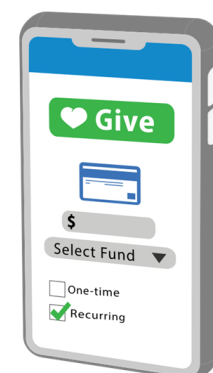
We will be offering an **E-Giving Help Desk the first Sunday of every month**. Please stop and talk with a Finance Committee member in the narthex with any questions you may have such as how to set up automated donations, change my donation amount, credit card, bank account, etc.

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



Then Peter said to Jesus, *“Lord, how many times should I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Should I forgive as many as seven times?”* Jesus said, *“Not just seven times, but rather as many as seventy-seven times.”* Matthew 18:21-22

August brings heat, school, and the Iowa State Fair.

It also brings the largest fundraiser our church and circuit participate in for Women at the Well's Fresh Start program. It is when our faith rises to action!

Holy Smokes is the barbecue cook-off between the United Methodist churches on our side of the metro. This year, our cook will be Chris Higdon. Every year, someone from our congregation competes against a representative from each of the other churches to see who wins the coveted golden spatula. Every dollar donated gets attendees tickets that can be used to cast a vote for their favorite BBQ item. There are as many kinds of BBQ to try as there are entries: wings, pulled pork, brisket, and burnt ends have all been featured in the past. We never know what will be on the menu from year to year. What we do know is that it will be good!

But the BBQ is the fun. It should not distract us from the purpose: the purpose is to celebrate faith, change, and hope in the lives of women who need a fresh start following incarceration. It is a declaration of justice defying the urge that lives inside each of us to not forgive, to not allow those who make mistakes to have hope of a future, and to confess that it is our own failures that cause us to neglect the heart of a gracious and forgiving gospel.

In this verse, the disciples have our hesitancy. Why should we be nice to them? They made a mistake! Exactly how many times do we have to forgive someone? Not just 7.77 times! In other words, stop trying to count how many times you ought to forgive because that means you probably have not actually forgiven anything. Often that is our practice with those whom we consider bad.

Try not letting anything stand in the way of forgiveness in your life this week. And when you are looking for a first step, try coming to Holy Smokes to pray for them while also reminding ourselves that justice is God's plan for us, not holding grudges.

Blessings of Hope,
Pastor Amy



August 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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2 Guest Preacher: Rev. Wayne Clark Holy Communion 8:45-11a, Blood Pressures E-giving Help desk 7p, Scouts	3 Church Office closed 9:30 Chair Yoga & Fitness 7p, Trustees Mtg	4 9:30a, Al-Anon, R.Chapel Noon, AA, R.Chapel 5:15p, Praise band practice	5 9:30 Chair Yoga/Fitness 6p, Hot Dog meal 6:30, Bingo fundraiser	6 6:30p, Worship Mtg	7 Church Office Closed	8
9 4:30-6pm, Holy Smokes at Aldersgate UMC	10 Church Office closed 9:30 Chair Yoga & Fitness	11 9:30a, Al-Anon, R.Chapel Noon, AA, R.Chapel 5:15p, Praise band practice 6:30p, SPPRC Mtg	12 9:30 Chair Yoga/Fitness	13 Church Office Closed	14 3pm, Hand of Luke	15
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23 Blessing of Backpacks 10a, Happy Campers 30	24 Church Office closed 9:30 Chair Yoga & Fitness 31 Church Office closed 9:30 Chair Yoga & Fitness	25 9:30a, Al-Anon, R.Chapel Noon, AA, R.Chapel 5:15p, Praise band practice	26 9:30 Chair Yoga/Fitness	27 6:30p, Administrative Council Mtg.	28 Church Office Closed	29



"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, Mayyer Pranivong
 11 Sheldon Stout, Linda Cooley
 12 Joe Hoffman
 13 Triston Nearmyer,
 Allison Christensen
 14 Don Gurnsey, David Cossa
 16 Nancy Foreman, Gary Stubbs,
 Carolyn Burrough, Patrick
 Kyenkya, Egan Kasigwa

18 Brock Moore
 19 Annabelle Carrigan
 20 Katie Rock
 21 Katarina Moore
 22 Tyler Hellekson
 24 James Russell
 26 Andrew Bogue, Joey Bolstad
 28 Bradyn Johnson
 29 Catherine Leyda, Brandin Johnson,
 Armenta Buckingham,
 30 Lynn Davisson, Sam Fairchild,
 Janet Habick



1 Patrick Kyenkya & Georgette
 Umuhoza
 3 Joe & Cathy Short
 7 Chad & Alissa Strauss
 8 Tim & Brenda McCulley
 9 Jaye & Amy Johnson
 13 Pascal Kyenkya & Jeanne
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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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