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New Hope United Methodist Church

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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!

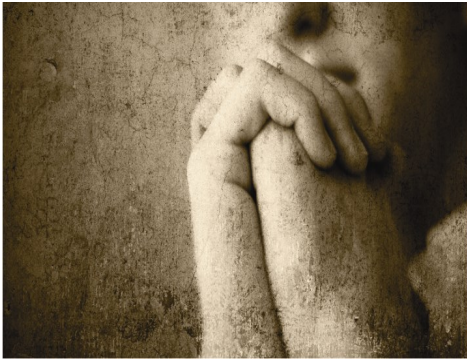
Please bring a salad or dessert to share.

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!



Lunch will be
pulled pork, chips,
coleslaw, and cake/
cookies!

Join us for a fun
afternoon celebrating
all our church has to
offer your family this
Fall!



Thank you, God, for the gift of grandparents and spiritual mentors — for their steady love and faith passed down through generations (2Timothy 1:5). Help us treasure their wisdom and honor their lives through how we live.



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, Judith Reilly

Healing from Physical Issues:

Sheldon Stout, Jim Bolstad, 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

Thank You

New Hope family,
Thank you for all the lovely cards and wishes I received for my 80th birthday.
Bless you all,
Linda Cooley

August 5th Bingo Night!!

There were 75 attenders that played ten Bingo games in one hour!!

At least 19 people (Lee Ross was a double winner!) got to take home a baked good!!

Everyone enjoyed the hot dog meal, Bingo, the fellowship and fun!!

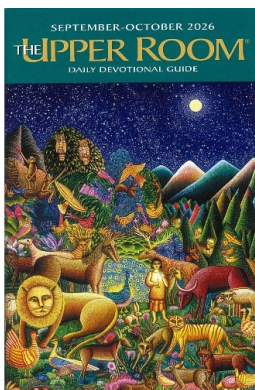
Thank you to everyone that donated baked goods for the prizes!! Thank you to the volunteers that donated food and helped with the event. Thank you to UWIF for the donations of hot dogs and buns.

And...thank you to everyone that attended!! \$1,313.97 was profited from the event and will go toward the upkeep of the church.

Board of Trustees



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



The September/October

issue is in the Communication Center.

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



Hosts Are Needed

We would like to thank all of the hosts 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. Please signup!



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.

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.

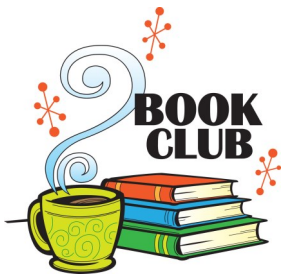
After each service, all are welcome to take home the produce and enjoy. All leftover items will be taken to the Free Little Food Pantry.



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.



Are you interested in belonging to a book club?

We will be meeting once a month in the Ruby Chapel.

We are thinking of either a Saturday late morning or Wednesday evening, but the group will determine the final day and time.

If you are interested, join us for a planning meeting on **September 5th at 10:30 a.m.**

Our books will be general interest books and available at libraries. Hope you can join us for some great discussions.

Questions? contact Armenta Buckingham armentabu@gmail.com



Cy-Hawk Challenge—Emergency Rule Change!

Everyone wins when you bring items for our free little food pantry, and New Hoppers sure know how to support their team! Our halftime score is **368 Hawkeyes to 344 Cyclones**. While we are thrilled with the participation, can we cut back on the touch downs? We have more than ample flour & sugar donations (6-point items) to last for several months and more than 50 cans of tuna (3-point item).

Please consider bringing other listed items so that we can provide the neighborhood food pantry with a variety of nutritional items?

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

Please bring item(s) on
August 30 and September 6 or
anytime in between.



Men's Fellowship will meet on **Saturday, September 5 at 8:30 a.m.** at church. This is a great opportunity for all men of the church to gather for food and fellowship. Please contact the church office *by Wed., September 2*, if you plan to attend.



**United
Women
in Faith**

Women of New Hope UMC, you are warmly invited to join us as we begin a new year of United Women in Faith. This will be a special time to reconnect, welcome new members, share our hopes for the year ahead, and encourage one another in faith and service.

During this gathering, our guest speaker will be Jeff Jansen from Ellipsis. We will also hold the election of officers for the coming year. Your voice and participation are important as we prayerfully choose leaders who will help guide our fellowship, plan activities, and support the ministry of women in our church community.

Thursday Group Date: September 17 at 9:30 a.m.

Saturday Group Date: September 26 at 9:30 a.m.

Please make plans to attend and bring your ideas, enthusiasm, and willingness to serve. We look forward to beginning this new year together with joy, purpose, and fellowship.

Blessings,

Glenna Ross, President, United Women in Faith

Recipe of the Month: Super Easy Peach Cobbler

Ingredients:

- ½ c butter melted
- 1C flour
- 1 C sugar
- 1 C milk
- 1 t baking powder
- 1 t cinnamon
- 1 15 oz. can of peaches, drained or 3 fresh peaches peeled and sliced



Instructions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Pour melted butter into 8x8 baking dish. Mix flour, sugar, baking powder, and cinnamon to combine, then add the milk and mix until lumps are gone. Pour batter over melted butter. (Do not stir). Place drained peaches on top of the batter. Bake for about 30 minutes until golden brown.



New Hope UMC member, **William Rock**, is the director of "Jury of Her Peers."

Upcoming showings are:

Wednesday, Sept. 16, 6pm at Urbandale Public Library

Saturday, Sept. 19, 6pm at the Boone Theatre

Wednesday Sept., 7pm at the Varsity Theatre in Des Moines

"Jury of Her Peers" is a murder mystery with a comedic twist, inspired by one of Iowa's earliest true-crime cases: the still-unsolved axe murder of farmer John Hossack in 1900. The crime, and the small-town rivalries surrounding it, first entered the public imagination through the reporting of Susan Glaspell, an Iowa-born journalist who later became a Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright. Glaspell's short play *Trifles* and subsequent short story "A Jury of Her Peers," both inspired by the Hossack case, remain among her most enduring works. Des Moines resident William

Rock wrote and directed "Jury of Her Peers" based on Glaspell's work, and it was filmed entirely in Iowa.



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.



Join us at New Hope UMC on Sunday, September 20 2 - 4pm

Two hours of swinging jazz featuring the trombone section of the CJC Big Band. Presented by the Community Jazz Center of Greater Des Moines.

This event is open to the public in our Family Life Center. Free-will donation. We are hoping for attendance of 80 to 100 people per concert this year! *Please invite your friends, family and neighbors!*

Magical Mystery Tour of New Hope

Think you've seen everything New Hope has to offer? Think again! Join us for a fun-filled **Magical Mystery Tour** and discover the hidden places, fascinating stories, and little-known secrets tucked away throughout our church.

Your fearless tour guide: Pam Frey



First Tour: **Sunday, September 20 at 4pm**

Only **8 adventurers** can join the first tour, but don't worry—if there's enough interest, we'll schedule another! Your adventure includes...

- ♦ **The Choir Room.** Have you ever seen it? Yes, there really is one!
- ♦ **The Mysterious Walkway.** Where does it lead? Follow the leader... and find out.
- ♦ **Behind the Altar.** Have you ever peeked behind the scenes? Surprise! There's even a staircase leading down to the basement. Perfect for a disappearing magic act... or maybe just a quick escape!
- ♦ **The Basement Mysteries.** What secrets are hidden below? Why is one room locked? If you hear voices... don't panic. It's probably just your imagination. (Or maybe... it's only the puppets!)
- ♦ **Ruby Chapel.** Discover the story behind this special space and admire the beautiful stained-glass windows that are part of New Hope's rich history.
- ♦ **An Upside-Down Surprise.** Did you know one of our stained-glass windows is upside down? We'll show you which one—and explain why!

Along the way you'll hear stories, learn surprising history, and see parts of New Hope that many people have never explored.

Come curious. Come ready to laugh. Come prepared to say, "I never knew that!"

Reserve your spot before this Magical Mystery Tour disappears! Sign-up sheet is at the Welcome Center.

Questions? Ask Armenta Buckingham armentabu@gmail.com or Pam Frey yayafrey@gmail.com



Autumn Table & Treasures A Fall Evening of Faith, Food, Fellowship & Fun Saturday, October 17 5pm-7pm

As the leaves begin to turn and the beauty of autumn surrounds us, we invite you to gather with your church family for a special evening of **food, fellowship, fun, family, and fabulous fundraising!** 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.

Our annual fall fundraiser will feature two special themes:

Autumn Table — a delicious dinner shared around the table with friends and our church family.

Autumn Treasures — an exciting auction filled with wonderful items generously donated by members and friends of our congregation.

This evening is more than a meal and an auction—it is an opportunity to **come together as a church family, give generously, and support the ministries and mission of our church.** Every donation, every bid, and every ticket helps make a difference!

“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.”— Hebrews 10:24

We would especially love your help in filling our auction with **new, handcrafted, homemade, and home-baked treasures.** Your creativity and generosity are a beautiful way to bless our church family and help support our ministry.

“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”— 2 Corinthians 9:7

Tickets and the silent auction catalog will be available online beginning September 1. Check back often as auction items will be added leading up to the event! <https://tableandtreasures2026.auctria.events/>
You can also purchase meal tickets in person on Sunday mornings between services from September 6-September 27.

Auction donations: Please bring your items to the church by **no later than Sunday, September 20.**

Online bidding opens October 1 and will remain active until the dinner concludes on **October 17.**

Come hungry. Come ready to laugh and fellowship together. Come prepared to find a treasure or two—and most importantly, **come ready to celebrate what God is doing through our church family.**

Questions? Contact **Jackie Johnson**, jackie@newhopedsm.org, (515) 710-3239 or **Pastor Amy**, amy@newhopedsm.org, (712)350-0994.

We can't wait to gather around the Autumn Table with you!

Women at the Well – Fresh Start Women's Center



We are providing a meal at the Fresh Start Women's Center on **Tuesday, October 20.**

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.

We are hosting a **Trunk or Treat** event for our church members and the community!

This year it will be held on

Saturday, October 24th from 4 - 5pm.

We are asking for volunteers to **host a trunk** to help make this event a great success! In addition to fun decorations and a warm smile, we are asking to you to provide treats at your trunk. If you are unable to do so, the church will provide donated candy.

If you aren't able to participate by hosting a trunk, we would welcome your monetary donations or donations of individually wrapped candy or small trinkets to help us replenish handouts for the volunteers with trunks!

Also, we are looking for 4 -5 volunteers to help with the event.

To sign up to do a Trunk and/or to volunteer to help or to donate, please contact Nancy Monthei at the Church Office, 515-278-2097 or nancy@newhopedsm.org by **October 21**.

****Please let us know if you would like to borrow the trunk decorating kit that we have.****

Plan to join us for this event and bring your kids and their friends!!



New Hope UMC Fall Campus Cleanup Day

The Board of Trustees are planning a "Fall Campus Cleanup Day" on **Saturday, November 14th, 9am until finished** (rain date is November 21st).

We need your help! Please plan to attend by volunteering your time and talents! Bring gloves, rakes, trimmers, leaf blowers, etc., if you have them. Dress accordingly for the weather. Lunch will be served at Noon.

Watch for a sign up sheet at the Welcome Center. If there are any questions, please contact Dawn Bachelder buckeye.dawn@yahoo.com or Pam Frey yayafrey@gmail.com.

Thank you in advance for your time and effort!
Board of Trustees



Annual Charge Conference
will be held on
Sunday, November 15 at 6pm at
New Hope UMC!

Charge Conference is the annual meeting of the year where we review the past year's ministries, look at the programs and the goals for the coming year, set the Pastor's salary and elect the officers of the church.

Your attendance is welcomed! *If you plan to attend, please contact Nancy in the church office, 515-278-2097 or nancy@newhopedsm.org*

Thank you to everyone that attended the third annual Holy Smokes BBQ Party and Potluck held on August 9th at Aldersgate UMC hosted by the West Metro UMC Circuit.

Chris Higdon represented New Hope UMC in the BBQ challenge with his smoked pulled pork and smoked baked beans! We helped raise \$4400+ for Women at the Well!



Social Action Committee News ~

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

The **Cy/Hawk** challenge is bringing lots of food in the door. Our supply to deliver to the Free Little Food Pantry is growing by the week. The Cyclone supporters must be paying attention to how many points each item gets. Lots of sugar, flour and canned meats have been contributed. So much so that we're asking parishioners to donate food items assigned fewer points.



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!

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 sheet is at the welcome center.



Des Moines Area Religious Council (DMARC) Food Pantry Network

We are no longer accepting donations of food for DMARC. We are asking those who wish to donate there to donate money instead of food. DMARC's network of vendors stretches dollars lots further than individuals purchasing food items from the grocery store.



The **Free Little Farmers Market** will start on Sunday, August 30 and continue every Sunday through the month of September. This will be the second year for this. We'll monitor the participation this year to determine if this is an activity we want to continue.



We provided three **camperships** this summer.



Women at the Well – Fresh Start Women's Center: We are providing a meal at the Fresh Start Women's Center on Tuesday, October 20. Please check the signup sheet in the Welcome Center if you would like to donate food or help prepare and deliver this meal.



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 ~ Monday, September 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 September 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/30E044DACA722A4FE3-65312067-holmonday>

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

On **September 6**, the congregation will have the opportunity to taste **Hand of Luke's** casserole after the 10am one worship service on that day. Congregants are asked to bring a salad or dessert to round out the meal.

Children's & Youth Ministry

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

Calling all PreK-7th graders!!!!

We are excited to start another year of learning God's love, growing our faith and knowing Jesus together!

Sunday School will kick off **September 20th!**

We are excited to continue the Simply Loved curriculum, which has a variety of activities and options for weekly lessons that engage students with animal buddies and hands on activities and offers a variety of lesson plans for our teachers to customize to their liking.



Sunday School will be held during the **10:00a.m. service**, with the children starting out in service with their families for the first song and Children's Message and then exiting to Sunday School together. At the end of service, families should pick their children up in the purple classroom.

Please be sure to fill out the registration form before Sunday School begins on September 20th! This helps us plan adequate supplies.

You may do so electronically by visiting: <https://forms.gle/z894kT7njoNvg7UF7>

Paper registration forms are also available upon request.

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@newhopedsm.org or (515)710-3239 with questions or to express interest. Thank you in advance for your consideration!



Wednesday Nights Are Almost Here!

We've been looking forward to Wednesday nights **ALL summer long**, and now it's almost time to "fall" back into our midweek routine! Starting **Wednesday, September 16**, all **PreK–12th graders** are invited to join us for **TGIW Midweek Meetup**—an evening packed with **fellowship, faith-building, service, and FUN!**

Bring a friend and make Wednesday nights twice as awesome!

What's Happening?

Dinner: 6:00–6:30 PM. Come hungry! Our amazing volunteer chefs serve dinner every Wednesday. There's no set cost, but a **free-will donation** is collected to help cover the cost of meals.

Activities: 6:30–7:30 PM. We'll divide into age groups so everyone can learn, grow, laugh, and have a great time with friends:

- **PreK–5th grade:** TGIW
- **6th–8th grade:** Jr. BLAST
- **9th–12th grade:** Sr. BLAST

Service First: All-Group Service Projects. We're putting our faith into action! Beginning in **October**, the first Wednesday of each month will feature an all-group service project. It's a great opportunity to serve others, make a difference, and have fun together along the way.

Calling All Puppeteers! Students in **3rd grade and up** can join the puppet group, which meets for rotations throughout the year on Wednesdays from **7:30–8:00 PM**. There may also be a few Saturday practices as the group prepares for performances. Throughout the year, the puppet troop will have the opportunity to share their talents during Sunday morning worship services. Who knows—you might just discover a hidden puppet superstar!

Jr. Bell Ringers Are Back! Got a knack for music—or just love making a joyful noise? **Jr. Bell Ringers** is back this year for students **3rd grade and up!** Participants will learn the basics of handbell ringing, work together as a team, and prepare music to share with the congregation. **Jr. Bell Ringers will meet on select Wednesday sessions from 7:30–8:00 PM.** Come ring, learn, laugh, and make a joyful noise together!

There will be a sign up for those interested in **Puppets** or **Bells** on the first few Wednesday evenings. Dates for the first rotations of both will be communicated to those who sign up shortly after.

Please get registered!

Please sign up by **September 10th** so we can make sure we have plenty of food, supplies, and fun ready for everyone!

There is no cost to register.

You can do so by clicking here: <https://forms.gle/mJxcuHSmiwu2fkLLA>

Paper registration forms are also available upon request.

We can't wait to see you Wednesday nights!

Come for the fun, stay for the friendships, and grow in faith along the way!

See you soon!

BLAST (BLAST@NewHopeDSM.org):

Christopher & Jennifer Higdon and McKayla Nearmyer

Where did the summer go? It is hard to believe another summer has already come and gone! It feels like we just returned from our weeklong local mission experience at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, and now we are getting ready to kick off another great year of BLAST at New Hope.

We are especially excited this year to connect with the Johnston River of Life Youth Group for additional activities, service opportunities, and fellowship. Many of our youth had a great time getting to know their group during our local mission week and again at our end-of-summer pool party in August. We are looking forward to building those friendships throughout the year!



Wednesday Night BLAST: On Repeat

Wednesday Night BLAST kicks off **September 16 at 6:00 pm** with our new fall series, On Repeat.

Have you ever found a playlist that felt like it was made just for you? When a song really connects with us, we want to put it on repeat because we never get tired of hearing it. This fall, we will explore the **Gospel of Mark** and discover some timeless lessons from Jesus that are worth putting **On Repeat** in our own lives. Through Jesus' example, we will learn that **listening, loving others, caring for their needs, and offering encouragement** are not things we do just once. They are ways we can choose to live every day.

Join us this fall on Wednesday nights as we learn together, serve together, have some fun, and discover how we can make loving like Jesus a daily part of our lives!

Here are some of the upcoming youth events for the next couple of months:

- Sept. 16th at 6 pm – Wednesday Night BLAST: Kickoff Night
- Sept. 23rd at 6 pm – Wednesday Night BLAST: Jesus Shows Us Listening Is Worth Repeating
- Sept. 30th at 6 pm – Wednesday Night BLAST: Jesus Shows Us Love Is Worth Repeating
- Oct. 7th at 6 pm – Service First - Service Project Night
- Oct. 14th at 6 pm – Wednesday Night BLAST: Jesus Shows Us Caring Is Worth Repeating
- Oct. 21st at 6 pm – Wednesday Night BLAST: Jesus Shows Us Encouragement Is Worth Repeating
- Oct. 28th at 6 pm – Wednesday Night BLAST: BLAST Game Night

We are looking forward to another great year of growing in faith, building friendships, serving others, and having fun together! Watch your email and the Senior High BLAST Facebook Page, <http://www.facebook.com/SeniorHighBlast>, for additional information and updates about these events.

ADULT Sunday School

Join us!

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

Blood Pressure Check

Next opportunity is on **Sept. 6**
9:30am - 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 congrega-
tion members who have had new
babies, have been in the hospital,
have been ill or are dealing with
grief. This team meets on a quar-
terly 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, September 18th, 9am - 3pm** in the
northwest classroom. We lunch at Panera in Johnston.

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 also started
making lap quilts and pillowcases
to donate to the Des Moines
chapter of "Sleep in Heavenly
Peace," an organization that builds
beds for children in the Des
Moines area who do not have a
bed. Their motto is "No kid sleeps
on the floor in our town!" The
need is great.



We have fabric to use or you may request reimbursement for fabric you have
purchased for these quilts. Simple patterns, batting, and some backing fabric
are also available. Prior notice is needed to use our supplies. Bring your
sewing machine, 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, cell phone 515-975-2131

Sleeping Mats/Loom

The Weavers are back after a wonderful summer break. By the time you read
this we will have finished our **20th sleeping mat** for the unsheltered popula-
tion. We will resume weaving on **Thursday, September 3 at 1pm.**
Our usual schedule is the first and third Thursdays of the month at 1pm
at church. If you are looking for a new hobby, or just looking for some fun
and fabulous fellowship, please consider joining us. *At this time, we have*
plenty of white grocery bags, but we will always accept colored plastic bags.

Did you know you can participate in this wonderful mission from the comfort
of your home? We have a couple of members
who fold, cut and prepare the loops we need to
weave while watching TV or movies. If you have
any interest in this, let us know and we can get
you set up. It is easy, fun, and rewarding...and
easier than knitting! You just need a pair of
scissors!

If your workplace or community organization
needs a volunteer project, we can accommodate
6 to 8 people and would be happy to arrange this
with you.

Questions? contact Sue Baldwin at 515-360-2456.



Book Donations for New Hope's Little Library

You may place your book donations on the book-
shelf in the NW corner of the
Fellowship Hall.
Thank you to Charlotte
Schultz for overseeing the
Little Library and
keeping it stocked.



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!



What a Sale! Another Rummage Sale is in the books, and we have so much to celebrate! From sorting and pricing to hauling, organizing, cooking, shopping, and everything in between, this event truly takes a **whole church community** to make it happen.

This sale was our second highest profit ever; we made over \$9,200 thanks to everyone's hard work and amazing donations! This money will be put to good use for the ministry and missions of New Hope UMC. What a blessing!

A huge **THANK YOU** goes out to everyone who helped make this year's sale such a success!

Our appreciation goes to:

- ♥ Our incredible committee members and area leaders who worked behind the scenes and kept everything moving.
- 🙋 Our volunteers who gave their time and energy to make the sale happen.
- 📁 Everyone who donated items to give them a second life.
- 🍷 Those who prepared meals, snacks, and refreshments for our hardworking volunteers.
- 🙏 Those who prayed for the sale and supported us from near and far.
- 🛒 And, of course, everyone who came out to shop!

Whether you spent hours volunteering or simply stopped by to donate, shop, pray, or lend a helping hand, **you were an important part of this ministry.** We couldn't do it without you!

We're already looking ahead to next year. Get out your calendar and pencil in the dates!

Donation Days: July 18–19, 2027

Sale Days: July 22–24, 2027

We can't wait to do it all again—and hopefully see even more of you there!

With a grateful heart,

Jackie Johnson, Rummage Sale Coordinator

Financial Summary Ending July 31, 2026			
	Actual July	Budget July	YTD Actual
Income	\$ 47,861	\$ 27,731	\$ 244,073
Expense	\$ 32,846	\$ 31,480	\$ 219,368
Net Income (Loss)	\$ 15,015	\$ (3,749)	\$ 24,705

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.

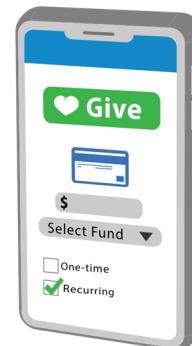
Thank you for your generous tithing and donations.

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 supporting the work of New Hope UMC!

ONLINE *giving*



We Press On: September 2026

Not that I have already obtained this [resurrection of the dead] or am already perfect; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. -Philippians 3:12 RSV

September at New Hope UMC



Sundays
9am 10am 11am

4525 Beaver Ave
Des Moines, IA 50310





PRESSING ON

Sept. 6: Labor Day Joint Service (10 am)
Sept. 13: Ministry Sunday
Sept. 20: Striving Side by Side
Sept. 27: In Full Accord

<https://www.NewHopeDSM.org>

This month, we press on. We have not made it to perfection quite yet, but it is still only September. It is that time when we remember going back to school, back to trying and learning and growing. This series reminds us that we must do that in our faith, as well. As Philippians says, we must Press On!

This journey through Philippians is a journey of encouragement and not condemnation, of support and remembrance of what has already been begun in us. Some of our favorite verses will sweeten our start to Fall as we feel intensely the support of our loving God and of one another.

Are you needing God's encouragement and gentle love to urge you out of bed on these Fall mornings? Are you needing the peace at night that brings healing and restful sleep? This series is for you! Sometimes Paul yells because we need that, but sometimes we are swaddled in encouragement and support as were our friends in Philippi so long ago.

This Fall, feel the embrace of God as we remember, as we are loved, and as we press onward, confident in God's presence with us in this year of growth and hope! We have come so far; we cannot give up now! We are loved, forgiven, and called to press on.

I am sure that the God who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Christ. (1:6) The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. (4:23) Press on!

-Pastor Amy

September 2026

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

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

		1 9:30a, Al-Anon, R.Chapel Noon, AA, R.Chapel 5:15p, Praise band practice	2 9:30 Chair Yoga/Fitness 6:15p, Choir meeting	3 1p, Mat weaving 6:30p, Worship Mtg	4	5 8:30a, Men's Breakfast 10:30a, Book club info meeting
6 10am, One Worship Holy Communion Potluck 8:45-11a, Blood Pressures E-giving Help desk	7 Church Office closed	8 9:30a, Al-Anon, R.Chapel Noon, AA, R.Chapel 5:15p, Praise band practice 6:30p, SPRC Meeting	9 9:30 Chair Yoga/Fitness	10	11	12
13 11a-1p, Fall Festival, meal 5p, Diversity Committee Meeting 7p, Scouts	14 Church Office closed Pastor Amy out in afternoon 9:30 Chair Yoga & Fitness 3p, Hand of Luke 7p, Trustees Mtg	15 Nancy—vacation Pastor Amy out in afternoon <i>Church office open in a.m.</i> 9:30a, Al-Anon, R.Chapel Noon, AA, R.Chapel 5:15p, Praise band practice 6:30p, Finance Mtg	16 Nancy—vacation Pastor Amy out in afternoon <i>Church office open in a.m.</i> 9:30 Chair Yoga/Fitness TGIW/BLAST 6p, Meal 6:30p-7:30p Activities	17 Nancy—vacation <i>Church office open in a.m.</i> 9:30a, United Women in Faith 1p, Mat weaving 4p, Social Action Mtg.	18 Nancy—vacation <i>Church office open in a.m.</i> 9a, Needlers	19 8:30a, Veterans Breakfast
20 10a, Sunday School 2-4p, CJC Big Band 4p, Church Tour 6p, Confirmation Class	21 Church Office closed 9:30 Chair Yoga & Fitness	22 9:30a, Al-Anon Noon, AA 5:15p, Praise band practice	23 9:30 Chair Yoga/Fitness TGIW/BLAST 6p, Meal 6:30p-7:30p Activities	24 6:30p, Administrative Council Mtg.	25 October LINK deadline	26 9:30a, United Women in Faith
27	28 Church Office closed 9:30 Chair Yoga & Fitness	29 9:30a, Al-Anon, R.Chapel Noon, AA, R.Chapel 5:15p, Praise band practice	30 9:30 Chair Yoga/Fitness TGIW/BLAST 6p, Meal 6:30p-7:30p Activities			



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

1 Samuel Gaul
4 James Neu
5 Tim Carrigan, Angie Eaves
6 Marlys Borcharding, Karen Durant
7 Sophie Sandquist, Eugene Pecinovsky,
Devon Mau
9 Jenn Higdon, Charlie Strauss,
David Bachelder
10 Kirk Hartung, Juniece McCuddin,
Cadence Kasper
11 Lindsey McClellan, Elaine Sheer,
Devon Mau II
12 Emma Sandquist, Byron Williamson
13 John Kirkpatrick
14 Randy Jansen
15 Sharon Lewis, Kristine Wakeman,
Judy Nemmers

16 Nancy Monthei
17 Ruth Doxon
18 Elliot Sutton, Sherri Bogue
20 Adrian Sjoquist
21 Zane Sutton
22 Clarice Rubek
24 Janet Carrigan
25 Jeffrey Huber
26 Angelle Uwineza
27 Julie Boyles
28 Susan Clark
29 Jeffrey Foreman
30 Joe Nemmers



8 Gene & Elaine Lesch
9 Dustin & Melanie Henry
9 Chad & Cindy Meyer
11 Kristin & Paul Coffelt
14 John & Carolyn Burrough
15 Jerry & Becky Baker
22 Corey & Deanne Miller
27 Pete & Susan Frey

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we can update our files.*



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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