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OCTOBER AT NEW HOPE

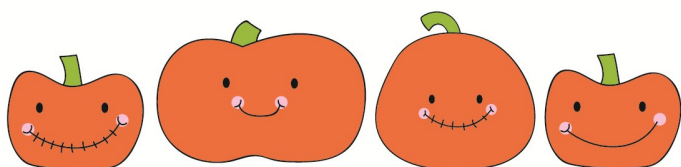
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THE STORY



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Halloween Bash & Trunk-or-Treat at New Hope

Wednesday, October 24

5:30 p.m. dinner

6:00-7:00 p.m. games

7:00-7:30 p.m. Trunk or Treat

Join us for this fun family Halloween party with games, and we'll end the evening with "Trunk-or-Treating" in the church parking lot!

Sign your car up at the CLT table in the Fellowship Hall. Kids...come in costume! Parents are encouraged to stay with their children.

Also...volunteers are needed to help with this event. Sign up at the CLT table.

OCTOBER 30 6-8 PM

Johnston River Of Life
Beggars Night

Party

at the
Johnston Barn
1669 Northglenn Drive, Johnston

- trunk-or-treat • costume contest • prizes •
- games • candy • door prizes • live music •



membership news

If you have a prayer chain request, please call the church office at 278-2097 or Jan Davisson at 251-4894. To be added to the e-mail prayer chain distribution list, please call the church office or Jan.

Prayer Concerns

Linda Dean; Elaine Stubbs; Blaine Goff; Barb Easton; Dick Cobb, Roger Moore, Laura Myers; Earl Lewis; Bishop Julius Trimble; District Superintendent, David Weesner; District Field Minister, Karen Nelson; Dr. Emmanuel Mefor, missionary.

Prayers for the following military personnel: Jason Homard; Tyler Nearmyer and our national and world leaders, our military and their families.

Our Sympathy

Our Sympathy to to **Jim & Norma Smith** on the passing of Norma's sister, Marion Trupke.

Our Sympathy to **Norma and Eugene Pecinovsky** on the passing of Norma's dad, Richard "Dick" Payton.

Our Sympathy to **Sue and Mark Baldwin** and family on the passing of Sue's uncle, Don Jebson.

Our Sympathy to **Pastor Craig and Jody Ferguson** and family on the passing of Jody's grandmother, Bernice Benda.

Birth

Congratulations to Mike & Jamie Moellers on the birth of their daughter, **Madilyn Mae Moellers**. Madilyn was born on September 5th and weighed 7lbs 12 oz and is 20 ½" long.

Congratulations to Aaron & Shannon Klugherz on the birth of their son, **Zachary Ryan Klugherz**. Zachary was born on September 17th and weighed 8lbs, 4oz and is 20" long.



Church Conference

Our Church Conference will

be held on **Monday, October 22 at 6:30-8:00pm at Windsor UMC, 6222 University Ave.** As in the past, we will continue to meet as clusters of churches with the following format: Worshipping God, Building the Body, Transforming the World. During the Building the Body segment, we will review New Hope's past year's ministries, set the salaries of the Pastors and elect the officers of the church. Come, look at what we have done, be a part of the new ministries, support the new leadership and vote!

Please complete the information on the tear-off form of Sunday's bulletin and place it with the offering or contact the church office if you plan to attend. We want to make sure there is enough books for everyone.

Thank You

A special "thank you" to our wonderful New Hope friends and Pastors. Your thoughts, prayers, cards and phone calls gave us strength to continue on after living through several very difficult weeks the last of August and the first of September. We are beginning to heal now as several things have settled into place. What a blessing that is! We are so blessed to be able to be members of New Hope UMC.

Sincerely,
Norma and Jim Smith

Dear New Hope Family:
We promised an occasional update, so here we go.

Overall, things are going well, but there have been some challenges with reactions to treatment, so due to tiredness, Elaine had to miss church for a few weeks. However, she is back on her feet again and doing much better. We are still counting on God to get us through the challenges and appreciate your continuing prayers and kind words.

See you Sunday!
Blessings to you all!

Gary and Elaine Stubbs

Sun., Nov. 4
Daylight
Saving
Time ends

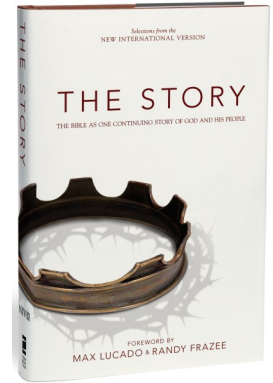


Bible Study Lineup

The Story

We will continue to use the resource called *The Story* to read through the Bible in a year. If you do not have a copy of *The Story*, you can follow along with your Bible.

| | Focus | Text |
|---------|--------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Oct. 7 | Moses | Exodus 19-20, 24-25, 32-34, 40 |
| Oct. 14 | Moses | Numbers 10-14, 20-21, 25, 27. Deut. 1-2;6;8-9;29-34 |
| Oct. 21 | Joshua | Joshua 1-2, 6, 8, 10-11, 23-24 |
| Oct. 28 | Judges | Judges 2-4, 6-8, 13-16 |



Small groups continue to meet to follow the church-wide curriculum, *The Story*. Please join any of the following groups:

- ♦ Sundays, 9:30 or 10:45 am in the Ruby Chapel
- ♦ Mondays, 10:30 am in the Ruby Chapel.
Led by Jodi Christensen & Wendy Musgrave
- ♦ Mondays, 7:00 pm, at Mark & Leah Scherer's home.
Contact Mark & Leah, 270-2385.
- ♦ Wednesdays, 7:00 pm in the Ruby Chapel, led by Dick & Charlene Cobb.
- ♦ Thursdays, 7:00 pm at Jane Wagner's home, led by Eldon Cross.
Contact Jane at 278-0055.
- ♦ 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month at 4pm at Sherri & Nick Bogue's home. Childcare is provided. Contact Sherri & Nick Bogue, boguesa@gmail.com with questions.

Women's Bible Study

Beloved Disciple By Beth Moore

Beginning: Monday nights at **6:00 p.m., in the Ruby Chapel**

Beloved Disciple is an in-depth study of the life of John the apostle and his relationship with the One who loved him. The goal of the study is to get to know John's heart as Christ's beloved disciple and to let him lead us deeper in to the depths of Christ's inexhaustible love. As we travel this journey with the beloved disciple, we will grow, as John did, in our desire to follow our Master and to love Him with all our being.

It is an 11 week interactive study which includes daily assignments and Bible study with a weekly video-centered group session. If you want to participate but don't have a lot of time to do the weekly lessons, you will be provided with the basic Bible scriptures to read and ponder.

If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Smith, 277-7125 or wicketsblooms@mediacombb.net

Friday Small Group

Fridays, October 5 & 19

The Friday Small Group meets every other Friday. We will meet in the private meeting room of the HyVee Cafeteria and Deli, 1990 Grand Ave., West Des Moines at 1:00 PM for lunch with study and discussion to follow, ending at approx. at 3:00 PM.

If you have any questions, please contact Donnafred Hinman, 226-2141.

**confirmation
schedule for October**

October 14, 4:00 p.m.

Topic: "The Worshipping Community"

October 28, 4:00 p.m.

Topic: "Old Testament 101"



youth programs

Jr. BLAST (6th-8th grade). Coordinators: Penny Dolberg & Renee Haugland.

Attention 6th-8th Graders come check out JR High Blast! The first meeting is **October 7th, 4:30pm, in the Family Life Center**. This will just be a quick informative meeting. Parents are welcome to attend. We will go over the calendar and talk about what you want to do this year. Questions? Contact Penny Dolberg at 201-7643 or penny.dolberg@gmail.com or Renee Haugland 252-8632 or drhaugland@msn.com.

Sr. BLAST (9th-12th grade) Leaders: Chris & Jennifer Higdon and Charity Johnson – BLAST@NewHopeDSM.org
New Hope Senior High BLAST kicked off on September 8th with a full day of activities. The group started the day by volunteering at the Johnston Partnership and organizing recently received donations. At the Partnership the group tried on new clothing styles (*Footed Pajamas*) and found hygiene products they never knew existed (*Old Spice Swagger Deodorant*).



After working at the Partnership; the BLAST group suffered through watching their beloved Iowa Hawkeye's lose a crucial game against Kayla's Cyclones. However, the bright point after the devastating loss was enjoying worship activities at Johnston River of Life services.

In October the BLAST group has several activities planned. We will continue our Bi-Weekly Bi-Monthly meetings on Sept 30th & Oct 14th. Additionally, we will have a fun/haunted outing on October 14th with our get-together at the Church. Finally, on October 27th the group will be walking together for the Susan G. Komen – Race for the Cure in downtown Des Moines. Look for more information about these events in your email or on our website (<http://blast.newhopedsm.org>).

Important Dates to Remember:

- Sept 30th @ 6pm:** Bi-Monthly BLAST meeting at the Church
- Oct 14th @ TBD:** Bi-Monthly BLAST meeting / Haunted House Event
- Oct 27th @ TBD:** BLAST Susan G. Komen – Race for the Cure

christian learning opportunities



Children's Ministries Coordinator: Kelly Mohrman at gmohrman@mchsi.com

Children's Ministries Mission Statement: A church family working together to teach children to know, grow, and show the love of Jesus Christ.

Children's Worship: A specially designed worship time for children ages 3 through 3rd grade. Children will enjoy following The Story in a way that is meaningful and age appropriate for them. Worship includes music, prayer, offering (monetary or a hand made picture), Bible story, fellowship, and a healthy snack. Adults, teens, and tweens are invited to sign up to help with Children's worship. Please contact Kelly Mohrman or sign up in the fellowship hall.

Christian Learning Time: During CLT we will be following The Story, along with the sermon series. Students will be learning Bible verses, stories of the Bible in chronological order, and will also receive trading cards and a parent letter for discussion at home.

As a mission for October and November, the CLT students will be learning about our missionary, Dr. Emanuel Mefor, and his work in Zimbabwe. Dr. Mefor will be visiting New Hope on October 10. Monetary donations in October will be given to help with these efforts.



Third graders received Bibles on Rally

Thank God It's Wednesday (TGIW): Please continue to sign up children interested in attending a mid-week program. Clipboard is under the CLT bulletin board. Prayfully consider volunteering to help lead in a classroom 1-2 times a month, so that we can begin our program in October.

Rally

Day

Fun



***Exercise is good for your
mind, body, and soul.***

Join us anytime in the Family Life Center for exercise classes:

Mondays, 5:15-6:00pm, DVD workout

Tuesdays, 5:15-6:00pm, Yoga led by instructor

Wednesdays, 11:30am-12:15pm, Resistance bands

Thursdays, 5:15-6:00pm, DVD workout.

The DVDs that will be used will be a variety of cardio workouts.

"The hardest thing about exercise is to start doing it. Once you are doing exercise regularly, the hardest thing is to stop it."

— Erin Gray



Garlands of Gifts

This open to the public craft & gift fair will be held on

Saturday, November 10, 9am-3pm at New Hope.

FREE Admission!!

Help us **advertise** by picking up a flyer from the Welcome Center and posting it at your work or handing it to friends/neighbors. *Hope to see you there!!*

Also, help is needed! Several ways for you to help. Please see the sign up sheets in the Fellowship Hall.

Fall Harvest

Farmers Market & Auction



Sunday, November 11

5:00-6:00 p.m. – Silent Auction

6:00 p.m. – Dinner

You are invited to share your talents and gifts with others at the Fall Harvest Farmers Market & Auction. Please consider donating an item(s) for the silent auction that has a value of \$10 or more. ALSO...we will be re-introducing the **Live Auction**.

Again this year...you are welcome to set up your own farmers market stand to sell your crafts, art, canned goods, etc. All proceeds from your sales would be donated to the church.

New dinner menu: choice of cavetelli with red meat sauce or white chicken sauce, green beans, tossed salad, French bread and various desserts.

Please complete the reservation form and send it to the church office. If you would like to help with this event, please contact Devonne Douglas at 321-3702.

**Reservation for
Fall Harvest Farmers Market & Auction**

Name _____

Phone _____

☐ Will attend dinner.

____ Number attending from your family

☐ Will donate an item(s) for the auction

☐ Will have a farmers market stand

Description of donated item(s) and/or what your farmers market stand will be offering:

Please have your auction item(s) dropped off at the church during the week of November 7.

For Sale

New Hope UMC has a relative old sound system in the NE Storage room of the Family Life Center. Anyone interested in this system should make an offer/bid to the Board of Trustees.

All reasonable offers will be discussed and one selected. This system includes an amplifier, speakers and some miscellaneous stands and cables. The system used to be used by the Stroke Club prior to New Hope getting the current sound system. They have donated it to the church to find a good home.

Questions can be directed to John Rains, jjrains@q.com or 515-238-1576.

Outdoor Landscape

Recently many witnessed the transition from summer to fall in the outdoor planters as the Mahogany Splendor Hibiscus, Coleus and other materials were replaced with large mums. This past spring and summer several members have commented on how welcoming the east entrance appeared and the lush appearance of the courtyard despite the drought. It feels good to make the church look good and you can be a part of it. Assistance is always welcome in weeding the garden areas, deadheading flowers and keeping the planters watered (particularly during very hot spells). If you have questions or an interest in learning about perennial maintenance, contact Ruth Doxon, 253-9115 or Kathy Russi, 333-1764.



Central Iowa Shelter Relocates

New Hope Methodist has actively participated in the serving of meals at Central Iowa Shelter since March, 1996 (over 15 years!). Many of us have seen several changes over the years and witnessed first hand the conditions of the original structure. Central Iowa Shelter and Services (CISS) should be transitioned to its new structure by the time the October Link goes to print. Scheduled ribbon cutting and relocation date was Friday, September 21st.

The new facility is located directly south of the existing shelter and will have 43,000 square feet (the current facility had 8000 plus). The shelter will include 207 beds, 150 emergency beds (100 for men, 50 for women), 38 Section 8 apartments (federal government's primary program to provide housing for Americans who are living in poverty), and 19 apartments for veterans.

In addition to the housing, the newly constructed shelter will have a services wing that includes a classroom, DMARC food pantry, clothing closet and a Primary Healthcare clinic.

The shelter has requested that churches and other organizations providing meals to increase their supply to serve up to 150 people. In terms of non food products plastic silverware will be the only requested item (a safety precaution). Napkins, plates, cups, etc will be provided as the facility includes a new dish room and commercial dishwasher! With the increased size of the serving area, the shelter can now accommodate more volunteers during meal times without everyone bumping into each other.

There is a special "kitchen entrance" around the back of the building that New Hope till use. Vehicles will be able to pull up close to the door, place everything on a cart and then transport it into the kitchen.

Supporting the Hand of Luke mission is open to all within the New Hope community. Individuals and small groups are welcome to participate in the donation of menu items, preparing the meals and serving at the shelter. Friends and co-workers are also welcome. It is a great way to introduce others to mission work. New Hope serves on the 14th of each month and has developed a reputation for providing quality meals that are well received. Favorites during the cooler fall and winter months include meatloaf, ham and bean soup and beef stroganoff. After a cold day or wet day outdoors a "comfort meal" is quite soothing. To participate in this mission, sign up on the table in the Narthex or contact Ruth Doxon at 253-9115 or email rdoxon@gmail.com placing HOL in the subject line.

Hand of Luke

Sunday, October 14

Meatloaf

Mashed Potatoes with Gravy

Green Beans, Dinner Rolls

Pie

If you would like to contribute to our ministry by making food donations, cooking or serving, please sign up in the Fellowship Hall.

Cooks meet at the church between 3:00-3:30pm. Servers transport the food to the Central Iowa Shelter & Services at 5:30pm and return by 8:00pm.

When individuals drop off their non perishables, we ask that they **clearly label them HOL and clearly indicate who it is from** and leave them on the kitchen counter.

Frozen items may be placed in the new industrial freezer, on the upper two left shelves. If possible, please indicate on the sign up sheet where you placed your item(s) (for example, "in pantry", or "in the refrig."). **THANK YOU!!!**



Saturday Night Coffee House and Casual Worship

5:00 p.m.

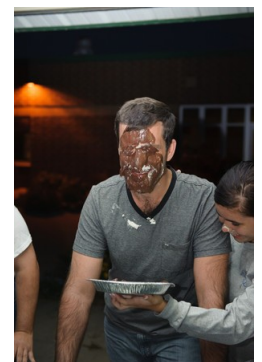
Beaver Creek Elementary,
8701 Lyndhurst Drive,
Johnston.

*All are invited to join us for these fun and energizing
worship services! **Johnstonriveroflife.org***

On September 15, many attended the 5pm
worship and then stayed for the potluck and an
evening filled with old-fashioned games for all.



Pastor Craig's new
podium, thanks to
Charity Johnson!





Where do you get your inspiration from?

When you go to work, or go to school, or stay at home to raise the kids, where does your inspiration come from? Have you ever wondered how you have the energy and perseverance to get up each day and do it all over again? Are there days that quite honestly you would rather not?

I think the same question can be asked about church and faith... How do we build up the determination and courage to keep on going? Where do we derive our inspiration from?

At work it may be something as simple as, the bills gotta get paid. Some of the most committed and hard workers I know would say they do it cause, "the bills gotta get paid." For others it is about advancement and leadership. Some would give all that up for the feeling they get when they serve others without compensation. Stay at home mothers know this form of inspiration and self-satisfaction well.

In the church it is an odd compilation; our faith spurs us on, the words of Christ motivate us, the opportunity to serve humbles us. But it is also easy for the schedule of the world to overwhelm us and erode the time we once had reserved for God. It is like anything else; without inspiration our efforts fail. Or more familiar might be, "Without vision the people perish."

As a pastor I bind myself to the inspiration of scripture and commitment to follow Jesus. But the truth is, there are days

that is hard and feels empty, as if it is doing no good, taking care of meetings, business, and even worship services, but changing no lives. There are days (just like any other role) where you ask... why am I doing this again???

Over the last couple weeks I have found inspiration renewed. We asked the JROL members questions about what has inspired them or touched their lives. We continue to receive responses. And it has in some ways sparked an ongoing flow of positive conversation. We have lifted each other up by encouraging, laughing, remembering our mission statement (Being Christ in Community), saying thank you, and by sharing how a scripture passage has touched someone.

I have found that this form of community is contagious, overwhelmingly powerful, and true inspiration for life and ministry. I want to say thank you to each and every one of you who have been a support, encouragement, and friend; for those who have laughed, socialized, shared personal testimonies, and even knocked on doors with me. I am surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses and such an amazing team of people who bring JROL to life and give me Inspiration.

serve

Sign up to help!
Look for the sign-up
sheets at the entrance
of the Narthex and the
Family Life Center.

sunday volunteers

Greeters arrive at worship service fifteen minutes early to welcome worshipers.

Lectors read the scripture lessons for the day at the 8:30 and 10:45 worship services.

Children's Church meets during 9:30 a.m. worship service in the sanctuary & 1st/2nd grade classroom. Volunteers read a Bible story to the children and supervise craft and play time.

Hosts buy or bake six to eight dozen cookies, and serve coffee and lemonade after the 9:30 contemporary and 10:45 traditional worship services. New Hope purchases three to five dozen cookies to also be served with the hosts' cookies. After fellowship time the hosts wash, dry, and put away the cookie platters, rinse out and dry the coffee canisters, and take the trash out to the trash bin. When you sign up to host, a letter from New Hope will be mailed to you before you host with instructions on how to host.

If you are interested in volunteering for any of these positions, please call Nancy Monthei, church secretary, at 278-2097.

Those who serve New Hope in October

8:30am Traditional Service

Greeters

7 Armenta Buckingham
14 Charlotte Schultz
21 Marge Carnahan
28

Lectors

7 Cathy Short
14 Kirk Hartung
21 Cathy Short
28 Carole Followwill

Traditional Service Callers

7 Jim & Norma Smith
14 Craig Ferguson
21 Norma Sutton
28 Bob & Marlys Borcherd-
ing

Contemporary Service Callers

7 Michele Hamilton
14 Melisa Forbes & Pam
Frey
21 Eldon Cross
28 Michele Hamilton

9:30am Contemporary Service

Greeters

7 Pam Frey
14 Clyde & Cindy Rail
21
28

Hosts

7 Andy & Spencer Sutton
14 Pam Frey
21 Pam & Bill Gibbons
28 Cindy & Clyde Rail

Money Counters

7 Clark Howland, Larry
Wood, Rick Homard
14 Tony & Tracy Hoffman,
Glenna Ross
21 Jerry Kielsmeier,
Kim Traylor, Kari Baccam
28 DeVonne Douglas, Randy
Jansen, Ron Zoss

10:45am Traditional Service

Greeters

7 Bob & Carol Harter
14 Jerry & Linda Kielsmeier
21 Norma & Jim Smith
28 Bob & Marlys Borcherd-
ing

Lectors

7 Jon Verner
14 Spencer Sutton
21
28 Jim Smith

Hosts

7 Paulette & Larry Wood
14 Lee Ross
21 Carol & Bob Harter
28 Roberta & Neal Cave

Pal Friday: 9 a.m.

5 Marlys Borcherd-
ing
12 Marge Carnahan
19 Barb Easton
26 Alice Hedman

Sun., Nov. 4
Daylight
Saving
Time ends



thank you for volunteering to help with the worship services. If something comes up and you have a conflict, please contact another church member to switch with you and call the church office with the changes (278-2097).

groups gathering together

Blood Pressure Check

New Hope is offering free Blood Pressure checks each month. **October 21** will be the next BP checks. Come to the Narthex after each worship service.

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, October 13
at 7:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Women's Fellowship

Thursday, October 18
at 9:00 a.m. at New Hope UMC
If you have any questions, please contact Shirley Frus at 279-1130.

Care Ministry Team

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 and will meet on **December 13 at 10:00am at New Hope.** If you would like to join the Care Ministry team, please contact Clarice Rubek or Mary Ann Rice.

New Hope Chancel Choir

Wednesdays @ 6:30 p.m.
Seasonal Choir @ 7:30 p.m.
Eldon Cross, Director of Music,
elcatalia4@gmail.com
or 515 250-1476.

Support Groups

Al-Anon

Every Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. in the Ruby Chapel.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Every Tuesday at Noon in the Ruby Chapel.

Stroke Club of Iowa

3rd Tuesday of the month
(February - October) at 7 p.m.

Tech Team

We would like you to be involved in the sound booth at the 9:30 service. Please plan to attend one of two training sessions on how to run the computer slides. **October 7th and 14th after the 9:30 service.** This is a very easy and fun thing to do. With your help we can keep this service great. Also you get one of the best seats in the house!! Questions? Please contact Penny Dolberg at 201-7643 or penny.dolberg@gmail.com.

Veteran's Day Sew-In

Friday, Nov. 9

9:00am-3:00pm

Got a needle? Like to sew? Plan to join the New Hope Needlers in Fellowship Hall on Friday, Nov 9th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm (or any part thereof) to work on quilts for the Care Team. We have a few sewing machines at the church, as well as most necessary equipment and a pretty nice fabric stash. Or, feel free to bring your own machine / project to join in the fun.

We'll plan a pot luck lunch at noon. All are welcome - experienced quilters or newbies. For more information or to sign up, please contact Kim Buske at 334-5448 or Shirley Frus at 279-1130.



The library committee will be meeting on **the 2nd and 4th Wed. mornings of the month from 10:00 to 11:30.**

Please contact Carol Harter if you would like to join us. We are currently cataloging recent donations and new library purchases.

If you go to a Family Christian Book Store, please ask for ministry card stamps when you make a purchase. These stamps, when turned in to the library committee, will be used to purchase new books for the church library. You may place stamps in the stamp donation box in the suggestion box.

All suggestions for new books are welcome. Place your suggestion in the suggestion box on the library cart. Also, if you wish to donate a book for the library, it can be marked with a donation card in honor of a birthday, etc. or as a memorial gift.

Enjoy the many wonderful books.

missions

October Mission: Thanksgiving Ingathering

The Thanksgiving Ingathering is a way for Iowa United Methodists to address hunger problems locally and around the world. Micah 6:8 says that the Lord requires us "To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." When we share from our abundance we are acting justly and reflecting our desire to serve God.

The Ingathering event is always held on the first Saturday in November at 8 sites around Iowa. New Hope's site is at Greenfield UMC. Highlights are special displays of Missions supported by the Ingathering, worship, silent auction, and a live auction of handmade quilts and other items donated by congregations with the proceeds going to the selected Missions. The host church serves a great lunch. New Hope has participated for many years, often taking over 100 kits with collected items from all ages.

The first Sunday (Saturday) in October, we will be filling homemade school bags constructed by members of our church. These bags will be distributed at all 4 services with a list of the items needed in the bag. After that date, empty bags will be found on the Mission Table. If you would like to help us sew the simple bags, please contact Sharon Smith.

In addition to the School kits, we will collect Sewing kits to be sent to Nigeria. Many of these kits are used in sewing classes for women who want to start a small business.

Lists of contents of the School Kits and the Sewing Kits will also be on the Mission Table.

This year the Mission Committee is encouraging handy crafters to contribute items such as small wooden furniture or toys, needle work of all types, birdhouses, quilts, etc. Please let Nancy in the church office know that you are contributing something so the team that attends can arrange transportation of the donated items.

Meet Our Missionaries

Join us on **Wednesday, October 10th** as New Hope UMC will be hosting our missionaries, Dr. Emmanuel and Florence Mefor.

Dinner will be at 5:30pm, followed by a program at 6:00pm.

We will be learning about their work in Zimbabwe. Dr. Mefor is a medical doctor and Florence is a nurse mid-wife. They both are missionaries with the Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church assigned to Mutambara, Zimbabwe.

Activities are planned for kids.

We hope to see you there!



Save the Date....Stewardship Sunday, November 4, 2012

We are gearing up for our annual pledge drive and we invite you to prayerfully consider your financial giving for the 2013 year. A mailing will be sent later this month which will include more details along with a "Stewardship and Financial Pledge for 2013".

We also invite you to a brunch after each worship service on November 4th. We'll join in fellowship together and celebrate what God is doing through New Hope UMC.

-The Stewardship and Finance Committee

sunday morning worship attendance

| | 8:30 | 9:30 | 10:45 | total |
|----------------------------------|------|------|---------|-------|
| Aug 26 | 37 | 116 | 98 | 251 |
| Sept 2 | 30 | 85 | 79 | 194 |
| Sept 9 | 35 | 130 | 118 | 283 |
| Sept 16 | 42 | 97 | 94 | 233 |
| Sept 23 | 37 | 107 | 102 | 246 |
| River of Life Worship Attendance | | | | |
| Aug 25 | 34 | | Sept 1 | 42 |
| Sept 8 | 34 | | Sept 15 | 95 |
| Sept 22 | 59 | | | |

new hope financial update

Below is the General Fund operating budget report for August 2012 compared to our 2012 budget and August 2011

| | August 2012 Actual | August 2012 Budget | August 2011 Actual |
|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Total Receipts | 21,294.78 | 24,254.08 | 24,826.48 |
| Total Expenditures | 25,126.14 | 26,482.35 | 23,324.35 |
| Net Surplus (Deficit) | (3,831.36) | (2,228.27) | 1,502.13 |
| | YTD Aug 2012 Actual | YTD Aug 2012 Budget | YTD Aug 2011 Actual |
| Total Receipts | 209,136.91 | 218,300.55 | 220,481.46 |
| Total Expenditures | 218,076.08 | 234,992.43 | 196,698.48 |
| Net Surplus (Deficit) | (8,939.17) | (16,691.88) | 23,782.98 |

Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving

Donate

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

To setup online Giving go to www.newhopedsm.org OR www.johnstonriveroflife.org and click on the donate button. This will direct you securely to set up an automatic donation plan, change your donation plan, make a one-time donation or view your online donation history. Changes can be made confidentially at any time. Or if you like, paper authorization forms are located on the table in fellowship hall. Please contact the church office for additional information.

sign up to receive the LINK by email

If you would like to help minimize both our costs and our impact on the planet by receiving The LINK via e-mail, please contact the church office at 515.278.2097 or send an email to nhfamily@newhopedsm.org.

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AT NEW HOPE

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| | 1 10:30a, Small Grp, R.Chapel 5:15p, Exercise/Cardio 6pm, Women's Bible Study 7:00p, Trustees Meeting 7:00p, Small Grp @ Scherers | 2 9:30a, Sr. Singers 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 5:15p, Exercise/Yoga | 3 11:30a, Exercise/Resistance 6:30p, Chancel Choir 7:00p, Small Group, Ruby Chapel 7:45p, Praise Team | 4 5:15p, Exercise/Cardio 7:00p, Small Grp @ J.Wagner's | 5 Pal: Marlys Borchering 1:00p, Small Group at Hy-Vee in WDSM | 6 5p, Johnston ROL @ Beaver Creek Elem. |
| 7 Holy Communion World Communion Sunday (offering) 9:30 & 10:45, Small Grp. 4p, New member class & dinner 4:30p, Jr. BLAST, FLC | 8 10:30a, Small Grp, R.Chapel 5:15p, Exercise/Cardio 6pm, Women's Bible Study 7:00p, Small Grp @ Scherers | 9 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 5:15p, Exercise/Yoga | 10 10a, Library Committee 11:30a, Exercise/Resistance 5:30p, Meet Our Missionaries 6:30p, Chancel Choir 7:00p, Small Group, Ruby Chapel 7:45p, Praise Team | 11 5:15p, Exercise/Cardio 7:00p, Small Grp @ J.Wagner's | 12 Pal: Marge Carnahan | 13 7:30a, Men's Breakfast 4pm, Small Group @ Bogues 5p, Johnston River of Life worship @ Beaver Creek Elem. |
| 14 New Members to be received 9:30 & 10:45, Small Grp. Noon, Compassionate Callers 3:30p, Hand of Luke 4p, Confirmation Class TBD, Sr. BLAST | 15 Deadline for Nov. LINK 10:30a, Small Grp 5:15p, Exercise/Cardio 6pm, Women's Bible Study 7:00p, SPRC Meeting 7:00p, Small Grp @ Scherers | 16 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 5:15p, Exercise/Yoga 7:00p, Stroke Club 7:00p, Finance Mtg. | 17 11:30a, Exercise/Resistance 4:30p, Missions Mtg. 6:30p, Chancel Choir 7:00p, Small Group, Ruby Chapel 7:45p, Praise Team | 18 9:00a, Women's Fellowship at church 5:15p, Exercise/Cardio 7:00p, Small Grp @ J.Wagner's | 19 Pal: Barb Easton 1:00p, Small Group at Hy-Vee in WDSM | 20 5p, Johnston River of Life worship @ Beaver Creek Elem. |
| 21 Blood Pressure Checks Food Pantry Sunday 9:30 & 10:45, Small Grp. | 22 10:30a, Small Grp, R.Chapel 5:15p, Exercise/Cardio 6pm, Women's Bible Study 6:30-8:00p, Church Conf. at DSM Windsor 7:00p, Small Grp @ Scherers | 23 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 5:15p, Exercise/Yoga 7:00p, AD Council | 24 10a, Library Committee 11:30a, Exercise/Resistance 5:30p, Halloween Party & Trunk or Treat 6:30p, Chancel Choir 7:00p, Small Group, 7:45p, Praise Team | 25 5:15p, Exercise/Cardio 7:00p, Small Grp @ J.Wagner's | 26 Pal: Alice Hedman | 27 TBD, Sr. BLAST 4pm, Small Group @ Bogues 5p, Johnston River of Life worship @ Beaver Creek Elem. |
| 28 9:30 & 10:45, Small Grp. 4p, Confirmation Class | 29 10:30a, Small Grp, R.Chapel 5:15p, Exercise/Cardio 6pm, Women's Bible Study 7:00p, Small Grp @ Scherers | 30 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 5:15p, Exercise/Yoga 6-8pm, JROL Halloween Trunk or Treat & games @ Johnston Barn | 31 11:30a, Exercise/Resistance 6:30p, Chancel Choir 7:00p, Small Group, Ruby Chapel 7:45p, Praise Team | Nov. 1 5:15p, Exercise/Cardio | 2 Pal: Norma Sutton 1:00p, Small Group at Hy-Vee in WDSM | 3 8a-5p, Fellowship Hall reserved 5p, Johnston River of Life worship @ Beaver Creek Elem. Sun., Nov. 4—Fall Back 1 hour. |

***WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY (OFFERING), OCT. 7:** Providing college scholarships for racial-and ethnic-minority students in the United States and international students.

Looking Ahead:

Nov. 9, 9a-3p, Needlers Sew in
Nov. 10, 9:00a-3:00p, "Garlands of Gifts" Gift & Craft Fair
Nov. 11, 5:00p, Harvest Auction & Dinner

Happy Birthday to you!!

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

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| 1 Jack Schoop, John Turek | 19 Mike Lillegraven, Laura Myers, |
| 2 Roberta Cave, Gerald Madison, | Robin Riley |
| 3 Ellen Hester, Jodi Evans, Adam Wise, | 21 Jeanette Cornelison, Steve Grow |
| Phoebe Landis, Sandy Johnson | 22 Charles Malone, Carly Lewis, |
| 4 Joe Traylor | James Beasley |
| 5 Randy Thompson, Noah Henry, Dennis | 23 Alanna Verner |
| Hawthorne, Brad Lichter | 24 Lydia Johnston, Lynette Cook, |
| 6 Anna Happ | Mary Jansen |
| 7 Lisa Hewitt | 25 Isora Fenzke, Debi Baker, |
| 8 Brittany Egger, Eric Welter | Tracy Hoffman |
| 9 Gleen Coates, Kelly Fagen, Kayla | 26 Bill Dawes, Ann Schultz, |
| Fagen, Teri Gairns | Tod Cook |
| 10 Brian Stone, Tim Hegwood, Mica Wills, | 27 Charlotte Sheldon, David Gier |
| Hannah Wiles, Malcolm Rock | 28 Marilyn Schoop, Pam Weisskopf, |
| 13 Jeanine Murray, Melanie Henry, Emma | David Johnson |
| Stone | 29 Nile Cornelison, Laura Webber, |
| 14 Kory Frederick | Sarah Baldwin, Sara Cullinan, |
| 15 Dave Cale, Jeremy Madison, | William Sheer, Hayden O'Brien |
| Debbie O'Brien, Nolan Juran | 30 Carole Followwill, Alex Haase |
| 16 Kurt Eaves | 31 John Walker |
| 18 Carl Egger | |

Happy Anniversary!!!

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| 2 Mike & Cheryl Lillegraven |
| 4 Mel & Ginny Ghee |
| 4 Jim & Barb Mather |
| 8 Jacob & Carrie Naumann |
| 8 Brad & Terri Lichter |
| 10 Randy & Mary Jansen |
| 11 Steven & Stephanie Alcorn |
| 12 Jon & Sonya Verner |
| 14 Kevin & Jodi Christensen |
| 15 Jim & Teri Gairns |
| 16 Jon & Wendy Musgrave |
| 17 Ryan & Jessica McGinnity |
| 18 Mike & Elaine Collet |
| 23 Gary & Elaine Stubbs |
| 25 Mike & Kris Wakeman |

If you see that your name is not listed, please call the church office at 278-2097, or email at nhfamily@newhopedsm.org, so we can update our files.



View of Promised Land from Mount Nebo in Jordan

Ours is not the only time in which people have questioned the existence of God, have wrestled with doubts about the faith, or have had to deal with the increasing secularization of society. In fact, each generation must wrestle with the meaning of faith in the midst of their own time. The Christian faith is not handed down like an inheritance from our parents. Each person must come to terms with the high calling of Jesus Christ.

In the midst of his own time, German novelist Thomas Mann wrestled with the whole idea of God and sinful humanity as he watched the Nazis rise to power. He struggled with how human beings could be so sinful and what God's ultimate intent was for humanity. As his own way of working through his struggles, he wrote a series of four novels under the series title of *Joseph and His Brothers*.

In one of the books in the series, *Joseph the Provider*, Mann imagines an intriguing scene in which the angels are gossiping about a rumor they've heard that God is going to create humanity, which will be this interesting and potentially disastrous combination of angel and beast. The angels are pretty skeptical about it, but God goes ahead and does it anyway.

Well, the project does not work out as intended, and the Fall occurs. But, to the shock of the angels, God does not

give up on humanity, but takes the next step with humans. He begins the process of winning back His lost Creation. He begins to work with these humans, interact with them, and in ultimate condescension that the angels find difficult believing, comes Himself to earth in the form of a human being to save them.

This Prologue by Thomas Mann is actually a pretty good summary of the theme of the entire Bible. God has "condescended mightily." He Himself has entered human history. The God of the Bible stands in stark contrast to the kind of God that some people imagine, in which God is always at a distance, is uninvolved and uncaring. The God of the Bible acts. He is involved with His creation, leading and guiding His people in spite of their sin and continuing to seek them out when they get themselves lost. He is the God who is "with us." In His ultimate act of being "with us," He himself comes to be with us in Jesus Christ.

In October we are looking at a part of "The Story" in the Bible in which God has led His people out of Egypt. In spite of their sinfulness, their stubbornness, and their pride, God continues to work with His people to form them into a community of faith. And God continues to be involved in our lives in this time, to form us as His people in this time and place.

worship themes for october

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| Oct 7 | New Commands and a New Covenant | <i>Exodus 20:1-17</i> |
| Oct 14 | Wandering | <i>Numbers 13:25-33</i> |
| Oct 21 | The Battle Begins | <i>Joshua 1:1-9</i> |
| Oct 28 | A Few Good Men...and Women | <i>Judges 2:11-19</i> |

World Communion Sunday

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1 church, 2 campuses, 4 worship services.



Sunday Worship Services at New Hope

8:30am Traditional Service
9:30am Contemporary Service
10:45am Traditional Service

Saturday Worship Service in Johnston

5:00pm Casual Service
Currently meeting at Beaver Creek Elementary,
8701 Lyndhurst Drive



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