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MAY AT NEW HOPE

2013

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May 4&5 } Your Presence Requested
May 11&12 } Priority Mail
May 18&19 } RSVP +1
May 25&26 } Celebration of Life
(Memorial Day Weekend)

Mark your calendars!

Sun, May 5 • Perennial plant sale

Sun, May 12 • Graduate Recognition
• Last day of Christian Learning Time - field day!
• Made to order gourmet omelets by
Chef Tony Scharfenkamp after all services as
a fundraiser for the Sr. BLAST mission trip

Fri, May 17 • Heartbeat Bell Concert, 7:30pm

Sat, May 25 • Memorial Saturday

Sun, May 26 • Memorial Sunday

Sun, June 9 • The Katinas concert, 6pm
at the Johnston Middle School Auditorium,
presented by JROL



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

Blaine Goff; Jann Williams; Donnafred Hinman; Barb Easton; Bob Reaney; Mel Ghee; Bishop Julius Trimble; District Superintendent, David Weesner; District Field Minister, Karen Nelson; Dr. Emmanuel Mefor, missionary.

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

Sympathy

Our Sympathy to Karen & Gus Skovgard and family on the passing of Karen's father, Elmer Kinsinger.

Email Update

Bill & Pam Gibbons

bpgibb1975@gmail.com

Thank You

Thank you, Pastor Neil, for visiting me in the hospital after my recent surgery. Also thank you to our New Hope friends for the cards and well wishes. **Darla Wolfe & family**

I would like to say thank you to everyone that helped me raise money for my walk MS team. I had so much fun doing the bake sale I wanted to do another one but my Mimi said not till next year :) Thank you so much!

Jaela Wills

Thank You

We would like to thank everyone at New Hope for their words of kindness, cards, flowers and expressions of sympathy after the death of Karen's father. Your friendship and love have been very comforting.

Karen and Gus Skovgard

**The 2013 Confirmation students were confirmed on Sunday, April 14.
Welcome to our new members!!**



Front Row: Hanna Ferguson, Alexis Harlan, Madeline Johnston, Allyson Mohrman, Hannah Short, Mollie Rooney

Back Row: Brianna Johnson, Zachary Price, Carsten Thompson, Tavian Carnahan, Brock Moore, Chandler Heiser



Perennial Plant Sale

Sunday, May 5th

The landscape team will hold a perennial plant sale raising funds to support maintenance of the courtyard and east gardens.

In addition to divisions from established plants in the courtyard we will be seeking donations from the gardens of our congregation. Spring is a great time to divide (and reinvigorate) your perennial plants. As you clean out your beds this spring and divide some of your perennials, keep us in mind.

Please include plant name (and variety if known), color, height and sun/shade requirements. In addition to perennials, vegetable starts, coleus and other flowering annuals are accepted.

Plant donations may be dropped off Saturday, May 4th between the hours of 3 - 6pm.

If you are unable to make your donation that afternoon, and/or if you can *help* with this event, please contact Ruth Doxon, 253-9115 or Kathy Russi, 333-1764.



Sunday,
May 12th

Senior High BLAST youth are inviting Chef Tony Scharfenkamp back to make gourmet omelets after each service on Sunday, May 12th.

Plan now to enjoy a Mother's Day omelet breakfast!

Proceeds from your free will donation will be used for the 2013 mission trip.



Friday,
May 17th

HeartBeat Handbell Ensemble will perform a concert at New Hope UMC at 7:30pm on Friday, May 17th.

The theme of the concert is "A Stroll Down Memory Lane". HeartBeat will be joined in the performance by Karen Skovgard on the organ, a flute player, and a special vocal from New Hope's own Hanna Ferguson.

Please come join us for music and fellowship. A free will offering will be accepted.



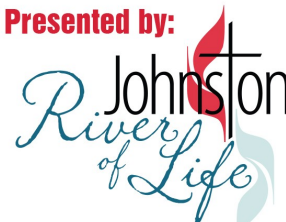
Sunday, June 9, 2013 • 6pm
Johnston Middle School Auditorium

A Benefit for the Cameron Carico+10 Foundation

Tickets
\$15 | **\$20**
advance | door
Groups of 10 - \$10 each



Presented by:



johnstonriveroflife.org

For Tickets:
www.johnstonriveroflife.org
For more information:
www.thekatinas.com
515-344-9868



ccplus10.org

**God is our refuge and strength,
an ever present help in times of trouble.**

-Psalm 46:1

CAMERON CARICO+10 FOUNDATION

Mission statement: Promote happy and healthy students and families in central Iowa through suicide prevention and mental health education.

In Memory of Denny Cameron and Cameron Carico



THE STORY

In April, we concluded the year long Bible study using *The Story*. We hope you enjoyed the series and found it meaningful. Thank you for your participation!

Below are a few ways *The Story* touched lives.

“Our group has enjoyed the fellowship while studying *The Story*. The DVD was instrumental in bringing out key facts from each chapter and Randy Frazee's presentation was excellent. It made us realize we needed to understand what happened in the Old Testament and the prophecies that were then fulfilled in the New Testament with the birth of Jesus and the aftermath that followed. The teachings and traveling of Paul was paramount in the spreading of the Gospel.”

Jane Wagner/Eldon Cross Small Group

“This is the first time that I have been involved in a book study through my church. I can truthfully say that I have read every chapter of the book. Although I don't think that I learned anything brand new, it did provide me with a focus. I enjoyed the fact that I already had a background for that week's sermon. By the time that I had read the lesson beforehand, then was there for the sermon, and attended the small group classes, I felt very well-versed in that week's scripture lesson. Thanks for helping me learn God's Story!” **Diane Fine**

“*The Story* was easy to read. I had tried to read The Bible many times, but this was so much easier to understand.”
Norma Sutton

“It was an awesome step in my faith journey. It reinforced my faith.” **Barb Mather**

“I enjoyed hearing *The Story* from beginning to end. I understand my faith so much more and I feel closer to God because I know Him better. My kids have a greater understanding too. I'm so glad our church did this.”
Jodi Christensen

Small Groups

There are several opportunities for you to join a small group:

- ♦ **Sundays**, 9:30 or 10:45 am in the Ruby Chapel
- ♦ **2nd and 4th Saturdays** of the month at 4pm. Childcare is provided. Contact Sherri & Nick Bogue, boguesa@gmail.com with questions.
- ♦ **Women's Bible Study group** will begin meeting **6:30pm, May 13th** in the Ruby Chapel every other Monday for 6 weeks. (Note, we will skip Memorial Day.) Please bring your Bible. The name of the study is: **DEVELOPING POWER THOUGHTS** by Joyce Meyer. Joyce asks, “Are you ready to have your mind and life transformed”? When your mind and thoughts are based on scripture and Jesus' words, not negative thoughts of the world, you will be able to make wise decisions, have healthier relationships, live a more peaceful life, and thus, become a happier person.
You will receive a small workbook and a packet of scripture power thoughts to use. Come join a group of women in Joyce's scripture based teaching and “media action plan”.
- ♦ **Friday Small Group, Fridays, May 3 & 17.** The Friday Small Group meets every other Friday at Incredible Pizza, 3799 NW 86th St. Urbandale at 1:00pm for lunch and discussion following, ending at approx. 3:00 pm. If you have any questions, please contact Pat Papenheim, 278-8823.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

**Tuesday, May 7 (First Tuesday of each month), 6:30pm,
3rd-4th grade classroom**

Please consider joining us. Knowledge of knitting/crocheting not required!

"The creation and presentation of a prayer shawl, like all acts of generosity, enriches the giver as well as the recipient. Compassion and the love of knitting/crocheting have been combined into a prayerful way of passing on love and joy. Many blessings are prayed into every shawl. Shawls can be used during prayer or meditation; while undergoing medical procedures; during an illness and recovery; while ministering to others; as a comfort after a loss or in times of stress; during bereavement. They also can be used for commitment or marriage ceremonies, birthing or nursing a baby, or as graduation, birthday, anniversary, or ordination gift.

The making of a prayer shawl is a spiritual practice, which embodies our thoughts and prayers for the receiver. It is a gift freely given with no strings attached. Made in prayer, the shawls are passed on hand-to-hand and heart-to-heart. Some work alone, others work in groups, passing the work in progress around a circle asking each person to add some stitches to the shawl, or to just hold it for a while to add their prayers and good wishes. Before giving it away, the shawl is blessed, remembering the one who will receive this gift."

Questions? Contact Jean Vesely, 274-5082.



BOOK CLUB (a.k.a. Chick Lit. Book Club)

Thursday, May 23rd at 6:30 in the Ruby Chapel

**Need a ride? Call Jean at 274-5082 and leave a message.
We can make arrangements, so please join us!**

The Chick Lit Book Club is collecting books for the Storybook Project, which supports literacy and the parent/child bond of incarcerated men and women at the Mitchellville and Newton Correctional Facilities.

Please consider donating a children's book to support this awesome local program. Donations may be left on the Mission table.

MAY THEME AND BOOK: *PRAYER: Help, Thanks, Wow: The Three Essential Prayers*, by Anne Lamott

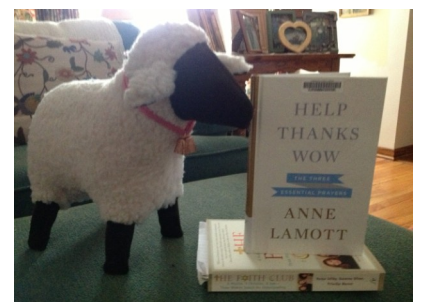
"New York Times-bestselling author Anne Lamott writes about the three simple prayers essential to coming through tough times, difficult days and the hardships of daily life.

Readers of all ages have followed and cherished Anne Lamott's funny and perceptive writing about her own faith through decades of trial and error. And in her new book, Help, Thanks, Wow, she has coalesced everything she knows about prayer to these fundamentals.

It is these three prayers – asking for assistance from a higher power, appreciating what we have that is good, and feeling awe at the world around us – that can get us through the day and can show us the way forward. In Help, Thanks, Wow, Lamott recounts how she came to these insights, explains what they mean to her and how they have helped, and explores how others have embraced these same ideas."

***HOPE* (June 27): Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide, by Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn**

***FAITH* (July 25): The Faith Club: A Muslim, A Christian, A Jew – Three Women Search for Understanding, by Ranya Idliby, Suzanne Oliver, and Priscilla Warner**



Hand of Luke

Tuesday, May 14

Meatball Sandwich
Broccoli with cheese
Jell-O with fruit
Cookies

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!!!**

Meals From The Heartland: We have set **August 4th** for our next on-site packaging event at New Hope.

Put it on your calendar and stay tuned for our fundraising for the cost of the meals.



Newsletter

With the increased expense of paper needed to mail the monthly newsletter and the increase in postage, we **THANK YOU** for your prompt responses in letting us know that we can email you **The LINK**, or you will pick up **THE LINK** from church.

If you haven't already, please contact the church office to let us know how you would like to receive your newsletter.

Friday Email Announcements

New Hope UMC sends out a weekly email with upcoming announcements. If you have not been receiving the email, please let us know! Please send an email to nhfamily@newhopedsm.org and we will add you to the distribution list.

Facebook

Look for us/ "like" us on Facebook. New Hope United Methodist Church and Johnston River of Life both have pages.

Also, The Iowa Conference is on Facebook.



Thank you to everyone that attended the March 28th Seder Meal and Maundy Thursday drama. It was a very meaningful event.



youth programs

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

Watch your emails for notices of upcoming gatherings. Questions? Contact Penny Dolberg at 201-7643 or penny.dolberg@gmail.com or Renee Haugland 252-8632 or drhhaugland@msn.com.

Sr. BLAST (9th-12th grade) Leaders: Chris & Jennifer Higdon and Charity Johnson – BLAST@NewHopeDSM.org

The Senior High BLAST group is excited to announce that we are over halfway to meeting our fundraising goal of \$6,000. Thank you to all that have supported the group through various fundraising events. However, we have only two months left to raise the rest of the target amount.

Our first event in May will occur on Mother Day (May 12th). We are inviting Chef Tony Scharfenkamp back to make gourmet omelets after each service on Sunday, May 12th. Plan now to enjoy a Mother's Day omelet breakfast after service with Chef Tony Scharfenkamp. This breakfast will be a fee will donation.

Our next event will be a car wash at the end of the month. We are planning a two day car wash; with the first day being held out in the community (a bank, Hy-Vee, etc.). We will let everyone know where the car wash will be held on Saturday, June 1st. However, the second day (Sunday, June 2nd) will be at New Hope; so plan now to get you vehicle dirty and not wash it. We will handle getting it back clean.

In April, the BLAST group helped out at both the New Hope Rummage Sale & with yard work. Here are some of the pictures from those events.



Here are upcoming Youth events for the next two months:

May 12th ~ Homemade Omelet Breakfast After All Services

June 1st @ 9am ~ Youth Car Wash

June 2nd @ noon ~ Youth Car Wash

June 9th ~ Sloppy Joe Feed After 9:30 & 10:45 Services

June 16th ~ Mission Trip Send Off Sunday

June 22nd ~ Mission Trip

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

christian learning opportunities

Children's Ministries
Coordinator: Kelly Mohrman
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: Children's Worship is a meaningful time for children ages 3 years through 2nd grade to worship and connect with God. Children will participate in an engaging worship service geared just for them in the Sanctuary. The service will follow a traditional format, with praise songs, prayers, joys/concerns, offering, scripture reading, and a message. We will include a time for fellowship at the end of our service where kids will gather back in the 1st and 2nd grade classroom and share in a healthy snack and have time to visit with friends.

Please contact Kelly Mohrman. If you would like a chance to lead Children's Worship, Please contact Kelly Mohrman, at gmohrman@mchsi.com

Christian Learning Time: The first Sunday of the month we will be having donuts in CLT. This is an informal way of celebrating the breaking of the bread and sharing in fellowship with peers.

Kids of Hope will now be "Bucket Fillers." Students will work to fill a bucket in their classroom. "Drops" into the bucket will be added for each child that attends Christian Learning Time, participation in class, and when a child "fills" another person's heart with a compliment or help. When a classroom's bucket is filled we will decide how we want to celebrate as a class.

He said "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all of your mind." Matthew 22:37

So whatever you wish others would do for you, do also for them, for this is the law and the Prophets. Matthew 7:12
Our mission for the month of May, is No More Malaria. We will be making a craft to emphasize the importance of this. We will also be selling individual chocolates from Fair Trade, that children may purchase for \$0.25. This will benefit the Fair Trade industry that helps to eliminate the use of slave work in farming industry.

Just a reminder that our **last CLT** will be **May 12**, and we will be having a fun **Field Day** like to celebrate all we have done this year! Mark your calendar and plan to wear comfy clothes and shoes!

For our last 3 weeks of CLT, we will be very busy. Please have your children report to their gathering time at 10:35 (right after worship) so that we can rehearse some music to share on our last Sunday. We will be practicing for the next 2 weeks, and performing during the 9:30 service on Sunday, May 12. We would like children to meet in the Pre K-K classroom by 9:20 on that Sunday. We will also be thanking our children's ministry volunteers that day.



Vacation Bible School: The dates have been set for VBS. We will be having an EVERYWHERE FUN FAIR on July 14-18, 2013. This year's VBS will be led by Sherry Bogue and Kelly Mohrman. Julie Sahlin will be our co-leader and is looking for someone to help co-lead with her. If you would like to

Camps and Retreat Ministries is pleased to announce that the new summer online camper registration program is now up and operational. To access the online registration, you may go to www.iaumc.org/camps. There are also, 2013 camp catalogs in the Fellowship Hall for your use.

Camperships are available from New Hope UMC. Missions Committee will fund 1/4th of the total cost of a United UMC church camp. Also, the Men's Group will give \$50 toward church camp per child. Please inform the church office when you have registered your child(ren).



A big THANK YOU to the following people who devoted their time and talents to teach the children of New Hope during our midweek TGIW.

Jenn Higdon	Patty Nearmyer	Lori Marsh
Mona Kirkpatrick	Sara Cullinan	Maya Johnston
Pam Frey	Tami Wise	Penny Dolberg
Craig Ferguson	Jody Ferguson	Sharon Smith
Lexi Dean	Billy Nuzum	Maddy Dolberg
Ally Mohrman	Maddie Johnston	Kelly Mohrman
Jon Verner	Kristin Welter	



And our Kitchen Angels:

Betty Holwegner	Judy Stout	Esther Stout
Jan Davisson	Neal Cave	Paulette Wood
Lynn Davisson	Marge Carnahan	Elaine Lesch
Sharon Lewis	Ginny Ghee	

A big THANK YOU to the following people who devoted their time and talents to teach the children of New Hope during our Sunday Christian Learning Program.

Rick Roquet	Michelle Roquet	Jodi Christensen
Kevin Christensen	Tracy Hitchcock	Tami Wise
Renee Haugland	Jen Riley	Janet Carrigan
Tara Notz	Carrie Naumann	Lindsey Robertson
Katie Rock	Shelly Peterson	SaLynn Lemke
Melanie Henry	Andy Sutton	Michele Hamilton
Kelly Mohrman	Alissa Strauss	

We very much APPRECIATE all the people who have helped to lead our Children's Worship this year.

Sherri Bogue	Elaine Sheer	Alissa Strauss	Kelly Mohrman
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We would also like to THANK all of our teen/tween helpers who volunteered their time to assist with our Children's Worship.

Maddy Dolberg	Taylor Evans	Caleb Williamson
Tyler Mohrman	Sara Sahlin	Ally Mohrman
Ellie Roquet	Jordan Williamson	



Congratulations to all of our high school and college graduates!!!

A Hidden Graduation Message

A college class was graduating on a hot and humid day. As the graduates walked across the platform and received their diplomas from the president, he smiled, shook their hands and said loudly, "Congratulations!" Then, in a much lower voice, one that was firm and could be heard only by the graduates, he would say, "Keep moving."

He was only trying to keep the line moving across the stage, but his words were good advice for a lifetime: **"Keep moving."** After every achievement — growing up, graduation, marriage, job promotion, even retirement — the best advice is, "Keep moving." Don't stop. Don't stagnate. There is more to life than you have found thus far. This is not the end; it is only the beginning. Keep moving.

—SourceBook of Wit & Wisdom

Announcement!!!



But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, – I John 1:12

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Craig Ferguson".

Working together we made \$9500 at the annual rummage sale, an all time record!

Thank you to all the members that donated items, helped set up, worked during the sale, or helped take down. We had workers of all ages, including an awesome youth group that made Saturday clean up so easy.

Now we need to make the good news even better. The rummage sale has become a well known church event in the community. It is an important outreach for New Hope. There is an established following that comes back to our sale each year. We hear many compliments from customers appreciating the quality of the sale items, the organization and display, and the friendly helpers in the green aprons.

1. Start saving your items.
2. Clean and sort your items.
3. Plan to make a time commitment to the 2014 sale.
4. Share your suggestions for the next sale.

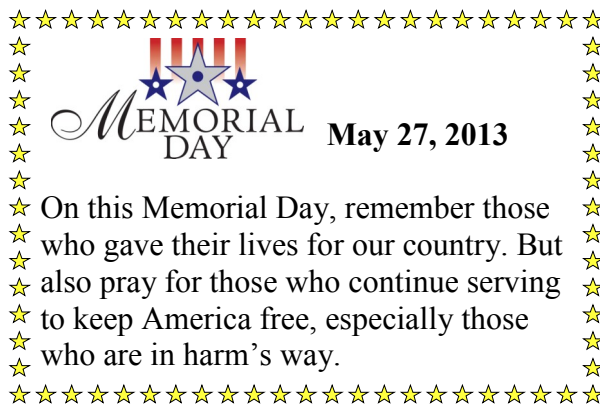
See you next year,
Gleean Coates and Carol Harter



The table holds the four memorial books of New Hope and lists the

As I was reading through some of the articles, I was touched by the stories of some of the lives of the persons whom we remember. Each memorial we receive is in memory of a loved one and we honor them by keeping a permanent record of their name and the memorial given in the memorial books.

- Pastor Cross



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 May.

8:30am Traditional Service

Greeters

5
12
19
26

Lectors

5 Cathy Short
12
19 Cathy Short
26

Traditional Service Callers

5 Craig Ferguson
12 Mark & Leah Scherer
19 Bob & Marlys Borcharding
26 Jim & Norma Smith

Contemporary Service Callers

5 Eldon Cross
12 Melisa Forbes/Pam Frey
19 Eldon Cross
26 Melisa Forbes/Pam Frey

9:30am Contemporary Service

Greeters

5 Rod & Lynette Cook
family
12 Pam Frey
19 Jane Wagner
26

Hosts

5 John & Joyce Turek
12 Larry & Melisa Forbes
19 Pam Frey
26 Clyde & Cindy Rail

Money Counters

5 DeVonne Douglas,
Randy Jansen, Ron Zoss
12 Tony & Tracy Hoffman,
Glenna Ross
19 Jerry Kielsmeier,
Kim Traylor, Kari Baccam
26 Clark Howland, Larry
Wood, Rick Homard

Pal Friday: 9 a.m.

3 Norma Smith
10 Shirley Frus
17 Ann Krause
24 Marge Carnahan
31 Pat Papenheim

10:45am Traditional Service

Greeters

5
12
19
26

Lectors

5 Jon Verner
12
19
26

Hosts

5 Spencer & Andy Sutton
12 Linda Kielsmeier
19 Lee Ross
26 Earl & Sharon Lewis

Acolytes

5 Taylor Evans, Sarah Sahlin
12 Sheldon Astley, Lexi Dean
19 Tyler Mohrman,
Samantha Strauss
26 Taylor Evans, Sarah Sahlin



Happy
Mother's Day
Sunday, May 12!

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. **May 19** will be the next BP checks. Come to the Narthex after each worship service.

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, May 11
at 7:30 a.m. in the Ruby Chapel.

Women's Fellowship

Thursday, May 16
Meet at church for 9:00am brunch followed by a meeting.
If you have any questions, please contact Shirley Frus at 279-1130.

Work Team

The New Hope UMC Fix-it Team will meet every other Wednesday, 9am-noon (**May 1, 15, 29**). We welcome anyone who can attend. You do not have to attend each time, just come when you can and help out around the church, enjoy a cup of coffee and some fellowship with fellow members.
John Rains, Chair of Trustees

Tables

We have 8 ft. heavy duty tables (masonite tops with metal frames and legs) for sale. They are priced at \$25 for any member who would like one or more. Please contact Spencer Sutton at spencer@thesuttons.us

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 **July 11, 10am** at New Hope. If you would like to join the Care Ministry team, please contact Clarice Rubek or Mary Ann Rice.

Church Library

The library committee will meet on **the 2nd and 4th Wed. mornings of the month from 10-11:30**. Please contact Carol Harter, 274-1467, if you would like to join us.

New Hope Chancel Choir

Wednesdays @ 6:30 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.



SAVE THE DATE!

New Hope United Methodist Blood Drive Event Date is **July 31** with times available from **3 to 7PM**.

Watch for Sign up sheet in the Fellowship Hall. One donation can help 3 people and even save lives!



Easter Cantata
performed by the
Chancel Choir;
directed by Eldon Cross;
pianist, Karen Skovgard;
and narration
by Jeff Duis.



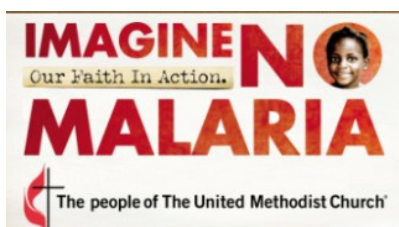
missions

Children and Family Urban Ministries: We will continue collecting backpack items for CFUM Back to School Fair for Moulton School, which is in June. **Money donations can be placed in the offering plate with CFUM on the memo line.**

\$20 per student to purchase supplies in bulk
Spiral notebooks
(70 count wide lined-red, blue, yellow, green, black)
24 count Colored pencils

Glue Sticks
Fiskars point tipped scissors
Wide ruled filler paper 150 sheets
Package of #2 pencils

Imagine No Malaria: Thank you to those who bought tickets to the Imagine No Malaria Pancake Breakfast fundraiser, April 27th. **We will continue raising funds at New Hope to fulfill our pledge commitment of \$1,200 for the elimination of Malaria deaths by 2015 mostly funded by the United Methodist Church.**



Please visit our display by the Mission Table where you can donate toward our goal. Note that \$10 will buy a net to prevent mosquito bites, and \$28 will also include medication and education to prevent at least one death by Malaria. Place your donation in the wooden box in the display, sign a post-it-note and place on the display board, then pick up a wristband to wear to remind yourself how you have saved a life(lives) from Malaria.

Here is information about Malaria from our UMC Imagine No Malaria website.

Every 60 seconds, malaria claims a life in Africa. It kills an estimated 655,000 people each year, most of them children under 5 and pregnant women. Transmitted through the bite of a female anopheles mosquito, malaria is a parasite that initially causes fever, vomiting and joint pain. Left untreated, its symptoms progress to convulsions, organ failure and death. Yet, malaria is 100% preventable, treatable and beatable! Imagine No Malaria is an extraordinary effort of the people of The United Methodist Church, putting our faith into action to end preventable deaths by malaria in Africa, especially the death of a child or a mother. Achieving this goal requires an integrated strategy against the disease.

Fact: In 2010, there were an estimated 216 million cases of malaria causing 655,000 deaths, mostly among African children younger than five.

Fact: Every 60 seconds, malaria claims an innocent life in Africa.

Fact: Malaria is a life-threatening disease caused by parasites that are transmitted to people through the bites of infected female *Anopheles* mosquitoes.

Fact: Malaria symptoms appear seven days or more (usually 10–15 days) after the infective mosquito bite. The first symptoms include fever, headache, chills and vomiting. If not treated within 24 hours, malaria can progress to severe illness often leading to death.

Fact: More than 85% of the world's malaria deaths are in Africa.

Fact: Malaria is preventable and curable. Increased malaria prevention and control measures are dramatically reducing the malaria burden in many places.

Fact: Malaria mortality rates have fallen by more than 25% globally since 2000.

Fact: There are currently no licensed vaccines against malaria. One research vaccine, known as RTS,S/AS01, is most advanced. This vaccine is currently being evaluated in a large clinical trial in 7 countries in Africa.

Fact: The United Methodist Church has more than 300 hospitals, clinics and health posts in Africa, all part of a comprehensive program to fight this killer disease.

Fact: Prior to 1951, Malaria was a serious public health problem in the United States—in fact, it led to the creation of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). An comprehensive effort from 1947-1951 virtually eradicated malaria in the US.

Special Finance Campaign

We are planning a special finance campaign for May entitled "Mission: New Hope." We shared in the April 7 worship service that we are projecting a shortfall this year, and we want to be proactive in addressing this need. Our mission statement is to: "Serve God, Love Others, and Follow Jesus Christ." The reason that we are making this special appeal is that we, in fact, are fulfilling our mission in many ways, but our ministries are growing faster than our giving.

We are being successful in introducing people to God, and in helping people grow in their relationship to God. We received 18 new members on April 7. We confirmed 13 Confirmation youth on April 14. Our Johnston River of Life ministry is growing, touching new lives in the Johnston area and serving the community. We have active youth groups and children's ministries. Our giving to missions last year was higher than ever. We have active adult classes and small groups. We are being successful in fulfilling our mission statement. But we need your help as our ministries expand.

Members of the church will be receiving a letter that will provide further information, describe the campaign and ask for your help. We have entitled our campaign "Mission: New Hope" because we are currently in a time of expanding our ministry to touch lives, to reach out, to care for people inside and outside of our church, and to feed hungry souls. We are asking for your help in keeping the momentum of our ministries going. And we invite your prayers for God to continue to lead us to fulfill His ministry.

new hope financial update

Below is the General Fund operating budget report for March 2013 compared to our 2013 budget and March 2012

	March 2013 Actual	March 2013 Budget	March 2012 Actual
Total Receipts	31,443.93	31,301.95	23,237.11
Total Expenditures	31,379.44	33,488.92	24,033.52
Net Surplus (Deficit)	64.49	(2,186.97)	(796.41)
	YTD March 2013 Actual	YTD March 2013 Budget	YTD March 2012 Actual
Total Receipts	79,481.22	77,837.51	78,834.32
Total Expenditures	88,488.84	91,653.02	79,931.51
Net Surplus (Deficit)	(9,007.62)	(13,815.51)	(1,097.19)

sunday morning worship attendance

	8:30	9:30	10:45	total
Mar 31	89	163	200	452
April 7	42	111	114	267
April 14	39	102	213	354
April 21	34	136	103	273

River of Life Worship Attendance

Mar 30	122	April 6	33
April 13	48	April 20	37

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.

If you decide to give electronically, please feel free to pick up a card that says "I give electronically" to put in the offering plate if you would like to participate in the offertory.

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AT NEW HOPE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 9:00a, Work Team at church 6:30p, Chancel Choir 7:45p, Praise Team	2	3 Pal: Norma Smith 1:00p, Small Grp at Incredible Pizza	4 5:00p, Johnston River of Life worship at Beaver Creek Elementary
5 Holy Communion Noon, Compassionate Callers Plant Sale	6 7:00p, Trustees	7 9:00a, Sr. Singers 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 6:30p, Prayer Shawl/ Knitting group	8 6:30p, Chancel Choir 7:45p, Praise Team	9 7:00p, Worship Design Mtg.	10 Pal: Shirley Frus	11 7:30a, Men's Breakfast 5:00p, Johnston River of Life worship at Beaver Creek Elementary
12 Graduate Recognition Mother's Day *Golden Cross Sunday (offering) Last day of Christian Learning Time - field day! Made to order Omelets fundraiser	13 6:30p, Women's Bible Study	14 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 3:30p, Hand of Luke	15 June LINK deadline 9:00a, Work Team at church 4:30p, Missions Mtg. 6:30p, Chancel Choir 7:45p, Praise Team	16 9:00a, Women's Fellowship at church	17 Pal: Ann Krause 1:00p, Small Grp at Incredible Pizza 7:30p, Heartbeat Bell Concert, sanctuary	18 5:00p, Johnston River of Life worship at Beaver Creek Elementary
19 Day of Pentecost Food Pantry Sunday Blood Pressure Sunday 9:30a, Madison Kerndt baptism	20 7:00p, SPRC Meeting	21 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 7:00p, Stroke Club 7:00p, Finance Meeting	22 6:30p, Chancel Choir 7:45p, Praise Team	23 6:30p, Book Club, Ruby Chapel	24 Pal: Marge Carnahan	25 5:00p, Memorial Saturday at Johnston River of Life worship, Beaver Creek Elementary
26 Memorial Sunday **Peace with Justice Sunday (offering) 1-7pm, FLC reserved	27 Office Closed for Memorial Day	28 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 7:00p, AD Council Mtg	29 9:00a, Work Team at church 7:45p, Praise Team	30	31 Pal: Pat Papenheim	June 1 5:00p, Johnston River of Life worship at Beaver Creek Elementary

***Golden Cross Sunday (offering) May 12-** An offering to support special grants for local churches to develop health ministries for Iowa's Children in Poverty.

****Peace with Justice Sunday (offering) May 26—**Your generous gifts support Peace with Justice ministries in the conference, overseen by the conference board of church and society; and Peace with Justice work in the United States and around the world, related to the General Board of Church and Society.

Looking Ahead:

June 9, Katinas concert
June 12, Movie at Johnston Barn
June 15, 10a, Green Days parade
July 14-18, 5:30-8p, VBS

Happy Birthday to you!!

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

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| 1 Brook Larsen, Lillian Herrick | 15 Scott Peterson |
| 3 FloAnn Wills, James Daxon | 16 Amanda Short |
| 4 Maddy Dolberg, William Rock, Olivia Berger | 17 Alice Hedman, Tim Mc Culley |
| 5 John Lichter | 18 Kandra Dickerson, Bill Jeffries, Jane Speck, Alex Hershey, Kip Cullinan, Samantha Wakeman, Kingsley Zoss |
| 6 Cathy Beck-Cross, Alex Williamson | 21 Blaine Goff |
| 7 Michael Sandberg, Annalyn Short | 23 Margaret Heneke, Nate Kinnetz, Dan Kirkpatrick, Mark Sahlin |
| 8 Bob Reaney, Taylor Webber, Noah Neu, Anousak Baccam | 24 Destinee DeBates, Drew Hershey |
| 9 Pam Frey, Laura Speck, Michael Craighton, Rebekah Craighton, Benjamin Leyda, Mollie Rooney | 25 Jody Wolfe |
| 10 Shawn Stringham, Caitlyn Robertson | 26 Allen Frizzell, Seth Ickowitz |
| 11 Spencer Wolfe, Paige Sandberg | 27 Zachary Forbes, Jenna Merrill, Hayden Johnston, Suzanne Neu |
| 13 Jamie Christensen, Sydney Berger, Marilyn Osborn, Greta Musgrave | 28 Evan Kinnetz, Sarah Sahlin |
| 14 Rod Cook, Adam Herring, Andrew Wise, Abbi Herrick | 29 Paul Weisskopf, Janet Short, Allyson Mohrman, John Walker |
| | 30 Norman Kasper, Caroline Christensen |
| | 31 Tracy Hitchcock |

Happy Anniversary!

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| 2 Eric & Mallory Chabak |
| 3 Jason & Heather Kerndt |
| 3 John & Jody Rains |
| 6 Tim & Janet Carrigan |
| 6 Nancy & Dale Monthei |
| 9 Richard & SaLynn Lemke |
| 10 Rick & Cathy Homard |
| 19 Don & Ruth Daxon |
| 19 Paul & Pam Weisskopf |
| 21 Craig & Mary Thompson |
| 22 Forrest & Marilyn Mc Cleary |
| 23 Mark & Tami Wise |
| 30 Anousak & Kari Baccam |
| 31 Stephen & Norma Sutton |

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.

Nothing Can Separate Us from God's Love

For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

– Romans 8:38-39

I am writing this two days after the bombings at the Boston Marathon. I heard on the radio today an interview of a clinical psychologist who has done a lot of research of the after effects of such a major traumatic event. He said that such an event affects not only those injured or those who were present on the scene, but it also affects those who saw it on TV or read about it in the news. Such events affect us consciously and subconsciously as well. In the immediate time after the event, we are faced with a fact we would just as soon avoid – the fact of our own mortality. It strikes us how quickly our life could end. We usually try to push this thought out of our thinking, but such a major event brings the fact of death to the forefront of our consciousness. The psychologist said that eventually we are able to push that thought out of our consciousness, but the effects on our subconscious are longer lasting. In their studies after September 11, 2001, the psychologists found that for months after, people tended to interpret life in more negative ways, tended to be more judgmental toward others different from them, and tended to be more skeptical about the problems in the world and possible solutions.

We do live in a world that can sometimes be dark and violent, in which we confront sin and death. The early Christians, who often were confronted by persecution

and violent death, would say, "Of course there is evil, sin, darkness, and death. We live in a fallen world." But they would also remind us that our faith began in a graveyard. But our faith does not end there. We are the Easter people, the people of the open tomb. Even though we may be reminded of the fact of death and even struggle from time to time with our fear of death, this is not the last word. Death has no ultimate power over us. We may trust that Jesus, who has conquered death itself, is with us each day, and can give us the power to live our lives in confident hope.

Rick Warren, in one of his blogs after the suicide of his son, said that the things that have been helping him to cope are the Christian community around him, and prayer and worship at church. He said, "When in pain, pray. When you worry, worship."

In May, our sermon series is entitled "Invited." We will be exploring the ways in which Jesus invites us to the hope and confidence of the Gospel. I invite you to come and hear the Good News we have in Jesus Christ, and to invite someone else to hear the hope, faith and life we have in Jesus Christ.



worship themes for may

May 4&5 **Your Presence Requested** Mark 4:26-29
May 11&12 **Priority Mail** Luke 15:1-7
May 18&19 **RSVP +1** Luke 14:15-24
May 25&26 **Celebration of Life** Revelation 19:6-9

Memorial Day Weekend

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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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