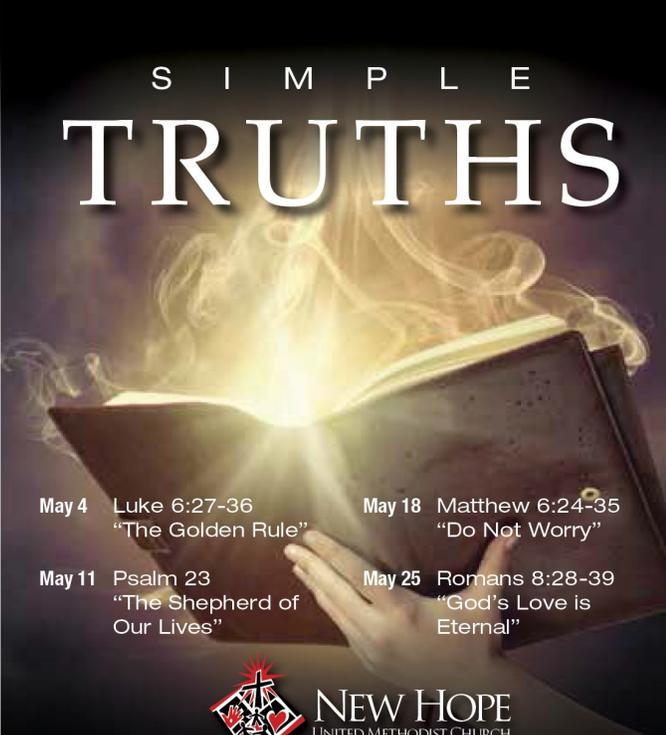


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May 4 Luke 6:27-36
"The Golden Rule"

May 11 Psalm 23
"The Shepherd of
Our Lives"

May 18 Matthew 6:24-35
"Do Not Worry"

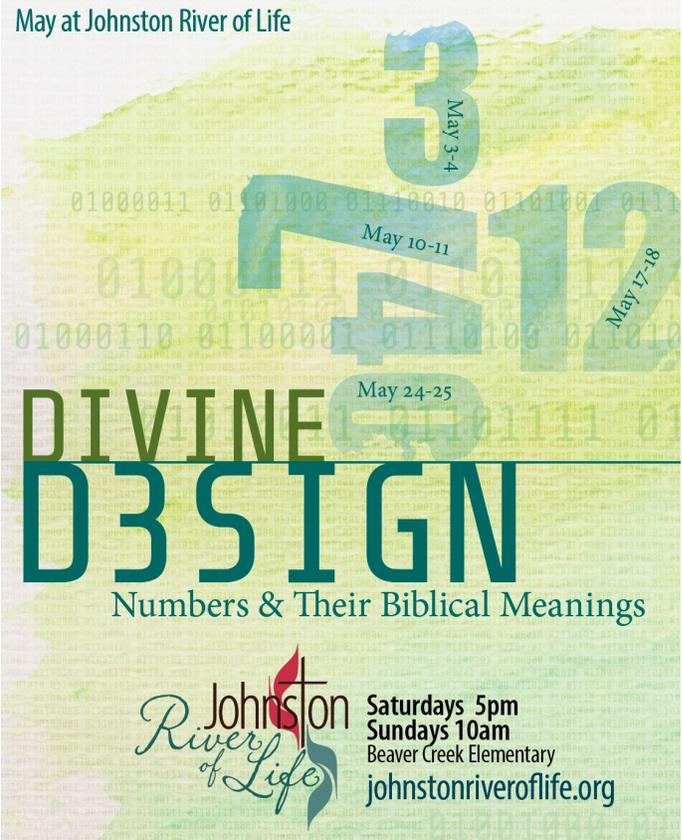
May 25 Romans 8:28-39
"God's Love is
Eternal"



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May at Johnston River of Life



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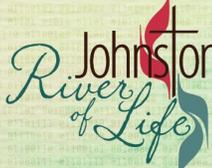
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**DIVINE
DESIGN**

Numbers & Their Biblical Meanings



**Johnston
River of Life**

Saturdays 5pm
Sundays 10am
Beaver Creek Elementary
johnstonriveroflife.org



Retirement Party Open House for Pastor Cross and his family

Come celebrate Pastor Cross, Cheryl, Michelle & Laura as we honor them with an open house at New Hope UMC on:

Sunday, June 1, 2014

3pm-6pm

A short program is scheduled at 4pm

If you have any photos of Neil in his earlier days and would like to donate them to have on display, please contact Lynn Davisson at 251-4894 by May 18.

Also if you would like to participate in the retirement gift, please give your contribution directly to Byron Williamson or send it to him at 7079 Coburn Lane, Johnston, IA 50131.

If you are contributing by check, please make it payable to Byron Williamson. *All contributions need to be given by May 11th.*

We look forward to having you celebrate all the wonderful years New Hope UMC has enjoyed having Neil as our pastor.



membership news

prayer chain request

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

Isora Fenzke; Marge Robinson; Dave Davis; Don Coates; Sarah Aasheim, sister-in-law of Sherri Bogue; Spec Messerschmidt, father of Julie Craighton; 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; Skylar Wright; Tim Rains and our national and world leaders, our military and their families.

Our Sympathy

Our sympathy to Robin & Jolene Harlow and family on the passing of Jolene's father, Gerald Robinson.

Our sympathy for Jean Vesely and family on the passing of her mom, Cenaida Reina Vesely.

Our sympathy to Doug & Lisa Hewitt and family on the passing of Doug's mom, Lois Hewitt.

Baptism

Congratulations to Emily Faith McGinnity, daughter of Todd & Jacqueline McGinnity, who was baptized on April 13.

Congratulations to Walter Lee Gier, son of David & Allison Gier, who will be baptized on April 27.

Congratulations to Katelyn Grace Hass, daughter of Ryan & Jessica Hass who will be baptized on April 27.

Thank You

We would like to thank everyone for their love that was shown to us during Evelyn's knee surgery.

A big thank you to Pastor Cross; he always makes it much easier. Thank you Neil.

Love, Evelyn Kruse and family

The New Hope Needlers would like to say thanks to Kirk Dickey for the fabulous donation of Jann's fabric. How nice to know that our quilts for the next few months will all have a little piece of Jann included.

Our thanks and appreciation to the members of New Hope Church who, since Marge's fall on April 11, have remembered us with prayers, cards, call, emails, and especially the CARE Committee for their meals.

Marge is beginning to recover but it will be a long slow road and we will be absent until at least the middle and more probably the end of May.

Bob & Marge Robinson

Thank You

Thanks to everyone who participated in New Hope's spring clean-up day! The group accomplished a lot and the campus looks much better as a result.

Those present were - Gene Shepard, Arny Larsen, Jerry & Linda Kielsmeier, Steve Sutton, Spencer Sutton, Ruth Doxon, Tammy Dann & Gwen, Earl Lewis, Mike Wakeman, John Burroughs, Roger & Brock Moore, Paul Weisskopf, Larry & Patrice Webber, and with Jody Rains, Norma Sutton, Carole Followwill (providing salad) preparing and serving lunch.

When you see these people let them know you appreciate their efforts!

John Rains

Chair, Board of Trustees

Thanks to everyone who called, emailed and sent cards after my recent surgery. I am blessed to be a part of the New Hope family!

Deb Henry

Dear New Hope Community, Thank you very much for the many sincere expressions of kindness, interest, and caring shown during the recent passing of my mother. Each and every sentiment and gesture, good thought and prayer, generosity, card and remembrance has been greatly appreciated as well as truly healing and powerful.

With deep gratitude for your support in friendship and faith,
Jean Vesely and father, Robert



Rummage Sale

There is still time to sign up to volunteer to help with this church event and to donate baked items for the bake sale. Sign up sheets are in the Fellowship Hall.

Rummage sale donations will only be accepted on Sunday, April 27th from noon until 9 p.m. and Monday, April 28th between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m.

Dates & times of the Rummage Sale:

May 1st -- Noon through 6 p.m.

May 2nd -- 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

May 3rd -- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Help spread the word!



**Sunday,
May 11th**

As a fundraiser for their mission trip, Sr. High BLAST will prepare homemade Mother's Day omelet breakfast after services at New Hope on Sunday, May 11th.

Plan now to treat your mother/grandmother to an omelet breakfast and support our youth's summer mission trip.



Thurs., May 15th

HeartBeat Hand Bells invites you to attend our spring concert on Thursday, May 15th, at 7:30 pm. Our concert will be a celebration of all seasons of the year. It will feature Karen Skovgard on the organ and will include performances by a quartet and duet as well as the full choir.

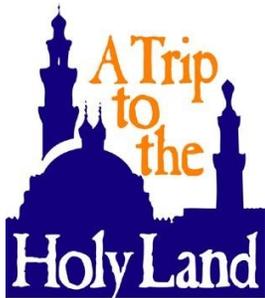
There is no charge for the concert, but a freewill offering will be accepted to support our hand bell program. Come and enjoy an evening of music and bring a friend!



Spring Plant Sale

Sunday, May 4th at New Hope UMC

The 2014 plant sale will feature coleus plants for both sun and shade. Funds raised will be designated to the church outdoor landscape (gardens and planters).



The Holy Land: A Personal Journey

On **May 4, 6-7 p.m. in the Ruby Chapel**, John and Jody Rains will be sharing their experiences on their recent trip to the Holy Land. In our sermon series "The Way" during the month of April, we featured John and Jody in a video interview on

some of their experiences in and around the city of Jerusalem, including the Mount of Olives, the Garden of Gethsemane, Golgotha, and the garden tomb. This class will give us a chance to hear more about experiences, not only in Jerusalem, but also throughout various parts of the Holy Land.

They will be presenting pictures and giving us some information about some of the following places they visited, such as Masada, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, the Dead Sea, Jordon River, Jericho, Qumran (Dead Sea Scrolls), Caesarea by the Sea, Tiberius, Sea of Galilee, Capernaum, the Wilderness, Mt. of Olives, Garden of Gethsemane, Temple Mount, Kidron Valley, old streets of Jerusalem, Jerusalem Museum, Holocaust Museum, Valley of Eli.

The class will be an opportunity to hear more about these places and ask questions about the Holy Land. Everyone is invited to join us for a memorable and educational evening.



Church Gardens

Spring is on its way!

The early Tete a Tete daffodil are up and blooming as I write this note. By the time you read this, possibly a few early tulip and

large daffodil will begin to display their spring colors in the driveway entrance in addition to the blue river of Muscari in the courtyard.

Thank you to Lee Ross for providing a concrete bird bath to the Courtyard. This donation was made in memory of Phoebe Landis. Our feathered friends will appreciate having a drink available.

We are looking for individuals interested in assisting in maintaining our church entrances. It does not stop at spring clean up. Summer brings the dreaded dandelion and occasionally plants need to be pruned or deadheaded. To keep the planters beautiful daily watering is required. Coaching will be provided.

If interested please contact:

Ruth Doxon at 253-9115, rdoxon@gmail.com or
Kathy Russi at 333-1764, kwrucci@aol.com.

Hand of Luke is currently serving up to 250 individuals each month. Sign up sheets are located in the Narthex. While receipt of supplies is most appreciated there are occasions when meal ingredients must be supplemented. If you are interested in providing a financial donation to support this cause, please notate "Missions - HOL" on your check (or with your cash). Thank you.

Hand of Luke - May 14

Meatball Sandwich
Broccoli with Cheese
Fresh Fruit/Cookies

Sign up in the Fellowship Hall to make food donations, cook or serve. Cooks meet at the church between 3:00-3:30pm. Servers transport the food to the Central Iowa Shelter & Services at 5:30pm, return by 8:00pm.

When dropping off your non perishables, please see that they are *clearly labeled HOL and clearly indicate who it is from* and place on the kitchen counter. Frozen items may be placed on the marked shelves in the industrial freezer. If possible, please indicate on the sign up sheet where you placed your item(s) (for example, "in pantry", or "in the refrig."). Baked goods should be transferred to a disposable container if possible. THANK YOU!!!

Chick Lit. Book Club/Film Group/Prayer Group

Please join us for lively fellowship and insightful conversation as we continue our reading series, "Ordinary People Doing Extraordinary Things."

AN INVITATION TO BE A PART OF A WORLDWIDE GIVING MOVEMENT BY GIVING AWAY 29 GIFTS IN 29 DAYS!

A simple, daily practice of altruism can dramatically alter your outlook on the world. Mary Ann, Brenda, Ruth, William, John, Mike, and Patrice are reading 29 Gifts. Will YOU? Let's see how far reaching this giving movement will travel within and beyond our New Hope Community!

MAY BOOK: 29 GIFTS: HOW A MONTH OF GIVING CAN CHANGE YOUR LIFE by Cami Walker

DATE/TIME: Thursday, MAY 22 at 6:30

WHERE: Ruby Chapel

"Healing doesn't happen in a vacuum, but through our interactions with other people. By giving, you are focusing on what you have to offer others, inviting more abundance into your life." - Mbali Creazzo, from 29 Gifts

29 Gifts is Cami Walker's poignant and unforgettable story of embracing the natural process of giving and receiving. Many of her gifts were simple, yet the acts of kindness were transformative. By Day 29 not only had her health and happiness turned around, but she had also embarked on creating a worldwide giving movement.

Harvest Dinner/General Store/Auction

Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 19 at New Hope UMC. This fun filled family event is a wonderful time for fellowship and raising money for your church. More details to come!

christian learning opportunities

Children & Youth Ministries Mission Statement

A church family working together to teach children to know, grow, and show the love of Jesus Christ.



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

Thank you to everyone who supported our Children and Youth Ministry Cluster by getting a "taste of children's ministry" in April. We also want to thank those who have committed to helping our ministries in some way for the next school year. We are very grateful for your support!

It's not too late to commit! We could always use more help! You can still contact Sarah Jacobson if you would like to help in some way. Otherwise, depending on our needs, we will likely have another chance for you to commit to our ministries during August.



We want to say THANK YOU to all of our many volunteers who helped make this ministry possible. And thank you to all of the families for sending your kids to this program and giving us a reason to do ministry!

TGIW family nights will start again this summer.

Wednesday, June 11th: Join us at New Hope from 6:30-8pm for Lawn Games and a campfire with s'mores. No dinner will be provided this night. Bring your favorite lawn game to play with your church family. RSVP to sjacobson@newhopedsm.org by Sunday, June 8th.

Wednesday, July 23rd: Movie Night at the Johnston Barn, 4:30-8:30pm

Wednesday, August, 20th: Movie Night at the Johnston Barn, 4:30-8:30pm

TGIW will start back up again on **Wednesday, September 10th** with a Family Tailgating Party. More details to come.

Check out the Children and Family Ministries Bulletin Board!

This month you will find lots of free resources including a meal time devotion titled "Mother's Day: Marvelous Mom's," an activity puzzle for kids, and The Parent Link. You'll want to check out the Parent Resources section for an article titled "How to Fight with Children Around," because children learn important skills as they watch us resolve conflicts constructively. Also included this month is a list of apps to teach your children a different language, created by New Hope member Tammy Dann. If you have any ideas or suggestions for Parent Resources or topics you'd like to see, please contact sjacobson@newhopedsm.org.



*****Note to Parents***** If you are looking for a way to get rid of your child's school supplies at the end of the year, we could use them for the craft room. Please drop them off in Sarah's office.

Christian Learning Time (10:45-11:45)

Upcoming events:

- * Sunday, May 4th: CLT Teacher Appreciation Breakfast at 10:45am
- * Sunday, May 18th: Last Day of CLT classes and Children's Worship



We thank the many volunteers who were committed to our Christian Learning Time ministry. They sacrificed their time to prepare lessons and taught with loving care. We truly appreciate their willingness to teach the children/youth of this church and help them grow in their faith.

Please thank the following 2013-2014 volunteers!

Christian Learning Time Teachers:

Nick and Sherri Bogue	Janet Carrigan	Michele Hamilton
Renee Haugland	Le Howland	Kristy Mundy
Jennifer Riley	Lindsey Robertson	Will Rock
Beth Roff	Rick and Michelle Roquet	
Andy Sutton	Tami Wise	

JROL Christian Learning Time Teachers:

Jennifer Higdon	McKayla Johnson	Deanne Rowland
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JROL Substitutes:

Jody Christensen	Carole Followwill	Jackie Johnston
Jessica Haugo	Danielle Gibbons	

Substitute Teachers:

Mike Collet	Ryan and Abbi Herrick	Tracy Hitchcock
Lori Marsh	Jason Miller	Stacy Wigant
Mica Wills	Alissa Strauss	

10:45 Gathering Time:

Tara Notz	Shelly Peterson
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9:30 a.m. Children's Worship:

Sherri Bogue	Ryan and Abbi Herrick	Kelly Mohrman
Tara Notz	Elaine Sheer	

And our teen/tween helpers:

Ellie Roquet	Taylor Evans	Ally Mohrman
Tyler Mohrman	Kirsten Sahlin	Samantha Strauss
Caleb Williamson	Nic Zimmerman	

Johnston River of Life will be hosting their Vacation Bible School the Johnston Barn on June 25-27 (6-8pm) and on June 28 (4-6pm) at Beaver Creek Elementary.

We are doing Go Fish's second VBS, "Praise: Where Kids Get Down and Lift God High." If you are interested in helping, in any way, please contact Jenn Higdon at 661-4611 or Jenn@Higdon-family.net. We need all the help we can get from decorating to leading kids to teachers. Look for more registration information to come!



New Hope VBS is officially set for July 13-17, and *Gangway to Galilee* is the theme! This adventure will take us on and around the Sea of Galilee with five accounts of Jesus' ministry there. By grace through faith, Jesus, God's own Son our Savior, calls us, teaches us, keeps us safe, saves us, and provides all we need now and forever. That's amazing grace!

Mark your calendars for July 13 - 17, 5:30-6pm dinner; 6-8pm activities.

If you are interested in leading in the areas of crafts, storytelling, games, snacks, evening meals, or shepherding, please sign up in the fellowship hall or speak directly with Andy Sutton, 515-554-4055, smilesutton13@gmail.com, or Julie Sahlin, jresahlin@aol.com.

youth programs



The focus of **Jr. High BLAST** (6th-8th grade) this year is to share the love of Christ through fun fellowship activities and service projects.

Saturday, May 17: mini-golf outing. Watch for more details coming soon.

Stay tuned for more summer activities.



In April, Jr High Blast explored what a meal could be like in heaven.



Sign up your child(ren) for Church Camp!

Brochures are at the sign up table in the Fellowship Hall or go to www.iaumc.org/camps.

Camperships are available from New Hope UMC. The Mission Committee is encouraging kids/youth to attend camp and will support them with a scholarship of half of the cost paid from the Mission Fund. Also, the Men's Group will contribute \$50 to each camper who attends a United Methodist camp.

Please inform the church office when you have registered your child(ren).

The 2014 Confirmation students were confirmed on Sunday, April 6.

Welcome to our new members!!

First row: Pastor Cross, Kylie Perez, Allison Lemke, Paden Klein, Andrew Wise

Second row: Lydia Garside, Maddy Dolberg, Gabrielle Dean

Back row: Kip Cullinan, Rex Haugland, Brendan Riley, Emma Naumann, Noah Breitsprecher



youth programs



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

It is hard to believe that in just over 2 months is our mission trip to Camp Gray Squirrel in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. We currently have 13 people signed up for the trip (*10 high schoolers plus 3 adults*). The group will be traveling to Tahlequah, Oklahoma (*500 miles*) to help with their ministry to local autistic kids. At this point, the group has raised over **\$4,000** for this trip and expect to raise the remainder of the **\$2,000** over the next couple of months with many different types of fundraising activities (*breakfasts, coupon sales, bake sales, service activities*).

Additionally, the Senior High BLAST group has decided on our 2014 BLAST shirts. Please see the design below:



If you are interested in ordering a shirt (\$9); please let Charity, Pam, or Chris know that you would like a 2014 BLAST T-Shirt or email us at BLAST@NewHopeDSM.org.

The next fundraising event will be the homemade Mother Day omelet breakfast after services at New Hope on Sunday, May 11th. Plan now to treat your mother/grandmother to an omelet breakfast and support our youth's summer mission trip.

Additionally, the youth are selling \$5 Hy-Vee and Dahl's food coupon books; the coupon books give you a lot of coupons to use at either store and they both have a \$5 off a purchase of \$50. So you pay for the whole coupon book after the first coupon is used.



Here are the some upcoming Youth events for the next two months:

- **April 27th** ~ BLAST Day at Buffalo Wild Wings
- **May 3rd @ All Day** ~ BLAST Helping at Rummage Sale
- **May 11th** ~ Mother Day Omelet Breakfast After All Services
- **June 8th @** - Mission Trip Parent's Meeting in the Ruby Chapel
- **June 14th @** Johnston River of Life BLAST Bake Sale after Saturday Service at Beaver Creek
- **June 22nd** - Pancake Breakfast at New Hope after each service
- **July 6th** - Biscuit and Gravy Breakfast at New Hope after each service
- **July 13th @** New Hope 9:30 am Service - BLAST Mission Trip send off
- **August 3rd** - Mission Trip Celebration Breakfast at New Hope after each service

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

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 (no peanuts/nuts), 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	9:30am Contemporary Service	10:45am Traditional Service
<u>Greeters</u> 4 11 18 25	<u>Greeters</u> 4 Mohrman family 11 18 25 Glenna Ross	<u>Greeters</u> 4 11 Bob & Carol Harter 18 Lee Ross 25 Glenna Ross
<u>Lectors</u> 4 Megan Thomsen 11 Vicki O'Brien 18 Cathy Short 25 Vicki O'Brien	<u>*Hosts</u> 4 Melisa & Larry Forbes 11 Sr. BLAST 18 Pam Frey 25 Cindy & Clyde Rail	<u>Lectors</u> 4 Jon Verner 11 Sharon Smith 18 25 Sally Corcoran
<u>Traditional Service Callers</u> 4 Mark & Leah Scherer 11 Bob & Marlys Borcharding 18 Norma Sutton 25 Bob & Marlys Borcharding	<u>Money Counters</u> 4 Tony & Tracy Hoffman, Glenna Ross 11 Rick Homard, Randy Jansen, Ron Zoss 18 Jerry Kielsmeier, Kim Traylor, John Burrough 25 Clark Howland, Larry Wood, DeVonne Douglas	<u>*Hosts</u> 4 Andy & Spencer Sutton 11 Sr. BLAST 18 Linda & Jerry Kielsmeier 25 Sharon & Earl Lewis
<u>Contemporary Service Callers</u> 4 Rod & Lynette Cook 11 Eldon Cross 18 Rod & Lynette Cook 25 Eldon Cross	<u>Pal Friday: 9 a.m.</u> 2 Marilyn Monroe 9 Theresa Flickinger 16 Mary Drossel 23 JoAnn Decker 30 Norma Sutton	



Happy
Mother's Day
Sunday, May 11!

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).



* Hosts...please note that several New Hoppers have peanut allergies. Therefore, please refrain from using peanut butter or any peanuts/nuts in your cookies. **THANK YOU!**

groups gathering together

Blood Pressure Check

New Hope is offering free Blood Pressure checks each month.

May 18, 9:30-11:00am will be the next BP checks. Come to the Narthex after each worship service.

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, May 10 at 7:30 a.m. at New Hope.

Women's Fellowship

Thurs., May 15, 9am.

If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Lewis at 254-1692.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

First Tuesday of each month, 6:30pm

The Prayer Shawl Ministry members knit or crochet shawls that are given to persons who are ill, have suffered a loss, or are in the midst of a life crisis. The group currently meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 at the church to work on shawls and pray for the recipients of their work. You can join our Prayer Shawl Ministry by getting involved in making shawls with us or by requesting a shawl for a friend or loved one you know that is in need.

If you wish to make a donation of yarn or money to purchase yarn, we welcome your contribution.

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 **Thursday, July 10, 10am** 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.
Join in the music ministry at New Hope. Questions? Contact Eldon Cross, Director of Music, elcatalia4@gmail.com or 515-250-1476.

New Hope Needlers - Monthly Gatherings

The New Hope Needlers plan to meet on **Monday, May 12 at 11:30am at Panera** in Johnston for lunch, then sewing from 1- 4 pm at Kim Buske's. Any sewers are welcome to join for one or both parts of the day. Questions? Call Kim at 515-334-5448.

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.

Small Groups

Friday Small Group meets the 2nd and 4th Friday of every month at the Corner Cafe (Address: 2731 100th St, Urbandale, IA 50322, Phone:(515) 868-0200) at 11:45am. Our Bible study is from the James W. Moore books. No preparation is needed on your part before we meet. We welcome anyone who would like to join us. If you have questions please call Linda Kielsmeier at 515-689-9680 or Jan Davisson at 515-251-4894.

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 will resume again in September. If there is an interest in a short summer study, contact Sharon Smith, 277-7125.



Special Music this Summer

Please consider sharing your talents with the congregation for the 8:30 or 10:45 services (or both) this summer. Soloists, duets, quartets and small groups (vocal and instrumental) are welcome. They do not even have to be a part of our congregation!

Memorial Day weekend will be the first Sunday singers or instrumentalists will be needed and ending Labor Day Weekend. The third Sunday of the month, Summer Choir will sing at the 10:45 services.

Sign up sheets are in the Fellowship Hall and at Johnston River of Life, so look at your calendars and make plans today. Make a joyful noise to the Lord!

missions

May Focus: **Imagine No Malaria**

Malaria—recognizable by early symptoms of fever, vomiting, and headache—is transmitted by the Anopheles mosquito, and can result in anemia, coma, and death if left untreated. Although malaria, a disease of poverty, is preventable, every year it kills 700,000 people, mostly children and pregnant women in sub-Saharan Africa. United Methodists are part of a worldwide effort to eradicate this disease by the year 2015.

UMCOR Malaria Timeline

2005: UMCOR's Malaria Control Program was launched in late 2005 in Sierra Leone and is now operating in various countries around the globe. This program works with communities to form comprehensive plans to combat malaria. At the community level, UMCOR works to eliminate stagnant water and trash around people's homes. With your help, we are able to provide training, free or low cost medications, consultations, Indoor Residual Spraying, and insecticide-treated nets to individuals and families. UMCOR's efforts target pregnant women and children in particular, who are most vulnerable.

2006: When the United Nations Foundation [Nothing But Nets](#) Program launched more than five years ago within the UMC, the concept spread like wild fire throughout the denomination. Led by our youth in particular, the UMC has raised more than \$ 9 million to send life-saving insecticide treated mosquito nets to Africa and join the global fight to prevent unnecessary deaths from malaria. When United Methodist Churches and Annual Conferences contributed to Nothing But Nets programs in Sub-Sahara Africa, UMCOR worked with UMC health teams in Africa to distribute the nets and implement the training follow up programs.

2008: United Methodists pledged to support a "Global Health Initiative" at General Conference. It was determined that the issue of malaria in Africa would serve as the initial focal or entry point for the larger denominational conversation about health worldwide.

2010: Since the launch of Nothing But Nets and the Global Health Initiative, we as a denomination have learned more about the complexities of malaria, other related health challenges, and all the issues tied to poverty and development. In an effort to honor both the enthusiasm of Nothing But Nets, but wanting to do even more for malaria.

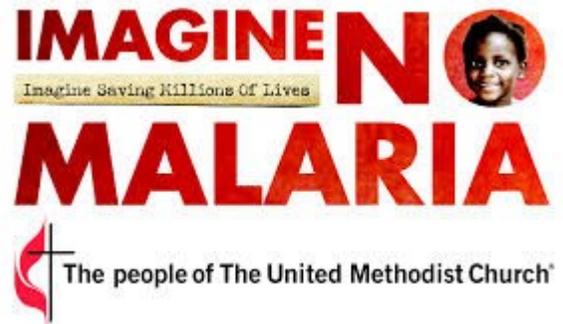
Imagine No Malaria

The Campaign was launched in April 2010. In addition to bed nets, our efforts support other areas in the fight against malaria: environmental clean-up (stagnant water and trash), basic sanitation (latrines and water), treatment, education, training more health care workers, and improving our existing hospitals and clinics. UMCOR's role in this campaign is to help UMC health boards and local communities develop strategic plans and propose integrated solutions. All of these efforts will be needed in order to combat malaria and other diseases of poverty in Africa; and United Methodists are responding. For additional resources about malaria, visit the [Imagine No Malaria](#) web page.

***If you want to give to the Imagine No Malaria campaign, put No Malaria on the memo line of your check made out to New Hope UMC and put in the offering plate. Thanks! Last year we gave over \$2,600 to this project.

***Remember to pick up your Mother's Day Fair Trade Gift Basket on Mother's Day, May 11th.

***Coming up is our Meals from the Heartland on-site food packaging at New Hope on August 10th after each shortened worship service. This year, we are raising money to package 30,000 meals. At \$.20 a meal, this comes to: \$6,000. The last meals we packaged went to the local food pantries. Available to package this year is macaroni and cheese, which is accepted more by Iowan's palate.



Pillowcases Donations Needed

The pillowcases will be used to make Little Dresses for Africa that will be sent to Malawi in July with mission group, and Tanzania in the Fall with Floyd and Kathy Hammer/Outreach Africa. Please place the pillowcases in the box on the Mission Table.

New Hope Financial Update

Below is the General Fund operating budget report for March 2014 compared to our 2014 budget and March 2013

	Mar 2014 Actual	Mar 2014 Budget	Mar 2013 Actual
Total Receipts	28,121.32	27,292.60	31,443.93
Total Expenditures	<u>27,936.03</u>	<u>28,889.14</u>	<u>31,379.44</u>
Net Surplus (Deficit)	185.29	(1,596.54)	64.49

	YTD Mar 2014 Actual	YTD Mar 2014 Budget	YTD Mar 2013 Actual
Total Receipts	71,072.26	70,333.48	79,481.22
Total Expenditures	<u>85,430.82</u>	<u>87,316.57</u>	<u>88,488.84</u>
Net Surplus (Deficit)	(14,358.56)	(16,983.09)	(9,007.62)

New Hope Sunday morning Worship attendance

	8:30	9:30	10:45	total
Mar 30	32	107	97	236
Apr 6	30	118	167	315
Apr 13	33	122	149	304
Apr 20	50	199	141	390

Johnston River of Life Financial Update

Below is the General Fund operating budget report for March 2014 compared to our 2014 budget and March 2013

	Mar 2014 Actual	Mar 2014 Budget	Mar 2013 Actual
Total Receipts	21,712.88	8,975.00	n/a
Total Expenditures	<u>13,584.81</u>	<u>12,992.11</u>	<u>n/a</u>
Net Surplus (Deficit)	8,128.07	(4,017.11)	n/a

	YTD Mar 2014 Actual	YTD Mar 2014 Budget	YTD Mar 2013 Actual
Total Receipts	37,784.72	25,035.00	n/a
Total Expenditures	<u>29,291.05</u>	<u>29,476.37</u>	<u>n/a</u>
Net Surplus (Deficit)	8,493.67	(4,441.37)	n/a

Johnston River of Life Worship attendance

Sat	Sun	total
Mar 29 50	Mar 30 67	117
Apr 5 47	Apr 6 48	95
Apr 12 65	Apr 13 38	103
Apr 19 153	Apr 20 64	217

Newsletter: Please let us know that we can email you The LINK, or you will pick up THE LINK from church. Thank you for helping us save a tree and also save on our expenses. 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.

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

WORSHIP SERVICES New Hope UMC Sunday mornings: 8:30, 9:30, 10:45 Johnston River of Life 5pm Saturdays and 10am Sundays at Beaver Creek Elementary in Johnston				1 Noon-6p, Rummage & Bake Sale	2 Office Vol: Marilyn Monroe 9a-6p, Rummage & Bake Sale	3 9a-1p, Rummage & Bake Sale
4 Holy Communion Plant Sale Native American Ministries (Offering) 10:45a, CLT Teacher Appreciation Noon, Compassionate Caller 4-5:30p, Girls United for Christ 6p, John & Jody Rains presentation	5 7:00p, Trustees Mtg	6 9:30a, Sr. Singers prac. 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 6:30p, Prayer Shawl/ Knitting	7 6:30p, Chancel Choir 7:45p, Praise Team	8	9 Office Vol: Theresa Flickinger 11:45a, Small Group at Cindy's Corner Café, Urbandale 7-9p, Boy Scouts	10 7:30a, Men's Breakfast
11 Graduate recognition Omelets for Mother's Day Golden Cross Sunday (offering) 4-5:30p, Girls United for Christ	12 11:30, New Hope Needlers 7p, SPRC Mtg.	13 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA	14 3:30p, Hand of Luke 6:30p, Chancel Choir 7:45p, Praise Team	15 9:00a, Women's Fellowship meeting at New Hope 7:30p, Heartbeat Bell concert, sanctuary	16 May LINK deadline Office Vol: Mary Drossel 7-9p, Boy Scouts	17 Noon-6pm, Fellowship Hall reserved Jr. BLAST—mini golfing
18 Food Pantry Sunday 9:30-11a, Blood Pressure 4-5:30p, Girls United for Christ	19	20 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 7:00p, Stroke Club 7:00p, Finance Meeting	21 6:30p, Chancel Choir 7:45p, Praise Team	22 6:30p, Book Club, Ruby Chapel	23 Office Vol: JoAnn Decker 11:45a, Small Group at Cindy's Corner Café, Urbandale 7-9p, Boy Scouts	24
25 Memorial Sunday 10:45a, Joshua Sentman baptism 4-5:30p, Girls United for Christ	26 OFFICE CLOSED Memorial Day	27 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 7:00p, AD Council	28 7:45p, Praise Team	29	30 Office Vol: Norma Sutton 7-9p, Boy Scouts	31

Native American Ministries Sunday (offering) May 4: "This Sunday serves to remind the Church of the gifts and contributions made by Native Americans to our society." (Par. 264.6, The Book of Discipline 2004)
Golden Cross Sunday (offering) May 11: An offering to support special grants for local churches to develop health ministries for Iowa's Children in Poverty.

Happy Birthday to you!!

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

- 1 Brook Larsen, Lillian Herrick
- 3 FloAnn Wills
- 4 Maddy Dolberg, William Rock, Olivia Berger
- 5 John Lichter
- 6 Cathy Beck-Cross, Alex Williamson
- 8 Bob Reaney, Taylor Webber, Noah Neu
- 9 Pam Frey, Laura Speck, Michael Craighton, Benjamin Leyda, Mollie Rooney
- 10 Sue Medley, Shawn Stringham, Caitlyn Robertson
- 11 Spencer Wolfe
- 13 Jamie Christensen, Sydney Berger, Marilyn Osborn, Greta Musgrave
- 14 Rod Cook, Adam Herring, Andrew Wise, Abbi Herrick
- 15 Scott Peterson, Madison Ramsey

- 16 Amanda Short
- 17 Alice Hedman, Tim Mc Culley
- 18 Kandra Dickerson, Bill Jeffries, Jane Speck, Alex Hershey, Kip Cullinan, Samantha Wakeman
- 23 Margaret Heneke, Nate Kinnetz, Dan Kirkpatrick, Mark Sahlin
- 24 Destinee DeBates, Drew Hershey
- 25 Jody Wolfe
- 26 Allen Frizzell
- 27 Jenna Merrill, Hayden Johnston, Suzanne Neu, Lydia Garside
- 28 Evan Kinnetz, Sarah Sahlin
- 29 Paul Weisskopf, John Waler, Allyson Mohrman
- 30 Norman Kasper, Caroline Christensen, Shirley Johnson
- 31 Tracy Hitchcock

Happy Anniversary!

- 3 Jason & Heather Kerndt
- 3 John & Jody Rains
- 6 Tim & Janet Carrigan
- 6 Nancy & Dale Monthei
- 10 Rick & Cathy Homard
- 19 Don & Ruth Doxon
- 19 Paul & Pam Weisskopf
- 21 Craig & Mary Thompson
- 22 Forrest & Marilyn Mc Cleary
- 23 Mark & Tami Wise
- 31 Stephen & Norma Sutton
- 31 Joby & Jodi Baderstadt

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Transitions



*“I hereby command you: Be **strong** and **courageous**; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the **Lord** your God is with you, wherever you go.” – Joshua 1:9*

Life itself is a time of transitions. Compare life today to what it was 100 years ago. One hundred years ago, the life expectancy was 47. Only 14% of homes in the U.S. had a bathtub. Only 8% of the homes had a telephone. The maximum speed in most cities was 10 mph. Alabama,

Mississippi, Iowa, and Tennessee were each more heavily populated than California. The population of Las Vegas, Nevada was 30. The average wage in the U.S. was 22 cents an hour. Ninety percent of all U.S. physicians had no college education. Instead they attended medical schools, many of which were condemned in the press and by the government as “substandard.” Even though transitions are not always easy, many of the transitions we have gone through in the past 100 years are positive transitions.

May is a month of transitions. The season is changing from winter to summer. It’s a beautiful time of transition. The world seems to come alive with color, the leaves of the trees are out, the flowers are blooming, and the song birds have come back from the south.

May is also the month in which we celebrate Mother’s Day, as well as graduations. It is also the month of Memorial Day, in which we honor those who have made that final transition. It is a time in which a lot of people say goodbye to the life they knew and move on to a new phase of life.

Joshua had to go through a transition as well. In the text from Joshua, Moses has just died. Joshua and the whole people of Israel are anxious about what’s going to happen next. Moses is the one who has led them out of the land of Egypt. He is the one who provided all their leadership. Now, he is gone. But they discover, in the midst of their transition, something that will not change – the Lord God will be with them, and if they take the step of faith, can provide them the strength and courage they need.

Sometimes, in the times of transition, it is helpful to hang on to the things that do not change. What Joshua held onto is that the Lord God would still be with them, and provide them the strength and the guidance they needed.

During the month of May, at the New Hope campus, we will be sharing a sermon series on the simple truths of the Christian faith that provide profound meaning in our lives. These truths remind us of the One who has promised to be with us always.

Sermon Series at New Hope UMC: “Simple Truths”

May 4 Text: Luke 6:27-36, Title: “The Golden Rule”

May 11 – Mother’s Day, Graduate Recognition Sunday – Barb Mather preaching
Text: Psalm 23, Title: “The Shepherd of Our Lives”

May 18 Text: Matthew 6:24-35, Title: “Do Not Worry”

May 25 – Memorial Sunday
Text: Romans 8:28-39, Title: “God’s Love Is Eternal”



Sunday Worship Services at New Hope

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

Johnston River of Life Casual Worship Services

Currently meeting at Beaver Creek Elementary,
8701 Lyndhurst Drive, Johnston

Saturdays at 5:00 pm
Sundays at 10am

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