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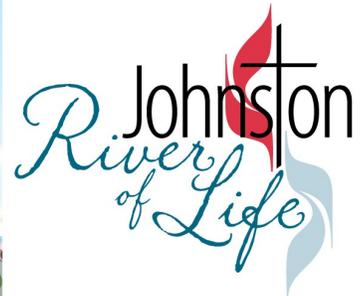


The Johnston Green Days is an annual summer event and New Hope will again be part of the parade held on Saturday, June 18 at 10:00a.m.

We are looking for assistance in the following areas:

1. Trailer Decorations;
2. Parade Walkers (to distribute candy/information cards)

If you can help out in any of these areas, contact **Eldon Cross** at 986-9906 or by e-mail: [elcatalia4@gmail.com](mailto:elcatalia4@gmail.com).



## Johnston River of Life Gathering

Food • Lawn Games • Playground • Time of Worship

Wednesday, June 22, 6-8 p.m.

Beaver Creek Elementary playground area

8701 Lyndhurst Drive, Johnston

Everyone is invited—what a great way to get to know your Johnston neighbors.



# 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

**Cheryl Cross; Jody Wolfe; Harriet Falter, aunt of Mike Collet; Bishop Julius Trimble; District Superintendent, David Weesner.**

Prayers for the following military personnel: **SPC Michael Lindenberg; Allen Jensen** and our national and world leaders, our military and their families.

## Our Sympathy

*Our Sympathy to **Doug, Lisa & Mackenzie Hewitt** on the death of Lisa's father, Floyd VerHoef.*

*Our Sympathy to **Marilyn Osborn** on the death of her brother, Murray Harpole.*

## Birth

*Congratulations to Mike & Kris Wakeman on the birth of their daughter, **Samantha Kathryn Wakeman**. Samantha was born on May 18th and weighed 6 lbs, 5oz. and is 19 inches long.*

## Baptism

*Congratulations to **Archer Jay Happ**, son of Andy & Anna Happ, who was baptized on May 8th at the 10:45 a.m. worship service.*

*Congratulations to **Nolan Samuel Juran**, son of Jason Juran and Amanda Samuelson, who was baptized on May 22 at the 10:45 a.m. worship service.*

## Thank You

Thank you so much for all those who prayed for my brother, Pat. He had been living with our mother for several years, and when she passed in February, he was not only left alone to grieve, but also was faced with several serious medical emergencies for himself. We truly felt like the answer would be to move him into Des Moines to be closer to his medical facilities and in an environment where there would be others around him. God heard our prayers and Pat will be moving into Senior-Disability housing in May where he will be in a safe and secure environment that he can afford and closer to his medical facilities. This is truly a blessing to all of us and we thank you so much for the prayers. God is good!

**Billy Nuzum**

Thanks to my New Hope family for all the prayers, cards, food and support you gave me when I had my knee replacement surgery. Special thanks to the Needlers for the beautiful, cozy quilt and to the Care Team for the prayer booklet. All was appreciated.

Love, **Marlys Borcharding**



## Director of Music

New Hope United Methodist Church is

accepting resumés for

the position of Director of Music.

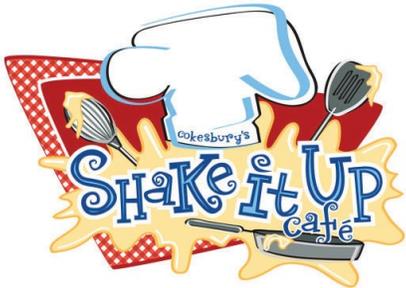
This position will start in August of 2011.

Resumés are being taken through June 15, 2011. Please contact Nancy at the church office, 515- 278-2097, or nhfamily@newhopedsm.org for a complete job description.



Dan Wilmoth, Director of Music, was honored at a retirement reception on May 22, with cake, gifts, and singing.

# christian learning opportunities



## Shake It Up Café

*Where kids carry out God's recipe.*

**Sunday, July 17 - Thursday, July 21**

Cost is \$10 for each child or \$25 for three or more children.

Dinner at 5:30 p.m. (free-will offering), Site Activities at 6:00-8:00 p.m. For children age 3 (must be age 3 by July 1, 2011) to kids entering 5th grade in 2011/2012 school year. Invite a friend!

**ALSO**....we need cans saved for a VBS craft project. Prefer smaller size, 6-8 oz with lid. Sample types would include small Pringle cans, small infant formula cans or anything similar. PLEASE NOTE: no nut cans due to allergies. Please these items in the VBS box in the Fellowship Hall.

Registration forms for Vacation Bible School is available on the New Hope Web site at [www.newhopedsm.org](http://www.newhopedsm.org) or on the VBS table in the Fellowship Hall.

## *Sr. High* BLAST

WooHoo! School's out for summer! We won't be meeting regularly this summer but we'll try to plan a couple of things for those of you who would be available. After a few of years of talk, we'd like to actually get to the drive inn theater in Newton this summer! We also want to reschedule our "Lock Out" that we had to postpone. Watch for future emails on these events and maybe more!

We do have our summer mission trip coming up though. We're joining with the Ankeny First United Methodist youth group and will be participating in a mission camp organized by the Matthew 25 Ministry Hub in Cedar Rapids, IA. Dates are June 26th - July 1st. Registration for the trip has closed and those of you who are participating along with your parents will be invited to a meeting to discuss details. A separate email to you will be sent out with date and time.

We would also like to encourage all of you along with the rest of your family to join us at the Johnston Worship that will be held once a month throughout the summer. There will be food, lawn games, and a time of worship. Place, dates and times can be found in the Link and the church bulletins.

Have a great summer! We'll keep in touch and see you soon!!

For questions, contact Danielle Jaschen, Dave Cale or Julie/Keith Craighton

## Friday Night Fellowship

Kevin & Jodi Christensen's home,  
8417 Weybridge, Johnston  
1st and 3rd Friday of each month  
• 6:00-7:30

This is a very informal, relaxed gathering. Feel free to bring food or drink to share. Kids are welcome. There is a time for fellowship from 6:00-6:30. We have the actual study discussing current events and Christian application from 6:30-7:30. You don't need to know about scripture or have an experience in a small group (although we encourage you to bring a Bible). You can join for one session or whatever sessions fit with your schedule. It is not a sequential or progressive study. If you have questions or plan to attend, please contact Kevin & Jodi Christensen at 277-6695, or [jokevchristensen@gmail.com](mailto:jokevchristensen@gmail.com).

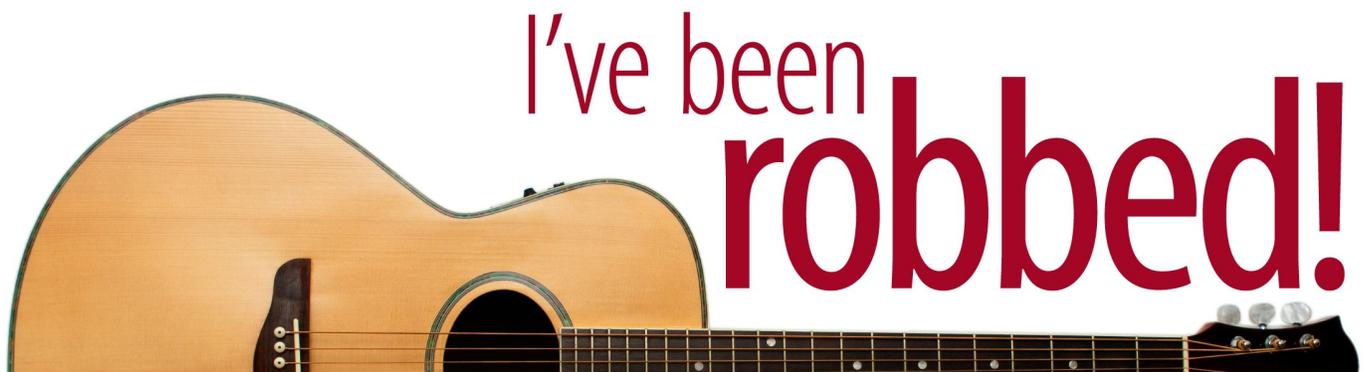
## NOOMA

Billy Nuzum's home Saturdays at  
4:30pm, 515.238.2302

A video series produced by Rob Bell that addresses different areas of life in our culture. The analogies presented are powerful and evoke a spirited conversation. Join us on Saturdays at 4:30 p.m. at Billy Nuzum's home, 8050 NW 63rd Court, Johnston. Everyone is welcome...bring a friend.



Life Group sessions are also listed on the following link:  
<http://pastorcferguson.wordpress.com/johnston-life-groups/>



# I've been robbed!

A few years back something precious was stolen from me; the guitar my father gave me as a graduation present just a couple weeks before he died. I learned to play on that guitar. It held memories of my father and symbolized everything he meant to me. I left it in the sanctuary of a church between practice and Sunday morning. So sitting there in front of the altar of God one of my most precious possessions was taken from me.

Admittedly, I struggled with the loss of something I had cherished, something that had such deep personal and emotional significance. In that difficult time I was blessed by friends who gathered around me and purchased a new guitar for me. It was not the same, but now somehow it held an even deeper place in my heart.

As I look back on that incident, I realize there are other things close to my heart that God has taken from me and replaced. Call them the ashes of my life; the complacency, comfort, and contentment that comes from the dull droning of life empty of the Spirit of God. If we are willing to leave these things at the altar, God will steal them from us. As it says in Isaiah 61:3, "[God] will bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD for the display of his splendor."

God offers us the opportunity to trade in the ashes, mourning, and despair of this life for beauty, gladness, and praise. What an amazing deal. And yet so many people choose to hang on to those old things. They find complacency in despair, comfort in ashes, and contentment in mourning. So what items are you holding onto in your life? What things separate you from God? What causes you to be complacent, comfortable, or content with your faith?

**My prayer for you today is that you leave your burdens at the altar; your complacency, comfort, and contentment. May God rob you of them. May you find them replaced with an enthusiasm for the gospel that is represented by beauty, gladness, and praise.**

## Women of Faith (WOF)

Women of Faith (WOF) was Friday and Saturday, May 13 & 14 at Wells Fargo Arena. Fourteen ladies formed New Hope's group. We had a great time and enjoyed music, inspirational speakers and drama presentations.

Since I am the writer of this article I'll tell you my favorite parts of WOF. I so enjoyed Sheila Walsh as a speaker and her singing of "Amazing Grace" and "How Great Thou Art" were the best I have heard. The music group *Selah* was so good and a purchase of their CD is on my list of things to do. Clinical Psychologist, Henry Cloud, spoke and gave insight into what brings us happiness and how God has wired us to want to connect and give. Nicole Johnson gave a fun drama presentation about the many "hats" women wear in our daily lives and spoke about an early childhood experience that she kept bottled up within her for many years. Lisa Harper, Angie Smith and Lucy Swindoll, I also really enjoyed.

I do hope that if you have even a tiny desire to try out WOF, you would consider going. Next year WOF will be in Des Moines on August 24 & 25 at Wells Fargo Arena. Try to go, you will definitely be inspired and learn. **Linda Kielsmeier**



(photo, some of the New Hope attendees: Carol Harter, Betty Holwegner and Sharon Smith)



## Rummage Sale Report

Again New Hope UMC had a very successful rummage sale. The total earned was \$6300 and a truck was filled to go to Hope Ministries. Information will be coming soon on what the money will be used for. One-half of the money goes to Women's Fellowship to spend on local mission and one-half goes for a church project.

Thank you to all the members that donated items. A very special thank you to all those who donated their time to work at the rummage sale. It takes many, many man hours to run the sale.

In order to earn this money in 2012, there needs to be some changes made. Therefore, it is necessary for everyone to start thinking as to how this can really become an **all church rummage sale**. It has out grown what the Women Fellowship can do on their own.

The basic organization is in place. All that is needed is more man power. How can we accomplish this? With everyone's brain power at work, our church can come up with a solution. *Please place your suggestions in the suggestion box on the sign-up table in the Fellowship Hall.*

Again, thank you to all those members that worked so hard to make the 2011 Rummage Sale a success. We appreciate the support.



**Linda Kielsmeier & Carol Harter, co-chairs**



# upcoming events



## Ferguson Summer Bash

Saturday, June 11, 4:00-8:00 pm (rain or shine)

You are invited to an afternoon at the Fergusons, 6850 54th Court, Johnston. Kids bring the parents with you. There will be food off the grill, games, and fun for all ages. Kick back and relax, or simply enjoy good conversation.



## Shrubs/Perennials

Do you have shrubs or perennials to share?

The landscape team is considering expansion of the bed between the east entrance and kitchen door. Many of the perennials would be divisions from existing plants in the lovely courtyard garden. In addition to perennials, the vision includes small to medium shrubs. To assess the viability of completing this expansion later this year or next spring, the team is reaching out to the church community to see what divisions they may have available. If you have shrub starts available that thrive on morning sunshine and would not exceed 4 ft in height at maturity, please contact the church office, 278-2097 or [nhfamily@newhopedsm.org](mailto:nhfamily@newhopedsm.org). Providing plant name, variety, current size and mature size would be appreciated.

## Bike Ride

Join the newly formed New Hope UMC Bike Group (bicycles) on Wednesday, June 15 at 6 pm. Meet off of Lower Beaver (just east of Beaver Ave.) in the parking lot for the bike path. There will be two options for the bike ride...9 miles or 15 miles. The only rules are: you need to have a bicycle, wear a helmet, and have fun! And, kids under age 16 must be accompanied by a parent. Also, bring some treat money as Van Dees ice cream shop in Johnston is right off the bike path we will be on.



## Softball League

Come out and cheer on the New Hope UMC co-ed softball team. Games are played at Grace Church, East 25th & Aurora. June games on Thursdays:

June 2 @ 7p  
June 9 @ 6p  
June 16 @ 6p  
June 23 @ 7p



If you are interested in being on the team, please contact the church office, 278-2097, [nhfamily@newhopedsm.org](mailto:nhfamily@newhopedsm.org).

## Blood Drive

A blood drive is being planned for Wed., July 6, 4:00-7:00 p.m. at New Hope. Mark your calendar and watch for sign up sheets coming out soon.



3yr olds—6th graders ended the Christian Learning Time session with singing a song during the 9:30 service.

# 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 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 June

8:30am Traditional Service	9:30am Contemporary Service	10:45am Traditional Service
<p><b><u>Greeters</u></b> 5 Jerry Stastny 12 Margaret Hemphill 19 26</p> <p><b><u>Lectors</u></b> 5 Cathy Short 12 Maurine Myers 19 Maurine Myers 26 Maurine Myers</p>	<p><b><u>Greeters</u></b> 5 Mohrman family 12 Larry &amp; Melisa Forbes 19 Jane Wagner 26 Glenna Ross</p> <p><b><u>Hosts</u></b> 5 William &amp; Katie Rock 12 Glenna Ross &amp; Tracy Hoffman 19 Pam Frey 26 John &amp; Joyce Turek</p> <p><b><u>Children's Church</u></b> 5 12 19 26</p> <p><b><u>Nursery</u></b> Sherry Faulkner</p>	<p><b><u>Greeters</u></b> 5 Jim &amp; Dolores Wells 12 Bob &amp; Carol Harter 19 Bob &amp; Marlys Borcharding 26 Sharon Smith &amp; Betty Holwegner</p> <p><b><u>Lectors</u></b> 5 12 Kristin Welter 19 Jim Wells 26</p> <p><b><u>Hosts</u></b> 5 Jim &amp; Norma Smith 12 Spencer &amp; Andy Sutton 19 Ginny Ghee (cookies); <i>need a host</i> 26 Miyoko Beasley (cookies); <i>need a host</i></p> <p><b><u>Nursery</u></b> Sherry Faulkner</p>
<p><b><u>Traditional Service Callers</u></b> 5 Betty Holwegner/Norma Sutton 12 Bob &amp; Marlys Borcharding 19 Mark &amp; Leah Scherer 26 Jim &amp; Norma Smith</p> <p><b><u>Contemporary Service Callers</u></b> 5 Michele Hamilton 12 Eldon Cross 19 Melisa Forbes &amp; Pam Frey 26 Peggy Philips</p>	<p><b><u>Money Counters</u></b> 5 Cam &amp; Jamie Christensen, Jon Verner 12 Jerry Kielsmeier, Mike Sandberg, Kim Traylor 19 DeVonne Douglas, Randy Jansen, Ron Zoss 26 Tony &amp; Tracy Hoffman, Glenna Ross</p>	<p><b><u>Pal Friday: 9 a.m.</u></b> 3 Marlys Borcharding 10 Shirley Frus 17 Norma Sutton 24 Darlene Caldwell</p>
<p><b>thank you</b> 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).</p>		

# groups gathering together

## Men's Breakfast

Saturday, June 11 @ 7:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

## Women's Fellowship

Will not meet in June. Next meeting will be July 21 for brunch at Castaways. If you have any questions, please contact Shirley Frus at 279-1130.

## Landscaping Team

A landscaping team is being formed to take care of the flower beds around the church building. Volunteers would be on a rotation schedule to take care of weeding, dead heading, watering, etc. If you would like to help take care of our beautiful landscaping, please contact the church office, 278-2097, nhfamily@newhopedsm.org .

## Blood Pressure Check

New Hope is offering free Blood Pressure checks each month. June 26 will be the next BP checks. Come to the Narthex after each worship service.

## New Hope Needlers

Next gathering is Thursday, June 9 at 1:00 pm. at New Hope.

## Scrapbooking

A scrapbooking group meets monthly at Denice Sutton's home and the next gathering will be on June 17 @ 7pm. Questions? please contact Denice @ 986-5973.

## 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 the next meeting is Mon., July 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to join the Care Ministry team, please contact Clarice Rubek or Mary Ann Rice.

## 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.

### Des Moines Area Parkinson's Support Group

1st Wednesday of the month (March - November) at 3:30 p.m.

### Stroke Club of Iowa

3rd Tuesday of the month (February - October) at 7:00 p.m.



Field Day, May 22. Running, chasing, bubbles, parachute, tug-of-war, egg race, twirling, laughing, getting wet - lots of FUN!



# missions

## Mission focus for June: CFUM

Children and Family Urban Ministries (CFUM) is located in Trinity UMC on the near North Side. CFUM is an Advance Special of the UMC because of its many exciting and varied programs that help with literacy, hunger, and enrichment of the lives of children and families that live near-by.

### The Mission Committee is asking for help in two areas:

**Donate** new books from list for the Power Breakfast program. These books will be read by mentors and then given to the children to keep. Place books in baskets on Mission Table.

**Sign up** for a shift at the Back to School Health Fair July 13<sup>th</sup>. Sign-ups are on Mission Table in back of Fellowship Hall.

### PROGRAMS AT CFUM:

**The Breakfast Club** is a year-round breakfast program for children, serving an average of 80 children during the school year, and an average of 60 children during the summer months. In conjunction with the Breakfast Club are the **Power Hour** where academics are supported, and the **Power Breakfast** where volunteers read and mentor students.

**The Supper Club** provides an evening meal for 110-150 adults and children Monday-Friday and 40-60 adults and children on Saturday.

**The Haven** is an after school program offered to 50 children during the extended school year at Moulton Extended Learning Center (mid July- early June). Daily, it offers literacy enrichment and homework help along with recreational and creative activities for grade-school children. **Backyard Boyz**, and **The Whyld Girls** are gender-specific programs for middle school students.

**Awesome Days** takes place Monday through Friday during the Moulton school breaks. Educational components such as reading, writing, computer skills, math, art, cultural activities, and field trips fill the days.

The **Back-to-School Health Fair** is held annually in July. The fair offers physicals, dental and vision screenings, school supplies, and a tent-full of neighborhood agencies available for families with children returning to school

**Friday Fun Night** and **Community Celebrations** and a **Winter Clothing Closet** are other programs available.



*The following is a list of new books for older children that New Hope Missions Committee is collecting to be used with the Power Breakfast Program at CFUM:*

**The 100-Year-old Secret**-Barrett  
**Yes, I Know the Monkey Man**-Butler

**Hate That Cat: A Novel**-Creech

**Diamond Willow**-Frost

**Satch & Me**-Gutman

**Sent**, sequel – Haddix

**Stolen Children**-Kehret

**The Willoughbys**-Lowry

**Every Soul a Star**-Mass

**How to Steal a Dog**-O'Connor

**Paint the Wind**-Munoz Ryan

**Diary of a Wimpy Kid** by Jeff Kinney

**Leviathan** by Scott Westerfeld

**The London Eye Mystery** by Siobhan Dowd

**The Maze of Bones** by Rick Riordan

**Peak** by Roland Smith

**When You Reach Me** by Rebecca Stead

**NERDS: National Espionage, Rescue, and Defense Society** by Michael Buckley

**The Name of This Book is Secret**-Bosch  
**Lost and Found**-Clements

**Trading Faces**-DeVillers

**Marley: A Dog Like No Other**-Grogan

**Found: The Missing: Book 1**-Haddix

**Deep and Dark and Dangerous: A Ghost Story**-Hahn

**Swindle**-Korman

**Two-Minute Drill**-Lupica

**Miss Spitfire: Reaching Helen Keller**-Miller

**Detective Camp**-Roy

**The Mysterious Benedict Society**-Stewart

**Gone** by Michael Grant

**The Lightning Thief** by Rick Riordan

**Masterpiece** by Elise Broach

**The Maze Runner** by James Dashner

**Stormbreaker** by Anthony Horowitz

# missions

## Meals from the Heartland

New Hope Missions Committee is sponsoring on-site packaging for Meals From the Heartland on **Sunday, August 7th**. Encourage your friends and neighbors to join us in our effort to package 16,000 meals. We will package in three one-hour shifts. To do this we need 120 volunteers as well as \$3,600 to cover the ingredients of the meals. The meals will go to feed people in the United States and abroad. Stay tuned for more exciting details.

## We CAN

Way to go, New Hope!! WE CAN, WE DID! We contributed 4,705 food items! The WE CAN effort in Des Moines brought in over 36,000 food items for DMARC and shelters. New Hope's goal was 2,000 items and our Lay Leader, Eldon Cross had agreed to wear tights if we met that goal; but, if we surpassed it, he would also wear a tutu. Guess what? On Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, he appeared in a stunning outfit of red shirt, red tights and white tutu. Thanks, Eldon, for being such a good sport and helping us break all records. A special thank you goes to the Sunday School classes for helping us collect money and cans, and Lexi and Gabrielle Dean for counting all the food items each week.

## Hand of Luke: Central Iowa Shelter & Services

In late 1995 several members of a New Hope adult Sunday school class were looking for mission opportunities. Betty Schoondyke, Cathy Beck-Cross and Ruth Doxon were invited to join another church in serving the evening meal at what was then known as Churches United Shelter. Upon completion of this investigative event, the mission was born. Members of New Hope prepared and served their first meal March 14, 1996. Members of our church community have been serving a hot nutritional meal to the homeless adults at Central Iowa Shelter and Services (CISS) the 14<sup>th</sup> of every month for the past 15 years.

Hunger and homelessness does not take a vacation. How can you participate in this worthwhile mission?

Donate food products required for the monthly menu.

Assist in preparation of the meal (prep generally runs 3-6pm on the 14<sup>th</sup> of each month).

Assist in serving the meal at the shelter (depart the church around 5:30, return by 8pm).

Each month sign-up sheets are available in the fellowship hall. In addition to the food products required for the evening meal, New Hope has also committed to providing milk, orange juice, coffee and cereal for breakfast.

Fearful you will forget what food items you signed up to donate? Each month reminder phone calls are made to those that have agreed to donate menu items. Never cooked for 100-120? Menu's and preparation instructions are provided. Never been to the shelter? Each month we have at least one experienced server who is familiar with both shelter location and guidelines for serving.

Requests from small groups or families to prepare or serve the meal in a given month are welcome (with the exception of February 14<sup>th</sup> which is a confirmation class tradition). If you have a friend that has an interest, they are free to join us. Want to introduce your children to the services of the shelter? Children, ages 6 and up are welcome to join their adult parent in serving (young children may be used to hand out dinner rolls or cookies). You know your children best and how they will react to clients.

Feedback and suggestions are welcome. If you have questions about the Hand of Luke mission, please contact Ruth Doxon at 253-9115 or email [rdoxon@gmail.com](mailto:rdoxon@gmail.com)

To learn more about the services provided by CISS, go to [www.centraliowashelter.org](http://www.centraliowashelter.org) or join us on the 14<sup>th</sup> of the month.

### Tuesday, June 14

#### Menu

Easy Beef Stroganoff  
Tossed Salad  
Soft Dinner Roll  
Dessert Bars

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 shelter 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!!!

## new hope financial update

Below is the General Fund operating budget report for April 2011 compared to our 2011 budget for April 2010

	April 2011 Actual	April 2011 Budget	April 2011 Actual
Total Receipts	29,836.74	25,826.05	28,322.83
Total Expenditures	22,799.93	25,918.71	20,576.88
Net Surplus (Deficit)	7,036.81	(92.66)	7,745.95

	YTD April 2011 Actual	YTD April 2011 Budget	YTD April 2011 Actual
Total Receipts	115,349.50	101,298.40	105,950.90
Total Expenditures	93,783.47	99,396.22	99,006.91
Net Surplus (Deficit)	21,566.03	1,902.18	6,943.99

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### Electronic Giving

You may give to New Hope through electronic giving. A step-by-step process is available on our web-site, [www.newhopedsm.org](http://www.newhopedsm.org), by clicking the "Donate" button and following the instructions. Or there is sheet on electronic giving available at the sign-up table in the Fellowship Hall.

## sunday morning worship attendance

	8:30	9:30	10:45	total
May 1	40	140	110	290
May 8	38	116	131	285
May 15	36	124	116	276
May 22	30	135	105	270

### food pantry report

Thank you for the monetary donations of \$310, 133 personal items and 38 food items to the Emergency Food Pantry! The food pantry cart is in the SW corner of the Fellowship Hall.



High School graduates were honored on May 1st.

## 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](mailto:nhfamily@newhopedsm.org).

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 3:30p, Parkinson's Support Group  7:30p, Praise Team	2  7:00p, Softball	3 Pal: Marlys Borchering  6:00p, Life Group at Christensens	4  June 4 - 7, Annual Conference in Des Moines
5 Holy Communion 8:30a, Christy & Natalie VanderLinden baptisms 9:30a, Noelle & Grace Beasley baptisms	6  7:00p, Trustees Mtg.	7 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA	8  7:30p, Praise Team	9 1:00-3:00p, New Hope Needlers at church  6:00p, Softball 7:00p, Worship Design Mtg.	10 Pal: Shirley Frus	11 7:30a, Men's Breakfast  4-8p, Ferguson Summer Bash
12 Food Pantry Sunday *Peace with Justice (Offering) Noon, Compassionate Callers	13	14 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA  3:30p, Hand of Luke	15 Deadline for June LINK  4:30p, Missions Mtg.  6:00p, Bike Ride 7:30p, Praise Team	16  6:00p, Softball	17 Pal: Norma Sutton  6:00p, Life Group at Christensens 7:00p, Scrapbooking at Denice Sutton's	18 10a, Green Days parade in Johnston
19 Father's Day Food Pantry Sunday	20  7:00p, SPRC Mtg.	21 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA  7:00p, Stroke Club 7:00p, Finance Mtg.	22  6-8p, New Johnston Gathering at Beaver Creek Elementary 7:30p, Praise Team	23  7:00p, Softball	24 Pal: Darlene Caldwell	25
26 Blood Pressure Sunday  June 26—July 1: Sr. BLAST Mission Trip	27	28 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA  7:00p, AD Council Mtg	29  7:30p, Praise Team	30	July 1 Pal: Alice Hedman  6:00p, Life Group at Christensens  Stanley/Klugherz rehearsal	2  Stanley/Klugherz Wedding

**\*Sun., June 12: Peace with Justice Offering** - 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:

July 6, 4:00-7:00p, Blood Drive at New Hope  
July 17-21: 5:30-8:00p, VBS  
August 7: On-site packaging for Meals from the Heartland

## Happy Birthday to you!!

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

- 1 Jon Musgrave, Dan Sherman
- 2 Ruby Joens
- 3 Jon Verner, Kayla Jansen
- 4 Le Howland, Larry Webber, Lauren Peterson
- 5 Rick Homard, Karen Davis
- 6 Debbie Conroy, Tara Notz
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# the gift of REfreshment

"They refreshed my spirit." – I Corinthians 16:18

One of the things we discovered when we were in Ireland is that they, as a culture, believe in "holidays" more than we do. When we were there, they were celebrating the 12 days of Christmas. They actually do celebrate the 12 days as a culture, from December 25 until January 6, which is Epiphany Day. All the schools are on vacation, many stores are closed and even some of the tourist places are closed as well. They also have bank holidays, and everyone is pretty much expected to take a month off in the summer time.

Paul had several resources for "refreshment." Certainly Paul found in prayer resources for refreshing his spirit, strengthening him, restoring his soul. Paul also found the Scriptures as a source for refreshment. It is evident that he was well-read in Scriptures, and that he found them as a constant source of sustenance, of growth and learning, of strength. Also, I'm sure Paul found his travels refreshing from time to time. Certainly, Paul was sometimes in danger from shipwrecks and other travel dangers in those days. But just some of his comments, like his wondering around Athens, taking in the sights and some of the shrines, indicates an interest in the places he visited. Paul also found refreshment in general reading. He asks Timothy, in his second letter to him, to bring the books and the parchments. The books were not Scripture, but were some sort of reading Paul enjoyed doing outside of Scripture.

But Paul also found refreshment in the fellowship around him as well. He had a good group of friends, of colleagues, of contacts around him. Especially important to Paul were the friends he found refreshed his spirit. At the last part of this letter to the Corinthians, Paul talks about his friends Stephanas, Tortunatus, and Achaicus. He says that "they refreshed my spirit..." He describes no one else in those terms. It would be interesting to know what traits Paul was thinking about when he described these friends in such a way.

Summer is an especially good time to take some time for refreshment. Stephan Covey, in his book *The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People*, has a chapter entitled "Sharpening the Saw," where he talks about this very topic. It might be helpful to read that chapter for specific ideas on this topic. But this summer, take some extra time for "refreshing" friends, for family, for travel, for extra time in prayer and the reading of Scriptures, for travel. For these are means by which God can refresh our spirits.

Sara Teasdale has in one of her poems these lines:  
*Places I know come back to me like music  
Hush me and heal me when I am very tired.*



## worship themes for june

June 5	REduce Judges 7:1-8	Communion Sunday	(Neil)
June 12	REuse Acts 9:19b-31		(Neil)
June 19	REcycle I Titus 3:1-7	Father's Day	(Craig)
June 26	REbuy Hebrews 7:11-28		(Craig)

In June, we will be exploring the theme of "recycle," both as a practical way to live in our modern world, and also as a spiritual theme. One of the things we would like to do is to go as paperless as possible in our worship services. During June, we invite you to use the newsletter and our website for more complete information about announcements, upcoming events, etc. There will be more complete announcement sheets available in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall, if you would like to take one home.



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