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SEPTEMBER AT NEW HOPE

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Lead an abundant life

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Sept 18

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Sept 25

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Oct 2

Join us for Rally Day!!

Sunday, September 11

Invite your friends and families to help us as we kick off our Christian Learning Programs with Children's and Adult Christian Learning Time at 10:35. Starting at noon we will have lunch, games on the lawn, inflatables, face painting, balloon sculptures and family fun!!

At NOON our Rally Day Celebration will begin!



September 11 Recognition Service

Sunday, September 11

Join us for one or more of our Sunday morning services led by guest preacher, Chaplain Selof, of the Iowa National Guard. Share in our worship, help us to remember, and enjoy our fun and skits.

Our September 11th services will be in remembrance of the tragedies that occurred on September 11, 2001. At the conclusion of the 10:45 service a short invocation will be followed by a balloon release for the occasion.



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

Jody Wolfe; Barb Easton; Jann Williams; Carol Evans; Katie Rock; Bob Reaney; Bishop Julius Trimble; District Superintendent, David Weesner. Prayers for the following military personnel: Andy Bell and our national and world leaders, our military and their families.

Baptism

Congratulations to **Izaak Wesley Meyer** who was baptized at the 10:45 service on August 21. Izaak is the son of Michael and Melissa Meyer.

Thank You:

Thank you to our New Hope Family for all the prayers, cards, food and support you gave us when our Daughter, Samantha, was born 6 weeks early. A special thanks to Pastor Neil for his prayers, visits and blessings, the New Hope Needlers for the beautiful baby quilt and the Kitchen Angels for the wonderful meal they prepared. We feel very blessed to be apart of the New Hope Family. **Mike & Kris Wakeman**

Our Sympathy

Our Sympathy to **Barb Agan** and family on the death of her husband, Jim Agan.

Thank You:

To My New Hope Family:
Thank you for all of the expressions of your support and caring during my granddaughter's illness and death. Your prayers for her and for my son, David, Monica's father, concerning his heart attack, have been so helpful for all of the family. May God bless you as your have blessed me and my family. **Freda Ruleman**



Kelly Mohrman Children's Ministries Coordinator

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee is pleased to announce Kelly Mohrman as our new part-time Children's Ministries Coordinator. Kelly's responsibilities will include developing and overseeing the children's ministries for ages 3 through 6th grade. This will include coordinating Thank God It's Wednesday (TGIW) activities, Sunday morning children's Christian Learning Time, Vacation Bible School, and future program development of children's ministries. She will continue to count on the many volunteers/leaders who make our children's programs so successful at New Hope.

Kelly is a member of New Hope and has been very involved in our children's Christian Learning Time ministry. She graduated from Iowa State University with a degree in elementary education. This past year she worked with Jodi Christensen as a volunteer co-coordinator for our Children's Christian Learning Time. She has been a public school teacher, a personal assistant, a pre-school teacher and teacher's aide. She also has a background in radio broadcasting.

Kelly is married to Greg Mohrman and has three elementary age children: Allyson, Tyler, and Carly. Her hobbies include spending time with my family, baking, golfing, coaching my kids in baseball and volleyball, shopping, and reading.

We are very excited about having Kelly on staff at New Hope and look forward to her leadership in the area of children's ministries!

christian learning opportunities



Register Your Kids for Christian Learning Time!

We are excited to start up Christian Learning Time again on Sunday, September 11. Children will attend gathering from 10:30-10:45 and classes

will be held from 10:45-11:45.

Classes will also be offered for Jr. High and Sr. High. Please register your child so we can plan for the best learning experience possible. Forms are located under the Christian Learning Time bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.



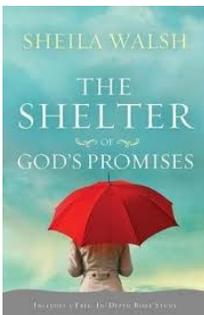
On Rally Sunday, September 11th, 3rd graders will receive their bibles at the 9:30 service.

These bibles are a *gift* from New Hope to its children, but we want to make sure everyone is included! So please, fill out a registration form today in the Fellowship Hall!

Women's Bible Study

The Shelter of God's Promises

By Sheila Walsh (whom was a speaker at this year's Women of Faith)



Beginning: Monday nights at **6:00 p.m., September 12 – November 28th**

A life-changing Bible Study on 10 bedrock promises of God, providing a foundation for daily confidence, joy, hope, and shelter.

Adult Education classes

On September 18th Christian education classes start up and we will have several Adult classes available. Watch the bulletin for details of each class. Join a group at 9:30 AM or 10:45 AM to go a little deeper in faith with your friends at New Hope.



Are you interested in connecting with a Life Group? We have several that will be restarting this September. Currently there are Life Groups on Friday & Saturday evenings, every other week. These are a great way to meet new friends, build existing relationships, deepen your faith, and dig into scripture. If you are interested in joining or starting a Life Group please contact Pastor Ferguson at 319-939-6788 or craig@newhopedsm.org.

Friday Small Group

The Friday Small Group will begin meeting again for the season on Friday, September 9. We will meet in the private meeting room of the HyVee Cafeteria and Deli, 1990 Grand Ave., West Des Moines at 1:00 PM for lunch with study and discussion to follow, ending at approx. 3:00 PM.

At this first meeting we will share some highlights from an Iowa Annual Conference address by Michael Slaughter, UM pastor in Ginghamburg, Ohio, and how that church is living out the message and mission of Jesus. His book is entitled "Change the World--Rethink Church". If you have any questions, please contact Donnafred Hinman, 226-2141.

CHANGE
THE WORLD

christian learning opportunities

TGIW

TGIW (Thank God It's Wednesday) is New Hope's popular children's midweek program.

TGIW starts **September 14!** Parents come with your children to the **TGIW Open House**. We will begin the evening with dinner at **5:30**. After dinner, everyone is invited to explore the session area and then play.

Children that are entering a new group may try the activity to see if they want to join. (For example 3rd graders can try Bells and 4th graders can try Puppets) Each of the sessions will have activities to do.

Please join the fun and see what TGIW is like for the coming year!

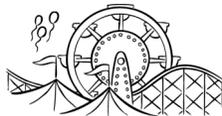
Jr. High BLAST

7th & 8th graders - join us for the following upcoming gatherings:

Sunday, September 11, 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.:

For our first gathering we will be getting together do many activities, including Sardines, Bounce House, Bags, and get to know you games. We will also discuss what Junior High Blast has planned to do throughout the year.

September 17th: Adventureland Youth Day. We will be departing the church at 9:45 and returning at 5:30. This is a Methodist youth day and the ticket price will be reduced 40% from \$35 to \$21.



Questions? Please contact Brian & Stacie Bridges or Tony & Tracy Hoffman.

Confirmation Class Begins September 18

The Confirmation class will have their first class meeting at **4 p.m. on September 18**.

The Confirmation program is designed to enable the Confirmation students to combine intellectual learning and experiential learning as we spend time together learning about and growing in the Christian faith.



Some of the key components that we have as a part of the program: students help lead in a worship service, they serve in such programs as the Hand of Luke meal to the shelter, and they have a chance to tour other churches to learn about other expressions of the Christian faith.

Another key component of our Confirmation experience is the "Mentor" process, in which we ask adult mentors to be with the youth during the class sessions. As one Christian leader said, the Christian faith is more caught than taught, and it is so very helpful for our Confirmation youth to spend some time with and have the Christian faith modeled by an adult who is also on their faith journey. I am so very grateful for the adult mentors who have served over the years and for the adults who are helping with this year's Confirmation program.

We look forward to a year of learning, experiences and fun together in our Confirmation program. **Pastor Cross**

Sr. High BLAST

9th - 12th graders - plans are underway for gatherings. Please watch for an e-mail and also a notice in the weekly bulletins.

Questions? Please contact Danielle Jaschen.



Well we can say goodbye to another summer and welcome a new school year. I know there are mixed feelings on this as kids bemoan their coming months of reading, studying, homework, sports and music. I also know how essential it is to developing mature, educated youth to be the new leaders of business, politics, and families. In fact I believe most parents today do their best to encourage and support their children to go on and get a college education as well. We would be silly to tell our kids that going through 8th grade is good enough.

In church we do our best to encourage education as well. We believe that understanding faith and moral principles from a Biblical perspective undergirds the spiritual development of families. Too often in church it is easy to think that an 8th grade (confirmation) education is good enough. But honestly, how much do you remember from your confirmation class? Or we feel even the occasional attendance is sufficient to give our children the spiritual support that they need when times of crisis and challenge arise.

What I find interesting is the age at which children come to believe they know it all. I remember Nathan arguing with me in 2nd and 3rd grade that I didn't know how to do my math. He finally came to trust that I knew how to solve math problems and today he is quick to trust my guidance. As he is now in 9th grade algebra, I am a little more fearful of some of the problems he will bring home.

Similarly, I have heard people who have not read the whole Bible argue vehemently that their perspective was right, and all it did was push someone away from faith and God. I have also listened to people, who have spent their life immersed in the Word, admit that they didn't have all the answers, but they never stop digging and studying. I guess the point is that I believe having the answers is not as important as being willing to dig, study, grow, and welcome a diverse thinking people into a relationship of faith in Jesus Christ. Let's admit it, we could all benefit from an hour of Christian Learning.

The good news is that beginning September 11th, we kick off our fall season of Christian Learning Time. We will have classes for all children and youth. Adult classes will begin on September 18. I believe these classes are our best way to learn about our faith, Biblical history and God's love. Maybe it has been a while since you joined a class. Don't be shy, you will find it fun, and a great way to share and grow in your faith.

See you on September 11th.

upcoming events



Saturday Night Worship Opportunity!

Saturday, September 17, 5 PM

Have you ever faced the challenge of a busy Sunday? Have you had to deal with family schedules, sports, and activities? Have you ever felt like getting to worship on Sunday morning was just impossible?

Well, the good news is that New Hope / Johnston River of Life will be offering Saturday evening services on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month **beginning on September 17th**. **These services will be held at Beaver Creek Elementary beginning at 5 PM and will be a part of the Johnston River of Life outreach ministry of New Hope.** We invite anyone and everyone to join us for these fun and energizing worship experiences. A great plan is to invite a friend or neighbor to worship with dinner or a movie after. Or join Pastor Ferguson for table discussion at a local restaurant.

New Member Sign Up

10:30 & Noon

Sunday, September 18

If you would like to become a member of New Hope, please meet in the Fellowship Hall to register. Dates of the New Member classes will be discussed.

Register for
CLASSES

If you are unable to attend on Sept. 18 but wish to be a part of the New Member classes, please contact the church office.

Landscaping

Saturday, September 24

9:00am

Volunteers are needed to work on the landscaping areas at the church. Focus will be transplanting perennials and shrubs and the expansion of plantings surrounding the east entrance.



All willing hands welcome!

Garlands of Gifts

Saturday, November 12

This open to the public craft & gift fair will be held on Saturday, November 12, 9a-3p, at New Hope.

Crafters & national direct sales companies are welcome. We will limit one vendor per national direct sales company and it will be on a first-come, first-serve basis. Registration forms are on the sign up table in the Fellowship Hall and on the the church website.

Please return your form & check to the church office by October 1, 2011.



Volleyball, for ages 13 and up, will start on **Monday, October 10 at 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.**

Volleyball will be every Monday through the end of November.

GREAT exercise, GREAT way to get to know other people, GREAT fun!

If you plan to participate, contact Nancy Monthei, 278-2097 or nancy@newhopedsm.org. Or just show up on Mondays!



Photos of New Hoppers in action! More photos can be found on New Hope United Methodist Church's facebook page.

Meals from the Heartland, held at New Hope UMC on Sunday, August 7th.



Johnston edition of the Amazing Race was co-sponsored by New Hope United Methodist Church and Johnston River of Life on August 14th.



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 September

8:30am Traditional Service	9:30am Contemporary Service	10:45am Traditional Service
<p><u>Greeters</u> 4 11 Marge Carnahan 18 25</p> <p><u>Lectors</u> 4 11 18 25 Vicki O'Brien</p>	<p><u>Greeters</u> 4 Paul Herring 11 Roquet family 18 Mohrman family 25 Dale & Nancy Monthei</p> <p><u>Hosts</u> 4 DeVonne Douglas 11 Teri Vos & Jim Gairns 18 Nick & Sherri Bogue 25 Cookies: Bill & Pam Gibbons; <i>Host: Open</i></p> <p><u>Children's Church</u> 4 11 18 25</p> <p><u>Nursery</u> Sherry Faulkner</p>	<p><u>Greeters</u> 4 Sheldon & Esther Stout 11 Steve & Norma Sutton 18 Spencer & Andy Sutton 25 Bob & Marlys Borchering</p> <p><u>Lectors</u> 4 Sharon Smith 11 Jim Smith 18 Jon Verner 25</p> <p><u>Hosts</u> 4 Spencer & Andy Sutton 11 None needed 18 Cookies: Kristin Welter; <i>Host: Lee Ross</i> 25 Julie McClain, Kathy Crees & Barb Conrad</p> <p><u>Nursery</u> Sherry Faulkner</p>
<p><u>Traditional Service Callers</u> 4 Jim & Norma Smith 11 Craig Ferguson 18 Betty Holwegner & Norma Sutton 25 Bob & Marlys Borchering</p> <p><u>Contemporary Service Callers</u> 4 Eldon Cross 11 Melisa Forbes & Pam Frey 18 Peggy Philips 25 Michele Hamilton</p>	<p><u>Money Counters</u> 4 DeVonne Douglas, Randy Jansen, Ron Zoss 11 Tony & Tracy Hoffman, Glenna Ross 18 Cam & Jamie Christensen, Jon Verner 25 Jerry Kielsmeier, Mike Sandberg, Kim Traylor</p>	<p><u>Pal Friday: 9 a.m.</u> 2 Alice Hedman 9 Norma Smith 16 Marge Carnahan 23 Barb Easton 30 Pat Papenheim</p>

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

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, September 10
at 7:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Women's Fellowship

Thursday, September 15
at 9:00 a.m. at the church. If you have any questions, please contact Shirley Frus at 279-1130.

New Hope Needlers

Next gathering is **Thurs., September 8 at 1:00 pm.** at New Hope.

Scrapbooking

A scrapbooking group meets monthly at Denice Sutton's home. Next gathering TBD. 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., November 14 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.

Blood Pressure Check

New Hope is offering free Blood Pressure checks each month. **September 25** will be the next BP checks. Come to the Narthex after each worship service.

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.

In a nutshell

A Sunday school teacher gave her second-graders a month to memorize Psalm 23. One little boy was excited about the task but just couldn't remember the whole chapter.

When the day came for the children to recite Psalm 23 before the congregation, the nervous boy stepped up to the microphone and said, "The Lord is my Shepherd, and that's all I need to know!"



missions

Mission focus for August: Hope Ministries.

Hope Ministries will be conducting their 3rd annual “Walk a Mile in Their Shoes” walkathon at Copper Creek in Pleasant Hill, at **10:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 3rd**.

Unlike other walks, pledges for this non-competitive walk are not based on the distance or the time you walk. A pledge is simply an amount a walker can raise or give himself.

“Walk a Mile in Their Shoes” is literally a mile walk. The participants will spread out around the lake until they can join hands after which a prayer is read. Graduates of the Christian S.T.E.P. Recovery program position themselves all around the area, holding signs that tell their success stories. It is a very moving experience. Go onto their website: www.hopeministries.com to watch a video of last year's experience.

A free sack lunch will be served after the walk.

Hope Missions' programs take place at: Bethel Mission, (a rescue mission for hungry, homeless, and hurting), Door of Faith, (a Christian based S.T.E.P. Recovery program), Hope Cafe' (more than 12,000 meals each month), and Hope Bargain and Community Outreach Center.

****You may sign up at the Mission table. Please place your pledge in the wooden box nearby. For every pledge given, Missions will add \$20 more up to \$500. Our goal is 25 walkers. Be a part of the wonderful fundraiser for a very worthy organization.



MEALS FROM THE HEARTLAND

New Hoppers, WE DID IT!!!

Thank you to everyone for pitching in and helping make our Meals from the Heartland meals packaging a success! A special thank you to Larry, Patrice, and Laura Webber for volunteering to pick up the meals and deliver them as well as helping at every stage of the process. We ran out of the vitamin powder so had to stop at 23,112 or so we didn't quite reach our goal of 24,000 meals.

Scott Bunscheen, our coordinator from Meals said all of the meals we packaged went to DMARC for the local food pantries.

*Thank you New Hope United Methodist Church.
Your contribution of evening meals to Central Iowa Shelter &
Services (CISS) is important, and it makes a difference in the
lives of people in our community. Thank you!
Jennifer Chittender—CISS volunteer
Aug. 2011*

Sunday, August 14

Menu

Chicken Picatta
Mashed Potatoes
Broccoli
Dinner Roll
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 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 refig.”).

THANK YOU!!!

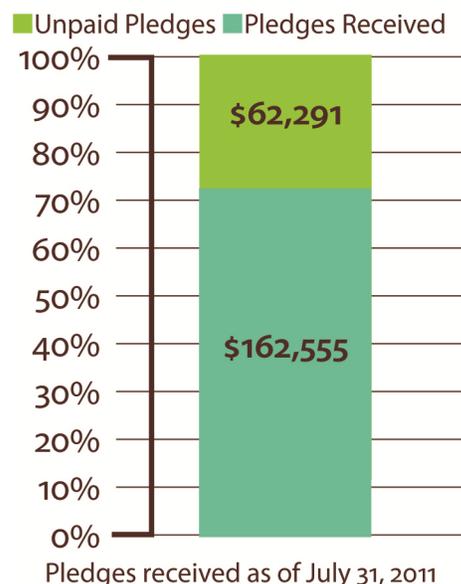
new hope financial update

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

	July 2011 Actual	July 2011 Budget	July 2010 Actual
Total Receipts	29,802.84	30,039.00	23,414.43
Total Expenditures	29,261.36	30,189.94	23,056.23
Net Surplus (Deficit)	541.48	(150.94)	358.20

	YTD July 2011 Actual	YTD July 2011 Budget	YTD July 2010 Actual
Total Receipts	195,654.98	183,996.20	179,155.87
Total Expenditures	173,374.13	182,697.48	169,774.18
Net Surplus (Deficit)	22,280.85	1,298.72	9,381.69

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- embracing our future
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sunday morning worship attendance

	8:30	9:30	10:45	total
July 31	32	102	93	227
Aug 7	66	98	84	248
Aug 14	30	125	100	255
Aug 21	27	139	152	318

Donate

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, 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.

**Nursery
Volunteers
Needed**



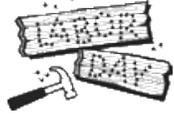
Volunteers are needed to help with the nursery ministry on Sundays. Sheri Faulkner is the Nursery Attendant during the 9:30 and 10:45 worship services. At times, there could be as many as 10+ kids in the nursery. An extra helper would be appreciated. Adults, Jr. High youth, Sr. High youth, that would be interested in volunteering in the nursery, can contact Tamara Evans or the church office. Thank you!

sign up to receive the LINK by email

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

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 Pal: Alice Hedman	3
4 Labor Day Sunday Holy Communion	5 Office Closed 	6 9:30a, Sr. Singers practice 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 7:00p, Trustees Meeting	7 3:30p, Parkinson's Support Group 6:30p, Chancel Choir 7:45p, Praise Team	8 1:00-3:00p, New Hope Needlers at church 6:00p, Softball 7:00p, Worship Design	9 Pal: Norma Smith 1:00p, Small Grp at HyVee, 1990 Grand Ave., West Des Moines	10 7:30a, Men's Breakfast
11 Rally Day & Remem- brance of 9/11 *C.E. Offering 9:30a, Levi Sheer baptism 10:35a, Christian Learning Time	12 6:00p, Women's Bible Study	13 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 7:00p, Nominating Committee mtg.	14 3:30p, Hand of Luke 5:30p, TGIW begins! 6:30p, Chancel Choir 7:45p, Praise Team	15 Oct. Link deadline 9:00a, Women's Fellowship at church	16 Pal: Marge Carnahan	17 10a, Beaverdale parade 5:00p, Johnston River of Life worship at Beaver Creek Elementary
18 Food Pantry Sunday 10:30 & Noon, New Member Sign up Noon, Compassionate Callers 4p, Confirmation Class	19 6:00p, Women's Bible Study 7:00p, SPRC Meeting	20 9:30a, Alanon 10:30-2:30p, FLC re- served Noon, AA 7:00p, Stroke Club 7:00p, Finance Meeting	21 4:30p, Missions Mtg. 5:30p, TGIW 6:30p, Chancel Choir 7:45p, Praise Team	22	23 Pal: Barb Easton 1:00p, Small Grp at HyVee, 1990 Grand Ave., West Des Moines	24 9a, Landscaping at church Noon-3:00p, F.Hall rented
25 8:30a, Samantha Wakeman baptism Blood Pressure Checks 4:00p, New Member class	26 Neil & Craig out of the office to attend conference meeting. 6:00p, Women's Bible Study	27 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 10a-2p, FLC rented 7:00p, AD Council	28 5:30p, TGIW 6:30p, Chancel Choir 7:45p, Praise Team	29	30 Pal: Pat Papenheim	October 1 5:00p, Johnston River of Life worship at Beaver Creek Elementary

***CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY, SEPT. 11:** To promote Iowa Religious Media Service, Iowa Camping Program and Christian Educators' scholarships. Invest in the future.

Looking Ahead:

Oct. 10, 7:00p: Volleyball begins
Nov. 12, 9:00a-3:00p, "Garlands of Gifts" Gift & Craft Fair
Nov. 13, 5:00p, Thanksgiving Auction & Dinner

Happy Birthday to you!!

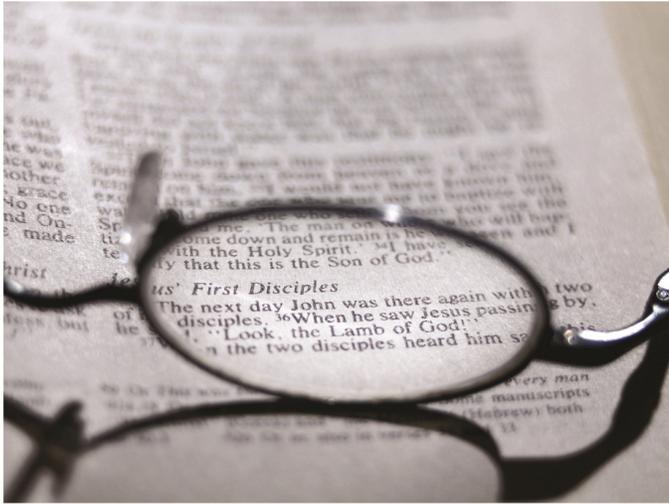
"May God's many blessings, be yours the year through."

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| 1 Levi Kinnetz | 15 Sharon Lewis, Eddy Johnston,
Kristine Wakeman |
| 2 Craig Ferguson, Nathan Long,
Kileigh Reed | 16 Nancy Monthei |
| 4 James Neu | 17 Ruth Doxon, Danielle Malone |
| 5 Angie Eaves, Tim Carrigan | 18 Dennis Haugland, Allyson Sutton |
| 6 Marlys Borcherding, Taylor Martz | 19 Jordan Thompson, Ty Dolberg |
| 7 Eugene Pecinovskiy | 20 Maya Johnston |
| 8 Joseph Fagen, Eli Goodson | 21 Bernie Timmerman, Glenda Millard,
Zane Sutton |
| 9 Jerry Kielsmeier, Sonya Verner,
Jenn Higdon | 22 Clarice Rubek, Brian Hartung |
| 10 Kirk Hartung, Ambrose Moses, Grace
Rowland, Andy Happ, Grace Beasley | 23 Donna Gronstal, Karla Rankin,
Patty Cook |
| 11 Lindsey Mc Culley, Nathan Grow,
Elaine Sheer | 24 Janet Carrigan |
| 12 Emma Monthei, Byron Hover-
Williamson | 25 Jeffrey Huber |
| 13 John Kirkpatrick, Abbey Hitchcock | 26 Jennifer Berger |
| 14 Randy Jansen, Jeff Sherman, Deane Glen | 27 Marlin Beckfield, Valerie Hawthorne,
Kyle Redies |
| | 28 Bryan Haase |
| | 30 Danny Craighton, Michelle Cross |

Happy Anniversary!!!

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|----------------------------|
| 5 Brian & Stacie Bridges |
| 8 Gene & Elaine Lesch |
| 8 John & Kari Walker |
| 9 Dustin & Melanie Henry |
| 9 Chad & Cindy Meyer |
| 10 Bob & Marge Robinson |
| 14 John & Joyce Turek |
| 18 Scott & Lisa Peterson |
| 18 Jason & Tamara Evans |
| 19 Tom & Ann Schultz |
| 21 Steve & Liz Grow |
| 23 Dennis & Renee Haugland |
| 26 Jamie & Marte Carlson |
| 30 Joe & Kim Traylor |

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.



Looking at Faith through Wesleyan Eyes

In 2009, a group of Methodist scholars, pastors, and theologians got together to publish a Bible entitled *The Wesley Study Bible*. The expressed purpose of *The Wesley Study Bible* was to publish a Bible with resources and notes to help readers to understand the Wesleyan perspective on the Christian faith, and with the central goal of helping in the formation of Christians “whose daily lives are marked by holy love and faithful living.” (from the Introduction to *The Wesley Study Bible*)

From September through November, we will be looking at various aspects of the Christian faith through “Wesleyan eyes,” so to speak. John Wesley affirmed all of the major beliefs of the Christian faith, but he often had a unique perspective on these major beliefs, a unique way of helping people understand the Christian faith and helping people live out their Christian faith. For example, Wesley felt there were some things that were too important to be left just to the times when you felt like doing them. He felt that regular systematic methods in areas such as reading the Bible, prayer, worship and service, were vitally important in the development of Christian disciples. But Wesley also had a

particular way of understanding some of the basics of the Christian faith, such as belief in God, in Jesus Christ, in the Holy Spirit, in the Body of Christ, and in the importance of living one’s faith in the world. In our worship in September through November, we will be looking back at the basics of the Christian faith, looking to John Wesley to help us understand more deeply these aspects of the Christian faith. We will be emphasizing three major emphases of the Christian faith: Believe; Practice; Give.

I love the description of what the editors to *The Wesley Study Bible* hoped would happen to individuals who used the Study Bible on a regular basis: “Lead an abundant life, grow as faithful disciples, and find new ways to serve. *The Wesley Study Bible* will help you share God’s grace and find the good gifts God has for you. As God transforms you through study, you will be inspired to transform the world.” That is our goal for this fall’s messages and worship as well.

worship themes for september

sept 4,	For Such a Time as This <i>Esther 4:6-17</i>	Labor Day Sunday	(Neil)
sept 11	September 11 Recognition Sunday	Rally Sunday	(Chaplain Selof)
sept 18	Believe: Initiator <i>Genesis 1:1-5, John 1:1-5; 10-14</i>		(Neil)
sept 25	Believe: Rescuer <i>Genesis 11:1-9; Hebrews 1:1-9</i>		(Neil)



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