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NOVEMBER AT NEW HOPE

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Stewardship Sunday is Nov 6th

On Stewardship Sunday we have the opportunity to celebrate all that God has done with us and through us as a church. We have a lot for which to be grateful. God has richly blessed us with our children's and youth ministries, with our "River of Life" ministries led by Pastor Craig Ferguson, with the generous ways we share in missions, both locally and world-wide, and with the loving care that happens every Sunday and every week through New Hope. Our average worship attendance has increased by 15% compared to last year at this time. We have increased the number of ways we are reaching out to community.

Our Stewardship Campaign is different this year. We are asking you to pledge for the General Budget, which supports all the ministries and staff here at New Hope, and for Missions, as usual. This year we are adding a line for you to pledge for the mortgage. Our previous Capital Campaign, "Continuing Our Journey," ends May 31, 2012. Our current balance is \$380,000. We are merging our mortgage with our yearly pledge campaign, so that we don't have to go through another Capital Campaign in the spring. Obviously, we need to continue to make our mortgage payments at the current level. If you are giving to the "Continuing Our Journey" campaign, please continue to do so. When you make out your "Stewardship and Financial Pledge for

2012" sheet (it's the yellow sheet you received in the mail), if you have been giving to the "Continuing Our Journey" campaign, please fill in what you are planning on giving for the rest of the "Continuing Our Journey" campaign. Then add what you plan to give toward paying the mortgage for June – December, 2012. Or you can simply put in what you plan on giving each week, month, or quarter in the space indicated.

On Sunday, November 6th, we are asking that you bring in your "Stewardship and Financial Pledge for 2012" and put it in the offering plate at the appropriate time in the worship service. We have been very blessed, but we also believe God is challenging us to continue growing in our ability to share the ministry of Jesus Christ. We have a number of ministries that touch hearts and transform lives. But because of our growing ministries, we will need an additional 14% in giving to meet the costs for the coming year. We ask that you prayerfully consider your financial giving for the coming year and how you can be a part of New Hope's continued growth in ministries for Jesus Christ.

We also invite you to a brunch after the each of the worship services on November 6th. We'll join in fellowship together and celebrate what God is doing through New Hope UMC.

–The Stewardship and Finance Committee



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; Jan Davisson; Laura Myers; Carol Evans; Malcolm Rock; Betty Hoeksema; Mike Leonard, son of Shirley Frus; Bishop Julius Trimble; District Superintendent, David Weesner.

Prayers for the following military personnel: Andy Bell, CPT Jeff Bleakley and our national and world leaders, our military and their families.

Birth

Congratulations to William and Katie Rock on the birth of their son, Malcolm Donald Rock. Malcolm was born on Monday, October 10th at Mercy Hospital. He weighs 3 lbs, 13 oz. and is 17" long. He joins big brother, Ronan, at home.

Baptisms

Congratulations to Emma Renee Weih who was baptized on October 16 at the 8:30 a.m. worship service. Emma is the daughter of Matt & Erika Weih and little sister to Bryce.

Congratulations to Caitlyn Joan Robertson, daughter of Jared and Lindsey Robertson, who was baptized on October 16 at the 9:45 a.m. worship service.

Thank You:

We wish to echo the sentiments of many other New Hopers; we have a most caring congregation. **The Sutton family (especially Steve and Norma)** wish to thank everyone for their cards, prayers, and attendance at Lynne Weaver's funeral. Your support was fantastic. Thank you. Thank you.

Thank you to my fellow New Hope family for all the prayers cards, food and quilt during my stay at the hospital and recovery at home. It is a wonderful blessing to be part of the New Hope family. **Pam Weisskopf**

Thank you for the many cards, prayers, telephone calls and offer for food during my recent illness. I'm doing very well and feel prayers have been answered. **Betty Hoeksema**



Changing New Hope Landscape

Thank you to all those that participated in landscape maintenance this fall, preparation of the east entrance and planting of hundreds (and hundreds) of spring flowering bulbs. It will be exciting next spring to see new flowers greet us, perennials begin anew, and shrubs sprout new leaves.

Thank you to Glenda Millard for her generous donation which funded the fall landscape initiative with flower bulbs, landscape materials (mulch) in addition to filling in the shrubs and perennial gaps. Over 75% of the plant materials utilized in the east entrance and courtyard additions were transplants from the yards of gardeners. Special thanks to Glenda Millard, Jean Vesley, Ann Ulm, Julie Gottula, Dee G, Kathy Russi and Ruth Doxon for sharing shrubs and perennials from their home gardens.

Thank You:

Thank you EVERYONE for your volunteerism to help with the New Hope Fall Clean-up on Oct. 15th! Although the number who came was few, the few were mighty - the mighty ten! Everyone did an awesome job and stayed with the assignment until the job was done. Again, thank you very much! The tasks that were completed were - cleaned weeds and leaves from the south tree line, cut weeds and volunteer growth in holding pond, cleared leaves from landscape areas, trimmed two oak trees, cut back growth along drive to parsonage, prepared cap block on retaining wall to be re-glued and pressure washed the large black mats from the industrial kitchen. The burn pile grew substantially and will be burned after a good snow and the wind is in the correct direction. Trimming bushes and landscape around parsonage, filling cracks in parking lot and installing heat tape in the gutters could not be accomplished due to lack of man power.

Those who volunteered were - Kathy Russi, Jerry & Linda Kielsmeier, Rick Homard, Steve Sutton, Matt Weih, Lisa Jackson, Deane Glen, Betty Holwegner and myself. Lunch was served by Jody Rains, Betty Holwegner and Norma Sutton.

John Rains, Trustees member

christian learning opportunities



Saturday Night Worship

1st & 3rd Saturday Evenings
5:00 p.m.

Beaver Creek Elementary,
8701 Lyndhurst Drive, Johnston.

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

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Sunday Adult Education classes

You are invited to join the following classes:

1. **This We Believe** by William H. Willimon – An Adult Education class taught by Pastors Neil and Craig at the **9:30 and at 10:45 in the Ruby Chapel**. Have you ever wanted to deepen your understanding of what United Methodist's believe? This study is designed to parallel the fall sermon series and dig into our central beliefs about God, scripture, salvation, works, and the church. Come and dig in with us as we learn to live our faith in today's world.
2. **Essentials of Parenting : Raising Kids with a Faith that Lasts** led by Jodi Christensen will be held at **10:45 a.m. in Pastor Craig's office**. A DVD course introduces you to one of your greatest privileges---helping your child begin a relationship with God. You'll see how everyday conversations, family fun, and purposeful projects build spiritual foundations your son or daughter can rely on for a lifetime---and beyond.



Adult Learning Time

Starting Sunday, November 27th, 9:30
& 10:45 a.m. in the Ruby Chapel.

Our adult classes will be studying Adam Hamilton's DVD resource entitled "The Journey." It's a resource by Adam Hamilton, Senior Pastor of Church of the Resurrection, a United Methodist Church in the Kansas City area. Through the DVD, we will travel with Mary and

Joseph to some of the places of the Christmas story and learn of their importance, including Nazareth, Ein Karem, which is where scholars believe Mary visited Elizabeth, and of course, Bethlehem. Through the study we will have a chance to relive the Christmas story. Join us for a fun and meaningful study to help us prepare for the Christmas season.

Life Groups 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 Night Fellowship:

- **1st & 3rd Fridays, 7:00 p.m.** at Kevin & Jo Christensen's, 8417 Weybridge Johnston, 515-277-6695 or jokevchristensen@gmail.com.

Everyone is welcome, kids are welcome. Study will be based on a video/book called *Living Crazy Love*. This study will help you pursue God as you never have before and grapple with the hard questions about the love of God and how that love should change the way you live.

- **Faith in the Post-Modern World: 2nd and 4th Saturdays @ 4:30 PM** at Billy Nuzum's, 8050 NW 63rd Court, Johnston. 515-238-2302. Everyone is welcome. We will be looking at recent events in the news or general events and how they effect the world we live in and the faith we hold.
- **Traveling Group: (World Religions), Nov. 12th @ 4:00 PM**, contact Nick & Sherri Bogue, boguesa@gmail.com, for the location. Everyone is welcome, kids are welcome- child care provided. This group will take a look at what major religions of the world believe; an engaging topic and a fun group.

Women's Bible Study

The Shelter of God's Promises by Sheila Walsh. Monday nights at **6:00 p.m., in the Ruby Chapel**.

A life-changing Bible Study on 10 bedrock promises of God, providing a foundation for daily confidence, joy, hope, and shelter. Questions? Contact Sharon Smith, 277-7125.

Friday Small Group

November 4 & 18

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. Questions? contact Donnafred Hinman, 226-2141.

Welcome New Members!

On Sunday, October 30th, we welcomed the following into the New Hope membership:

Anousak & Kari Baccam, 6009 NW 50th St., Johnston, 50131 515-276-9470.

Anousak: baccamap@yahoo.com

Kari: tyrrellka@yahoo.com

Nick & Sherri Bogue, 6238 NW 49th St., Johnston, 50131 515-277-0725.

Nick: nbogue@hotmail.com;

Sherri: boguesa@gmail.com

They have two children: Andrew (5 yrs.) and Luke (2 yrs.)

Bill & Pam Gibbons, 5610 NW 52nd St., Johnston, 50131 515-770-2146 (Bill); 515-770-2191 (Pam)

bgibbons@mchsi.com

Kay Goff, 2909 Woodland, Des Moines 50312.

515-279-9132. coopk64@aol.com

Kay is married to Blaine Goff, New Hope member.

Dan & Tracy Hitchcock, 9207 NW Newgate Dr., Johnston 50131. 515-259-4033

Daniel.m.hitchcock@gmail.com

Tracy.j.hitchcock@gmail.com

They have two children: Jake (7 yrs.) and Abbey (5 yrs.)

Adam & Valerie Hubert, 6759 Gables Way., Johnston, 50131.

515-231-1961 (Adam); 515-291-1179 (Valerie)

Adam.valerie.h@gmail.com

They have a son, Owen (1 yr.).

Seth & Amanda Ickowitz, 3927 Aurora Ave., Des Moines, 50310.

515-333-1645 (Seth); 515-897-8178 (Amanda)

ickowitzseth@saydel.net (Seth)

akadkisson22@gmail.com (Amanda)

Greg Mohrman, 10356 NW 42nd St., Polk City, 50226. 515-984-4171. gmohrman@toyotadm.com
He is married to Kelly Mohrman, New Hope member and Children's Ministries Coordinator. They have 3 children: Allyson (11 yrs), Tyler (9 yrs), Carly (5 yrs).

Kyle & Kristin Redies, 1726 57th St., Des Moines 50310.

515-979-9892 (Kyle); 515-422-4944 (Kristin)

harlankristin6@mchsi.com

They have 3 children: Alexis (11 yrs), Mason (6 yrs), Myles (1 yr).

Jared & Lindsey Robertson, 824 Douglas Ave., Des Moines, 50313. 515-243-6544.

jproberson645@gmail.com (Jared)

ljrobertson645@gmail.com (Lindsey)

They have a daughter, Caitlyn (2 yrs.)

Please join in on welcoming them to New Hope UMC!

youth programs

Confirmation Schedule for November:



November 6, 4:00 p.m.

Topic: "Jesus as the Messiah"

Jr. High BLAST

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

November 13th - Junior High Blast will be assisting at the Thanksgiving Auction. Please arrive by 5:30 p.m. 8th graders should wear the tie dye shirts they made last year. There will be tie dye shirts for 7th graders and those 8th graders who do not have one. This is a great chance to give to the church by helping in this great fundraiser. They will be assisting by bringing refreshments and desserts and clearing the tables. We hope to see you at this wonderful service event!

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

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Sr. High BLAST

9th - 12th graders: Join us for the following activities!

Sunday Nov 6: 6:00-7:30pm: We'll have a regular meeting at the church and work on some sort of crafty thing to auction off at the Thanksgiving auction this year. We're changing it up with year and will not be doing the balloon auction this time.

Sunday Nov 13: Come on out and enjoy the Fall Harvest Dinner, Farmers Market and Auction at the church starting at 5:00. It's a great time to shop for some Christmas gifts!

Sunday, Nov 20: 6:00-7:30pm: We'll have a regular meeting at the church and bake/freeze cookies for the Cookie Walk in December as a service project.

If you have any questions or need more details about our meetings, just give us a call. Dani, 254-0156, or Julie Craighton, 276-2886.

Children's ministries



A midweek ministry dedicated to children & adults of all ages, teaching the *Word of God* in Scripture, Music and Fun!
 Wednesday nights begin with dinner at 5:30 p.m., followed by activities from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Upcoming activities:

	Dinner	Activities
11/2	Spaghetti	Video/Games
11/9	Chicken Tenders	Bible Story/Science
11/16	Taco Salad	Missions/Craft
11/23	NO TGIW—Thanksgiving Week	
11/30	Hot Dogs	Video/Bible Story



Do you have a theatrical talent? If you are interested in helping lead our puppet troupe, we meet Wednesdays during TGIW from 7:00-7:30 p.m.

Please contact Kelly Mohrman at gmohrman@mchsi.com.

Christian Learning Time (CLT)

Gathering is for all children ages 3 through 6th grade on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. 3 year olds through Kindergarten students meet in the Pre K-K classroom for gathering. Grades 1-6 meet in the Family Life Center for gathering.

November's B.I.G. Idea:

We Believe that stories of Praise teach us many different ways to praise God.



November's Bible Verse:

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Psalm 150:6

November's B.I.G. Theme: The story of Praise.

Children's Worship

Children's Worship is held during the 9:30 a.m. service and is a meaningful time for children ages 3 years through 2nd grade to worship and connect with God. Children will participate in an engaging worship service geared just for them in the Sanctuary. This service will follow a traditional format, with praise songs, prayers, joys/concerns, offering, scripture reading, and a message. We will include a time for fellowship at the end of our service. Kids will gather back in the 1st/2nd grade classroom to share in a healthy snack of fruits or vegetables and have time to visit with their friends.



November Mission for CLT: Heifer International! Students will be earning mission money by attending CLT, knowing their bible verse, and bringing a friend to CLT. This money will be used at the end of the month to purchase heifers to help families in need.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

- ◆ **Second Session Teachers Needed:** We are still in need of teachers for the 3rd and 4th grade class and the 5th and 6th grade class for the second 12 week session beginning in December. Please contact Kelly Mohrman at gmohrman@mchsi.com if you are willing to help.
- ◆ **Leaders for Children's Worship:** We are in need of 2-3 Leaders to continue our children's worship during the 9:30 service. The worship time is already laid out, leaders will also have an adult helper and teen helper to assist with activities. Please contact Kelly Mohrman at gmohrman@mchsi.com for more information.

Being Christ in Community

The Johnston River of Life ministry of New Hope has a Mission Statement of "Being Christ in Community." Some have asked, "why does it need a mission statement if we are the same church?" And that is an excellent question. At New Hope we have many ministries that fulfill our mission statement in one way or another. The Christian Learning Time and Life groups are a great example of "Following Jesus." While the worship services and giving of offerings is a great way to "Serve God." Our missions are the primary way in which we, "Love Others." They all have a part in the mission statement because we are all a part of the one mission.

The Johnston River of Life is not only a part of that mission statement, but a full reflection of it. Even more so, the design of our outreach program into Johnston is designed to move us outside of our normal comfort zone and into the community. We believe our mission is to:

Serve God... *in Community.*
Love Others... *in Community.*
Follow Jesus... *in Community.*

Our focus on community engaging ministry is what makes us different. That is why we just organized the Beggars night party for all kids in the Johnston

area, to provide a fun and safe environment and to connect with families who are looking for a church that is committed to community. It is also why we are planning the Johnston Community Christmas at the Johnston Barn on December 17th 5 PM. We want to be the church that brings the hope of Jesus to the center of community rather than expecting the community to come to us.

In fact we believe we are called to reflect Christ in Community. But then some have asked what does it mean... Being Christ in Community? In the sermon I preached at New Hope on October 23, I broke it down into actions that we find Jesus doing in scripture, or ways in which he cared for and loved his community. Jesus wept for those who were hurting. He prayed for everyone in need. Jesus served those around him instead of being served. He cared for the needs of the sick, poor, lonely, hurting, and outcast. Finally Jesus proclaimed the word of God. So being Christ in

Community means that we learn how to:

"Weep, Pray, Serve, Care, and Proclaim the word of God... in and to Community"

Some have said our hardest task will be to get people engaged and excited about starting a new community of faith in Johnston, to get people to show up.

Somehow I actually believe the most difficult task in front of us will be to learn to live out our mission statement. "Being Christ in Community" will require true conviction and commitment.



upcoming events

Veteran's Day Sew-In

Friday, Nov. 11

9:00am-3:00pm

Got a needle? Like to sew? Plan to join the New Hope Needlers in Fellowship Hall on

Friday, Nov 11th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm (or any part thereof) to work on quilts for the Care Team. We have a few sewing machines at the church, as well as most necessary equipment and a pretty nice fabric stash. Or, feel free to bring your own machine / project to join in the fun.

We'll plan a pot luck lunch at noon.

All are welcome - experienced quilters or newbies. For more information or to sign up, please contact Shirley Frus at 279-1130 or Kim Buske at 334-5448.



Garlands of Gifts

Saturday, November 12

This open to the public craft & gift fair will be held on **Saturday, November 12, 9am-3pm at New Hope.** FREE Admission!!

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

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

Fall Harvest Farmers Market & Auction

Sunday, November 13

5:00-6:00 p.m. – Silent Auction

6:00 p.m. – Dinner

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

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

New dinner menu: choice of beef stroganoff or chicken & noodles, along with green beans, rolls and of course, lots of pumpkin pie and other desserts.

Please complete the reservation form and send it to the church office. If you would like to help with this event, please contact Devonne Douglas at 251-4780.



Reservation for Fall Harvest Farmers Market & Auction

Name _____

Phone _____

Will attend dinner.

____ Number attending from your family

Will donate an item(s) for the auction

Will have a farmers market stand

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

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

upcoming events

Honoring our Veterans

Sunday, November 13

On Sunday, November 13, during each of the worship services, we will be honoring our veterans who have served in the military at any time in their lifetime. If you are a veteran, we would very much like to recognize you on that Sunday.

Also, if you have a friend or family member who has served in the military, we would like to recognize them as well.



We are grateful for the service our veterans have given to our country, and want to have a chance to share our thanks.

Heartbeat Bell Choir

Sunday, December 4, 6:00 p.m.

The HeartBeat bell choir will be performing a concert in the Family Life Center.



The program will be a Christmas concert.

Proceeds from the free-will offering will go toward

support of the bell program.

Poinsettia Orders

Deadline is Nov. 20

You can order a poinsettia, in honor or in memory of a loved one, which will be utilized to decorate the New Hope sanctuary and the FLC stage during the Advent and Christmas season. Please complete



the poinsettia order form on the tear-off form of the bulletins and place your reservation along with your check with the offering. **The cost is \$8.00 per plant.**

COOKIE WALK:

The Women's Fellowship is having a Cookie Walk on Sunday, December 4th, 2011 after all three Services with the proceeds going to our mission work.

We will display all donated home-baked cookies and you will walk around the table to choose your favorite cookies, placing them in a styrofoam box (size 9 1/2 x 9 1/2 x 3), which we provide for a mere \$8.00 per box. You get the whole box full for \$8.00 as long as you can close the lid.

Please join us on December 4th to fill your box with delicious cookies to go. Everyone is welcome to participate and enjoy.

Note: Home-baked cookies (no bars) are provided by the women of the New Hope Women's Fellowship. We are a small group so we would greatly appreciate any donation of cookies (especially decorated cookies) for this event.

Sign up forms are on the sign up table in the Fellowship Hall starting on November 6th. The more cookies that we have to sell, the more fun for everyone and the more money for our mission work.

Thanks to all in advance – Chair, Clarice Rubek



Hanging of the Greens

Sunday, Nov 20th

Following the 9:30 service, we will begin the hanging of the greens at New Hope UMC. We will begin in the FLC and then continue in the sanctuary after the 10:45 service has ended. If you can share some time after either of these services, it would be so appreciated! We will have specific jobs that need done, so you can grab a job, do it, and then be out the door - or, stay and help all thru and burn off some of that big Thanksgiving meal! Either way, we would love to have many hands help beautify the church for this blessed time. Remember that churches receive many visitors at the holiday, help us make New Hope glow!



Advent by Candlelight

Monday, December 5th, 7:00 p.m.

Enter the season of advent in a spirit of love and joy rather than stress and anxiety. Dessert will be served by table hostesses; followed by a program of music, scripture, verse, and stories. All women of the church (including high school students) and their guests are invited to attend.

SIGN UP. Sign up sheets for those wishing to attend and table hostesses are in the fellowship hall.

MUSICIANS. If you are interested in performing for Advent by Candlelight, please contact Angie Eaves at 986-3287 or email @ flowerlover65@earthlink.net (note in subject box that it's for NHUMC). Solos, duets, trios, quartets ~ Song selections get grabbed quick - so contact her soon!



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 November

8:30am Traditional Service	9:30am Contemporary Service	10:45am Traditional Service
<p><u>Greeters</u> 6 Marilyn Osborn 13 Jerry Stastny 20 Arny & Shelley Larsen 27 Deane Glen</p> <p><u>Lectors</u> 6 13 20 27</p>	<p><u>Greeters</u> 6 Teri & Jim Gairns 13 Ellen Hester 20 Dolberg family 27 Thea Holcomb</p> <p><u>Hosts</u> 6 Gary & Elaine Stubbs 13 Deb & Dave Cale 20 Ryan & Abbi Herrick 27</p> <p><u>Children's Church</u> Sherri Bogue & Jodi Christensen</p> <p><u>Nursery</u> Sherry Faulkner</p>	<p><u>Greeters</u> 6 Steve & Norma Sutton 13 Paulette & Larry Wood 20 Valerie & Adam Hubert 27 Bob & Marlys Borcharding</p> <p><u>Lectors</u> 6 Cathy Cate 13 Sharon Smith 20 Jon Verner 27 Spencer Sutton</p> <p><u>Hosts</u> 6 Paulette & Larry Wood 13 Earl & Sharon Lewis 20 27</p> <p><u>Nursery</u> Sherry Faulkner</p>
<p><u>Traditional Service Callers</u> 6 Mark & Leah Scherer 13 Jim & Norma Smith 20 Craig Ferguson 27 Betty Holwegner & Norma Sutton</p> <p><u>Contemporary Service Callers</u> 6 Melisa Forbes & Pam Frey 13 Peggy Philips 20 Michele Hamilton 27 Eldon Cross</p>	<p><u>Money Counters</u> 6 Tony & Tracy Hoffman, Ron Zoss 13 Linda Holloway, Larry Wood, Jon Verner 20 Jerry Kielsmeier, Mike Sandberg, Kim Traylor 37 DeVonne Douglas, Randy Jansen, Ron Zoss</p>	<p><u>Pal Friday: 9 a.m.</u> 4 Alice Hedman 11 Marge Carnahan 18 Norma Smith Wed., 23 Barb Easton</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, November 12 at 7:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Women's Fellowship

Thursday, November 17 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., November 10 at 1:00 pm.** at New Hope.

Library Committee

Volunteers to help with the church library are welcome to join the Library Committee on **Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m.** at the church.

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.

Volleyball

Mondays, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Volleyball will be every Monday through the end of November for ages 13 and up. GREAT exercise, GREAT way to get to know other people, GREAT fun! No sign up...just show up!

Blood Pressure Check

New Hope is offering free Blood Pressure checks each month. **November 13** 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.



Cooks Needed for New Hope Care Team

Our New Hope Care Team contacts people who are just getting home from the hospital due to surgery or sickness or a new baby and offers to provide them with a home cooked meal to help in their recovery process. This is a ministry of our church to support the families in their time of need and to show them that our church family cares for them and loves them.

We have a group of dedicated ladies that prepare these meals and deliver them but as our church grows and as a lot of the members get older, we have a lot of need for this ministry. Our ladies are getting worn down and tired and we need assistance.

Please consider signing up to help with this wonderful outreach ministry.

If you do agree to help you would be contacted by Paulette Wood, our chair for meals, and she would visit with you about the need and the location of the person and determine if you might be able to help with a meal. Often two people will work together on a meal.

Please consider helping your church with this ministry. And if you find it in your heart to serve in this capacity please call Clarice Rubek at 515-965-8897. We do need you and the wonderful ministry that you can provide. **I ask you to prayerfully think about this opportunity and I thank you in advance.**

Sincerely,
Clarice Rubek

missions

Mission Focus and Projects for November: The Power of Heifer International

Join the Heifer International Challenge for Christmas this year! Help change the world, one family at a time. Let us fill the Ark. Stay tuned.

Milk is Flowing In Malawi: Garfield and Mizeki are two little boys from Malawi – a part of the world where a single cow can unlock many doors. One cow gave the family an opportunity no one has ever had -to grow up free from poverty. The cow they received from the Heifer gave birth twice, growing the herd and providing more milk to drink or sell

The grandfather of the boys said, “In the past, my grandchildren were malnourished, but now with milk to drink, they are not.” Now because they were given a single cow, Garfield and Mizeki have bright and promising futures.



Llamas Help Families in Bolivia: Maria and her husband Evaristo were grateful to receive a llama from Heifer because they had so few opportunities to support their four children in the harsh climate and extreme altitude of the Bolivian Andes. But in this extreme climate, llamas and alpacas thrive. Now the family uses llama manure to fertilize their crops and dry it for fuel. Nothing goes to waste here. When the animals are sheared, their wool and blankets make clothing and blankets that can be sold for income. With the money they earn, Maria and Evaristo plan to purchase a water pump so they can have clean water and pay for their children to go to school.



Again, this year, New Hope encourages you to participate in the Angel Tree program. The Angel Tree will be

available in late November with the Angels containing names of children of prisoners for whom members of New Hope will purchase Christmas gifts. The gifts will be representative of the parent who is confined.

Santa's Attic is approaching. We are in need of items. Please look through your house for items that need a new home!! Please bring them to the church and put them in the 1st & 2nd grade room marked Santa's Attic.

Questions contact Penny Dolberg at 201-7643.



Hand of Luke

Monday, November 14

Menu

Pork Loins with Chipotle Cranberry Glaze
Baked Potato
Green Beans
Pumpkin 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 Central Iowa Shelter & Services at 5:30pm and return by 8:00pm.

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

Frozen items may be placed in the new industrial freezer, on the upper two left shelves. If possible, please indicate on the sign up sheet where you placed your item(s) (for example, “in pantry”, or “in the refig.”).

THANK YOU!!!

2012 New Hope Rummage Sale???

During the Oct.16, 2011, service, information was presented about the future of the New Hope Rummage Sale. In the past, the rummage sale has been handled by Women's Fellowship (W.F.). Due to the aging of this group, it is not possible for them to continue to handle this project without help. W.F. members will participate as they are able, and as past co-chairperson, I am willing to continue that position providing we secure a co-chairperson and several area leaders. This is not a long term commitment, just a busy week. The basic plans are all in place. WE JUST NEED WORKERS.

Last year's sale profit was **\$6500**. It is a tradition and well known in the community as the best church rummage sale in town. Nancy begins getting calls in early spring from the repeat customers. W.F. has always looked at the rummage sale as a mission in two ways. #1 as providing a pleasant, friendly, caring, economical place for people to shop and #2 as earning the money to support local missions.

I would like to share some examples of how caring W.F. members have touched others during past sales:

- ◇ A young man came in with his mother to buy a suit for his prom. Some caring workers quickly helped him find a shirt and tie. He was so pleased and was just beaming as he left.
- ◇ A young woman came in and was looking for a dresser because her clothes were on the floor at her Dad's. Talking with her, we realized our dressers were too expensive and we were able to find something she could afford. During the conversation she shared the story of her son's recent drowning. While she and her dad went to get a truck, some of the workers were able to find several pretty items to decorate her new dresser, and write a note expressing the care New Hope had for her.
- ◇ Because our church is used by several outside groups, New Hope touches many people. A man that attends the Parkinson's group wanted to say thank you. He has a business making wood items and brought his display stand filled with many bird houses, etc. to contribute to our sale.
- ◇ One of our friendly workers reported a customer spending a long time going through the women's clothes. The customer was buying from us and reselling at the consignment store. (We provide jobs.)
- ◇ On Saturday we have a 1/2 price sale and bags of clothes are \$2.00. It is amazing to see the number of bags that leave. What a need! Often we have seen whole families come in.

As I mentioned on Sunday, the song He Touched Me that we sang several weeks ago made me think about how New Hope touches others through the rummage sale. Can you contribute some time to this mission? If so, please sign up in the Fellowship Hall. It is too early for specific time schedules, but please indicate your willingness to help the week of **APRIL 15-21, 2012**. Day and evening shifts will be available. Perhaps your family, or a small group would like to sign up for a specific job.

The decision for the sale to continue must be made by Dec. 1, 2011 to allow for adequate planning. Prayerfully consider your part in this decision. Call if you have questions. As He touched us may we touch others through our work.

Carol Harter

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Come spend the Christmas with us....

Sunday, December 11

8:30 & 10:45 a.m., Christmas Cantata in the Sanctuary

6:30 p.m., Christmas Program performed by CLT & TGIW participants

Saturday, December 17

5:00 p.m., A Johnston Community Christmas sponsored by Johnston River of Life. The Johnston Barn, 6169 Northglenn Drive

Saturday, December 24—Eve Services

5:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m., and 10:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 25—Christmas Day

10:00 a.m. Worship

MUSIC FOR TRADITIONAL SERVICES

Director of Music Eldon Cross invites you to be an active participant in the worship services by joining the Chancel Choir. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays and run from 6:30 - 7:30 in the sanctuary.



Also, there is an opportunity for singers whose schedules do not allow them to sing with the Chancel Choir on a regular basis. Join us for rehearsals for this year's Christmas Cantata - "Lead Me Back to Bethlehem." Rehearsals are on Wednesdays from 7:30 - 8:15 in the sanctuary, shortly after the Chancel Choir rehearses. This group will also get back together for the Easter Cantata in the spring.

And, if you have or know someone who always has a "song in their heart," please encourage them to share their talents at the 8:30 service. Singers - soloists and small groups, instrumentalists are needed. Please contact Eldon Cross at 986-9906 or eldon@newhopedsm.org.

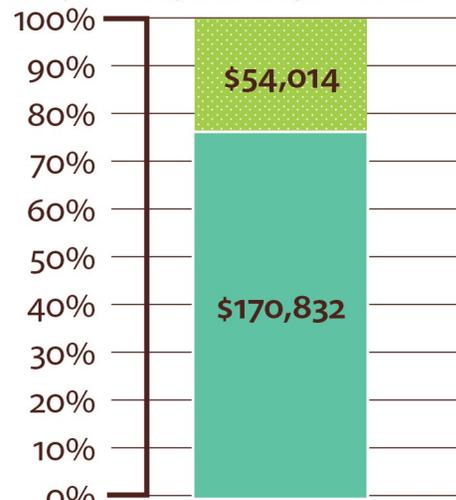
new hope financial update

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

	Sept 2011 Actual	Sept 2011 Budget	Sept 2010 Actual
Total Receipts	24,585.32	23,126.05	24,644.95
Total Expenditures	23,435.78	24,628.46	24,430.51
Net Surplus (Deficit)	1,149.54	(1,502.41)	214.44
	YTD Sept 2011 Actual	YTD Sept 2011 Budget	YTD Sept 2010 Actual
Total Receipts	245,066.78	230,217.05	232,647.85
Total Expenditures	220,134.26	230,721.74	220,065.38
Net Surplus (Deficit)	24,932.52	(504.69)	12,582.47

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■ Unpaid Pledges ■ Pledges Received



Pledges received as of Sept 30, 2011

sunday morning worship attendance

	8:30	9:30	10:45	total
Oct 2	26	134	100	260
Oct 9	29	132	109	270
Oct 16	61	139	78	278
Oct 23	31	144	150	325

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.

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 9:30a, Sr. Singers practice 9:30a, Alanon 10a, Library Committee Noon, AA	2 3:30p, Parkinson's Support Group 5:30p, TGIW 6:30p, Chancel Choir 7:45p, Praise Team	3	4 OFFICE CLOSED Pal: Alice Hedman 1:00p, Small Grp at HyVee, 1990 Grand Ave., West Des Moines 6-10pm, FLC reserved	5 Thanksgiving Ingathering 8a-4p, F.Hall reserved 5:00p, Johnston River of Life worship at Beaver Creek Elementary
6 Daylight Saving Time ends Holy Communion Stewardship Sunday 4p, Confirmation 6p, Sr. BLAST at church	7 6:00p, Women's Bible Study 7:00p, Trustees Mtg. 7:00p, Volleyball	8 9:30a, Alanon 10a, Library Committee Noon, AA	9 5:30p, TGIW 6:30p, Chancel Choir 7:45p, Praise Team	10 1:00-3:00p, New Hope Needlers at church	11 Pal: Norma Smith 9a-3p, Veterna's Day Sew In	12 7:30a, Men's Breakfast 9a-3p, "Garlands of Gifts" event—FREE admission
13 Veterans Honored Blood Pressure Sunday Noon, Compassionate Callers Fall Harvest 5:00p, Auction 6:00p, Dinner	14 3:30p, Hand of Luke 6:00p, Women's Bible Study 6:30p, Care Team Mtg. 7:00p, SPRC Mtg. 7:00p, Volleyball	15 Deadline for Dec. LINK 9:30a, Alanon 10a, Library Committee Noon, AA 7:00p, Finance Meeting	16 4:30p, Missions Mtg. 5:30p, TGIW 6:30p, Chancel Choir 7:45p, Praise Team	17 9:00a, Women's Fellowship at church 7:00p, Worship Design	18 Pal: Marge Carnahan 1:00p, Small Grp at HyVee, 1990 Grand Ave., West Des Moines	19 5:00p, Johnston River of Life worship at Beaver Creek Elementary
20 Food Pantry Sunday Thanksgiving Sunday (offering) Deadline for Poinsettia orders Hanging of the Greens 6p, Sr. BLAST	21 6:00p, Women's Bible Study 7:00p, Volleyball	22 9:30a, Alanon 10a, Library Committee Noon, AA 6:30p, Chancel Choir 7:00p, AD Council	23 Pal: Barb Easton NO TGIW	24 OFFICE CLOSED  <i>Thanksgiving</i>	25 OFFICE CLOSED	26
27 1st Sunday in Advent UM Student Day (offering)	28 6:00p, Women's Bible Study 7:00p, Volleyball	29 9:30a, Alanon 10a, Library Committee Noon, AA	30 5:30p, TGIW 6:30p, Chancel Choir 7:45p, Praise Team	Dec. 1	2 Pal: Pat Papenheim 1:00p, Small Grp at HyVee, 1990 Grand Ave., West Des Moines	3 5:00p, Johnston River of Life worship at Beaver Creek Elementary

Sun., Nov. 6
Daylight Saving Time ends



***United Methodist Student Day offering—Nov. 27:**
New Hope honors our members who are college students. Your offering on United Methodist Student Day nurtures persons to serve their churches and their communities. Please give generously. Your gift makes a world of difference!

Looking Ahead:
Dec. 4, Cookie Walk;
Dec. 4, 6:00p, Heartbeat Bells Concert
Dec. 5, 7:00p, Advent by Candlelight
Dec. 11, 8:30 & 10:45a, Christmas Cantata
Dec. 11, 6:30p, Christmas Program
Dec. 17, Christmas at the Barn
Dec. 24, Eve services: 5:30p, 7:30p, 10:00p
Dec. 25, Christmas Day Service: 10:00 a.m.

Happy Birthday to you!!
"May God's many blessings, be yours the year through."

- 1 Chuck Staples
- 2 Matthew Weih, Jerzie Carlson
- 3 Elnora McCoy, DeVonne Douglas, Jo Renee Hartung
- 4 John Dickerson, Joe Fairchild, Barb Easton
- 5 Denice Sutton, Kelly Mohrman, Michael Collet, Archer Happ
- 6 Jayna Pritchard, Zachary McClain, Bryce Rowland
- 8 Gavin Hawthorne, Barb Agan
- 9 Karen Skovgard, Stacie Bridges, Andrea Stern, Kinsey Evans
- 10 Norma Sutton, Owen Hubert
- 12 Jacob Hitchcock
- 13 Cheryl Cross
- 14 Peggy Philips, Kim Traylor, Maliya Carlson, John Wiley, Jason Evans
- 15 Larry Forbes
- 16 Nathan Zoss, Lily Larsen, Noelle Beasley
- 17 Doris Ummel, Luke Bogue

- 18 Jim Wells, Danielle Jaschen
- 19 Mark Wise
- 20 Rose White
- 21 Judy Frizzell, Carol Harter, Jim Frizzell, Emma Heiser, Julie Sahlin
- 22 Eric Strain, Ray Burnett, Benjamin Hegwood
- 23 Linda Kasper, Don Doxon, Tamara Evans
- 24 Jared Robertson; T.K. Kanauss
- 25 Kay Gier, Julie Craighton
- 26 Tyler Kurth, Jason Kerndt
- 27 Evelyn Kruse, Brian Bridges, Dave Mongar
- 28 John Rains, Lee Ross, Steve Cate, Tyler Tompkins
- 29 Lynn Clary, John Speck, Jason Homard
- 30 Damon DeBates, Jaela Wills

Happy Anniversary!!!

- 2 James & Suzanne Neu
- 5 David & Karen Davis
- 7 Brian & Suzie Martz
- 12 Larry & Paulette Wood
- 22 Don & Doris Ummel
- 23 Scott & Deanne Rowland
- 30 Kirk Dickey & Jann Williams

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.

Be Thankful and Keep Focused on God

“Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God...finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is lovely, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything of praise, think about these things.” – Philippians 4:6 and 8

Bliss Forbush says that Thanksgiving is a distinctly American holiday; there is nothing else like it in the world.

It doesn't celebrate the victory of a savage battle; it doesn't mark the anniversary of a great conqueror, or the birthday of a great national leader. It doesn't commemorate the signing of a great historic public document or the launching of a new constitution. It was put into place as a national holiday by President Abraham Lincoln in 1863 during a tough time in the Civil War, to focus the nation's attention, not on itself, but on God. Lincoln felt that the nation needed to keep their focus on God and not just on themselves, and to be thankful to God for the blessings they did have. Thanking God and praising God is a central part of the Christian faith. Karl Barth, the great 20th century theologian, says that all ministries of the church, and worship itself, are essentially acts of praise and thanksgiving. These ministries and worship are essentially our response to the gracious love that God has given us through Christ.

To be thankful keeps our focus on God and not just on ourselves. When the Disney movie *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs* came out in 1937, parents saw the

advertisements and, since it was Disney and it was an animated film, thought it would be a great movie to which to take their children. But when the movie came out, there was an old witch in it, and some thought the witch was so scary that the movie might set up unwholesome fears in the minds of their children. Many parents faced a dilemma: if the children saw the movie, it might have a damaging effect on them; if they could not see it, the parents had broken a promise. So many parents worked out a compromise: they would take the children to the movie, but when the scary part came, they would take the children out for that part of the movie. The story is told of one child who said he was going to see *Snow White* the next day. The older boys teased the younger boy that he was so little that he would have to leave during the scary part. The little boy said, "No, I'm not. I'm going with my daddy, and when the witch comes on, I'm not going to look at the witch; I'm just going to look at my daddy."

I think this is what Paul means in this text, to keep our focus on the good blessings of life, and on the loving God who has given them.



worship themes for november

nov 6	Give: Graciously II Corinthians 9:6-15	Stewardship Sunday	(Neil)
nov 13	Give: Lovingly John 15:12-17		(Neil)
nov 20	The Half Full Life! Acts 16:16-23	Thanksgiving Sunday	(Craig)
nov 27	Zechariah & John – Hope Luke 1:5-20	First Sunday of Advent	(Neil)



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Traditional Services: 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.

Contemporary Service: 9:30 a.m.

Children's Worship: 9:30 a.m.

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Director of Music: Eldon Cross

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Office Administrator: Nancy Monthei

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