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JULY AT NEW HOPE

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Olympic Faith



Johnston River of Life One Day VBS

Wednesday, **July 11**, 6-8pm.
Johnston Barn, 6169 Northglenn Drive
for kids ages 3yr. through 5th grade.

Week Long VBS at New Hope campus

Sunday – Thursday, **July 15-19**.
5:30pm Supper, 6-8:00pm Activities

VBS is for children age 3 (must be age 3 by July 1, 2012. Three-year-old children need to be accompanied by a parent) to kids entering 5th grade in the 2012/2013 school year.

Adult Vacation Bible School Class

Sunday-Thursday, **July 15-19**,
6 - 8 pm in the Ruby Chapel.

Pastor Neil Cross will be teaching a class on early church history. We will be using video curriculum, the Bible, and perhaps a couple of visits to local churches to study some highlights of the history of the Christian Church. Some of the topics will include the early church from the Resurrection of Christ to Constantine, background on the Roman Catholic and the Orthodox Churches and issues that led to the split that occurred between them in 1054 A.D. We will also look briefly at the development of the Protestant Church. Sign-up is not required to be a part of the course.

Registration forms (participant and volunteer) for the week long VBS are on page 7 & 8, on the church website, and also in the Fellowship Hall.

Please consider volunteering to make our children's week a success!



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

Sonya Verner; Elaine Stubbs; Blaine Goff; Marte Carlson; Bishop Julius Trimble; District Superintendent, David Weesner; District Field Minister, Karen Nelson; Dr. Emmanuel Mefor, missionary.

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

Our Sympathy to Larry & Paulette Wood and family on the death of Paulette's mother, Loretta Jans.

Our Sympathy to Gleen & Don Coates and family on the death of Gleen's brother, Daniel John McClannahan.

Baptism

Congratulations to Brighton Daniel Le Beau who was baptized on June 3rd at the 9:30 service. Brighton is the son of Adrian McLain and Kevin Le Beau.

Thank Yous

Thank you to **everyone** that represented New Hope UMC in the Johnston Green Days parade on June 16. Special thanks to John Rains for the use of the trailer, Paul Weisskopf for help with the sound system, the Praise Band, and everyone that walked in the parade for New Hope and handed out candy and information flyers. Thank you for getting the word out about New Hope UMC and Johnston River of Life!

To my new hope family, Thanks to pastor Neil for praying with us so early in the morning before surgery. Everyone's prayers and love helped me get through my heart surgery with flying colors. I am doing great and start cardiac rehab this week. God is good. Thank you for all the cards and other acts of kindness that were shown to me. Thanks to the care team for the gift card so Bob and other family members could eat at the hospital. We are so blessed to have all of you in our lives.

Love,
Marly Borcharding

A heartfelt thank you for all the cards, thoughts, prayers, flowers and general wishes on the death of my mother. They are so appreciated. While I miss her, I thank God for her long and healthy life. She was 97, was doing yoga nearly to the end and never had a moment of fear or pain.

Cheryl Long

I would like to thank everyone for all their thoughtful cards, calls and prayers after my last surgery. Thanks to the care team for the pretty and delicious fruit bouquet. Pastor Cross, your visits and prayers meant so very much to me. Thank you!

Evelyn Kruse and family

OPEN HOUSE

65th Birthday Celebration for

Brenda McConahay

7/21/12 ~ 2-8pm

2915 Rutland Ave, Des Moines
(1 block east of 31st St between Cottage Grove & Kingman Blvd.)

Please bring a song, recipe, poem, memory (or just yourself!) to share.

After all, your friendship will always be my favorite gift! Light dinner served.

Children welcome.

Meet and greet my children and grandchildren.

Hope to see you!





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

Time for Children: During the summer months we will be having a time for children during our regular worship service. Children of all ages are welcome up front with our pastors for a special message just for them. Children up to 3 years are welcome to go to the nursery following this special message.

TGIW: This fall our mid-week program for children will be getting a makeover. If you are interested in helping plan the new format or volunteering this fall, we will be having another **meeting on Thursday, July 26th at 6:00 pm., in the Ruby Chapel.**

Christian Learning Time: We are looking for teachers to teach a new curriculum this fall. We will be following *The Story* along with the congregation during our Christian Learning time. The format will follow a chronological format of the Bible, in story form. If you are interested in teaching at any age level from 3 years to 4th grade, please contact Kelly Mohrman at gmohrman@mchsi.com or 515-490-0449.

Operation Overboard "Dive in and dare to go deep with God!"

Vacation Bible School: Sunday, July 15 to Thursday, July 19

Questions? Contact Jennifer Riley or Melanie Henry.



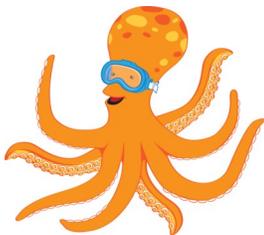
Calling all youth entering 6th and 7th grades. We have a NEW VBS opportunity just for you! Join us the week of VBS for volunteering and fun. We will need your help with projects such as setting up chairs, counting and organizing the mission project, greeting prior to the VBS program, and plenty of fun YOUTH GAMES. This is an extension of VBS and will be referred to as VBS-X. You will still need to fill out a volunteer helper form with VBS-X specified (you will write this in). This program is offered as an alternative to traditional youth volunteer helpers with a focus on guided volunteer opportunities, fellowship & fun!



Craft items needed! Please help donate the following items to be used for crafts during VBS: small baby food jars, small seashells, sea glass, white sand, heavy paper plates, old CD rom disks, and E-6000 glue (found at craft stores). Monetary donations toward purchase of other craft items would be greatly appreciated. Please put VBS crafts in the memo line of your check. Please place all items in the VBS craft box in the F.Hall. If you have any questions, please contact Jann Williams, 491-4928.



Food Donations: Please sign up to donate food items for the dinners & snacks during VBS. There is a list in the Fellowship Hall. Donations are greatly appreciated!



ALSO:

There will be an extra evening of VBS, as an early extension of New Hope's VBS!

Johnston Barn, 6169 Northglenn Drive on Wed, July 11, 6-8PM

Contact Jenn Higdon at Jenn@higdon-family.net or 319-230-3363 if you'd like to help. We'll have the same music, but the rest of the activities will all coordinate with New Hope Operation Overboard but should not repeat. Set-up will begin at 5 pm with cleanup following.



Life Groups

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 contact Pastor Ferguson, 319-939-6788, craig@newhopedsm.org.

Traveling Group: 2nd & 4th Saturdays, 4-6pm. For the summer, we're exploring faith in media and modern culture. Each meeting will include a short video clip and discussion guide. This is a fun, a bit off the beaten path study. Contact: Nick & Sherri Bogue, boguesa@gmail.com, for location and date. Childcare provided.

upcoming events



The New Hope United Methodist Blood Drive is **July 9** with times available from **4 to 7PM**.

Sign up sheets are in the Fellowship Hall.

One donation can help 3 people and even save lives!
Contact Terri Lichter 276-6809 with any questions.



Get ready for the Johnston Community Amazing Race hosted by Johnston River of Life

Put it on your calendars now. **July 14th at 10:00am registration for the Johnston Amazing Race will be at Beaver Creek Elementary.** There will be two separate race levels available. One race will focus on family style challenges and one will involve more difficult puzzles and locations. Both will offer lots of fun and great prizes. We are working with Johnston area businesses and organizations to provide a first class community event. More details to come on our website and facebook pages so be on the look out for exciting updates and sponsor information. Want to help?? We would love to have you on a volunteer committee to ensure the success of this highly visible event. Please look for an event sign up sheet during service or contact Amanda Samuelson by email at Jandie_Samuelson@yahoo.com. Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you there!!



As a family oriented ministry, New Hope / Johnston River of Life is excited to offer a once a month community movie night at the Barn in Johnston, 6169 Northglenn Drive (next to the Library).

These movies will be family oriented and a great way to invite a friend or neighbor to a "church" event.

The evenings will **start at 7 PM** with entertainment and lawn games. Popcorn will be provided.

At dusk the movie will start and the event will end after the show.

Join us on July 25 ("Soul Surfer") and August 8 ("Dolphin Tale")

Bring a lawn chair and the family down for a lot of fun.

I-Cubs Baseball

Saturday, August 4

Join us for the I-Cubs game!

We will meet at the church at 5:45pm to carpool and then travel to Principal Park for a 7:05 p.m. game.

(I-Cubs vs. Colorado Springs Rockies).

To participate, complete the tear off form in your bulletin including the number of adult and children's tickets you are ordering, along with your payment for the tickets.

Cost is \$5.00 (13 yr. old through adult)

Children age 12 and under are free!

The Men's Fellowship of New Hope is sponsoring this outing. Deadline to order tickets is Sunday, July 29th. *Rain date will be August 25.*





Fri., Aug. 24, 2012
7pm-10pm
and
Sat., Aug. 25, 2012
9am-5pm
Wells Fargo Arena, DSM

You've never seen Women of Faith like this before!

We all experience good times and bad days, triumphs and tragedies. But no matter what life throws at you, this is what matters. God loves you. (Always has. Always will.) You're invited to be part of a very special celebration. Compelling stories, Bible-based teaching, unstoppable inspiration, and a few surprises combine for an experience like no other. God loves you! And that means there is always a reason to celebrate.

New Hope has 25 tickets reserved. Cost is \$91. Teacher and military discount cost is \$71. Please contact Jodi Christensen at jokevchristensen@gmail.com or 277-6695 if you have any questions or would like to attend this wonderful event. More information can be found at www.womenoffaith.com. Click on Des Moines event.

Our soul waits for the LORD; He is our help and our shield. For our heart shall rejoice in Him, because we have trusted in His holy name. Psalm 33:20-21 NKJV

Always have hope

Wilma Rudolph was a young girl who had a crippling physical problem. Naturally, she wanted to be normal, to be able to run and move around easily like other children. One day, when she was feeling rather low and discouraged, she asked her parents if she would ever be able to run like those without her handicap.

Her parents, being faithful believers in God, said to her, "Honey, believe in God and never give up hope." Wilma took to heart her parents' advice. She faithfully trusted God, and daily she tried to improve her running skills. By the time she was 12, she had strengthened her legs so much that she no longer needed braces. Furthermore, when she entered high school, she played on the basketball team and helped the team win the conference title.



Wilma Rudolph, however, will be remembered most of all by the fact that in 1960 she went to the Olympics, and with her running skills, won three gold medals.

Who can deny the power of God, the practice of hope and the wonderful results of perfecting whatever gifts God has given to us?

The Newsletter Newsletter



This open to the public craft & gift fair will be held on Sat., November 10, 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, 2012.



Let Freedom Ring

For God so loved the world that He gave his only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life. – John 3:16

The month of July we celebrate the freedom of our nation. One of the historic relics that has become symbolic of American freedom is the "Liberty Bell". This bell was originally commissioned from London in 1752, but recast twice. It is most widely known for its identifiable crack. However something that is formed into the bell itself is a passage from the Bible, Leviticus 25:10 "Proclaim Liberty throughout all the land, unto all the inhabitants thereof."

Another symbol of American freedom is the Constitution. We look at this as the document that set us free from the control of England. It has strong language that emphasizes the people of the nation, not the government. In fact the Preamble states it this way,

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

Lady Liberty is another symbol that we claim as a part of our American identity. She stands on Liberty Island in New York as the gateway to freedom. Commissioned by the French and erected in a united effort, this American Icon proclaims our shores as a place of freedom and liberty for the oppressed. Listen to the words of the New Colossus, inscribed inside the Statue.

Not like the brazen giant of Greek fame, With conquering limbs astride from land to land; Here at our sea-washed, sunset gates shall stand A mighty woman with a torch, whose flame Is the imprisoned lightning, and her name Mother of Exiles. From her beacon-hand Glows world-wide welcome; her mild eyes command The air-bridged harbor that twin cities frame. "Keep, ancient lands, your storied pomp!" cries she With silent lips. "Give me your tired, your poor, Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, The wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me, I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"

We have these great American symbols that remind us of our freedom as a nation. We also have Christian Icons that remind us of our faith, of our freedom from sin, of God become flesh. As we look at the cross we can't help but think of John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that He gave his only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life." This is our Christian Freedom.

I encourage you during the month of July to remember the freedom you have through Christ.





Counselors: Julie Craighton and Dave Cale
Sr. BLAST participants: McKayla Johnson, Hannah Wiles, Nathan Ferguson, Brady Jansen, Kayla Jansen, Adam Jaschen, Triston Nearmyer

Sr. BLAST Mission Trip by Kayla Jansen

And we were off! Mission Trip 2012 to Minnesota officially started on Sunday, June 17th. Thanks to all who contributed to the various fundraising activities we held - from the pancake supper and Sloppy Joe lunch to the flamingo flock flying around the metro. With a send off from Pastor Neil during the 9:30a.m. service, the Sr. High BLAST members were ready to make the 4 1/2 hour drive to Camp Kingswood to work as part of Servant Heart Ministries. We drove through the pouring rain, the pre-rush hour traffic on Minnesota highways, and the crazy tactics that Dave and the boys tried to lose Julie and the girls in their van. We pulled into camp right on time, or so we thought. We were a little early for the camp, so we went into town to explore. When we got back to camp, we met our counselors and played "get to know you"

games. Worship took place before bed, where Adam played guitar chords for the songs we sang. Afterwards it was time for lights out which we were all ready for!

Our first work day on Monday consisted of work similar to Meals from the Heartland. We drove into the Twin Cities area in the morning to Feed My Starving Children. There we packaged enough meals to feed 59 kids in Haiti for an entire year. That afternoon we were at Second Harvest Heartland where we repackaged 1,000 pounds of noodles into individual one pound bags with labels. There we had competitions to see how many perfect one pound bags we could make. After work, we drove back out to camp and went swimming in the lake. Later that evening, we did team building activities. One in particular stood out to us all. Our counselors were hesitant to let us do this activity at first but we passed their secret test and off we went. It was a faith maze we had to finish blindfolded. It was a tough one. All of our eyes were opened by the

Lord even though we couldn't actually see the objective in front of us. For worship that night, we took a walk down to a spot where we could see the lake, watch the lightning bugs light up all around us and see the stars above us. It would have been a very meaningful service if it wasn't for the ten BILLION mosquitoes eating us all alive! They were horrible at the camp.

Before we knew it, it was time to get up on Tuesday for our second day of working. For this project we went to an older lady's condo in Minneapolis and did a lot of painting, staining and organizing. She was such a sweet lady. Popcorn was her gift to us because she said we worked too hard! We got a chance to talk to her while we worked and heard her story. After lunch the girls stayed there to finish up the painting while the boys went to a second site nearby to help another lady with some landscaping work. Both women were so sweet and very grateful for these little things that we could do but take for granted. Once all the jobs were finished, it was time to head back to camp for swim time. The guys went down to the lake but the girls stayed behind to play a harmless little prank on the boys (Kool-Aid powder was placed in the shower head so when the shower came on, the Kool-Aid sprayed out). It was so funny! Later that night was group games and worship. They sure knew how to wear us out...we were ready for lights out again!



Wednesday was all landscaping at a church in Minneapolis. That morning we grabbed our tools, loaded them in the girls' van and watched as the van filled with spiders! As expected, there was lots of screaming! We swatted at spiders all the way into the city! At the church, we started to make a flower/vegetable garden handicap accessible by creating a pathway that ran beside it. It was hard work as we had to dig up the sod, grade it so that it was level and then lay rock. Luckily, it was overcast and a little cooler than on Monday and Tuesday. Back at camp, we had to plan our own worship to lead later in the evening. Kayla and McKayla chose the songs. Hannah, Brady, Triston, and Julie performed a skit. Nathan read the scripture. Adam shared the sermon and Dave led us in a closing prayer. The theme was Serve Your Neighbors. The service went really well and afterwards it was lights out.



Thursday was our last work day in Minneapolis where we did several home repair jobs at an older lady's house. We replaced screen on her porch, fixed her door, weeded several flower beds, laid down mulch in three spots, graded the ground around in several places around the foundation and deep cleaned the garage. We all wished we could have had a chance to talk to her more, but she had to go to her job. After the work was finished, we headed back to camp and our last challenge of the week was the High Ropes course. The course was up in the trees with six elements. You climbed the rope ladder, crossed a rope bridge, scooted through the uneven swings, crawled through the separated tubes, walked across the tight rope, and finished up on the zip line. Everyone was so supportive of one another. We were almost an hour late for dinner, but it was all worth it. After the delicious dinner, we held our final worship. This worship included us washing each other's feet, just like Jesus did with his disciples. It was very meaningful. Then it was time for our last lights out for the week.

Our final wake up call was given Friday morning. We all packed up and cleaned the cabin. We ate breakfast and then it was time for us to leave. We said our goodbyes and took our last pictures. The week was all about serving - serving God, serving our neighbor, serving one another. The week was also full of laughs. From hiding the counselors' water bottles to the carpet ball tournaments. From Hannah having a hard time remembering to close the door as she left the building or the van, to the Kool-Aid shower prank. From Dave running with the girls in "Never Have I Ever (been a boy)", to Dave and Nathan eating earthworms. Our BLAST group grew together as a family and our serving won't stop just because our mission trip is over.

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 twenty minutes early to welcome worshipers.

Lectors read the scripture lessons for the day at the 8:30 and 10:45 worship services.

Children's Church meets during 9:30 a.m. worship service in the sanctuary & 1st/2nd grade classroom. Volunteers read a Bible story to the children and supervise craft and play time.

Hosts buy or bake six to eight dozen cookies, and serve coffee and lemonade after the 9:30 contemporary and 10:45 traditional worship services. New Hope purchases three to five dozen cookies to also be served with the hosts' cookies. After fellowship time the hosts wash, dry, and put away the cookie platters, rinse out and dry the coffee canisters, and take the trash out to the trash bin. When you sign up to host, a letter from New Hope will be mailed to you before you host with instructions on how to host.

If you are interested in volunteering for any of these positions, please call Nancy Monthei, church secretary, at 278-2097.

Those who serve New Hope in July:

8:30am Traditional Service	9:30am Contemporary Service	10:45am Traditional Service
<u>Greeters</u> 1 Mark & Megan Thomsen 8 Charlotte Schultz 15 Pat Papenheim 22 Marilyn Osborn 29	<u>Greeters</u> 1 Glenna Ross 8 Teri & Jim Gairns 15 Dolberg family 22 Althea Holcomb 29 Lisa & Rachel Jackson	<u>Greeters</u> 1 Steve & Norma Sutton 8 Sheldon & Esther Stout 15 Lee Ross 22 Norma & Jim Smith 29 Bob & Marlys Borcharding
<u>Lectors</u> 1 Carole Followwill 8 Maurine Myers 15 22 Cathy Short 29	<u>Hosts</u> 1 Tony & Tracy Hoffman 8 Melisa & Larry Forbes 15 Spencer & Andy Sutton 22 Dolberg family 29 Pam Frey	<u>Lectors</u> 1 Jon Verner 8 Freda Ruleman 15 Clarice Rubek 22 29 Jim Smith
	<u>Nursery</u> 1 Carrie Naumann 8 Heather Kerndt 15 Sherri Bogue 22 Amanda Samuelson 29 Sherri Bogue	<u>Hosts</u> 1 Host: Lee Ross; Cookies: Joan Clay & Freda Ruleman 8 Bob & Carol Harter 15 Lynn & Jan Davisson 22 Sheldon & Esther Stout 29 Neal & Roberta Cave
<u>Traditional Service Callers</u> 1 Craig Ferguson 8 Norma Sutton 15 Bob & Marlys Borcharding 22 Mark & Leah Scherer 29 Jim & Norma Smith	<u>Money Counters</u> 1 Jerry Kielsmeier, Kim Traylor, Kari Baccam 8 DeVonne Douglas, Randy Jansen, Ron Zoss 15 Tony & Tracy Hoffman, Glenna Ross 22 Clark Howland, Larry Wood, Linda Holloway 29 Jerry Kielsmeier, Kim Traylor, Kari Baccam	<u>Acolytes:</u> 1 Lexi Dean & Kyle Hegwood 8 Lydia Johnston & Tyler Mohrman 15 Taylor Evans & Caleb Williamson 22 Lexi Dean & Kyle Hegwood 29 Lydia Johnston & Tyler Mohrman
<u>Contemporary Service Callers</u> 1 Melisa Forbes & Pam Frey 8 Eldon Cross 15 Michele Hamilton 22 Melisa Forbes & Pam Frey 29 Jim & Norma Smith	<u>Pal Friday: 9 a.m.</u> 6 Darlene Caldwell 13 Norma Smith 20 Ann Krause 27 Marlys Borcharding	<u>Nursery</u> 1 Andy Sutton 8 Heather Kerndt 15 Andy Sutton 22 Andy Sutton 29 Miyoko Hikiji

thank you for volunteering to help with the worship services. If something comes up and you have a conflict, please contact another church member to switch with you and call the church office with the changes (278-2097).

groups gathering together

Blood Pressure Check

New Hope is offering free Blood Pressure checks each month. **July 29** will be the next BP checks. Come to the Narthex after each worship service.

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 **Sept. 17 at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.**

If you would like to join the Care Ministry team, please contact Clarice Rubek or Mary Ann Rice.

Summer Music Needed

I am in need of individuals and groups (sorry, no animal acts) that would like to share their talents with the congregation over the summer months. You will have the option to sing at the 8:30 or 10:45 service, or both!



Please let me know if you need piano accompaniment, have a CD or you will accompany yourself.

Also, on the third Sunday of each month, the Seasonal Choir will get together at **10:00** in the music room to prepare for the anthem that day. Dates are filling up fast so please contact Eldon Cross at elcatalia4@gmail.com or 515 250-1476.

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, July 14
at 7:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Women's Fellowship

Thursday, July 19th
Several women have expressed an interest in traveling to Walnut to see Ester's shop. Therefore, our July Women's Fellowship will be in Walnut and not at the Castaway restaurant as scheduled. Esther Stout has organized a day outing in Walnut, Iowa for those ladies who want to browse in the local shops. Lunch will be provided at her store. Several ladies who have larger vehicles have offered to drive so transportation will be provided. Callers will be calling the week of July 19 to get a count of who will be joining us. If you have any questions, please contact Shirley Frus at 279-1130.

Ladies of the Church

Do you love to sing? We are putting together a Women's Chorus to sing special music at the 10:45am service on August 5, directed by Linda Reaney and organized by Billy Nuzum. We will have one practice on Wednesday, August 1 at 6:30 pm at the church and would love to have you, and your friends, come and join us for singing and fellowship. No audition necessary, it doesn't matter what service you attend, just show up for practice. Sorry guys, this is ladies only! Don't miss out on the fun!

If you have questions, please contact Billy Nuzum at 238-2302 or bbnewz54@gmail.com



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.



Picture of Children's Worship held on June 16th at Johnston River of Life.

We built a human house with foundation, walls and roof. Brennen was our electricity in the house.

missions

July Mission Focus: Meals from the Heartland



WHAT IF... you could save the world one person at a time? Then multiply that by 24,000! We have an opportunity to help feed 24,000 starving people by packaging food for Meals from the Heartland, August 5.

Fundraising: Because all food-stuffs need to be paid for upfront, we are asking New Hope families to fund a box that costs \$45.00. Each box contains 216 meals. You may pick up an empty food bag for your donation in the narthex of the sanctuary, FLC, or at JROL. Young children may enjoy adding their coins weekly. Place the food bag with your donation in the offering plate on or before July 29th.

Sign-ups: Sign ups may done at the Mission table. JROL can sign up at the Saturday service. Each station can hold up to 10 people, age 5 and older so if you want your family and friends to package with you as a team, sign up early as we can only accommodate 40 people each session. We will do an extra session at the end and then we need a group to do clean –up.



Volunteers from the 2011 Meals from the Heartland project.

Session times: The first 3 sessions will follow a short service and a how-to-do video, so the packaging times will be: **Session 1:** 9:00 to 10:00, **Session 2:** 10:00 to 11:00, **Session 3:** 11:15 to 12:15, **Session 4:** 12:30 to 1:30, and **Clean up:** 1:30 to 2:30.

Please contribute to the success of our event by your prayers, donations, or service!

CAMPERS

Camps and Retreat Ministries is pleased to announce that the summer online camper registration program is up and running . To access the online registration, you may go to www.iacampsandretreat.org. Missions will give \$100 toward a week camp experience at a United Methodist Camp. Call the office when you register!



Hand of Luke

Saturday, July 15

Ham Balls
Ranch Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Bread and Butter
Fruit Cobbler

If you would like to contribute to our ministry by making food donations, cooking or serving, please sign up in the Fellowship Hall.

Cooks meet at the church between 3:00-3:30pm. Servers transport the food to the Central Iowa Shelter & Services at 5:30pm and return by 8:00pm.

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

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

new hope financial update

Below is the General Fund operating budget report for May 2012 compared to our 2012 budget and May 2011

	May 2012 Actual	May 2012 Budget	May 2011 Actual
Total Receipts	23,706.93	24,589.08	26,902.45
Total Expenditures	24,001.46	26,682.35	26,878.23
Net Surplus (Deficit)	(294.53)	(2,093.27)	24.22

	YTD May 2012 Actual	YTD May 2012 Budget	YTD May 2011 Actual
Total Receipts	136,563.22	137,217.34	142,251.95
Total Expenditures	138,182.85	147,076.47	120,661.70
Net Surplus (Deficit)	(1,619.63)	(9,859.13)	21,590.25



Just a reminder that during vacations and weekend getaways, you're especially missed by your friends at church.

God's work goes on all summer long. Your presence and gifts are needed to enable the church to be strong and vigorous throughout the entire year.

Have a wonderful summer!

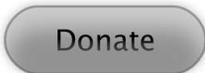
sunday morning worship attendance

	8:30	9:30	10:45	total
May 29	37	66	68	171
June 3	32	128	81	241
June 10	43	115	83	241
June 17	38	84	103	225
June 24	38	125	95	258

River of Life Worship Attendance

May 28	28	June 2	29
June 9	33	June 16	28
June 23	24		

Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving



New Hope wants to remind you that we offer electronic giving as a way to automate your offering.

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SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

1 Holy Communion	2 7:00p, Trustees Meeting	3 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA	4 Independence Day Office Closed	5	6 Pal:	7 5p, Johnston River of Life worship @ Beaver Creek Elem.
8 *Rural Life Offering	9 4:00-7:00pm Blood Drive	10 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 7p, Worship Design	11 3:30p, Parkinson's Support Group 6-8:00pm, VBS @ Johnston Barn 7:30p, Praise Team	12	13 Pal: Norma Smith	14 7:30a, Men's Breakfast 10:00a, Amazing Race 3:30p, Hand of Luke 5p, Johnston River of Life worship @ Beaver Creek Elem.
15 Food Pantry Sunday VBS: July 15-19 5:30pm Dinner 6:00-8:00pm Activities 6:00pm, Adult VBS	16 <i>Aug. LINK deadline</i>	17 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 7:00p, Finance Mtg. 7:00p, Stroke Club in the sanctuary	18	19	20 Pal: Ann Krause	21 8a-2p, F.Hall rented 5p, Johnston River of Life worship @ Beaver Creek Elem.
22	23	24 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 7p, AD Council Mtg.	25 4:30p, Missions Mtg. 7:00p, Movie Night @ Johnston Barn 7:30p, Praise Team	26 6pm, TGIW Meeting	27 Pal: Marlys Borcherd- ing Mills/Johnson rehearsal	28 4p, Mills/Johnson wedding 5p, Johnston River of Life worship @ Beaver Creek Elem.
29 Blood Pressure checks	30	31 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA	August 1 3:30p, Parkinson's Support Group 7:30p, Praise Team	2	3 Pal: Marge Carnahan	4 5p, Johnston River of Life worship @ Beaver Creek Elem.

***Sun., July 8: Rural Life Offering** - The Iowa Annual Conference Rural Life Sunday Offering goes to support projects in rural areas of Iowa. An example of a project that received funding for this year is Mobile United Methodist Missionaries of the South Central and Southeast Districts. MUMMS helps to provide VBS, after-school programs, work projects, and many other services for small rural churches and communities without a church.

Staff Vacation Plans:

Pastor Cross: July 2 - 9
Pastor Ferguson: July 20-26
Nancy Monthei: July 23-27
Craig & Neil out of the office August 16-19 for SCD conference

Looking Ahead:

Aug. 5: Meals from the Heartland Aug. 24 & 25, Women of Faith
Aug. 8, Movie Night

Happy Birthday to you!!

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



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Olympic Faith

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith...” - Hebrews 12:1-2

Sports have always intrigued me. I love to watch sports, to read about sports and sports analysis, and to participate in sports (although these days, the only sports I participate in is golf). I also think that there are a lot of life lessons that can be learned from sports. I like, for example, the mission statement of the First Tee, an organization dedicated to teach the game of golf to young people: “To impact the lives of young people by providing educational programs that build character, to instill life-enhancing values and promote healthy choices through the game of golf.” Not only does the First Tee teach about golf, but also teaches about such values as integrity, character, and sportsmanship. Not a bad mission to have.

Paul also thought that sports could be used as an example for teaching faith. There are several times when Paul uses images of the athletic games to illustrate a point in his writing. He spent a lot of time in Greece, and in Paul’s time, the original Olympic Games were still being held. There were also a number of cities in Greece which had major

sporting events. For example, Paul writes to the church in Corinth, which was also a site for Olympic-style games. He uses the games as an example of the discipline needed in the Christian faith: “Do you not know that in a race the runners all compete, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you might win it. Athletes exercise self-control in all things...” (1 Corinthians 9:24-25)

The writer of The Letter to the Hebrews also uses the image of the sports arena to illustrate a point he was making. In chapter 11 he describes some of the heroes of the faith, and then in the text above from chapter 12, he pictures the heroes of the faith in the stands, cheering us on.

The Olympic Games this year will be held in London July 27-August 12. During the month of July, we will be looking at some of the different sporting events of the Olympics, and some stories of the Bible, to see what we might learn about the disciplines needed to sustain and grow in our faith. What some of the heroes of the faith can teach us is encouraging, empowering and applicable to our lives. I hope you will join us for our series on “Olympic Faith.”



worship themes for july

July 1	Olympic Faith	Olympic Training: Discipline	1 Corinthians 9:24-27
July 8	Olympic Faith	The Sprint: Action	Luke 15:11-32
July 15	Olympic Faith	Gymnastics: Balance	James 1:5-8
July 22	Olympic Faith	Swimming: Breath	Jonah 1:1-4; 11-17
July 29	Olympic Faith	The Marathon: Perseverance	Hebrews 12:1-6

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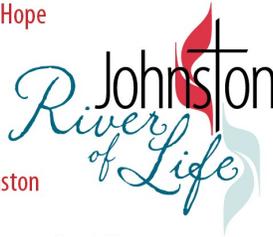


Sunday Worship Services at New Hope

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

Saturday Worship Service in Johnston

- 5:00pm Casual Service
- Currently meeting at Beaver Creek Elementary,
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