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## Rally Week!!

Sunday, September 9 • Rally Day at New Hope

We will kick off Children's Worship, Christian Learning Time (CLT), and have a picnic with carnival games for the whole family!

### Christian Learning Time:

- Registration forms for CLT are on the table below the CLT bulletin board.
- **3rd grade bibles:** Those students entering 3rd grade for the 2012-2013 school year will be presented a Bible from the church during our Rally Day church services. When signing up for Christian Learning Time, please indicate which service time you would prefer to receive your Bible.
- Adult Sunday School will be at 9:30 & 10:45 a.m. in the Ruby Chapel

Wednesday, September 12, 5:15–7:30pm • Thank God It's Wednesday (TGIW)

This fall our mid-week program for children ages K-5th grade will be getting a makeover. Look for information on our *What's In the Bible?* curriculum.

Saturday, September 15 • Fall Kick Off at Johnston River of Life

Join us for 5pm worship followed by a 6:30pm cookout, bounce house & games.

**Meat will be provided for the meals on Sept. 9th & Sept. 15th. Please sign up to provide a side dish. Thank you!**

## THE STORY

JOURNEY THROUGH  
THE BIBLE IN ONE YEAR.

On September 9, we will be starting a major program that will help us to read through the Bible in a year's time. Many people have the desire to read through the Bible, but find it intimidating. We are going to offer a program to help us do this as a whole church family. The sermons between now and May will go through the major stories of the Bible. And then, in our Christian Learning Time, and in our small groups, we will be studying the same passages together. We hope and pray that doing this together as a whole church family, we will learn and grow together as we discover our story in His Story.



# membership news

If you have a prayer chain request, please call the church office at 278-2097 or Jan Davisson at 251-4894. To be added to the e-mail prayer chain distribution list, please call the church office or Jan.

## Prayer Concerns

Linda Dean; Sonya Verner; Elaine Stubbs; Blaine Goff; Barb Easton; Evelyn Kruse; Carl Wallin; 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

Our Sympathy to Jason & Elaine Sheer & family on the passing of Jason's sister, Morgan (Sheer) Maurath.

## Wedding

Congratulations to Monica Mills and Trent Johnson on their July 28th wedding at New Hope UMC.

Congratulations to Leigh Zisko and Eric Nau on their August 26th wedding at New Hope UMC.

## Thank You:

Thanks to everyone at New Hope. I am so grateful for the hospital and skilled care visits of Craig and Neil and New Hope friends and the beautiful quilt and the lovely meal brought to my home. The generosity, care and concern of everyone was amazing. Thanks again to all the New Hope family for the prayers and kindnesses during my surgery and recovery.

Sincerely,  
Guelda King

## Tamara Evans Nursery Coordinator



The Staff-Parish Relations Committee is pleased to announce Tamara Evans as our new part-time Children's Ministries Coordinator. Tamara will be in charge of the Nursery on Sunday mornings during the 9:30 a.m. service and during the 10:45 a.m. worship service.

Tamara currently works during the week for Urbandale Dance and Gymnastics as a Gymnastics Teacher. She has also worked for The Kids Room in West Des Moines for 6 years. She is certified with CPR, First Aid, Airborne Pathogens and she is a Mandatory Child Abuse Reporter. She and her husband, Jason, have two daughters, Taylor and Alexis.

We are very pleased now to have Tamara on staff to lead our Nursery Care program.



## Saturday Night Coffee House and Casual Worship

5:00 p.m.  
Beaver Creek Elementary,  
8701 Lyndhurst Drive,  
Johnston.

*All are invited to join us for these fun and energizing worship services!* [Johnstonriveroflife.org](http://Johnstonriveroflife.org)



## New Hope Appreciation Day

Sunday, September 23

11am-2pm

Join us for lunch at Incredible Pizza, 3799  
NW 86th Street, Urbandale.

All New Hoppers, who bring a Sunday, Sept. 23rd  
bulletin, will receive a FREE lunch...pizza, pasta, home-  
style selections, baked potato bar, soup, salad bar, delicious  
desserts and refreshing drinks.

Let them know, at the door, that you are with New  
Hope UMC! [www.incrediblepizza.com](http://www.incrediblepizza.com)

## WORK DAY at NEW HOPE

Saturday, September 29th

9:00 a.m. to finish

Your help is needed in doing yard work at the church -  
picking up sticks, raking cut weeds cut by the weed  
trimmers, and assisting w/pruning  
trees/bushes. Bring work gloves,  
pruning shears, weed eaters and leaf  
rakes. Please let us know you will be  
helping by signing the sign-up sheet  
in the Fellowship Hall.

Lunch will be provided!

Thank You! The Trustees.



# Bible Study Lineup

## Women's Bible Study

*Beloved Disciple* By Beth Moore

Beginning: Monday nights at **6:00 p.m., September 10**

*Beloved Disciple* is an in-depth study of the life of John the apostle  
and his relationship with the One who loved him. The goal of the  
study is to get to know John's heart as Christ's beloved disciple  
and to let him lead us deeper in to the depths of Christ's  
inexhaustible love. As we travel this journey with the beloved  
disciple, we will grow, as John did, in our desire to follow our  
Master and to love Him with all our being.

It is an 11 week interactive study which includes daily assign-  
ments and Bible study with a weekly video-centered group ses-  
sion. If you want to participate but don't have a lot of time to do  
the weekly lessons, you will be provided with the basic Bible  
scriptures to read and ponder.

If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Smith,  
277-7125 or [wicketsblooms@mediacombb.net](mailto:wicketsblooms@mediacombb.net)

## Friday Small Group

Friday, September 7th

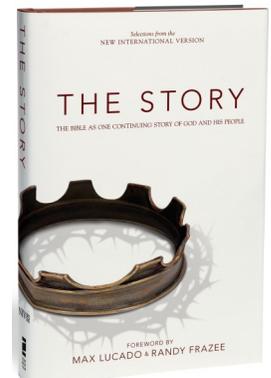
The Friday Small Group will begin meeting  
again for the season on Friday, September 7.  
We will meet in the private meeting room of the  
HyVee Cafeteria and Deli, 1990 Grand Ave.,  
West Des Moines at 1:00 PM for lunch with  
study and discussion to follow, ending at  
approx. at 3:00 PM.

If you have any questions, please contact  
Donnafred Hinman, 226-2141.

## The Story Small Groups

In September, small groups will be following the church-wide curriculum, *The Story*.  
Please join any of the following groups:

- ◆ Sundays, 9:30 or 10:45 am in the Ruby Chapel, starting September 9th.
- ◆ Mondays, 10:30 am in the Ruby Chapel, starting September 10.  
Led by Jodi Christensen.
- ◆ Every other Monday evening at Mark & Leah Scherer's home.  
Contact Mark & Leah, 270-6908, for start date.
- ◆ Wednesdays, 7:00 pm in the Ruby Chapel, led by Dick & Charlene Cobb, starting  
September 12.
- ◆ Thursdays, evening small group at Jane Wagner's home, starting September 13.  
A leader is needed. Contact Jane at 278-0055.
- ◆ 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month at 4pm. During September we will be meeting at New Hope.  
Childcare is provided. Contact Sherri & Nick Bogue, [boguesa@gmail.com](mailto:boguesa@gmail.com) with questions.



Watch the bulletin inserts for further updates.

# youth programs

**Jr. BLAST** (6th-8th grade). Coordinators: Penny Dolberg & Renee Haugland  
Plans are underway! Watch your e-mails for announcements.

**Sr. BLAST** (9th-12th grade) Leaders: Chris & Jennifer Higdon and Charity Johnson

This year we are trying new ways to communicate with everyone. Starting with launching a new website for Senior High BLAST - <http://blast.newhopedsm.org>. Additionally, we will be offering cellular texting service for sending out alerts and reminders to the youth. More information about our texting service will be available at the kick-off event on Sept 8th. Lastly, we will continue to use the email for primary communication; please be watching for emails about our upcoming events; however, below is a preview of what is coming for Senior High BLAST:

- **Kick-Off on September 8th.** Please meet at New Hope UMC at 9am for a fun day of activities; which will include watching Iowa vs. Iowa State football. We will end the day by attending JROL service at 5pm. Please plan for a fun filled day (9am to 7pm); watch your email for more information.
- **Helping JROL Kick-Off on Sept 15** - (4pm to 8pm) at Beaver Creek Elementary. We understand this is Johnston Homecoming weekend; but if you are available please join us for some fun activities as we are kicking off the new season for JROL.
- **Starting Sept 16 at 6pm:** Senior BLAST will be meeting every other Sunday at 6pm. The meeting will be a mix of activities, fellowship and bible study time. More information will be sent out about our semi monthly meetings.

Please join us at 9am on Sept 8th for our kick off event. We have a lot of stuff planned for an exciting year for Senior High BLAST. Stay tuned as we get this kick off.



## **Confirmation Class Begins September 16**

The Confirmation class will have their first class meeting at **4 p.m. on September 16**. 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**

# christian learning opportunities



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

**Rally Day:** Join us **Sunday, September 9**, for Rally Day! We will kick off Children's Worship, Christian Learning Time (CLT), and have a picnic with games for the whole family!

**Christian Learning Time (CLT):** CLT registration forms are on the table below the CLT bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

We are still in need of teachers for CLT. If you would like to be in a teaching rotation, please contact Kelly Mohrman at [gmohrman@mchsi.com](mailto:gmohrman@mchsi.com) for more information.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bibles:** Those students entering 3<sup>rd</sup> grade for the 2012-2013 school year will be presented a Bible from the church during our Rally Day church services. When signing up for CLT, please indicate which service time you would prefer to receive your Bible.

**Children's Worship** will resume during the 9:30 service on Sunday, September 9.

**Thank God It's Wednesday (TGIW):** First night of TGIW is Wednesday, September 12, 5:15-7:30pm for K-5th graders.

This fall our mid-week program for children is getting a makeover. Look for information on our What's In the Bible? curriculum. If you would like to get involved and volunteer with TGIW please contact Kelly Mohrman at [gmohrman@mchsi.com](mailto:gmohrman@mchsi.com)

**\*\*We will be holding a short parent meeting to present the new program look on Wednesday, September 5, at 6:30 in the FLC.**

***Exercise is good for your  
mind, body, and soul.***

Starting the week of September 17th...join us anytime in the Family Life Center for exercise classes:

Mondays, 5:15-6:00pm, DVD workout

Tuesdays, 5:15-6:00pm, Yoga led by instructor

Wednesdays, 11:30am-12:15pm, Resistance bands

Thursdays, 5:15-6:00pm, DVD workout.

The DVDs that will be used will be a variety of cardio workouts.

Arrive early the first week to complete a registration form.

*"Happiness lies, first of all, in health."*

– George William Curtis



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 church website. Please return your form & check to the church office by October 1, 2012.

**Fall Colors**

Recent cooler temperatures are a reminder of the approaching fall season. The landscape team is interested in adding dried grass plumes and miniature pumpkins or gourds to the outdoor planters for the fall and Thanksgiving season.



If you have some available to donate, please contact Ruth Daxon at 253-9115 or [rdoxon@gmail.com](mailto:rdoxon@gmail.com).

**Fall Harvest**



**Farmers Market & Auction**

**Sunday, November 11**

**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.

**Again 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.

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:

# EXCELLENCE URGENCY TEAMWORK

**Neil and I just got back from attending the School for Congregational Development in St. Louis this last weekend.** It is a powerful conference meant to help churches in “developing their ministries”. Sometimes that comes in inspiring a pastor or church to start a new ministry, sometimes it is a way to improve a ministry, other times it is a vague sense of confirmation that God is working and that timing or patience is the needed component. All of the teaching and classes are oriented around Scripture and the mandate to make disciples.

In several sessions I heard specific actions that I plan to put into practice both personally and in ministry. But through the whole weekend there were three words that solidified in my heart by the very breath of the Spirit. These three words are words that I believe Jesus embodied, taught, and impressed upon his disciples. These three words are what I believe we and the United Methodist Church are called to be about today.

**EXCELLENCE:** Jesus never did anything half way... He never healed part of someone, never fed only half the people, He never raised someone from the dead half way (Zombie style?), never taught just the select (he included the women and children which in that culture was a big deal). Jesus even made the best wine at a wedding party. Jesus did things with excellence!

One of my sessions said, “we have to say no so that we can say yes,” meaning that we need to let go of some things in life and ministry so that we can do others with Excellence. He also said that the hardest things to say no to are things that you have been doing, or things that you do well. That is true especially in church. We try to keep doing everything, and as such we wear thin and we do everything marginally rather than a few things with Excellence. He challenged us to pick the things we are called to and do them with Excellence.

**URGENCY:** This might be a hard one for many of us, because in the established church we often move at a slow, comfortable, and safe pace. However as we look at scripture

there is always a sense of urgency. When God asked Noah to build a boat, it was 100 years before the flood. You would assume he had time to think about it or hold a family vote, but no he had to start building right away to get it done in time. When God sent the angel to Joseph warning about Caesar, they needed to leave in the dark of night. The whole of Jesus’ life was about urgently following the leading of the Holy Spirit.

It was shared with us that the United Methodist Church has lost its urgency about sharing the Gospel. We come from a rich heritage of Circuit Riding Pastors who had an urgency to tell others about Christ; they would sacrifice, they would risk the dangers of the frontier, they would ride long days to spread the good news. But today the United Methodist Church in America is on the decline because of our lack of urgency. We were informed that this lack of urgency will translate into a loss equivalent to a whole Annual Conference during the next 4 years. (Unless we do something to turn the tide and connect with new people.)

**TEAMWORK:** The task of growing the church or doing things with excellence does not rest on the shoulders of some. Jesus didn’t leave the task of Evangelism to Peter, James, and John; he sent out 72 to spread the good news. Then He appeared to over 500 when he said, “Go and make disciples.” We realize that God has brought together a diverse and gifted people in the United Methodist Church. We realize that New Hope has a variety of ministries and people called to fulfill them. Each of us has an important role, and as we work together we will make a difference in the lives of our community.

So let us serve Christ with  
Excellence, Urgency, and Teamwork.



# serve

Sign up to help!  
Look for the sign-up  
sheets at the entrance  
of the Narthex and the  
Family Life Center.

## sunday volunteers

**Greeters** arrive at worship service fifteen minutes early to welcome worshipers.

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

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

**Hosts** buy or bake six to eight dozen cookies, 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
<b><u>Greeters</u></b> 2 Marilyn Osborn 9 Margaret Hemphill 16 Pat Papenheim 23 Charlotte Schultz 30 Deane Glen	<b><u>Greeters</u></b> 2 9 16 23 30	<b><u>Greeters</u></b> 2 9 Sheldon & Esther Stout 16 Larry & Paulette Wood 23 30
<b><u>Lectors</u></b> 2 Maurine Myers 9 Cathy Short 16 23 30	<b><u>Hosts</u></b> 2 Tony & Tracy Hoffman 9 DeVonne Douglas 16 Pam Weisskopf 23 Deb & Dave Cale 30	<b><u>Lectors</u></b> 2 9 16 23 30
<b><u>Traditional Service Callers</u></b> 2 Jim & Norma Smith 9 Craig Ferguson 16 Norma Sutton 23 Bob & Marlys Borchering 30 Mark & Leah Scherer	<b><u>Money Counters</u></b> 2 DeVonne Douglas, Randy Jansen, Ron Zoss 9 Tony & Tracy Hoffman, Glenna Ross 16 Clark Howland, Larry Wood, OPEN 23 Jerry Kielsmeier, Kim Traylor, Kari Baccam 30 DeVonne Douglas, Randy Jansen, Ron Zoss	<b><u>Hosts</u></b> 2 Carol & Bob Harter 9 Roberta & Neal Cave 16 Sheldon & Esther Stout 23 30 Sharon & Earl Lewis
<b><u>Contemporary Service Callers</u></b> 2 Melisa Forbes & Pam Frey 9 Eldon Cross 16 Michele Hamilton 23 Melisa Forbes & Pam Frey 30 Eldon Cross		<b><u>Pal Friday: 9 a.m.</u></b> 7 Shirley Frus 14 21 Norma Smith 28 Ann Krause

**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.

**September 16** 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 **Monday, September 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.

## Men's Breakfast

**Saturday, September 8 at 7:30 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall.

## Women's Fellowship

**Thursday, September 20 at 9:00 a.m.** at New Hope UMC

Freda Ruleman and Darlene Caldwell be hostesses and Pat Papenheim has the program. The group will be making the new hymnal bookmarkers at this meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact Shirley Frus at 279-1130.

## New Hope Chancel Choir

Wednesdays @ 6:30 p.m.

Seasonal Choir @ 7:30 p.m.

Eldon Cross, Director of Music, [elcatalia4@gmail.com](mailto:elcatalia4@gmail.com) or 515 250-1476.

## Support Groups

### Al-Anon

Every Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. in the Ruby Chapel.

### Alcoholics Anonymous

Every Tuesday at Noon in the Ruby Chapel.

### Stroke Club of Iowa

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

## Library committee

**September 6, 10:30 a.m.**

Any New Hope member interested in joining the library committee is invited to an organizational meeting on Sept. 6 at 10:30am.

At that time, future meeting times (twice a month) will be decided and plans for the coming year will be discussed.

Call if you can't attend the meeting but would like to be part of this ministry or have questions. Carol Harter, 274-1467.



Several ladies from New Hope UMC traveled to Walnut, IA on August 16 for a fun-filled day of fellowship and antique shopping. Highlight of the day was visiting Esther Stout's store. Esther and Sheldon Stout, New Hope members, have a gift shop in Walnut and they served a very nice salad luncheon to the ladies.

# missions

## September Mission

**September 4th: Come have a Meal and See a Special Film on Malaria at New Hope**

Malaria kills an estimated 800,000 people each year. Every day, thousands of children in Africa die of this preventable and treatable disease. Yet, malaria can be eliminated with the right tools: prevention, treatment, education and communication.

The United Methodist Church has partnered for several years with *Nothing but Nets*, but recently, in its recommitment to eliminate Malaria, has added a new dimension of treatment and education which they call "No More Malaria". To show the progress of the UMC's effort, they created a documentary called "A Killer in the Dark: An Extraordinary Effort to Combat Malaria".

Actress Pauley Perrette, a member of The United Methodist Church, narrates this documentary. This documentary, which originally aired on NBC affiliates nationwide in 2011, documents the daily struggle in Africa against malaria and highlights the work of Imagine No Malaria to wipe out a devastating disease that's kills a person every 60 seconds, every single day.

The Mission Committee is showing "Killer in the Dark" in the Ruby Chapel, **September 4<sup>th</sup> with a meal preceding the film at 6:00 in Fellowship Hall.** Please come and see what the United Methodist Church is doing to help eliminate Malaria.

## Hand of Luke

**Friday, September 14**

Grilled Hamburger on Bun with Toppings  
Baked Beans  
Watermelon  
Potato Chips  
Root Beer Floats

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 refrigeration"). **THANK YOU!!!**



More pictures, from the August 5th Meals from the Heartland food packaging at New Hope UMC, can be found on New Hope's facebook page.



Thank you to **Steve Sutton** and **Alice Hedman** for adding the yellow ribbon to the old oak tree in the clearing behind the parsonage.

The area was going to be used for the Aug. 12th, 8:30am outdoor service but the weather did not cooperate. It's still a beautiful remembrance of the many outdoor worship services held there.



## sunday morning worship attendance

	8:30	9:30	10:45	total
July 22	31	120	73	224
July 29	32	85	90	207
Aug 5	56	80	94	230
Aug 12	29	105	123	257
Aug 19	26	87	92	205
River of Life Worship Attendance				
July 21	31	July 28	30	
Aug 4	22	Aug 11	23	
Aug 18	27			

## new hope financial update

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

	July 2012 Actual	July 2012 Budget	July 2011 Actual
Total Receipts	27,588.57	31,575.05	29,802.84
Total Expenditures	31,882.02	33,891.26	29,261.36
Net Surplus (Deficit)	(4,293.45)	(2,316.21)	541.48
	YTD July 2012 Actual	YTD July 2012 Budget	YTD July 2011 Actual
Total Receipts	187,842.13	194,046.47	195,654.98
Total Expenditures	192,999.94	208,510.08	173,374.13
Net Surplus (Deficit)	(5,157.81)	(14,463.61)	22,280.85

## Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving

Donate

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

To setup online Giving go to [www.newhopedsm.org](http://www.newhopedsm.org) OR [www.johnstonriveroflife.org](http://www.johnstonriveroflife.org) and click on the donate button. This will direct you securely to set up an automatic donation plan, change your donation plan, make a one-time donation or view your online donation history. Changes can be made confidentially at any time. Or if you like, paper authorization forms are located on the table in fellowship hall. Please contact the church office for additional information.

## sign up to receive the LINK by email

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

# september

2012  
AT NEW HOPE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 Holy Communion 3:00p, Affield/McGovern wedding	3 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> Labor Day	4 9:30a, Sr. Singers 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 6:00p, Malaria Documentation, 7:00p, Trustees Meeting	5 6:30p, TGIW parent mtg. 6:30p, Chancel Choir 7:45p, Praise Team	6 10:30a, Library Mtg. 7:00p, Worship Design Mtg.	7 Pal: Shirley Frus 1:00p, Small Group at Hy-Vee in WDSM	1 5pm wed. rehearsal 5p, Johnston ROL @ Beaver Creek Elem. ----- 8 7:30a, Men's Breakfast 9am Sr. BLAST 4pm, Small Group @ NH
9 <b>Rally Day</b> CLT begins Picnic & games * CE Sunday Offering 4p, New member class	10 10:30a, Small Grp, R.Chapel 6pm, Women's Bible Study	11 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 7p, Nominating Committee Mtg.	12 5:15p, TGIW begins 6:30p, Chancel Choir 7:00p, Small Group, Ruby Chapel 7:45p, Praise Team	13	14 Pal: 3:30p, Hand of Luke	15 Deadline for Oct. LINK  <b>Fall Kick Off</b> 5p, Johnston River of Life worship 6:30p, Picnic @ Beaver Creek Elem.
16 Food Pantry Sunday Blood Pressure Checks Noon, Compassionate Callers 4p, Confirmation Class 6p, Sr. BLAST	17 5:15p, Exercise 6pm, Women's Bible Study 6:30p, Care Team, F.Hall 7:00p, SPRC Meeting	18 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 5:15p, Exercise 7:00p, Stroke Club 7:00p, Finance Mtg.	19 11:30a, Exercise 4:30p, Missions Mtg. 5:15p, TGIW 6:30p, Chancel Choir 7:00p, Small Group, Ruby Chapel 7:45p, Praise Team	20 9:00a, Women's Fellowship at church 5:15p, Exercise	21 Pal: Norma Smith 1:00p, Small Group at Hy-Vee in WDSM	22 4pm, Small Group @ New Hope 5p, Johnston River of Life worship @ Beaver Creek Elem.
23 11a-2p, Church Appreciation at Incredible Pizza 4p, New Member class 6p, Sr. BLAST	24 10:30a, Small Grp, R.Chapel 5:15p, Exercise 6pm, Women's Bible Study	25 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 5:15p, Exercise 7:00p, AD Council	26 11:30a, Exercise 5:15p, TGIW 6:30p, Chancel Choir 7:00p, Small Group, Ruby Chapel 7:45p, Praise Team	27 5:15p, Exercise	28 Pal: Ann Krause	29 9am, Work Day at New Hope 5p, Johnston River of Life worship @ Beaver Creek Elem.
30 4p, Confirmation Class 6p, Sr. BLAST	October 1 10:30a, Small Grp, R.Chapel 5:15p, Exercise 6pm, Women's Bible Study 7pm, Trustees Mtg.	2 9:30a, Sr. Singers practice 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 5:15p, Exercise	3 11:30a, Exercise 5:15p, TGIW 6:30p, Chancel Choir 7:00p, Small Group, Ruby Chapel 7:45p, Praise Team	4 5:15p, Exercise	5 Pal: Marlys Borcharding 1:00p, Small Group at Hy-Vee in WDSM	6 5p, Johnston River of Life worship @ Beaver Creek Elem.

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**Looking Ahead:**  
Nov. 10, 9:00a-3:00p, "Garlands of Gifts" Gift & Craft Fair  
Nov. 11, 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, Emma Weih                         |
| 4 James Neu   | 17 Ruth Doxon, Danielle Malone                      |
| 5 Angie Eaves, Tim Carrigan   | 18 Dennis Haugland, Allyson Sutton, Sherri Bogue    |
| 6 Marlys Borcharding, Taylor Martz  | 19 Jordan Thompson, Ty Dolberg                      |
| 7 Eugene Pecinovsky   | 20 Maya Johnston                                    |
| 8 Joseph Fagen, Eli Goodson   | 21 Glenda Millard, Zane Sutton                      |
| 9 Jerry Kielsmeier, Sonya Verner, Jenn Higdon, Trent Johnson, Charlie Strauss | 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, Matt Trillet                      |
| 13 John Kirkpatrick, Abbey Hitchcock  | 26 Jennifer Berger                                  |
|   | 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   |
| 6 Greg & Raynette Meyers   |
| 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   |
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| 30 Joe & Kim Traylor       |

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# Like Trees Planted by the Waters

...their delight is in the  
Law of the Lord, and  
on His Law they  
meditate day and night.

– Psalm 1:2

**We are going to go on a journey this year to travel through some of the major stories and people of the Bible in less than a year.** We obviously can't cover everything, but I think it will be a fun and rewarding journey all the same. For the people of the Old Testament, to know God's Word was essential for their identity as God's people. The only reason they survived, I believe, is because they were a people of the book. In his book, *The Gift of the Jews*, American historian Thomas Cahill asks the question: "How did a tribe of desert nomads change the way the world thought and felt?" What is it that made the difference for the nation of Israel, compared to all those tribes and nations and civilizations who were more powerful, had more material resources, were larger in size than Israel? They died but Israel survived.

I think it was because Israel had a Book. This Book had ideas that the world had never known before, that instead little tribal gods who came and went, this Book told the story of one God, the God who created all things. This Book said that God was holy and loving and good. This Book told God's

story, a Book that helped Israel to know that they were a part of God's story and that they were God's people.

Then the New Testament tells us that not only are we God's people, but that God Himself has come to us in Jesus Christ, to be with us, to teach us, to suffer and die for us, that we might live. God has come in Christ to tell us how much we are loved by Him.

God's Story has become our story. John Wesley said that we are a people of one Book. This is the Book we are going to study together for the coming year. The United Methodist Discipline says this about this Book:

"United Methodists share with other Christians the conviction that Scripture is the primary source and criterion for Christian doctrine. Through Scripture, the living Christ meets us..." Something happens to us when we read Scripture with open hearts. The living Christ meets us and speaks to us and empowers us and teaches us we are loved. I am looking forward to an exciting year.



## worship themes for september

Sept 2	<b>A People of the Book</b> <i>Psalm 1</i>	Labor Day Sunday	Neil
Sept 9	<b>Creation: The Beginning of Life as We Know It</b> <i>Genesis 1:1-8; 3:1-7</i>	Rally Day	Neil
Sept 16	<b>God Builds a Nation</b> <i>Genesis 22:1-14</i>		Neil
Sept 23	<b>Joseph: From Slave to Deputy Pharaoh</b> <i>Genesis 37:5-11; 19-28</i>		Neil
Sept 30	<b>Deliverance</b> <i>Exodus 3:1-15</i>		Craig

# 1 church, 2 campuses, 4 worship services.

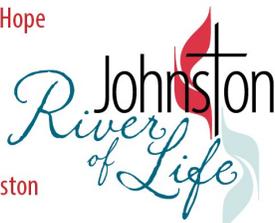


## Sunday Worship Services at New Hope

- 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,  
8701 Lyndhurst Drive



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