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Stewardship Sunday

November 4

Join us for our annual pledge drive! A pledge sheet will be available at each worship service that explains the designated funds. We invite you to prayerfully consider your financial giving for the 2013 year. We also invite you to a brunch after each worship service. We'll join in fellowship together and celebrate what God is doing through New Hope UMC and Johnston River of Life.

Garlands of Gifts

Saturday, November 10
9am-3pm
at New Hope UMC

Invite your friends to attend this event where there will be 50+ vendors showcasing jewelry, candles, home décor, beauty items, children's items, food, and much, much more!
FREE Admission!!
See it, touch it, buy it and find it, all in one day!



Please complete the insert in the bulletin and place it with the offering. ALSO...sign up in the Fellowship Hall to help with this event.



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

Elaine Stubbs; Barb Easton; Linda Dean; Bob Krause; Elmer Flickenger; Judy Peterson; 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.

Baptism

Congratulations to **Malcolm Donald Rock** who was baptized on October 14th at the 9:30 a.m. service. Malcolm is the son of William and Katie Rock and little brother to Ronan.

Thank You

A note of thanks to my many friends at New Hope UMC for your prayers, cards and good wishes during my treatment. I think I am now on the mend and looking forward to seeing all of you on Sundays in the future.

Blaine Goff

Thank You

New Hope Methodist Church family:

Thank you all so much for all your love and support with the birth of our baby girl, Madilyn. The quilt is beautiful! Also, thanks for the delicious meal that was brought to our home. We are very thankful for all you've done.

Jamie, Mike & Madilyn Moellers

Thank you to the New Hope church family for all the kindness shown to me during my last surgery and recovery time. Thanks to Dick Cobb for being at the hospital at 5 AM. Thanks to Pastor Cross for his hospital visit.

Evelyn Kruse and family

Thank you everyone for volunteering in the fall work day, September 29, 2012!

Your participation and efforts were admirable and appreciated by the members of your church and the Board of Trustees. We together accomplished a great deal, maybe more than anticipated. All of the bushes were trimmed (both church and parsonage), both court yards were cared for and cleaned, yard cleaned of debris from tree trimming. The sycamore and walnut trees were trimmed on September 15th.

Volunteers were - **Paul Weisskopf, Jerry Kielsmeier, Marilyn Osborn, Terrie Price, Bob Harter, Larry and Patrice Webber, Kathy Russi, Steve Sutton, Kurt Eaves, Mike Wakeman, Mark Wise and Andrew & Adam, Dave Followwill, Ruth Doxon, Arny Larsen, Pastor Cross and John Rains.** These names represent both days of the 15th and 29th.

Jody Rains prepared and served lunch with the aid of **Kris Wakeman and Norma Sutton.**

Again thank you on behalf of the Board of Trustees and New Hope UMC congregation.

John Rains
Chair, Board of Trustees

Thank You

New Hope Methodist Church,

A huge thank you and gratitude to all who honored me with cards and greetings for my 95th birthday. I cherish and feel so blessed to have this great church family.

Phoebe Landis

Veteran's Day Sew-In

Friday, Nov. 9

9:00am-3:00pm



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

Fellowship Hall on

Friday, Nov 9th 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 Kim Buske at 334-5448 or Shirley Frus at 279-1130.

Honoring our Veterans

Sunday, November 11

On Sunday, November 11, 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.

Poinsettia Orders

Deadline is Nov. 25

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.

Santa's Attic...is just

around the corner. We are in need of items for the children to select and wrap for their family members. We can use new or gently used items for Dad, Mom and even brothers and sisters.



Any donations would be greatly appreciated, and a great way to clean up some space in your house. The children of New Hope really enjoy shopping for the perfect gift to surprise their family.

Any items can be left in the 1st and 2nd Grade Sunday School Classroom.

Any questions, please contact Tami Wise at 251-2987 or markandtami@the-wises.com

Hanging of the Greens

Sunday, Nov 25th

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 3rd, 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. **Deadline is November 19.**

MUSICIANS. If you are interested in performing for Advent by Candlelight, please contact Kristin Welter if you would like to perform (252-1622 or t.welter@mchsi.com). Solos, duets, trios, quartets ~ Song selections get grabbed quick - so contact her soon!



Heartbeat Bell Choir

Friday, December 14, 7:30 p.m.

HeartBeat Handbell Ensemble will perform a Christmas concert. Please plan to join us for an evening of Christmas cheer!

Wanted: Frozen Fruit

As a fundraiser for the mission trip, John & Denise Hartford would like to make pies to sell.



If you had an abundance from your fruit trees and would like to donate the frozen fruit, please contact

Denise at [515-890-1406](tel:515-890-1406) or john12hartford@gmail.com.

COOKIE WALK:

The Women's Fellowship is having a Cookie Walk on Sunday, **December 2, 2012** 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 ½ x 9 ½ x 3), which we provide for a mere \$10.00 per box. You get the **whole box full for \$10.00** as long as you can close the lid.

Please join us on December 2nd 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 4th. 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

Adult Mission Trip to Slidell, LA

March 2-9, 2013

First, I should probably introduce myself. My name is Denise Hartford and I recently moved to the Des Moines area from Humboldt, IA. I have been serving as the Iowa North Central District Missions Coordinator for the UMC. Now I am a member of JROL and New Hope UMC and want to share my passion for mission work, plus, it makes a great opportunity to get acquainted!

Would you consider being a part of the 20 person mission team that is currently being formed to work in Slidell, LA? We are going March 2-9, 2013 and will be doing construction work, repairs, painting, etc. No matter what your skill level, there will be jobs for everyone! We will be working through Epworth Project and more information and photos can be found on-line at

www.epworthproject.com/

Slidell is a city of about 27,000 north of New Orleans across Lake Pontchartrain. We truly are needed to come and work in this area as it was very hard hit by Hurricane Katrina in 2005 and then again this year by Hurricane Isaac.

Information regarding the mission trip can be found on the sign-up table in the Fellowship Hall at New Hope or on the welcome table at JROL.

I do hope you'll consider this opportunity! If you have any questions, please feel free to email john12hartford@gmail.com or call me at [515-890-1406](tel:515-890-1406).

Mission Trip to Slidell, LA



Together on His Mission,
Denise Hartford

Welcome New Members!

On October 13 & 14, we welcomed the following into the New Hope UMC and Johnston River of Life membership:

Please join in on welcoming them to New Hope UMC and Johnston River of Life!



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Their children are: Kadence (1st grade), Kaegan (Pre-K), and Grayson (1 1/2 yrs old)

Landscaping News

With weather changing it is time to give thanks to God for the brilliance of fall colors, the pleasures of changing seasons and to those that assisted in maintenance of the courtyard, east entrance, rose beds and grass bed this past growing season.

Thank you to **Kathy Russi, Bob Harter and Cheryl Long** for the many hours spent in deadheading, weeding and trimming. An extra large THANK YOU to **Nancy Monthei** for watering the outdoor planters each day she worked in the office. They would have not survived the summer heat without you!

I suspect there are others that stepped up and performed tasks when I was not present. Your efforts are appreciated!

Many church members (and guests) have commented on the beauty of the courtyard and east entrance, it would not be achieved without everyone's assistance. Thank you! **Ruth Doxon**

Bible Study Lineup

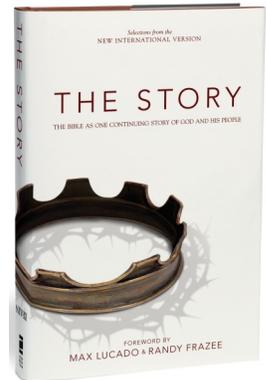
The Story

We will continue to use the resource called *The Story* to read through the Bible in a year. If you do not have a copy of *The Story*, you can follow along with your Bible.

	Focus	Text
Nov. 3 & 4	Ruth	Ruth 1-4
Nov. 10 & 11	Saul	1 Samuel 1-4, 8-13, 15
Nov. 17 & 18	David	1 Samuel 16-18, 24, 31; 2 Samuel 6, 22; 1 Chronicles 17; Psalm 59
Nov. 24 & 25	David	2 Samuel 11-12, 18-19; 1 Chronicles 22, 29

Small groups continue to meet to follow the church-wide curriculum, *The Story*. Please join any of the following groups:

- ◆ Sundays, 9:30 or 10:45 am in the Ruby Chapel
- ◆ Mondays, 10:30 am in the Ruby Chapel.
Led by Jodi Christensen & Wendy Musgrave
- ◆ Mondays, 7:00 pm, at Mark & Leah Scherer's home.
Contact Mark & Leah, 270-2385.
- ◆ Wednesdays, 7:00 pm in the Ruby Chapel, led by Dick & Charlene Cobb.
- ◆ Thursdays, 7:00 pm at Jane Wagner's home, led by Eldon Cross.
Contact Jane at 278-0055.
- ◆ 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month at 4pm at Sherri & Nick Bogue's home. Childcare is provided. Contact Sherri & Nick Bogue, boguesa@gmail.com with questions.



Women's Bible Study

Beloved Disciple By Beth Moore

Beginning: Monday nights at **6:00 p.m., in the Ruby Chapel**

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 assignments and Bible study with a weekly video-centered group session. 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

Friday Small Group

Fridays, November 2, 16, 30

The Friday Small Group meets every other Friday. 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.

**confirmation
schedule** for November
November 4, 4:00 p.m.
Topic: "Jesus as the Messiah"



youth programs



Jr. BLAST (6th-8th grade). Coordinators: Penny Dolberg & Renee Haugland.

The Jr High Blast had a great time at the pumpkin patch on October 21st. Mark your calendars for our next gatherings: **November 11th & December 9th.**

Questions? Contact Penny Dolberg at 201-7643 or penny.dolberg@gmail.com or Renee Haugland 252-8632 or drhhaugland@msn.com.



Sr. BLAST (9th-12th grade) Leaders: Chris & Jennifer Higdon and Charity Johnson – BLAST@NewHopeDSM.org

October has been a great month for New Hope Senior High BLAST. The group has held a couple of fun outings; including a trip to a corn maze and a haunted house. At the corn maze, the group had to locate 21 different locations in a 10-acre corn maze, competed in rubber duck water races, and raced petal carts.

Additionally in October, the group participated in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure in downtown Des Moines. The group invited the congregation from both New Hope & Johnston River of Life to walk with the Senior High group. It was a great opportunity to allow the youth to meet other people from our larger church family.

The November BLAST calendar is looking very full. The group will be holding a bake sale for their 2013 mission trip, in conjunction with New Hope Fall Harvest Celebration on November 11th. Additionally, the group will be doing a service project by working at a food kitchen just before Thanksgiving (Nov 17th). Other activities are currently being planned and will be communicated through Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/SeniorHighBlast>) and through email.



Import Dates to Remember:

Oct 30th @ 6pm: Help with JROL Beggar Night

Nov 11th @ 4pm: Setup for Fall Harvest Event at New Hope & Our Mission Trip Bake Sale

Nov 17th @ TBD: Service Project at a Food Kitchen

christian learning opportunities



Children's Ministries Coordinator: Kelly Mohrman at gmohrman@mchsi.com

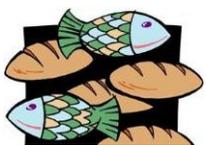
Children's Ministries Mission Statement: A church family working together to teach children to know, grow, and show the love of Jesus Christ.

Children's Worship: Children's Worship 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. The 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 where kids will gather back in the 1st and 2nd grade classroom and share in a healthy snack and have time to visit with friends.

Christian Learning Time: We will be practicing for our up coming Christmas program. **December 9, 2012, the 9:30 and 10:45 services** will be student led with music and readings by children. More information specific to your child's class will be sent home soon.



First Sunday of the month: **Doughnut Sunday** to celebrate communion.



Last Sunday of the month: *5 Loaves and 2 Fish* Redemption Store- children can cash in the tickets they have earned throughout the month by attendance for prizes.

Acolytes: Attention all fourth grade students: if you are interested in being an acolyte (candle lighter) for the current school year, please come to our training meeting. **Sunday, November 11, at 11:45, in the sanctuary.** This will be a very short meeting.



In November, we will be continuing to *see What's In the Bible?* We will be going through the book of Genesis.

Join us on Wednesdays, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

November 21: No TGIW, Happy Thanksgiving!

The Benefits of Gratitude

Christians realize that gratitude has spiritual benefits, but now scientists are confirming its physical and emotional benefits, as well.

Professor Robert Emmons found that people who counted their blessings instead of their burdens were healthier and more optimistic, exercised more and made more progress toward achieving goals. Evidence shows that gratitude can even ease chronic health conditions.

Thankful

Emmons, author of *Thanks! How Practicing Gratitude Can Make You Happier* (Mariner Books), acknowledges that gratitude seems harder to practice during tough times. But, he notes, "In the face of demoralization, gratitude has the power to energize. In the face of brokenness, gratitude has the power to heal. In the face of despair, gratitude has the power to bring hope." - The Newsletter Newsletter

Silver Lining

Burned your turkey to a crisp? Don't despair!

Craig Boldman and Pete Matthews, authors of *Every Excuse in the Book* (Mjf Books), offer reasons to be thankful for a blackened bird:

- * You'll get a good upper-body workout from carving the bird.
- * No one will get food poisoning from undercooked poultry.
- * You can move straight to dessert.
- * You won't have to deal with weeks of leftovers.
- * Pets won't pester you for scraps.
- * It was time to test your smoke alarm anyway.

- The Newsletter Newsletter



Thanksgiving Prayer

*Heavenly Father, on Thanksgiving Day
We bow our hearts to You and pray.
We give You thanks for all You've done
Especially for the gift of Jesus, Your Son.
For beauty in nature, Your glory we see
For joy and health, friends and family,
For daily provision, Your mercy and care
These are the blessings You graciously share.
So today we offer this response of praise
With a promise to follow You all of our days.*

-Mary Fairchild



Come spend Christmas with us....

Sunday, December 9

9:30 & 10:45 a.m.: Christmas Program performed by Children's Ministries Participants. The 8:30 a.m. worship will be a Traditional Service.

Saturday, December 15

5:00 & 7:00 p.m.: A Johnston Community Christmas sponsored by Johnston River of Life. The Johnston Barn, 6169 Northglenn Drive.

Sunday, December 16

8:30 & 10:45 a.m., Christmas Cantata in the Sanctuary. The 9:30 a.m. worship will be a Contemporary Service.

Monday, December 24—Eve Services

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

Don't be thankful...

As the calendar once again turns the page and reveals the second to last month of 2012, we begin asking the question, "What am I thankful for?" This question has taken on many different shapes throughout our American history. The first Thanksgiving it was an appreciation that they had something (although very meager despite our concept) on which to survive. Others have known this kind of thankfulness as well. But for most of us today we have abundance; we literally have too many things to even make a list of everything... clothes, cars, houses, food, hobbies, friends, family... And in fact sharing a list of all those things around the Turkey is often the expected topic in a few weeks.

Let me also be the first to say that Biblically we are encouraged and taught to be thankful for all we have, and to see what we have been given as gifts from God. But let me also be the one to challenge us to think slightly different this season...

Next month our kids will be anticipating the arrival of Santa Clause, that Saint of the church who was and is the epitome of gift givers. And although I am sure Saint Nicholas had many things he was thankful for, I am also sure that there was a greater abundance of people who's lives he

touched that were thankful for Saint Nick, or how he had helped them. You see, the Bible not only teaches us to be thankful for what we have, but to care for the needs of those around us, to serve the needs of others, and to give instead of receive. Jesus taught his disciples to give with a cheerful heart, and to serve rather than be served. Jesus exemplified the act of giving on the Cross.

Here is a unique way to look at Thanksgiving differently this year, maybe even a new question to ask while chewing on a turkey leg.

**Don't be thankful,
give others a reason to be thankful!**

This simple change in perspective can give us a whole new lease on life, a brand new perspective on people, and a super-charged passion to "Serve God, Love Others, and Follow Jesus Christ."



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 November

8:30am Traditional Service

Greeters

- 4
- 11 Armenta Buckingham
- 18 Kathy Russi
- 25

Lectors

- 4 Cathy Short
- 11
- 18
- 25

Traditional Service Callers

- 4 Mark & Leah Scherer
- 11 Jim & Norma Smith
- 18 Craig Ferguson
- 25 Norma Sutton

Contemporary Service Callers

- 4 Melisa Forbes & Pam Frey
- 11 Eldon Cross
- 18 Michele Hamilton
- 25 Melisa Forbes & Pam Frey

9:30am Contemporary Service

Greeters

- 4 Clyde & Cindy Rail
- 11 Teri & Jim Gairns
- 18
- 25

Hosts

- 4 Stewardship Committee
- 11 Kinney Carnahan & Carole Dickey
- 18 Brian & Stacie Bridges
- 25 Larry & Melisa Forbes

Money Counters

- 4 Tony & Tracy Hoffman, Glenna Ross
- 11 Clark Howland, Larry Wood, Rick Homard
- 18 Jerry Kielsmeier, Kim Traylor, Kari Baccam
- 25 DeVonne Douglas, Randy Jansen, Ron Zoss

10:45am Traditional Service

Greeters

- 4
- 11
- 18
- 25

Lectors

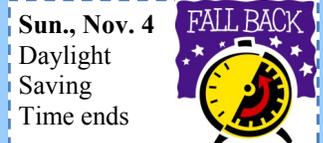
- 4 Jon Verner
- 11 Billy Nuzum
- 18 Barb Mather
- 25 Cathy Cate

Hosts

- 4 Stewardship Committee
- 11 Lee Ross & Barb Mather
- 18 Sheldon & Esther Stout
- 25 Earl & Sharon Lewis

Pal Friday: 9 a.m.

- 2 Norma Sutton
- 9 Ann Krause
- 16 Shirley Frus
- Wed., 21
- 30 Norma Smith



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. **November 18** will be the next BP checks. Come to the Narthex after each worship service.

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, November 10
at 7:30 a.m. in the Ruby Chapel.

Women's Fellowship

Thursday, November 15
at 9:00 a.m. at New Hope UMC
If you have any questions, please contact Shirley Frus at 279-1130.

Exercise is good for your mind, body, and soul

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

Hymn Markers

The Women's Fellowship ladies made new ribbon hymn markers for the Sanctuary's Hymnals.



Please use these hymn markers just for marking hymns in

the Hymnals. Thank you!
Women's Fellowship.

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 will meet on **December 13 at 10:00am at New Hope.**

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

Church Library

The library committee will meet on **the 2nd and 4th Wed. mornings of the month from 10:00 to 11:30.** Please contact Carol Harter, 274-1467, if you would like to join us.

New Hope Chancel Choir

Wednesdays @ 6:30 p.m.
Seasonal Choir @ 7:30 p.m.
Eldon Cross, Director of Music,
elcatalia4@gmail.com
or 515 250-1476.

Support Groups

Al-Anon

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

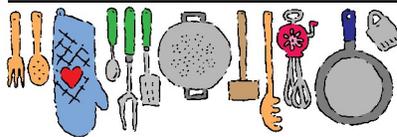
Alcoholics Anonymous

Every Tuesday at Noon in the Ruby Chapel.

Stroke Club of Iowa

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

FROM THE KITCHEN COMMITTEE



Kitchen News

Beginning November 1, there will be a clipboard in the old kitchen and in the

new kitchen to sign in when you are using the kitchens to prepare a meal for a New Hope activity. Before you have your event, please call Linda Kielsmeier at 515-689-9680 or email me at lapals@hotmail.com so I can set up a time for one of the Kitchen Keepers to meet with you and explain how to use the kitchen equipment.

Please remember that the kitchens are in use the 14th of every month for HOL and every Wednesday afternoon when TGIW is held.

The Kitchen Keepers
Betty Holwegner, Judy Stout and Linda Kielsmeier

Central Iowa Shelter & Services (CISS) Update by Ruth Doxon

In late September I had the privilege of attending the ribbon cutting of the new Central Iowa Shelter & Services facility in addition to an informational meeting for evening meal coordinators from various churches and organizations.

In the past the shelter may have often been referred to as the shelter of last resort. The new shelter is not simply a building, it is an opportunity center which includes a health clinic, food pantry, clothing closet and classroom (on site vegetable garden planned for 2013). During the opening ceremony, members of the board and supporters from the community spoke of opportunity. I was struck by the remark *"it is not just about getting a client from Tuesday to Wednesday, it is getting them from where they are to productive members of the community"*. For those that are not familiar with the shelter located at 1420 Mulberry Street in downtown Des Moines, the CISS' mission is to provide free shelter and meals to homeless adults regardless of physical or emotional conditions, and to facilitate their move toward self-sufficiency.

Additional information on the shelter may be found on their website centraliowashelter.org or view the Des Moines Register article posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. **New Hope has proudly supported Central Iowa Shelter for 16 years through our Hand of Luke mission and evening meal program on the 14th of each month.**

I was hungry and you gave me something to eat. Matthew 25:35

Hand of Luke (HOL) Mission Changes by Ruth Doxon

In addition to knowing the location of the new Central Iowa Shelter (1420 Mulberry Street), many members of New Hope have asked how the expanded shelter will impact our Hand of Luke mission serving evening meals on the 14th of each month. The location of the new shelter is directly south of the original on a newly paved section of Mulberry street. Parking is available on the east side of the shelter. For individuals dropping off clothing or other donations during the day, the main entrance (north side of the building) is open 24x7 and includes a reception desk.

In terms of meals we have been asked to provide food for up to 150 individuals (New Hope also allows for approximately 50% requesting seconds). Arrival time remains the same (5:50 to 6pm). We are no longer required to provide paper plates or drinking cups as the new commercial dishwasher will allow the use of trays, coffee mugs and glasses. There is a separate kitchen entrance with intercom in the back of the building. Plans are to have sign in sheets and carts for transporting foods to the kitchen readily available at the back entrance. In addition to the improvement in parking and carts for transporting heavy containers, volunteers will now have ready access to hand washing sinks in the kitchen, food service gloves and restrooms reserved for volunteers.

With the increase in kitchen size and equipment, organizations are welcome to prepare their meals in the shelter kitchen. The shelter staff simply need to be notified in advance (kitchen generally available by 3pm). If you are part of a large family or small group that wishes to prepare and serve at the shelter connect with me at least a month in advance for planning purposes. Clients of the shelter have been trained in use of the commercial dishwasher and upon request will wash our supplies.



Our serving group tested this out on the 14th of October and it was refreshing to have all pans and utensils commercially cleaned before our return to the church! The layout of the new kitchen and

dining room does allow for additional volunteers as volunteers are welcome to enter the dining area and spend time speaking with the clients of the shelter.

Sign up sheets requesting food donations, cooks and servers are located in the Narthex. For additional information about New Hope's HOL mission serving the 14th of each month feel free to email me at rdoxon@gmail.com placing HOL in the subject line, call 253-9115 or connect with me on Sunday morning.

Hand of Luke

Wednesday, November 14

Ham Balls

Ranch Mashed Potatoes

Green Beans

Bread & Butter

Fruit Cobbler with Whipped Topping

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!!!**

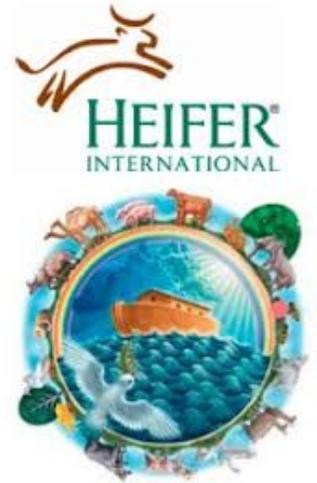
missions

Mission: Heifer International

This year, as last, the Mission Committee is challenging New Hoppers to raise an **Ark for Heifer International** during the months of November and December. The total for all the animals to fill an Ark is \$5,000.

Heifer is noted for their philosophy of teaching people to fish instead of just giving them fish to eat. Because of this, they have helped entire villages our covenant missionaries feed their families, send children to school, and be self sufficient. Each recipient of a pregnant animal is trained how to best care for it and then when the animal gives birth, gift the baby to another family.

In remembering the "Reason for the Season", in that Christmas is not *your* birthday, please think about gifting an animal to at least one person on your list instead of an expensive gift that would often be unused. Indicate your animal choice on the bulletin insert beginning Sunday, November 4th. Place that insert in the offering plate with your payment for the cost of the animal(s). Honor Cards and collectible picture cards are available on the Mission table to send with your Christmas card.



The Angel Tree with Angel tags listing gifts for children of parents in prison will also be available in Fellowship Hall late November. We are doubling the amount of tags this year, so be quick, they go fast! There will be directions placed with the tags.



Because cold weather is so dangerous for the homeless, we are sponsoring a **winter sock and glove tree for Hope Ministry's "Warm Hearts, Hands and Feet"** drive at the emergency shelter at Bethel Mission.

Bring men's new gloves and socks and place on the tree found on the Mission Table.

It was exciting to hear **Dr. Emmanuel Mefor, our covenant missionary and his wife, Florence**, a nurse midwife, tell us about their passionate, intensive work at a district hospital in Mutambara, Zimbabwe. The Mefors do surgery, especially eye surgery, but serve thousands of people in their small 120 bed hospital and through an outreach program. Emmanuel is also the administrator. Together they have developed model care that other district hospitals must follow.

In addition to helping with surgery, Florence conducts a special boarding/feeding program for 56 to 60 women in their third trimester. Because of this wonderful care in the hospital and weekly check-ups, infant mortality has been greatly reduced. Florence and Emmanuel travel on foot throughout the area doing a health check on all their patients and many others who cannot travel to the hospital.

One amazing fact they told was that they have cut HIV cases in half through education and medical treatment. It is amazing what 2 committed, Christian people can do in an area of about 120,000 people! See more pictures on the information board by the Mission Table from their visit.



Dick & Charlene Cobb, Emmanuel Mefor, Sharon Smith, Florence Mefor.



Sharon Smith, Emmanuel Mefor, Jean Vesely, Florence Mefor, Carole Followwill. Carole donated pillowcases that had been sewed into dresses by Jean Vesely.

Three kinds of giving

“There are three kinds of giving: grudge giving, duty giving and thanksgiving. Grudge giving says, ‘I have to’; duty giving says, ‘I ought to’; and thanksgiving says, ‘I want to.’

The latter comes from a full heart. Thanksgiving is an open gate into the love of God.”
- The Newsletter Newsletter



sunday morning worship attendance

	8:30	9:30	10:45	total
Sep 30	35	130	97	262
Oct 7	41	139	99	279
Oct 14	42	115	108	265
Oct 21	34	103	97	234
River of Life Worship Attendance				
Sept 29	42		Oct 6	45
Oct 13	50		Oct 20	25

new hope financial update

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

	Sept 2012 Actual	Sept 2012 Budget	Sept 2011 Actual
Total Receipts	26,887.21	30,330.05	24,585.32
Total Expenditures	33,437.27	32,569.76	23,435.78
Net Surplus (Deficit)	(6,550.06)	(2,239.71)	1,149.54
	YTD Sept 2012 Actual	YTD Sept 2012 Budget	YTD Sept 2011 Actual
Total Receipts	236,024.12	248,630.60	245,066.78
Total Expenditures	251,513.35	267,562.19	220,134.26
Net Surplus (Deficit)	(15,489.23)	(18,931.59)	24,932.52

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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 OR 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.

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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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AT NEW HOPE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 7:00p, Small Grp @ J.Wagner's	2 Pal: Norma Sutton 1:00p, Small Group at Hy-Vee in WDSM	3 Thanksgiving Ingathering 8a-4p, F.Hall rented 5p, Johnston ROL @ Beaver Creek Elem.
4 Daylight Saving Time Ends Holy Communion Stewardship Sunday 9:30 & 10:45, Small Grp. 4p, Confirmation Class	5 10:30a, Small Grp, R.Chapel 5:15p, Exercise/Cardio 6pm, Women's Bible Study 7p, Small Grp @ Scherers 7p, Trustees Meeting	6 9:30a, Sr. Singers 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 5:15p, Yoga	7 11:30a, Exercise/Resistance 5:30p, TGIW 6:30p, Chancel Choir 7:00p, Small Group, Ruby Chapel 7:30p, Seasonal Choir 7:45p, Praise Team	8 7:00p, Small Grp @ J.Wagner's	9 Pal: Ann Krause 9a-3p, Needlers Sew In, F.Hall 6:30-8:30p, Garlands of Gifts set up	10 7:30a, Men's Breakfast 9a-3p, Garlands of Gifts 4pm, Small Group @ Bogues 5p, Johnston River of Life worship @ Beaver Creek Elem.
11 Veteran's Day 9:30 & 10:45, Small Grp. 11:45a, Acolyte Training Noon, Compassionate Callers 5:00p, Harvest Auction 6:00p, Harvest Dinner Jr. BLAST & Sr. BLAST	12 10:30a, Small Grp, R.Chapel 5:15p, Exercise/Cardio 6pm, Women's Bible Study 7p, Small Grp @ Scherers	13 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 5:15p, Yoga	14 10a, Library Committee 11:30a, Exercise/Resistance 3:30p, Hand of Luke 4:30p, Missions Mtg. 5:30p, TGIW 6:30p, Chancel Choir 7:00p, Small Group 7:30p, Seasonal Choir 7:45p, Praise Team	15 Deadline for Dec. LINK 9:00a, Women's Fellowship at church 7:00p, Worship Design 7:00p, Small Grp @ J.Wagner's	16 Pal: Shirley Frus 1:00p, Small Group at Hy-Vee in WDSM 6p, Gier/Lodermeier rehearsal	17 TBD, Sr. BLAST 3:30p, Gier/Lodermeier wedding 5p, Johnston River of Life worship @ Beaver Creek Elem.
18 Blood Pressure Checks Food Pantry Sunday 9:30 & 10:45, Small Grp. Thanksgiving Sunday (offering)	19 10:30a, Small Grp, R.Chapel 5:15p, Exercise/Cardio 6pm, Women's Bible Study 7p, Small Grp @ Scherers	20 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 5:15p, Yoga 7:00p, Finance Mtg.	21 NO TGIW 6:30p, Chancel Choir 7:00p, Small Group 7:30p, Seasonal Choir 7:45p, Praise Team	22 Office Closed 	23 Office Closed	24 4pm, Small Group @ Bogues 5p, Johnston River of Life worship @ Beaver Creek Elem.
25 9:30 & 10:45, Small Grp. Deadline for Poinsettia Orders United Methodist Student Day (offering) Hanging of the Greens	26 10:30a, Small Grp, R.Chapel 5:15p, Exercise/Cardio 7p, Small Grp @ Scherers	27 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 5:15p, Yoga 7:00p, AD Council Mtg.	28 10a, Library Committee 11:30a, Exercise/Resistance 5:30p, TGIW 6:30p, Chancel Choir 7:00p, Small Group 7:30p, Seasonal Choir 7:45p, Praise Team	29	30 Pal: Norma Smith 9a-3p, Cookie Drop off 1:00p, Small Group at Hy-Vee in WDSM	December 1 12:30-3pm, Cookie Drop off 5p, Johnston River of Life worship @ Beaver Creek Elem.

***United Methodist Student Day offering—Nov. 25: 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. 2, Cookie Walk
Dec. 3, Advent by Candlelight
Dec. 9, Christmas Program
Dec. 14, Heartbeat Bells Concert
Dec. 14, Heartbeat Bells
Dec. 15, Christmas at the Barn
Dec. 16, Christmas Cantata

Dec. 24, Christmas Eve Services: 5:30p, 7:30p, 10:00p

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

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| 2 Matthew Weih, Jerzie Carlson | 18 Jim Wells, Danielle Jaschen |
| 3 DeVonne Douglas, Jo Renee Hartung | 19 Mark Wise |
| 4 John Dickerson, Joe Fairchild, Barb Easton | 20 Casandra Christensen |
| 5 Denice Sutton, Kelly Mohrman, Michael Collet, Archer Happ | 21 Judy Frizzell, Carol Harter, Jim Frizzell, Emma Heiser, Julie Sahlin |
| 6 Jayna Pritchard, Zachary McClain, Bryce Rowland | 22 Eric Strain, Ray Burnett, Benjamin Hegwood |
| 8 Gavin Hawthorne, Barb Agan | 23 Linda Kasper, Don Doxon, Tamara Evans |
| 9 Karen Skovgard, Stacie Bridges, Andrea Stern, Kinsey Evans | 24 Jared Robertson |
| 10 Norma Sutton, Owen Hubert | 25 Kay Gier, Julie Craighton |
| 11 Craig Thompson | 26 Tyler Kurth, Jason Kerndt |
| 12 Jacob Hitchcock | 27 Evelyn Kruse, Brian Bridges, Dave Mongar |
| 13 Cheryl Cross, Olivia Boulting | 28 John Rains, Lee Ross, Steve Cate, Tyler Tompkins |
| 14 Peggy Philips, Kim Traylor, Maliya Carlson, John Wiley, Jason Evans | 29 Lynn Clary, John Speck, Jason Homard |
| 15 Larry Forbes | 30 Damon DeBates, Jaela Wills, Raynette Meyers |
| 16 Nathan Zoss, Lily Larsen, Noelle Beasley | |
| 17 Doris Ummel, Luke Bogue | |

Happy Anniversary!!!

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| 2 James & Suzanne Neu |
| 5 David & Karen Davis |
| 7 Brian & Suzie Martz |
| 12 Larry & Paulette Wood |
| 20 Chris & Jenn Higdon |
| 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.

Remembering GOD'S BLESSINGS



Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God, by failing to keep His commandments...When you have eaten your fill... and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the lord your God, who brought you... out of the house of bondage. – Deuteronomy 8:11-15

In this text, Moses is giving the people of Israel some final instructions before they go into the Promised Land.

Moses will not be allowed to enter into the Promised Land with them, and so there are some essential things he wants the people to know before they occupy the Promised Land. He reminds them that it is God who brought them out of bondage and it is God who will give them abundant blessings when they are in the land. But Moses wants to make sure that they do not forget the One who is the Giver of all of their blessings. The temptation will be to think that they themselves, because of their talents and their strength, have gotten the blessings. But Moses reminds them that it is God who “gives you the power to get wealth, so that He may confirm His covenant that He swore to Your ancestors...” (Deuteronomy 8:18) Even the blessings we have worked for are a result of God giving us the talents to earn the blessings in the first place.

Thanksgiving is a time to remember the Lord and the Lord's blessings. Abraham Lincoln knew the importance of doing this, even when we are facing tough times. In 1863, he signed the first Thanksgiving Proclamation. It was one of the toughest times of the war, and yet Lincoln felt it was very important for the nation to remember God and give thanks. Lincoln acknowledges that war is one “of unequaled magnitude and severity.” But, even in the midst of that,

Lincoln goes on to describe the blessings that God has given us. These blessings, said Lincoln, “are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the Source from which they come...” in tough times we can forget the blessings that God has given us that are all around us.

But Moses also makes the point that it is also in the good times that we can forget that God is the source of the blessings. We can become prideful and think that it is because of our own hard work that we have received the blessings we are enjoying. And when we are prideful, we are less likely to be generous, because we see all that we have as ours, that we've earned it. Moses reminds us that it is God who has given us the talents to earn the blessings in the first place. But ungratefulness and stinginess have an impact on our hearts and how well we are able to enjoy the blessings God has given us, and how well we are able to live as God's people.

We are to give thanks to God on a regular basis. That is part of the function of worship – to have the chance, with God's people, to give thanks each week. We may also give thanks each day. Norman Vincent Peale says that it does wonders for our attitude in life if, each day, we will take 15 minutes, and make a mental list, or even better, write down, every good thing in your life and be grateful. As Karl Barth reminds us – gratitude is the central attitude of the Christian faith.

worship themes for november

Nov 4 **The Faith of a Foreign Woman** Ruth 1:1-18
Nov 11 **Standing Tall, Falling Hard** 1 Samuel 10:9-13, 20-24
Nov 18 **From Shepherd to King** 1 Samuel 16:1-13
Nov 25 **Trials of a King** II Samuel 12:1-10

Stewardship Sunday Neil
Veteran's Sunday Craig
Thanksgiving Sunday Neil
Christ the King Sunday Neil

1 church, 2 campuses, 4 worship services.

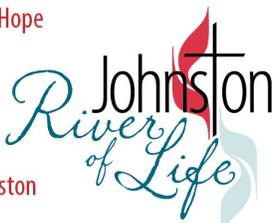


Sunday Worship Services at New Hope

- 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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