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### Rummage Sale Hours:

Thursday, April 11, 12:00-7:00pm

Friday, April 12, 8:00am-7:00pm

Saturday, April 13, 8:00am-1:00pm

REMEMBER- Bring your donations **sorted** and that donations **will only be accepted on Sunday, April 7 from noon to 8 p.m. or Monday, April 8 from 8 a.m. to 8p.m.**

We are still in need of sackers especially for the rush hours. Those times are Thursday from noon to 4:00, Friday from 8:00 to noon, Saturday from 8:00 to 10:00. Preferably, during these times we would have teams of sackers; one adding up the items and giving the customer a ticket and the other putting the items in the bags. The customer then takes the ticket to the cashier. This would help to speed up the check out process and prevent the long lines.

Also there is a sign up sheet for the bake sale. Please bring your baked goods on Thursday or Friday morning. Start your ovens!

All hours that members can work will be appreciated. If you do not already have a specific assignment, please see Glean or Carol and they will have a list of where extra help is needed. There are always jobs available.

Please note change in time. The Rummage Sale will be starting at noon on Thursday.

Contact Glean Coates at 270-8538 (glean1947@hotmail.com) or Carol Harter at 274- 1467(carolannharter@gmail.com) if you have questions, need help with transportation of items, or can donate a couple hours of time.

Come join us in New Hope's large mission project and fellowship with other members. See you there!!!



# 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

Blaine Goff; Jann Williams; 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; Zach McClain; and our national and world leaders, our military and their families.

## Sympathy

*Our Sympathy* to **Pam & Ric Johnson** and family on the passing of Pam's mom, Geraldine Grace Cross.

## The Family Disco Night was a far-out event!

Everyone got their groove on at the March 8th Family Disco Night! Thank you to the following that helped with this event: Nancy Monthei, Penny Dolberg, Tamara Evans, Wendy Musgrave, Jodi Christensen, Mike & Kris Wakeman, Marte Carlson, Janet Carrigan, and Chad Strauss.

Music for dancing and the delicious dessert was provided by the committee. The comedy & magic of Jonathan May was the entertainment. Thank you to everyone that attended!! Start thinking "80s" for next year's event! *(More pictures of this event can be found on New Hope UMC's facebook page.)*



## Births

*Congratulations* to **Chris & Jenn Higdon** on the birth of their son, **Andrew Lee Higdon**. Andrew was born on March 11<sup>th</sup> and weighed 8 lbs and 11 oz and was 21 inches long. He joins big brother, Ben, at home.

*Congratulations* to **Adam & Cari Gregg** on the birth of their daughter, **Lauren Kay Gregg**. Lauren was born on March 21 and weighed 7lbs, 13 oz. and was 20 inches long. She joins big brother, Jackson, at home.

*Congratulations* to **Travis & Christine O'Brien** on the birth of their daughter, **Jocelyn Hope O'Brien**. Jocelyn was born on March 19 and weighed 7 lbs, 6oz. and was 19.6 inches long. She joins big sister, Natalie, and big brother, Hayden, at home.

## Thank You

Thank you to everyone at New Hope for their cards, expressions of sympathy, thoughts and prayers for the loss of my father. Your kindness is so much appreciated by my family and me. **Ron Zoss**

Bob and I would like to thank our wonderful New Hope family for all the care and expressions of love that were extended to us during my recent hospital stay. Thank you to the pastors for their many visits, the lovely quilt and food from the care team, all the telephone calls and cards, and all the prayers that were offered.

God was definitely in charge of this experience. We are so blessed to be a part of New Hope.

**Carol and Bob Harter**

## Welcome New Members!

On April 6th & 7th, we will welcome the following into the New Hope membership:

**Ryan & Connie Armstrong**, 7250 NW 90th Ave., Johnston, 50131. 515-423-6034 (Connie). rkarms@hotmail.com (Ryan); cracraft4@gmail.com (Connie). Children are: Reece Cracraft (17 yrs.), Trenton Cracraft (8 yrs.), and Calid Armstrong (8 yrs.).

**John & Carolyn Burrough**, 7016 Ridgedale Court., Johnston, 50131. 515-334-7104. cjrburro@mediacombb.net.

**Karen Campbell**, 1504 56th Street, Des Moines, 50311. karinac\_3@yahoo.com

**Diane Densmore**, 7167 Espanade St., Johnston, 50131. 515-270-1974. ddindsml@mchsi.com

**Adam & Cari Gregg**, 5433 NW 91st St., Johnston, 50131. 515-276-0090. adamgregg16@hotmail.com (Adam); Cari.gregg@hotmail.com (Cari). Jackson (2 yrs.) and Lauren (born March 21, 2013) are their children.

**Robin & Jolene Harlow**, 7416 Longboat Dr., Johnston, 50131. 515-334-7202. rdharlow@earthlink.net. Their sons are Eric (27 yrs.), Billy (23 yrs.), and Ryan (18 yrs.).

**Nate & Sarah Jacques**, 5164 NW 59th Ave., Johnston, 50131. 612-590-7502 (Nate); 712-574-0291 (Sarah); jacquesnk@kjww.com (Nate); jacquess@urbandale.k12.ia.us (Sarah).

**Jason Miller and Kristi Mundy**, 2738 Lynner Dr., Des Moines, 50310. 515-619-0480 (Jason); 515-418-1202 (Kristi); Jason.miller03@gmail.com (Jason); Kristi.mundy@gmail.com (Kristi). Kristi's daughter, Nora, is 4 yrs. old.

**Nathan & Beth Roff**, 3123 SW Sharmin Lane, Ankeny, 50023. 515-991-2747 (Nathan); 515-954-8884 (Beth). natedog154@hotmail.com (Nathan); howlandpics@gmail.com (Beth). Their children are: Charlotte (8 yrs.), Lorelai (4 yrs.), and William (9 months).

**Andy Sutton**, 3204 SE 23rd St., Ankeny, 50021. smileysutton13@gmail.com. Her husband is Spencer (member of New Hope), and their children are Allyson (6 yrs.) and Zane (3 yrs.)

**John Walker**, 4109 82nd St., Urbandale, 50322. 515-331-1376. jswalk529@aol.com. His wife is Olive Walker.

### Celebrate Confirmation

**Sunday, April 14, 10:45 a.m.**

The Confirmation class will be confirmed at the 10:45 worship service, with a special reception to follow. We hope you'll join us for this wonderful worship opportunity, where the students not only share what they have learned with the congregation, but also design and lead the entire service! Come and congratulate them on this important stepping-stone in their faith journey!



Confirmation students and mentors toured St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral. It was one of the churches that were visited during their Tour of Faith on March 7th.



### The Confirmation Class of 2013:

Tavian Carnahan, Hanna Ferguson, Alexis Harlan, Chandler Heiser, Brianna Johnson, Madeline Johnston, John Lichter, Allyson Mohrman, Brock Moore, Zach Price, Mollie Rooney, Hannah Short, Carsten Thompson.

*Please join in welcoming everyone to New Hope UMC!*



**And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.**

~ Genesis 2:15

We may not be in Eden, but we have a beautiful campus, and it requires our stewardship. **The annual New Hope Campus Clean-Up is scheduled for Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>.**

Volunteers are needed to help maintain and beautify the campus grounds. There will be work for all skill levels: picking up twigs and debris, raking leaves, weeding, mulching and trimming where needed, and other general landscaping. Please bring work gloves, leaf rakes, pruning shears... a pitch fork if you have one.

We will work from **9am to completion. Lunch will be provided.** Sign-up sheets are in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us!

*Spencer Sutton, Board of Trustees*



### Needler's Spring Sew-In

Bring your needle... and join the Needlers in Fellowship Hall on **Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm.**

Experienced or newbie – All are welcome to help make quilts for the Care Team.

**Pot luck lunch at noon.**

Questions? Contact Kim Buske at 515-491-5402 .



## Statewide Pancake Breakfast

**Have a bite to eat. Stop a bite that kills.**

Twelve United Methodist churches (including New Hope) are joining together for the:

[Des Moines Metro Area Pancake Breakfast](#) fundraiser for Imagine

No Malaria:

**Saturday, April 27**

**8:00 am - 12:00 pm**

*Des Moines Area*

*Community College,*

*FFA Building, Ankeny IA*

**Tickets are \$6.00 for Adults and \$4.00 for children 10 & under.**

**You can pick them up at church or see Sharon Smith.**

The tickets we sell will count toward our pledge of \$1,200 to end Malaria deaths by 2015.

## Graduating Seniors

**Sunday, May 12, is Graduate Recognition Sunday,** and we would like to invite all graduates: high school, college, and higher degrees, to send us information to be included in the bulletins to celebrate your accomplishments with you.

Please complete the below information and drop this form off at the church office or mail it to New Hope UMC, 4525 Beaver Ave., Des Moines, IA 50310. **Please fill out and send in NO LATER than Sunday, April 28.**

### High School Graduates:

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

PLANS AFTER HIGH SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

### College/Graduate School Graduates:

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

DEGREE(S): \_\_\_\_\_

FUTURE PLANS: \_\_\_\_\_

Please note that on **Sunday, May 12,** we will be honoring our graduates, as well as asking them to stand and be recognized. Please tick one of the following boxes to let us know which service we can hope to expect you at:

**8:30 worship** [  ]

**9:30 worship** [  ]

**10:45 worship** [  ]

**Sorry, I won't be present that Sunday** [  ]



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# RAY PUGH INSTITUTE OF NEW HOPE

**April 14, April 21, and April 28, 2013 at 6 p.m.**



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## Sunday, April 14th



**John Rains** is a 37-year member of New Hope UMC, member of Johnston Lions Club, Johnston's Citizen of the Year for 2010. and a retiree from the Army National Guard, after 31+

years—retiring as a Sergeant Major. The first seventeen years of John's life, he lived and/or worked on a farm, acquiring a strong work ethic and began developing the principles his life would follow.

John graduated from East Greene High School, Grand Junction, IA in 1964; Northwest Missouri State College, Maryville, Mo, in 1969, and the United States Sergeants Major Academy in 1991. He has received many awards over his life of which a few are — *Citizen of the Year, 2010*; Alpha Kappa Lambda's *The Alumni Distinguished Service Award*, from his college fraternity in 2010; *Iowan for a Day, 2010*; *Legion of Merit*, the highest peacetime military award; and the *Melvin Jones Fellow Award*, the highest award from the International Lions Club.

After college graduation, John worked for Massey-Ferguson, Inc., for 14 years, working in manufacturing, new product introduction and sales.

After being laid off in February of 1982, John transitioned from an Army National Guard traditional soldier on the weekends, to full-time National Guard active duty. His active duty focus was recruiting and retention for 23½ years, before retiring December 1, 2005.

John is married (Jody), has two sons, Jeffrey (wife Heidi) and Timothy (wife Tara), and three grandsons (Evan, Nolan, Dylan).

John will be speaking on **"The Importance of Service."**

## Sunday, April 21st



**Mike Havlik**, grew up in Humboldt, Iowa the oldest of four children and the son of two teachers. He graduated from Iowa State University with a degree in Animal Ecology and minor

in Communication. He has worked for the Fish and Wildlife Service researching waterfowl, specifically canvasback ducks. He taught in California at an outdoor science school seasonally for six years and returned to Iowa in the summers to run his own Mobile Outdoor Science School (MOSS).

He eventually returned to Iowa and his family to teach at the Des Moines Y-Camp in Boone as the outdoor education program director. He currently lives in Madrid with his wife Amy and seven-year-old son Max.

### **What Do the Birds Have to Teach Us?**

Did you have an experience as a child in nature that defined you? Sadly, many of today's children don't have that same opportunity. Mike will share his experiences as an environmental educator of how nature can be used as a valuable teacher. A live red-tailed hawk will teach us the value of caring.

**In addition, you'll enjoy these special musical performances:**

**April 14th:** Pastor Craig and Jody Ferguson

**April 21st:** Kirk Hartung; trumpet

All sessions include special music and begin Sunday evenings at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. There is no fee and no collection will be taken.

## Sunday, April 28th



**Philip Pfaltzgraff**, Staff Accompanist at Wayne State College, has a BMusEd from Westmar College in LeMars, Iowa. His Masters Degree is in Organ Performance and Music Education from Central

Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant, MI.

In addition to his collaborative piano responsibilities at Wayne State College, Phil has continued to pursue the field of musical composition and arranging. Several of his compositions for choir were premiered while he was in school at CMU, studying composition in the studios of Dr. David Gillingham and Dr. Jose Maurtua—including a setting for women's voices of "*Psalm 121*", "*Let the People Say*" for concert choir and piano, as well as a larger choral work, *The Gospel Mass*.

More recently, a large instrumental/choral work, *The Time Cycle* was premiered on November 17, 2009 at Wayne State College in honor of the college Centennial year, 2009-2010. *The Pulse Duo*, the *WSC Chorale*, *The Keyboard Ensemble* and *The Woodwind Ensemble* of the college have also premiered some of Pfaltzgraff's compositions for choirs and instruments.

Mr. Pfaltzgraff has recorded a series of seasonal and thematic solo CD's on the piano and organ under the title of "*Specializing in Improvisation.*"

He will be speaking on: **"Pfaltzgraff: Off the Wall—Three P's to Bring New Hope".**



A CHURCH FAMILY CALLED TO SERVE GOD. LOVE OTHERS AND FOLLOW JESUS CHRIST.

# THE STORY

In April, we will conclude the year long Bible study using *The Story*. If you do not have a copy of *The Story*, you can follow along with your Bible.

**April 6-7: New Beginnings.** Acts 1-10; 12

**April 13-14: Paul's Mission.** Acts 13-14, 16-20; Romans 1, 3-6, 8, 12, 15; 1 Corinthians 1, 3, 5-6, 10, 12-13, 15, 16 Galatians 1, 3, 5-6; 1 Thessalonians 1-5

**April 20-21: Paul's Final Days.** Acts 20-23, 27-28; Ephesians 1-6; 2 Timothy 1-4

**April 27-28: A New Beginning.** Revelation 1-5; 19-22

**Small Groups** will 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
- ◆ Mondays, 7:00 pm, at Mark & Leah Scherer's home. Contact Mark & Leah, 270-2385.
- ◆ 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, hosted by Jared & Lindsey Robertson. Childcare is provided. Contact Sherri & Nick Bogue, boguesa@gmail.com with questions.



## **BOOK CLUB (a.k.a. Chick Lit. Book Club)**

**Thursday, April 25th at 6:30 in the Ruby Chapel**

**The Chick Lit Book Club is collecting books for the Storybook Project, which supports literacy and the parent/child bond of incarcerated men and women at the Mitchelville and Newton Correctional Facilities. Please consider donating a children's book to support this awesome local program. Donations may be left on the Mission table.**

### **APRIL THEME AND BOOK:**

**GRATITUDE** : Choosing Gratitude: Learning to Love the Life You Have, by James Autry

“In his latest book, *Choosing Gratitude: Learning to Love the Life You Have*, renowned author James A. Autry reminds us that gratitude is a choice, a spiritual—not social—process. Made evident as behavior, gratitude is not the behavior itself. We may automatically respond, “Thank you” or “Appreciate it” in the daily course of our lives. These are polite, conditioned responses, but they are not gratitude. Instead, gratitude is a way of life, a belief system, that means cultivating a spirit of thankfulness even through the negatives of life. It is remembering there will always be more reasons for gratitude than for despair.

In a society consumed by fears of not having “enough”—money, possessions, security, and so on—Autry suggests that if we cultivate gratitude as a way of being, we may not change the world and its ills, but we can change our response to the world. If we fill our lives with moments of gratitude, we will indeed love the life we have.”

**PRAYER** (May 23): Help, Thanks, Wow: The Three Essential Prayers, by Anne Lamott

**HOPE** (June 27): Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide, by Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn

**FAITH** (July 25): The Faith Club: A Muslim, A Christian, A Jew – Three Women Search for Understanding, by Ranya Ildliby, Suzanne Oliver, and Priscilla Warner

Questions? Contact Jean Vesely at 274-5082 . **Need a ride? Call Jean at 274-5082 and leave a message. We can make arrangements, so please join us!**

“There was a man who asked God for healing. He was hoping for something spectacular and showy. Instead, God sent some people to him. He became part of a small community of people who loved and cared for him, and over time, they helped heal him. There was nothing glamorous in that. However, reflecting upon it afterward, the man realized that he’d thought the “special effect” route was God’s Plan A and that people were Plan B. To be healed in a showy way is spectacular; people seem so ordinary. But he realized that with God it is the other way around. People are God’s preferred messengers, God’s Plan A, because they alone carry His image.” –John Ortberg

**The mission team to Slidell, LA was privileged to be the real Plan A...**

**God’s Plan A.** In Slidell we were able to put the finishing touches on two homes. David & Carole Followwill and Denise Hartford along with two members from the NC District, cut, installed, caulked and painted trim, grouted tile, put up house numbers, painted doors, cleaned, improved a ladder to the attic, installed fixtures, etc. We were also able to deliver 6 quilts made by the Needlers and were able to put one of those quilts in the hands of the mother of the child the quilt would eventually be given to. We were definitely tired each evening, but it was a good tired. It was the kind of tired that is felt when you’ve done your best and you’ve given your all. We’ll never know all the effects of our time and efforts in Slidell, but we were truly touched to be part of God’s Plan A for five days.

Thank you to the Mission Committee for helping pay for part of our trip. Thank you to our congregation and pastors for the support and prayers. And, please consider joining the next mission team going to Joplin, MO Aug 5-10. Contact Denise Hartford, [john12hartford@gmail.com](mailto:john12hartford@gmail.com) or 515-890-1406.



Dave & Carole Followwill Denise Hartford, and Bob & Linda Lynch, - The Team!



Mona Kirkpatrick with four of the six quilts that the New Hope Needlers made for the Slidell mission trip. Each quilt has a label stating that it was a gift from New Hope United Methodist Church in Des Moines Iowa, 2013.



Carole & Denise presented the children's quilt to Denise Wheat for her daughter.

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

**Tuesday, April 2 (First Tuesday of each month), 6:30pm, 3rd-4th grade classroom**  
**Please consider joining us.**  
**Knowledge of knitting/crocheting not required!**

*About the Shawls... “In 1998, Janet Bristow and Victoria Galo, two graduates of the 1997 Women’s Leadership Institute at The Hartford Seminary in Hartford, Connecticut gave birth to a ministry as a result of their experience in this program of applied Feminist Spirituality under the direction of Professor Miriam Therese Winder, MMS. Compassion and the love of knitting/crocheting have been combined into a prayerful ministry and spiritual practice, which reaches out to those in need of comfort and solace, as well as in celebration and joy. Many blessings are prayed into every stitch. Whether they are called Prayer Shawls, Comfort Shawls, Peace Shawls, or Mantles, etc., the shawl maker begins with prayers and blessings for the recipient. The intentions are continued throughout the creation of the shawl. Upon completion, a final blessing is offered before the shawl is sent on its way. Some recipients have continued the kindness by making a shawl and passing it onto someone in need. Thus, the blessing ripples from person-to-person, with both the given and receiver feeling the unconditional embrace of a sheltering, mother God!”*



Questions? Contact Jean Vesely, 274-5082.

# youth programs



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

Watch your emails for notices of upcoming gatherings. Questions? Contact Penny Dolberg at 201-7643 or [penny.dolberg@gmail.com](mailto:penny.dolberg@gmail.com) or Renee Haugland 252-8632 or [drhaugland@msn.com](mailto:drhaugland@msn.com).

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

March was a great month for Senior High BLAST. The group took part in the Iowa Energy Faith & Family Night; which included a concert by Jason Gray after the game. Additionally, the group would like to thank everyone that took part in the Buffalo Wild Wings on Merle Hay road Senior High BLAST day on Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. Buffalo Wild Wings is donating 10% of their total sales that day for our upcoming mission trip to Navajo Nation in Arizona.



- Senior High BLAST Day -  
Sunday, April 21st



Your next chance to support the group will be on Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>; the group is hosting a Senior High BLAST day at Ci-Ci's Pizza on Merle Hay road. Ci-Ci's pizza will be donating a portion of your bill to help support the group. Additionally, in April the Senior High BLAST group will be selling coupons for Hy-Vee and Ci-Ci Pizza. A portion of every sale will go directly to the group to support our mission trip fund.

Finally, any parents of a Senior High BLAST member that is planning to attend the mission trip in June; we will be hosting a parents meeting on **Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 6pm**. This meeting will explain more about the trip and the required paperwork that needs to be filled out before we leave on the trip. At this point, we are expecting to have 13 people going on the mission trip.

Here are the some upcoming Youth events for the next two months:

- April 6th** ~ BLAST Coupon Sales Start
- April 13th @ 6pm** ~ BLAST Helping at Rummage Sale
- April 21st** ~ BLAST Day at CiCi's Pizza
- April 28th @ 6pm** ~ Mission Trip Parent Meeting
- May 5th** ~ Sloppy Joe Feed After 9:30 & 10:45 Services
- May 19th** ~ Homemade Omelet Breakfast After All Services
- June 1st @ 9am** ~ Youth Car Wash
- June 2nd @ noon** ~ Youth Car Wash
- June 16th** ~ Mission Trip Send Off Sunday
- June 22nd** ~ Mission Trip

More information about the above events will be sent out in email and posted on Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/SeniorHighBlast>).

# christian learning opportunities

Children's Ministries  
Coordinator: Kelly Mohrman  
[gmohrman@mchsi.com](mailto: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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classroom and share in a healthy snack and have time to visit with friends.

Please contact Kelly Mohrman. If you would like a chance to lead Children's Worship, Please contact Kelly Mohrman, at [gmohrman@mchsi.com](mailto:gmohrman@mchsi.com)

**Christian Learning Time:** The first Sunday of the month we will be having donuts in CLT. This is an informal way of celebrating the breaking of the bread and sharing in fellowship with peers. Kids of Hope will now be "Bucket Fillers." Students will work to fill a bucket in their classroom. "Drops" into the bucket will be added for each child that attends Christian Learning Time, participation in class, and when a child "fills" another person's heart with a compliment or help. When a classroom's bucket is filled we will decide how we want to celebrate as a class. He said "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all of your mind." Matthew 22:37. "So whatever you wish others would do for you, do also for them, for this is the law and the Prophets." Matthew 7:12

**Our mission** for the month of April will be to take school supply donations for the Morton year round school. \*Please note that our **last Christian Learning Time will be on Sunday, May 12.** We will have a fun field day to celebrate all we have done this year!

**Thank God It's Wednesday (TGIW)** will resume on Wed., April 3. All Kids/Youth, join us! 5:30-6:00pm., Dinner; 6:00pm-7:30pm, Activities.



**Please join us on Wed., April 10, 2013 for another family skate night.** We will be skating from 6-7:30, at Skate North Incrediroll, located at 5621 Meredith Dr. in Des Moines.

Dinner will NOT be served that evening. If your children will be attending, please plan to attend with them, as we will not have enough people to supervise all children in various areas of the facility. New Hope will cover the cost of student's admission and regular roller skates. You are welcome to bring your own skates, or rent in-line Skates for \$4.00.



**Wednesday, April 17, will be our last TGIW.** We will have a picnic style dinner and will have the **Blessing of the Pets** that night. We will plan to eat outside and keep all pets outside. Feel free to bring a blanket or lawn chairs to sit on. Pets will receive a tag after their blessing. However, if you have a pet that does not play well with others, we will happily bless a picture of your pet as well.

\*Please note that in case of rain or other in climate weather, we will have to hold the Blessing of the Pets inside. If this occurs, we will need you to bring **ONLY** a picture of your pet, as many have allergies to animals and would not be a good idea to have them all inside.

**Vacation Bible School:** The dates have been set for VBS. We will be having an EVERYWHERE FUN FAIR on July 14-18, 2013. This year's VBS will be led by Sherry Bogue and Kelly Mohrman. If you would like to help with Vacation Bible school, please contact us, or look for sign ups coming soon!



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# God

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What's on your mind?

**God**  
Day 6 of Creation

Thought I would make humanity on this sixth day of creation. Decided to make them in my image and give them free will. I gave them everything they could need or want and just asked them to avoid the trees of knowledge and life. I look forward to watching my children grow, and spending afternoons leisurely chatting with them in their garden.

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Michael and 785,349 others likes this.

**Gideon** What were you thinking? Freewill? I mean the idea is great, but somehow I think my work load is going to increase.

**Fallen Star** LMWO (Laughing My Wings Off) I love the idea! I am sure I can teach them a little bit about free will.

**Michael** We will do what is needed to guide them to good and right choices. And if they get swayed we will protect them and do what is needed to redeem them.

**God** Oh, I know they will fall, they will break my heart, they will hurt each other and destroy my creation. But I love them and I already have a plan for redemption. It will cost me a great price, but it is one I am willing to pay.

**SON** I am ready, let's do this!

I know some of you like Facebook, some of you don't, but I thought if God had a Facebook page, it might look something like this.





## Spring Landscape News

The official start of spring arrived recently although the below normal temperatures in March held many of the spring blooming bulbs at bay. The spring of 2012 was an anomaly and comparatively this time of year has been feeling down right cold. By the time you read this article it is hopeful that spring has sprung and the winter evergreens should be removed from the planters and replaced by early season cool loving plants.

Maintenance of the church property takes time, willing hands and funding. May will mark the first anniversary of the new outdoor planters gracing the east entrance. We received a lot of favorable feedback this past year. Sponsorship of planters (both courtyard and east entrance) is always welcome. For \$20 you have the opportunity to participate in providing a beautiful welcome to our church and enjoy the reward of seeing your donation at work each time you visit the church. Simply indicate on your donation the purpose of the sponsorship and if the donation is in honor or memory of a loved one or simply to give thanks for the beauty God provides in each of our Midwest seasons.

If you have questions about sponsorship of outdoor annual plantings or activities of the landscape team, please contact Ruth Doxon, 253-9115 or Kathy Russi, 333-1764



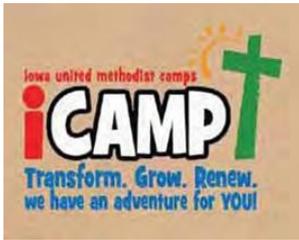
## Perennial Plant Sale

**Sunday, May 5th**

The landscape team will hold a perennial plant sale raising funds to support maintenance of the courtyard and east gardens. In addition to divisions from established plants in the courtyard we will be seeking donations from the gardens of our congregation. Spring is a great time to divide (and reinvigorate) your perennial plants. As you clean out your beds this spring and divide some of your perennials, keep us in mind.

**PLANT SALE!**

If you have perennials available which can be donated to the event, please contact Ruth Doxon, 253-9115 or Kathy Russi, 333-1764.



Camps and Retreat Ministries is pleased to announce that the new summer online camper registration program is now up and operational. To access the online registration, you may go to [www.iaumc.org/camps](http://www.iaumc.org/camps).

There are also, 2013 camp catalogs in the Fellowship Hall for your use.

**Camperships** are available from New Hope UMC: **\$150 per child**, to any **week long** United Methodist Church camp. Please inform the church office when you have registered your child(ren).

**The TGIW/Lent Program was a fun-filled time for everyone! Thank you to all the volunteers who led the great activities!!!**



# 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 April.

**8:30am**

### Traditional Service

#### Greeters

7 Arny & Shelley Larsen  
14 Jerry Stastny  
21  
28

#### Lectors

7 Carole Followwill  
14 Carole Followwill  
21 Cathy Short  
28

#### Traditional Service Callers

7 Mark & Leah Scherer  
14 Bob & Marlys Borcharding  
21 Jim & Norma Smith  
28 Norma Sutton

#### Contemporary Service Callers

7 Eldon Cross  
14 Melisa Forbes/Pam Frey  
21 Eldon Cross  
38 Melisa Forbes/Pam Frey

**9:30am**

### Contemporary Service

#### Greeters

7 Larry & Melisa Forbes  
14 John & Joyce Turek  
21  
28

#### Hosts

7 Tracy & Tony Hoffman  
14 Paulette & Larry Wood  
21 Pam & Bill Gibbons  
28 Glenna Ross

#### Money Counters

7 DeVonne Douglas,  
Randy Jansen, Ron Zoss  
14 Tony & Tracy Hoffman,  
Glenna Ross  
21 Jerry Kielsmeier,  
Kim Traylor, Kari Baccam  
28 Clark Howland, Larry  
Wood, Rick Homard

#### Pal Friday: 9 a.m.

5 Pat Papenheim  
12 Marlys Borcharding  
19 Norma Sutton  
26 Barb Easton

**10:45am**

### Traditional Service

#### Greeters

7  
14  
21 Earl & Sharon Lewis  
28 Steve & Norma Sutton

#### Lectors

7 Jon Verner  
14 Freda Ruleman  
21 Barb Mather  
28 Sally Corcoran

#### Hosts

7 Ron & Clarice Rubek  
14 Paulette & Larry Wood  
21 Sheldon & Esther Stout  
28 Neal & Roberta Cave

#### Acolytes

7 Tyler Mohrman,  
Samantha Strauss  
14 Taylor Evans,  
Sarah Sahlin  
21 Sheldon Astley,  
Lexi Dean  
28 Tyler Mohrman,  
Samantha Strauss

**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

## Memorial Committee

Tuesday, April 2, 7:00 p.m. in the Ruby Chapel.

## Yoga

Yoga is a wonderful way to stretch and relax. Join us in April every Tuesday at 5:30pm. \$25 for the April Session.

## Blood Pressure Check

New Hope is offering free Blood Pressure checks each month. April 21 will be the next BP checks. Come to the Narthex after each worship service.

## Men's Breakfast

Saturday, April 13 at 7:30 a.m. in the Ruby Chapel.

## Women's Fellowship

Thursday, April 18. Meet at church at 8:30 a.m. to carpool to Goodwill Industries for a tour. If you have any questions, please contact Shirley Frus at 279-1130.

## 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 **April 25 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.



**Save the Date:**  
Blood Drive at  
New Hope UMC  
July 31, 3-7pm

## Friday Small Group

**Fridays, April 5 & 19**

The Friday Small Group meets every other Friday at Incredible Pizza, 3799 NW 86th St. Urbandale at 1:00 PM for lunch and discussion following, ending at approx. at 3:00 PM.

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

## New Hope Chancel Choir

Wednesdays @ 6:30 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.



## News from the Trustees

The New Hope UMC Fix-it Team will meet every other Wednesday, 9am-noon (April 3 & 17).

We welcome anyone who can attend. You do not have to attend each time, just come when you can and help out around the church, enjoy a cup of coffee and some fellowship with fellow members.

**TABLES:** We have 8 ft. heavy duty tables (masonite tops with metal frames and legs) for sale. They are priced at \$25 for any member who would like one or more. Please contact Spencer

Sutton at [spencer@thesuttons.us](mailto:spencer@thesuttons.us)

John Rains  
Chair, Board of Trustees

# missions

## April Mission of the Month: Children and Family Urban Ministries (CFUM)

CFUM, Children and Family Urban Ministries, is located in Trinity UMC on the near North Side. CFUM is an Advance Special of the UMC because of its many exciting and varied programs that help with literacy, hunger, and enrichment of the lives of children and families that live near-by.

**The Mission Committee is asking for help in collecting the following items for backpacks to be given away. Please put items in the basket on the Mission Table. Money donations can be placed in the offering plate with CFUM on the memo line.**

\$20 per student to purchase supplies in bulk

Spiral notebooks

(70 count wide lined-red, blue, yellow, green, black)

24 count Colored pencils

Glue Sticks

Fiskars point tipped scissors

Wide ruled filler paper 150 sheets

Package of #2 pencils



## PROGRAMS AT CFUM

**The Breakfast Club** is a year-round breakfast program for children, serving an average of 80 children during the school year, and an average of 60 children during the summer months. In conjunction with the Breakfast Club are the **Power Hour** where academics are supported, and the **Power Breakfast** where volunteers read and mentor students.

**The Supper Club** provides an evening meal for 110-150 adults and children Monday-Friday and 40-60 adults and children on Saturday.

**The Haven** is an after school program offered to 50 children during the extended school year at Moulton Extended Learning Center daily. It offers literacy enrichment and homework help along with recreational and creative activities for grade-school children. **Backyard Boyz**, and **The Whyld Girls** are gender-specific programs for middle school students.

**Awesome Days** takes place Monday through Friday during the Moulton school breaks. Educational components such as reading, writing, computer skills, math, art, cultural activities, and field trips fill the days.

The **Back-to-School Health Fair** is held annually in July. The fair offers physicals, dental and vision screenings, school supplies, and a tent-full of neighborhood agencies available for families with children returning to school.

**Friday Fun Night and Community Celebrations** and a **Winter Clothing Closet** are other programs available.

**\*We will be continuing selling Fair Trade Mother's Day gift baskets after each service, through April (13) 14. They may be picked up either May (4<sup>th</sup>) 5<sup>th</sup>, or (11<sup>th</sup>) 12<sup>th</sup>.** Remember that most major chocolate companies use child labor, not true with Fair Trade. A major benefit is to the farmer who receives a fair wage for his/her work.

**\*Meals From The Heartland: We have set August 4<sup>th</sup> for our next on-site packaging event at New Hope.** Put it on your calendar and stay tuned for our fundraising for the cost of the meals.

## Hand of Luke

Sunday, April 14

Meatloaf  
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy  
Green Beans  
Dinner Rolls  
Dessert Bars

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

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

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

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

## new hope financial update

Below is the General Fund operating budget report for February 2013 compared to our 2013 budget and February 2012

	Feb 2013 Actual	Feb 2013 Budget	Feb 2012 Actual
Total Receipts	25,762.34	23,360.36	27,733.68
Total Expenditures	28,843.08	30,104.85	25,663.28
Net Surplus (Deficit)	(3,080.74)	(6,744.49)	2,070.40

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	YTD Feb 2013 Actual	YTD Feb 2013 Budget	YTD Feb 2012 Actual
Total Receipts	48,037.29	46,535.56	55,597.21
Total Expenditures	57,109.40	58,164.10	55,897.99
Net Surplus (Deficit)	(9,072.11)	(11,628.54)	(300.78)

## sunday morning worship attendance

	8:30	9:30	10:45	total
Mar 3	43	127	106	276
Mar 10	38	96	78	212
Mar 17	42	87	78	207
Mar 24	45	143	89	277

### River of Life Worship Attendance

Mar 2	42	Mar 9	33
Mar 16	39	Mar 23	49

### Newsletter

With the increased expense of paper needed to mail the monthly newsletter and the increase in postage, we THANK YOU for your prompt responses in letting us know that we can email you The LINK, or you will pick up THE LINK from church.

If you haven't already, please contact the church office to let us know how you would like to receive your newsletter.

### Meeting Minutes

Meeting minutes are posted on the bulletin board by the church office for your review anytime.

## 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.

If you decide to give electronically, please feel free to pick up a card that says **“I give electronically”** to put in the offering plate if you would like to participate in the offertory.

# april

# 2013 AT NEW HOPE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 7:00p, Trustees	2 9:30a, Sr. Singers 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 5:30p, Yoga 6:30p, Prayer Shawl/ Knitting 7:00p, Memorial Committee	3 9:00a, Work Team at church 5:30p, TGIW 6:30p, Chancel Choir 7:45p, Praise Team	4	5 Pal: Pat Papenheim 1:00p, Small Grp at Incredible Pizza 6:00p-Confirmation Dinner & Rehearsal	6 5:00p, Johnston River of Life worship at Beaver Creek Elementary
7 Holy Communion New Members received Camping spotlight 4:00p, Confirmation class  Noon-8p, Rummage Sale items to be dropped off	8 8a-8p, Rummage Sale items to be dropped off	9 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 5:30p, Yoga  7:30p, Worship Design	10 6-7:30p, TGIW—Roller Skating @ Skate North Incrediroll 6:30p, Chancel Choir 7:45p, Praise Team	11 Noon-7:00p, Rummage & Bake Sale	12 Pal: Marlys Borcharding 8am-7pm, Rummage & Bake Sale	13 7:30a, Men's Breakfast 8am-1pm, Rummage & Bake Sale 5:00p, Johnston River of Life worship at Beaver Creek Elementary
14 10:45am, Confirmation Service Noon, Compassionate Callers 3:30p, Hand of Luke 6p, Ray Pugh Institute	15 <i>May LINK deadline</i>  7:00p, SPRC Meeting	16 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 5:30p, Yoga  7:00p, Stroke Club 7:00p, Finance Meeting	17 9:00a, Work Team at church 4:30p, Missions Mtg. 5:30p, TGIW/Blessing of the Pets 6:30p, Chancel Choir 7:45p, Praise Team	18 8:30a, Women's Fellowship—carpool	19 9a-Noon: Norma Sutton  1:00p, Small Grp at Incredible Pizza	20 9am Campus Clean-up  5:00p, Johnston River of Life worship at Beaver Creek Elementary
21 Food Pantry Sunday Blood Pressure Sunday 2p, Harvest dinner/auction mtg., Ruby Chapel BLAST fundraiser at CiCi's Pizza 6p, Ray Pugh Institute	22 Pastor Cross & Pastor Ferguson out of the office for Conference Mtg.	23 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 5:30p, Yoga  7:00p, AD Council Mtg.	24  6:30p, Chancel Choir 7:45p, Praise Team	25 10a, Care Team Mtg.  6:30p, Book Club, Ruby Chapel	26 9a-Noon: Barb Easton  9a-3p, Spring Sew In with potluck	27 8a-Noon, Pancake fund- raiser at DMACC 5:00p, Johnston River of Life worship at Beaver Creek Elementary
28 *Native American Minis- tries Sunday (offering)  Graduation info. due 6p BLAST mission trip mtg. 6p, Ray Pugh Institute	29 Pastor Cross out of the office for District Mtg.	30 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA  5:30p, Yoga	May 1 9:00a, Work Team at church  6:30p, Chancel Choir 7:45p, Praise Team	2	3 Pal: Norma Smith  1:00p, Small Grp at Incredible Pizza	4 5:00p, Johnston River of Life worship at Beaver Creek Elementary

**\*Native American Ministries Sunday (offering), April 28** - Your generous gifts support Native American ministries within the annual conference; scholarships for Native Americans attending United Methodist schools of theology; and strengthen, develop and equip Native American rural & urban congregations, ministries & communities.

### Looking Ahead:

May 5: Plant Sale; BLAST Sloppy Joe lunch  
May 12: Graduate Recognition  
May 12: last day of CLT  
May 19: BLAST Omelet breakfast  
May 27: Memorial Sunday

## Happy Birthday to you!!

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

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|---|---|
| 1 Brian Martz, Tavian Carnahan  | 13 Paul Herring, Carl Wallin,                                       |
| 2 Sherm Conrad, Kirk Dickey,<br>Kelly Reiersen, Jerry Stastny,<br>Melvin Ghee, Bob Harter,<br>Jane Perdue | Alabama Astley  |
| 3 Donnafred Hinman, Patrice Webber,<br>Brett Cullinan, Nicolaus Haase                                     | 15 Carrie Naumann, Thomas Beasley                                   |
| 4 Shirley Frus  | 16 Doris Fairley  |
| 5 Greg Baker  | 17 Donna Greenwood, Bob Rankin,<br>Susan Miller-Smith, Peyton Henry |
| 7 Pat Papenheim, Lorelai Roff   | 19 Carol Evans, Nicole Jaschen,<br>Nathan Ferguson                  |
| 8 Kate Lichter  | 20 Chase Alcorn   |
| 9 Bhanu Moses, Kathy Wilson   | 21 JoAnn Decker   |
| 10 Rachel Jackson, Kathy Russi, Jacob<br>Baumann  | 22 Amarachi Ukabiala, Ashlynn Riley                                 |
| 11 Arnold Larsen, Tyler Cate,<br>Elaine Collet  | 23 Kathy Crees  |
| 12 Walter Clark, Bryan Baker,<br>Tanner Rowland   | 24 Caleb Christensen  |
|   | 25 Bob Borcharding, Julie McClain                                   |
|   | 26 Ron Wilson, Audrey Naumann,<br>Adam Gregg                        |
|   | 28 Ellie Roquet, Meghan Kinnetz,<br>Madeline Johnston               |
|   | 29 Joelyn Gerovac   |
|   | 30 Mason Redies   |



*Happy Anniversary!*

- 5: Eddy & Karen Johnston  
14: Tony & Tracy Hoffman  
17: Hugh & Maurine Myers  
27: Jim & Norma Smith  
30: Dan & Mona Kirkpatrick

*If you see that your name is not listed, please call the church office at 278-2097, or email at [nhfamily@newhopedsm.org](mailto:nhfamily@newhopedsm.org), so we can update our files.*

# Earthen Vessels

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart...But we have this treasure in earthen vessels so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us.

- II Corinthians 4:17

**In April, we will be receiving members on two different Sundays.** On April 7, we will be receiving our New Members class. We had originally scheduled our New Members class to be received in March, but two different snow storms caused us to postpone two class sessions. That's the first time I can remember that happening. I admire the perseverance of our New Members class. They have hung in there through the whole process. Then, on April 14, our Confirmation class will be joining. We have enjoyed good learning times and good experiences together and it will be a joy to receive our youth as members of the church.

I remember reading an article by Bishop Gerald Kennedy, in which Kennedy was responding to someone who was discouraged because they thought when they joined the church that they were becoming a part of a holy fellowship that would make everyone kind of holy who was a part of it. They were surprised to discover that the church was filled with imperfect people who sometimes got upset with each other, who could sometimes spend a lot of time on petty things, and who could sometimes make poor decisions. The lay person was discouraged to find out that church committees could be just as inefficient as the committees of his lodge. Kennedy said that the lay person had assumed

that he was joining the fellowship of the saints and he discovered his church was filled with people who were still sinners, which took him by surprise.

It would have been no surprise to Paul. Paul had to deal with imperfect people, even within the church. The church at Corinth was a prime example. There were factions within the church, and disagreements between those factions. Paul said that we have the "treasure" of the Gospel in "earthen vessels." We are imperfect carriers of the Gospel message. And yet, God, by His grace, has given us the gift of being bearers of the good news that in Jesus Christ, God has come to save us.

Karl Barth says that there is no place for idleness or indifference in the Christian community. Even though we are unworthy of this ministry, still God, by His grace, calls us to this task. We cannot use the excuse that we are imperfect, and therefore, we ought not to try at all. Because of God's grace, we may share in His ministry. Barth puts it like this: "the members of the Church, in all their humanity, are invited to share in God's own work of proclaiming His Word." And when we share in God's ministry, we might well be amazed at how God can use us to bring His love and grace to others.



## worship themes for april

April 7 **New Beginnings** Acts 1:6-14  
April 14 **Paul's Mission** Acts 13:44-52  
April 21 **Paul's Final Days** Acts 20:25-38  
April 28 **A New Beginning** Revelation 1:4-8

First Sunday of Easter  
Second Sunday of Easter  
Third Sunday of Easter  
Fourth Sunday of Easter

Neil  
Neil  
Craig  
Neil

# 1 church, 2 campuses, 4 worship services.

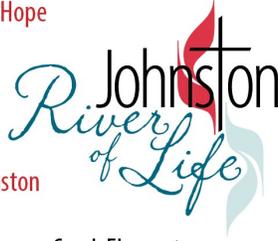


## Sunday Worship Services at New Hope

- 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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## Church Staff

**Pastor:** Neil H. Cross  
**Outreach Pastor:** Craig Ferguson  
**Director of Music:** Eldon Cross  
**Children's Ministries Coordinator:** Kelly Morhman  
**Office Administrator:** Nancy Monthei  
**Nursery Attendant:** Tamara Evans  
**Custodian:** Chuck VanDyke

## Church Office Hours

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