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Methodist Church

JUNE AT NEW HOPE

2013

JUNE 2013

**SUPER**

GREAT POWER  
GREAT PURPOSE

JUNE 1-2 FULLY  
**GOD**

JUNE 8-9 FULLY  
**MAN**

JUNE 15-16  
**SERVANT**

JUNE 22-23  
**SACRIFICE**

JUNE 29-30  
Fortress of Solitude - City of God



### New Hope VBS

Sun, July 14 - Thurs, July 18  
5:30pm Café supper  
6-8pm Activities

New Hope will host an Everywhere Fun Fair, where children experience the love of Jesus, meet friends from the Bible, and reach out to neighbors in Japan, Zimbabwe, the United Kingdom, Australia, and Mexico. Discover that God's love can be found everywhere, and that we are all neighbors and all children of God.

Everywhere Fun Fair will include Bible storytelling, global games, rockin' music, super science, cool crafts, and more!

Register now to attend or volunteer at:  
<http://2013.cokesburyvbs.com/newhopedsms>  
or on the CLT table in the Fellowship Hall

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**BACKSTAGE** with the  
**Bible**

a vacation Bible school experience  
THIS YEAR  
**Vacation Bible School**  
IS GONNA **ROCK!**

Go backstage, tour a recording studio, & learn about the Bible!

**Johnston Community VBS**  
July 10, 11 • 6-8 pm at the Johnston Barn  
July 13 • 4-6 pm at Beaver Creek Elementary

Register online at [JohnstonRiverOfLife.org](http://JohnstonRiverOfLife.org)

Johnston  
River  
of Life



# 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

Jann Williams; Barb Easton; Bishop Julius Trimble; District Superintendent, David Weesner; District Field Minister, Karen Nelson; Dr. Emmanuel Mefor, missionary.

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

## Sympathy

Our Sympathy to Sharon & Earl Lewis and family on the passing of Sharon's mother, Olive Strand.

Our Sympathy to Kay Goff and family on the passing of Kay's husband, Blaine Goff.

Our Sympathy to Carey Hinman and family on the passing of her mom, Donnafred Hinman.

## Thank You

I was surprised by the quilt from the New Hope Needlers following my surgery of May 14. This quilt is "man size" as compared to other Needlers quilts I have seen. The colors are soothing and comforting.

Thank you New Hope Needlers. Bob Robinson

## Baptism

Congratulations to Jocelyn Hope O'Brien who was baptized at the 8:30 service on May 19. Jocelyn is the daughter of Travis & Christine O'Brien and little sister to Natalie and Hayden.

Congratulations to Madison Grace Kerndt who was baptized at the 9:30 service on May 19. Madison is the daughter of Jason and Heather Kerndt and little sister to Noah.

## Thank You

We wish to say many thanks to Pastor Neil for all the visits with Forrest and I at the hospital after his stroke in February. It was very comforting and helpful to both of us. After a month at Younker's rehab, a month of home health care, he is now doing outpatient therapy and slowly improving and able to get around better and able to help himself more. Also thanks to everyone who sent cards, phone calls, words of encouragement and concerns for us. Thanks everyone, Forrest McCleary and all his family.

Thank you everyone for volunteering your time last Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, for the **New Hope UMC Spring Clean-up Day!** We had a great group of hard working, energetic, dedicated New Hope Members who worked admirably together. Thanks to your great efforts the day went quickly and all the tasks were completed prior to 2pm. The tasks that were completed were – leaves removed from bushes, 79 bags of mulch spread, burn pile burned, flag pole erected and the entire front yard raked and picked up. The church campus looks revitalized and very attractive!

Those in attendance were - Steve Sutton, Arny Larsen, Neil Cross, Dave Followwill, Gary Stubbs, Gene Shepard, Linda Kielsmeier, Chris and Jenn Higdon, Rick and Cathy Homard, Charity Johnson, Kayla Jansen, John and Carolyn Burrough, Spencer Sutton, Mark Thomsen and Clark Howland.

Thanks to Jody Rains, Carole Followwill, Norma Sutton and Char Schultz for the great lunch with pie! Lunch has become a norm for the clean-up days and a good reward for those who help.

John Rains  
Chair, Board of Trustees

## Thank You

Bob and I would like to thank everyone at New Hope for the prayers, cards, and loving concern during Bob's recent hospitalization. We appreciated Neil's visits and the support from the New Hope community. Linda Reaney

We wish to thank the family of New Hope for your prayers, cards, flowers, phone calls and delicious food during the challenging time we have just been through. Special thanks to our Pastor Neil.

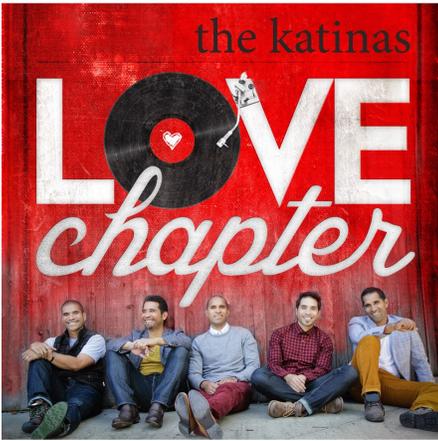
Mel & Ginny Ghee

Dear Charity & New Hope Youth: I want to thank you for all of your help with the pancake breakfast. It was really helpful having some younger people there to assist.

You should know you were all a blessing to us!

Thanks for helping us get malaria on the run!

Blessings, Christine Anders,  
First UMC



**Sunday, June 9, 2013 • 6pm**

**Johnston Middle School Auditorium**

A Benefit for the Cameron Carico+10 Foundation

**Tickets \$15** | **\$20**  
 advance | door  
 Groups of 10 - \$10 each



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God is our refuge and strength,  
 an ever present help in times of trouble.

-Psalm 46:1

CAMERON CARICO+10 FOUNDATION

Mission statement: Promote happy and healthy students and families in central Iowa through suicide prevention and mental health education.

In Memory of Denny Cameron and Cameron Carico

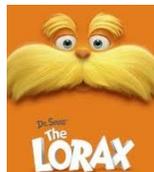


As a family oriented ministry, New Hope/Johnston River of Life is excited to offer community movie nights at the Barn in Johnston, 6169 Northglenn

Drive (next to the Library).

These movies will be family oriented and a great way to invite a friend or neighbor to a "church" event. The evenings will **start at 8 PM**, popcorn will be provided.

**June 12 - The Lorax**  
**August 7 - TBD**



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

**Sunday Mornings in Johnston, 10am**

**June 16 \* July 14 \* August 11**

We are excited to announce the growth and additional direction of our JROL services.

We will preview three Sunday services (one per month at 10 AM) this summer at our Beaver Creek Elementary School location. It will become a regular weekly worship time this fall in addition to maintaining our successful 5 PM Saturday nights.

As always our ministry goal is to provide as many ways for people to connect with God as possible and we believe Sunday mornings at our JROL campus will provide another key element to the effectiveness and long reaching impact of New Hope UMC. Please pray for, and invite a friend to these exciting new services.



New Hope/Johnston River of Life will again participate in this year's Johnston Green Days Parade on **Saturday, June 15 at 10:00a.m.**

We are **looking for parade walkers** to give hand outs and represent the church.

If you can help please contact Pastor Craig Ferguson at 319-939-6788 or email at [craig@newhopedsm.org](mailto:craig@newhopedsm.org).

## Small Groups

- ♦ **2nd and 4th Saturdays** of the month at 4pm. Childcare is provided. Contact Sherri & Nick Bogue, boguesa@gmail.com with questions.
- ♦ **Women's Bible Study** 6:30p, in the Ruby Chapel every other Monday. Next gatherings are **June 10th & 24th**. Please bring your Bible. The name of the study is: **DEVELOPING POWER THOUGHTS** by Joyce Meyer. Joyce asks, "Are you ready to have your mind and life transformed"? When your mind and thoughts are based on scripture and Jesus' words, not negative thoughts of the world, you will be able to make wise decisions, have healthier relationships, live a more peaceful life, and thus, become a happier person. You will receive a small workbook and a packet of scripture power thoughts to use. Come join a group of women in Joyce's scripture based teaching and "media action plan".



### Prayer Shawl Ministry

"Maybe it isn't always prayer of a conventional sort, but I believe prayer seeps through our fingers, into the yarn, and around our needles each time we pick up a shawl to knit it." Knitting Into the Mystery, Copyright ©2003, by Susan S. Izard and Susan S. Jorgensen

#### What: Blessing of the Shawls

When: Sunday, June 16, 8:30, 9:30, and 10:45 services

Dear New Hope Community,  
Knitted or crocheted by hand and threaded with prayers of love and hope, these shawls are a gift to you. May they bring blessings of comfort, and gifts of warmth and knowledge that you are loved.

Peace be with you,

Jo Ann, Margaret, Charlotte, Jody, Barb E., Barb A., ChiChi, Karen, Mary, Phoebe, & Jean

**The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets at 6:30 the first Tuesday of each month in the 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> classroom**

Knowledge of knitting/crocheting not required! Questions? Contact Jean Vesely, 274-5082.

### Chick Lit. Book Club

**DATE:** Thursday, June 27<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 in the Ruby Chapel

**THEME:** Hope

**BOOK:** Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunities for Women Worldwide, by Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn

*"From two of our most fiercely moral voices, a passionate call to arms against our era's most pervasive human rights violation: the oppression of women and girls in the developing world.*

*With Pulitzer Prize winners Nicholas D. Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn as our guides, we undertake an odyssey through Africa and Asia to meet the extraordinary women struggling there, among them a Cambodian teenager sold into sex slavery and an Ethiopian woman who suffered devastating injuries in childbirth. Drawing on the breadth of their combined reporting experience, Kristof and WuDunn depict our world with anger, sadness, clarity, and, ultimately, hope.*

*They show how a little help can transform the lives of women and girls abroad. That Cambodian girl eventually escaped from her brothel and, with assistance from an aid group, built a thriving retail business that supports her family. The Ethiopian woman had her injuries repaired and in time became a surgeon. A Zimbabwean mother of five, counseled to return to school, earned her doctorate and became an expert on AIDS.*

*Through these stories, Kristof and WuDunn help us see that the key to economic progress lies in unleashing women's potential. They make clear how so many people have helped to do just that, and how we can each do our part. Throughout much of the world, the greatest unexploited economic resource is the female half of the population. Unleashing that process globally is not only the right thing to do; it's also the best strategy for fighting poverty.*

*Deeply felt, pragmatic, and inspirational, Half the Sky is essential reading for every global citizen."*

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

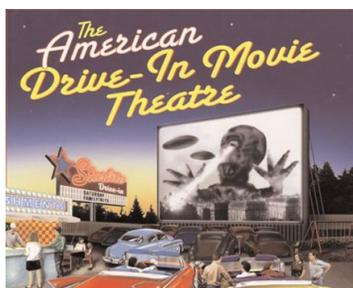


# youth programs

## **Jr. High Blast 2013 (incoming 6th-8th graders) Summer Schedule**

Jr. High Blast events this summer are designed to build relationships and develop faith through extended activities. Fall plans are looking great, too. We hope you will encourage your Jr. High Student (incoming 6th-8th graders) and their friends to participate.

We also need a core team of adults and mentors to help drive and lead events. To sign your kids up, or volunteer please call or email: Pastor Craig: 319-939-6788, [pastorcferguson@gmail.com](mailto:pastorcferguson@gmail.com)



**June 5<sup>th</sup>** Drive Inn Movie  
3 PM meet at church  
Outside Games, Grill  
7:30 PM Drive In—Newton  
1:30 AM Back to Church  
\$7.50 per student  
Bring a friend discount - \$10 for 2

### **July 1-2**

Overnight @ Williamson's Farm  
9 AM Meet at Church  
Games, Swimming, Food,  
Campfire, Overnight  
11 AM Return to Church  
\$10 each - for food  
Bring a friend discount - \$15 for 2



**July 31st**  
Radical Road Trip  
7 AM Meet at Church  
Travel and adventure  
8 PM Return to Church  
\$10 each - food  
Bring a friend discount - \$15 for 2

# youth programs



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

It is hard to believe that in less than 20 days; twelve people from New Hope (9 high schoolers plus 3 adults) will be traveling 20 hours or over 1,300 miles to spend the week helping at Navajo Nation working to improve the local ministry facilities, building new homes and bringing homes back to livable conditions. Additionally, it was only five months ago we started planning for this trip and contemplating if raising \$6,000 was even possible. We are proud to report that thanks to everyone's generous contributions and hard work; we have reached our goal of raising \$6,000.



The Navajo Nation is a Native American governed territory covering 27,425 square miles, occupying portions of north-eastern Arizona, southeastern Utah, and northwestern New Mexico. It is the largest land area assigned primarily to a Native American jurisdiction within the United States.

Please join us on **Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup> during each service; this will be our send off event from the church.** The next weekend, we will be driving to Arizona in a 15 passenger van.

Finally, we want to invite everyone to a **Celebration Breakfast on July, 21<sup>th</sup> after each service;** where we will be sharing first hand our experiences on this unique mission trip.



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

**June 2nd** ~ Sloppy Joe Feed After 9:30 & 10:45 Services

**June 16th** ~ Mission Trip Send Off Sunday

**June 22nd** ~ Mission Trip

**July 21st** ~ Celebration Breakfast for the congregation, all 3 services

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 will be held during the month of June.** 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.

## Christian Learning Time

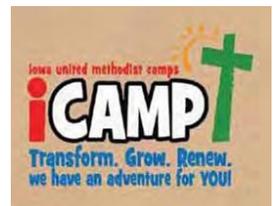
We will begin CLT again on Rally Day, Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013. We will be using a new curriculum by Cokesbury called Grow, Proclaim, Serve. This curriculum will contain a video component and great activities to reinforce the lesson each week. We are taking volunteers NOW for the fall teaching positions. Please contact Kelly Mohrman at [gmohrman@mchsi.com](mailto:gmohrman@mchsi.com) if you are interested in helping in the classrooms of 3 year olds through 6<sup>th</sup> grade students.

**The CLT kids (from gathering time) performed songs during the 9:30 service on Sunday, May 12.**



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. Missions Committee will fund 1/4th of the total cost of a United UMC church camp. Also, the Men's Group will give \$50 toward church camp per child. Please inform the church office when you have registered your child (ren).



## ***Congratulations to the 2013 high school graduates!!!***

***Morgan Bridges***, daughter of Brian & Stacie Bridges  
Johnston High School  
Future plans: Iowa State University

***Matthew Henry***, son of Mitch & Deb Henry  
Roosevelt High School  
Future plans: Iowa State University to major in engineering

***Kayla Jansen***, daughter of Randy & Mary Jansen  
Johnston High School  
Future plans: University of Northern Iowa,  
Major in Elementary Education

***Emma Monthei***, daughter of Dale & Nancy Monthei  
Johnston High School  
Future plans: Iowa State University

*“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11*



***Madison Ramsey***, daughter of Larry and Renee LePera  
Urbandale High School  
Future plans: University of Iowa

***Alanna Verner***, daughter of Jon & Sonya Verner  
Roosevelt High School  
Future plans: University of Northern Iowa (UNI).  
Major in Real Estate with a minor in Finance.  
Colorguard member of the UNI Panther Marching Band

***Hannah Wiles***, daughter of Tony & Nancy Wiles  
Johnston High School  
Future plans: Coe College, creative writing major

On May 12th, Jon Verner, Chair of Administrative Council, and Pastor Ferguson presented high school seniors with gifts on behalf of New Hope UMC. Emma Monthei, Kayla Jansen, and Hannah Wiles attended the 9:30 service.



## ***Congratulations to the 2013 College/Graduate School Graduates!!!***

***Ian Beck-Cross***, son of Cathy Beck-Cross and Eldon Cross.

Graduated from Grand View University with a degree in Graphic Design. Future plans are to find a job or post-graduate internship in the field.

***Kasi Dickerson***, daughter of John & Kandra Dickerson.

Graduated from Iowa State University in Construction Engineering. She is employed at American Ordnance in Burlington, Iowa as their Facilities Engineer.

***Amanda Fordyce***, daughter of Mona Kirkpatrick.

Graduated from Iowa State University with a Bachelor of Science in Animal Science. Future plans are to finish her Master's Degree and PhD in Animal Science and to teach at the University level.

***Adam Hartung***, son of Kirk & Jo Renee Hartung.

Graduated from Grand View University with a Bachelor's degree in business administration.

***Melanie Henry***, wife of Dustin Henry and mother to Peyton & Ava, graduated with a Associates Degree in Science and Nursing from DMACC. Future plans are to take the licensure exam and practice as a nurse and eventually go back for her Bachelor's Degree in Nursing.

# SUPER

SUPER is a study on Christology, or what we understand about the true nature of Jesus Christ. Some Old Testament scholars might say he was a Prophet, Priest, and King. Some might try to simplify it and say he was the promised Messiah. He was all of these things and so much more. Jesus is SUPER.

**Jesus is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. – Hebrews 1:1-5**

In order for something or someone to be SUPER they need to be extraordinary, special, or out of this world! Jesus is just that, he participated in the creation of the world and upholds it by his very words. So when we think of Jesus we cannot just think of a child born in a manger, we should cling to the truth that Jesus is SUPER.

**Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things... <sup>17</sup>Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, –Hebrews 2:14, 17**

It is rare for us to find something SUPER hidden in plain sight, looking normal. We don't expect Great Power to be disguised in humility. But Jesus was just that, a humble carpenter with Great Purpose.

**But made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross –Philippians 2:7-8**

Jesus defined being SUPER as someone who serves not as one who seeks to be served. Jesus emphasized a primary character of God is to serve and care for His people. True heroes are not identified by acts of greatness, they are found making right choices; humbly serving "the least of these, my brothers."

**He entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. –Hebrews 9:12**

No greater love is known than someone who is willing to lay down their life for another. SUPER is a love for others that is willing to make the greatest sacrifice; to fight for their freedom, to seek out justice, to advocate for their defense, to stand by their side, and to protect them from harm, even if it means paying the ultimate price. Jesus was willing to do just that!



# 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 (no peanuts/nuts), 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 June.

| 8:30am<br>Traditional Service   | 9:30am<br>Contemporary Service  | 10:45am<br>Traditional Service  |
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| <p><b><u>Greeters</u></b><br/>           2 Merry Bradley<br/>           9 Deane Glen<br/>           16 Margaret Hemphill<br/>           23 Kathy Russi<br/>           30</p> <p><b><u>Lectors</u></b><br/>           2 Cathy Short<br/>           9 Maurine Myers<br/>           16 Vicki O'Brien<br/>           23 Cathy Short<br/>           30 Vicki O'Brien</p> <hr/> <p><b><u>Traditional Service Callers</u></b><br/>           2 Norma Sutton<br/>           9 Craig Ferguson<br/>           16 Mark &amp; Leah Scherer<br/>           23 Bob &amp; Marlys Borcharding<br/>           30 Jim &amp; Norma Smith</p> <p><b><u>Contemporary Service Callers</u></b><br/>           2 Eldon Cross<br/>           9 Melisa Forbes/Pam Frey<br/>           16 Eldon Cross<br/>           23 Melisa Forbes/Pam Frey<br/>           30 Eldon Cross</p> | <p><b><u>Greeters</u></b><br/>           2 Nancy Monthei<br/>           9 Kevin &amp; Jodi Christensen family<br/>           16 Jane Wagner<br/>           23<br/>           30 Mohrman family</p> <p><b><u>*Hosts</u></b><br/>           2 Sloppy Joe Feed<br/>           9 Tony &amp; Tracy Hoffman<br/>           16 Bill &amp; Pam Gibbons<br/>           23 Kinney Carnahan<br/>           30 Larry &amp; Paulette Wood</p> <hr/> <p><b><u>Money Counters</u></b><br/>           2 DeVonne Douglas, Randy Jansen, Ron Zoss<br/>           9 Tony &amp; Tracy Hoffman, Glenna Ross<br/>           16 Jerry Kielsmeier, Kim Traylor, Kari Baccam<br/>           23 Clark Howland, Larry Wood, Rick Homard<br/>           30 DeVonne Douglas, Randy Jansen, Ron Zoss</p> <p><b><u>Pal Friday: 9 a.m.</u></b><br/>           7 Marlys Borcharding<br/>           14 Norma Sutton<br/>           21 Barb Easton<br/>           28 Norma Smith</p> | <p><b><u>Greeters</u></b><br/>           2 Sheldon &amp; Esther Stout<br/>           9 Bob &amp; Marlys Borcharding<br/>           16 Lynn &amp; Jan Davisson<br/>           23 Jim &amp; Barb Mather<br/>           30 Jim &amp; Norma Smith</p> <p><b><u>Lectors</u></b><br/>           2 Billy Nuzum<br/>           9 Freda Ruleman<br/>           16 Barb Mather<br/>           23 Jim Smith<br/>           30 Sally Corcoran</p> <p><b><u>*Hosts</u></b><br/>           2 Sloppy Joe Feed<br/>           9 Esther &amp; Sheldon Stout<br/>           16 Roberta &amp; Neal Cave<br/>           23 Carol &amp; Bob Harter<br/>           30 Paulette &amp; Larry Wood</p> |
|   |   | <p><b>thank you</b> 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).</p>  |



\* Hosts...please note that several New Hoppers have peanut allergies. Therefore, please refrain from using peanut butter or any peanuts/nuts in your cookies. **THANK YOU!**

# groups gathering together

## Blood Pressure Check

New Hope is offering free Blood Pressure checks each month.

**June 16** will be the next BP checks. Come to the Narthex after each worship service.

## Men's Breakfast

**Saturday, June 8**  
at **7:30 a.m.** in the Ruby Chapel.

## Women's Fellowship

Will not meet in June.

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

## Work Team

The New Hope UMC Fix-it Team will meet not meet in June. Join us on July 10 & 24, 9am-noon.

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.

John Rains, Chair of Trustees

## 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 **July 11, 10am** 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 10-11:30.** Please contact Carol Harter, 274-1467, if you would like to join us.

## 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.



## SAVE THE DATE!

New Hope United Methodist Blood Drive Event  
Date is **July 31** with times available from  
**3 to 7PM.**

Watch for Sign up sheet in the Fellowship Hall. One donation can help 3 people and even save lives!

Contact Terri Lichter 276-6809 with any questions.



A Houston newspaper asked readers to send in thoughts about their fathers. Letters flooded in, and what people wrote about their fathers is most inspiring.

A few comments:

- Dad was always there for me. He sacrificed to make sure that we had what we needed.
- When disappointment came my way, Dad said, "Son, real life ain't about getting what you want but more about doing something with what you get."
- My dad was disabled, but he worked hard to make sure we children had a good education and lived moral lives. He would say, "I want you to succeed more than I did."
- My dad wanted us to be Christians and took us regularly to church.

What would you write about your father?

# missions

## MEALS FROM THE HEARTLAND ON-SITE PACKAGING coming in August!!

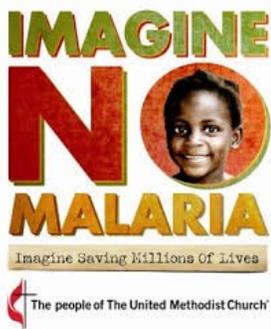


The Mission Committee will be conducting our third annual Meals from the Heartland meals packaging event, **August 4th**. We will meet for short worship services with a how-to video clip then dismiss after each service to package the meals.

MFTH is a local organization that began in 2008 to package and send food to areas with the greatest need, locally and globally.

We will begin to raise the cost of the food Sunday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of June. Empty food bags will be handed out to those that would like to use them for donations. Sign-ups will also begin Sunday June 2nd. Look on the Mission Table at the back of Fellowship Hall. We only have 4 stations during 4 sessions, so sign up early with a team of your friends and family in groups of 8 to 10 from age 5 on up

Our goal is 25,000, meals. We are asking families to pay for a box of 36 meals which will cost \$45.00 each.



### Imagine No Malaria

Great job!

Our mosquito buyers brought in \$919 for Imagine No Malaria! In addition, we gave \$186 for the Pancake Breakfast.

The Mission committee will send an additional \$800 so our contribution will be \$1,905!

That amount will save almost 200 children from Malaria!

Thank you!

## Hand of Luke

Friday, June 14

Hot Ham Italian Sandwiches  
Applesauce or Chunky Apples  
Pasta Salad  
Cupcakes

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!!!**

## Mission: New Hope Finance Campaign

Our “Mission: New Hope” campaign is designed to help us fund the 2013 ministries of New Hope. Our ministries are growing faster than our projected giving for this year, yet we want to continue our momentum in the growth of our ministries. We sent a special letter to members of the church to ask for your help in closing the gap between our projected expenses and our ministry needs. We have initial results of our Mission New Hope Campaign that we want to share with you.

We have so far received \$17,015 in immediate giving and in commitments between now and December 31, 2013.

If you haven’t had a chance to give to our “Mission: New Hope” campaign, there are commitment cards in the Narthex, in the Family Life Center, and at JROL, or you can let us know by e-mail (send to [Nancy@newhopedsm.org](mailto:Nancy@newhopedsm.org)) or you can send a check or put a check in the offering plate, with the memo line marked “Mission: New Hope.” Thank you very much helping us move forward in our ministries as we bring the ministry of Jesus Christ to our community.

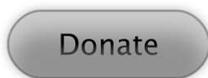
| sunday morning<br>worship attendance |      |        |       |       |
|--------------------------------------|------|--------|-------|-------|
|                                      | 8:30 | 9:30   | 10:45 | total |
| April 28                             | 36   | 86     | 109   | 231   |
| May 5                                | 45   | 115    | 102   | 262   |
| May 12                               | 38   | 139    | 100   | 277   |
| May 19                               | 48   | 88     | 98    | 234   |
| May 26                               | 28   | 78     | 80    | 186   |
| River of Life Worship Attendance     |      |        |       |       |
| April 27                             | 25   | May 4  | 48    |       |
| May 11                               | 34   | May 18 | 43    |       |
| May 25                               | 39   |        |       |       |

| new hope financial update   |                          |                          |                          |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Below is the General Fund operating budget report for April 2013 compared to our 2013 budget and April 2012 |                          |                          |                          |
|   | April 2013<br>Actual     | April 2013<br>Budget     | April 2012<br>Actual     |
| Total Receipts  | 27,558.36                | 22,795.36                | 34,021.97                |
| Total Expenditures  | 29,477.01                | 30,004.87                | 34,249.88                |
| Net Surplus (Deficit)   | (1,918.65)               | (7,209.51)               | (227.91)                 |
|   | YTD April 2013<br>Actual | YTD April 2013<br>Budget | YTD April 2012<br>Actual |
| Total Receipts  | 107,039.58               | 100,632.87               | 112,856.29               |
| Total Expenditures  | 117,965.85               | 121,657.89               | 114,181.39               |
| Net Surplus (Deficit)   | (10,926.27)              | (21,025.02)              | (1,325.10)               |

**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.

**Friday Email Announcements:** New Hope UMC sends out a weekly email with upcoming announcements. If you have not been receiving the email, please let us know! Please send an email to [nhfamily@newhopedsm.org](mailto:nhfamily@newhopedsm.org) and we will add you to the distribution list.

## Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving



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.

# June

2013  
AT NEW HOPE

| SUNDAY   | MONDAY  | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY  | SATURDAY  |
|--|---|---|--|---|---|---|
| 5 Holy Communion<br>Sloppy Joe Feed<br>by Sr. BLAST  | 3<br><br>7:00p, Trustees Mtg.<br>7:30p, SPRC Mtg.   | 4<br>9:30a, Alanon<br>Noon, AA<br><br>6:30p, Prayer Shawl/<br>Knitting group        | 5<br><br>3:00p, Jr. BLAST meet at<br>church and then to movie<br><br>7:30p, Praise Team        | 6<br><br>7:00p, Children's Ministry<br>Cluster Mtg. | 7<br>Pal: Marlys Borcharding                    | 1 5:00p, Johnston River<br>of Life worship at Beaver<br>Creek Elementary<br>8<br>7:30a, Men's Breakfast<br>5:00p, Johnston River of<br>Life worship at Beaver<br>Creek Elementary |
| 9<br><br>6pm, Katinas at the<br>Johnston Middle School,<br>sponsored by JROL   | 10<br><br>6:30p, Women's Bible<br>Study   | 11<br>9:30a, Alanon<br>Noon, AA   | 12<br><br>7:30p, Praise Team<br><br>8:00p, Movie Night at the<br>Johnston Barn                 | 13<br><br>7:00p, Worship Design<br>Mtg.             | 14 Pal: Norma Sutton<br><br>3:30p, Hand of Luke | 15<br><b>July LINK deadline</b><br><br>10a, Green Days parade<br><br>5:00p, Johnston River of<br>Life worship at Beaver<br>Creek Elementary                                       |
| 16 Father's Day<br>Food Pantry Sunday<br>Blood Pressure Sunday<br>Blessing of Shawls<br>Blessing of Mission trip<br>10a, Johnston River of<br>Life service at Beaver<br>Creek Elem.    | 17<br><br>7:00p, SPRC Meeting   | 18<br>9:30a, Alanon<br>Noon, AA<br><br>7:00p, Stroke Club<br>7:00p, Finance Meeting | 19<br><br>4:30p, Missions Mtg.<br>6:00p, Harvest Dinner/<br>Auction Mtg.<br>7:30p, Praise Team | 20  | 21<br>Pal: Barb Easton                          | 22<br><br>5:00p, Johnston River of<br>Life worship at Beaver<br>Creek Elementary  |
| 23<br>10:45a, Lauren Gregg<br>baptism  | 24<br><br>6:30p, Women's Bible<br>Study   | 25<br>9:30a, Alanon<br>Noon, AA<br><br>7:00p, AD Council Mtg                        | 26<br><br>7:30p, Praise Team   | 27<br><br>6:30p, Book Club, Ruby<br>Chapel          | 28<br>Pal: Norma Smith                          | 29<br><br>5:00p, Memorial Saturday<br>at Johnston River of Life<br>worship, Beaver Creek<br>Elementary  |
| 30   | July 1<br><br>9am—July 2, 11am, Jr.<br>BLAST to Williamson farm<br><br>7:00p, Trustees Mtg. | 2<br>9:30a, Alanon<br>Noon, AA<br><br>6:30p, Prayer Shawl/<br>Knitting group        | 3<br><br>7:30p, Praise Team  | 4<br>Office Closed for<br>Independence Day          | 5<br>Pal: Shirley Frus                          | 6<br><br>5:00p, Johnston River of<br>Life worship at Beaver<br>Creek Elementary   |
| <b>Looking Ahead:</b><br>July 10, 11, 13: JROL VBS      July 14-18, 5:30-8:00p, VBS at New Hope      July 31: 3-7pm, Blood Drive at New Hope UMC      Aug. 4: Meals from the Heartland |   |   |  |   |   |   |

## Happy Birthday to you!!

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



- 1 Jon Musgrave
- 3 Jon Verner, Kayla Jansen
- 4 Le Howland, Larry Webber,  
Lauren Peterson
- 5 Rick Homard, Karen Davis,  
Samantha Strauss
- 6 Debbie Conroy, Tara Notz
- 7 Lorraine Machholz, Neal Cave,  
Mary Drossel, Jolene Harlow
- 8 Natalie Fairchild, Dana Reed,  
Kristin Redies
- 9 Jim Smith
- 10 Alan Swett, Larry Wood,  
Abigail Carrigan, Bradley Carrigan
- 11 Tyler Mohrman, Holly Haynes
- 12 Doug Fairchild, Norma Smith, Ryan  
McGinnity
- 13 Donna Christensen, Morgan Wolfe,  
Nate Jacques

- 14 Sally Price, Buchi Ukabiala,  
Billy Nuzum, Rhonda Clark-  
Leyda, Tara McCulley, Jason Miller
- 15 Stephen Schultz, Ginny Ghee,  
Mason Lillegraven
- 16 Jeremiah Ukabiala, Amanda Fordyce
- 17 Tracy DeBates, Jordan Williamson
- 18 Cheryl Lillegraven, Althea Holcomb,  
Christopher Henry
- 19 Sharon Smith, Terri Lichter,  
Mary Thompson
- 20 Ian Beck-Cross, Kaegan Wigant
- 21 Linda Reaney, Nathan Gronstal
- 22 William Roff
- 24 James Cate
- 25 Glenna Ross, Darla Wolfe, Garrett  
Cook
- 28 Tyler McGinnity, Geneva Mongar
- 29 Kevin Christensen, Alissa Strauss,  
Travis O'Brien
- 30 Susan Larsen, Alyssa Sundell,  
Mallory Chabak

- 4 Jared & Lindsey Robertson
- 5 Ryan & Jessica Hass
- 8 Bob & Ann Krause
- 9 Randy & Sheri Thompson
- 13 Seth & Amanda Ickowitz
- 14 Earl & Sharon Lewis
- 14 Kyle & Kristin Redies
- 19 Rod & Lynette Cook
- 20 Mark & Susan Baldwin
- 22 Eugene & Norma Pecinovsky
- 23 Tod & Patty Cook
- 23 Jack & Marilyn Schoop
- 23 Gerald & Jane Perdue
- 23 Adam & Cari Gregg
- 24 Tim & Kristy Hegwood
- 26 Ron & Denise Zoss
- 27 Larry & Melissa Forbes
- 27 Adam & Valerie Hubert
- 30 Mike & Rose White

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so we can update our files.

# retreat time



When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take Him by force to make Him king, He withdrew again to the mountain by Himself. – John 6:15

Summer is a time when the schedule may relax a little, when we might find a little time to get away. Harry Emerson Fosdick, in a chapter in one of his books entitled “On Escaping from This World,” says that one of life’s most important demands is to somehow succeed in escaping from this world. Usually we hear about the dangers of “escapism,” in which the danger is that a person could spend all of their times in escapist activity, to the detriment of other areas of life, such as work, family, and friends.

On the other hand, Jesus had a pattern in His life of intense activity and then retreat. And after the time of retreat, He would come back and re-engage in the world. Jesus sought out this kind of time, even when there were other urgent needs that were pressing on Him. But Jesus was empowered by this kind of retreat. In the Gospels, we read that Jesus often went away for a time – sometimes by Himself, sometimes with His core group of 12, sometimes with Peter, James, and John. In our overly-stressed, calendar conscious, urgent deadline world, we need some time away to decompress, to reflect, to get in touch with God’s natural world, to spend time with our families and friends. We need to regain Jesus secret of getting away and getting back in touch with God.

Getting away from the world from time to time is, in fact, a spiritual discipline. Sabbath time is one of the Ten

Commandments, yet how often we neglect this time, not just in terms of worship, which is critically important, but also in terms of rest from the pace of the world.

Lauren Winner was raised an Orthodox Jew, but she converted to Christianity as a young adult. She still finds meaning in some of the spiritual disciplines of the Jewish faith. She quotes from Nan Fink’s memoir *Stranger in the Midst* in the preparations for the Shabbat (Hebrew word for Sabbath):

“Shabbat preparations had their own rhythm, and once the table was set and the house straightened, the pace began to slow...When I joined Michael and his son for the lighting of the candles, the whole house seemed transformed. Papers and books were neatly piled, flowers stood in a vase on the table, and the golden light of the setting sun filled the room....Shabbat is like nothing else. Time as we know it does not exist for these 24 hours, and the worries of the week soon fall away. A feeling of joy appears. The smallest object, a leaf or a spoon, shimmers in a soft light, and the heart opens. Shabbat is a meditation of unbelievable beauty.”

My prayer is that, this summer, we might all find some “Sabbath time” to reconnect with ourselves, with each other and with God.

## worship themes for june

|            |   |
|------------|---|
| June 1&2   | <b>Fully God</b> Hebrews 1:1-5                            |
| June 8&9   | <b>Fully Man</b> Hebrews 2:9-18                           |
| June 15&16 | <b>Servant</b> Hebrews 3:1-6                              |
| June 22&23 | <b>Sacrifice</b> Hebrews 5:1-10                           |
| June 29&30 | <b>Fortress of Solitude – City of God</b> Hebrews 13:1-16 |

Craig @ JROL; Neil @ New Hope  
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# 1 church, 2 campuses, 4 worship services.

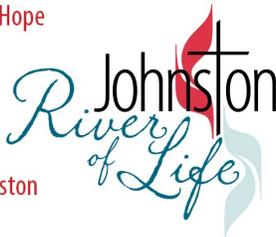


## Sunday Worship Services at New Hope

- 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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