

A monthly publication
of New Hope United
Methodist Church

SEPTEMBER AT NEW HOPE

2013

the link



Back to School

Sept 7-8 Bible 101
Sept 14-15 Symbology 101
Sept 21-22 Church History 101
Sept 28-29 Discipleship 101



Sun, Sept 8 is Rally Day at New Hope

We will kick off Children's Worship, Christian Learning Time (for all ages), lunch and fun for the whole family! There will be an all church potluck following the 10:45 service. The main dish will be provided, but we ask that you bring a side dish or desert to share.

Christian Learning Time:
Registration forms for CLT are on the table below the CLT bulletin board.

3rd Grade Bibles: Those students entering 3rd grade for the 2013-2014 school year will be presented a Bible from the church during our Rally Day church services. When signing up for Christian Learning Time, please indicate which service time you would prefer to receive your Bible.

Adult Sunday School will be offered at 9:30 and 10:45 in the Ruby Chapel.

Thank God It's Wednesday (TGIW)

Wednesday nights, beginning Sept 11

TGIW is our mid-week program for children ages K- 5th grade. The first night of TGIW is Wednesday, September 11 at 5:30-7:15pm. The registration fee is \$3/child or \$8/family. Dinner will be provided at 5:30 and the programming will run until 7:15. Please consider being a part of this program!



membership news

prayer chain request

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

Prayer Concerns

Barb Easton; Mel Ghee; Sonya Verner; Judy Shepard; Pat Logsdon, brother of Billy Nuzum; Rosemary Hulse, mother of Sandy Johnson; John Wright, grandfather of Kelly Mohrman; Carrie Hinman's Aunt Dorothy; 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; Matthew Wise; and our national and world leaders, our military and their families.

Sympathy

Our Sympathy to Terry & Penny Dolberg and family on the passing of Terry's mother, Peggy Dolberg.

Wedding

Congratulations to Kate Dickey and David Cossa, Jr. on their wedding held at New Hope UMC on Saturday, August 24.

Thank You

Tom and I would like to thank everyone for the prayers and support following his first and second surgery. We are very grateful that he is getting better every day. Blessings, Glenna Ross and Tom Fauquier

Dear Terri and members of New Hope United Methodist Church; On behalf of LifeServe Blood Center and the patients we serve, we thank you for organizing the New Hope United Methodist Church blood drive held on July 31, 2013. All together we had 19 people register, 11 people donated whole blood, 2 people gave double red cells, and 2 people were first time donors. After completing 14 tests we separate the blood into components. One pint of blood can save 3 lives. Red cells go to surgery patients, plasma for treatment of burns, and platelets to cancer patients. The donors at this blood drive will help save the lives of 35 hospital patients!

You never will know whose life you touched or saved but the fact remains that you and your donors save lives by supporting blood drives.

Thank you again Terri. Sincerely, Diana Davis Territory Representative

New Member Sign Up

10:30 & Noon
September 15

If you would like to become a member of New Hope, please meet by the library in the Fellowship Hall to register. Dates of the New Member classes will be discussed.

If you are unable to attend on September 15th, but wish to be a part of the New Member classes, please contact the church office.



Save the Dates: October 22—26 2pm-9pm

It is time to upgrade our church directory! **Sign up sheets will be available on September 15.**

Please plan to be a part of our church family's photo directory.

A free 8 x 10 photo and a church directory will be given to the participants.

If you can help with this project, please contact the church office.

Charge Conference

Our Charge Conference will be held on **Monday, October 28 at 6:00-7:30pm at Immanuel UMC.** Watch for sign up to attend in the tear-off form of the bulletins. We want to make sure there is enough books for everyone.



Hello! My name is **Sarah Jacobson** and I am the new **Children's Ministry Coordinator** at New Hope. I am a Minnesota native, but I don't really have a "hometown" because my dad is a Methodist pastor (currently serving in Litchfield, MN) so I moved 4 times while growing up. In 2007, I received my Bachelor's degree from Northwestern College in St. Paul, MN, in Children and Family Ministry with a minor in Biblical and Theological Studies.

My experience includes working as a Youth and Family Ministry Director at Grace UMC in Fergus Falls, MN, and as the Director of Christian Education and Youth Ministries at Willmar UMC in Willmar, MN. I spent many summers growing up going to Methodist church camps and I loved it so much that I spent 6 summers working on staff as a counselor. Church camp is where I felt my call into ministry, and it also happens to be where I met the love of my life.

I moved to West Des Moines last summer after getting married to my amazing husband Ryan. He works for the city of West Des Moines as the Deputy City Clerk. Since getting married, we've been living the "newlywed" life; went on a Caribbean honeymoon, went on a mission trip to Jamaica, and bought a house!

For fun we like to go for walks, play tennis (non-competitively), go camping and travel, spend time with friends and family, and as of recently sit on our deck and enjoy our new house. Also, we are big Hawkeye fans!

I'm very excited about the opportunity I have to serve the children and families at New Hope UMC. This is such a welcoming community and both Ryan and I are excited to be a part of it!

Iowa State VS. Iowa Tailgate Party

September 14th 5 PM – 8:30 PM

Beaver Creek Elementary

If you are one of those who do not have a ticket for the big game, consider joining the Tailgate Party at Beaver Creek Elementary. Maybe you are a super fan that didn't want to dish out the \$\$\$ for a ticket, or maybe you could care less but enjoy a good game and a gathering of good friends and community. Whatever the case plan on bringing a friend and joining in the fun!



Confirmation Class

Begins September 15

The Confirmation class will have their first class meeting at **4 p.m. on September 15.**

The Confirmation program is designed to enable the Confirmation students to combine intellectual learning and experiential learning as we spend time together learning about and growing in the Christian faith.

Some of the key components that we have as a part of the program: students help lead in a worship service, they serve in such programs as the Hand of Luke meal to the shelter, and they have a chance to tour other churches to learn about other expressions of the Christian faith.

Another key component of our Confirmation experience is the "Mentor" process, in which we ask adult mentors to be with the youth during the class sessions. As one Christian leader said, the Christian faith is more caught than taught, and it is so very helpful for our Confirmation youth to spend some time with and have the Christian faith modeled by an adult who is also on their faith journey. I am so very grateful for the adult mentors who have served over the years and for the adults who are helping with this year's Confirmation program.

We look forward to a year of learning, experiences and fun together in our Confirmation program.

Pastor Cross



The Lay Servant Ministry will be discussing highlights from the book *Five Practices of a Fruitful Congregations*. For meeting dates and times, please contact: Billy Nuzum @ bbnewz54@gmail.com, 515-238-2302 or Barb Mather jbmather@msn.com, 515-664-1029 We are excited to get together with New Hopes awesome leaders. Thanks to all for your interest in this study.



Yoga

Take some time for yourself and join us every Tuesday at 5:30pm, starting September 10th.

\$5 per session or \$40 for 8 weeks. Please bring the correct cash or a check written out to New Hope UMC.

Arrive early on Sept. 10th to complete a registration form. Please bring a matt, or if you don't have a matt, a beach towel works just fine.

Yoga will be led by New Hoper, Karen Campell. Karen is a licensed Yoga instructor and has been instrumental in keeping this class going. Invite your friends, co-workers, family, neighbors, etc.



WORK DAY at NEW HOPE

Saturday, September 7th, 9:00 a.m. to finish

The Board of Trustees are going to begin having a quarterly work day at New Hope UMC, beginning September 7th, 9am to finish. This concept replaces the every other Wednesday morning concept. Please come and assist in doing projects for the betterment of New Hope UMC. The tasks are from the complicated to the mundane; i.e. cleaning, trimming, painting, mulching, rebuilding, weed eating, spraying, etc. Items that should be brought with you are gloves, trimmers, leaf rake, and an attitude for having fun. We look forward to seeing you on September 7th!



In an earlier Link it was mentioned that the **Fall clean-up** would be September 21st. **This date has been moved to October 26th**, with a rain date of the next weekend, November 2nd. Please change this date in your calendar. Again, we look forward to your assistance in keeping our church and campus clean and attractive!

John Rains
Chair, Board of Trustees

Landscape - Next Phase

September 21st, 9am

Mark your calendar for Saturday, September 21st and join us in the next phase of landscape updates. Prior experience with perennials, grasses or shrubs not necessary, we will coach you.

Starting at 9am the goal of the morning is to revamp the southern portion of the parking island between the main lot and the east entrance. In addition to transplanting some of the existing shrubbery we will be adding a few grasses and sedum. All will be topped with 4 inches of mulch.

Assistance in deadheading and weeding of the existing gardens is always welcome. If you have time available and interested in learning of the current priorities contact Ruth Doxon 253-9115 or Kathy Russi 333-1764.





Prayer Shawl Ministry

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 6:30PM IN THE 3-4 CLASSROOM

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

The Prayer Shawl Ministry knits or crochets shawls that are given to persons who are ill, have suffered a loss, or are in the midst of a life crisis. The group currently meets at 6:30 on the first Tuesday of each month to work on shawls and pray for the recipients of their work. You can join our Prayer Shawl Ministry by getting involved in making shawls with

us or by requesting a shawl for a friend or loved one you know that is in need. If you wish to donate yarn, or make a monetary donation to purchase yarn, we welcome your contribution! You can find more information about the Prayer Shawl Ministry (i.e., yarn, directions for knitting) on the Missions table.

Chick Lit. Book Club and Prayer Group

Please join us for insightful conversation and lively fellowship as we discuss Walk in a Relaxed Manner and learn more about the Camino de Santiago from a guest speaker who has made this pilgrimage across northern Spain.

September Theme: Life Lessons

DATE: Thursday, September 26, at 6:30 in the Ruby Chapel

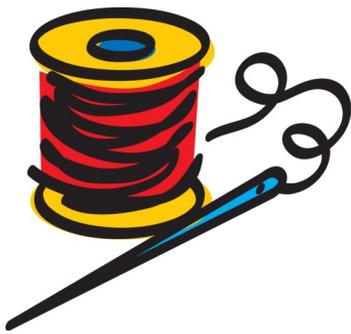
BOOK: Walk in a Relaxed Manner: Life Lessons from the Camino, by Joyce Rupp

“At age 60 Joyce Rupp didn’t know what she was getting into when she began a 47-day pilgrimage along the famed Camino de Santiago in Spain. Joined by her walking friend Tom, a retired pastor, Joyce learned lessons that can help all of us travel on life’s up-and-down journey with more grace and lightness. She shares them in this enjoyable recounting of her journey across mountains and valleys, cities and farms.

The twenty-five life lessons include:

- Set Out with Hope and Enthusiasm
- Travel Lightly
- Acknowledge the Kindness of Strangers
- Let Yourself Be Humbled by Weakness
- Savor Solitude
- Return a Positive for a Negative
- Look for Unannounced Angels
- Trust in the Divine Companion

Joyce Rupp is well known for her work as a writer, spiritual "midwife", and retreat and conference speaker. A member of the Servite community in Ames, Iowa, she has led retreats throughout North America, as well as in Europe, Asia, and Africa."



New Hope Needlers - Monthly Gatherings

The New Hope Needlers will meet on the second Wednesday of each month, **starting September 11th**, through the end of the year.

Join us at 11:30am at Panera on Merle Hay in Johnston for lunch & fellowship. Everyone is then invited to Kim Buske’s home in Johnston to work on sewing projects from 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Please note, that on the second Wednesday of November (November 13th), there will be a fall Sew In at New Hope UMC, 9am-3pm, with a potluck.

Questions? Please contact Kim Buske at 334-5448 or kim.buske@gmail.com.

youth programs

Jr. BLAST (6th-8th grade): Join us on Wednesdays, starting September 11. Dinner at 5:30pm and then Jr. BLAST activities at 6pm. September's special event will be a joint trip with the Sr. High BLAST to Wesley Woods on the 22nd. Questions? Please contact Pastor Ferguson.

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

The school year is off and running; and so is the New Hope Senior BLAST group. This year, the group started their 2013-2014 year by taking part in the Wesley Wood's IGNITION event. The August's IGNITION event was all round the Olympics; so the group took part in mini Olympic events. This included having an Olympic staring contest, crab walking, thumb war, cheese ball toss, and javelin throw. Our New Hope BLAST group got to compete against other local youths from other area churches.

This year the Senior High BLAST group will be meeting every Wednesday night to offer a place for our high school youth a place to have fun and learn more about Jesus Christ. This will be starting on September 11th and will be during the normal New Hope TGIW time.



We will be starting this group by looking at a 4-part video-driven series on examining what we are building our foundation on.

Additionally in September, we will be hosting the annual BLAST Iowa VS Iowa State tailgate party. However, this year the group will be joining up with JROL to watch the game on a big screen TV at Beaver Creek Elementary school on September 14th.

Finally on September 22nd, the Senior High BLAST group will be joining up with the Junior High BLAST group to participate in the September's Wesley Woods IGNITION event. We will plan to meet at the church at 2pm on Sunday to head together to Wesley Woods.

Here are the some upcoming Youth events for the next couple of months:

- Sept 11th @ 5:30 pm ~ BLAST Wednesday Night Activities
- Sept 14th @ 4:30 pm ~ BLAST Iowa VS Iowa State Game (*Beaver Creek Elementary School*)
- Sept 18th @ 5:30 pm ~ BLAST Wednesday Night Activities
- Sept 22nd @ 2:00 pm ~ Senior and Junior BLAST Wesley Woods Ignition!
- Sept 25th @ 5:30 pm ~ BLAST Wednesday Night Activities
- Oct 2nd @ 5:30 pm ~ BLAST Wednesday Night Activities
- Oct 9th @ 5:30 pm ~ BLAST Wednesday Night Activities
- Oct 16th @ 5:30 pm ~ BLAST Wednesday Night Activities
- Oct 18th @ ~ BLAST Haunted House Event
- Oct 20th @ ~ Assist with Harvest Dinner & Auction Fundraiser
- Oct 23th @ 5:30 pm ~ BLAST Wednesday Night Activities
- Oct 26th @ ~ BLAST Susan G. Komen – Race for the Cure
- Oct 27th @ ~ BLAST Corn Maze Outing
- Oct 31th ~ Help with JROL Community Beggar Night Party

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

Christian Learning Time - begins on September 8th!!

We will begin CLT again on Rally Day, Sunday, September 8th. Please look for sign-up sheets on the table below the CLT bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. 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 want to make our Children's Ministry programs possible, but we need your help to do it. Please prayerfully consider how you can help serve the children of our church. We have many opportunities for volunteers to get involved. Please contact Sarah Jacobson (sjacobson@newhopeumc.org) if you are interested in being a teacher, helper, or substitute in the classrooms of 3 year olds through 6th grade students. We have a strong need for teachers in the 3 & 4's class, and the 3rd-4th grade class.

PLEASE NOTE THAT CHRISTIAN LEARNING TIME WILL NOW RUN FROM 10:30-11:45AM.

Children's Worship will resume during the 9:30 service on Sunday, September 8th for ages k-2nd grade. If you would like to help with this program please contact Sarah Jacobson.

Rally Day: Join us Sunday, September 8, for Rally Day! We will kick off Children's Worship, Christian Learning Time (for all ages), lunch and fun for the whole family! There will be a potluck following the 10:45 service. We ask that you bring a side dish or desert to share.

Thank God It's Wednesday (TGIW): First night of TGIW is Wednesday, September 11 for K-5th graders at 5:30-7:15pm. The registration fee is \$3/child or \$8/family. Dinner will be provided at 5:30, we will join together for a gathering time in the FLC, rotations will be available from 6-7, and we will join back together for a closing group time. If you would like to get involved and volunteer with TGIW please contact Sarah Jacobson at sjacobson@newhopedsm.org

3rd Grade Bibles: Those students entering 3rd grade for the 2013-2014 school year will be presented a Bible from the church during our Rally Day church services. When signing up for Christian Learning Time, please indicate which service time you would prefer to receive your Bible.

Acolyte Training: For all children in 4th and 5th grade there will be a short meeting on Sunday, Sept. 15th at 10:30am to go over acolyte training. We will meet in the back end of the Fellowship Hall (near the sanctuary). Our congregation loves to see the young people involved in worship and this is one way we can do that. Parents are invited to attend and learn what their children will be involved with. We ask that you please bring your calendars as we will try to put a schedule together for the fall. The acolyte schedule will start on Sept 21st. If you cannot attend this meeting but would like to get on the schedule, please contact Sarah Jacobson sjacobson@newhopedsm.org with your availability.

Puppet Ministry: Attention 4th graders and up! This fun and exciting ministry is great to learn and also fun to perform for the congregation. Melanie Henry is volunteering her time to lead this ministry and would like your feedback on the following: 1) Would you be interested/able to commit to attend rehearsals once a week? 2) What night would work best for you....30 minutes on Wednesdays or 45 minutes to an hour on Fridays? Those interested can email Melanie directly at melhenry0@gmail.com.



Weekly Sunday Worship at Beaver Creek

Starting Sept 15 • 10am

We are beginning weekly Sunday
worship services on September 15.
Invite a friend!

Fall Kick Off, Sun, Oct 6 • 10am

Join us for our special kick off worship service. We have been building up to this for a long time and believe that God's hand and timing has brought us to this point. Many special guests will be in attendance that day. Come and join this special event!

Garlands of Gifts

November 9, 9am-3pm

This open to the public craft & gift fair will have over 30 crafters or national direct sales companies as vendors. There's still time to sign up to be a vendor. Registration forms are on the sign up table in the Fellowship Hall and on the church website. Please return your form & check to the church office by October 2, 2013.

Also...please come shop! There is something for everyone!!

HARVEST DINNER AND AUCTION FUNDRAISER

Sunday, October 20---Invite your friends and neighbors.

- **TICKETS**---Tickets will go on sale at JROL, Saturday, September 7 and at the Welcome Center at New Hope, Sunday, September 8. (PayPal, Cash and Checks accepted) The cost of tickets is \$10.00 for adults (12 and up), \$5.00 for children ages 5-11, and children 4 and under will eat free but must have a ticket. Buy your tickets early as there will be a limited number available. The deadline to purchase tickets will be Wednesday, October 9.
- **CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES**---**DURING THE AUCTION** there will be a nursery available for children 4 and under and supervised crafts/activities/movie for children 5-11.
- **GENERAL STORE**---The General Store will open at 4:00 p.m. and remain open until 5:30 p.m. The General Store manager will accept donated items on Saturday, October 19, from noon to 3 p.m. New handcrafted items and food items below a value of \$50.00 may be donated for the General Store.
- **AUCTION**---Jerry Kluver will again be the auctioneer. He will keep us very entertained from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. See Melisa Forbes if you have an auction item to donate. These items should be new and have a value of \$50.00 or more. You will receive a list of all auction items plus their beginning auction value when you check in for dinner. You can also view the items on Sunday morning so that you can plan your auction strategy. Auction items should be brought to the church between noon and 3 p.m. on Saturday, October 19.
- **ENTERTAINMENT**---Entertainment will be provided by the "IRA GRACE and THE BIBLE BELT PROPHETS." www.facebook.com/IraGraceBBP. They are an acoustic duo that has a folksy sound and are donating their time. They will have CDs for sale.
- **DRAWINGS**---There will be on-going drawings during the evening. You must be present to win.
- **DINNER**---The delicious pork dinner will be served from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- **VOLUNTEERS**---Volunteers are still needed for the night of the auction. A web program, "Volunteer Spot," will be set up soon for you to review all the areas that help is needed and to volunteer. You can volunteer up to Midnight, Saturday, October 19.



JOIN US FOR A FUN FILLED EVENING!!

RIVALRY

The upcoming game between Iowa and Iowa State is a game that is greatly anticipated every year, and people plan a whole day around where they will be and the supplies they need to cheer the loudest. There is heated debate about which school is the best and depending on your Alma Mater or your family heritage your closet is likely filled with one set of colors or the other. In some families, considering entering a relationship with a person from the opposing team is likely to earn you loss of your family name.

The best games are hard fought battles, close to the end. The victors feel an overwhelming joy of overcoming the challenge and the defeated team feels the weight of loss and the determination to work harder the next time. Ok, well maybe that is a polite way to look at it. True fans might feel a bit more INTENSITY of emotion than that, but the truth is a real Rivalry challenges both teams to be their best and push themselves as hard as they can.

We all have an arch-nemesis, the one who we love to hate. They are both our rival and our reason. Often our focus is built upon competing which leads to success. Some people push themselves at

work, exercise, or education. One of the biggest keys to success is to be in a supportive relationship with someone who drives you to succeed, pushes you to persevere, and makes sure you overcome.

In our faith, spiritual growth is essential to daily success and emotional wellbeing. And one of the best ways to deepen your faith is to do so in a small group, Bible study, or a covenant friendship. John Wesley used to call these relationships, bands. And in the United Methodist tradition we still recognize the importance of relationships that push us to be the best we can be. We may encourage unity rather than Rivalry, but in some ways I think both cause us to rise above our natural tendencies and be more like the person God desires us to be.

If you're looking to watch the rivalry of Iowa and Iowa State check out the Tailgate party at Beaver Creek Elementary!! If you are looking for a way to grow spiritually join a small group, a Sunday school class, or the 20 min Talk back after worship at JROL.



IOWA STATE vs. IOWA
TAILGATE PARTY
Saturday, Sept 14, 2013 • 5pm
Beaver Creek Elementary

ADMIT 1 | GENERAL ADMISSION
FREE PARKING & TAILGATE FOOD



Johnston
River of Life
JohnstonRiverOfLife.org

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 September

8:30am Traditional Service	9:30am Contemporary Service	10:45am Traditional Service
<u>Greeters</u> 1 Pat Papenheim 8 Mark, Megan & Jax Thomsen 15 Margaret Hemphill 22 Kathy Russi 29	<u>Greeters</u> 1 8 Mohrman family 15 Pam Frey 22 Paul & Pam Weisskopf 29 <u>*Hosts</u> 1 Larry & Melisa Forbes 8 Pam Frey 15 Glenna Ross/ DeVonne Douglas 22 Tony & Tracy Hoffman 29 Bill & Pam Gibbons	<u>Greeters</u> 1 Jim & Barb Mather 8 15 Lee Ross 22 29 Bob & Carol Harter <u>Lectors</u> 1 Jon Verner 8 Sally Corcoran 15 Clarice Rubek 22 29 Barb Mather <u>*Hosts</u> 1 Jerry & Linda Kielsmeier 8 Potluck 15 Spencer & Andy Sutton 22 Lee Ross 29 Sheldon & Esther Stout
<u>Traditional Service Callers</u> 1 Bob & Marlys Borcherding 8 Jim & Norma Smith 15 Norma Sutton 22 Craig Ferguson 29 Mark & Leah Scherer	<u>Money Counters</u> 1 Tony & Tracy Hoffman, Glenna Ross 8 Jerry Kielsmeier, Kim Traylor, Kari Baccam 15 Clark Howland, Rick Homard, Larry Wood 22 DeVonne Douglas, Randy Jansen, Ron Zoss 29 Tony & Tracy Hoffman, Glenna Ross	
<u>Contemporary Service Callers</u> 1 Melisa Forbes/Pam Frey 8 Eldon Cross 15 Melisa Forbes/Pam Frey 22 Eldon Cross 29 Melisa Forbes/Pam Frey	<u>Pal Friday: 9 a.m.</u> 6 Ann Krause 13 Marge Carnahan 20 Pat Papenheim 27 Marlys Borcherding	

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).



* 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. **September 22** will be the next BP checks. Come to the Narthex after each worship service.

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, September 14 at 7:30 a.m. in the Ruby Chapel.

Women's Fellowship

Thurs., September 19, 9am. 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 **October 10, 10am** at New Hope. If you would like to join the Care Ministry team, please contact Clarice Rubek or Mary Ann Rice.

New Hope Chancel Choir

Wednesdays @ 6:30 p.m. Join in the music ministry at New Hope. Questions? Contact Eldon Cross, Director of Music, elcatalia4@gmail.com or 515-250-1476.

Support Groups

Al-Anon

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

Alcoholics Anonymous

Every Tuesday at Noon in the Ruby Chapel.

Stroke Club of Iowa

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

Small Groups

Adult Sunday School

9:30 & 10:45 a.m. in the Ruby Chapel.

Friday Small Group

The Friday Small Group will begin meeting again for the season on Friday, Sept. 27. We will meet in the private meeting room of Cindy's Corner Cafe, 2731 100th St., Urbandale at 1:00 PM for lunch with study and discussion to follow, ending at approx. 3:00 PM.

If you have any questions, please contact Linda Kielsmeier, 515-689-9680

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.

Join us on September 9th @ 6:30pm to brainstorm ideas for our next study.

Questions? Contact Sharon Smith at 277-7125 wicketsblooms@aol.com

LOVE PACKAGES

Love Packages is a nonprofit organization that sends Christian material all over the world. For more information, go to: <http://www.lovepackages.org/>

If you have old Bibles (including *The Story*), Upper Rooms, devotionals, Christian novels, Sunday School material (not busy work) you'd like to donate, please leave them at the church office by September 8, 2013.

Charlene Cobb will be visiting Love Packages in Butler, Illinois in September. If you have questions, please call her at 515-277-5794.

missions

Thanks to all who helped New Hope achieve a record of meals packed and record donations **August 4th for Meals from the Heartland**. We packed 26,136 meals and received over \$5,400 . Good job, New Hope!



Mission News for September

September we will be supporting the Senior Blast Youth Group in their efforts of raising money and walking for **Race for the Cure**. We will match what they raise from friends, family, and church family. Charity has arranged the ability to donate to the youth on-line.

We will continue to collect items for several kits for the **Thanksgiving Ingathering**. Go to the Mission Table to find the “ingredients” and baskets for the finished kits. The baskets will remain on the table through the end of October.

We are also hoping crafters and artisans will contribute items for the auction at our Ingathering at Greenfield, November 2nd. The rules are also on the Mission Table. If you have something you would like to donate, please contact Sharon Smith, 277-7125.



Joplin Mission Trip team consisting of New Hope & JROL members: Gary Stubbs, John Rains, Clark

Mission Trip to Joplin, MO

The weather was perfect, the work was manageable and the blessings were many on the Joplin Mission Trip, August 5-10. **The team consisted of Bill & Pam Gibbons, Clark Howland, John Rains, Gary Stubbs and John & Denise Hartford** along with 9 members of the North Central District. The Joplin tornado happened two years ago and much rebuilding has taken place since then.

Three houses were worked on and one was completely finished by the team. Work consisted of cleaning, painting, installing doors and trim, installing a vanity and other bathroom fixtures, and laying floor tile to name some of the varied tasks. We gave three Bibles provided by our Mission Committee and signed by all members of the team.

A few of the blessings:

- * The opportunity to meet and hear the story of one of the home owners, who had been in the hospital when we first arrived. He came immediately upon discharge from the hospital because he was so excited to see the changes in his new home.
- * Being recognized as mission workers and thanked while in a restaurant one evening.
- * Visiting Cunningham Park and memorial for those who lost their lives in the tornado.
- * Making new friends within the team.
- * And, of course, the absolute privilege to be able to do this work for those who could not.

Thank you to the members of New Hope and JROL for your thoughts and prayers while we were working. Stay tuned for 2014 trips to be announced!

new hope financial update

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

	July 2013 Actual	July 2013 Budget	July 2012 Actual
Total Receipts	25,770.90	24,415.36	27,588.57
Total Expenditures	31,331.48	31,390.08	31,882.02
Net Surplus (Deficit)	(5,560.58)	(6,974.72)	(4,293.45)

	YTD July 2013 Actual	YTD July 2013 Budget	YTD July 2012 Actual
Total Receipts	192,180.67	177,034.74	187,842.13
Total Expenditures	209,880.83	218,980.13	192,999.94
Net Surplus (Deficit)	(17,700.16)	(41,945.39)	(5,157.81)

sunday morning worship attendance

	8:30	9:30	10:45	total
July 28	37	77	90	204
Aug 4	60	103	68	231
Aug 11	25	94	98	217
Aug 18	34	96	90	220
Aug 25	36	112	88	236

River of Life Worship Attendance			
July 27	26	Aug 3	48
Aug 10	34	Aug 11	33
Aug 17	48	Aug 24	45

Colossal Cookie Sale

Sept. 10-23

Purchase delicious lunchbox cookies from DSM area Hy-Vee food stores. Bakery cookies will sell for 12 cents each, with 100 cookies priced at just \$10.99.

Cookies choices include M&M, chocolate chip, sugar, and peanut butter. For each cookie sold, Hy-Vee will donate one penny to the DMARC Food Pantry Network.

Hand of Luke

Saturday, September 14

Grilled Hamburgers

Baked Beans, Watermelon

Potato Chips, Root Beer Floats

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

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

When dropping off your non perishables, please see that they are **clearly labeled 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.").

Baked goods should be transferred to a disposable container if possible. **THANK YOU!!!**

Newsletter: Please let us know that we can email you The LINK, or you will pick up THE LINK from church. Thank you for helping us save a tree and also save on our expenses. 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 and we will add you to the distribution list.

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

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.

september

2013
AT NEW HOPE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Holy Communion 10:45a, Allyson Sutton baptism	2 Office Closed Labor Day	3 9:30a, Sr. Singers practice 9:30a, Alanon; Noon, AA 6:30p, Prayer Shawl/ Knitting group 7:00p, Trustees Mtg.	4 6:30p, Choir practice 7:45p, Praise Team	5 6p, JROL - Webinar 7p, Stewardship mtg.	6 Pal: Ann Krause	7 9a, Qtrly work day at church 5:00p, Johnston River of Life worship at Beaver Creek Elementary
8 Rally Day! *UM Student Day (offering) 10:30-11:45a, CLT 9:30 & 10:45 Adult Class Noon, potluck Harvest Dinner tickets on sale 4p Lay Servant Ministry	9 6:30p, Women's Bible Study	10 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 5:30p, Yoga	11 11:30a, Needlers gathering 5:30p, TGIW begins Jr. & Sr. Youth Groups 6:30p, Choir practice 7:45p, Praise Team	12 7p, Worship Design Mtg.	13 Pal: Marge Carnahan	14 7:30a, Men's Breakfast Sr. BLAST 3:30p, Hand of Luke 5:00p, Iowa/Iowa State Tailgating @ Johnston River of Life, Beaver Creek Elementary
15 Deadline for Oct. LINK Food Pantry Sunday 10a, JROL Worship 10:30 & Noon, New Member sign up 4p, Confirmation Class	16 7p, SPRC Mtg.	17 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 5:30p, Yoga 7:00p, Stroke Club 7:00p, Finance Meeting	18 4:30p, Missions Mtg. 5:30p, TGIW Jr. & Sr. Youth Groups 6:30p, Choir practice 7:45p, Praise Team	19 9a, Women's Fellowship	20 Pal: Pat Papenheim	21 9a, Landscaping at church 5:00p, Johnston River of Life worship at Beaver Creek Elementary
22 Blood Pressure Sunday 10a JROL Worship 4p, New Member class	23	24 7am-3pm, FLC reserved 9:30a, Alanon; Noon, AA 5:30p, Yoga 7:00p, AD Council	25 5:30p, TGIW Jr. & Sr. Youth Groups 6:30p, Choir practice 7:45p, Praise Team	26 6:30p, Book Club, Ruby Chapel	27 Pal: Marlys Borcharding	28 5:00p, Johnston River of Life worship, Beaver Creek Elementary
29 10a, JROL Worship 4p, Confirmation class	30	October 1 9:30a, Sr. Singers practice 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 5:30p, Yoga 6:30p, Prayer Shawl/ Knitting group	2 5:30p, TGIW Jr. & Sr. Youth Groups 6:30p, Choir practice 7:45p, Praise Team	3	4 Pal: Norma Sutton	5 5:00p, Johnston River of Life worship at Beaver Creek Elementary

***UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY, SUNDAY, SEPT. 8:** Your generous gifts support United Methodist scholarships and the United Methodist Student Loan Fund, administered by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry.

Looking Ahead:

Oct. 1-16, Pastor Cross on vacation Nov. 9, 9am-3pm, Garlands of Gifts
Oct. 20, Harvest Dinner & Auction Fundraiser
Oct. 22-26, Photo Directory

Happy Birthday to you!!

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

- | | |
|---|--|
| 1 Levi Kinnetz, Zoie Lamp | 15 Sharon Lewis, Eddy Johnston,
Kristine Wakeman |
| 2 Craig Ferguson | 16 Nancy Monthei, Emma Weih |
| 4 James Neu | 17 Ruth Doxon, Danielle Malone,
Zachary Klugherz |
| 5 Angie Eaves, Tim Carrigan,
Madilyn Moellers | 18 Dennis Haugland, Allyson Sutton,
Sherri Bogue |
| 6 Marlys Borcharding, Taylor Martz | 19 Jordan Thompson, Ty Dolberg,
Megan Thomsen |
| 7 Eugene Pecinovsky, Maddox Alcorn | 20 Maya Johnston |
| 8 Joseph Fagen, Eli Goodson, Trenton Cra-
craft | 21 Glenda Millard, Zane Sutton |
| 9 Jerry Kielsmeier, Sonya Verner,
Jenn Higdon, Trent Johnson, Charlie
Strauss | 22 Clarice Rubek, Brian Hartung |
| 10 Kirk Hartung, Ambrose Moses, Grace
Rowland, Andy Happ, Grace Beasley | 23 Donna Gronstal, Karla Rankin,
Patty Cook |
| 11 Lindsey Mc Culley, Nathan Grow,
Elaine Sheer | 24 Janet Carrigan |
| 12 Emma Monthei, Byron Hover-
Williamson | 25 Jeffrey Huber, Matt Trillet |
| 13 John Kirkpatrick, Abbey Hitchcock | 26 Jennifer Berger |
| 14 Randy Jansen, Deane Glen | 27 Marlin Beckfield, Valerie Hawthorne,
Kyle Redies, Nora Mundy |
| | 28 Bryan Haase |
| | 30 Danny Craighton |

Happy Anniversary!!!

- | |
|----------------------------|
| 5 Brian & Stacie Bridges |
| 6 Greg & Raynette Meyers |
| 8 Gene & Elaine Lesch |
| 8 John & Kari Walker |
| 9 Dustin & Melanie Henry |
| 9 Chad & Cindy Meyer |
| 10 Bob & Marge Robinson |
| 14 John & Joyce Turek |
| 14 John & Carolyn Burrough |
| 18 Scott & Lisa Peterson |
| 18 Jason & Tamara Evans |
| 19 Tom & Ann Schultz |
| 21 Steve & Liz Grow |
| 23 Dennis & Renee Haugland |
| 26 Jamie & Marte Carlson |

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

growing deeper

Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. – II Timothy 1:13

Each spring and late summer, college football teams practice the basics before they practice the more complicated plays. Each year, baseball teams have spring training in which the players get back into shape and practice the basics, such as catching, fielding, hitting, and working on timing with other players. I remember reading a book Jack Nicklaus wrote in his prime, when he said each year he got together with his golf coach and said, "I'm taking up golf. Teach me the basics of the game." And they would go over the basics of the grip, the stance, chipping, putting, and every part of the game. Nicklaus felt that it helped him go into the season with confidence when he had the basics down pat.

Sometimes it's helpful to go back to the basics. Our emphasis this fall is "Going Deeper in Faith." We will

be looking at some of the basics of the Christian faith, and ways to grow in the Christian faith. In September our theme will be "Back to School," in which we will be looking at some of the basic areas of the Christian faith, such as the Bible, "Symbology," in which we will be looking at various symbols of the faith, Church History, and Discipleship. In October we will look at the earliest and most basic of the Christian Creeds: the Apostles' Creed. In November we will be looking at some of the basic practices of fruitful churches.

Our prayer is that this will be a year in which each of us and all of us together as a church family will grow deeper in our faith and discipleship, and that it all be done, as Paul says, "...in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus."



worship themes for september

Aug 31 Sept 1	I Am...Worthy <i>Ephesians 4:1-16</i>	Labor Day Weekend
Sept 7-8	Back to School: Bible 101 <i>II Timothy 3:10-17</i>	
Sept 14-15	Back to School: Symbology 101 <i>Luke 24:28-35</i>	
Sept 21-22	Back to School: Church History 101 <i>Acts 28: 23-31</i>	
Sept 28-29	Back to School: Discipleship 101 <i>II Corinthians 5:16-21</i>	



Sunday Worship Services at New Hope

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

Johnston River of Life Casual Worship Services

Currently meeting at Beaver Creek Elementary,
8701 Lyndhurst Drive, Johnston

Saturdays at 5:00 pm

Sundays at 10am (beginning September 15)

Serve God | Love Others | Follow Jesus

www.newhopedsm.org • www.johnstonriveroflife.org

Church Staff

Pastor: Neil H. Cross

Outreach Pastor: Craig Ferguson

Director of Music: Eldon Cross

Children's Ministries Coordinator: Sarah Jacobson

Office Administrator: Nancy Monthei

Nursery Attendant: Tamara Evans

Custodian: Chuck VanDyke

Church Office Hours

Mon–Fri: 8:00am - 4:30pm

E-mail Information

Church address: nhfamily@newhopedsm.org

Neil Cross: ncross@newhopedsm.org

Craig Ferguson: craig@newhopedsm.org

Nancy Monthei: nancy@newhopedsm.org

Sarah Jacobson: sjacobson@newhopedsm.org

Eldon Cross: eldon@newhopedsm.org

Find Us

Phone: (515) 278-2097

4525 Beaver Avenue • Des Moines, IA 50310

find us on facebook!

Visit the website to find our facebook link.

The Link newsletter is a monthly publication.

Editor: Nancy Monthei, Reporters: New Hope Church family

Please contact the church office at 278-2097 if you have a change in address or would like to be taken off the LINK mailing list.

the link
New Hope United Methodist Church
4525 Beaver Avenue
Des Moines, Iowa 50310