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November at New Hope UMC & Johnston River of Life

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# Garlands of Gifts

Craft & Gift Fair  
Sat, Nov 9 • 9am - 3pm  
Free Admission!

NEW HOPE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
4525 Beaver Ave, Des Moines

Over 30 vendors showcasing jewelry, candles,  
home décor, beauty items, children's items,  
food, cleaning products, and more!!

## Stewardship Sunday

November 10

Join us for our annual pledge drive!  
A pledge sheet will be available at  
each worship service that explains  
the designated funds. We invite you  
to prayerfully consider your financial  
giving for the 2014 year.

We also invited you to a light  
brunch after each worship service.  
We'll join in fellowship together and  
celebrate what God  
is doing through  
New Hope UMC  
and Johnston  
River of Life.





# 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 the church office or Jan.

## Prayer Concerns

Mel Ghee; Gerald Perdue; Lesta Lobaugh, mother of Le Howland; 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.

## Baptism

Congratulations to Andrew Lee Higdon for his baptism on October 13 at the Johnston River of Life service. Andrew is the son of Christopher & Jennifer Higdon and little brother to Benjamin.

## Sympathy

Our sympathy to Ginny & Mel Ghee on the passing of Ginny's sister, Kathryn Hanson.

Our sympathy to Steve & Charlotte Schultz on the passing of Steve's mother, Clelya Schultz.

Our sympathy to Jon Verner and his daughter, Alanna, on the passing of Sonya Verner, wife and mother. A memorial service was held at New Hope UMC on Sunday, October 20.

## Sympathy

Our sympathy to Byron and Vicki Hover-Williamson on the passing of Vicki's mother, Lois Hover.

Our sympathy to Becky Ripperger and family on the passing of her mother, Arlene Palmer.

Our sympathy to Arlene Dabill on the passing of her mother, Margaret Dabill.

Our sympathy to Bruce Bernard on the passing of his brother, Don.

## Thank You

Thank you to all our New Hope friends for your support during my recent surgery. Of course a special thanks to Pastor Cross for spending time with my family the day of surgery.  
Roberta Cave

## Welcome New Members!

On November 3rd & 10th, we will welcome the following into the New Hope UMC and Johnston River of Life membership:



**Jason Balk**  
1001 Cherry St., Apt 207  
Des Moines, IA 50309  
641-840-2494  
Jason.balk@yahoo.com  
Jason's fiancé is Sarah Duos.



**Shirley Johnson**  
3024 Twana Drive  
Des Moines, IA 50310  
515-277-4279



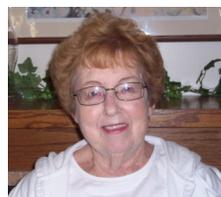
**Jodi Baderstadt**  
5210 NW 62nd Ave.  
Johnston, IA 50131  
515-710-0893  
Jodi.beadersdt.jb@gmail.com  
Her husband is Joby and they have a son, Keith, who is in preschool.



**Corey Miller**  
8217 Twana Drive  
Urbandale, IA 50322, 515-988-0765  
skippercore22@q.com  
His wife is Deanne and they have two children: Christopher who is in 8th grade and Alyssa who is in 5th grade.



**Roger & Tammy Dann**  
1700 47th Street  
Des Moines, IA 50310  
515-274-4735, trdann@q.com  
Their daughter is Gwen who is in preschool.



**Marilyn Monroe**  
6125 Pinewood Court  
Johnston, IA 50131  
515-270-2495

## Poinsettia Orders

**Deadline is November 17**

You can order a poinsettia, in honor or in memory of a loved one, which will be utilized to decorate the New Hope sanctuary and the FLC stage during the Advent and Christmas season.



Please complete the poinsettia order form on the tear-off form of the bulletins and place your reservation along with your check with the offering. Deadline is November 17. **The cost is \$8.00 per plant.**

**Santa's Attic**...is quickly approaching with all of the fun holiday activities. When you are clearing out



or getting ready for the holidays, please consider donating your new or used items to Santa's Attic.

**On December 17th**, the TGIW children are able to purchase gifts for their family members. Any types of gifts for Mom, Dad, siblings and even grandparents would be greatly appreciated. All gifts have a small charge and money raised is donated to charity. Last year the children purchased most of the gifts available, so we are in a great need for gift items this year. All donations can be dropped off in Fellowship Hall. Please contact Tami Wise at 251-2987 or [markandtami@the-wises.com](mailto:markandtami@the-wises.com) if you have any questions. Thank you !

## Honoring our Veterans

**Sunday, November 10**

On Sunday, November 10, during each of the worship services, we will be honoring our veterans who have served in the military at any time in their lifetime. If you are a veteran, we would very much like to recognize you on that Sunday.



Also, if you have a friend or family member who has served in the military, we would like to recognize them as well. We are grateful for the service our veterans have given to our country, and want to have a chance to share our thanks.

## Hanging of the Greens

**Sunday, November 24**

Please join us on the 24th as we work to beautify the church for this blessed time. We will begin at 10:30am in the FLC and continue in the sanctuary after the 10:45am service has ended. In past years we have easily been done by 1:30pm.

If you can share some time after either of these services, it would be so appreciated! We particularly need people who can climb and are able to lift a Christmas tree or two (aka younger than your average Altar Guild member).



Our church attendance is always up during the holidays and includes many visitors and prospective members, so please help us make New Hope glow!

## Not Quite Veteran's Day Sew-In

**Wednesday, November 13**

**9:00am-3:00pm**

Plan to join the New Hope Needlers in Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, November 13th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm (or any part thereof) as we spend the day making Little Dresses for Africa. We will take a break for a soup / salad pot luck at noon.

We have a few sewing machines at the church, as well as most necessary equipment and fabric so you need only bring yourself. Or, feel free to bring your own machine to join in the fun.

All are welcome - experienced sewers or newbies. For more information please contact Kim Buske at 515-334-5448 or [Kim.Buske@gmail.com](mailto:Kim.Buske@gmail.com).



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

## Advent by Candlelight

Monday, December 2, 7:00 p.m.

Enter the season of advent in a spirit of love and joy rather than stress and anxiety. Dessert will be served by table hostesses; followed by a program of music, scripture, verse, and stories. All women of the church (including high school students) and their guests are invited to attend.



**SIGN UP.** Sign up sheets for those wishing to attend and table hostesses are in the fellowship hall. **Deadline is November 17.**

**MUSICIANS.** If you are interested in performing for Advent by Candlelight, please contact Billy Nuzum if you would like to perform (238-2302 or bbnewz54@gmail.com). Solos, duets, trios, quartets ~ Song selections get grabbed quick - so contact her soon!

## COOKIE WALK

Sunday, December 8

The Women's Fellowship is having a Cookie Walk on Sunday December 8<sup>th</sup> 2013 after all three Services with the proceeds going to our mission work.

We will display all donated **home-baked cookies** and you will walk around the table to choose your favorite cookies, placing them in a Styrofoam box (size 9 ½ x 9 ½ x3), which we provide for a mere \$10.00 per box. You get the whole box full for \$10.00 as long as you can close the lid.

Please join us on December 8th to fill your box with delicious cookies to Go. Everyone is welcome to participate and enjoy.

Note: Home-baked cookies(no bars) are provided by the women of the New Hope Women's Fellowship. **We are a small group so we greatly appreciate any donation of cookies ( especially decorated cookies ) for this event from all of our New Hope Family Members/Friends.**



Sign up forms are on the sign up table in the Fellowship Hall starting on November 10<sup>th</sup>.

The more cookies that we have to sell, the more fun for everyone and the more money for our mission work. Thanks to all in advance – Chair, Clarice Rubek



## Heartbeat Handbell Choir presents...Bell-O-Grams

Need a special gift for the person who has everything?

How about some holiday cheer for a loved one?

A Bell-O-Gram is the perfect gift!



**What's a Bell-O-Gram?** A small ensemble of 3 or 4 handbell ringers will come right the recipient's home, apartment, or office and perform a special holiday song just for them. **This a unique twist on the classic tradition of Christmas caroling and is sure to surprise anyone who receives it!**

**Why Bell-O-Grams?** Even the person who has everything has never received a Bell-O-Gram!! It's better than any knickknack you can order from a catalog. It's low in calories, and it won't collect dust on shelf all year.

**Great for:** Family members & friends, Elderly or sick loved ones who have to spend the holidays in a hospital or nursing home, Bosses & coworkers... How about a special appearance at the company Christmas party? Anyone who doesn't need fruitcake...again...this year!

**There are two gifting options:** **The Ultimate Christmas Surprise (\$50):** two songs, a card, and a plate of baked goods. **For the bargain shopper (\$30):** one song (giver's choice and a card. Songs performed will be "Angels we Have Heard on High" and "Up on the Housetop."

**Contact us today to schedule your Bell-O-Gram! (515) 306-3901 or [HeartbeatRingers@gmail.com](mailto:HeartbeatRingers@gmail.com)**  
All proceeds go toward the Heartbeat Handbell Choir for maintenance of the handbells and expansion of community outreach efforts.

## Thank you!

The Harvest Dinner & Auction Fundraiser was a great success!

Thank you to all the chairs of the committees and their committee members for planning a wonderful event! Thank you to Sr. BLAST for serving during the dinner, to Jr. BLAST to helping with the children's activities and nursery, and to Tamara Evans for being the nursery attendant.

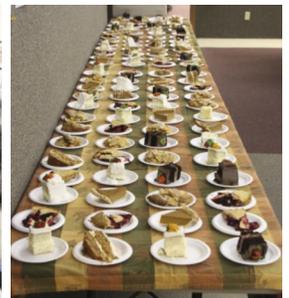
This event would not have been successful without the many people that contributed items to the General Store and the live auction. Your donations were greatly appreciated and largely why this was such a successful event. We publicized for months that the event was a fundraiser and funds it did raise! Our goal was \$7500 (gross), the final gross was \$9826.91 and after expenses the net is \$8427.25.

Thank you to all that bought tickets and attended this fundraiser. We hope you all enjoyed yourselves and we look forward to your participation again next year. **Save the date: Sunday, October 19, 2014!**

John Rains, chair

Nancy Monthei, co-chair

There was Entertainment, a Delicious Dinner, Scrumptious Desserts, Wonderful General Store items to purchase, Hardworking Servers, Fantastic Live Auction items, Auctioneer was the fun and entertaining Jerry Kluver, and there was a lot of bidding going on! Thank you for participating in this FUNDRAISER for the church!



# 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 (10:45-11:45):** We are so blessed to have such committed teachers for our children's ministry programs. Please pray for those volunteers this month as they take time out of their busy lives to teach our children about the Word of God.



If you would like to be a part of our team of dedicated volunteers to help teach our children, it's not too late to get involved! We **ALWAYS** need subs or even part-time teachers, and currently looking for 1-2 adults to help in our 5-6<sup>th</sup> grade class. If interested in helping or learning more information about our program contact Sarah Jacobson [sjacobson@newhopedsm.org](mailto:sjacobson@newhopedsm.org).

Our children are moving right through the Old Testament lessons in CLT. They will continue to learn about King David and the Prophets Elijah, Elisha and Josiah.

## Help with CLT

If you have not already done so, please make sure to fill out a registration form for CLT. It's very important that our church has emergency contact info on every child/youth involved in our programs.

**Acolytes:** If you are a 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> grader (or older) and would like to serve our church by acolyting in the 10:45 service, please sign up outside Sarah's office.

**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 after the Children's Message during the 9:30 service. If you would like to help with this program please contact Sarah Jacobson. **We are looking for a leader the last 2 weeks of November, and all of December.** If you've never done it before, consider observing and seeing what it's all about. Training and resources will be provided.

The Children's Ministry Presents... **"Stranger in a Manger"**  
Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm

Practices begin on Sundays, starting Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10:30-11am and from 6-7pm (during TGIW) on Wednesdays starting Nov 13<sup>th</sup>. Parents please make sure your children attend as many of these practices as possible.

**Thank God It's Wednesday (TGIW):** Due to the upcoming Christmas Program, we will be using TGIW time for practicing our music. Here is the upcoming TGIW Schedule:

Nov 6	<b>Meal @ 6pm</b> 6:30-7:15pm Operation Christmas Child Family Mission Project Bells 6:30-7pm Puppets 7:15-8pm	Nov 27	<b>No program: Thanksgiving Break!</b>
Nov 13	<b>NO MEAL</b> Christmas Program Practice 6-7:15pm Bells 6:30-7pm Puppets 7:15-8pm	Dec 4	<b>NO MEAL</b> Christmas Program Practice 6-7:15pm Bells 6:30-7pm Puppets 7:15-8pm
Nov 20	<b>NO MEAL</b> Christmas Program Practice 6-7:15pm Bells 6:30-7pm Puppets 7:15-8pm	Dec 11	<b>NO MEAL</b> Christmas Program Practice/Santa's Attic 6-7:15pm Bells 6:30-7pm Puppets 7:15-8pm
		Dec. 15	6:30pm, Christmas Program
		Dec 18	<b>Meal @ 6pm</b> 6:30-7:30pm Family Christmas Party
		<b>Dec 25 and Jan 1:</b>	<b>Christmas Break- No Program</b>

Stay tuned for future announcements about a new program being offered in January 2014!!!!

ATTENTION PARENTS of 3yr olds through 6th grade!!!! Starting in November this will be available:



This monthly parent newsletter contains bible-based content with preschool to 6<sup>th</sup> grade topics including teachable moments, culture and trends, media madness, quick stats and talking points for your family. You will also find a convenient calendar with all of New Hope's upcoming events. This newsletter will be in electronic and printed form.



## Operation Christmas Child Packaging Party

Wednesday, November 6th

All kids, adults and families are invited

Meal @ 6pm followed by our mission project

Since 1993, more than 100 million boys and girls in over 130 countries have experienced God's love through the power of simple shoebox gifts from Operation Christmas Child. Samaritan's Purse works with local churches and ministry partners to deliver the gifts and share the life-changing Good News of Jesus Christ. You just follow these simple steps:

### 1. SHOE BOX

Use an empty shoebox (standard size, please) or a small plastic container. You can wrap the box (lid separately), but wrapping is not required. **(WRAPPING WILL HAPPEN ON NOV 6<sup>th</sup>!)** Most importantly, pray for the child who will receive your gift. If you would like to donate boxes or plastic containers for this project, deliver them to the CLT table in the Fellowship Hall.

### 2. BOY OR GIRL

Determine whether your gift will be for a boy or a girl, and the child's age category: 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14. Print out the appropriate boy/girl label (will be provided). Mark the correct age category on the label, and tape the label to the top of your box.

### 3 FILL WITH GIFTS

From now until Nov 6<sup>th</sup> (no later than Nov 13<sup>th</sup>) consider purchasing some gifts for a child. Deliver the gifts individually to church or fill a box with a variety of gifts that will bring delight to a child. Please include at least one item a child can immediately embrace such as a stuffed toy, doll, ball or toy truck.

**SUPPLIES:** Pens, pencils and sharpeners, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pad sets, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

**TOYS:** Small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, small Etch A Sketch,<sup>®</sup> toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky,<sup>®</sup> etc.

**HYGIENE ITEMS:** Toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap (in a plastic bag), comb, washcloth, etc.

**OTHER:** T-shirts, socks, ball caps, sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries)

**A PERSONAL NOTE:** You may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. (If you include your name and address, the child may write back.)

**DO NOT INCLUDE:** Used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; chocolate or food; out- of-date candy; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snowglobes or glass containers; aerosol cans

### 4. INCLUDE \$7 DONATION

Please donate \$7 or more for each shoebox you prepare to help cover shipping and other project costs. You can give online by using our "[Follow Your Box Donation](#)" option, or you can write a check to Samaritan's Purse (note "OCC" on memo line) and place it in an envelope on top of the gift items inside your box. If you or your family are preparing more than one shoebox, please make one combined donation.

# youth programs



The focus of Jr. High BLAST this year is to share the love of Christ through fun fellowship activities and service projects.

In October, we spent two Wednesday evenings cleaning up the area behind the parsonage by the old oak tree. The kids worked hard clearing out the brush and had fun rebuilding the fire pit. We enjoyed a campfire, a devotion from Pastor Craig, and lots of s'mores. A special thank you to all the parents who helped.



We traveled to Mitchellville on a beautiful Saturday afternoon to conquer the corn maze. The boys persevered, while the girls were lured out of the maze quickly by the smell of grilled hamburgers.

We enjoyed a pumpkin carving contest. The creative juices were flowing and the smell of pumpkin was strong as 14 youth dug into their pumpkins. A good time was had by all.

**Join us on Wednesday nights from 6:00-7:15. (Please note that we will not meet on November 27th.)**

**Also, join us for the following activities:**

- 11/2/13 Hindu Temple Tour, meet @ church at 9:30am**
- 11/16/13 Touring dinner after JROL service**
- 11/20/13 Cookie baking for New Hope Shut-Ins**



Attention 4th graders and up... join us on Wednesdays, 7:15pm-8pm at New Hope!

This fun and exciting ministry is great to learn and also fun to perform for the congregation. Please join us this fall as we have a new CD full of fun music and are working on putting together a few fun skits to perform throughout this season.

Help us to spread the word of Christ to our congregation through puppets this year!! Those interested can email Melanie directly at [melhenry0@gmail.com](mailto:melhenry0@gmail.com).

## confirmation schedule



**November 10, 4:00 p.m.**

Topic: "Jesus as the Messiah"

**October 24, 4:00 p.m.**

Topic: "Jesus as the Messiah, Part II"

# youth programs

**Sr. BLAST** (9th-12th grade) Leaders: Chris Higdon, Charity Johnson, & Pam Frey

[BLAST@NewHopeDSM.org](mailto:BLAST@NewHopeDSM.org)

October has been a great month for New Hope Senior High BLAST. The group has held a couple of fun outings; including a trip to a haunted house and walking together for the Susan G. Komen – Race for the Cure in downtown Des Moines. If you are interested in donating to BLAST Susan G. Komen – Race for the Cure; please contact Charity Johnson ([BLAST@NewHopeDSM.org](mailto:BLAST@NewHopeDSM.org)).



The BLAST group has several activities planned for November. We will continue our weekly meetings on Wednesday nights. Additionally, we will be hosting our first fundraiser of the 2013-2014 season. The group will be providing a Navajo Taco dinner on November 17<sup>th</sup> after each service at New Hope. At this time, the group will be announcing their mission trip location for the summer of 2014.

### Import Dates to Remember:

**Oct 31<sup>th</sup>** ~ Help with JROL Community Costum Party

**Nov 6<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 pm** ~ BLAST Wednesday Night Activities

**Nov 13<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 pm** ~ BLAST Wednesday Night Activities

**Nov 17<sup>th</sup>** ~ Navajo Taco Fundraiser After Services

**Nov 20<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 pm** ~ BLAST Wednesday Night Activities

**Dec 4<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 pm** ~ BLAST Wednesday Night Activities

**Dec 11<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 pm** ~ BLAST Christmas Caroling in the Community

**Dec 18<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 pm** ~ BLAST Gift Wrapping Event

**Dec 14<sup>th</sup> @** ~ Johnston Community Christmas Service at the Barn

**Dec 15<sup>th</sup> @ 4pm** ~ BLAST Christmas Party at the Higdon House (8144 Durham Circle, Johnston, IA)

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



## Seasonal Planters

Do you enjoy the seasonal planters at the entrances? Do you enjoy the gardens? Join us in keeping our entrances beautiful. Your commitment does not need to be weekly. Work days are sporadic and often tasks such as weeding or watering can be completed on your own time. Previous experience not necessary as we will coach you. If interested, please contact Ruth Doxon at 253-9115 or Kathy Russi at 333-1764.



## Yoga

Take some time for yourself and join us every Tuesday at 5:30pm, thru December 17th in the Family Life Center. \$5 per session or \$35 for 7 weeks (Nov.5 - Dec. 17).

Please bring the correct cash or a check written out to New Hope UMC.

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.



## Prayer Shawl Ministry

**1st Tuesday of each month, 6:30PM in the 3rd/4th CLASSROOM**

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 any sort of difficult time in their life. The group currently meets at 6:30 on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month in the 3/4 classroom to work on shawls and pray for the recipients of their work. You can become a part of the Prayer Shawl Ministry by getting involved in **making** shawls or by **giving** a shawl to a friend or loved one you know that is in need. If you wish to present a shawl, simply choose one from the basket on the Prayer Shawl Ministry table labeled "Blessed Shawls", wrap it in a box, and include a "Prayer For Comfort" - Everything is located on the table. Also, please write a note in the prayer shawl journal, located near the shawls, to share your inspiration for presenting the shawl.

"Shawls... made for centuries universal and embracing, symbolic of an inclusive, unconditionally loving God. They wrap, enfold, comfort, cover, give solace, mother, hug, shelter, and beautify. Those who have received these shawls have been uplifted and affirmed, as if given wings to fly above their troubles..."

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## Chick Lit. Book Club and Prayer Group

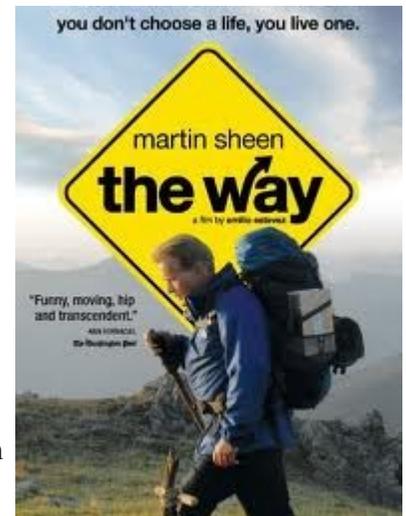
Please join us for a potluck dinner, lively fellowship, and insightful conversation as we view and discuss the movie "The Way."

**DATE: Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m.**

**WHERE: We will meet at the home of Denise Hartford, 5119 160<sup>th</sup> Street, Urbandale**

**Please RSVP to Denise at [john12hartford@gmail.com](mailto:john12hartford@gmail.com) or (515) 890-1406 by Wednesday, November 20.**

"The Way" is a powerful and inspirational story about family, friends, and the challenges we face while navigating this ever-changing and complicated world. Martin Sheen plays Tom, who comes to St. Jean Pied de Port, France to collect the remains of his adult son, killed in the Pyrenees in a storm while walking the Camino de Santiago ("The Way of Saint James"). Rather than return home, Tom decides to embark on the historical pilgrimage to honor his son's desire to finish the journey. What Tom doesn't plan on is the profound impact the journey will have on him. From the unexpected and, oftentimes, amusing experiences along "The Way," Tom begins to learn what it means to be a citizen of the world again. Through his unresolved relationship with his son, he discovers the difference between "the life we live and the life we choose."



# Thank You!

JROL recently launched a 10 AM Sunday morning worship service at Beaver Creek Elementary in Johnston and we continue to grow on Saturday night at 5 PM. We have had our first Baptism, continue to add new members, develop strong leaders and disciples all while "Being Christ in Community." I have truly been blessed this year to witness each of you sharing your gifts for the glory of God.

We know that 2014 will be a very important year for JROL. We expect to reach a weekly worship attendance of 150 or more and become self-sustaining as we continue to offer community family events and reach outside our walls to share the love of Jesus. I want to take a moment to thank each and every one of you for the ways in which you have participated and will continue to in the year ahead.

The many ways in which you have all participated:



You are appreciated! Thank you so much!

Be involved  
Be inspired  
Be Christ in  
**Community.**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Craig Zuyson".

# 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 November

8:30am Traditional Service	9:30am Contemporary Service	10:45am Traditional Service
<p><b><u>Greeters</u></b> 3 10 Mark, Megan &amp; Jax Thomsen 17 24</p> <p><b><u>Lectors</u></b> 3 Cathy Short 10 Clarissa Short 17 24 Maurine Myers</p> <p><b><u>Traditional Service Callers</u></b> 3 Mark &amp; Leah Scherer 10 Jim &amp; Norma Smith 17 Bob &amp; Marlys Borcherd- ing 24 Norma Sutton</p> <p><b><u>Contemporary Service Callers</u></b> 3 Eldon Cross 10 Melisa Forbes/Pam Frey 17 Eldon Cross 24 Melisa Forbes/Pam Frey</p>	<p><b><u>Greeters</u></b> 3 10 Clyde &amp; Cindy Rail 17 24</p> <p><b><u>*Hosts</u></b> 3 Pam Frey 10 Stewardship light brunch 17 Taco Fundraiser 24 Glenna Ross &amp; DeVonne Douglas</p> <p><b><u>Money Counters</u></b> 3 Jerry Kielsmeier, Kim Traylor, Kari Baccam 10 Ron Zoss, Rick Homard, Larry Wood 17 Tony &amp; Tracy Hoffman, Glenna Ross 24 DeVonne Douglas, Randy Jansen, Ron Zoss</p> <p><b><u>Pal Friday: 9 a.m.</u></b> 1 Ann Krause 8 Marge Carnahan 15 Pat Papenheim 22 Marlys Borcherd- Wed., 27 Norma Sutton</p>	<p><b><u>Greeters</u></b> 3 10 Lee Ross 17 24</p> <p><b><u>Lectors</u></b> 3 Jon Verner 10 Cathy Cate 17 Sally Corcoran 24 Barb Mather</p> <p><b><u>*Hosts</u></b> 3 Jim &amp; Norma Smith 10 Stewardship light brunch 17 Taco Fundraiser 24 Earl &amp; Sharon Lewis</p>



**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. **November 3, 9:30-11:00am** will be the next BP checks. Come to the Narthex after each worship service.

## Men's Breakfast

**Saturday, November 9 at 7:30 a.m.** in the Ruby Chapel.

## Women's Fellowship

**Thurs., November 21, 9am.** If you have any questions, please contact Shirley Frus at 279-1130.

## The Lay Servant

**Ministry** will be meeting on November 17 at 4pm in the Ruby Chapel. We will continue studying Passionate Worship. All that are interested are welcome to attend. Questions can be directed to either Billy Nuzum, 238-2302 or Barb Mather, at 664-1029.

## 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 **November 14, 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](mailto:elcatalia4@gmail.com) or 515-250-1476.

## Seasonal Choir

Join us for rehearsals for this year's Christmas Cantata which will be held on December 15th. Rehearsals will be on Wednesdays at 7:30pm in the sanctuary. Questions? Contact 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.

## Small Groups

### Adult Sunday School

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

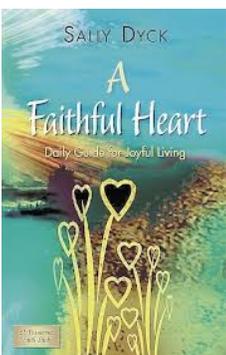
### Friday Small Group

The Friday Small Group meets every other Friday. Next gatherings are on Nov. 8 & 22.

We will meet in the private meeting room of Cindy's Corner Cafe, 2731 100th St., Urbandale at Noon for lunch with study and discussion to follow, ending at approx. 2:00 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](mailto:boguesa@gmail.com) with questions.



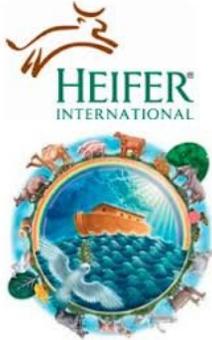
## Women's Bible Study

Study is called: "A Faithful Heart/ Daily guide for Joyful Living" by Sally Dyck, a UNM Bishop with the Texas Conference. The topics covered are: Passionate, Called, Equipped, Joyful, Loving, and Learning. Two other topics, Holy, and Authentic will be covered with the next study in January, a wholistic look at Holy and Healthy Living.

We will continue meeting at 6:30 in the Ruby Chapel every other week. **The dates are: November 4<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and one time in December TBD.**

We decided we wanted to follow the example of Bob Goff in his book called Love Does where he referred to his Bible Study as a Bible doing, an effort to stop stalking Jesus and start following Him instead. So with his example, we want to become "a community of leaders who spend their days conspiring about how to point people toward Jesus."

# missions



## Mission Focus for November & December: Heifer International

This Christmas, The Mission Committee is again challenging the congregation to raise an Ark (\$5,000), for Heifer International. This is a wonderful way to spread Christ's love around the world! We will ask you to consider giving an animal instead of a Christmas gift to a loved one. There will be honor cards and collector cards (Animal Crackers) on the Mission table to include with your Christmas card to inform about your gift. Also on the Mission Table you can find booklets from Heifer that you can read or share with your children and grandchildren. Take one and when done, return for someone else to read.

*Your money for the animal(s) may be placed in the offering plate with Heifer International noted on the memo line of your check.*

### Choose from these animals:

<b>Heifer:</b>	\$500	<b>Sheep:</b>	\$120
share of Heifer:	\$ 50	share of Sheep:	\$ 10
<b>Water Buffalo:</b>	\$250	<b>Pig:</b>	\$120
share of W. Buffalo:	\$ 25	share of Pig:	\$ 10
<b>Llama:</b>	\$150	<b>Trio of Rabbits:</b>	\$ 60
share of Llama:	\$ 20	share of Rabbits:	\$ 10
<b>Goat:</b>	\$120	<b>Honeybees:</b>	\$ 30
share of Goat:	\$ 10	<b>Flock of Chicks:</b>	\$ 20
		<b>Flock of Ducks/Geese:</b>	\$ 20
		<b>Tree Seedlings:</b>	\$ 60
		share of Seedlings:	\$ 10

The gift to Heifer International brings generations of renewed hope for an impoverished village as each family fulfills its promise to Pass on the Gift of offspring. Heifer employees train the recipients and follow-up to help in any way needed. When you give a gift to Heifer, a family is able to feed their children, may sell products or use wool for making clothing to sell, save money to send their children to school, etc. When the family passes on an animal offspring, another family benefits. Heifer is noted for saving entire villages in this way.

## Hand of Luke

Thursday, November 14

Beef Stroganoff / 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 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!!!



**Come spend Christmas with us....**

**Saturday, December 14**

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

**Sunday, December 15**

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

6:30 p.m.: Christmas Program performed by Children's Ministries participants.

**Tuesday, December 24—Eve Services**

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

**Heartbeat Bell Choir**

**Thursday, December 19, 7:30 p.m.**

HeartBeat Handbell Ensemble will perform a Christmas concert.

Please plan to join us for an evening of Christmas cheer!



**new hope financial update**

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

	Sept 2013 Actual	Sept 2013 Budget	Sept 2012 Actual
Total Receipts	31,319.16	28,585.95	26,887.21
Total Expenditures	33,658.36	33,894.10	33,437.27
Net Surplus (Deficit)	(2,339.20)	(5,308.15)	(6,550.06)

	YTD Sept 2013 Actual	YTD Sept 2013 Budget	YTD Sept 2012 Actual
Total Receipts	247,452.83	228,416.05	236,024.12
Total Expenditures	270,685.59	281,677.32	251,513.35
Net Surplus (Deficit)	(23,232.76)	(53,261.27)	(15,489.23)

**sunday morning worship attendance**

	8:30	9:30	10:45	total
Sept 29	31	102	100	233
Oct 6	31	80	87	198
Oct 13	32	103	96	231
Oct 20	32	104	109	245
Oct 27	38	100	103	241

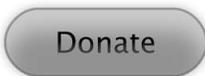
  

River of Life Worship Attendance			
	Sat	Sun	total
Sept 28	33	Sept 29 31	64
Oct 5	31	Oct 6 113	144
Oct 12	55	Oct 13 66	121
Oct 19	41	Oct 20 31	72
Oct 25	63	Oct 26 50	113

**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**



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.

# november

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AT NEW HOPE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Pal: Ann Krause	2 7:15a-4p, F.Hall reserved 9:30a, Jr. Blast to Hindu Temple
3 Daylight Savings Time ends Holy Communion 10:30-11:45a, CLT 9:30 & 10:45 Adult Class Puppet Troupe performs 9:30-11a, Blood Pressure Noon, "Ask the Pastors"	4 2p-9p, Photo Directory photos  6:30p, Women's Bible Study  7:00p, Trustees Mtg.	5 9:30a, Sr. Singers practice 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA  5:30p, Yoga  6:30p, Prayer Shawl/ Knitting group	6 6p, Meal 6:30-7:15p, Operation Christmas Child Jr. & Sr. Youth Groups 6:30p, Choir practice 6:30p, Bells 7:15p, Puppets 7:30p, Seasonal Choir 7:45p, Praise Team	7   Set up for Garlands of Gifts	8 Pal: Marge Carnahan  1:00p, Small Group at Cindy's Corner Café, Urbandale  5:30-8p, Vendors	9 7:30a, Men's Breakfast  9a-3p, Garlands of Gifts..FREE admission  9:30a, Seasonal Choir
10 Stewardship Sunday Veterans Honored  4p, Confirmation Class	11	12 Deadline for Nov. LINK 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA  5:30p, Yoga  7:00p, Stroke Club	13 9a-3p, Sew In No Meal 6-7:15p, Christ- mas program practice Jr. & Sr. Youth Groups 6:30p, Choir practice 6:30p, Bells 7:15p, Puppets 7:30p, Seasonal Choir 7:45p, Praise Team	14   10a, Care Team Mtg.  3:30p, Hand of Luke	15 Pal: Pat Papenheim	16   9:30a, Seasonal Choir  Jr. BLAST dinner after the JROL service
17 Food Pantry Sunday Taco fundraiser after each service for Sr. BLAST Deadline for Poinsettias Deadline for Advent by Candlelight  4p, Lay Servant Ministry	18   6:30p, Women's Bible Study	19 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA  5:30p, Yoga  7:00p, Finance Meeting	20 No Meal 6-7:15p, Christmas pro- gram practice Jr. & Sr. Youth Groups 6:30p, Choir practice 6:30p, Bells 7:15p, Puppets 7:30p, Seasonal Choir 7:45p, Praise Team	21 9a, Women's Fellowship  6:00p, Book Club at Denise Hartford's home  7p, Worship Design Mtg.	22 Pal: Marlys Borcharding  Noon, Small Group at Cindy's Corner Café, Urbandale	23
24 UM Student Day (offering)  Hanging of the Greens  4p, Confirmation class	25 9a-Noon: Lee Ross	26 9a-Noon: Barb Mather  9:30a, Alanon; Noon, AA 5:30p, Yoga 7:00p, AD Council 6:30p, Choir practice 7:30p, Seasonal choir 7:45p, Praise Team	27 9a-Noon: Norma Sutton  No programs	28 <b>Office Closed</b>  <i>Thanksgiving</i>	29 <b>Office Closed</b>	30

**\*United Methodist Student Day offering—Nov. 24: New Hope honors our members who are college students.** Your offering on United Methodist Student Day nurtures persons to serve their churches and their communities. Please give generously. Your gift makes a world of difference!

**STAFF:** Nancy Monthei, Office Admin. will be on vacation: Fri, Nov. 8 and Nov. 25-27.

**Looking Ahead:**

Dec. 2, Advent by Candlelight, 7pm  
Dec. 8, Cookie Walk  
Dec. 11, Santa's Attic  
Dec. 14, Christmas at the Barn  
Dec. 15, Christmas Cantata, 8:30 & 10:45;  
Dec. 15, Children's Christmas Program, 6:30pm  
Dec. 19, Heartbeat Bells Concert

## Happy Birthday to you!!

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

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

## Happy Anniversary!!!

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|---------------------------|
| 2 James & Suzanne Neu     |
| 5 David & Karen Davis     |
| 7 Brian & Suzie Martz     |
| 12 Larry & Paulette Wood  |
| 20 Chris & Jenn Higdon    |
| 22 Don & Doris Ummel      |
| 23 Scott & Deanne Rowland |

*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.*

# Thanksgiving

Do not say to yourself, "My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth." But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

– Deuteronomy 8:17-18

I waited while the tractor and wagon passed by before crossing the street, remembering to look right first and then left before crossing the street. I was in Mountmellick, Ireland, a farming community, visiting my friend Bill, and was interested in how many farm vehicles I saw while walking in the downtown area of the town.

Each year about the second or third Sunday in October, the Methodist Church in Ireland celebrates Harvest Sunday in their worship service. It's similar to our Thanksgiving, in that the people of the church give thanks for the harvest and for all the blessings God has given them. There's always food afterwards and good fellowship. I had a chance to visit with one of the older gentlemen of the congregation and we were comparing notes about growing up on a farm in the 1950's – I in Iowa and he in Ireland.

The Old Testament text for the evening service contained these verses from Deuteronomy. Moses spoke these words to the nation of Israel, just before they went into the

Promised Land. He said that they would prosper in their new land, and their material wealth would increase. But in the midst of all that, Moses warned them not to forget God. It would be easy for them to become prideful when things were going well, and to think they had gotten the material blessings of life all by themselves. But Moses reminds them that it was God who gave them the ability to get the things that make for wealth in the first place. It was God who gave them the ability to plant the seed and harvest the grain, who gave them the abilities to do business and to sell products of craftsmanship. Moses reminds the people not to think they can do life without God.

The Irish Methodists, each year, in their Harvest Sunday worship, remember to thank the God who has blessed them with the harvest, with all the good gifts of life. This Thanksgiving may we, too, remember to thank God for His gifts, His grace, and His love.



## worship themes for november

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Nov 2-3	<b>5 Star Generosity</b> <i>John 3: 11-17</i>
Nov 9-10	<b>5 Star Faith</b> <i>Joshua 1:5-9</i>
Nov 16-17	<b>5 Star Worship</b> <i>Psalms 100:1-5</i>
Nov 23-24	<b>5 Star Hospitality</b> <i>Matthew 22:1-10</i>
Nov 30-Dec 1	<b>5 Star Service</b> <i>Matthew 2:1-12</i>

*First Sunday in Advent*



#### 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

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**Director of Music:** Eldon Cross  
**Children's Ministries Coordinator:** Sarah Jacobson  
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