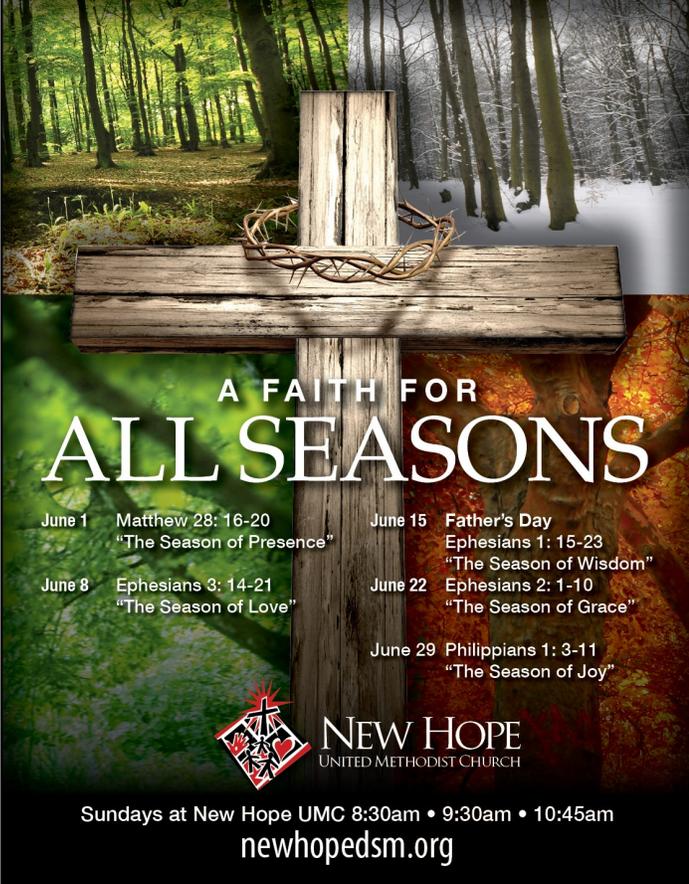


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# June 2014



**A FAITH FOR  
ALL SEASONS**

June 1	Matthew 28: 16-20 "The Season of Presence"	June 15	Father's Day Ephesians 1: 15-23 "The Season of Wisdom"
June 8	Ephesians 3: 14-21 "The Season of Love"	June 22	Ephesians 2: 1-10 "The Season of Grace"
		June 29	Philippians 1: 3-11 "The Season of Joy"

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Coming to JR0L  
**JUNE 2014**



# ANIMATION

Bringing Biblical Themes To Life  
Through Movies

May 31-June 1 <b>ALPHA &amp; OMEGA</b>	June 7-8 <b>EPIC</b>	
June 14-15 <b>TURBO</b>	June 21-22 <b>THE CRUDES</b>	June 28-29 <b>FROZEN</b>

 Saturdays 5pm  
Sundays 10am  
Beaver Creek Elementary  
[johnstonriveroflife.org](http://johnstonriveroflife.org)



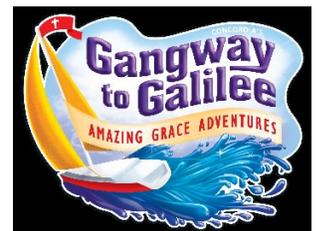
Johnston River of Life will be hosting their Vacation Bible School at the Johnston Barn on **June 25-27 (6-8pm) and on June 28 (4-6pm) at Beaver Creek Elementary.**

The theme is Go Fish's second VBS, "Praise: Where Kids Get Down and Lift God High."

If you are interested in helping, in any way, please contact Jenn Higdon at 661-4611 or [Jenn@Higdon-family.net](mailto:Jenn@Higdon-family.net). We need all the help we can get from decorating to leading kids to teachers. *Registration form is on the Johnston River of Life website: <http://www.johnstonriveroflife.org>*

New Hope's Vacation Bible School is set for

**July 13-17, 5:30pm Dinner  
6-8pm Activities,**  
and *Gangway to Galilee* is the theme! *Click on the VBS 2014 tab of the New Hope UMC website: [www.newhopedsm.org](http://www.newhopedsm.org) to print participant and volunteer forms or pick up forms at the VBS table in the Fellowship Hall.*



This adventure will take us on and around the Sea of Galilee with five accounts of Jesus' ministry there. By grace through faith, Jesus, calls us, teaches us, keeps us safe, saves us, and provides all we need now and forever. That's amazing grace!

We need all hands on deck to make this another amazing and memorable year for our youth. If you are interested in volunteering in the areas of crafts, storytelling, games, snacks, evening meals, or shepherding, please sign up or speak directly with Andy Sutton (515-554-4055) or Julie Sahlin (563-340-3126).



# 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

Larry Forbes; 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; Skylar Wright; Tim Rains and our national and world leaders, our military and their families.

## Our Sympathy

*Our Sympathy* to Kay Goff and family on the passing of her stepson, Blaine Goff. Blaine was preceded in death by his mother and father, Ardythe and Blaine Goff who were members of New Hope UMC.

*Our Sympathy* to Barb Conrad and her children, Darrell Conrad, Kathy Crees, Eric Conrad, Chris Conrad, and Julie McClain on the passing of Sherman Conrad, husband and father.

*Our Sympathy* to Pastor Craig & Jody Ferguson and family on the passing of Jody's uncle Keith Bosse.

## Baptism

*Congratulations* to Joshua Davis Sentman, son of Thad and Rebecca Sentman, who was baptized on May 25th.

## Thank You

We would like to thank everyone at New Hope for your calls, cards and prayers during Dave's knee replacement surgery. Special "Thank you" for the beautiful quilt and a HUGE THANK YOU to the care team and their wonderful meals. I think David and I gained 10 pounds from all the WONDERFUL food. New Hope is a very special family and we are glad we are a part of it.

Thank you.  
David and Karen Davis



If you had your photo taken or wanted your name in the directory, please pick up one directory in the Fellowship Hall. Please cross your name off the list. Thank you!

## Photo Directory Updates

**Jane Wagner:** house number is incorrect. Should be: **6203** Country Ridge Ln.

**Jessica Hass:** new email is [jlhass3640@gmail.com](mailto:jlhass3640@gmail.com)

**Betty Hoeksema** moved and her new address is: 701 Market Street, Apt. 226, Oxford, MI 48371

If you see anything that needs to be corrected in the directory, please contact the church office.

## Thank You

Thanks to everyone who helped with the Annual Rummage and Bake Sale. It was a huge success due to the many, many hours of hard work from so many New Hope volunteers.

Look for a detailed report in the July Newsletter. For now we just want to make sure that you all know that your contributions were greatly appreciated. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Rummage Sale Team



Thank you so much to everyone for supporting Jaela in her mission to raise money for the fight against MS.

## Graduate Recognition

On Saturday, May 10 and Sunday, May 11, it was our pleasure to have honored the following high school graduates: Garrett Cook, Destinee DeBates, Joe Fairchild, Mackenzie Hewitt, McKayla Johnson, & Triston Narmyer.

We also congratulate the following college graduates: Laura Cross, Brittany Egger, Nicole Jaschen, and Taylor Martz.

**Best wishes to the graduates!!**



## Retirement Party Open House for Pastor Cross

You are cordially invited to celebrate the retirement of Pastor Neil Cross as we honor him and his family with an open house at New Hope UMC.

**Sunday, June 1, 2014**

**3pm-6pm**

*A short program is scheduled at 4pm*

Pastor Neil will be participating in the retirement celebration during the Iowa Annual Conference, will be on Sunday, June 8, 4pm at the Iowa Events Center in Hy-Vee Halls B & C, 730 Third Street with a presentation of certificates and pins during a special worship service.



## Needlers Summer Sew-In on June 6th

If you can sew a seam, you can make Little Dresses for Africa. Plan to join the New Hope Needlers on **Friday, June 6th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm** as they work on

Little Dresses in the Fellowship Hall at church. Material and machines are available or feel free to bring your own. We plan a pot luck salad lunch at noon.



Johnston River of Life will again participate in this year's Johnston Green Days Parade on **Saturday, June 21 at 10:00a.m.**

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

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

for Armchair Theologians



## AUGUSTINE

for Armchair Theologians



for Armchair Theologians



## 2014 Summer Bible Study / Faith Exploration Class

Have you ever wanted to learn more about the theologians who are the foundation of our modern Christian faith? This summer you have the opportunity to take a study / class on some of our church fathers. We will be looking at a series called Armchair Theologians that makes this study light, fun, and enjoyable group discussion. (No preparation or prior education required, and no such thing as a dumb question)

The study will be 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM on the first and third Wednesdays of each month, hosted at the home of:

Jon and Wendy Musgrave  
5810 Brentwood Circle  
Johnston, IA 50131

June 4	Aquinas	July 16	Knox
June 18	Augustine	August 6	Bonehoffer
July 2	Calvin	August 20	Barth

# christian learning opportunities

## Children & Youth Ministries Mission Statement

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



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

*Thank you* to everyone who has already committed to helping our children and youth ministries in some way for the next school year. We have many positions filled already and are very grateful for your support!

**Did you miss our commitment Sunday? It's not too late to commit!** We can always use more help! There are green volunteer directories and commitment cards at the name tag tables to fill out and turn in the offering plate, or you can contact Sarah Jacobson if you would like to help in some way. This summer we will be searching very intently for more CLT teachers, a Meal Coordinator for TGIW and VBS leaders. Please be in prayer about if/how you might be able to help in these areas and contact Sarah with any questions.



## TGIW Family Nights

**Wednesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>:** Join us at New Hope from 6:30-8pm for Lawn Games and a campfire with s'mores. No dinner will be provided this night. Bring your favorite lawn game to play with your church family.

RSVP to [sjacobson@newhopedsm.org](mailto:sjacobson@newhopedsm.org) by Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. There is a sign up on my bulletin board.

**Wednesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Movie Night at the Johnston Barn. 4:30-8:30pm

**Wednesday, August, 20<sup>th</sup>:** Movie Night at the Johnston Barn. 4:30-8:30pm

TGIW will start back up again on **Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>** with a Family Tailgating Party. More details to come.

## Check out the Children and Family Ministries Information Spot!

Due to the high demand for continuous electronic communication, starting this month, I will now be including most of the resources found on my bulletin board in the monthly Parent Link that is emailed to all parents of children ages 3 years to 6<sup>th</sup> grade. If you are not receiving this Parent newsletter and would like to, please contact the church with your email address.

Not tech savvy? Have no fear, you can still check out the bulletin board for the information if you missed it. This month you will find a meal time devotion titled "Father's Day: Fabulous Fathers," an activity puzzle for kids, and the Parent Link. Check out the Parent Resources section for an article titled "Family Fun on Little-Known Holidays" as a way to find fun and educational activities to help keep your children busy this summer. Plus, it's a unique way for your family to connect as well. The list of apps to teach your children a different language, created by New Hope member Tammy Dann is still available to look at. If you have any ideas or suggestions for Parent Resources or topics you'd like to see, please contact [sjacobson@newhopedsm.org](mailto:sjacobson@newhopedsm.org).



**School Supplies Needed:** If you are looking for a way to get rid of your child's school supplies at the end of the year, we could use them for the craft room. Please drop them off in Sarah's office. We will also have a "wish list" of craft supplies needed if you happen to get extra supplies when you do school shopping for the fall. Think of New Hope when buying. This list will be posted on Sarah's bulletin board.

You are invited to

# Worship in the Park

Inspirational Outdoor Worship, Free Meal & Family Games



**10AM SUNDAY**

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**JUNE 8**  
Dover Park  
Located in Green Meadows West neighborhood

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**JULY 6**  
Adventure Ridge Park  
Located just west of NW 100th on Windsor Parkway

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**AUGUST 3**  
Pointe Vista Park  
Located in the Newport Vista/Ashton neighborhoods along NW 97th



### Harvest Dinner/General Store/Auction

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, October 19** at New Hope UMC. This fun filled family event is a wonderful time for fellowship and raising money for your church. More details to come!



### Garlands of Gifts

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, November 15** at New Hope UMC. This open to the public craft & gift fair will have crafters or national direct sales companies as vendors. Watch for more details and how you can sign up to be a vendor.

# youth programs



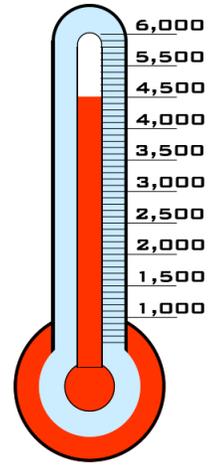
The focus of **Jr. High BLAST** (6th-8th grade) this year is to share the love of Christ through fun fellowship activities and service projects.

Jr. High Blast is be having a **food fight June 8th at 1:30pm**. Please bring your food ammo as well as a donation to the food pantry. We will be have some outside fun before the food starts flying. This is for new 6th graders as well as old 9th graders. We will reschedule if raining.



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

Thank you to everyone who came out and supported our Mother Day omelet breakfast; the event raised over \$250 towards our upcoming mission trip. Additionally, the group received a \$200 check from Buffalo Wild Wings for our Buffalo Wild Wings appreciation day on April 27<sup>th</sup>. At this point, we are around \$1,500 away from being fully funded for our trip in July to Tahlequah, Oklahoma.



Our next youth event is a parent and youth meeting on June 8<sup>th</sup> to go over the details about the upcoming mission trip. At this meeting, we will be completing the required forms and have some basic training about autism. So if you are planning to go on the mission trip; you will need to attend this meeting.

The next fundraising event will be a bake sale after the Johnston River of Life service on Saturday June 14<sup>th</sup>. We need donations of bake good items to help with this event. Plan now to attend the 5pm service at Johnston River of Life on June 14<sup>th</sup> and bring your baked goods to sell at that time. At the end of the month (June 22<sup>nd</sup>), we will be hosting a pancake breakfast at New Hope after each of the services.

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

- **June 8th @ 6 pm** - Mission Trip Parent's Meeting in the Ruby Chapel
- **June 14th @** Johnston River of Life BLAST Bake Sale after Saturday Service at Beaver Creek
- **June 22nd** - Pancake Breakfast at New Hope after each service
- **July 6th** - Biscuit and Gravy Breakfast at New Hope after each service
- **July 13th @** New Hope 9:30 am Service - BLAST Mission Trip send off
- **August 3rd** - Mission Trip Celebration Breakfast at New Hope after each service

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

## Spotlight on Cluster Groups

### Evangelism and Membership



We are pleased to introduce to you Kristy Mundy, who is a relatively new member of our congregation, and has accepted the leadership position of the Evangelism and Membership Cluster. This group includes the Welcoming, Visitation Team, Compassionate Callers, New member shepherding, Office Volunteer Team, new Member Dinner, Johnston Green Days, Beaverdale Days and the Website.

We are looking for someone to help Kristy in co leadership for this Cluster. We also would ask that if you are on one of these committees to please introduce or contact Kristy. Her contact info is in the new directory and I will also put it in the Link and on the kiosk.

**The Children/Youth Education Cluster** has been an extremely active and energetic cluster. The leaders of this cluster are Sherri Bogue and Beth Roff and the ministries in this cluster are:

Christian Learning Time for the 3-6th grade and the 7th - 12th grades.

VBS

Rally Day

TGIW

Jr. High Leadership

Sr. High Leadership

Nursery

Confirmation

Graduate recognition

Christmas program and the Easter party



Sherri Bogue



Beth Roff

They lead this cluster in conjunction with Sarah Jacobson, the Christian Education Director and also the JROL leader, Jen Higdon. They have many wonderful volunteers who feel the importance of raising the children in the church, teaching them the traditions of the Methodist church, and leading them in the education of Christianity.

I am very proud to thank Sherri Bogue and Beth Roff and the many teachers and volunteers that it takes to keep this ministry active in our church.

***Billy Nuzum, Lay Leader***

### A Message from the Board of Trustees

In the past several months the church has had several instances of things being taken down, putting up things, individuals suggesting raising money for repair of items, signing rental documents, etc.

The Board of Trustees is the Committee within the church responsible for property, repair, upkeep, legal matters, inclusive of the church, campus and parsonage. Anything dealing with the aforementioned need approval from the Board of Trustees.

If items are in need of repair, they will prioritize and seek approval of the other committees, if needed. Legal documents are required to be signed by the Chair, Board of Trustees per the Methodist Discipline.

Thank you for understanding this article and if there are questions, please contact John Rains, 238-1576 or johnsgm45@gmail.com

# serve

Sign up to help!  
Look for the sign-up sheets at the entrance of the Narthex and the Family Life Center.

## sunday volunteers

**Greeters** arrive at worship service fifteen minutes early to welcome worshipers.

**Lectors** read the scripture lessons for the day at the 8:30 and 10:45 worship services.

**Children's Church** meets during 9:30 a.m. worship service in the sanctuary & 1st/2nd grade classroom. Volunteers read a Bible story to the children and supervise craft and play time.

**Hosts** buy or bake six to eight dozen cookies (no peanuts/nuts), and serve coffee and lemonade after the 9:30 contemporary and 10:45 traditional worship services. New Hope purchases three to five dozen cookies to also be served with the hosts' cookies. After fellowship time the hosts wash, dry, and put away the cookie platters, rinse out and dry the coffee canisters, and take the trash out to the trash bin. When you sign up to host, a letter from New Hope will be mailed to you before you host with instructions on how to host.

If you are interested in volunteering for any of these positions, please call Nancy Monthei, church secretary, at 278-2097.

## Those who serve New Hope in June

8:30am Traditional Service	9:30am Contemporary Service	10:45am Traditional Service
<b><u>Greeters</u></b> 1 8 15 22 29	<b><u>Greeters</u></b> 1 8 15 22 29	<b><u>Greeters</u></b> 1 8 15 22 29
<b><u>Lectors</u></b> 1 Maurine Myers 8 Cathy Short 15 Maurine Myers 22 Vicki O'Brien 29	<b><u>*Hosts</u></b> 1 Glenna Ross & DeVonne Douglas 8 Pam & Bill Gibbons 15 Paulette & Larry Wood 22 Sr. Blast 29 Melisa & Larry Forbes	<b><u>Lectors</u></b> 1 Jon Verner 8 15 Billy Nuzum 22 29 Barb Mather
<b><u>Traditional Service Callers</u></b> 1 Mark & Leah Scherer 8 Bob & Marlys Borcharding 15 Norma Sutton 22 Bob & Marlys Borcharding 29 Norma Sutton	<b><u>Money Counters</u></b> 1 Randy Jansen, Ron Zoss, Glenna Ross 8 DeVonne Douglas, Tony & Tracy Hoffman 15 Jerry Kielsmeier, Kim Traylor, John Burrough 22 Clark Howland, Larry Wood, Rick Homard 29 Tony & Tracy Hoffman, Glenna Ross	<b><u>*Hosts</u></b> 1 Host: Lee Ross Cookies: Jan Davisson 8 Carol & Bob Harter 15 Paulette & Larry Wood 22 Sr. Blast 29 Host: Lee Ross Cookies: Jan Davisson
<b><u>Contemporary Service Callers</u></b> 1 Rod & Lynette Cook 8 Eldon Cross 15 Rod & Lynette Cook 22 Eldon Cross 29 Rod & Lynette Cook	<b><u>Pal Friday: 9 a.m.</u></b> 6 Marge Carnahan 13 Pat Papenheim 20 Marlys Borcharding 27 Ann Krause	

**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.

**June 22, 9:30-11:00am** will be the next BP checks. Come to the Narthex after each worship service.

## Men's Breakfast

**Saturday, June 14**  
at 7:30 a.m. at New Hope.

## Women's Fellowship

### No Meeting in June

If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Lewis at 254-1692.



## Special Music this Summer

Please consider sharing your talents with the congregation for the 8:30 or 10:45 services (or both) this summer. Soloists, duets, quartets and small groups (vocal and instrumental) are welcome. They do not even have to be a part of our congregation!

Memorial Day weekend will be the first Sunday singers or instrumentalists will be needed and ending Labor Day Weekend. The third Sunday of the month, Summer Choir will sing at the 10:45 services.

Sign up sheets are in the Fellowship Hall and at Johnston River of Life, so look at your calendars and make plans today. Make a joyful noise to the Lord!

## 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 **Thursday, July 10, 10am** at New Hope. If you would like to join the Care Ministry team, please contact Clarice Rubek or Mary Ann Rice.

## 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

**Friday Small Group** meets the 2nd and 4th Friday of every month at the Corner Cafe (Address: 2731 100th St, Urbandale, IA 50322, Phone:(515) 868-0200) at 11:45am. Our Bible study is from the James W. Moore books. No preparation is needed on your part before we meet. We welcome anyone who would like to join us. If you have questions please call Linda Kielsmeier at 515-689-9680 or Jan Davisson at 515-251-4894.

**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 will resume again in September. If there is an interest in a short summer study, contact Sharon Smith, 277-7125.



Church Camp

## Sign up your child(ren) for Church Camp!

Brochures are at the sign up table in the Fellowship Hall or go to [www.iaumc.org/camps](http://www.iaumc.org/camps).

**Camperships** are available from New Hope UMC. The Mission Committee is encouraging kids/youth to attend camp and will support them with a scholarship of half of the cost paid from the Mission Fund. Also, the Men's Group will contribute \$50 to each camper who attends a United Methodist camp.

Please inform the church office when you have registered your child(ren).



How many times have you watched a movie, cartoon, or television show and thought to yourself, “that had a Biblical theme, or a Christian moral.” Often shows that catch our heart, or elicit a tear are those that emphasis the similar themes of forgiveness, love, grace, humility, compassion, and reconciliation. Sound familiar? Sound like a Hallmark show, or even a 30 minute Saturday morning cartoon? The modern entertainment industry recognizes the human desire we have in our heart for the work of the divine.

In many current movies we find these themes integrated, however, we are so accustom to them that we glaze over them without a second thought; well maybe a tear, laugh, or applause at a climactic moment. But all too often we don't take time to appreciate a Christian connection or notice the Biblical narrative interwoven into the entertainment we just enjoyed.

Why is it that these themes are so prevalent in our culture? Is it just that they make for a good story line? Is it what we want to hear? Is it just what sells? Or is it a deeper issue? Could it be that God created us “In God's image” so that we have an innate desire to witness and even participate in these Godly activities? Does a tear touch our cheek when we witness God's love? Does a laugh escape our lips when we participate in real joy and happiness?

This June JROL will be focusing on families and children during our summer worship schedule. We will show short clips from current animated films and then discuss where we find those themes in scripture. We encourage you to invite your friends for this exciting worship series.

(Oh, did I mention that kids are invited to dress up each week like the protagonist (Hero) of the weeks movie?) Prizes will be awarded.

<b>May1-June 1</b>	<b>Alpha &amp; Omega</b>
<b>June 7-8</b>	<b>Epic</b>
<b>June 14-15</b>	<b>Turbo</b>
<b>June 21-22</b>	<b>The Crudes</b>
<b>June 28-29</b>	<b>Frozen</b>

# missions

## JUNE MISSION NEWS

**The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Score Fore Kids Golf Tournament** sponsored by CFUM will be held at: Echo Valley Country Club in Norwalk, IA, Monday, July 7<sup>th</sup>.

Missions will donate \$500 to the tournament for one team of 4. The first complete team to register at the church office will have their team fees paid. The deadline for registering is June 16<sup>th</sup>.

*(Children and Family Urban Movement is a mission agency of the Iowa Conference of the United Methodist Church, which supports many summer, and before and after school children's programs throughout the year.)*

*If you would like to donate to CFUM's urgent immediate needs, the list follows:*

**Breakfast Club:** Every morning at Breakfast Club we serve both hot and cold food options. We would love to get donations of juice, milk, cold cereals, breakfast bars, and instant oatmeal. Contact Abigail at [abigail@cfum.org](mailto:abigail@cfum.org) for more information. Also go to Volunteer opportunities and look up Breakfast Club, read about how you can donate your time.

**Sweat pants:** We are in need of sweat pants from size 4 ( little people!) all the way up to size 10-12 for 6th graders. This way we are prepared when there are clothing emergencies.



## MEALS FROM THE HEARTLAND

New Hope's next on-site food packaging event will be **Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup>**. We will package after short worship services, so the packaging time will be around one hour. There will be 4 separate packaging stations (of up to 10 people) set up in Fellowship Hall.

- \* Worship 8:30am, package 8:50am to 9:50am
- \* Worship 9:30am to 9:50am, package 9:50 to 11:00am
- \* Worship 10:45am to 11:05am, package 11:05am to 12:00pm
- \* Package 12:00pm to 1:00pm
- \* Clean up 1:00pm to 2:00pm

We encourage entire families (age 4 on up) to sign up for the same station of 10, so be early to enable all to be accommodated together. **Sign up sheets will be on the Mission Table beginning June 1<sup>st</sup>.**

We have committed to pay for and package 30,000 meals so the cost to us will be \$6,000. We will begin raising the money for this on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Empty food bags will be available on the mission table and at JROL for your donations if you so desire. Make checks out to New Hope with Meals on the memo line. If your family is collecting throughout the 2 month time with cash, enclose in the packaging bag or a separate envelope with your name so you can get credit for the money donated. **We will need your donations by August 3<sup>rd</sup>** so we can have our check ready on pick up of the food stuffs from Meals From the Heartland.



## LITTLE DRESSES FOR AFRICA Changing lives one little dress at a time...

"Little Dresses for Africa is a non-profit 501c3, Christian organization, which provides relief to the children of Africa. **Simple dresses are made out of pillowcases, and distributed through the orphanages, churches and schools in Africa to plant in the hearts of little girls that they are worthy!** Knowing the history of the girls in Africa and the difficult road that lay ahead, Rachel O'Neill decided she would take some dresses to the children in the villages. A small group of ladies began to sew simple little dresses, made out of pillowcases, to be distributed to young girls through the orphanages in Africa. This ministry captures the hearts of so many and continues to grow as groups of all sizes spring up across America. These groups cross age, gender and denominational lines, to serve the most vulnerable of God's children: little girls." **WE NEED YOUR HELP ASAP!** A mission team from Ankeny Methodist Church is leaving JUNE 14 for Malawi and would like to take little dresses! Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to make a difference in a little girl's life on the other side of the world by...

- \* Making little dresses. Pillowcases and directions can be found on the Missions Table.
- \* Donating pillowcases, thread, double fold bias tape, decorative trim, buttons, 1/4" elastic.
- \* Joining other sewers at New Hope on June 6<sup>th</sup>, 9am-3pm, to make little dresses



**Hand of Luke** is currently serving up to 250 individuals each month at Central Iowa Shelter & Services downtown Des Moines.

Sign up sheets are located in the Narthex. While receipt of supplies is most appreciated there are occasions when meal ingredients must be supplemented. If you are interested in providing a financial donation to support this cause, please notate "Missions - HOL" on your check (or with your cash). Thank you.

### **Hand of Luke - June 14**

Hot Ham Italian Sandwiches  
Applesauce or Chunky Apples  
Pasta Salad  
Cupcakes

Sign up in the Fellowship Hall to make food donations, cook or serve. Cooks meet at the church between 3:00-3:30pm. Servers transport the food to the Central Iowa Shelter & Services at 5:30pm, 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 place on the kitchen counter. Frozen items may be placed on the marked shelves in the industrial freezer. 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!!!**

## **Food Donation Delivery**

New Hope is very active in a number of missions and ministries. Without your food donations many of these would not exist.

When delivering food donations please place your name and function on the packaging. For example HOL many be utilized for Hand of Luke and VBS may be utilized for Vacation Bible School. This information or making a notation on the physical sign up sheets assists coordinators in knowing what items are outstanding.

Please clearly label any containers that need to be returned to you. Containers should be picked up the week following the event. They will be on the counter in the small kitchen.

The pantry area between the small and large kitchen contains both a freezer and a refrigerator. The freezer is on the left (north), refrigerator to the right (south). The appliances look alike so please take a moment to ensure you are placing foods in the appropriate appliance.

Food donations are always welcome as they reduce the amount of shopping required. In addition to food donations, monetary donations are also desirable. Please notate the purpose of the donation (mission or activity it is supporting).

Your support of the ministries and services at New Hope is greatly appreciated.

## **Kitchen Needs**

We are in need of clean containers with lids suitable for storing leftovers from funeral luncheons and meal events at New Hope. Please leave your containers in the industrial kitchen. Thank you. The Kitchen Committee



## ***Des Moines Area Religious Council (DMARC) Update***

*"I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave something to drink . . ." (Matthew 25:35)*

### ***Tuesdays with Tommy***

*By Kristine Frakes, DMARC Development Director*

For 8-year-old "Tommy"\* , Tuesdays are special. It's not because he looks forward to a regular play date. It's not soccer practice. It's not spending time with his grandmother. No. Each Tuesday afternoon, Tommy eagerly escorts his mother to retrieve outdated meat items from the dumpster behind the grocery store a few blocks from home. In the cramped, sparsely furnished apartment that Tommy shares with his Mom and two brothers, Tuesday is the one evening of the week when the family meal nearly always includes meat. Hands down – for Tommy's family, Tuesdays are best. While the DMARC Food Pantry Network continues to grow, we know there are too many families like Tommy's with limited means and mobility or transportation barriers who find it difficult to visit a food pantry. We understand that the cost of fresh meat, dairy, and produce items are increasingly out of reach for many low-income households, even those who receive food assistance benefits. So, over the coming months, the Des Moines Area Religious Council will continue to focus on service priorities to provide more food for more families like Tommy's.

*\*The child's age and name have been changed to ensure confidentiality.*

*Supporting the Des Moines Area Religious Council's (DMARC) twelve Food Pantries is an important mission for New Hope United Methodist Church. How can you help? Thanks to generous cash donations, DMARC can purchase 2 to 6 times more food than what retail prices afford because they can buy at wholesale and in bulk. If you would prefer to give in-kind gifts, a list of the most needed items to help in your shopping is on the back side of this insert. **The third Sunday of each month is designated as Food Pantry Sunday at New Hope UMC.** However, donations are welcome any time. Food donations may be placed in the shopping cart in the Mission Area in Fellowship Hall.*



### **Food Pantry**

#### **Most Needed Items (Please donate far before expiration and prime ripeness.)**

100% Juice (tomato, orange, or vegetable in a can or plastic bottle)

Fruit (canned in water or 100% juice, not in heavy syrup)

Vegetables (tomatoes, green beans, mixed vegetables, or sweet potatoes, canned with no salt added)

Beans (dry or canned in water, not pork and beans)

Peanut butter

Meat (tuna or chicken canned in water)

Whole-grain dry pasta or egg noodles

White rice (regular or instant)

Vegetable soup (low sodium)

Spaghetti sauce

Cereal (instant or regular oatmeal with no sugar added, whole grain Cheerios, Wheat Chex, Wheaties, granola or shredded wheat)

Shelf-stable low-fat UHT milk (in aseptic packaging, no canned milk)

Infant/baby formula

Diapers (large—sizes 3 to 6) and baby wipes

Personal products (shampoo, soap, feminine hygiene, toothpaste, and deodorant)

Fresh whole grain bread items (with generous expiration dates)

Fresh fruits and vegetables (potatoes/sweet potatoes, bananas, apples, carrots, grapes, oranges, tomatoes, melons, broccoli, or bell peppers)

For those who would like to visit DMARC's new facility, there will be a Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at 1435 Mulberry Street in Downtown Des Moines on **June 10 at 4pm.** To make your reservation for this event, call the DMARC Office at 515-277-6969 by June 3, 2014.

## New Hope Financial Update

Below is the General Fund operating budget report for April 2014 compared to our 2014 budget and April 2013

	<b>Apr 2014 Actual</b>	<b>Apr 2014 Budget</b>	<b>Apr 2013 Actual</b>
Total Receipts	25,317.47	24,355.33	27,558.36
Total Expenditures	<u>28,289.99</u>	<u>29,523.61</u>	<u>29,477.01</u>
Net Surplus (Deficit)	(2,972.42)	(5,168.28)	(1,918.65)

	<b>YTD Apr 2014 Actual</b>	<b>YTD Apr 2014 Budget</b>	<b>YTD Apr 2013 Actual</b>
Total Receipts	96,389.73	94,688.81	107,039.58
Total Expenditures	<u>113,702.71</u>	<u>116,840.18</u>	<u>117,965.85</u>
Net Surplus (Deficit)	(17,312.98)	(22,151.37)	(10,926.27)

## New Hope Sunday morning Worship attendance

	8:30	9:30	10:45	total
Apr 27	31	112	104	247
May 4	35	97	94	226
May 11	37	105	98	240
May 18	35	100	109	244

## Johnston River of Life Financial Update

Below is the General Fund operating budget report for April 2014 compared to our 2014 budget and April 2013

	<b>Apr 2014 Actual</b>	<b>Apr 2014 Budget</b>	<b>Apr 2013 Actual</b>
Total Receipts	10,198.63	8,030.00	n/a
Total Expenditures	<u>10,985.81</u>	<u>8,242.11</u>	<u>n/a</u>
Net Surplus (Deficit)	(787.18)	(212.11)	n/a

	<b>YTD Apr 2014 Actual</b>	<b>YTD Apr 2014 Budget</b>	<b>YTD Apr 2013 Actual</b>
Total Receipts	40,983.35	33,065.00	n/a
Total Expenditures	<u>40,276.86</u>	<u>37,718.48</u>	<u>n/a</u>
Net Surplus (Deficit)	7,706.49	(4,653.48)	n/a

## Johnston River of Life Worship attendance

Sat	Sun	total
Apr 27 52	Apr 28 87	139
May 3 47	May 4 34	81
May 10 38	May 11 49	87
May 17 47	May 18 38	85

**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](mailto: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](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.



## Like Father, like Child

As we celebrate Father's Day, we likely see traits in our dads (or other father figures) that we hope to be known for ourselves: integrity, gentleness, a great sense of humor, a love of learning, a humble spirit.

Amy Grant's song "Father's Eyes" tells of a young girl who wants nothing more than for others to recognize her father — and her heavenly Father — in her. "When people look inside my life, I want to hear them say, 'She's got her father's eyes.'"

What characteristics of God your Father are reflected in your eyes, heart and life? And what godly qualities would you like to cultivate?

May others see our heavenly Father in us!

*Sunday, June 15 - Happy Father's Day!*



On May 15th, the Heartbeat Handbell Choir performed "Ringing through the Seasons." New Hope UMC participants in the choir were: Kristin Welter, director; Kim Buske, Vicki Hover-Williamson, Mona Kirkpatrick, Suzie Martz, Karen Skovgard, and Jon Verner.



On May 18th, the Praise Team and Chancel Choir combined, at the 9:30am service, to perform "Here For You."

# June

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AT NEW HOPE

**SUNDAY      MONDAY      TUESDAY      WEDNESDAY      THURSDAY      FRIDAY      SATURDAY**

1 Communion  3-6pm Retirement party for Pastor Cross  4-5:30p, Girls United for Christ	2   7:00p, Trustees Mtg	3 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA	4   7-8p, Bible Study at Musgrave home  7:45p, Praise Team	5	6 Office Vol: Marge Camahan  9a-3p, Needlers Sew-In  7-9p, Boy Scouts	7
8 Guest Speaker: Barb Mather  4-5:30p, Girls United for Christ  6p, Sr. Blast parent meeting for mission trip	9	10 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA	11   6:30-8pm, Family Fun Night  7:45p, Praise Team	12	13 Office Vol: Pat Papenheim   7-9p, Boy Scouts	14 7:30a, Men's Breakfast   3:30p, Hand of Luke  5p, Sr. Blast bake sale at JROL
15 Father's Day Food Pantry Sunday Peace with Justice (offering)  4-5:30p, Girls United for Christ	16 <i>July LINK deadline</i>	17 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA  7:00p, Stroke Club 7:00p, Finance Meeting	18   7-8p, Bible Study at Musgrave home  7:45p, Praise Team	19	20 Office Vol: Marlys Borchering   7-9p, Boy Scouts	21   10a, Green Days parade
22 9:30-11a, Blood Pressure Sr. Blast pancake breakfast Noon, Cluster Groups meeting	23	24 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA  7:00p, AD Council	25   7:45p, Praise Team  6-8pm JROL VBS at the Johnston Barn	26   6pm, Harvest Dinner/ Auction mtg.  6-8pm JROL VBS at the Johnston Barn	27 Office Vol:   7-9p, Boy Scouts  6-8pm JROL VBS at the Johnston Barn	28   4-6pm JROL VBS at the Beaver Creek Elem.
29	30	July 1 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA	2   7:45p, Praise Team	3 Office Vol.: Norma Smith	4 Office Closed  10a, JROL in the Urbandale parade	5

## Happy Birthday to you!!

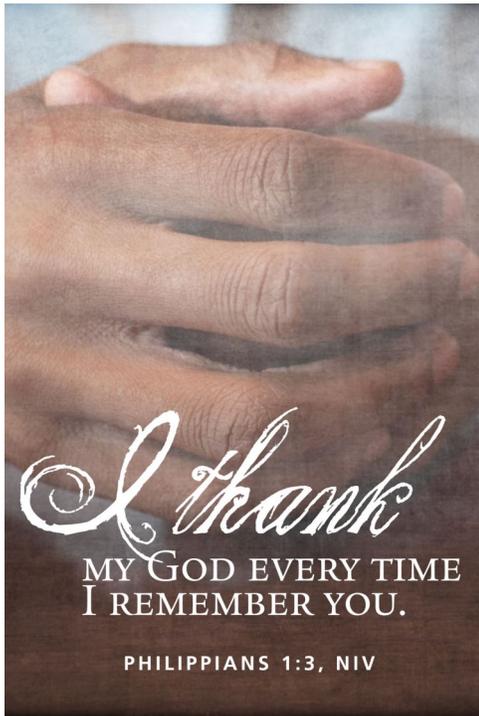
*"May God's many blessings, be yours the year through."*

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

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

## Happy Anniversary!

- 2 Dana & Teresa Garside
- 4 Jared & Lindsey Robertson
- 5 Ryan & Jessica Hass
- 8 Bob & Ann Krause
- 9 Randy & Sheri Thompson
- 11 John & Olive Walker
- 14 Earl & Sharon Lewis
- 14 Kyle & Kristin Redies
- 19 Rod & Lynette Cook
- 20 Mark & Susan Baldwin
- 22 Keel & Dani Clemmens
- 22 Eugene & Norma Pecinovskiy
- 23 Jack & Marilyn Schoop
- 23 Gerald & Jane Perdue
- 23 Adam & Cari Gregg
- 24 Tim & Kristy Hegwood
- 26 Ron & Denise Zoss
- 27 Larry & Melisa Forbes
- 30 Mike & Rose White



# Thank You

*“I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the Gospel from the first day until now.”*

*– Philippians 1:3-5*

Paul was writing the church at Philippi, in what was probably his last letter, to thank them for the ministry they had shared together over the years. I feel the same way. I am so very grateful for have shared the ministry of Jesus Christ over all these years. I and Cheryl and Michelle and Laura have been blessed to be a part of the New Hope family. We could not have been a part of a better church as a family, with our children in their growing up years, and for Cheryl and I to participate together in the ministry. I

believe Christ has worked through all of us, for Christ’s ministry is not just about one person, but all of us working together as the Body of Christ to share His ministry in this time and place. And because Jesus Christ has promised to be with us always, I am convinced that His ministry will continue in His church, and in the world.

I will miss all of you, but I know you will be in good hands. I am so very pleased that Rev. Jon Gaul is coming as Senior Pastor. I have known Jon over many years and have always appreciated his ministry, his leadership, his wisdom and his friendliness. Jon has had experience in leadership both at the Conference level, serving as Associate Council Director and as a Field Outreach ministry and his has served United Methodist Churches in various communities in Iowa, including Emmetsburg, Winterset, and Sioux City. I know he and his wife Anita will share a very good ministry with all of you.

I will continue to uphold all of you in my prayers. And I can echo St. Paul in that I certainly will thank God every time I think of you, so very grateful that I have been blessed to have been a part of New Hope and the ministry we have shared together.

## **Sermon Series at New Hope UMC: “A Faith for all Seasons”**

**June 1** Text: Matthew 28:16-20, Title: “The Season of Presence”

### **June 8 – Barb Mather preaching**

Text: Ephesians 3:14-21, Title: “The Season of Love”

**June 15** Text: Ephesians 1:15-23, Title: “The Season of Wisdom”

**June 22** Text: Ephesians 2:1-10, Title: “The Season of Grace”

**June 29** Text: Philippians 1:3-11, Title: “The Season of Joy”



#### 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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#### 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  
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