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New Hope United
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October 2014

OCTOBER AT NEW HOPE UMC

THE WAY OF DISCIPLESHIP

- Oct. 5 "Pressing On"
- Oct. 12 "Surpassing Understanding"
- Oct. 19 "Becoming An Example"
- Oct. 26 "Testing Love"



NEW HOPE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sundays at New Hope UMC 8:30am • 9:30am • 10:45am
newhopedsm.org

October at Johnston River Of Life

Believe

Be involved
Be inspired
Be Christ in
Community.



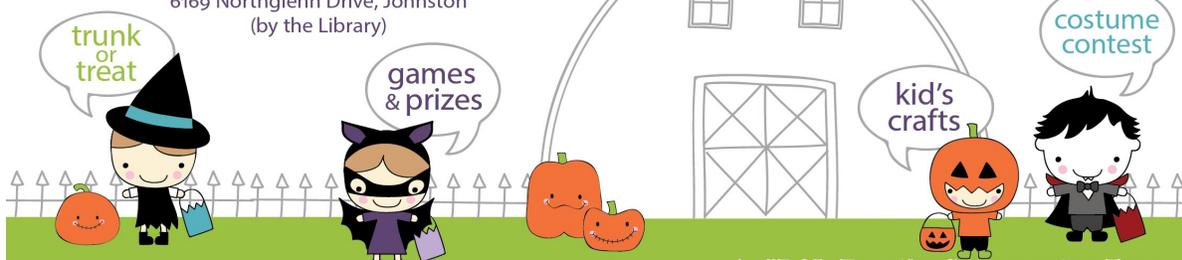
Saturdays 5pm
Sundays 10am
Beaver Creek Elementary
johnstonriveroflife.org

JROL would like to extend a warm invite to all our New Hope families to join us on October 30th, 5-6pm for our Halloween Night at the Simpson Barn (by the library). If anyone would like to host a trunk at the event please contact Jessica Hass at (515) 360-3647. Can't wait to see you all there.

4th Annual • Community Beggars' Night at the Barn

6169 Northglenn Drive, Johnston
(by the Library)

Oct 30, 2014
5-6 pm



All activities are free!

A JROL Family Community Event
sponsored by JohnstonRiverOfLife.org



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

Laura Myers; Bruce Flickinger, son of Elmer & Theresa Flickinger; Denise Nurse, aunt of Tracy Hitchcock; Danny Craighton, brother of Keith Craighton; Rosemary Hulse, Sandy Johnson's mother; Nathan William Hartford, grandson of John & Denise Hartford; 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; Tim Rains; Collin Traylor; Mike McGhee; Devan Stanton, Jared Stanton and our national and world leaders, our military and their families.

Sympathy

Our Sympathy to Mel & Ginny Ghee on the passing of Mel's brother-in-law, Dave Turner.

Our Sympathy to Joe, Cathy, Clarissa & Hannah Short on the passing of Cathy's father, Charles Allen (Chuck) Hanson.

Wedding

Congratulations to Randi Silvers and Zachary Ramsey on their September 20th wedding at New Hope UMC.

Thank You

Hi Chris (Higdon) and New Hope Family,

Hope Ministries thanks you for sending your youth group (Senior BLAST) to us this week. Your church family has partnered with us for over 14 years to serve the Hungry and homeless men, women and children in our midst. You have been faithful and increasingly generous.

We appreciate the labor of love that your BLAST Group did at our ENCORE Thrift Store on Sat Sept 13. We got so much done that the staff could not believe it went so quickly. We sorted soaps, shampoos, toothpaste, etc. from a 4'x4'x3' cube box that was 1/2 full. This was all placed in see-through totes and stored where the facility staff can easily come a get whatever is needed for the week. Then we sorted and placed books on shelves for sale, tagged and hung clothing, and polished and place furniture items.

I was told even before we left that afternoon that a couch, two chairs and two side tables had sold already. The money would not have come in to us that day without your help. You are a blessing to us and we thank you.

Merry Lee Cunningham
Community Relations
Hope Ministries

Thank You

New Hope United Methodist Church congregation, The Quilters group & committee who brings meals: Thank you so much for the beautiful blanket made for our new family member, Evelyn Rose O'Brien, we love it! And thank you for bringing over the meal of chicken, mashed potatoes, and the two very delicious desserts!

We are so blessed!
Thank you very much,
Travis, Christine, Natalie, Hayden, Jocelyn & Baby Evelyn

Charge Conference

Sunday, October 26 at 2:00-3:30pm at Valley UMC

Our Charge Conference will be held on **Sunday, October 26 at 2:00-3:30pm at Valley UMC**. Sign up to attend using the tear-off form of the bulletins and placing it with the offering. Or contact the church office. We want to make sure there is enough books for everyone.

confirmation schedule



October 12, 4:30 p.m.
Topic: "Church & New Creation"
October 26, 4:30 p.m.
Topic: "Way of Discipleship"

Sun., Nov. 2
Daylight Saving Time ends



-Yee-Haw-

The 2014 Harvest Dinner & Auction Fundraiser Sunday, October 19th 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The Harvest Dinner & Auction Fundraiser is right around the corner. Soon you will enjoy a delicious meal, fine musical entertainment and perhaps purchase fine crafts and special items at the General Store or bid on them at the Auction. This fundraiser will raise funds to help support New Hope's programs and projects that help us fulfill our Mission Statement: *Serve God, Love Others, and Follow Jesus.*

What is the Harvest Dinner & Auction Fundraiser?

1. A General Store, 4 to 8 p.m.

The General Store will have for sale donated items which are new and perhaps handmade by you. Not everybody can knit and crochet, bake or make jams and jellies or create works of art out of wood. Your gifts and talents are needed in the General Store and we are asking for items with a sale value of up to \$50. Please let Barb Agan know what you will be donating to the General Store. Your donation can be brought to New Hope on Saturday, October 18 from noon to 3 p.m. Barb Agan's contact information is: 515-255-8292 aganbarjim@gmail.com.

2. An Auction, 6 to 8 p.m.

Jerry Kluver will again be the auctioneer and he will keep us entertained as he works with his 'side kick' and emcee John Rains. Donations needed for the auction can be handmade items, trip packages, dinners for groups, game tickets and handyman services. Five auction

items will be started at the bid of \$30 with the rest of the items having a starting bid of \$50. So please bring your donation valued at \$50 or more to New Hope between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Sunday, October 12. Please contact Melisa Forbes to let her know what you will be donating to the Auction. Melisa's contact information is: 515-276-0695 mel4bs@aol.com.

3. A Dinner, 5 to 6 p.m.

A delicious pork loin dinner with Mary's potatoes, macaroni & cheese, side dishes and dessert.

4. Music Entertainment, 5 to 6 p.m.

Junction Jazz Society playing easy listening music.

5. Children Activities, 6 to 8 p.m.

During the auction, a nursery will be available and children's activities will be provided.

Tickets for the Harvest Dinner and Auction Fundraiser

will be sold at the Welcome Window in the Fellowship Hall after each worship service.

★ **Deadline to purchase tickets** ★
is

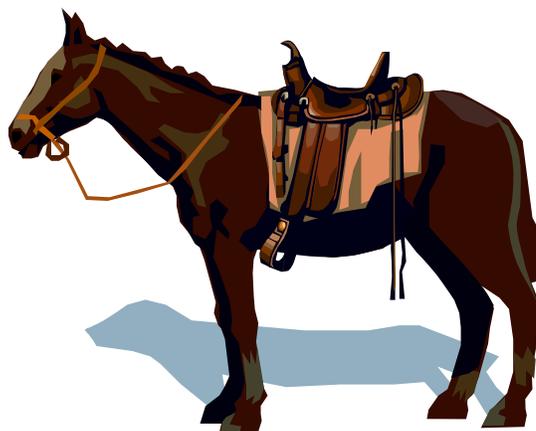
Sunday, October 12

Adults, 12 years and up - \$10

Children, 5 to 11 years - \$5

Children, 4 years and younger - FREE

Cash – Check—Pay Pal





PIE SALE

October 5

Women's Fellowship will have the last PIE SALE of the year on

Sunday, October 5. We plan to have more of the popular mini-pies, however we will gratefully accept any size home made pie. Please, no pies that require refrigeration.

If you would like to deliver your pies on Saturday, October 4, someone will be in the Church kitchen from 3:00 - 5:00.

THANKS, TO ALL PIE BAKERS !!!

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 6:30pm
IN THE
3RD GRADE CLASSROOM**

Our Heavenly Father, thank you for this opportunity to gather together and celebrate our ministry. We have been blessed with the opportunity to share our love and concern for others through something tangible, the prayer shawl. We come in joy, recognizing and praying for our continued mission to reach out to others and spread the word of love. Amen

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will resume meeting Tuesday, October 7 at 6:30 in the 3rd grade classroom and shawls will be blessed at all 3 services on October 12. The ministry knits or crochets shawls that are given to persons who are ill, have suffered a loss, or are in the midst of a life crisis. You can join our Prayer Shawl Ministry by getting involved in making shawls with us or by requesting a shawl for a friend or loved one you know that is in need. If you wish to donate yarn, or make a monetary donation to purchase yarn, we welcome your contribution! You can find more information about the Prayer Shawl Ministry (i.e., yarn, directions for knitting) on the Missions table. Questions? Please contact Jean Vesely, 274-5082.



Sharon Lewis, President of Women's Fellowship, awarded John Dickerson Honorary Membership in the 2014 Women's Fellowship.

John made and donated many pies for the pie sales. Thank you John for your generosity!

CHICK LIT BOOK CLUB/PRAYER GROUP/FILM GROUP

**Do you enjoy reading?
Do you enjoy lively and respectful conversation and fellowship?**

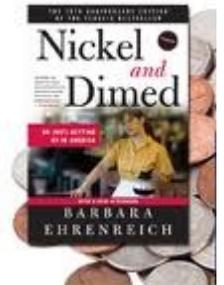
Please join us in the Ruby Chapel on Thursday, October 23 at 6:30 when we discuss...

Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting By in America by Barbara Ehrenreich

"Millions of Americans work full-time, year round, for poverty-level wages. In 1998, Barbara Ehrenreich decided to join them, inspired in part by the rhetoric surrounding welfare reform, which promised that any job equals a better life. But how can anyone survive, let alone prosper, on \$6 to \$7 an hour? To find out, Ehrenreich moved from Florida to Maine to Minnesota, taking the cheapest lodgings available and accepting work as a waitress, hotel-maid, house cleaner, nursing home aide, and Wal-Mart salesperson. She soon discovered that even the "lowliest" occupations require exhausting mental and physical efforts. And one job is not enough; you need at least two if you intend to live indoors"

"Nickel and Dimed reveals low-wage America in all its tenacity, anxiety, and surprising generosity -- a land of Big Boxes, fast food, and a thousand desperate stratagems for survival. Instantly acclaimed for its insight, humor, and passion, this book is changing the way America perceives its working poor."

Questions? Please contact Jean Vesely, 274-5082.



Needlers Sew-In

Monday, October 13

Join the New Hope Needlers to work on Little Dresses and Little Britches for Africa - and maybe do a bit of quilting as well.

We will be meeting in Fellowship Hall 9:00am-3:30pm with a pot-luck lunch at noon. Feel free to join for all or part of the day.



Can't sew but want to contribute? We have plenty of fabric, but could still use donations of 1/4 or 3/4 inch elastic, bias tape and grosgrain ribbon. If you have any that you aren't using, just drop it in the Little Dresses Supplies Box on the Missions table. Questions? Contact Kim Buske at 515-334-5448 or kim.buske@gmail.com.

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 Worship (Ages 3 years through 2nd grade)

Children's Worship is a meaningful time for children 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. This year we are asking parents to step in from time to time to help with crowd control and to help us stay in ratio now that we are easily getting 13+ children every week.

Please see the sign up list on the bulletin board in the education wing to participate. We are always looking for youth helpers in 5th grade or older. If you have any questions or concerns or would like to help, please contact Sherri Bogue or see the new Children's Worship Bulletin board in the education hallway.

Christian Learning Time (Sundays 10:45-11:45)

Everyone is welcome to join us for CLT. We have classes for all ages starting at 3 years old through 12th grade, and even adult.

CLT started off great with Rally Sunday. We had lots of fun playing games, getting settled in our new classes, and enjoying fellowship during the all church potluck. Thanks to everyone who helped pull Rally Sunday together!!!! It's not too late to register for CLT. Please make sure to fill out a registration form for CLT if you haven't already done so. It's very important that our church has emergency contact info on every child/youth involved in our programs.

During the month of October, our children will be learning about the story of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac, and Jacob and Esau. They will also learn how they can help UNICEF. See below for more details.

Starting in October this will be the Sunday Schedule:

- 10:45- 11am **(Only the first Sunday of the month)**
Gathering time for 3 yrs-K in the Purple classroom
Gathering time for 1st-5th grade in Orange classroom
- 11-11:45am Regular CLT



UNICEF: During the month of October our mission focus will be the Trick or Treat for UNICEF boxes. It's very important that we raise as much money as we can this year for UNICEF as they are an organization helping with the Ebola crisis. Our contest to see which CLT class can raise the most money for UNICEF this month will continue. Let the fundraising begin! **Make sure to return your filled UNICEF box to Sarah no later than Nov. 9th.**

We still have a need for CLT teachers and helpers!!!! Our biggest needs are in the 4th-5th grade class and the Sr. High class. We are also looking for occasional subs (subs for all classes on Oct 26th). Please consider what you can do to help fulfill our mission of working together to teach children to know, grow and show the love of Jesus Christ. We can't do this without your help. And the best part is, you don't have to be a parent to volunteer! If interested in helping or learning more information about our program contact Sarah Jacobson sjacobson@newhopedsm.org.

Just a friendly reminder: Parents of 3rd grade and below, please make sure to pick up your child in their classroom no later than within 10 minutes of the end of the 10:45 service. This will ensure that all children get picked up by the correct person, and our teachers will get to leave with their families as well. Children/youth in 4th grade and up will be responsible for finding their parent/guardian after CLT.

Upcoming Events: Volunteer Enrichment on Sunday, Oct. 26th during 10:45 CLT. Anyone who teaches CLT or helps with Children's Worship, BLAST, and TGIW are welcome to come and learn about Handling Discipline. We will meet in the Ruby Chapel.

Acolytes: If you are in 4th grade and up and would like to serve as an acolyte at the 10:45 service, please sign up on the list outside the 4th and 5th grade classroom or contact Sarah Jacobson with a date you'd like to help out.



Thank God It's Wednesday (TGIW)

Our TGIW program is back in full swing and going well. It's not too late to sign up, just fill out the age appropriate registration form (found on the TGIW table in the Fellowship Hall) and turn in your \$5/child or \$10/family registration fee. This will help us cover basic programming costs.

TGIW is for K-5th graders. We start at 5:30 for a free will donation supper followed by three 20 minute rotations and devotions until 7:15. This means if your child isn't there right at 6pm, they may miss out on some of the activities.

REMINDER TO TGIW PARENTS: As of this school year, all children ages K through 5th grade will need to be SIGNED IN by a parent/guardian who drops them off, as well as SIGNED OUT. For your child's (children's) safety, we will no longer be allowing children to wait in the parking lot for their parents. We ask that parents please take the time to come in the door, sign in/out your child and find out what's going on and how you can be involved. All children can be picked up in the Family Life Center. Children will need to be signed out by a parent/guardian or leader of another program they participate in (i.e. puppets) for them to leave. This ensures the safety of all of our children at New Hope. Thank you!!



TGIW Family Night at Skate North

Wednesday, October 8th, 6-7:30pm

Meet at Skate North Incrediroll for our October Family Night. Admission and skates are covered for kids/youth, unless upgrading to inline skates. Adults need to pay their own way. No meal will be provided this night and this will replace the TGIW program. Any children/youth not coming with their parents will need to be picked up at Skate North by 7:30pm! Please sign up on the TGIW registration table if you plan to join us. This will help us have a general headcount to give to Skate North.

NO TGIW for Wednesday, Oct 29th- instead we are promoting the JROL Halloween Party at the barn on Thursday, Oct. 30th.

Things to look forward to in October:

- Outdoor games
- Bible video component (we will learn about the Bible)!
- Handbells for 3rd grade and up
- Packaging Ingathering Kits
- Skate Night
- Talent Show (bring a talent to share with your friends)
- Come join us on October 1st, 15th and 22nd for TGIW**
- Dinner 5:30-6pm
- Handbells 6-6:30pm
- Activities 6-7:15pm

Check out the Children and Family Ministries Information Spot!

This month in the Parent Link and on the bulletin board you will find a meal time devotion titled "In a Pickle" and an activity puzzle for kids and an article titled "We Learn to Parent From Our Parents". If you have any ideas or suggestions for Parent Resources or topics you'd like to see, please contact sjacobson@newhopedsms.org.

Rally Day Fun!



Family Night Fun!



youth programs

(6th-8th grade) Jr. High BLAST meets on **Wednesday evenings from 6-7:15pm**. Join us for fun, fellowship, and growing in faith! Note to parents and other adults: In accordance with New Hope's safe sanctuary policy, there needs to be at least two adults present for every Junior Blast event. If there are any weeks that we don't have two or more adults scheduled to be present, then it will have to be cancelled for that week. If you are interested in signing up to volunteer, please contact Ryan Jacobson (ryantjacobson@hotmail.com)

Sunday 10/5 - Corn Maze (Plan to arrive at the church by 5:45 so we can leave at 6:00. We should return back to the church around 8:00. Drivers are needed so if you are able to volunteer, please contact Ryan Jacobson at ryantjacobson@hotmail.com)

Wednesday 10/8 - Family Night

Sunday 10/19 - Harvest Dinner (Junior Blast will help supervise in the nursery and lead activities for the elementary kids)

Wednesday 10/29 - No Junior Blast

Thursday 10/30 - JROL Trunk or Treat (Junior Blast will help with the activities)

Save the Date: Junior Blast Lock-in We are planning on having a Junior Blast lock-in at New Hope from the evening of Friday, Nov. 7th to the morning of Saturday, Nov. 8th. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend!

(9th-12th grade) Sr. BLAST Leaders: Chris Higdon, Charity Johnson, and Pam Frey BLAST@NewHopeDSM.org
(More information about the above events will be sent out in email and posted on Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/SeniorHighBlast>).)

September was the official kick off for the Senior BLAST youth group. The group kicked off this year with a weekend of service and fellowship. The group spent the morning of Saturday, September 13th working at the Hope Ministries Encore Thrift Store. The group help sort donated hygiene product, priced clothing, stocked books, and rearranged furniture. The group learned about Hope Ministries and their work in the community. The most rewarding part was seeing that our efforts in stocking the floor with items some were sold while we were working our shift. If we had not volunteered; the items that sold would have stayed in the backroom and been stored. But the fun didn't end there; the group also watched the Iowa/Iowa State football game and prepared breakfast casseroles for a mission trip fundraiser for breakfast after Sunday services at New Hope.

However, the weekend of service was not done yet... On Sunday of the same weekend, the group prepared the New Hope Hand of Luke meal for Central Iowa Shelter & Service. The group cut up 10 watermelons, grilled 170 hamburgers, prepared the bake beans, and cut up a lot of tomatoes, onions, and lettuce.

Additionally, in September the group started a weekly gathering to study the book of Mark. We will continue to meet weekly on Sunday's from 3pm to 5pm to continue our study of the book of Mark. Also, in October the group will be doing their annual corn maze, haunted house event, and helping out with New Hope's Harvest Dinner. Here are the some upcoming Youth events for the next couple of months:

Oct. 5th, 12th @ 3 pm ~ BLAST Meeting

Oct. 19th @ 3 pm ~ Help with Harvest Dinner at New Hope

Oct. 26th @ 4 pm ~ BLAST Corn Maze/Haunted House

Oct. 30th @ 4 pm ~ JROL Community Beggar's Night

Nov. 2nd, 9th, 16th @ 3 pm ~ BLAST Meeting

Nov. 9th ~ New Hope BLAST Breakfast

Nov 13th @ 6 pm ~ Garlands of Gift Setup

Nov 15th @ 3 pm ~ Garlands of Gift Tear Down

Nov. 22nd @ 4 pm ~ JROL Saturday Bake Sale



groups gathering together

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, October 11
at 7:30 a.m. at New Hope.

Women's Fellowship

New Hope Women's Fellowship will have their first fall meeting on **Thursday, October 16** at 9am. Questions? Call Sharon Lewis 254-1692 or Lee Ross 276-9790.

Blood Pressure Check

New Hope is offering free Blood Pressure checks each month. **October 12, 9:30-11:00am** will be the next BP checks. Come to the Narthex after each worship service.

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, October 9, 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

Adult Sunday School

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

Friday Small Group

The Friday Small Group meets 2nd and 4th Friday of every month. Next gatherings are on Oct. 10th & 24th.

Join us at 1pm at the Pizza Ranch, 4954 86th St, Urbandale. The Pizza Ranch has a buffet and as you arrive, pay for your buffet, load up your plate and join us in our reserved room.

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

2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month at 4pm. Childcare is provided. Contact Sherri & Nick Bogue, boguesa@gmail.com with questions.

Seasonal Choir

Join us for rehearsals for this year's Christmas Cantata which will be held on December 14th.

Rehearsals will be on Wednesdays beginning October 15 at 7:30pm in the sanctuary. Questions? Contact Eldon Cross, Director of Music, elcatalia4@gmail.com or 515-250-1476.

Women's Bible Study

Come join us for a study on "Fruit of the Spirit" by Joyce Meyer. You can choose Monday mornings at 10:00 to 11:30 or Monday evenings at 6:30 to 8:00. Just bring your Bible and a notebook to take notes, no exhaustive study before hand. November 3rd will

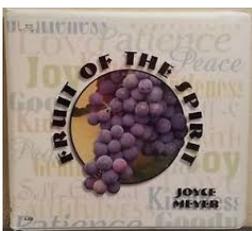
be the last session.

Fruit of the Spirit

Mondays at either 10:00 or 6:30 through November 3rd.

Bring Bible and notebook

Questions? Contact Sharon Smith, 277-7125.



SAVE THE DATE!

Advent by Candlelight: 7pm, December 1

Join the women of New Hope UMC and our friends as we celebrate Advent with music of the season,

Christmas stories, and Bible verses. Sign up sheets will be available in late October.

missions



OCTOBER MISSION: THANKSGIVING INGATHERING

This event was created to collect items to send to places in the US and across the world that are in need.

The Iowa Conference of the United Methodist Church is divided into 8 areas for gathering these kits. We will be taking ours to Greenfield, IA on November 1st. An auction of quilts and fine crafts follows a worship service, meal.

The money raised will go toward the following areas: Church World Service Tools and Blankets, Artemisia Seeds for treatment of Malaria, Heifer International, Self Help International Feeding Project in Nicaragua and Ghana, P.E.T. Personal Energy Transportation which sends Iowa made trike-like modes of transportation for land mine victims.

This year the Needlers are contributing a quilt for the auction. If anyone has any other items to donate, please contact Sharon Smith, 515-277-7125. New Hope is collecting materials for 3 kits this year: Health Kits, Sewing Kits, and Knitting Kits. You can place your items in the appropriate baskets on the Mission Table at the back of the Fellowship Hall.

UMCOR HEALTH KITS

- *1 new hand towel (15" X 25" up to 17" to 27")
- *1 bath sized bar of soap in wrapper (3oz. or larger)
- *1 large, sturdy comb (not pocket sized)
- *1 new toothbrush in original sealed wrapper (no child-sized)
- *1 nail file or fingernail clipper (no emery boards or toenail clippers)
- *1 new washcloth
- *6 band aids (3/4")

Lay out hand towel and lay washcloth flat in center. Place rest of items on top of washcloth. Fold sides of towel to cover items. Fold one end of towel over. Grasp bundle of items and roll over rest of towel tightly. Place tightly rolled bundle in zip lock bag.

SEWING KITS

Cottage industries often grow out of sewing classes where these kits are used to practice skills.

- *3 yards cotton or cotton-blend fabric (one piece)
- *1 sewing scissors
- *1 new spool matching thread (medium to large size)
- *1 package hand sewing needles
- *5-6 matching flat buttons on card or fastened together

Wrap sewing notions in fabric. Seal in zip lock bag.

IOWA NIGERIA KNITTING KITS

- *1 pair 10 inch needles, size 8
- *2 7-oz skeins of yarn (acrylic, same dye lot of a worsted solid color)
- *1 crochet hook, size E
- *2 yarn needles, size 16
- *1 pair small scissors, size 4 or 5

Place needles in skein or yarn and place in appropriate size zip lock bag

FAIR TRADE

We recently conducted a Fair Trade coffee liquidation sale as coffee sales were slow. We also took a survey and found several people would be interested in certain kinds offered again. More news on this will be forthcoming.

Exciting news: Equal Exchange offers the single serving coffee and also a container to use with the single serving coffee makers that you can fill with loose coffee. Go to www.equalexchange.org and order for yourself!



Hand of Luke - October 14

Ham Balls (please deliver ingredients by Noon on Sunday, October 12)
Ranch mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls & butter, dessert bars

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.

New Hope Books and Collectibles Sale

Saturday, December 6 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

We Need You!

New Hope's first Books and Collectibles Sale will be held December 6. This new event is part of our long rummage sale tradition.

There is a change in that there will not be a consignment option at the sale subsequent to the Finance Committee deciding to only accept donated items for the sale.

In order for this new event to be successful, we need a large selection of books and collectibles to sell AND we need your help in setting up and staffing the event.

If you have a sizable number of collectible items to donate or have collectibles with values over \$50 to donate, please contact us now. This will allow us time to determine an appropriate sale price and to include the items as part of our advertising the event.

In addition to setting aside books and collectibles for our sale, please consider helping staff the sale.

There are a variety of tasks from which you may choose. They include:

Intake: documenting the receipt of donations of books and collectibles.

Times: Tuesday, Dec. 2 & Wednesday, Dec. 3, 9 AM-Noon, 1-4 PM, 4-7 PM

Collectibles pricing: research the market price of collectibles and help establish sale price.

Times: Tuesday-Friday, Dec. 2-5, 9 AM-Noon, 1-4 PM

Set-up: arranging the displays of the books and collectibles for sale;

Times: Thursday, Dec. 4 & Friday, Dec. 5, 9 AM- Noon, 1-4 PM, 4-7 PM

Cashier/Sacker: check-out customers and package items sold:

Times: Saturday, Dec 6., 9 AM-Noon, 10 AM- 1 PM, 1- 4 PM

Sale assistant: monitor areas of the sale area, answer questions, assist shoppers:

Times: Saturday, Dec 6., 9 Am- Noon, 10 AM- 1PM, 1-4 PM

Take Down/Clean-up: assist with packing up unsold items, rearrange tables, etc:

Saturday, Dec. 6, 4-6 PM

Security: circulate and assist in addressing any security (theft, conflict, etc) scenarios that might arise.

Times: Saturday, Dec. 6, 9 AM- 11:30 AM, 11:30 AM- 2 PM, 2-4 PM.

If you can help out, please contact Kim Buske at Kim.Buske@gmail.com or Kathy Russi at KWRussi@aol.com.



There will also be a New Hope Bake Sale



We are having a bake sale to raise funds for New Hope supported missions. Please bring your bake sale items to New Hope on Friday morning December, 5 from 9 a.m. to noon. We are asking for pies, cakes, cookies, candy, jams, jellies, rolls etc. It would be appreciated if you could have your items labeled with ingredients, wrapped and ready for sale. If you have questions, please contact Linda Kielsmeier, 515-689-9680 or at lapals@hotmail.com.





Habitat for Humanity Work Day

On Saturday morning, Sept. 6, fifteen members of New Hope/JROL made their way to a Habitat for Humanity home to spend a day painting the exterior of the home. The homeowners worked alongside, as well as others who are in the process of obtaining their own Habitat home all guided under the watchful, and extremely fun to work with site supervisors, Ryan & Sabrina.

The weather couldn't have been more perfect, and fortified with biscuits donated by Hardees in the early morning, fabulous homemade cookies by Carole Followwill later and lunch together at Woody's Smoke Shack at noon, the home was completed by 3:00. Just in time for those who wished to be cleaned up for Saturday service at JROL.

Team Habitat 2014 was made up of: Joe Borchardt, Craig Ferguson, Dave & Carole Followwill & their friend Phyllis, Pam Frey, Jon Gaul, Bill & Pam Gibbons, Jessica Hass, John & Denise Hartford, Jon & Wendy Musgrave, Laura Siffin, and John Turek.

This day was a "bucket list" item for some, a conquering an extension ladder experience in at least one case and a return work day for others,. However, for all it was truly a day of work as worship when 15 pairs of New Hope/JROL hands and feet were privileged and blessed to serve those in need of a little extra assistance.

Financial Update: Below is the August 2014 General Fund operating report for New Hope and Johnston River of Life. Based on last fall's stewardship campaign, a deficit was projected for the New Hope budget this year. Gratefully, the deficit has not been as large as projected. Thank you for your giving and faithfulness in supporting the work and ministries of New Hope and Johnston River of Life. We ask for your continued support in this last part of the year and hope that we can decrease the deficit as we finish the year.

New Hope Financial Update

	August 2014
	Actual
Total Receipts	24,155.14
Total Expenditures	<u>27,608.12</u>
Net Surplus (Deficit)	(3,452.98)
	YTD August 2014
	Actual
Total Receipts	194,245.20
Total Expenditures	<u>224,020.86</u>
Net Surplus (Deficit)	(29,775.66)

Johnston River of Life Financial Update

	August 2014
	Actual
Total Receipts	9,379.22
Total Expenditures	<u>7,787.12</u>
Net Surplus (Deficit)	1,592.10
	YTD August 2014
	Actual
Total Receipts	83,207.55
Total Expenditures	<u>78,713.44</u>
Net Surplus (Deficit)	4,494.11

New Hope Sunday morning Worship attendance

	8:30	9:30	10:45	total
Aug 31	38	92	91	221
Sept 7	38	133	110	281 Rally Day
Sept 14	26	138	90	254
Sept 21	32	106	81	219

Johnston River of Life Worship attendance

Sat	Sun	total
Aug 30 53	Aug 31 40	95
Sept 6 48	Sept 7 58	106
Sept 13 42	Sept 14 32	74
	Sept 21 91	91 Fall Kick off

Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving

Donate

New Hope wants to remind you that we offer electronic giving as a way to automate your offering.

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



What is it to BE?

To quote Shakespeare, “To Be or not to Be, that is the question.” The dictionary defines Being as simply existing. But ultimately as Christians, we believe that we have a much greater purpose.

As the song says, “Be Happy.” We are to do more than simply exist, we are to embody a purpose. The act of “Being”, is to take on the essence, embody the emotion, or adopt a trait within our very existence.

I admit some people see life as an obligation and their existence is no more that waking, sleeping, and walking through the day. But I believe God has called us to take on the essence of Jesus. Scripture tells us that we are to Be like Christ, or follow Christ's example. Many passages emphasis how we are to Be filled with the Spirit, or Be Holy as God is Holy.

Be Merciful – Luke 6:33

Be Kind and Forgiving – Ephesians 4:32

Be Patient – I Thessalonians 5:14

Be Loving – Romans 12:10

...and the list goes on, and on...

As Christians we are called to Be many things more than just existing. It is a challenging task and something that requires work daily. But ultimately we come to the realization that we are called to Be nothing less than “Being Christ in Community.”

Our sermon series at Johnston River of Life in October is focused on our mission statement, and the act of Being more Christ-like. Join us on this journey of Spiritual Being.

October 4-5

October 11-12

October 18-19

October 25-26

Believe

Be Inspired

Be Involved

Be Christ in Community

Pastor Craig Ferguson

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 October

8:30am Traditional Service	9:30am Contemporary Service	10:45am Traditional Service
<u>Greeters</u> 5 12 19 26	<u>Greeters</u> 5 Glenna Ross 12 19 26	<u>Greeters</u> 5 12 19 26
<u>Lectors</u> 5 Cathy Short 12 19 Cathy Short 26	<u>Lectors</u> 5 Katie Rock 12 19 Tony Hoffman 26	<u>Lectors</u> 5 Jon Verner 12 19 26 Barb Mather
<u>Traditional Service Callers</u> 5 Mark & Leah Scherer 12 Bob & Marlys Borcharding 19 Norma Sutton 26 Bob & Marlys Borcharding	<u>Money Counters</u> 5 Clark Howland, Rick Homard, Larry Wood 12 Jerry Kielsmeier, Kim Traylor, John Burrough 19 Tony & Tracy Hoffman, Glenna Ross 26 Ron Zoss, DeVonne Douglas, Randy Jansen	<u>*Hosts</u> 5 Lee Ross & Jan Davisson 12 Andy & Spencer Sutton 19 Sharon & Earl Lewis 26 Linda & Jerry Kielsmeier
<u>Contemporary Service Callers</u> 5 Rod & Lynette Cook 12 Eldon Cross 19 Rod & Lynette Cook 26 Eldon Cross	<u>Pal Friday: 9 a.m.</u> 3 Marilyn Monroe 10 Theresa Flickinger 17 Mary Drossel 24 JoAnn Decker 31 Norma Sutton	

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!**

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AT NEW HOPE

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

			1 5:30p, TGIW 6:00p, Jr. BLAST 6:30p, Choir practice 6:30p, Adult Handbells 7:15p, Puppets 7:45p, Praise Team	2 7p, Worship Cluster, Pastor's Study 7p, JROL Mtg., R.Chapel	3 Office Vol: Marilyn Monroe	4 3-5p, Pies can be dropped off
5 World Communion Pie Sale by Women's Fellowship Noon-1:30p, New Member class 3-5p, Sr. BLAST 5:45p, Jr. BLAST/corn maze	6 10a, Women's Bible Study, R.Chapel 6:30p, Women's Bible Study, R.Chapel 7p, Trustees Meeting, 3rd grade classroom	7 9:30a, Sr. Singers practice 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 6:00p, Harvest Auction Meeting 6:30p, Prayer Shawl ministry	8 6:00p, Family Night 6:30p, Choir practice 7:45p, Praise Team	9 10a, Care Team mtg.	10 Office Vol: Theresa Flickinger 1p, Friday Small Group at Pizza Ranch	11 7:30a, Men's Breakfast
12 Blessing of the Shawls Harvest Auction deadline & ticket sales deadline 9:30-11a, Blood Pressure Noon-1:30p, New Member class 3-5p, Sr. BLAST 4:30p, Confirmation Class	13 9a-3:30p, Needlers Sew In, F.Hall 10, Women's Bible Study, R.Chapel 6:30p, Women's Bible Study, R.Chapel	14 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 3:30p Hand of Luke 7p, SPRC Mtg.	15 <i>Nov LINK deadline</i> 5:30p, TGIW 6:00p, Jr. BLAST 6:30p, Choir practice 6:30p, Adult Handbells 7:15p, Puppets 7:30p, Seasonal Choir 7:45p, Praise Team	16 9a, Women's Fellowship at church 11a-1p, FLC, F.Hall, Kitchen reserved	17 Office Vol: Mary Drossel	18 Deadline for General Store items. Drop off Noon-3pm
19 New Members join Food Pantry Sunday Harvest Dinner & Auction 4pm, General Store 5p, Dinner 6p, Auction	20 10a, Women's Bible Study, R.Chapel 6:30p, Women's Bible Study, R.Chapel	21 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 7:00p, Finance Meeting 7:00p, Stroke Club	22 5:30p, TGIW 6:00p, Jr. BLAST 6:30p, Choir practice 6:30p, Adult Handbells 7:15p, Puppets 7:30p, Seasonal Choir 7:45p, Praise Team	23 6:30p, Book Club, R.Chapel	24 Office Vol: JoAnn Decker 1p, Friday Small Group at Pizza Ranch 6p, Callison/Webber wedding rehearsal	25 2p, Callison/Webber wedding
26 10:45a, Volunteer Enrichment 1-3p, Venture Crew 2p-3:30p, Charge Conference at Valley UMC 4p, Sr. BLAST/Corn Maze 4:30p, Confirmation Class	27 10a, Women's Bible Study, R.Chapel 6:30p, Women's Bible Study, R.Chapel	28 7a-2p, FLC & F.Hall reserved 9:30a, Alanon; Noon, AA 7:00p, AD Council Mtg	29 NO TGIW NO Jr. BLAST 6:30p, Choir practice 6:30p, Adult Handbells 7:15p, Puppets 7:30p, Seasonal Choir 7:45p, Praise Team	30 5-6p, Halloween Party & Trunk or Treat, Johnston Barn	31 Office Vol: Norma Sutton	November 1 Thanksgiving Ingathering

***WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY (OFFERING), OCT. 5:** Providing college scholarships for racial-and ethnic-minority students in the United States and international students.

Happy Birthday to you!!
"May God's many blessings, be yours the year through."

Happy Anniversary!!!

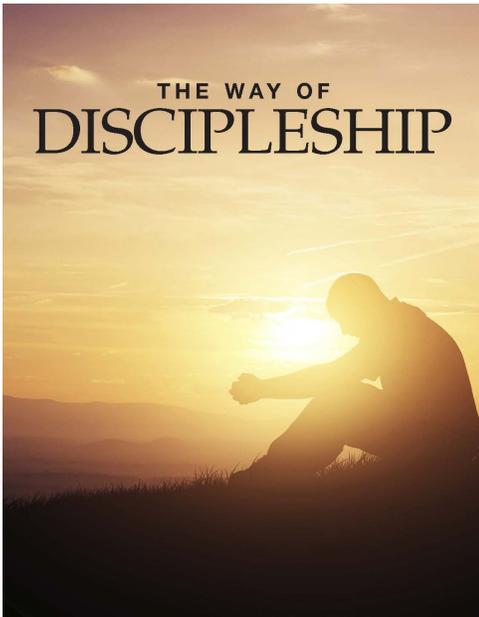
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Sandy Johnson | 21 Jeanette Cornelison, Steve Grow |
| 4 Joe Traylor | 22 Carly Lewis |
| 5 Teresa Garside, Randy Thompson, Noah
Henry, Dennis Hawthorne, Brad Lichter,
Gwen Dann | 23 Alanna Verner. Alyssa Miller,
Oliver Fulton |
| 7 Lisa Hewitt | 24 Lydia Johnston, Lynette Cook,
Mary Jansen, Noah Breitsprecher,
Brennan Johnson |
| 8 Brittany Egger, Christopher Miller, Eric
Welter | 25 Isora Fenzke, Debi Baker,
Tracy Hoffman |
| 9 Glean Coates | 26 Ann Schultz |
| 10 Tim Hegwood, Mica Wills, Hannah
Wiles, Malcolm Rock | 27 Charlotte Sheldon, David Gier |
| 13 Jeanine Murray, Melanie Henry | 28 Marilyn Schoop, Pam Weisskopf,
David Johnson, Joe Humphries |
| 14 Kory Frederick, Reece Cracraft | 29 Nile Cornelison, Laura Webber,
Sarah Baldwin, Sara Cullinan,
William Sheer, Hayden O'Brien |
| 15 Jeremy Madison, Debbie O'Brien, Nolan
Juran | 30 Carole Followwill, Alex Haase |
| 17 Luke Breitsprecher | |

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| 2 Mike & Cheryl Lillegraven |
| 4 Mel & Ginny Ghee |
| 4 Jim & Barb Mather |
| 8 Jacob & Carrie Naumann |
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| 10 Randy & Mary Jansen |
| 11 Steven & Stephanie Alcorn |
| 14 Kevin & Jodi Christensen |
| 16 Jon & Wendy Musgrave |
| 18 Mike & Elaine Collet |
| 25 Mike & Kris Wakeman |
| 25 Brad & Jackie Johnson |
| 26 Keith & Kim Trillet |

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

My son came to me one day, when he was about five years of age, and was trying to decide what he wanted to be when he grew up. He got me involved by saying that he wanted me to be a fire fighter. When I explained to him that I already had a job as a minister, he was quiet for awhile and then said, "I know why you want to be a minister, because you love God and Jesus too much!"

I don't know if it is possible to love God and Jesus too much. I also don't know if that's why I am a minister. I do know that there are many ways to show your love for God and Jesus and being a minister is just one of those many ways.



The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church describes the ministry of all Christians: *"It (the church) stretches out to human needs wherever love and service may convey God's love and ours. The outreach of such ministries knows no limits. Beyond the diverse forms of ministry is this ultimate concern: that all persons will be brought into a saving relationship with God through Jesus Christ and be renewed after the image of their creator (Colossians 3:10). This means that all Christians are called to minister wherever Christ would have them serve and witness in deeds and words that heal and free."*

Our worship theme at New Hope for October is "The Way of Discipleship." We will be talking about how to live out the Christian life in our daily lives, regardless of our occupation.

On Sunday, October 19, new members will join and we will observe Laity Sunday. It will be a time to uplift the ministries that our people are doing in our church and in the world. It is also a time to consider

areas of service in our church and community that people feel called to carry out. Please prayerfully consider what areas of ministry you feel called to do and let me know if you need help to carry it out.

It seems to me that we can "love God and Jesus too much" regardless of our occupation. So, do you know what you want to be when you grow up?

Grace and peace, Pastor Jon

Handwritten signature of Jon Daul

October Sermon Series: "The Way of Discipleship"

October 5 Title: "'Pressing On'" Text: Philippians 3:4b-14, World Communion

October 12 Title: "'Surpassing Understanding'" Text: Philippians 4:1-9

October 19 Title: "Becoming an Example" Text: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10;
Matthew 22:15-22, Laity Sunday,
New Members join

October 26 Title: "Testing Love" Text: Matthew 22:34-46



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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