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New Hope United
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1965 - 2015

October 2015

OCTOBER AT NEW HOPE UMC

Dare To Compare



- Oct. 4 "Compared to Angels"
- Oct. 11 "Compared to Jesus"
- Oct. 18 "Compared to a Servant"
- Oct. 24 "Compared to a Beggar"



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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sundays at New Hope UMC 8:30am • 9:30am • 10:45am
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OCTOBER WORSHIP SERIES

FEAR NOT

WORSHIP WITH US
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.

5th Annual • Community

Beggars' Night at the Barn

6169 Northglenn Drive, Johnston
(by the Library)

trunk or treat

games & prizes

kid's crafts

costume contest

Oct 30, 2015
5-6 pm

All activities are free!



membership news

Prayer Chain Request

If you have a prayer chain request, please call Jan Davisson at 251-4894 or the church office at 278-2097.

To be added to the e-mail prayer

Prayer Concerns

Dave Davis; Terri Lowe; Tim Krebs; Mica Wills; Ambrose Moses; Betty Holwegner; Olive Walker; Bruce & Barb Flickinger; Bishop Julius Trimble; District Superintendent, David Weesner; District Field Minister, Karen Nelson; Dr. Emmanuel Mefor, missionary. Prayers for the following military personnel: AJ Blackman; Jason Homard; Zach McClain; Tim Rains; Devan Stanton, Jared Stanton; Skylar Wright and our national and world leaders, our military and their families.

Sympathy

Our Sympathy to Ron and Linda Cooley and family on the passing of Linda's father, Clinton Sebring. Clinton, age 97 yrs. old, passed away on Tuesday, August 25. Funeral services were held on Saturday, August 29th in Minnesota.

Our Sympathy to Lorraine Machholz and family on the passing of her daughter, Deborah Kay Horner.

Birth

Congratulations to Josh & Mandi Gaul on the birth of their son, Samuel David Gaul. Samuel was born on September 1 and weighed 9lbs, 4 oz & 21 1/2 inches long. Proud grandparents are Pastor Jon & Anita Gaul.

Wedding

Congratulations to Patrick Kyenkya and Georgette Umuhoza on their August 1st wedding.

Congratulations to Allyson Louzek and Eric Cluney on their September 19th wedding at New Hope UMC.

Thank You

Thank you very much to everyone who volunteered for the Landscape Cleanup day on Saturday, September 12th! Those people who helped were - Melisa Forbes, Larry Forbes, Patrice Webber, Larry Webber, Ruth Doxon, Sharon Lewis, Karen Campbell, Dani Clemmens, Jerry Kielsmeier, Steve Sutton, Norma Sutton, Spencer Sutton, Paul Weisskopf, Arny Larsen, Mike Wakeman, Bob Harter, John Rains, Jody Rains, Jon Gaul, Anita Gaul, David Followwill.

Lunch was provided by Melisa Forbes, John Dickerson, Norma Sutton and Jody Rains. Keeping our campus looking good is a significant way to say thank you to our membership and gain new members!

On Behalf of the Board of Trustees
John Rains, Chair

Directory Updates

New Address:
Scott, Deanne, Bryce, Tanner & Grace Rowland
901 NE Silkwood Street
Grimes, Iowa 50111
515-986-1159
dmrowland1@aol.com



Our Charge Conference will be held on **Monday, October 12, 6:30pm at New Hope UMC.** Please contact the church office to sign up. 278-2097 or nhfamil@newhopedsm.org. We want to make sure there is enough books for everyone.

confirmation schedule



October 11, 4:30 p.m.
Topic: "Church & New Creation"
October 25, 4:30 p.m.
Topic: "Way of Discipleship"
October 30
Beggars Night service project (at Johnston Barn)

Sun., Nov. 1
Daylight Saving Time ends





The 2015 Harvest Dinner & Auction Fundraiser *Sunday, October 18th, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.*

The Harvest Dinner & Auction Fundraiser is right around the corner. Soon you will enjoy a delicious meal, 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 valued at less than \$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 17 from 10am-2pm. 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 John Rains as the emcee. Donations needed for the auction can be homemade canned goods, baked goods, jams or jellies, knitted, crocheted, sewn or quilted items, artwork, woodworking items, or handmade furniture, sporting event tickets, handyman services, or dinner vouchers, just to name a few. **Please bring your donation valued at \$50 or more to New Hope between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Sunday, October 11. 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 potatoes, vegetables, Jell-O salad, rolls with butter, chex mix, and dessert.
- 4. Children Activities, 6 to 8 p.m.** During the auction, a nursery will be available (for children 4 yrs. and younger) and children's activities will be provided.

Tickets for the Harvest Dinner and Auction Fundraiser
will be sold at the Welcome Center in the Fellowship Hall after each worship service.

Deadline to purchase tickets is Sunday, October 11

Adults, 12 years and up - \$10
Children, 5 to 11 years - \$5
Children, 4 years and younger - FREE
Cash – Check—Pay Pal



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.



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

Don't forget to register your children and youth for Christian Learning Time! You won't want to miss the fun year we have planned with a brand new curriculum. We offer classes for 3 year olds through adults. 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. CLT registration forms are available outside Sarah's office or in the education classrooms.



During the month of **October** our mission focus will be on UNICEF. The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) works in more than 190 countries and territories to save and improve children's lives, providing health care and immunizations, clean water and sanitation, nutrition, education, emergency relief and more. The U.S. Fund for UNICEF supports UNICEF's work through fundraising, advocacy and education in the United States. They're working toward the day when ZERO children die from preventable causes and every child has a safe and healthy childhood.

The main way we will make a difference for children all over the world is by fundraising with our **Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF boxes**. Your children will receive their boxes in early October and have the opportunity to collect spare change and cash throughout the month, along with Trick-or-Treating on Beggar's Night. In the past, we have exceeded our goal by raising over \$100.00 to send to UNICEF each year. Will you do your part and help us reach that goal again? **Boxes can be returned to your classroom teachers no later than Sunday, November 8th!**



Acolytes

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 Sarah's office if you'd like to help out.



Children's Worship: Children's Worship is a meaningful time for children ages 3 years through 2nd 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. We would like to stick to our Two-Adult rule as much as possible, so we will be asking parents of these children to step in from time to time to help with crowd control. We are always looking for youth helpers in 5th grade or older. If you have any questions or would like to help, please contact Sherri Bogue or see the new Children's Worship Bulletin board near the Purple room.

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 "Bible for a Hundred, Alex," an activity puzzle for kids, and an article titled "Why Kid's Misbehave". If you have any ideas or suggestions for Parent Resources or topics you'd like to see, please contact sjacobson@newhopedsm.org.



TGIW 2015-2016

Wednesdays

5:30pm Dinner, 6-7:15pm Rotation Activities (Jr. Ringers 6:10-6:40pm)

Registration forms are now available at the TGIW table. Registration fee of \$5/kid or \$10/family will help cover some of our activity costs throughout the year. Please make sure to fill one of these forms out if your child is participating in TGIW or Jr. Blast.

We have some great activities planned this year, but to make that happen we need some great volunteers too! Here is how you can help:

- ◆ Activity leaders for November (Art 11/4) and help with Operation Christmas Child Mission project (11/18), for December (Science 12/2)- sign up on the TGIW bulletin board
- ◆ Shepherds/extra floating adults -always needed!!!!
- ◆ Kitchen helpers. Volunteers are needed for clean up, 6-7pm.

If you can help with any of these areas or have questions, please contact Sarah Jacobson at sjacobson@newhopedsm.org or Anita Gaul at jonanitagaul@aol.com

REMINDER TO TGIW PARENTS (about Drop off and Pick up times): 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. 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. If a child is not signed out by a parent/guardian or leader of another program they participate in (i.e. puppets) they will not be allowed to leave. This ensures the safety of all of our children at New Hope.



TGIW Family Night at Skate North Wednesday, October 14th 6:00-7:15pm

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 7:15pm! 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 will be scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 28th - instead we are promoting the JROL Halloween Party at the Johnston Barn on Friday, Oct. 30th. Come check out the TGIW Trunk for some great treats!!!

New Hope Puppet Troupe Wednesdays, 7:15-8pm

Join the New Hope Puppet Troupe! The group meets directly following TGIW in the 5th and 6th grade classroom downstairs. If you have a child interested in participating this year please contact Melanie Henry, 515-318-3216, melhenry0@gmail.com or Linda Dean, 515-707-2384, deanlinda2@aol.com.

"Thank you to those who supported our New Hope Puppet Troupe on Sunday, September 20, during our first car wash! You, the congregation, helped to raise enough funds to help purchase new poles for the stage, more stools, new people puppets and more protective gloves. God must have been watching over the beautiful day we had, your support is most appreciated!"

-Your neighborhood Puppet Troupe



Operation Christmas Child

Since 1993, more than 113 million boys and girls in over 130 countries around the world 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. In the past two years our church has sent over 100 Christmas gifts to children all over the world!

This year we will do this event a bit differently. Instead of asking for already prepared boxes, we are looking for donated items. What we need from the congregation is the following items:

- * **Empty shoe boxes** either wrapped or unwrapped (preferably pre-wrapped)
- * **Toys** that children will immediately embrace such as dolls, toy cars, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, balls, toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries), etc.
- * **School Supplies** such as pens, pencils and sharpeners, crayons, markers, notebooks, paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.
- * **Non-Liquid Hygiene Items** such as toothbrushes, bar soap, combs, washcloths, etc.
- * **Accessories** such as t-shirts, socks, hats, sunglasses, hair clips, jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries), etc.

WE WILL NOT ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

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 snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

All donated items will need to be at the church by Sunday, November 8th.

Instead of wrapping the gifts this year, we will focus solely on packaging the gifts and writing the children personal notes of encouragement/cheer. The dates we will be packing gifts are Sunday, November 15th at CLT and Wednesday, November 18th at TGIW. **Children who bring \$7.00 for shipping (cash or check made out to Samaritans Purse is acceptable) will be allowed to pack a shoe box during CLT or TGIW.**

If your family chooses to pack and wrap their own box as we have done in previous years, please follow the instructions online at www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child and make sure those COMPLETED boxes are returned to church **NO LATER THAN SUNDAY NOVEMBER 15TH!**

If you would like to donate money to this project, label your check to go to NH Missions for Operation Christmas Child. Thank you in advance for your help in making this mission opportunity a success and a blessing to children all over the world!

Youth Groups

Jr. BLAST (6th-8th grade) Join us for our kick-off gathering on **Wednesdays, 6-7pm.**

You may join the TGIW dinner at 5:30pm and then stay for the Jr. BLAST fun. Please plan to meet Jr. BLAST leaders, Jennifer Riley and Nancy Wiles, in the Fellowship Hall at 6pm.

Sr. BLAST (9th-12th grade) Leaders: Chris Higdon, Charity & McKayla Johnson, and Pam Frey
BLAST@NewHopeDSM.org

Fall has arrived; back to school, Friday night football games, and Wednesday night church activities. Your Senior High BLAST youth group is back meeting weekly on Wednesday nights at New Hope. However, this year we are expanding our group to also include the 8th graders. Going forward, the Senior High Group will be students that are in 8th grade to 12th grade. This change better aligns with how Johnston Community Schools have already broken up the students by buildings.

The month of October is going to be very busy for our Youth; given we have a full calendar of events. **However to start with, we are inviting all Senior High BLAST Parents to a parent's meeting on Wed., October 7th to learn about some changes coming to our program. Please plan now to attend this very important meeting.**



Additionally, we invite everyone to come out to Pizza Ranch (4954 86th St Urbandale, Iowa) on Wednesday, October 14th for dinner. Our youth group will be working that night to raise money for our upcoming summer mission trip. Come out for some great pizza and fellowship; while supporting your Senior High BLAST group.

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

- Oct. 7th @ 6pm** ~ BLAST Parents Meeting
- Oct. 11th** ~ BLAST Breakfast
- Oct. 14th @ 4:45pm** ~ BLAST at Pizza Ranch
- Oct. 18th** ~ Help at Harvest Dinner at New Hope
- Oct. 21st @ 6pm** ~ ChildServe
- Oct. 25th** ~ BLAST Halloween (Haunted House & Zombie Burger)
- Oct. 28th** ~ Trunk or Treat with Zion Refugee Ministry
- Oct. 30th** ~ Trunk or Treat with Johnston River of Life (5 pm - 6 pm)
- Nov. 4th @ 6pm** ~ Thank God for **BLAST** Discussions – **TGBD**
- Nov. 11th @ 6pm** ~ Thank God for **BLAST** Discussions – **TGBD**
- Nov. 14th** ~ Help with Gifts of Garland at New Hope
- Nov. 15th** ~ BLAST Breakfast
- Nov. 18st @ 6pm** ~ ChildServe

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



NURSERY WORKERS

Nursery Attendant(s) Needed!

Thank you to Michele Krebs for her time and commitment to the Nursery Attendant position. Michele is leaving this position on October 18, 2015. She will be missed!

We are looking for one or two paid Nursery Attendants at New Hope UMC for the position to begin October 25, 2015. **If you or anyone you know would be interested in this position, please contact Byron Hover-Williamson, Chair of SPRC, at 515.240.1634 or byronw28@aol.com.**



Help Wanted with the 9:30am Tech Support Team

Volunteers are needed to oversee the audio visual needs for the 9:30 worship service on Sundays.

Hopefully several people will volunteer and a rotation schedule can be developed.

Please volunteer by contacting the church office at 278-2097 or nhfamily@newhopedsm.org.

Seasonal Choir Starts Soon!

The Chancel Choir extends an open invitation to the congregation to join them in this year's Christmas cantata - "*What Child Is This?*"

Rehearsals will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, October 7, from 7:30 - 8:30 following Chancel Choir rehearsal. The cantata will be sung at the 8:30 and 10:45 services on Sunday, December 13.

Please consider joining us for this wonderful worship experience. Questions? Contact Eldon Cross, Director of Music, elcatalia4@gmail.com or 515-250-1476.



Veterans Helping Veterans

We were pleased to have Devin Miller, his son, Zack, and his rescue dog, Emma, at our September

breakfast. Devin talked about his work with Taylor House Hospice and the work that Emma is able to do, sometimes when there are no words to speak.

Our next breakfast is at 8:30am on October 17. Jim Holwegner will be our guest speaker. All veterans, their spouses, and friends are invited. All Veterans and spouses are welcome to join us! If you have questions, please contact Billy Nuzum at bbnewz54@gmail.com





Thank you to all the numerous volunteers that helped with the Meals from the Heartland service project on August 2nd. We packaged 28,000 meals with many hands and are very thankful for every-one giving of their time to go over our goal of 26,000 meals.



Thank you to the volunteers that planned the September 13 worship with combined Traditional and Contemporary music. Also, thank you to everyone for the delicious potluck food! The Ministry Fair and games was enjoyed by all!



groups gathering together

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, October 10
at 7:30 a.m. at New Hope.

Women's Fellowship

Join them on **Thursday, October 15**, 9am at church. All women of New Hope and JROL are invited. Questions? Call Betty Holwegner at 278-8115.

Widow's Luncheon

Join other women whose spouses have gone to glory before them at a luncheon at Panara in Johnston on Merle Hay Rd. **Friday, October 16th at 11:30**. If you need a ride or have questions, you can contact Sharon Smith 515-277-7125 or Shirley Frus 515-279-1130.

October New Hope Needlers

The Needlers will meet on **Friday, October 9 at 10:30 am** at New Hope to set up sewing machines and then to Panera on Merle Hay Rd in Johnston for lunch / fellowship. We will return to New Hope to work on lap/baby quilts for the Care Team. Any sewers are welcome to join for either or both parts. Questions? Contact Jody Rains at 278-8282.

Bible Study for All!

Join us for a study on "Life Lessons: The Book of Acts" by Max Lucado. It is a 12 week study every Mondays, at 1pm in the Ruby Chapel. Questions? Contact Sharon Smith at 277-7125 or wick-etsblooms@aol.com.

Bible Study: "The Power of Simple Prayer + Prayers That Get Answered" by Joyce Meyer will begin Monday, October 5, 7pm in the Ruby Chapel. This will be a 7-week study group led by Sandy Cannon through Nov 16th. Questions? Contact Sandy at sandradcannon@gmail.com

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 8, 10:00am** at New Hope. If you would like to join the Care Ministry team, please contact Clarice Rubek or Mary Ann Rice.

Blood Pressure Check

New Hope is offering free Blood Pressure checks each month. **October 4, 9:30-11:00am** will be the next BP checks. Come to the Narthex after each worship service.

Chancel Choir

Practice on Wednesdays at 6:30pm. Join us! Contact Eldon Cross, Director of Music, elcatalia4@gmail.com or 515 250-1476.

Support Groups

Al-Anon

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

Alcoholics Anonymous

Every Tuesday at Noon in the Ruby Chapel.

Stroke Club of Iowa

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

Small Groups

2015-2016 Friday Small Group

The Friday Small Group will meet on **October 9 & 23** (the second & fourth Friday of each month, unless otherwise noted). Join us at 1 pm 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. I will be reading from a James Moore book and we will be discussing Revelations. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Kielsmeier, 515-689-9680.

Life Group (Bible Study):

Are you looking for a place to connect with friends, build your faith, and get support? Join a Sunday Evening Life Group (small group):

1. Sundays 5:30 PM.. Contact Pastor Craig Ferguson at 515.984.0482 or Charity Johnson at 515.720.8299. This group will be held at different home each week.

And

2. Sundays 6:00 PM. Held at Dick & Netha Pipho's 712 SE 4th St. Grimes 515.986-4071

missions

October Mission News



THANKSGIVING INGATHERING:

If you would like to assemble a kit for our Thanksgiving Ingathering, please pick up a list of items needed for each kit. You can choose from: School Kit, Health Kit, Sewing Kit, and Knitting Kit. All will be taken to Greenfield, November 7th and loaded into semis to be taken to our distribution center in Louisiana. From there, kits are sent to Nigeria for our Nigeria Partnership churches or around the world where most needed by our Disaster Relief, UMCOR. (United Methodist Committee on Relief)

Anyone who would like to attend the Ingathering, please contact Sharon Smith: 515-277-7125, wicketsblooms@aol.com. You will be able to see and attend displays of our mission efforts, small group education sessions, a meal, a worship service and an auction. The auction will help fund our efforts in the mission field. If you can contribute any crafts, quilts, or wood items for the auction, it would be greatly appreciated. The sheets for donors are on the Mission table.

MISSIONARY: Unfortunately, our Missionary and his wife, Emmanuel and Florence Mefor, couldn't get their visa renewed this year, so they will not be coming to visit us in November.

DMARC is having great difficulty in filling the shelves of the food pantries in the metro area. You might consider giving a monthly amount in the offering on DMARC Sunday, the 3rd Sunday of each month, or merely write DMARC on your check and place in the offering plate. You will find envelopes in the bulletin or in the Narthex for that purpose. Buying bulk can produce more food than individuals can, so monetary giving is more helpful, but we do have a grocery cart for food items by the Mission table. If you have any questions about DMARC, ask Charlene Cobb, our DMARC representative.

FAIR TRADE: A new order for Fair Trade will be sent in soon, CHOCOLATE, too! Many of you mentioned that you don't buy our coffee because you have the single serving coffee pots. We now have the bulk single pacs plus the reusable cups you can fill with our coffee! Look for the items by the door into the Fellowship Hall.

The Honduras Mission Team has a Pizza Ranch Community Impact Fundraising Event on Monday, October 26 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. It will be held at the Urbandale Pizza Ranch, 4954 86th St. Please come eat with us! The team will receive 10% of the profits and all of the tips that evening.



Hand of Luke - October 14

Hashbrown & Ham Casserole

Dinner Roll

Corn

Cookie

The 14th of each month, New Hoppers donate food, cook a meal and serve it at the Central Iowa Shelter & Services, downtown.

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, 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!!*

SAVE THE DATE!



Needlers Sew-In

Saturday, Nov. 7, 9am-3pm

The Needlers will gather at church for sewing Little Dresses, Little Britches and feminine hygiene kits for the Iowa Nigeria Partnership mission. All stitchers are welcome to join us for all or part of the day. Bring your sewing machine, if possible. There are also a few non-sewing tasks to be done. Lunch is potluck. Questions? please contact Diane Densmore, ddindsm1@mchsi.com or 515-270-1974.



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Gifts

Saturday, November 14

9:00AM-3:00PM

Craft & Gift Fair with over **45** vendors showcasing jewelry, candles, home décor, beauty items, children's items, food, cleaning products, and much, much more!

Baked goods for purchase.

See it, touch it, buy it and find it, all in one day!

FREE Admission!!

50th Anniversary Celebration * Sunday, November 22, 2015, 3 p.m.

In the Beginning Under the Oak Tree. On behalf of the entire New Hope leadership team, we would like to invite you and your family to attend our 50th Anniversary Celebration Event.

Bishop Julius Trimble will be our special guest at the three Sunday morning services (8:30, 9:30 and 10:45).

The 50th Anniversary Celebration Event will take place on Sunday, November 22 at 3pm.

RSVP to the committee at: newhopeumc50@gmail.com or call 515-289-1343.

Also, we are needing volunteers for the following: Decorations, Music, Videographer, and Set up/take down. Please email or call to let us know you can help. Thank you!



Advent by Candlelight: 7pm, November 30

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.



2016 Rummage Sale

Thursday, April 21—Saturday, April 23

Financial Update

Below is the August 2015 General Fund operating report for New Hope and Johnston River of Life. Due to your generosity and the increase in pledges last year, we were able to reduce the size of the projected deficit this year. Thank you for your giving and faithfulness in supporting the work and ministries of New Hope and Johnston River of Life.

New Hope Financial Update

	August 2015 Actual
Total Receipts	\$26,496.43
Total Expenditures	<u>27,502.75</u>
Net Surplus (Deficit)	<u>(\$1,006.32)</u>

	YTD 2015 Actual
Total Receipts	\$213,496.51
Total Expenditures	<u>217,969.59</u>
Net Surplus (Deficit)	<u>(\$4,473.08)</u>

Johnston River of Life Financial Update

	August 2015 Actual
Total Receipts	\$5,817.81
Total Expenditures	5,972.01
Net Surplus (Deficit)	<u>(\$154.02)</u>

	YTD 2015 Actual
Total Receipts	\$75,851.42
Total Expenditures	<u>74,997.24</u>
Net Surplus (Deficit)	<u>\$854.18</u>

Discretionary Fund has been established. The fund will be used by Pastor Jon for parishioner's extreme needs or occasionally when people come to the church for help. Your donations toward this fund is greatly appreciated. Please place your donation with the offering and note "Discretionary Fund" in the memo line of your check.

New Hope Sunday morning Worship attendance

	8:30	9:30	10:45	total
August 30	32	101	95	228
September 6	29	88	79	196
September 13	one service			174
September 20	33	104	95	232
September 27	30	102	107	239

Johnston River of Life Worship attendance

Sat	Sun	total
Aug. 29 52	Aug. 30 32	84
Sept. 5 29	Sept. 6 31	60
Sept. 12 —	Sept. 13 54	54
Sept. 19 —	Sept. 20 77	77
Sept. 26 28	Sept. 27 46	74

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

If you decide to give electronically, please feel free to pick up a card that says "I give electronically" to put in the offering plate if you would like to participate in the offertory.

Donate



FEAR

1. A distressing emotion aroused by impending danger, evil, pain, etc., whether the threat is real or imagined; the feeling or condition of being afraid.
 2. A specific instance of or propensity for such a feeling: *an abnormal fear of heights*.
 3. Concern or anxiety; solicitude: *a fear for someone's safety*.
 4. Reverential awe, especially toward God: *the fear of God*.
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I was struck yesterday by a Facebook video of children being scared by the new “snapchat” filter. It was horrifying yet somehow intended to be humorous. I found myself cringing, and frustrated that any parent would scare their child in such a way.

Why is it that our society has such delight in fear. Why do we glamorize horror movies and celebrate phobias? Do we understand the rudiments behind fear? Can we grasp that not all fear is bad? Is there a way to overcome the fears that immobilize and debilitates us?

In Scripture we find reference to why we should fear (have reverence for) a loving and grace-filled God. We also find reference to why we need fear nothing else in life, because that same God, the God of creation has got our back and will not let us be overcome.

Everyone has fears of some kind; fear the dark, speaking in public, spider, snakes, or other vermin. Some fears are rational; when threatened, facing a life-threatening situation. Other fears are irrational... (You fill in the blank). But the truth is, God intends fear to be an emotion that guides us and gives us wise counsel.

This month at JROL, we will talk about all the angles of fear. What is the Christian understanding of fear? How do we respond to rational and irrational fears? How do we fear God? How do we overcome the stress and anxiety associated with fear?

Join your family. October is the month to see what fear is all about.

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 bake or purchase 6 to 8 dozen cookies and use 3 to 5 dozen cookies from the tall, silver freezer in the supply room. (no peanuts/nuts), and serve coffee and water after the 9:30 contemporary and 10:45 traditional worship services. 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> 4 11 18 25	<u>Greeters</u> 4 Andy & Ally Sutton 11 Sandy Cannon 18 25	<u>Greeters</u> 4 Lee Ross 11 18 25
<u>Lectors</u> 4 11 18 Cathy Short 25	<u>Lectors</u> 4 Pam Frey 11 18 25	<u>Lectors</u> 4 Jon Verner 11 18 25 Barb Mather
	<u>*Hosts</u> 4 Pam Weisskopf 11 Sr. BLAST 18 Larry & Paulette Wood 25 John & Joyce Turek	<u>*Hosts</u> 4 Andy Sutton 11 Sr. BLAST 18 Larry & Paulette Wood 25 Andy Sutton
<u>Traditional Service Callers</u> 4 Norma Sutton 11 Bob & Marlys Borcharding 18 Norma Sutton 25 Bob & Marlys Borcharding	<u>Money Counters</u> 4 Clark Howland, Rick Homard, Larry Wood 11 Jerry Kielsmeier, Kim Traylor, John Burrough 18 Tony & Tracy Hoffman, Glenna Ross 25 DeVonne Douglas, Randy Jansen, Ron Zoss	
<u>Contemporary Service Callers</u> 4 Rod & Lynette Cook 11 Eldon Cross 18 Rod & Lynette Cook 25 Eldon Cross	<u>Pal Friday: 9 a.m.</u> 4 Marilyn Osborn 11 Marlys Borcharding 18 Shirley Johnson 25 Marilyn Monroe	

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).

October 2015

WORSHIP SERVICES

New Hope UMC, Sunday mornings: 8:30, 9:30, 10:45
 Johnston River of Life
 5pm Saturdays and 10am Sundays at Beaver Creek
 Elementary in Johnston

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 7:45p, JROL Mtg., Ruby Chapel	2 Office Vol: Theresa Flickinger	3 Habitat for Humanity 2-4pm, Drop off pies
4 World Communion Pie Sale 9:30-11a, Blood Pressure Sunday	5 1:00p, Bible Study , R.Chapel 7:00p, Bible Study on Prayer, R.Chapel 7:00p, Trustees Mtg, 3rd grade classroom	6 9:30a, Sr. Singers 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 7:00p, Worship Cluster Mtg., Ruby Chapel	7 5:30p, TGIW 6:00p, Jr. BLAST 6:00p, Sr. BLAST-Parent Mtg. 6:30p, Choir practice 7:15p, Puppets 7:30p, Seasonal Choir 7:45p, Praise Team	8 10a, Care Team, F.Hall 6-8p, Girl Scouts, F.Hall 6:30p, Harvest Dinner & Auction Mtg., Ruby Chapel	9 Office Vol: JoAnn Decker 10:30a-3p, New Hope Needlers 1p, Friday Small Group, Pizza Ranch	10 7:30a, Men's Breakfast
11 BLAST breakfast fundraiser <i>Deadline to purchase Harvest Dinner tickets</i> 11a-1p, Auction items to be dropped off 4:30p, Confirmation Class	12 1:00p, Bible Study , R.Chapel 6:30p, Charge Conference at New Hope 7:00p, Bible Study on Prayer, R.Chapel	13 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 7:00p, Finance Mtg., Ruby Chapel	14 3:30p, Hand of Luke 4:45p, Sr. BLAST work at Pizza Ranch 6:00p, Family night at Skate North 6:00p, Jr. BLAST 6:30p, Choir practice 7:15p, Puppets 7:30p, Seasonal Choir 7:45p, Praise Team	15 9:00a, Women's Fellowship at church 6:30-9pm Boy Scouts, F.Hall	16 Office Vol: Norma Sutton 11:30a, Widow's Luncheon at Panera in Johnston	17 8:30a, Veteran's Breakfast at church 10a-2p, Drop of General Store items
18 Food Pantry Sunday Harvest Dinner & Auc- tion: 4pm, General Store 5pm, Dinner 6pm, Auction	19 <i>Deadline for Nov. LINK</i> 1:00p, Bible Study , R.Chapel 7:00p, Bible Study on Prayer, R.Chapel	20 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 7:00p, Stroke Club	21 5:30p, TGIW 6:00p, Jr. BLAST 6:00p, Sr. BLAST at Childserve 6:30p, Choir practice 7:15p, Puppets 7:30p, Seasonal Choir 7:45p, Praise Team	22 6-8p, Girl Scouts, F.Hall 7:00p, Administrative Council Mtg., Ruby Chapel	23 Office Vol: Marge Carna- han 1p, Friday Small Group, Pizza Ranch	24
25 4:30p, Confirmation Class Sr. BLAST Halloween party	26 1:00p, Bible Study , R.Chapel 7:00p, Bible Study on Prayer, R.Chapel 5-9:30p, Honduras Mission trip Pizza Ranch fundraiser	27 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA	28 NO TGIW 6:00p, Jr. BLAST Sr. BLAST trunk or treat at Zion 6:30p, Choir practice 7:15p, Puppets 7:30p, Seasonal Choir 7:45p, Praise Team	29	30 Office Vol: Pat Papenheim	31

Happy Birthday to you!!

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

Happy Anniversary!

- 1 Jack Schoop, John Turek
- 2 Roberta Cave, Gerald Madison, Alicia Garside
- 3 Ellen Hester, Jodi Evans, Adam Wise, Sandy Johnson
- 4 Joe Traylor, Teresa Garside
- 5 Randy Thompson, Noah Henry, Dennis Hawthorne, Brad Lichter, Gwen Dann
- 7 Lisa Hewitt
- 8 Brittany Egger, Christopher Miller, Eric Welter
- 9 Gleen Coates
- 10 Mica Wills, Hannah Wiles, Malcolm Rock
- 11 Ryan Jacobson
- 13 Melanie Henry
- 14 Reece Cracraft, Netha Pipro
- 15 Jeremy Madison, Debbie O'Brien, Nolan Juran
- 17 Luke Breitsprecher

- 18 Carl Egger
- 19 Mike Lillegraven, Laura Myers
- 21 Jeanette Cornelison, Steve Grow
- 22 Carly Lewis
- 23 Alanna Verner, Alyssa Miller, Oliver Fulton
- 24 Lydia Johnston, Lynette Cook, Mary Jansen, Noah Breitsprecher, Brennan Johnson
- 25 Isora Fenzke, Debi Baker, Tracy Hoffman
- 26 Ann Schultz
- 27 Charlotte Sheldon, David Gier
- 28 Marilyn Schoop, Pam Weisskopf, David Johnson, Joe Humphries
- 29 Nile Cornelison, Laura Webber, Sarah Baldwin, Sara Cullinan, William Sheer, Hayden O'Brien
- 30 Carole Followwill, Alex Haase

- 1 Nathan & Elizabeth Roff
- 2 Mike & Cheryl Lillegraven
- 4 Mel & Ginny Ghee
- 4 Jim & Barb Mather
- 8 Jacob & Carrie Naumann
- 8 Brad & Terri Lichter
- 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.



Worship, Fellowship, Discipleship, Service

As fall activities get into full swing, I want to encourage all of us to find areas to get involved. Years ago, I worked with a church that developed what they called “The Life Development Process,” with the goal to help people grow spiritually and move them from little or even no church involvement to being core lay ministers—disciples of Jesus Christ.

The process begins by inviting people into the church and involving them in worship, fellowship activities, discipleship groups (Sunday School & Bible studies), and service projects. It is important for people to get involved in all of these areas (in any order) to be on their way to becoming a complete, well rounded disciple.

The importance of all four areas (worship, fellowship, discipleship, service) was illustrated to me during my last year in a previous church appointment. We had a young woman start dropping in on our Saturday evening worship service. She would come late and leave early and not sign in. No one knew who she was, so we were not able to follow up in welcoming her. However, during one Saturday worship I invited people to join in a new service project and this young woman stayed after the service and said she wanted to be involved in the project. Bingo! I found out who she was and how she got to our church. She was a counselor for an adolescent home and a colleague of hers had told her about our church and invited her to come.

After a short time, she asked to join a Bible study (discipleship) group, as she had not grown up in any church and wanted to learn more about the Bible. Bingo! We got her involved in a Disciple Bible study group that was just beginning and she came faithfully. However, when I announced that I would be leaving that church to go to another position, she came to me and said that after I left she didn't think she would be staying at that church. Why? Was it because I was such a great pastor that she couldn't accept any other? Yah, right!

Let's look again at the points of the “Life Development Process.” She had been invited and came to worship, got involved in service, and joined in discipleship (through the Disciple Bible study). That's pretty good! Shouldn't that have done it? What's missing? She did not experience fellowship. Bible study does not automatically fellowship people. Our Bible study was a small group of eight and five of us were moving away at the same time, leaving only her and two others who did not really relate to her. Her colleague who had invited her was diagnosed with a brain tumor about the same time and was not able to bring her into fellowship. I told the church that they better find a way to connect with her quickly or she would be gone.

My dream for New Hope and JROL is that we can get our current members involved in all four of these areas (worship, fellowship activities, discipleship groups, and service projects). Then we encourage our current members to invite others (friends, relatives, co-workers, neighbors, etc.) to get involved in one of these areas, to begin with, and then lead them into the other areas as well. If you're signed up to help with Hands of Luke, you can invite someone to join you one time and they may get hooked (service). If you're in a Bible study or Sunday School class, invite someone to come (discipleship). For worship, invite someone to come to one of our special worship services (fall kick-off, our November 22 50th anniversary worship with our Bishop, Christmas Cantata and/or Christmas Eve, Mardi Gras, Easter, Mother's Day, etc.). For fellowship, invite people to join in going out to eat after worship or attend the social activities of some of our groups.

Let me know what you think.

Blessings, Jon

October Theme -- "Dare to Compare"

- October 4 Title: “Compared to Angels” Script.: Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-9 World Communion
- October 11 Title: “Compared to Jesus” Script.: Hebrews 4:12-16
- October 18 Title: “Compared to a Servant” Script: Mark 10:35-45
- October 25 Title: “Compared to a Beggar” Script.: Mark 10:46-52



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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