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A monthly publication of
New Hope United
Methodist Church

*Celebrating
50 years
1965 - 2015*

**November
2015**



- Nov. 1 Celebrating Love
- Nov. 8 Celebrating Generosity
- Nov. 15 Celebrating True Hearts
- Nov. 22 50th Anniversary
Bishop Julius Trimble, guest preacher
- Nov. 29 1st Sunday of Advent:
Springing Up Righteousness



NEW HOPE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED

The logo for Johnston River of Life, featuring the text 'Johnston River of Life' in a blue and red script font with a stylized leaf or flame element.

WORSHIP WITH US
Saturdays 5pm & Sundays 10am
Beaver Creek Elementary
JohnstonRiverOfLife.org

50th Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, November 22, 2015

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.





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

Gus Skovgard; Mica Wills; Terri Lowe; Olive Walker; 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.



Stewardship Sunday

November 15

Join us for our annual pledge drive! A pledge sheet will be available at each worship service that explains the designated funds.

We invite you to prayerfully consider your financial giving for the 2016 year and celebrate what God is doing through New Hope UMC and Johnston River of Life.

Sympathy

Our Sympathy to George & Armenta Buckingham and family on the passing of Armenta's brother, Bruce Schroder.

Our Sympathy to Allyson and Eric Cluney on the passing of Allyson's great grandmother, Icyle Logan.

WiFi

New Hope now has full WiFi coverage on the main floor of the church. It has two sides to it, staff and guest. The guest password is newhopechurch.

Coverage in the basement will be added soon.

John Rains
Chair, Board of Trustees

Nursery Attendant

We are pleased to announce that Anita Gaul has accepted the paid Nursery Attendant position at New Hope UMC. Anita will be caring for infants through 4 yrs of age during the 9:30 & 10:45 worship services.

If anyone would like to be a nursery substitute, please let Anita know.

Thank You

Thank you to all those who helped with roofing the office area of the church! It was a big job and was done with volunteers from the congregation. Those who helped were Pastor Jon, Arny Larsen, Mike Wakeman, Jerry Kielsmeier, Bob Harter, Steve Sutton, Spencer Sutton, Paul Weisskopf, Roger Moore, Brock Moore, Dave Followwill, Clark Howland, Evan Rains, John Rains.

Through doing the work with volunteers, the savings to the church was over \$7,000! The material cost was \$4,187.45.

Again, Thank you to those who helped, to those who donated funds and to the ladies of the Quilting Group for lunch!

John Rains
Chair, Board of Trustees

*Come spend Christmas
with us....*

Sunday, December 13

8:30 & 10:45 a.m., Christmas Cantata in the Sanctuary.

9:30 a.m. Children and Youth led Christmas Service in the Family Life Center

Saturday, December 19

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

Thursday, December 24—Eve Services





**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!!



**Advent by
Candlelight**
**Monday, November 30
7:00 p.m.**

Enter the season of advent in a spirit of love and joy rather than stress and anxiety.

Dessert will be served by table hostesses; followed by a program of music, scripture, verse, and stories. All women of the church (including high school students) and their guests are invited to attend.

SIGN-UP: Sign-up sheets for those wishing to attend and those volunteering to hostess are in the fellowship hall.

Changes this year affect how you sign-up. If 4 or more friends want to share a table, one or two of your group should sign-up to hostess the table. As attendance for our special evening grows each year, it is increasingly difficult to seat groups of friends with a random hostess.

Solution? Hostess your own table! Someone takes care of dessert and the others take care of the table. There is no reason to go over-board with decorating, since the best part is sharing our evening together.

Hostesses are expected to register their list of guests with Cathy Cate to assure everyone has a seat.

Deadline is November 15.

**Women's Chorus
Advent by Candlelight**



Singers are wanted for Women's Chorus for Advent by Candlelight.

Sign up in the Fellowship Hall.

Practice times are Nov. 15 & 29, after the 10:45 service, in the Sanctuary.

Linda Reaney will be directing.

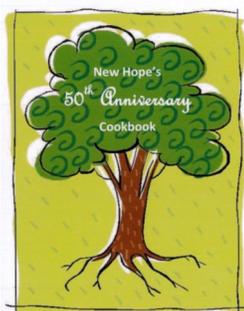
Come join us in this musical contribution to the Advent season.



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.



**Revised New Hope UMC
Cookbook to commemorate the
50th Anniversary of our church.**

The 2003 version of the *Taste of New Hope* cookbook has been reprinted with additional recipes.

Purchase your cookbook on Sundays for \$15 each at the Welcome Center.

Cash or a Check payable to New Hope UMC and please add Cookbook to the memo line.



Honoring our Veterans

On **Sunday, November 8**, during each of the worship services, we will be honoring our veterans who have served in the military at any time in their lifetime. If you are a veteran, we would very much like to recognize you on that Sunday.

We are grateful for the service our veterans have given to our country, and want to have a chance to share our thanks.

Also, there will be a **Veterans Helping Veterans fundraiser on Sunday, November 8 after all 3 worship services**. All proceeds will go toward the monthly breakfasts for veterans and their spouses.

Poinsettia Orders

Deadline is November 22

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



Please complete the poinsettia order form on the tear-off form of the bulletins and place your reservation along with your check with the offering. Deadline is November 22.

The cost is \$8.00 per plant.

Adorning our church for the most blessed season!

Please stay after the 10:45 service on **November 22** and then after the 9:30 and on **November 29th** to participate in the *hanging of the greens* for our Advent season.

Many hands make light work!

Thank you from your Altar Guild
If you have any questions, please contact Pam Frey
(yayafrey@gmail.com
or 515-490-8440)



Display Your Nativity Set

This year we will be placing tables throughout the church for you to bring your favorite Nativity to display.

We will provide place cards and additional paper if you have a story to share about it. You may leave your Nativity set(s) up throughout the Advent season.

Thank you from your Altar Guild. If you have any questions, please contact Pam Frey (yayafrey@gmail.com or 515-490-8440)



Santa's Attic

Santa's Attic is just around the corner!

As you are doing some fall cleaning, please consider donating your new or gently used items for Santa's Attic by December 9th. Any donations can be left in the 3 year old Sunday School Classroom.

Please mark your calendars for that date if you would like to help the TGIW children shop and wrap presents for their family.

If you have extra gift bags, we would greatly appreciate them, as it make wrapping all the gifts much easier. Please contact Tami Wise with any questions at 251-2987 or mar-kandtami@the-wises.com . Thank you!!!

Fall Work Day

November 21

The fall work day is Saturday, November 21, and will begin at 9am and finish when the tasks are completed. We will be working on cleaning up the yard by picking up sticks, raking leaves, clearing drive of leaf and walnut debris.

There may be some other miscellaneous tasks. Please bring leaf rakes (not garden rakes), branch loppers and small hand trimmer, gloves, warm sweater or jacket. There is poison ivy here and there so wear appropriate clothing (long pants and long sleeves). You may or may not be assigned to those areas. Let me know if you are extremely allergic to poison ivy/poison oak. The temperature early will most likely be chilly to cold, please dress appropriately. Lunch will be served at noon by Jody Rains and helpers. Yes, there will be pie! We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, November 21st!

John Rains

Chair, Board of Trustees



2016 Rummage Sale - ADVANCE NOTICE

The 2016 Rummage Sale will be held the week of APRIL 17-23. Preparation will begin on Sunday, April 17 and continue to Wednesday, April 20. The sale begins on Thursday, April 21 from noon to 6:00 pm. Friday, the sale times are 9:00am to 6:00 pm. Saturday, the sale will be 9:00am to noon. At noon the clean-up will begin and should be done by 2:00pm.

Please prayerfully consider donating a minimum of 4 hours during this week. As Pastor Gaul has been talking about JOY let us all remember the JOY we bring to others as they shop at our sale. This is a huge mission project for New Hope and, therefore, we are giving plenty of advanced notice to make a plan.

You can bring great JOY to the Rummage Sale leaders if you decide what day, hours, and job you prefer. Choose sit down, stand up, or walking jobs. WATCH FOR THE LARGE CHART POSTED IN FELLOWSHIP HALL. You will be able to sign up as you decide on your choice. The team will not be calling this year due to the over-whelming time requirement. The team will be busy with many other readiness tasks. Without workers the sale will not be possible. The Rummage Sale team will be praying for your sign-up.

**It is our JOY to serve others as we are servants of God.
Let us take church beyond our walls and preach love.**



Hand of Luke - November 14

Meatloaf

Mashed Potatoes & Gravy

Green Beans

Dinner Rolls & Dessert Bars

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!!*

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

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.

Don't forget to turn in your Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF boxes to your classroom teachers no later than Sunday, November 8th!



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 ask that parents of these children 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.



**Join us for a
Children and Youth led Christmas Service
Sunday, December 13th
9:30am in the Family Life Center**

What's new on the Children and Family Ministries Resource Board???

This month in the Parent Link and on the bulletin board you will find a meal time devotion titled "All Ears!", an activity puzzle for kids, and an article titled "Loving-Even when it Hurts." Also new this Advent season, you will find a Family Advent Calendar filled with daily activities your family can do to help celebrate Jesus- the real reason for the season! 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)

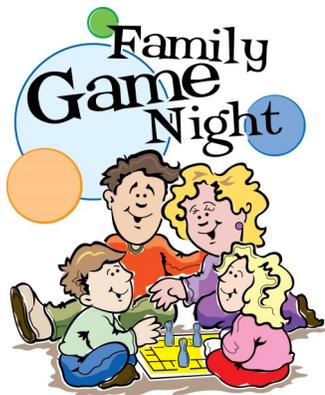
NO TGIW will be scheduled for Wednesday, November 25th due to Thanksgiving Break. (Sarah Jacobson's birthday is November 25—wish her a Happy Birthday!)

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:

For November: help with Operation Christmas Child Mission project (11/18)

For December: Santa's Attic helpers 12/9, Volleyball leader 12/9, Craft and Video leaders for our Christmas Party on 12/16- sign up on the TGIW bulletin board if you can help, or contact Sarah Jacobson with questions, sjacobson@newhopedsm.org.

Kitchen helpers (contact Kim Wills) **especially kitchen clean up!!!!**



EVERYONE (kids, youth, adults and families) is invited to join us for a

TGIW Board Game Night
Wednesday, November 11th
6:00-7:15pm

Join us for supper at 5:30pm, followed by an evening of fellowship and playing fun games. Bring a game to share and come meet someone new who might like the same game as you!

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

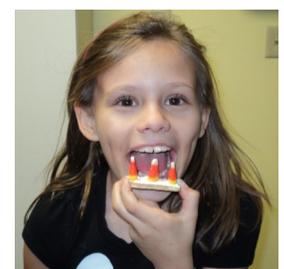
Join the New Hope Puppet Troupe! The group meets directly following TGIW in the 5th and 6th grade classroom downstairs. If you have a child interested in participating this year please contact Melanie Henry, 515-318-3216, melhenry0@gmail.com or Linda Dean, 515-707-2384, deanlinda2@aol.com.

The Puppet Troupe is preparing for their November 22nd performance at all 3 services.

In addition we will be rotating our props kids into a skit role to perform a separate song and skit for the 50th Anniversary party on the same day in the afternoon at 3pm.

TGIW 3rd-5th grade service project from October.
Pulling weeds for the garden areas.

A delicious homemade snack made at TGIW!





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!

Join us for our packing events! **Sunday, November 15 during CLT (10:45-11:45am)** **Wednesday, November 18 during TGIW (6:00-7:15pm)**

Instead of wrapping the gifts this year, we will focus solely on packing the boxes and writing the children who will be receiving them personal notes of encouragement/cheer. **We strongly encourage children/individuals to bring \$7.00 to cover the cost for shipping a box (cash or check made out to Samaritan's Purse is acceptable).**

What can you do to help?

Sarah could use some volunteers on both of these days to help the children with their shopping and writing of notes. Consider pre-wrapping your box, or volunteer some time to do so. Contact Sarah to help with this.

WE NEED DONATIONS OF:

- * **Empty shoe boxes** lid and box wrapped separately 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.
- * **A monetary donation to cover the cost of purchasing remaining gift items-** check made out to the Missions fund with "Operation Christmas Child" on the memo line.

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.

***Families can still choose to pack and wrap their own box as we have done in previous years. Please follow the instructions online at www.samaritanaspurse.org/operation-christmas-child and make sure those COMPLETED boxes (with \$7.00 for shipping) are returned to the church.

**All donated items and prepacked boxes should be
at the TGIW table in the Fellowship Hall by Sunday, November 15th**

Youth Groups

Jr. BLAST (6th-8th grade)

Leaders: Nancy Wiles, Jennifer Riley

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.

Nov. 4 Mission Project (Assembling Health kits)

Nov. 11 Game Night

Nov. 18 Operation Christmas Child (All Church)

Nov. 25 No Meeting

confirmation schedule



November 8, 4:30 p.m.

Topic: "Way of Salvation & Quadrilateral"

November 15, 4:30 p.m.

Topic: "Worship & Sacraments"

Sr. BLAST (9th-12th grade)

Leaders: Chris Higdon, Charity & McKayla Johnson, and Pam Frey

BLAST@NewHopeDSM.org

October has been a busy month for the New Hope Senior High BLAST group. The group had at least two or more events a week during October. The group conducted a Pizza Ranch fundraiser, BLAST Breakfast, Helped with New Hope Harvest Dinner, volunteered with ChildServe, and held a fun outing to Zombie Burger and a Haunted House.

The leadership team is working hard to determine where next year's mission trip will occur. They expect to make the announcement of the destination in early November. However, the group has a new policy around how students will receive funding for the trip. In order to receive funding from the Senior High BLAST mission trip fund; the student must participate in at least 60% of the all BLAST events. This includes our weekly meetings, volunteer opportunities, fundraisers, and social outings.

Our month of November has a lot of events planned. The group will be meeting on Wednesday nights to continue our Bible study and discussions. Additionally, the group will be hosting a fundraiser breakfast on Sunday, Nov. 15th and helping setup for Garlands of Gifts at New Hope. Finally, the group will be volunteering with ChildServe on Wednesday, Nov. 18th; where the group will be host trivia night with the kids.



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

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. 18th @ 6pm ~ ChildServe

Not Meeting on Nov. 25th; Due to Thanksgiving

Dec. 2nd @ 6pm ~ Thank God for BLAST Discussions – TGBD

Dec. 9th @ 6pm ~ Thank God for BLAST Discussions – TGBD

Dec. 12th @ 5pm –Dinner fundraiser at JROL

Dec. 16th @ 6pm ~ BLAST Christmas Party

Dec. 20th ~ BLAST Breakfast

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

2015 Harvest Dinner & Auction Fundraiser was a success!

*Thank you to all of you who participated in this year's event!
Whether you came for the fellowship, donated something, bought an item
or two, or worked in any way to make this year's event a success,
we thank you and appreciate you!
- The Harvest Dinner Committee*



groups gathering together

Men's Breakfast

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

Women's Fellowship

Join them on **Thursday, November 19**, 9am at church. All women of New Hope and JROL are invited. Questions? Call Betty Holwegner at 278-8115.

Widow's Luncheon

Due to lack of interest, the widows luncheon group will disband. If there is an interest later, we will try again. Questions? Contact Sharon Smith 515-277-7125 or Shirley Frus 515-279-1130.

Quarterly Structure Cluster

Sunday, November 15 at noon in the Ruby Chapel. Thank you so much for your time and leadership.
- Billy Nuzum & Clark Howland

Bible Study for All!

Join us for a study on "Life Lessons: The Book of Acts" by Max Lucado. Every Monday through November 30, at 1pm in the Ruby Chapel. Questions? Contact Sharon Smith at 277-7125 or wicketsblooms@aol.com.

Bible Study: "The Power of Simple Prayer + Prayers That Get Answered"

by Joyce Meyer. Join us every Monday through November 16, at 7pm in the Ruby Chapel. Questions? Contact Sandy at sandradcannon@gmail.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. A rotation schedule will be developed. Please volunteer by contacting the church office at 278-2097 or nhfamily@newhopedsm.org.

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, January 14, 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. **November 1, 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 **November 13 & 27** (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 Piphos 712 SE 4th St. Grimes 515.986-4071

missions

November Mission News

THANKSGIVING INGATHERING: Thank you to all who donated to the Thanksgiving Ingathering. We will have an account next month as to our Ingathering total giving.



HEIFER INTERNATIONAL: Missions is conducting our annual drive for Heifer International. Passing on the Gift® Has Up To 9X the impact to end hunger & poverty.

Families who receive your gift become donors as they pass on the gift to other families in their community. This allows them to help others as you have helped them.

*There will be honor cards on the Mission table for you to send as Christmas cards to the ones honored by your “purchase”.

You may choose from the following animals:

<u>ANIMAL</u>	<u>FULL</u>	<u>SHARE</u>	<u>ANIMAL</u>	<u>FULL</u>	<u>SHARE</u>
Goat	120	10	Heifer	500	50
Water Buffalo	250	25	Llama	150	20
Sheep	120	10	Pig	120	10
Fish	300	30	Rabbits	60	10
Honeybees	30	10	Flock of Ducks	20	
Flock of Chicks	20		Flock of Geese	20	

Make out your checks for the level and animal you want to donate and write Heifer on the Memo line. For instance, if you want to donate a sheep, write the check for \$120 to New Hope UMC, and put **Heifer** on the memo line. Same if you want to donate one or more shares. Say you have 8 grandchildren you want to honor and you desire to “purchase” sheep, you would write the check to New Hope UMC for \$80 and put **Heifer:** on the memo line.

Thank you for your generosity!



ANGEL TREE: Late in November, watch for the Angel Tree tags that will be available for gifting children of parents in prison.

BIDWELL RIVERSIDE: Please note that there will be a basket on the Mission table to collect personal items for Bidwell. The Women’s Fellowship has historically collected these items but to make it easier, you can place your donations in the basket to be delivered. Bidwell Riverside is a Southern Des Moines mission supported by the United Methodist Church, serving people in poverty with food, clothing, childcare, financial assistance, and hope to all.

These are the items most needed:

Personal Items	Paper Products	Cleaning Supplies	Diapers
Soap	Toilet paper	Dish Soap	Size 1
Shampoo	Kleenex	Windex	Size 2
Deodorant	Paper towels	Powder Dishwashing Soap	Size 3
Toothpaste	Napkins	Powder Laundry Detergent	Size 4
Lotion	Plastic Silverware & Plates	Pinesol or Disinfectant	Size 5
Feminine hygiene products			Wipes
Razors			Adult sizes

Financial Update

Below is the September 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

	September 2015 Actual
Total Receipts	\$24,913.70
Total Expenditures	<u>27,468.92</u>
Net Surplus (Deficit)	<u>(\$2,555.22)</u>

	YTD 2015 Actual
Total Receipts	\$238,410.21
Total Expenditures	<u>245,438.51</u>
Net Surplus (Deficit)	<u>(\$7,028.30)</u>

Johnston River of Life Financial Update

	September 2015 Actual
Total Receipts	\$6,228.13
Total Expenditures	7,943.50
Net Surplus (Deficit)	<u>(\$1,715.37)</u>

	YTD 2015 Actual
Total Receipts	\$83,696.22
Total Expenditures	<u>82,940.74</u>
Net Surplus (Deficit)	<u>\$755.48</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
October 4	27	96	75	198
October 11	30	87	78	195
October 18	32	99	80	211
October 25	44	126	86	256

Johnston River of Life Worship attendance

Sat	Sun	total
Oct 3	29	87
Oct 10	39	81
Oct 17	44	82
Oct 24	26	63

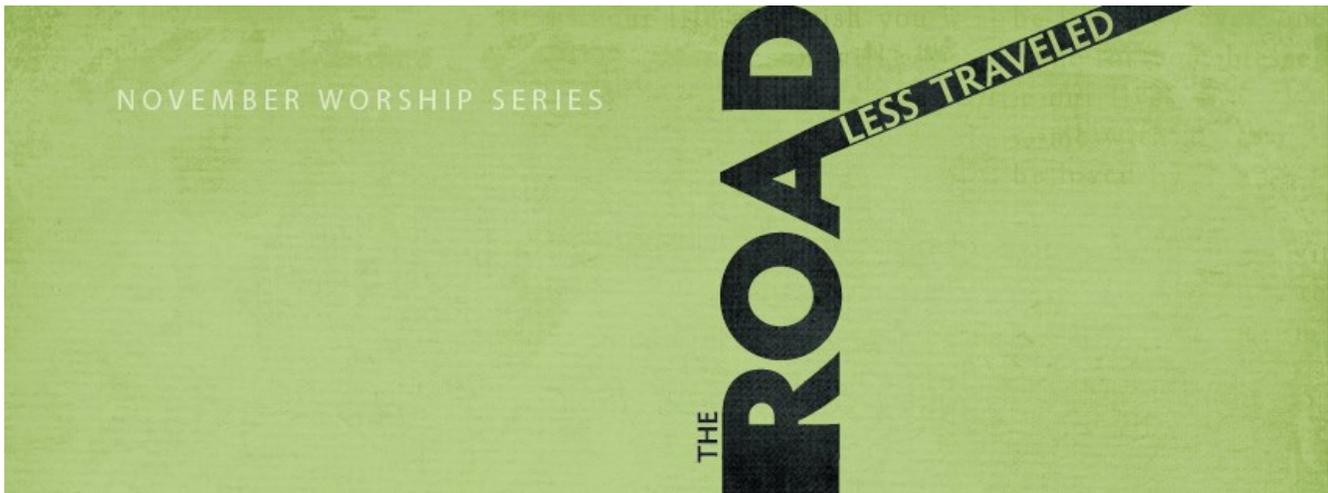
Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving

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.

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The Road Less Traveled

In High school I remember reading the poem by Robert Frost, *The Road Not Taken*. It begins, “Two roads diverged in a yellow wood.” It seemed to impress upon me the value of recognizing choices when we encounter them in life, charting your own course in life, not following the easy road, but traveling the back road, smelling the roses, and enjoying the view along the way.

As I have matured I understand this poem in a new light. No matter how long we stand at an intersection staring down a path, we cannot what see lies around the bend or behind the trees. We only know the condition of the path in front of us, and often the fact that one road is more traveled imparts a feeling of comfort and safety. However, the less trodden path may offer the better view, it may be more desirable, but the fear of the unknown, of being alone on a path, often deters individuals from placing a foot on this uncharted course.

In life and faith Jesus tells us, “Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide, and the way is broad that leads to destruction.” In this passage Jesus is teaching us that the easy way of life might actually lead us to an undesirable destination. It might be likened to believing you got on a plane to Cancun only to find its actual destination is Siberia. (Not that Siberia is a bad place, but you definitely packed wrong.)

At the closing of his poem, Frost ends by saying, “I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference.” Choosing the narrow path of faith and action, and not the broad road of “I am a good person who goes to church every week,” is a very different life course. The narrow road may harbor more challenges, more brambles, more rough steps, and a steep course, but I know anytime I have taken such a path in life, I have looked back and known, “It has made all the difference.”

Pastor 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 November

8:30am Traditional Service	9:30am Contemporary Service	10:45am Traditional Service
<u>Greeters</u> 1 8 15 22 Pat Papenheim 29	<u>Greeters</u> 1 Nancy Monthei 8 15 22 29	<u>Greeters</u> 1 Freda Ruleman 8 Sheldon & Esther Stout 15 22 29
<u>Lectors</u> 1 Cathy Short 8 15 Cathy Short 22 29	<u>Lectors</u> 1 Pam Frey 8 15 22 29	<u>Lectors</u> 1 Clarice Rubek 8 15 22 29
	<u>*Hosts</u> 1 Pam Frey 8 Veteran's Fundraiser 15 Sr. BLAST 22 Cindy & Clyde Rail 29 Nan Tollakson	<u>*Hosts</u> 1 Sharon & Earl Lewis 8 Veteran's Fundraiser 15 Sr. BLAST 22 Linda Yaske/Roberta Cave 29 Sue Soards & family
<u>Traditional Service Callers</u> 1 Norma Sutton 8 Bob & Marlys Borcharding 15 Norma Sutton 22 Bob & Marlys Borcharding 25 Norma Sutton	<u>9:30 Computer Support</u> 1 Kelly Mohrman 8 Nic Wigant 15 Nancy Monthei 22 Pam Frey 29 Terry Dolberg	<u>Money Counters</u> 1 Clark Howland, Rick Homard, Larry Wood 8 Jerry Kielsmeier, Kim Traylor, John Burrough 15 Tony & Tracy Hoffman, Glenna Ross, Robin Harlow 22 DeVonne Douglas, Randy Jansen, Ron Zoss 29 Clark Howland, Rick Homard, Larry Wood
<u>Contemporary Service Callers</u> 1 Rod & Lynette Cook 8 Eldon Cross 15 Rod & Lynette Cook 22 Eldon Cross 25 Rod & Lynette Cook	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).	<u>Pal Friday: 9 a.m.</u> 6 Kay Goff 13 Marilyn Osborn 20 Marlys Borcharding Wed., 25 Marilyn Monroe

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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 Daylight Saving Time ends Communion Sunday 9:30-11a, Blood Pressure Sunday	2 1:00p, Bible Study , R.Chapel 7:00p, Bible Study on Prayer, R.Chapel 7:00p, Trustees Mtg, 3rd grade classroom	3 8:30a-Noon, Alanon 9:30a, Sr. Singers Noon, AA 7:00p, Worship Cluster Mtg., Ruby Chapel	4 5:30p, TGIW 6:00p, Jr. BLAST 6:00p, Sr. BLAST 6:30p, Choir practice 7:15p, Puppets 7:30p, Seasonal Choir 7:45p, Praise Team	5 6:30-9p, Venture Crew, F.Hall 7:00p, JROL Mtg., Ruby Chapel	6 Office Vol: Kay Goff	7 Thanksgiving Ingathering 9a-3p, Needlers Sew In and potluck, F.Hall & Kitchen
8 Veterans Recognition & Ice Cream fundraiser 4:30p, Confirmation Class	9 1:00p, Bible Study , R.Chapel 7:00p, Bible Study on Prayer, R.Chapel	10 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 7:00p, Finance Mtg., Ruby Chapel	11 5:30p, TGIW Family Game Night 6:00p, Jr. BLAST 6:00p, Sr. BLAST 6:30p, Choir practice 7:15p, Puppets 7:30p, Seasonal Choir 7:45p, Praise Team	12 5:00p, set up for Garlands of Gifts 6-8p, Girl Scouts, downstairs	13 Office Vol: Marilyn Osborn 1p, Friday Small Group, Pizza Ranch 6:30p, Venders set up for Garlands of Gifts event	14 7:30a, Men's Breakfast 9a-3p, Garlands of Gifts. Free admission 3:30p, Hand of Luke
15 Stewardship Sunday Food Pantry Sunday 11:45, Women's Chorus prac Noon, Cluster Meeting, R.Chapel Sr. BLAST breakfast fundraiser Oper. Christmas deadline 4:30p, Confirmation Class	16 1:00p, Bible Study , R.Chapel 7:00p, Bible Study on Prayer, R.Chapel	17 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA	18 5:30p, TGIW 6:00p, Jr. BLAST 6:00p, Sr. BLAST-Childserve 6:30p, Choir practice 7:15p, Puppets 7:30p, Seasonal Choir 7:45p, Praise Team	19 9:00a, Women's Fellowship at church 6:00-8pm, Girl Scouts 6:30-9pm Venture Crew	20 Office Vol: Marlys Borcharding	21 9a, Fall Work Day at New Hope UMC
22 Thanksgiving Sunday Deadline for Poinsettias Puppets perform 11:45p, decorate Sanctuary 50th Anniversary Celebration Bishop Julius Trimble, guest preacher 3pm, Celebration	23 Deadline for Dec. LINK 1:00p, Bible Study , R.Chapel	24 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 6:30p, Choir practice 7:00p, Administrative Council Mtg., R.Chapel 7:30p, Seasonal Choir	25 Office Vol: Marilyn Monroe NO, TGIW NO, Youth Groups 7:15p, Puppets	26 Office Closed 	27 Office Closed 1p, Friday Small Group, Pizza Ranch	28
29 1st Sunday of Advent *UM Student Day (Offering) 10:30, Decorate Family Life Center 11:45, Women's Chorus practice	30 1:00p, Bible Study , R.Chapel 7:00p, Advent by Candlelight	December 1 9:30a, Sr. Singers practice 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA	December 2 5:30p, TGIW 6:00p, Jr. BLAST 6:00p, Sr. BLAST 6:30p, Choir practice 7:15p, Puppets 7:30p, Seasonal Choir 7:45p, Praise Team	December 3 6:30-9p, Venture Crew, F.Hall 7:00p, JROL Mtg., Ruby Chapel	December 4 Office Vol: Shirley Johnson	December 5

***United Methodist Student Day offering—Nov. 29: New Hope honors our members who are college students.** Your offering on United Methodist Student Day nurtures persons to serve their churches and their communities. Please give generously. Your gift makes a world of difference!

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

Happy Anniversary!!

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| 2 Matthew Weih, Jerzie Carlson | 19 Mark Wise, Katelyn Hass | 2 James & Suzanne Neu |
| 3 DeVonne Douglas, Jo Renee Hartung, Taylor Peterson | 21 Judy Frizzell, Carol Harter, Jim Frizzell, Emma Heiser, Julie Sahlin, Madison Kerndt | 5 David & Karen Davis |
| 4 John Dickerson, Joe Fairchild | 22 Amanda Soards, Brynna Johnson | 7 Brian & Suzie Martz |
| 5 Denice Sutton, Kelly Mohrman, Michael Collet, Barbara Williamson | 23 Linda Kasper, Don Doxon, Tamara Evans | 12 Larry & Paulette Wood |
| 6 Zachary McClain, Bryce Rowland | 24 Jared Robertson, Jackson Gregg | 20 Chris & Jenn Higdon |
| 8 Gavin Hawthorne, Barb Agan | 25 Kay Gier, Julie Craighton, Sarah Jacobson | 22 Don & Doris Ummel |
| 9 Karen Skovgard, Andrea Stern, Kinsey Evans | 26 Jason Kerndt | 23 Scott & Deanne Rowland |
| 10 Norma Sutton | 27 Evelyn Kruse, Dave Mongar, Laura Siffin, Maysie Johnson | 23 Ron & Linda Cooley |
| 11 Craig Thompson, Ryan Armstrong | 28 John Rains, Lee Ross, Steve Cate | |
| 12 Jacob Hitchcock, Calid Armstrong | 29 Lynn Clary, John Speck, Jason Homard, Marilyn Monroe, Fred Buzale | |
| 13 Cheryl Cross | 30 Damon DeBates, Jaela Wills, Raynette Meyers, Jax Thomsen | |
| 14 Peggy Philips, Kim Traylor, Maliya Carlson, Jason Evans | | |
| 15 Larry Forbes | | |
| 16 Nathan Zoss, Lily Larsen, Noelle Beasley | | |
| 17 Doris Ummel, Luke Bogue | | |
| 18 Jim Wells, Danielle Clemmens | | |

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At New Hope, we have now reached our Golden Anniversary as a church, **50 YEARS!** During the month of November, our theme will be: "**Celebrating 50 Years of New Hope!**"

In our worship services throughout the month, we will celebrate by having church members share their personal experiences of New Hope. We will also invite everyone present to share their New Hope experiences on a card to be collected and displayed throughout the month.

On **Sunday, November 22, our Bishop, Julius Trimble, will be present** to share the message in our morning worship services, along with special music and sharing by our Puppet Troupe. Please plan to join us.

At **3:00 p.m. on November 22, we will have a special program**. A timeline of New Hope's history will be shared mingled with music and speakers. This will include former pastors and others sharing remembrances of their time at New Hope. This is an event and fellowship time that is not to be missed!

Invite your family, other relatives, friends, co-workers, neighbors, people on the street to come and celebrate with us!

New Hope has been blessed with a rich history. Think of the number of baptisms, marriages, funeral celebrations of life, new members, confirmation students, children and youth programs, Bible studies, mission trips, building projects and expansions, service and mission projects, people who have been reached and connected to God through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

New Hope was blessed by Grace United Methodist Church here in Des Moines, as they seeded the start of New Hope with members and resources. Now New Hope is also "paying it forward," as the expression goes, by seeding an outreach ministry as well in Johnston River of Life! Think of all the additional people that are being reached through this ministry. Lives changed, people reached, help given in so many ways, in so many places, to so many people. We are part of a rich history that has a powerful future.

Come and celebrate with us and help us move into the future with God's love, grace, and saving power!

Grace, peace, and blessings,
Pastor Jon

November Theme -- "Celebrating 50 Years of New Hope"

November 1	<u>Title:</u> "Celebrating Love"	<u>Script.:</u> Mark 12:28-34
November 8	<u>Title:</u> "Celebrating Generosity"	<u>Script.:</u> Mark 12:38-44
November 15	<u>Title:</u> "Celebrating True Hearts"	<u>Script.:</u> Hebrews 10:19-25
November 22	"Celebrating 50th Anniversary. Bishop Julius Trimble, guest preacher "Season of Advent Theme: Righteousness"	
November 29	<u>Title:</u> "Springing up Righteousness"	<u>Script.:</u> Jeremiah 33:14-16



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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