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New Hope United  
Methodist Church

# May 2016

MAY AT NEW HOPE UMC

## We've Got Spirit

May 1 "The Advocate"  
May 8 "The Spirit Says"  
May 15 "The Spirit of Truth"  
May 22 "Pouring of the Spirit"  
May 29 "Take Authority"



NEW HOPE  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sundays at New Hope UMC 8:30am • 9:30am • 10:45am  
[newhopedsm.org](http://newhopedsm.org)

Words ~~Not~~ Spoken  
Chances ~~Not~~ Taken  
Dreams ~~Never~~ Pursued

## Clean Slate

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



### "God's Girlfriends" Women's Retreat Saturday, June 11 \* 9am-2pm at New Hope UMC

We are thrilled to have four wonderful speakers who will share "**How God Has Worked in their Lives.**"

Speakers are New Hope / Johnston River of Life members: Sandra Cannon, Denise Hartford, and Wendy Musgrave. Joining them as a speaker is Rev. Dr. Karen Nelson.

**Register TODAY!** Registration forms can be found at the welcome tables at both New Hope UMC and JROL. *Bring your girlfriends* for a day full of **inspiration, laughter, and music.**

This retreat is open to the community and is recommended for girls/women 16 yrs. old and older.

Questions? Contact either Carole Followwill, Barb Mather, Sharon Smith or Nancy Monthei.



**Sandra Cannon**  
"God's Timing,  
Not Mine—Lessons  
learned in letting go and  
listening intently"



**Denise Hartford**  
"Together on HIS  
Mission"



**Rev. Dr. Karen Nelson**  
"Loved to Love"



**Wendy Musgrave**  
"Is Good The Enemy  
of Grace?"



# 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.

## Prayer Concern

Karen Davis; Kim Wills; Esther Stout; Olive Walker; Bishop Julius Trimble; District Superintendent, David Weesner;

District Field Minister, Karen Nelson; Dr. Emmanuel Mefor, missionary.

Prayers for the following military personnel: Kelsey Bartley; Dawn Bernal; Jason Homard; Cory Larsen; Adam Larson; Joshua Larson; Zach McClain; Todd McGinnity; Matthew Plourde; Anthony Plourde; Devan Stanton; Jared Stanton; and our national and world leaders, our military and their families.

## Sympathy

Our sympathy to Dave & Sherrie Rogers on the passing of Dave's father, Michael Rogers.

Our sympathy to Keel & Danielle Clemmens on the passing of Keel's mother, Marcia Clemmens.

## 2016 RUMMAGE SALE REPORT

It is with grateful hearts that we report on the 2016 rummage sale. We would like to give a **big thank you** to all members who volunteered. The list is too long to list everyone. Just during the sale and cleanup there were over 160 people working. That does not include those that worked setting up the sale. The volunteer response was so wonderful that we accomplished our goal of making no phone calls. Our volunteer group was a little heavy on the 60,70, 80 age group and could use a few more younger volunteers. Next year we would like to see some younger workers, especially on Sunday and Saturday. Now to the information you have been waiting for. Our **total for the sale was \$8,750**. Also, we contributed clothing to a women's resource center for women coming out of prison, collected items for Santa's attic and the women's retreat, and sent a large truck load to Hope Ministries.

**Thank you, thank you** to New Hope for participating in this meaningful mission. - Carol Harter and Gleen Coates

## Thank You

### Spring Cleanup Day, April 9<sup>th</sup> -

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, thank you for all who participated in the Spring Cleanup, April 9.

We spread four truckloads of mulch, cleared the lawn of sticks/debris, cleaned all the landscape areas, changed over 20 light bulbs, changed seven light ballasts and changed out a sump pump.

Those who helped were:

Steve Sutton, Charlene Cobb, Jolene Harlow, Robin Harlow, Jerry Kielsmeier, Earl Lewis, Mike Wakeman, Larry Forbes, Paul Weisskopf, Rick Homard, John Burroughs, Anita Gaul, Roger Moore, Brock Moore, Arny Larsen, Ruth Doxon, Kathy Russi, Dave Followwill, Danielle Clemmens, John Rains, and Roger, Tammy and Gwen Dann. Lunch was provided by Jody Rains, Melisa Forbes, John Dickerson, and Norma Sutton.

Thanks to all for helping make our church campus one of the best!

John Rains

Chair, Board of Trustees



## OUR SOCIAL CREED

### The Natural World

All creation is the Lord's, and we are responsible for the ways in which we use and abuse it. Water, air, soil, minerals, energy resources, plants, animal life, and space are to be valued and conserved because they are God's creation and not solely because they are useful to human beings. God has granted us stewardship of creation. We should meet these stewardship duties through acts of loving care and respect. Economic, political, social, and technological developments have increased our human numbers, and lengthened and enriched our lives. However, these developments have led to regional defoliation, dramatic extinction of species, massive human suffering, overpopulation, and misuse and overconsumption of natural and nonrenewable resources, particularly by industrialized societies. This continued course of action jeopardizes the natural heritage that God has entrusted to all generations. Therefore, let us recognize the responsibility of the church and its members to place a high priority on changes in economic, political, social, and technological lifestyles to support a more ecologically equitable and sustainable world leading to a higher quality of life for all of God's creation.

Paragraph 160. Page 19 Excerpt "Social Principles of the United Methodist Church"

Billy Nuzum, Lay Leader, New Hope United Methodist Church



## Spring Plant Sale

**Sunday, May 8**

The plant sale is to raise funds for designated outdoor landscaping (gardens and planters). Among the plants that will be available are multiple varieties of perennials, coleus, and tomato plants.

Donations of perennials plants will be accepted on Saturday, May 7th from 4-6pm. Please label with plant name, approximate height and whether the plant prefers sun or shade. If you are unable to deliver your donation at that time, please make arrangements in advance with Ruth Doxon 253-9115, [rdoxon@gmail.com](mailto:rdoxon@gmail.com).



## Prayer Bead Event

**Sunday, May 22, 1pm  
in the Fellowship Hall**

The Johnston River of Life, Life Group is sponsoring a Prayer Bead event at New Hope UMC.

We will discuss the origins of Prayer Beads and how they can be used as a tool for prayer.

Additionally, we will be making prayer beads and prayer strands to support the prayer bead ministry.

If you would like to learn more about prayer beads or how to make them, please join us. We will have a limited number of beads to make Prayer Beads and Prayer Strands.

If you would like to donate or bring your own beads, please obtain 8mm beads. You will need 28 beads for a full strand or 7 beads for a Prayer Strand.

Questions regarding the Prayer Bead ministry can be directed to David Rogers at [rogersd@usa.net](mailto:rogersd@usa.net) or 515-343-4464. Join us on May 22, 1pm!



## Servicemen/ Servicewomen Fund

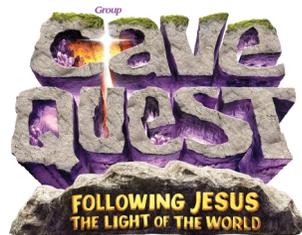
The Care Team does a wonderful job with sending cards to our servicemen/servicewomen connected with New Hope/JROL. Packages are sent to those overseas.

If you would like to help cover the expenses of mailing packages & cards, please write a check to New Hope UMC and include Service men/women fund in the memo line. Your check can be placed with the offering or mailed to the church.

Thank you for your continued support of our servicemen and servicewomen!



Another wonderful Habitat for Humanity work day on April 9! Jon Gaul, Laura Siffin, Diane Fredrick, Bill Gibbons, Jessica Hass, Renee LePera, Joe Borchardt, John Hartford, Denise Hartford and (not pictured - Dick Pipho)



All kids age 4 years to completed 5th grade, are invited to join Johnston River of Life on **Monday, June 20 to Thursday June 23 at the Simpson Barn** in Johnston (next to the library), 6 - 8 pm!!

Each night begins at Sing and Play Rock where kids will sing, shout, praise, pray and be introduced to the Bible story and the daily theme. Cave Quest is filled with unforgettable Bible-learning experiences kids will see, hear, touch, and even taste! KidVid Cinema shares real stories of real kids who are shining God's light in everyday life! Plus, team-building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats keep everyone on the move.

This VBS promises to be an over-the-top, underground adventure! Plus, kids walk away understanding what it means to follow Jesus and shine his light.

Join our team—register to be a part of Cave Quest VBS. Register to participate or volunteer at <https://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/H2GO>. Contact: Jody Ferguson at 319-939-6787 or [jomamaferguson@gmail.com](mailto:jomamaferguson@gmail.com)

## The 2016 Confirmation students were confirmed on Sunday, April 24

Welcome to our new members!!

First row: Pastor Jon, Lexi Dean, Ashlynn Riley, Sarah Wiles, Samantha Strauss, Taylor Evans, Ashley Marsh, Amanda Soards

Second row: Max Roquet, Nic Zimmerman, Caleb Williamson

*Many thanks to the following persons who gave assistance throughout the Confirmation session:*

**Confirmation Dinner:** Tracy Hoffman and Kelly Mohrman coordinators; and the 2015 Confirmation families.

**Mentors:** Thank you for your time and commitment you gave to the students.

**Parents:** Thank you for your support throughout the year.



Welcome to the New Hope UMC family!  
April 10, 2016

**Becky Baker** Becky and her husband, Jerry, live at 5018 Oaklyn Drive, Des Moines, IA 50310. 515-274-8934, becky\_baker1@msn.com.

**Julie & Chris Boyles** 8900 Highland Oaks Drive, Johnston, IA 50131. Julie: 515-371-4779; Chris: 515-371-9359. jboyles@mchsi.com.

**Julia Culbertson** Julia and her husband, Rev. Bob Culbertson, live at 6925 Sunset Terrace, Windsor Heights, IA 50324. 515-279-4551. revbobculbertson@gmail.com.

**Tricia Potter** 3210 Bel-Aire Rd, Des Moines, IA 50310. 402-250-8201. tlynpotter@hotmail.com. Her fiancé is Courtney Berry and his daughter, Taylyn, is in 1st grade.

**Desiree Spring, Jessica Spring, and Chris Spring** 4522 Hickman Rd., Des Moines, IA 50310. 515-327-0747. Desiree: daspring25@live.com; Jessica: jspring45@live.com;

**Nan Tollakson**, 7216 NW 23rd St., Ankeny, IA 50023. 515-238-7334. ntallakson@gmail.com.



*Congratulations to all of our graduates!!!*



### High School Graduates:

**David Baldwin**, son of Mark & Susan Baldwin

**Austin Cook**, son of Rod & Lynette Cook

**Natalie Fairchild**, daughter of Doug & Kathy Fairchild

**Hannah Hoffman**, daughter of Tony & Tracy Hoffman

**Brady Jansen**, son of Randy & Mary Jansen

**Kate Lichter**, daughter of Brad & Terri Lichter

**Nolan Monthei**, son of Dale & Nancy Monthei

**Clarissa Short**, daughter of Joe & Cathy Short

**Shayna Stubbs**, daughter of Patty Gressman and Rob Stubbs

**Jordan Williamson**, daughter of Byron & Vicki Williamson

### College Graduates:

**Tyler Cate**, son of Steve & Cathy Cate

**Marc Davis**, son of Dave & Karen Davis

**Bailey Egger**, daughter of Carl & Susan Egger

**Christopher Hartung**, son of Kirk and JoRenee Hartung,

**Adam Jaschen**, son of Danielle Clemmens

# 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.



Many hands can make light work. That is indeed true of the volunteers who work with our Children and Youth Ministries. Without them, we wouldn't have teachers, without them, we wouldn't have role models, without them, we couldn't offer regular programming to the young families of our church. Because of their hard work and sacrifices, they have made our church a better place to be. Thank you to all of the volunteers for the 2015-2016 school year!

We truly appreciate everything you do for our church family!

### Christian Learning Time Teachers:

Nick and Sherri Bogue  
Janet Carrigan  
Kevin and Jodi Christensen  
Tamara Evans  
Mike McGhee  
Kristi Miller  
Kelly Mohrman  
Will Rock  
Sarah Sahlin  
Lindsey Soards  
Andy Sutton  
Megan Thomsen

### Children's Worship:

Sherri Bogue  
Pam Frey  
Ryan and Abbi Herrick  
Elaine Sheer  
Alissa Strauss

### 10:45 Gathering Time:

Ryan Herrick  
Shelly Peterson

### Substitute Teachers:

Ryan and Abbi Herrick  
Jenn Higdon  
Sue Soards  
Alissa Strauss  
Tami Wise

Thank you to all of our dedicated volunteers who have helped to make our Wednesday Night TGIW and BLAST programs a success. We couldn't have done it without your commitment to our children and youth. Thanks for all you do!!!

### TGIW Activity Leaders:

Anita Gaul  
Carole Followwill  
Robin Harlow  
Ryan Herrick  
Jenn Higdon  
Jackie Johnson  
Suzanne Neu  
Nathan Roff  
Sue Soards  
Andy Sutton  
Kristen Welter  
Tami Wise

### Jr. Blast Leaders:

Jennifer Riley  
Nancy Wiles

### Sr. Blast Leaders:

Pam Frey  
Chris Higdon  
Charity Johnson  
McKayla Johnson

### Puppet Volunteers

Co-Leaders: Linda Dean and Melanie Henry



### TGIW Kitchen Workers:

Anita Gaul  
Betty Holwegner  
Earl and Sharon Lewis  
Kim Wills  
Mica Wills

### Props, Costumes and "Crowd Control":

Jackie Johnson, Mona Kirkpatrick,  
Melissa McGhee

### Honorary "Puppet Moms":

(who helped with food and overall support)  
Jennifer Riley, Vicki Hover-Williamson, Nancy Wiles

As we recognize the many volunteers who have served wholeheartedly to make this a great year for our children and youth programs, it's also time to look forward to all that is to come in the future. During the month of May we will be doing some heavy recruiting for our fall ministries. You have the opportunity to give us a head start by prayerfully considering how you can be involved in our church's ministry to children, youth and families and filling out a commitment card by May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

# Fresh Outlook for 2016-2017

Here are some things you can look forward to with the ministries being offered for our Children and Youth at New Hope starting next fall.

## Sunday Programs:

Children's Worship time will continue to be offered during the 9:30am service for 3 year olds through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, with 5<sup>th</sup> grade youth and older able to be helpers.

Christian Learning Time (CLT) will also continue from 10:45 – 11:45. We will offer classes for 3 year olds through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. We are excited to announce a new curriculum for CLT for 3 years to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. This rotation model curriculum will introduce key Bible stories through music, art, storytelling, science, cooking, games and movies (this is the same curriculum that we currently use for TGIW). Grades 3-5 will have the opportunity to increase their knowledge of the Bible with additional learning opportunities to worship. The Jr. High class will use the *re:form Ancestors* curriculum by Spark House as they study about many characters traits found in the well-known people of the Bible. Youth in grades 9 or above (that have completed confirmation) are encouraged to help as classroom aids. With the new curriculum it should open up an opportunity for new volunteers to get involved since the commitment time will be flexible.

## Wednesday Programs:

- Thank God It's Wednesday will have a new structure. We have grappled with TGIW and we believe we have come up with the best solution for everyone involved. We believe that for TGIW to be the kind of program our church wants it to be, **it needs to have a church-wide team effort focus.**
- Going forward, we will simplify the TGIW Program. Each Wednesday of the month will have a different focus. All kids in K-5<sup>th</sup> grade will be combined for 15 min of gathering time for prayers, music, celebrations, announcements, devotions, etc. and 45 min of activity time.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday= Mission Night
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday= Family Night
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday= Travel Guide to the Parables Curriculum
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday= Game Night
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday= Music Night.

**In order to make this work, we would need to have a different coordinator or planning team to be in charge of each of these nights.**

- We would like to continue with a weekly meal from 5:30-6:30pm (so choir and other members of the congregation can get to know our kids). To do this, **we would need a Meal Coordinator** to plan a menu, maintain a volunteer schedule and shop for food. **We would also need 4 teams of volunteers that can provide the Wednesday night meal, each team doing it one time per month.**
- Puppets will be offered for youth in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and up, but the meeting time has changed from 7:00-7:45pm.
- Youth Groups (Jr. and Sr. Blast) will continue to meet on Wednesday evenings from 6-7pm.
- Kristin Welter will continue to offer bells for those 3<sup>rd</sup> graders and up who are interested, time is to be determined.

The Children's and Youth Ministries Cluster Team has explored the various options for each of our programs through prayerful consideration and many discussions. We felt we needed to restructure in order to revitalize the programs for the kids.

During the month of May, you will have an opportunity to commit to volunteering or supporting these ministries in various ways. We ask that you would give this decision much prayerful consideration, and listen for where God may be calling you to serve. We have a place for everyone, no matter your age or abilities. And we can't do this without you! **This needs to be a church-wide team effort in order for these programs to thrive.** We owe it to the kids, youth and families of our church to provide these ministries. Again, I ask that you would prayerfully consider how you can be involved.

## THIS IS HOW YOU CAN HELP

Listed on the next page...are the various volunteer opportunities we have for the 2016-2017 school year. Fill out a commitment card found in the weekly bulletins or with the ushers during the month of May. Turn it into the offering plate or the church office by [Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>!](#) If you have any questions, please direct them to Children's Ministry Coordinator Sarah Jacobson [sjacobson@newhopedsm.org](mailto:sjacobson@newhopedsm.org), or any of the following Children and Youth Team Members: Beth Roff, Elaine Sheer, Anita Gaul, Jenn Higdon, Jackie Johnson, Pam Frey, and Sherri Bogue. Thank you for being a part of our ministries and helping to make a difference in the lives of our children and youth! We couldn't do it without you!

## Volunteer for the Children & Youth Programs! (continued from page 6)

### Ministries with school-aged children (3 year olds -5<sup>th</sup> grade)

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

\_\_\_ Activity Leader (3yr-2<sup>nd</sup> grade) \_\_\_ 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade Teaching Team  
\_\_\_ Substitute \_\_\_ Youth Helper (grades 9-12)

#### Children's Worship (Sundays 10am)

\_\_\_ Children's Worship Leader (1-3 months per year)  
\_\_\_ Parent/Youth Volunteer (grade 5-12)

#### Thank God It's Wednesday (TGIW Wednesdays 5:30-7pm)

\_\_\_ Meal Coordinator (doesn't have to cook) \_\_\_ Monthly Meal Teams  
\_\_\_ Monthly Activity Planning Teams (Missions, Family Night, Curriculum, Games, Music)

#### Vacation Bible School (July)

\_\_\_ Planning/Directing Team \_\_\_ Activity Leader \_\_\_ Meals  
\_\_\_ Shepherds \_\_\_ Youth Helper (grade 6-12) \_\_\_ Other

### Ministries with youth (grade 6-12)

\_\_\_ Confirmation Mentor (for 7<sup>th</sup> graders)  
\_\_\_ Jr. Blast (grades 6-8) Leadership Team  
\_\_\_ Sr. Blast (grades 8-12) Leadership Team

### Other Opportunities

\_\_\_ Puppet Ministry (grades 3 and up) Parent Volunteer \_\_\_ Nursery Substitute (birth – 4 year olds)  
\_\_\_ Administrative Tasks \_\_\_ Prayer Partner Coordinator for CLT  
\_\_\_ Pray for this ministry

#### Special Events Planning Team

\_\_\_ Rally Day \_\_\_ Easter Party \_\_\_ Christmas Event \_\_\_ Family Nights

#### Johnston River of Life Ministries

\_\_\_ June VBS \_\_\_ H2Go Kids \_\_\_ Nursery (Sat. 5pm, & Sun)

## Register now for Vacation Bible School!

Sunday, July 17 — Thursday, July 21

5:30pm supper, 6-8pm activities



VBS 2016 is "farm-tastic!" In *Barnyard Roundup* VBS, your children learn that Jesus gathers us together! They'll look into the Bible, God's Holy Word, and explore five Bible accounts where Jesus graciously gathers us together to be with Him with His abundant provision and saving protection, now and forever. Come along with us as we sing fun songs, do crazy crafts, play awesome games, and more. Can't wait to see you there!

**Registration is now open for ages 3 years- 5<sup>th</sup> grade.** Fill out the registration form found in the Fellowship Hall and put it in the box with your check attached. You can also find this form online at [www.newhopedsm.org](http://www.newhopedsm.org). For information, call 515-278-2097 or email [sjacobson@newhopedsm.org](mailto:sjacobson@newhopedsm.org).

**We are also looking for volunteers!** If you are a youth in 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade or an adult that would like to offer your gifts and talents (in any way, be it small or large) to help make this a memorable event for

our kids, we'd love to have you on our team! We can use help with Music, Games, Storytelling, Crafts, meals, registration and shepherding. If you aren't available to help the week of VBS, WE STILL HAVE A PLACE FOR YOU. We have all kinds of decorating and administrative type projects we could use help with. We will also be looking for donations as the dates get closer. Talk with Sarah Jacobson if you are interested in helping or sign up on the volunteer list found on our VBS bulletin board.

**Donations Needed:** We will be getting a much more detailed list of donations we need out to the congregation by June 12<sup>th</sup>, but for now, here are some ongoing things you can start collecting for us.

Medium to Large sized cardboard boxes; 4 brown rectangle sized plastic table clothes  
Tempra paint in red, white, black, brown and pink

**SAVE THE DATE!** Decorating for VBS will happen on Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup> (after the 9:30 service) and Wednesday July 13<sup>th</sup> at 5pm (dinner will be provided this day for those who can help). We will welcome any help you can offer during these times!

# Youth Groups

**Sr. BLAST (8th-12th grade)** Leaders: Chris Higdon, Charity & McKayla Johnson, and Pam Frey  
[BLAST@NewHopeDSM.org](mailto:BLAST@NewHopeDSM.org)

It is hard to believe that in just over 2 months it is time for our mission trip to Rapid City, South Dakota. We currently have 11 people signed up for the trip (*6 high schoolers plus 5 adults*). The group will be helping with local organizations by serving at a food shelf, clothing distribution center, soup kitchen, children's program, or elderly care facilities. At this point, the group has raised over **\$5,000** for this trip and expect to raise the remainder of the **\$1,000** over the next couple of months with many different types of fundraising activities (*breakfasts, coupon sales, and service activities*).



Additionally, the Senior High BLAST group has decided on our 2016 BLAST shirts. If you are interested in ordering a shirt (\$10); please let Charity, Pam, or Chris know that you would like a 2016 BLAST T-Shirt or email us at [BLAST@NewHopeDSM.org](mailto:BLAST@NewHopeDSM.org).

For upcoming events; the Senior High BLAST group will be serving the Hand of Luke meal on May 14<sup>th</sup>; please plan now to help out with this great event. Additionally, we are planning a trip to the Valle Drive-In in Newton, IA. They are showing God's Not Dead 2 on Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. We will be leaving New Hope at 6:15 pm and will return around 9:30 pm. This movie aligns great with our defending the faith series that we have been studying this year.

Finally, the youth are selling \$5 Hy-Vee coupon books; the coupon books give you a lot of coupons to use and a \$5 off a purchase of \$50 purchase. So you pay for the whole coupon book after the first coupon is used.



Here are the youth events for the next two months:

**Apr. 29th @ 5:30pm ~ Fire and Mercy Musical**  
**May 4th @ 6pm ~ Drive-In Movie**  
**May 14th @ 5pm ~ Serving at Hand of Luke**  
**May 11th @ 6pm ~ TGBD**  
**May 18th @ 6pm ~ ChildServe**  
**May 22nd ~ BLAST Breakfast**

**May 25th @ 6pm ~ End of the Year**  
**June 12th ~ BLAST Sloppy Joe Lunch**  
**June 26th @ New Hope 8:30 am Service**  
~ BLAST Mission Trip send off  
**July 2nd ~ Return from Summer Mission**

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

# groups gathering together

## Men's Breakfast

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

## Women's Fellowship

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

## Monday Bible Study

Adam Hamilton's study of Paul's Call is our subject Mondays through May 23. We meet in the Ruby Chapel and you can choose either 1pm or 6:30pm. No member book is necessary. We will watch a DVD and discuss the rich information available about Christianity's most prolific and famous disciple. Drop in as you are able.

## Care Ministry Team

This team ministers to congregation members who have had new babies, have been in the hospital, have been ill or are dealing with grief. This team meets on a quarterly basis and will meet on **Thursday, July 14, 1:00pm** 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. **May 1, 9:30-11:00am** will be the next BP checks in the Narthex.

## Veterans Helping Veterans

Our next breakfast is May 21, at 8:30 am. All veterans and their spouses and supporters are welcome to attend. There is no charge for this opportunity for veterans to join together. If you have questions, please contact Billy Nuzum at [bbnewz54@gmail.com](mailto:bbnewz54@gmail.com)

## New Hope Needlers

**Friday, May 20**  
We will meet at 10:30am in the third grade classroom to set up machines, have lunch at Panera at about 11:30am, then return to church and sew until about 3:00pm. We'll primarily focus on quilts, but come and sew whatever pleases you. Questions? Contact Jody Rains at 278-8282.

## 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.

## Friday Small Group

The Friday Small Group will meet on **May 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

## Save the Date

### 2016 Harvest Dinner & Auction Fundraiser

Sunday, October 16, 2016



Start thinking about what you can donate for the General Store or Auction

If you're interested in helping with the event, contact Larry Webber at [lpwebber@mchsi.com](mailto:lpwebber@mchsi.com)

# missions

## MAY MISSION NEWS

### EQUAL EXCHANGE:

Equal Exchange is a for-profit worker-owned, cooperative headquartered in West Bridgewater, Massachusetts. Equal Exchange distributes organic, gourmet coffee, tea, sugar, banana, avocados, cocoa, olive oil, dried fruit, and nuts produced by farmer cooperatives in Latin America, Africa, Asia, and the U.S. The highest paid employee of Equal Exchange may not make more than four times what the lowest paid employee receives.

For three years prior to Equal Exchange's birth in 1986 the founders met weekly to discuss how global food trade could be changed to increase incomes and stabilize economic situations of farmers. The meetings resulted in the development of an alternative trade model that utilized direct trade, established long term contracts, and offered higher-than-market prices to small coffee farmers. This differs from the traditional trade model, in which buyers go through a series of middlemen to purchase coffee beans from plantation farmers, which excluded the small farmer or left the plantation farmers with little or no profit.

To promote Equal Exchange items and the farmers who produce these products, we have taken orders for Fair Trade Mother's Day Gift Bags. We will also be taking orders for Father's Day. You will find the order forms available on the small table by the Fair Trade shelves in the hallway by the entrance door into the Fellowship Hall. The gift bags may be picked up on Mother's Day and Father's Day.

\*Be sure to stop by the shelves full of wonderful coffee, tea, honey for a limited time, olive oil when available, chocolate bars, chocolate chips, and cocoa. Place your money or check into the cash box on top of the shelves. *If there are items you would like that we don't carry, please speak to Anita Gaul.* Also, pick up some \$5 sale coffee from the basket on the small table by the shelves. Put your \$5 in the cash box.

**UMUFASHA:** We learned about this new organization of women from Burundi, The Congo, Rwanda, and Uganda in our Mission Moment on April 17<sup>th</sup>. Umufasha means helper in African. The purpose of Umufasha is to help integrate the new refugees into their new foreign culture, by offering ESL classes, information about personal and children's health, accessing necessary services, lessons in navigating this new culture and training for employment.

The Mission committee will be assisting in various ways. Several from our congregation have already offered to teach ESL, we will be organizing help in learning how to sew, and *since diapers are so expensive, we will be carrying out a diaper drive throughout this Spring and Summer. Look for the large basket on or near the Mission Table for donating. All sizes are needed.*

**CAMPERSHIPS AVAILABLE:** Parents, get your children signed up for camp now, as they often fill up fast. The Mission Committee will pay half of each child's camp costs. Register and pay for half, tell the Registrar that New Hope will pay the other half. Then, call Nancy to let her know the child's name, camp, and date of attendance. If half is still a hardship, please contact Sharon Smith: 515-419-7082, as other help is available.

**MEALS FROM THE HEARTLAND:** Please put Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup> on your calendar, as that is the date of our next New Hope on-site packaging event!

### **Hand of Luke - May 14**

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 re-frig."). Baked goods should be transferred to a disposable container if possible. *Thank you!!*

## Volunteers Needed!

**Technology Team and a Safety Team.** You do not have to have any in depth knowledge of either. If you would like to volunteer on a subcommittee of the Board of Trustees to keep our church safe and move us further into the technology world, please contact John Rains at [jirains@g.com](mailto:jirains@g.com). It will not take a great deal of time!

**Wedding Coordinator:** New Hope is looking for the special person(s) to fill the position of Wedding Coordinator. This is a fun and blessed time watching and being a part of a very special time in a couple's life. This person would be responsible for helping the wedding party through the process of their rehearsal and wedding as it pertains to the church. Before the rehearsal you will get the church ready (banners and clothes changed, attendance books picked up and candles placed). At the rehearsal you will help with the flow of the ceremony, making sure everyone gets down the aisle and climate is ok). The day of the wedding arriving an hour before the ceremony to check on wedding party and church. After the ceremony getting the church ready for the Sunday service. Approx. four hours per wedding. If you would be interested in this volunteer position, please contact Nancy Monthei at [nhfamily@newhopedsm.org](mailto:nhfamily@newhopedsm.org).

### Financial Update

Below is the March 2016 General Fund operating report for New Hope and Johnston River of Life. 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

	<b>March 2016</b>
Total Receipts	\$30,427.31
Total Expenditures	<u>28,202.21</u>
Net Surplus (Deficit)	<u>\$2,225.10</u>
	<b>YTD 2016</b>
Total Receipts	\$82,690.43
Total Expenditures	<u>81,041.35</u>
Net Surplus (Deficit)	<u>\$1,649.08</u>

#### Johnston River of Life Financial Update

	<b>March 2016</b>
Total Receipts	\$14,321.88
Total Expenditures	<u>8,605.07</u>
Net Surplus (Deficit)	<u>\$5,716.81</u>
	<b>YTD 2016</b>
Total Receipts	\$53,007.52
Total Expenditures	<u>25,824.64</u>
Net Surplus (Deficit)	<u>\$27,182.88</u>

#### New Hope Sunday morning Worship attendance

	8:30	9:30	10:45	total
April 3	38	89	97	224
April 10	42	70	103	215
April 17	32	62	83	177
April 24	30	77	157	264

#### Johnston River of Life Worship attendance

	Sat		Sun		total
Apr 2	44		Apr 3	45	89
Apr 9	38		Apr 10	51	89
Apr 16	48		Apr 17	50	98
Apr 23	42		Apr 24	62	104

### Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving

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

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

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

Words ~~Not~~ Spoken  
Chances ~~Not~~ Taken  
Dreams ~~Never~~ Pursued

## Clean Slate

Have you ever wished you could make a few changes in your life? I don't mean a tummy-tuck, or a nose job, nothing so cosmetic. As you look back over your life, are there things that you regret, opportunities you missed, or would do different if you had the chance?

It might surprise you to know that the majority of people are willing to admit mistakes, faults, and failure in life. In most cases they do not even see these as regrets. Mistakes, faults, and failures, are more like the guide-rails of life, they might jostle you a little when you hit them, or throw a few sparks in the air, but they keep you on the path moving toward success. If you never experienced failure, faults, or mistakes, either you were very blessed, or you were never going anywhere in the first place.

The things people most regret, are things they did NOT try, did NOT risk, did NOT do: In other words, Words Not Spoken, Chances Not Taken, Dreams Never Pursued.

Imagine the world of NOT.

- NOT saying I Love You?
- NOT saying yes?
- NOT pursuing a dream?
- NOT being brave enough to fail?
- NOT trying something new?
- NOT trusting?
- NOT traveling?
- NOT risking?
- NOT getting out of your comfort zone?
- NOT giving a hug?
- NOT Crying?
- NOT .....?

In fact, as I write this, I have a complete stranger staying in my house tonight. I know the world teaches us to fear strangers and NOT welcome them, but my Bible tells me to “Welcome the stranger, and extend kindness.” I think it is time to start living our faith rather than our fears. In this one night I have made a new friend, learned about life and culture, and broken down walls of prejudice, fear, and division. His name is Ming. Ask me about his stories and I will know you actually read this article.

This May at JROL we will be extricating the word NOT from our lives, and our faith. “With Christ all things are possible.” We should Love God and Love Neighbor. We should risk, dream, speak, pursue, live, and DO the things we will regret NOT doing. Live each day and each tomorrow with a Clean Slate” and for the Glory of God!

\*Series idea based on a video by Ashton Kutcher where people wrote their regrets on a chalkboard in Central Park, New York City.

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 worshippers.

**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 (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 May

8:30am Traditional Service	9:30am Contemporary Service	10:45am Traditional Service
<b><u>Greeters</u></b>	<b><u>Greeters</u></b>	<b><u>Greeters</u></b>
1 Chris & Julie Boyles	1	1
8	8	8
15	15 Glenna Ross	15
22	22	22
29	29	29
<b><u>Lectors</u></b>	<b><u>Lectors</u></b>	<b><u>Lectors</u></b>
1	1 Ally Sutton	1 Jon Verner
8 Cathy Short	8	8 Lynn Davisson
15 Vicki O'Brien	15 Andy Sutton	15 Barb Mather
22 Cathy Short	22	22
29	29	29
<b><u>Traditional Service Callers</u></b>	<b><u>Hosts</u></b>	<b><u>Hosts</u></b>
1 Bob & Marlys Borcharding	1 Cindy & Clyde Rail	1 Roberta Cave
8 Norma Sutton	8 Pam Weisskopf	8 Mary Drossel/Andy Sutton
15 Bob & Marlys Borcharding	15 Glenna Ross	15 Linda Yaske
22 Norma Sutton	22 Sr. BLAST	22 Sr. BLAST
29 Bob & Marlys Borcharding	29	29
<b><u>Contemporary Service Callers</u></b>	<b><u>9:30 Computer Support</u></b>	<b><u>Money Counters</u></b>
1 Eldon Cross	1 Nic Wigant	1 Tony & Tracy Hoffman, Rick Homard
8 Rod & Lynette Cook	8 Nancy Monthei	8 DeVonne Douglas, Randy Jansen, Ron Zoss
15 Rod & Lynette Cook	15 Terry Dolberg	15 Clark Howland, Rick Homard, Larry Wood
22 Rod & Lynette Cook	22 Kelly Mohrman	22 Jerry Kielsmeier, Kim Traylor, Robin Harlow
29 Eldon Cross	29 Nancy Monthei	29 Open, Clark Howland, Glenna Ross
	<b><u>Friday Office Volunteers</u></b>	
	6 Marlys Borcharding	
	13 Gayle Easton	
	20 Theresa Flickinger	
	27 Shirley Johnson	



Happy Mother's Day  
Sunday, May 8!

# May 2016

## 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 Holy Communion Graduate Recognition 9:30-11a, Blood Pressure checks 3-5p, Parsonage Open house	2 1p, Bible Study, R.Chapel  6:30p, Bible Study, R.Chapel  7p, Trustees Mtg., 3rd grade classroom	3 9:30a, Alanon 9:30a, Sr. Singers practice Noon, AA  6:30p, Girl Scouts, 1st/2nd classroom  7p, Worship Cluster, Pastor's office	4   6:00p, Sr. BLAST 7:45p, Praise Team	5   6:30-9p, Venture Crew, F.Hall	6 Office Vol. Marlys Borcharding	7   2-4p, pies delivered  4-6p, plants dropped off
8 Mother's Day Pie Sale Plant Sale	9 1p, Bible Study, R.Chapel  6:30p, Bible Study, R.Chapel	10 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA  7p, Finance Mtg., R.Chapel	11   6:00p, Sr. BLAST 7:45p, Praise Team	12   6-8p, Girl Scouts, F.Hall  7p, JROL Mtg., Ruby Chapel	13 Office Vol. Gayle Easton  1p, Friday Small Group, Pizza Ranch	14 7:30a, Men's Breakfast   3:30p, Hand of Luke
15 Day of Pentecost Food Pantry Sunday	16 <b>Deadline for June LINK</b> 1p, Bible Study, R.Chapel  6:30p, Bible Study, R.Chapel	17 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA  6:30p, Girl Scouts, 1st/2nd classroom  7p, Stroke Club, F.Hall	18   6:00p, Sr. BLAST 7:45p, Praise Team	19 Office Vol: Theresa Flickinger 9a, Women's Fellowship, at church  6:30-9p, Venture Crew, F.Hall	20 <b>Church office closed</b>  10:30a, New Hope Needlers	21 8:30a, Veterans Breakfast at church
22 Sr. BLAST breakfast Peace with Justice (offering) CLT and Choir recogni- tion  1p, Prayer Bead, F.Hall	23 <b>Church office closed</b> 1p, Bible Study, R.Chapel  6:30p, Bible Study, R.Chapel	24 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA  7:00p, SPRC Mtg., R.Chapel	25   6:00p, Sr. BLAST 7:45p, Praise Team	26   7:00p, Administrative Council Mtg., R.Chapel	27 Office Vol: Shirley Johnson  1p, Friday Small Group, Pizza Ranch	28
29 Memorial Sunday	30 <b>Memorial Day Church office closed</b>	31 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA  6:30p, Girl Scouts, 1st/2nd classroom	June 1   7:45p, Praise Team	June 2   7p, JROL Mtg., Ruby Chapel	June 3 Office Vol: Marilyn Monroe	June 4   Noon-7p: FLC reserved

## Happy Birthday to you!!

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

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|---|---|
| 1 Brook Larsen, Lillian Herrick   | 15 Scott Peterson, Madison Ramsey                                 |
| 3 FloAnn Wills  | 17 Tim Mc Culley  |
| 4 Maddy Dolberg, William Rock,  | 18 Kandra Dickerson, Bill Jeffries,                               |
| 5 John Lichter  | Jane Speck, Alex Hershey,   |
| 6 Cathy Beck-Cross, Alex Williamson,<br>Sally Lindstrom                         | Kip Cullinan, Samantha Wakeman                                    |
| 8 Bob Reaney, Taylor Webber, Noah Neu<br>Pastor Jon Gaul                        | 22 Linda Yaske  |
| 9 Pam Frey, Laura Speck, Michael<br>Craighton, Benjamin Leyda, Mollie<br>Rooney | 23 Margaret Heneke, Nate Kinnetz, Dan<br>Kirkpatrick, Mark Sahlin |
| 10 Sue Medley, Shawn Stringham, Caitlyn<br>Robertson                            | 24 Destinee DeBates, Drew Hershey                                 |
| 11 Spencer Wolfe  | 25 Jody Wolfe   |
| 13 Marilyn Osborn, Greta Musgrave   | 27 Jenna Merrill, Hayden Johnston,<br>Suzanne Neu, Lydia Garside  |
| 14 Rod Cook, Adam Herring,<br>Andrew Wise, Abbi Herrick,<br>Nicolas Zimmerman   | 28 Evan Kinnetz, Sarah Sahlin                                     |
|   | 29 Paul Weisskopf, John Walker,<br>Allyson Mohrman                |
|   | 30 Norman Kasper, Caroline Christensen,<br>Shirley Johnson        |
|   | 31 Tracy Hitchcock  |

## Happy Anniversary!!!

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|--------------------------------|
| 3 Jason & Heather Kerndt       |
| 3 John & Jody Rains            |
| 6 Tim & Janet Carrigan         |
| 6 Nancy & Dale Monthei         |
| 7 Ambrose & Bhanu Moses        |
| 10 Rick & Cathy Homard         |
| 14 Mark & Linda Yaske          |
| 19 Don & Ruth Doxon            |
| 19 Paul & Pam Weisskopf        |
| 21 Craig & Mary Thompson       |
| 22 Forrest & Marilyn Mc Cleary |
| 23 Mark & Tami Wise            |
| 30 Tony & Amanda Thompson      |
| 31 Stephen & Norma Sutton      |
| 31 Joby & Jodi Bearerstadt     |

*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.*

## GETTING AND KEEPING IN TOUCH!

To help us address one of our goals from our January planning session, I would like to adopt what some churches call a "Caring Caller" program. Through this program, every member of our church family will receive a phone call from a "caring caller" at least four times a year (and hopefully more) to see if they have any needs or concerns the church can help them resolve.

This will help us with our goal to stay in touch with our members and help keep them connected to our church. Many times difficulties and events happen in people's lives where the church can help and offer support. However, the church is often unaware of these needs and we lose touch with people. By regularly contacting our members, we can find out on a more timely basis any needs, concerns, or difficulties they may be having that we can help them address.

To launch this program, we will need volunteers to be "caring callers." Ideally each person willing to participate will be assigned a number of families to call periodically throughout the year. We will have training for the callers and they can have input on the families assigned to them. Since this involves phone calling, those who are not able to be out and about can participate as well. The program may even be adopted to contact in other ways that may be appropriate for some families, such as email or texting.



So, to begin, **we need volunteers!** If you are willing to be a "caring caller," please contact myself or Nancy in the church office to let us know. The more callers the better and, with more callers, each one will have fewer people to call. I would like to see us have fifty to even a hundred "caring callers," so if you have not found any other area to be involved in the church, this could be the one for you. Let's get in touch and then keep in touch with all the people of our church family!

Blessings,  
Pastor Jon



### **The Season of Easter/Pentecost: Theme - "We've Got Spirit"**

May 1	<u>Title:</u> "The Advocate"	<u>Script.:</u> John 14:23-29	Holy Communion
May 8	<u>Title:</u> "The Spirit Says"	<u>Script.:</u> Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21	Mother's Day
May 15	<u>Title:</u> "The Spirit of Truth"	<u>Script.:</u> John 14:15-17	Pentecost Sunday
May 22	<u>Title:</u> "Pouring of the Spirit"	<u>Script.:</u> Romans 5:1-5	CLT & Choir Recognition
May 29	<u>Title:</u> "Take Authority"	<u>Script.:</u> Luke 7:1-10	Memorial Sunday



#### Sunday Worship Services at New Hope

- 8:30am Traditional Service
- 9:30am Contemporary Service
- 10:45am Traditional Service

#### Johnston River of Life Casual Worship Services

Currently meeting at Beaver Creek Elementary,  
8701 Lyndhurst Drive, Johnston

- Saturdays at 5:00 pm
- Sundays at 10am

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#### Church Staff

**Pastor:** Jon Gaul  
**Outreach Pastor:** Craig Ferguson  
**Director of Music:** Eldon Cross  
**Children's Ministries Coordinator:** Sarah Jacobson  
**Office Administrator:** Nancy Monthei  
**Nursery Attendant:** Anita Gaul  
**Custodian:** Chuck VanDyke

#### Church Office Hours

Mon–Fri: 8:00am - 4:30pm

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