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# June 2016

JUNE AT NEW HOPE UMC

## Just Church It!

- June 5 "Just Love It"
- June 12 "Just Know It"
- June 19 "Just Hear It"
- June 26 "Just Speak It"



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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sundays at New Hope UMC 8:30am • 9:30am • 10:45am  
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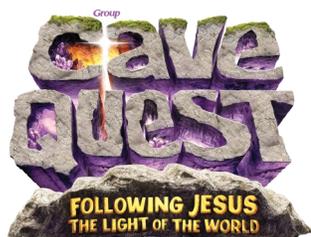
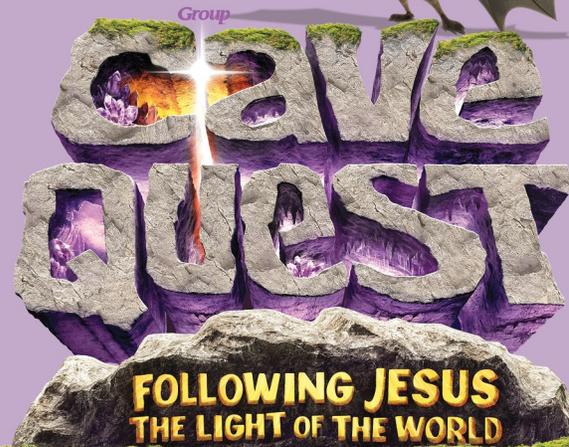
## Community VBS at the Barn

June 20-23 • 6-8pm • at the Simpson Barn  
Register at [JohnstonRiverOfLife.org](http://JohnstonRiverOfLife.org)

Johnston  
River of  
Life



Join us for  
Games  
Snacks  
Music  
& more!



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)



VBS 2016 is "farm-tastic!" at New Hope UMC, **Sun., July 17 - Thurs., July 21, 5:30pm supper, 6-8pm activities**

In *Barnyard Roundup* VBS, your children will explore five Bible accounts where Jesus graciously gathers us together to be with Him. Come along with us as we sing fun songs, do crazy crafts, play awesome games, and *more!*

**REGISTER TODAY!** Fill out the registration form found in the Fellowship Hall and attach your check. 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 also invite all members of the congregation to grab an "Egg Invitation" and give it to a neighbor, friend or relative to invite them to our event.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** If you 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 especially use *youth help with games and shepherding*, as well as adult help with shepherding, meals, audio/visual and registration. Just a note: *Volunteer t-shirts will be paid for this year* if you let Sarah know your shirt size. 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. Talk with Sarah Jacobson if you are interested in helping or sign up on the volunteer list found on our VBS bulletin board.



# 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

Desiree Spring; Lee Ross; Linda Dean; Bob Reaney; Margaret Hemphill; Ambrose Moses; Joann Pugh; Nick Olinger; 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 Bob & Sue Soards on the passing of Bob's sister, Sandy Soards.

Our sympathy to Linda & Ron Cooley on the passing of Linda's brother-in-law, David Nephew.

Our sympathy to Dennis and Renee Haugland and family on the passing of Renee's father, Rex J. Raine.

## Thank You

Thank you to everyone that donated and/or purchased a delicious pie on May 8th. All proceeds will go toward the Women's Fellowship's mission projects. Thank you!!

Thank you to everyone that donated, purchased and assisted in the recent Church Landscape Fundraising plant sale. We raised \$344 to be utilized towards the maintenance of the various various flower planters in the courtyard and east entrance and replacement of perennials or shrubs (as needed) in the gardens. Your support is very much appreciated. *If interested in assisting in the maintenance of our entry gardens, please contact Kathy Russi or Ruth Doxon. We can always use an extra pair of hands in weeding & deadheading.*

## Thank You

Thank you to our New Hope family for all their thoughts and prayers on the passing of my mother Janice Covey. Thank you!  
Kris Wakeman

We would like to thank everyone for all the prayers and concern during Bob's recent hospitalization. Pastor Jon's visits, the calls and cards, and the delicious comfort meal meant so much to us.  
Bob and Linda a Reaney

Thank you to all for the well wishes for my recovery. I know the thoughts and prayers of my church family, my friends, and family are helping me heal. Healing is slow but I know I'll be back in full force soon. I love you all.  
Lee Ross



## 2016 MEMORIAL SUNDAY REMEMBRANCES

*Since our last Memorial Remembrance Sunday Recognition in 2015, we remember the following loved ones who passed away or for our pastors performed services.*

### **Matthew McCulley**

January 6, 1998 - June 11, 2015

### **Connie Adams**

April 12, 1932- June 26, 2015

### **Carol Upah**

December 17, 1932 - July 2, 2015

### **Melvin Ghee**

April 2, 1932 - December 9, 2015

### **Gus Skovgard**

August 6, 1946 - December 24, 2015

### **Ginny Ghee**

June 15, 1935 - January 29, 2016

### **Neil Johnston**

July 5, 1967 - February 9, 2016

### **Alice Hedman**

May 17, 1928 - February 17, 2016

### **Thomas Stanfield**

December 15, 1925 - April 1, 2016



## “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. *Deadline to register is May 29*

**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?”



HeartBeat Hand Bell Quintet will be performing a concert at New Hope on **Thursday, June 16 at 7:00 pm.**

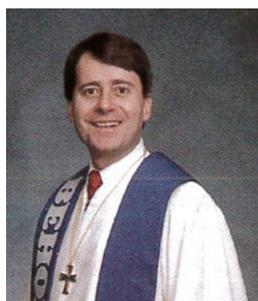
The concert is free, but we will accept donations.



New Hope UMC and Johnston River of Life will again participate in this year’s **Johnston Green Days Parade on Saturday, June 18 at 10:00a.m.**

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

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



Rev. Robert Cook was the minister at New Hope UMC, 1984 - 1997. Celebrate Rev. Cook by attending his retirement party!



YOU ARE INVITED TO A

*Retirement Reception*

HONORING

*Reverend Robert Cook*

Retiring after 40 years as a pastor in The United Methodist Church

*Friday, June 24, 2016 • 2:00 to 5:00 P.M.*

Walnut Ridge at Clive  
1701 Campus Drive • Clive, Iowa 50325  
RSVP to 515.987.9668

## ***Congrats to our 2016 Graduating High School Seniors!!***



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

Urbandale High School

Future plans: University of Iowa for International Business major and Japanese minor

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

Urbandale High School

Future plans: Moody Bible Institute for 4 yr undergraduate with a major in biblical exposition (preaching) or communications

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

Johnston High School

Future plans: University of Iowa studying Radiation Sciences

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

Johnson High School

Future plans: Iowa State University, open option major

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

Johnston High School

Future plans: Grand View University for Physical Therapy and play football

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

Johnston High School

Future plans: Columbia College in Chicago, studying Music Business and Photojournalism

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

Johnston High School

Future plans: Iowa Central Community College for Business degree and also to play college baseball

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

Johnston High School

Future plans: University of Iowa for a Marketing Major

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

Johnston High School

Future plans: South Dakota State University, undecided on degree, and will play soccer

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

Johnston High School

Future plans: Simpson College to major in Vocal Performance

In Loving Memory of **Matthew McCulley**, son of Tim & Brenda McCulley

## ***Congrats to our 2016 College/Graduate School Graduates!!***

**Tyler Cate**, son of Steve & Cathy Cate, graduated Summa Cume Laude with a major in Political Science from Bemidji State University (in Bemidji, MN). He will be a graduate student at Drake University Law School this fall.

**Laura Cross**, daughter of Rev. Neil & Cheryl Cross, graduated from the University of Pittsburgh with a Masters in Genetic Counseling.

**Marc Davis**, son of Dave & Karen Davis, graduated with a B.A. in Management: Organizational Leadership from University of Northern Iowa. He has accepted a position as an Assistant Store Management Trainee at Blain's Farm & Fleet in Kankakee IL and will start June 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Bailey Egger**, daughter of Carl & Susan Egger, graduated from Creighton University with a Bachelor of Science in Marketing

**Christopher Hartung**, son of Kirk and JoRenee Hartung, graduated from Drake University with a Bachelor degree in Music Business.

**Adam Jaschen**, son of Danielle Clemmens, graduated from University of Iowa with a Bachelor of Arts in English with an emphasis in creative writing. He hopes to work in a job involving editing or publishing.



UNITED TO MEET THE NEED

## **Des Moines Area Religious Council (DMARC) – United to Meet the Need**

In May 2016, DMARC celebrated 40 years of providing food assistance. In May, 1976 the call went out to congregations across Greater Des Moines to help end local hunger. What started in a church basement grew to be the largest Food Pantry Network in the state of Iowa. The first congregation food drive was held in May 1976 when 17 congregations participated, donating 847 food items and \$57.71. The food was stored in the basement of Kirkside, a large house located at 3807 Grand Avenue which was DMARC's headquarters at the time. Later that year, the pantry "warehouse" was moved just down the street to the basement of Central Presbyterian Church. Of the original six neighborhood pantry sites throughout Des Moines, three of them—Salvation Army Temple Corps, West Des Moines Human Services and Bidwell Riverside Center are still part of the DMARC Food Pantry Network today.

In the summer of 1986, DMARC moved its headquarters to 3816 36<sup>th</sup> Street and a new warehouse was built, which was funded by the Kiwanis clubs.

The Red Barrel Program began in 1990 with the Kiwanis clubs of Des Moines playing a vital role in starting that program. In January of 2014, DMARC moved into its current home at 1435 Mulberry. This location houses an administrative office adjacent to the new 6,000 square foot warehouse.

During January 2016, with funds from The Partnership for a Hunger Free Polk County, DMARC set up additional food storage space at a Polk County building located at 1301 Scott Street in Des Moines. The warehouse, primarily used by the Polk County Parks and Recreation Department, offers storage for 105 pallets, a large walk-in freezer and cooler and a forklift for moving and stacking large quantities of food. With this additional warehouse space, DMARC can get even better prices on food purchases by ordering in bulk. Purchasing food in bulk has resulted in significant savings for DMARC. Currently an average meal costs DMARC \$0.58. Please keep this fact in mind when you are deciding how to best support DMARC. Cash gifts allow DMARC to purchase approximately two to six times the amount of food you are able to buy at the grocery store.



Currently DMARC oversees eleven food pantries in the Greater Des Moines area. A mobile food pantry will be started on July 5<sup>th</sup>. This is going to target areas where need exists but isn't being met at this time. The truck and trailer for the mobile pantry was purchased by The Partnership for a Hunger Free Polk County and was donated to DMARC.

DMARC is very thankful for New Hope UMC's gifts and support.

# 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.



### Volunteer Update:

Thank you to everyone who has already committed to volunteering or supporting our Children and Youth Ministries in various ways. We have several of our positions already filled and are very grateful for your support!

**Did you miss your chance to fill out a commitment card? It's not too late!** We can always use more help! The commitment cards will remain in the FLC and Narthex (next to the name tags) for you to fill out and turn in the offering plate, or you can contact Sarah Jacobson directly if you would like to help. 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. If you want to help in an area that is not listed, just ask.

Positions we are still looking to fill:

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

\_\_\_ Substitutes                      \_\_\_ Jr. High CLT Teaching Team

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

\_\_\_ Children's Worship Leader (1-3 months per year)

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

\_\_\_ Monthly Meal Teams  
\_\_\_ Monthly Activity Planning Teams (Missions, Family Night, Curriculum, Games, Music)

#### Vacation Bible School (July)

\_\_\_ Meals                      \_\_\_ Shepherds                      \_\_\_ Youth Helper (grade 6-12)

#### Other Opportunities

\_\_\_ Nursery Substitute (birth - 4 year olds)  
\_\_\_ Pray for this ministry  
\_\_\_ Confirmation Mentor (for 7<sup>th</sup> graders)

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!

### 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 "Bee Attitudes." There will also be an activity puzzle for kids, and an article titled "Fearless Parenting" and "Teaching Kids about God's Big Story." If you have any ideas for Parent Resources/topics you'd like more information about, please contact [sjacobson@newhopedsm.org](mailto:sjacobson@newhopedsm.org).



New Hope Puppet Troupe performed on May 1st for their end of the season performance.



## VBS Donations Needed

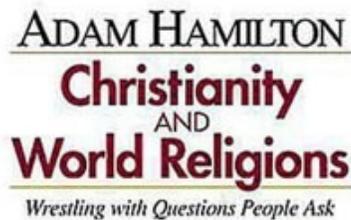
Donations are needed for New Hope's VBS week.

Our detailed donation list will be out to the congregation by June 12<sup>th</sup>, but for now, here are some ongoing things you can start collecting for us.

- \* Large cardboard boxes
- \* 4 brown rectangle sized plastic table clothes
- \* Tempa paint in red, white, black, brown and pink
- \* 12 beanbags
- \* Empty egg cartons (10 max)
- \* Empty milk containers
- \* Red checkered vinyl table clothes
- \* Old fashioned looking rocking chairs (will be used for decorating and will be returned)
- \* Dried ears of corn
- \* Ivory soap bars (5)

## 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.



## VBS Adult Class

Vacation Bible School at New Hope will be held from Sunday, July 17, to Thursday, July 21. The evenings will begin with a meal served at 5:30 p.m. and activities being held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

This year, VBS will include an adult class being led by Pastor Jon Gaul. The class will be a study of Christianity and four of the other world religions: Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, and Judaism. The study is from pastor and author Adam Hamilton.

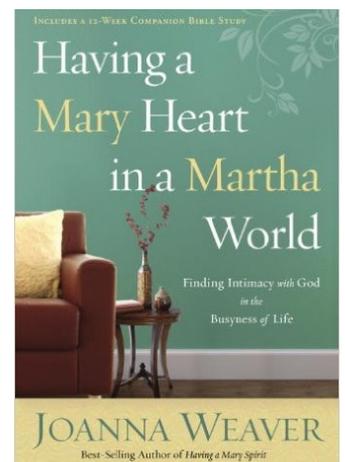
It will include a video segment where Hamilton will interview religious leaders from each of the faith traditions. The study is geared to addressing typical questions people have regarding other religions and compare and contrast them in relation to Christian beliefs.

With all of the diversity in our world today, and especially with all the issues related to the Islamic faith, this will be a very enlightening study and help us all have a better understanding of people from other faith traditions. If you have any questions about other religions or would just like to understand them better, plan to join us for as many of the sessions as you can.

## Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World by Joanna Weaver

Are you like Martha or are you more like Mary? We aren't that different from these two women in the New Testament. We long to spend time with Jesus, but find the demands of our day stopping us. Hopefully this book will show us how we can draw closer to our Lord.

Beginning Monday, June 20th a Bible study using the book, Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World. The class will start at 1:00pm and we will meet in the Ruby Chapel. It will be led by Armenta Buckingham. Hopefully you will be able to join us!



# Youth Groups



We will be holding a Girls only Bible group on Sundays, 4pm-5pm through June 26th. Girls entering 4th grade through 8th grade are welcomed to attend. Please contact Melanie Henry at [melhenry0@gmail.com](mailto:melhenry0@gmail.com) to sign your daughter up or to get more information.

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

The group is excited to announce that we are **100%** funded for our summer mission trip to **Rapid City, South Dakota**. The group couldn't have raised over **\$ 6,000** towards this trip without the generosity of our congregation and the support of the BLAST kids and parents. This year the group has done a variety of fundraising activities to reach this goal; including hosting a monthly breakfast at the New Hope campus, volunteering to help at several New Hope / JROL events, partnering with local restaurants to raise money, and selling Hy-Vee coupon books.



We will be taking 5 adult sponsors on the trip (*Chris Higdon, Charity & McKayla Johnson, Pam Frey, and Pastor Jon Gaul*) and 6 High School students (*Hanna Ferguson, Brianna Johnson, Hannah Hoffman, Clarissa Short, Drew Wise, and Brandin Johnson*) over 623 miles to work in small city ministries. Please begin to pray for the adult sponsors and youth going on this mission trip and that God will use the Senior BLAST group to bless the people in Rapid City, South Dakota. The trip is June 26<sup>th</sup> – July 2<sup>nd</sup> and during this time the group will be partnering with Black Hills Works to sort food, pack lunches, and

to work with people with disabilities.

Finally, the youth have a few \$5 Hy-Vee coupon books left; 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. Please consider purchasing one today.

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

**June 26th @ New Hope 8:30 am Service**  
~ BLAST Mission Trip send off

**July 2nd** ~ Return from Summer Mission

**Aug. 28th** ~ Rapid City Celebration Lunch at New Hope

**Sept. 10th** ~ Iowa VS Iowa State Service Project and Game

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, June 11**  
at 7:30 a.m. at New Hope.

## Women's Fellowship

Will not meet in June. Questions?  
Call Betty Holwegner at 278-8115.

## New Hope Needlers

**Friday, June 17**

The Needlers will meet in the third grade classroom from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm to work on projects for the Iowa Nigeria Partnership.

You are also free to work on any other sewing project. There are also non-sewing tasks to be done.

Lunch is potluck. Come for all or part of the day.

If you have questions, contact Diane Densmore,  
[ddindsm1@mchsi.com](mailto:ddindsm1@mchsi.com)  
or 270-1974.

## 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.

**June 5, 9:30-11:00am** will be the next BP checks in the Narthex.

## Veterans Helping Veterans

Our next breakfast is **Saturday, June 18, at 8:30 am**. Mike McGhee will be our guest speaker.

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)

## 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.

### 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)



Happy Father's  
Day  
Sunday, June 19!

# missions

## JUNE MISSION NEWS

**Women at the Well:** We have the opportunity to visit a church service June 30<sup>th</sup>, at Mitchellville, the Iowa prison for women. ***Please sign up on the Mission table as we have a deadline of June 6<sup>th</sup>*** to get our personal information to them for security clearance. The service is at 6:30, so we will leave no later than 6:00 from the church parking lot. Pastor Lee Schott has invited us to an informal time after the service, so we should be home by 9:30ish. We will take the first 12 sign ups with the last 2 being alternates in case of illness or schedule conflicts.

**UMAFASHA:** We will continue to collect diapers for this group of African refugees. Look soon for a sign up for ESL teaching. Several of our congregation have said they are interested in helping in this way, so we will collect those names and their contact information for organizing this project.

**DMARC Food Pantries:** As the food pantries have cut down their monthly boxes to only 3 days worth of food for recipients, our community needs to step up and help more for our most needy in the Des Moines area. We encourage people to give food or personal items to place in the shopping cart near the Mission table or give financially each month as DMARC can buy bulk and save, so your dollars go much further. New Hope's giving last year was down several thousand dollars as compared to years past. If there isn't an envelope in the bulleting on Food Pantry Sunday, which is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month, just put your check in the offering plate made out to New Hope and indicate on the memo line DMARC. There are also envelopes in the Narthex on the round table.

**Camperships:** Please get your children signed up for camp ASAP because camps fill up fast. The Mission Committee is committed in helping families pay for the large cost of the camp. Call the registrar, or go on-line to register your child, pay half and tell the registrar that New Hope will pay the other half. Call Nancy with the information of the camp and child's name, and cost, and a check will be sent. If this amount is still too much, please contact Sharon Smith, as there are other sources of help available. Please don't be afraid to ask for additional help as this is a wonderful opportunity to give our children a great Christian experience.

**Hand of Luke - June 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 refrig."). Baked goods should be transferred to a disposable container if possible. *Thank you!!*



**Meals from the Heartland:** Our 7<sup>th</sup> annual on-site food packaging event will be **Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup>**. After sending several teams to Meals from the Heartland during the first large packaging event downtown, the Mission Committee decided to host packaging at New Hope. We have a short worship service, see a demonstration video and then go into the fellowship to package. All ages are welcome, from young children 4 or older, to older adults. Stools are available to little ones and chairs for those who can't stand for long. We have packaged 28,000 meals in one morning. New Hope must pay for the food stuff making up the meal package. The cost is 20 cents a meal, so **we must raise over \$5,600 as we also pay for the truck and gas for transportation.**

***\*\*\*So put August 7<sup>th</sup> on your calendar, and sign up on the Mission table for the session***

***best suited for you.***

*Isaiah 58:10 "Feed the hungry, and help those in trouble. Then your light will shine out from the darkness, and the darkness around you will be as bright as noon."*

## 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 April 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>April 2016</b>
Total Receipts	\$25,572.89
Total Expenditures	<u>26,493.82</u>
Net Surplus (Deficit)	<u>(\$920.93)</u>
	<b>YTD 2016</b>
Total Receipts	\$108,263.32
Total Expenditures	<u>107,535.17</u>
Net Surplus (Deficit)	<u>\$728.15</u>

#### Johnston River of Life Financial Update

	<b>April 2016</b>
Total Receipts	\$8,741.83
Total Expenditures	13,558.24
Net Surplus (Deficit)	<u>(\$4,816.41)</u>
	<b>YTD 2016</b>
Total Receipts	\$61,749.35
Total Expenditures	<u>39,382.88</u>
Net Surplus (Deficit)	<u>\$22,366.47</u>

#### New Hope Sunday morning Worship attendance

	8:30	9:30	10:45	total
May 1	44	116	119	279
May 8	38	96	80	214
May 15	30	78	80	188
May 22	24	73	72	169

#### Johnston River of Life Worship attendance

	Sat	Sun	total
Apr 30	57	May 1 46	103
May 7	53	May 8 50	103
May 14	51	May 15 41	92
May 21	29	May 22 29	58

### 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.



Recently, as I was reading through the book of Acts, I was reminded of Paul's radical method of evangelism. He traveled all over the Mediterranean starting churches, mentoring leaders, and writing letters. In Acts 17 Paul proclaims the gospel in the Areopagus through a statue to an unknown God. In I Corinthians 9 Paul says that he becomes "all things to all people in order to share the gospel." Paul did not have one method of evangelism, but allowed the context of a community to shape his method.

We can learn a lot about effective church planting if we can grasp a couple points: First, the Gospel is alive and makes an impact wherever it is proclaimed. Secondly, it is essential to know and care for your community.

As a new and growing church I think we do an excellent job of proclaiming the the gospel and living lives of service, love, and compassion. Our mission statement of, "Being Christ in Community", is something we live out well. But lately I have wondered if we could take a moment to look closer at our community. Do we really understand what people are striving for in life, and how we can help support families and simultaneously encourages faith development. How do we, like Paul, present the Gospel in a relevant manner unless we first know our neighbors?

In the most current demographic report from Missioninsite we can learn a lot about how to best be the church that people need. Although our community very diverse, there are significant groups that are more prevalent. Now, the titles that this study puts on groups may be a little humorous, but it does an excellent job of helping us see with clarity who we are called to be Christ to.

Do any of your neighbors fit in one of these categories?

*Flourishing Family*

*Aging of Aquarius*

*Babies and Bliss*

*Fast Track Couples*

*Generational Soup*

*Sport Utility Families*

*Unspoiled Splendor*

*Kids and Cabernet*

This June at JROL we are going to talk about doing all we can to know and bless our community. What are the things that the people in our community are looking for in a church? What kind of **leadership, hospitality, worship, education, small groups, outreach, technology, stewardship, and communication**, makes a person or family feel like they want to come back, like the gospel is relevant and alive in their life.

Being the Community,

Pastor Craig Ferguson

# serve

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

## Sunday Volunteers

**Greeters** arrive at worship service fifteen minutes early to welcome 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 June:

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>
5	5	5
12	12	12
19	19	19
26	26	26
<b><u>Lectors</u></b>	<b><u>Lectors</u></b>	<b><u>Lectors</u></b>
5	5	5 Jon Verner
12	12	12
19 Vicki O'Brien	19	19
26	26	26
<b><u>Traditional Service Callers</u></b>	<b><u>Hosts</u></b>	<b><u>Hosts</u></b>
5 Norma Sutton	5	5 Sue Soards
12 Bob & Marlys Borcharding	12	12
19 Norma Sutton	19	19
26 Bob & Marlys Borcharding	26 Nan Tollakson & Gary Stubbs	26 Andy Sutton
<b><u>Contemporary Service Callers</u></b>	<b><u>9:30 Computer Support</u></b>	<b><u>Money Counters</u></b>
5 Rod & Lynette Cook	5 Kelly Mohrman	5 DeVonne Douglas, Randy Jansen, Rick Homard
12 Eldon Cross	12 Nicole Weisskopf	12 Clark Howland, Larry Wood, Ron Zoss
19 Rod & Lynette Cook	19 Terry Dolberg	19 Kim Traylor, Ron Zoss, Open
26 Eldon Cross	26 Nancy Monthei	26 Tony & Tracy Hoffman, Glenna Ross
	<b><u>Friday Office Volunteers</u></b>	
	3 Shirley Johnson	
	10 Pat Papenheim	
	17 Kay Goff	
	24 Marilyn Osborn	



Pastor Jon recognizing high school graduates that attended the 9:30 worship service on May 1.

# June 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 7:30p, Praise Team	2 7p, JROL Mtg., Ruby Chapel	3 Office Vol. Marilyn Monroe	4 Noon-7p, FLC reserved
5 Holy Communion 9:30-11a, Blood Pressure checks 4-5:30p, Girls United for Christ	6 7p, Trustees Mtg., R.Chapel	7 9:30a, Alanon 9:30a, Sr. Singers practice Noon, AA 7p, Worship Cluster, Pastor's office	8 7:30p, Praise Team	9	10 Office Vol. Pat Papenheim	11 7:30a, Men's Breakfast 9a-2p, Women's Retreat, F.Hall & FLC
12 Ministry Moment: VBS 4-5:30p, Girls United for Christ	13 <b>Deadline for June LINK</b>	14 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 3:30p, Hand of Luke 7p, Finance Mtg., R.Chapel	15 7:30p, Praise Team	16 7p, Heartbeat Bell concert, FLC	17 9a-3p, New Hope Needlers sew day and potluck	18 8:30a, Veterans Breakfast at church 10a, Johnston Green Days Parade
19 Father's Day Food Pantry Sunday 4-5:30p, Girls United for Christ	20 1p, Bible Study, R.Chapel	21 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 7p, Stroke Club, F.Hall 6-8p JROL's VBS at the barn	22 7:30p, Praise Team 6-8p JROL's VBS at the barn	23 7:00p, Administrative Council Mtg., R.Chapel 6-8p JROL's VBS at the barn	24 Office Vol: Marilyn Osborn Wedding rehearsal	25 3pm, Nicole Jaschen and John Gardner wedding
26 Guest Preacher: Barb Mather 8:30a, Sr. BLAST send off for mission trip 4-5:30p, Girls United for Christ	27 1p, Bible Study, R.Chapel	28 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA	29 7:30p, Praise Team	30 Office Vol: Ellen Hester	July 1 Office Closed	June 2
<b>June 26—July 2: Sr. BLAST mission trip: Rapid City, SC</b>						

## Happy Birthday to you!!

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

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

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

## Happy Anniversary!!!

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

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

A church member once pointed out to me that there are really just two seasons a year in Iowa, not four. There is the winter season and then there's the road construction season. Guess which one we're in now? With the work being done on the Beaver Ave. bridge, it's going to be a long season too.

As we travel this summer, we will inevitably run into delays and detours that occur with road construction. When that occurs for me, I am tempted to fall back into my old pessimistic view that it will always take me longer to get somewhere when I'm in a hurry.

Even though it seems like we get more delays when we're in a hurry, I am reminded of the time some years ago when I served as a pastor in Marion and I was called one evening to visit a church member who had just been admitted to St. Luke's Hospital in Cedar Rapids. Hurrying to get there, I just knew all of the traffic lights would conspire against me and turn red at every stop. However, to my amazement, every light stayed green! I didn't even have to slow down for any of them. Later, when I counted to see how many lights I had made it through, there were twenty-three in all! On the way back from the hospital, I hit the first eight lights green as well, so I had thirty-one consecutive green lights!

In "light" of this incident, I began to examine my negative attitude about other things as well. If I was wrong about the lights always turning red, maybe I was wrong about some of the other pessimistic views I held so dear.

We lose the fun of complaining when we admit that life is not so bad to us after all. But then, life can become so much more fun when we realize that things can go right for us and everything and everyone are not against us. Even when we are stopped by life's red lights and road construction, we can use that time to take a few extra deep breaths and relax rather than getting frustrated and impatient.

I still haven't managed to relax at all the red lights and construction stops, but I'm making progress. In the meantime, I've always considered my thirty-one green lights as a miracle and wondered if I could get it in the Guinness Book of World Records.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Jon



## **The Season after Pentecost: Theme - "Just Church It! The Mission of the Church"**

June 5	<u>Title:</u> "Just Love it!"	<u>Script.:</u> Luke 7:11-17	Holy Communion
June 12	<u>Title:</u> "Just Know It!"	<u>Script.:</u> Luke 7:36-50	
June 19	<u>Title:</u> "Just Hear It!"	<u>Script.:</u> 1 Kings 19:1-4, 8-9a, 11-15a	Father's Day
June 26	Guest Speaker: Barb Mather <u>Title:</u> "Just Speak It"	<u>Script.:</u> 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14	



#### 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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**Children's Ministries Coordinator:** Sarah Jacobson  
**Office Administrator:** Nancy Monthei  
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