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New Hope United
Methodist Church

October 2016

OCTOBER AT NEW HOPE UMC

THE JOURNEY OF
FAITH

- Oct. 2 "Increasing Faith"
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- Oct. 23 "Keeping the Faith"
- Oct. 30 "Growing Faith"



NEW HOPE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

OCTOBER WORSHIP SERIES



Everyday
SAINTS

Saturdays 5pm & Sundays 10am
Beaver Creek Elementary

JohnstonRiverOfLife.org

Join us for our TGIW Family Fall Festival
Wednesday, October 19th
5:30-7:00pm



A Free Will Donation Supper will be provided, followed by devotions, activities and ending with Trunk or Treat.



If you would like to host a trunk, please contact Linda Dean at (707-2384) to sign up.

Activities include pumpkin and corn painting crafts, bingo, cookie decorating, a photo booth and much more.
Invite your friends and neighbors.
And make sure to show off your Halloween costume!





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

John Rains; Margaret Hemphill; Joann Pugh; Olive Walker; Bishop Laurie Haller; District Superintendent, Rev. Heecheon Jeon ; District Field Outreach Minister, Naomi Sea Young Wittstruck; Dr. Emmanuel Mefor, missionary. Prayers for the following military personnel: Kelsey Bartley; Dawn Bernal; Jason Homard; Cory Larson; 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.

Wedding

Congratulations to Kirsten Anderson and Caleb Warner on their September 4th wedding at New Hope UMC.

Sympathy

Our sympathy to Mary Wilson and family on the passing of her husband, Ronald Wilson.

Our sympathy to Dale, Nancy, Emma & Nolan Monthei on the passing of their niece/cousin, Megan Sloss.



Our Charge Conference will be held on **Sunday, October 30, 2pm** at **West Des Moines UMC**

Please contact the church office to sign up, 278-2097 or nhfamily@newhopedsm.org. We want to make sure there is enough books for everyone.

Thank you

Just want to say thanks for the concern, cards, calls and offers of food from New Hope! A special thank you to Pastor Jon for coming by and prayers! New Hope is the best!!!! The pacemaker is life changing! Thanks to God and all! Roberta Cave

You are invited!

90th Birthday Party for Isora Fenzke
(New Hope member)
Sunday, October 23
2-4pm

Calvin Community Main Lounge
4210 Hickman Rd, Des Moines
(No gifts, please)



Thank you to the volunteers that planned the September 11 worship with combined Traditional and Contemporary music. Blessings to the 3rd graders that received new Bibles and to the leaders and teachers!

Also, thank you to everyone for the delicious potluck food!





The 2016 Harvest Dinner & Auction Fundraiser *Sunday, October 16th, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.*

The Harvest Dinner & Auction Fundraiser is right around the corner. Soon you will enjoy a delicious meal, and perhaps purchase fine crafts and special items at the General Store or bid on them at the Auction.

This fundraiser will raise funds to help support New Hope's programs and projects that help us fulfill our Mission Statement: ***Serve God, Love Others, and Follow Jesus.***

What is the Harvest Dinner & Auction Fundraiser?

- 1. A General Store, 4 to 8 p.m.** The General Store will sell donated items that are new and perhaps handmade by you! Not everybody can knit and crochet, bake or make jams and jellies or create works of art out of wood, but your gifts and talents are needed in the General Store. We are asking for items valued at less than \$50. Please let Patrice Webber know what you will be donating to the General Store. **Your donation can be brought to New Hope on Saturday, October 15 from 10am-2pm. Patrice Webber's contact information is 515-965-0896 or lpwebber@mchsi.com.**
- 2. An Auction, 6 to 8 p.m.** Jerry Kluver will again be the auctioneer and he will keep us entertained. Donations needed for the auction can be homemade canned goods, baked goods, jams or jellies, knitted, crocheted, sewn or quilted items, artwork, woodworking items, or handmade furniture, sporting event tickets, handyman services, or dinner vouchers, just to name a few. **Please bring your donation valued at \$50 or more to New Hope between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Sunday, October 9. Please contact Melisa Forbes to let her know what you will be donating to the Auction. Melisa's contact information is: 515-490-6334 or mel4bs@aol.com.**
- 3. A Dinner, 5 to 6 p.m.** A delicious baked marinated chicken breast dinner with oven roasted potatoes, steamed vegetable medley, tossed salad, rolls with butter, and pumpkin or chocolate mousse.
- 4. Children Activities, 6 to 8 p.m.** During the auction, a nursery will be available (for children 4 yrs. and younger) and children's activities will be provided.

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

Deadline to purchase tickets is Sunday, October 9

Adults, 12 years and up - \$10

Children, 5 to 11 years - \$5

Children, 4 years and younger - FREE

Cash – Check—PayPal



JROL would like to extend a warm invite to all our New Hope families to join us on the

**6th Annual Community Beggars Night!
October 30th
5-6pm at the Simpson Barn (by the library)**



There will be goodies & activities plus an hour of Pokeman Go lures.

If anyone would like to host a trunk at the event please contact Jessica Hass at (515) 360-3647.



**Sr. BLAST and Pizza Ranch community fundraiser!
Wednesday, October 12th, starting at 4:30pm**

Please come out to Pizza Ranch (4954 86th St Urbandale, Iowa) for dinner and support our youth group. Our youth group will be working that night to raise money for our upcoming summer mission trip.

Women's Fellowship

The October 20th meeting will begin at 9am in the Fellowship Hall for our gathering time with coffee and treats. At 9:30am we gather in the Ruby Chapel for devotions followed by an educational program on a local mission need. This month's program is "Grateful Hearts" presented by Carol Harter and Marlys Borcharding. Following the program, our business meeting begins where we make our plans to meet our local mission needs.



Women's Fellowship, September 2016

All women of our church are welcome to join us!

Questions? Contact Betty Holwegner at 278-8115 or Lee Ross at 276-9790.



Seasonal Choir Starts Soon!

The Chancel Choir extends an open invitation to the congregation to join them in this year's Christmas cantata.

Rehearsals will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, October 12, from 7:30 - 8:30 following Chancel Choir rehearsal. The cantata will be sung at the 8:30 and 10:45 services on Sunday, December 11.

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

SAVE THE DATES

Fall Cleanup - November 5th

The Board of Trustees have planned a "Fall Campus Cleanup Day" on Saturday, November 5th, 9:00 a.m. until finished. *Lunch will be provided with pie.*

We will be trimming bushes, cleaning up leaves, and further beautifying our church campus. *We need your help, please plan to attend by volunteering your time and talents! Please bring gloves, rakes, trimmers, leaf blowers, etc. if you have them.*

Sign-up sheets are in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us!



Mark your calendars for **Saturday, November 12, 9am-3pm at New Hope UMC.**

This open to the public craft & gift fair will have crafters or national direct sales companies as vendors.

Interested in being a vendor?

Please contact Deb Henry at 515-577-1129 or mssci@aol.com.



Adorning our church for the most blessed season!

Please stay after the 9:30 & 10:45 services on **November 20th** to participate in the *hanging of the greens* for our Advent season.

Many hands make light work!

Thank you from your Altar Guild.

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



Advent by Candlelight: 7pm, Monday, November 28

Join the women of New Hope UMC and our friends as we celebrate Advent with music of the season, Christmas stories, and Bible verses.

Sign up sheets will be available in late October.

Rummage Sale

April 27-20, 2017



groups gathering together

Friday Bible Study

Urbandale Pizza Ranch, 1pm

Leader - James Louk



The theme of our study this year will be the "one anothers" of

Scripture. Thirty-five times in the New Testament we see a recurring word pattern: an action verb followed by the words "one another." For example, "Comfort one another" (2 Corinthians 1:4), "Forgive one another" (Colossians 3:13), and "Accept one another" (Romans 15:7). The Bible says Jesus went about doing good. What good did Jesus do? The "one anothers" show the world how love behaves and what love looks like.

Please bring your Bible and a note pad. Mark your calendars for study dates for the rest of 2016 at the Urbandale Pizza Ranch at 1pm:

October 14

October 28

November 11

December 9

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, October 8
at 7:30 a.m. at New Hope.

Women's Fellowship

Next meeting is Thurs., Oct. 20,
9am at New Hope.

Questions? Call Betty Holwegner at
278-8115.

Care Ministry Team

Thursday, Oct. 13, 10am

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 Thurs., October 13, 10am at New Hope. If you would like to join the Care Ministry team, please contact Clarice Rubek or Mary Ann Rice.

Blood Pressure Check

First Sunday of each month.

October 2, 9:30-11:00am will be the next BP checks in the Narthex.

Chancel Choir

Practice on Wednesdays at 6:30pm.

Join us! Contact Eldon Cross,
Director of Music,

elcatalia4@gmail.com or 515 250-1476.

New Hope Needlers

Friday, October 21, 9am-3pm.

At New Hope. Lunch at Panera

If you have questions, contact Diane Densmore at

ddindsml@mchsi.com or 270-1974

Adult Discussion Group

Join us at New Hope on Sundays at 9:30am in the Ruby Chapel. Group discussions are based from "The Wired Word" that weaves current events into the Bible study.

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.

Johnston River of Life Life Group (Bible Study):

Are you looking for a place to connect with friends, build your faith, and get support?

Join a small group!

1 Peter Inductive Bible Study

Sundays • 5:30pm •

Rotating Locations

Contact Charity with questions,
515.720.8299

Men's Bible Study

Contact Patrick with questions,
phmulloy@gmail.com



Veterans Helping Veterans

We were so honored to have Retired Master Sergeant Cindy Riley at our Veterans breakfast on September 17. Pictured are Jim Smith, Don Ummel, Cindy Riley and John Walker.

Our next breakfast will be **Saturday, October 22, 8:30 a.m.**

We will meet at the church for breakfast and then Michael McGhee will organize everyone for a tour of the Gold Star Museum and the new WW1 interactive display. All veterans and spouses are welcome.

All veterans, their spouses and supporters are invited to attend.

For more information, please contact Billy Nuzum,
bbnewz54@gmail.com

christian learning opportunities

Children & Youth Ministries Mission Statement

A church family working together to teach children to know, grow, and show the love of Jesus Christ.



Christian Learning Time (CLT)

We are using Power Xpress, a rotation curriculum with our 3 yr. olds- 2nd graders this fall. It involves teaching the Bible stories through art, storytelling, games, cooking, video, science and music. We are always looking for one-time leaders for these activities. If you are interested in helping, please contact Sarah Jacobson sjacobson@newhopedsm.org

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 an activity puzzle for kids, and a meal time devotion titled "Hungry? Try These Chicken Nuggets." The parent resource article for this month is titled "Teaching Your Kids about Money." If you have any ideas for Parent Resources or other topics you'd like more information on, please contact sjacobson@newhopedsm.org.

It's not too early to start thinking about Christmas. In fact, for our TGIW program, this is the biggest part of our year, **AND WE NEED YOUR HELP NOW!!!!**

Santa's Attic: If you are looking to clean out your house of some gently used items, we ask that you would please put them aside for our Santa's Attic event. In December, our children will get an opportunity to do some "Christmas shopping" for their family members. We especially need great gifts for dads! Sarah will gladly accept these items from you starting in November.



Operation Christmas Child: Are you looking for something to do in your free time? If so, we would love to have your help with prepping for our Operation Christmas Child Event in November. We need shoe boxes wrapped and gift items purchased to stock the boxes. Check out the TGIW table for more information, or contact sjacobson@newhopedsm.org if you'd like to help with this. Save the date for our Packing event: Wednesday, November 9th!

Mark your calendars now for VBS 2017!!!



Sunday, July 16th – Thursday, July 20th

confirmation schedule



October 9, 4:30 p.m.

Topic: "Church & New Creation"

October 23, 4:30 p.m. (Mentor night)

Topic: "Way of Discipleship"

October 30

Beggars Night service project (at Johnston Barn)



THANK GOD IT'S WEDNESDAY!

A midweek ministry dedicated to children & adults of all ages,
teaching the Word of God in Scripture, Music and Fun!

Join us for an exciting new year of TGIW!!!

Dinner:	5:30-6:30pm
Kids Activities/Youth Groups:	6:00-7:00pm
Jr. Ringers (for 2 nd grade and up):	6:00-6:30pm
Puppets:	7:00-7:45pm

This month at TGIW...

October 5th Mission Night: If you like being crafty and can be trusted around treat bags, you won't want to miss this night!

October 12th Travel Guide to the Parables: The Parable of the Talents (Based on Matthew 25:14-30)

October 19th Family Fall Festival (see more details below)

October 26th Bible Jeopardy Night: How much do you really know about the Bible? Come find out!

Registration forms are on the TGIW table in the Fellowship Hall. Please make sure to complete a form for your child (ren) and youth. The registration fee is \$10/family for the whole year.

Jr. Ringers- Is open to all 2nd graders and up who want to play bells. They will meet from 6:00-6:30pm every week that TGIW is offered, EXCEPT Family Nights (2nd Wednesday of each month). They will have about 3 performances throughout the year. Come learn the basics and determine if you want to join this group. Questions??? Contact Kristin Welter, t.welter@mchsi.com.

Puppets- Is open to all 3rd graders and up who want to share the gospel message with our congregation through the art form of puppeteering. They will meet from 7:00-7:45pm every week that TGIW is offered, unless otherwise decided by the directors. There will be about 4 performances throughout the year. They can always use parent help with crowd control. Questions??? Contact Melanie Henry, melhenry0@gmail.com, or Linda Dean, deanlinda2@aol.com, if your child is interested in participating!

Join us for our TGIW Family Fall Festival Wednesday, October 19th 5:30-7:00pm

A Free Will Donation Supper will be provided, followed by devotions, activities and ending with Trunk or Treat.

If you would like to host a trunk, please contact Linda Dean at (707-2384) to sign up.

Activities include pumpkin and corn painting crafts, bingo, cookie decorating, a photo booth and much more. Invite your friends and neighbors. And make sure to show off your Halloween costume!

Also, join us for the JROL Halloween Party at the Johnston Barn on Sunday, Oct. 30th. Come check out the TGIW Trunk for some great treats!!!

Youth Groups

BLAST—Believing, Learning, Assisting, Serving, Teens

Jr. BLAST (6th-8th grade) Leaders: Nancy Wiles and Jennifer Riley
Join the Jr BLAST fun on Wednesdays at 6pm at church!



Sr. BLAST (8th-12th grade) Leaders: Chris Higdon, Pam Frey and McKayla Johnson
BLAST@NewHopeDSM.org

Fall has arrived; leaves are changing, school is back in session, Friday night football games, and Wednesday night church activities. Our Senior High BLAST group has also started back up. We kicked off the 2016 – 2017 season with a “bigger and better” scavenger hunt and watching the Iowa VS Iowa State football game.



The month of October is going to be very busy for our Youth; given we have a full calendar of events. We start with our Pizza Ranch community fundraiser on October 12th. Please consider coming out to Pizza Ranch (4954 86th St Urbandale, Iowa) for dinner and support our youth group. Our youth group will be working that night to raise money for our upcoming summer mission trip.

Additionally, we will be doing two trunk or treat events this year. The first event will be at New Hope on October 19th; where we will be having our Talking Pumpkin back this year. The second event is hosting at trunk at Zion Lutheran Church to provide an event for the local refugees on October 26th.

Finally, we end October with our annual BLAST Halloween celebration; which includes heading to Zombie burger for dinner and going to Sleepy Hollow's Haunted Scream Park (<http://sleepyhollowscrapark.com/>). We know we have a lot happening with the Senior BLAST group; please consider joining our group messaging program (*Group Me*) to get updates and text messages; subscribe using this link: <http://tinyurl.com/zxdssgc>.

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

Thank God for **BLAST Discussions =TGBD**

Oct. 5th @ 6pm ~ TGBD

Oct. 9th @ 8am~ BLAST Breakfast

Oct. 12th @ 4:30pm ~ Work at Pizza Ranch

Oct. 16th @ 5pm ~ Help at Harvest Dinner at New Hope

Oct. 19th @ 6pm ~ New Hope Trunk or Treat

Oct. 26th @ 5pm ~ Trunk or Treat with Zion Refugees

Oct. 28th ~ BLAST Halloween (*Haunted House & Zombie Burger*)

Nov. 2nd @ 6pm ~ TGBD

Nov. 6th @ 8am ~ BLAST Breakfast

Nov. 9th @ 6pm ~ TGBD

Nov. 16th @ 6pm ~ TGBD

Nov. 30th @ 6pm ~ TGBD

Dec. 3rd @ 4:30pm ~ JROL Soup Dinner

Dec. 7th @ 6pm ~ TGBD

Dec. 11th @ 6pm ~ BLAST Christmas Party

Dec. 14th @ 6pm ~ TGBD

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

missions

OCTOBER MISSION NEWS

THANKSGIVING INGATHERING: *November 5th is the 2016 gathering.* The Mission Team is collecting the following kits to be delivered to Greenfield, our district's location. All the UMC churches in this district will bring their kits and load them into the semis to be taken to our distribution center in Louisiana where they will be used as needed in disaster relief or to our Partnership churches in Nigeria.

Place your donations in the baskets on the Mission Table at the back of Fellowship Hall. If you can't supply all the items listed, please feel free to give what you can. We have 8 scissors already purchased for sewing kits, so please check with Sharon Smith if they are still available. Thank you so much for donating!

A live *auction and Bazaar* are also held to fund Hunger Grants, of which we have been recipients of \$500 the last 2 years for our Meals from the Heartland event. If you have any crafts: quilts, fabric craft, wood art, etc., please let Sharon Smith know and they will be graciously received to add to the event.

TGIW children will assemble the kits on November 2nd, so we will need all items before that date.

UMCOR HEALTH KITS: These kits are used during natural disasters, locally, and internationally.

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

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

IOWA NIGERIA SEWING KITS: *Cottage industries often grow out of sewing classes where these kits are used to practice skills.*

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

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

IOWA NIGERIA KNITTING KITS

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

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

UMAFASHA: Our ESL teachers have met and organized materials. They are ready to go when we receive the word. The Urban Heights Covenant Church on Aurora will be the site of the classes. We will pay child care for parents and interpreters to help make the classes more successful.



HAND OF LUKE (HOL), OCTOBER 14: *(Feeding the homeless at the Central Iowa Shelter downtown every 14th of the month.)* We have most of our teams ready to go and will be holding a meeting to set our schedule for the rest of the year. If you would like to be a member on a team, please let Sharon Smith, wicketsblooms@aol.com or 515-419-7082, or Linda Dean, 707-2384, know ASAP. We will be honoring Ruth Doxon for the 20 years of dedicated service to HOL, October 2nd at the 9:30 service. Thanks, Ruth for your dedication with this mission!

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!!*

Fair Trade items are on sale at New Hope UMC! See the display by the Welcome Center. Shop & support Fair Trade farmers!




Our organic olive oil represents a rich history and tradition of olive farming in the West Bank, and your purchases help small-scale farmers stay on their land and make a living for their families.

THE PROCESS:

Thousands of olive trees have been passed down through generations of Palestinian families.

Farmer co-ops cold press the olives with the pits, which are then strained out. Heating fuel and soap are some of the byproducts of this process!

The Palestinian Agricultural Relief Committee (PARC) is our partner that supports the farmer co-ops, testing and bottling the oil near Ramallah.

Each spring, PARC sends oil from the new harvest to Equal Exchange. It goes through a difficult and costly process of clearing check points in Israel before being shipped by freighter to the U.S.

Perhaps you had heard about Self Help International from New Hope’s Mission Team, but didn’t know much about who they are or what they do. By the time you get this newsletter, my sister and I, along with five others, including Nora Tobin, the director of SHI, will have returned home from Ghana after witnessing for ourselves what the organization is doing there. Self Help Int. has been “Helping People Help Themselves Since 1959”. Some examples of their work include helping farmers raise more and better crops, supporting women who start small businesses, sponsoring schools and teen clubs for youth, helping girls have better school attendance with personal hygiene kits, helping provide safe drinking water and doing whatever they determine will help people be healthier and more self-sufficient.

SAVE THE DATE! On Sunday, October 23, the mission committee plans to serve a typical Ghanaian meal after the 10:45 service and then we will share about Ghana. More details to come! New Hope gives annually to this Waverly, IA based mission with our Thanksgiving Ingathering offering.

Karen Skovgard

An Invitation for All



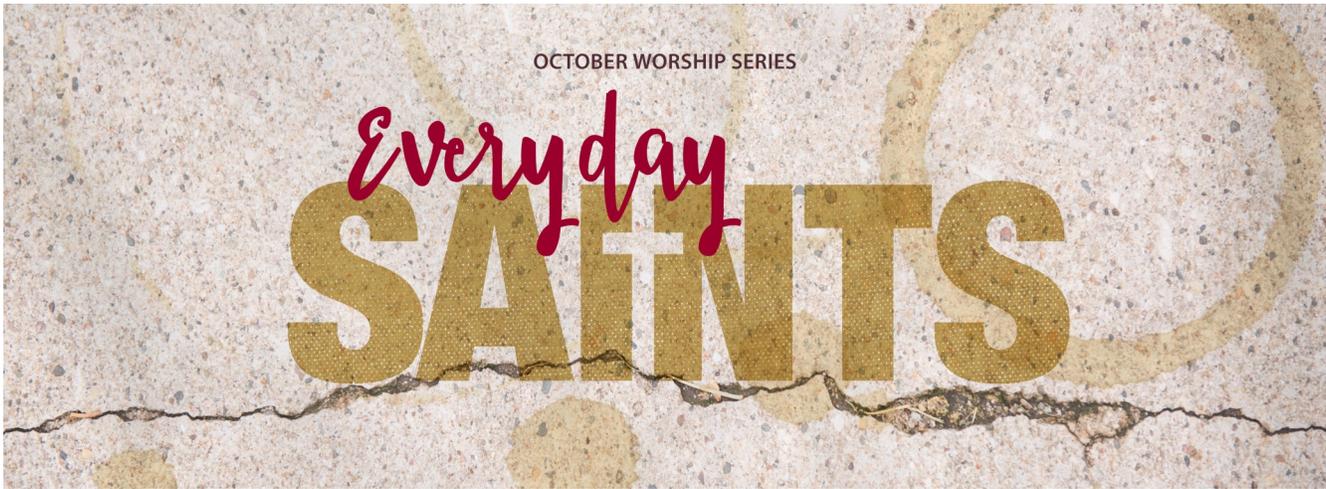
The 2017 New Hope Rummage Sale (RS) will be April 27-29, 2017. Preparation has begun and we are proposing some changes in the operational system. Since the RS has become far too big for the current committee structure, we are recommending that the duties be split up.

Carol Harter will remain as event coordinator and Glean Coates will continue to handle the set-up and take-down. The remaining organizational duties will be divided into smaller areas of responsibility. Coordinators are needed for the following:

- Advertising/Marketing
- Internal church communication
- Supplies/Printing
- Donations
- Volunteers

Please prayerfully consider these wonderful opportunities available to volunteer at New Hope. The RS is an important outreach and mission of New Hope. It is well established in the community and has many loyal followers. Many customers depend on our sale as a place they feel welcome and able to purchase inexpensive, clean merchandise. Also, we are usually able to raise around \$9000. This fund provides a source of income to replace air conditioners, update the parsonage, replace the roof, and the list goes on. Without our building we could not offer AA, Alanon, and Stroke Club a place to meet.

If you would like to be part of the RS team, please contact:
 Carol Harter, 274-1467, carolannharter@gmail.com
 Glean Coates, 270-8538, glean1947@hotmail.com



In 2014 a movie came out called *St. Vincent*. Without going into detail, let's just say that the character implied is far from what you may consider to be saintly. But through the eyes of a young boy we begin to see this very broken man in a new light. At one point the boy is asked to give a presentation on someone in his life that deserves to be honored with the title of Saint. Here is a small sliver of his presentation:

***Yes, Mr. Vincent MacKenna is flawed, seriously flawed,
but just like all the other saints we studied.
Because after all, saints are human beings, very human beings.
Courage, sacrifice, compassion, humanity.
These are the markings of a saint.***

Who are you? Flawed, yes we all are. But have you ever thought of yourself as an everyday saint?

There are many different cultural and religious interpretations for this word. In some official religious circles you would have to be recognized for a couple miracles and identified by the appropriate authorities to bear the title. For others it simply means being a person of piety. And yet for others it is a title that has been cast as a net over the whole of the Christian community.

I like the phrase, "*Every Saint has a past – Every sinner has a future.*" In fact the concept of Sinner and Saint being bound within the same person is an accepted reality of human nature. 1 Peter 2 tells us this, "You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation." As a person of faith, when I feel broken, I need that reminder once in a while. Do you know what I mean? Do you ever need to hear that you have been a blessing to others?

Who do you know that should be nominated as a local Saint? Who has made a profound impact on your life, in your family, and amongst your neighbors? They may not be perfect, but God has used them to be a light of hope in your life.

This month at JROL we will be creating a wall of saints. Write down a name of someone who has blessed you or touched your heart. Write a note on a card and we will mail it for you. This is your chance to say thank you to all those people who have impacted you for God's glory. Come and participate in this awesome opportunity.

Being Christ in Community,
Pastor Craig Ferguson

Israel 2017 - June 12th - 22nd
Deadline – March 12, 2017



Have you always dreamed of taking a trip to Israel?
“The trip of a lifetime!”

- Walk where Jesus walked,
- See the **Bethlehem** and see the **Shepherds field**
- Step into the **Jordan river** where Jesus was baptized
- Pray on the **Mount of Olives** and look at the **Temple Mount**
- Meditate in the **Garden of Gethsemane**
- Enter the cell in the **House of Caiaphas** Jesus was held in and the **Garden Tomb**
- Pray at the **Western Wall (Wailing Wall)**
- Walk the **Via Dolorosa**
- Visit the **Church of the Holy Sepulchre**
- Sail on the **Sea of Galilee**
- Don't miss **Masada** and the **Dead Sea**
- Experience **Yad Vashem** (Israel's Holocaust Museum)
- Visit **Jericho, Cana, Qumran, Tel Megiddo, Caesarea, Capernaum**, and so much more!!!

Join Pastor Craig and more than 30 others from the community as we explore the Holy lands together June 12-22nd 2017.

If you have thought about it but are not yet decided you are invited to contact Pastor Craig directly (319-939-6788 / pastorcferguson@gmail.com)



Thank you to everyone who helped out at the JROL Kick Off. We had a great turn out. Here are some highlights:

- 8 - 3rd grade Bibles given away
- 30 Kids in H2GO
- 100 meals served
- Family games and activities
- Being Christ in Community – Always!

Financial Update

Below is the August 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

	Aug 2016
Total Receipts	\$25,428.13
Total Expenditures	<u>28,598.33</u>
Net Surplus (Deficit)	<u>(\$3,170.20)</u>
	YTD 2016
Total Receipts	\$209,031.13
Total Expenditures	<u>219,185.91</u>
Net Surplus (Deficit)	<u>(\$10,154.78)</u>

Johnston River of Life Financial Update

	Aug 2016
Total Receipts	\$8,052.83
Total Expenditures	<u>8,392.41</u>
Net Surplus (Deficit)	<u>(\$339.58)</u>
	YTD 2016
Total Receipts	\$100,785.49
Total Expenditures	<u>74,397.77</u>
Net Surplus (Deficit)	<u>\$26,387.72</u>

New Hope Sunday morning Worship attendance

	8:30	9:30	10:45	total
Aug 28	35	83	77	195
Sept 4	33	68	77	178
Sept 11	one worship service			165
Sept 18	34	75	70	179
Sept 25	28	80	103	211

Johnston River of Life Worship attendance

Sat	Sun	total
Aug 27 56	Aug 28 44	100
Sept 3 40	Sept 4 33	73
Sept 10 47	Sept 11 35	82
Sept 17 92	Sept 18 26	118

Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving

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

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

Donate

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.

Daily tasks

When I awoke this morning, I asked, "How shall I live this day?" The answers were all around me:

The fan said, "Keep your cool."

The ceiling said, "Aim high."

The window said, "Look outside yourself."

The clock said, "Every minute is precious."

The calendar said, "Stay up to date."

The door said, "Take advantage of opportunity."

The floor said, "Kneel down and pray."

-The Newsletter newsletter

serve

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

Sunday Volunteers

Greeters arrive at worship service fifteen minutes early to welcome worshipers.

Lectors read the scripture lessons for the day at the worship services.

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 October:

8:30am Traditional Service	9:30am Contemporary Service	10:45am Traditional Service
Greeters	Greeters	Greeters
2	2	2
9	9	9
16	16	16
23	23 Clyde & Cindy Rail	23
30	30	30
Lectors	Lectors	Lectors
2 Billy Nuzum	2 Sherri Bogue	2 Billy Nuzum
9	9	9
16	16	16
23 Vicki O'Brien	23	23 Barb Mather
30 Cathy Short	30	30
Traditional Service Callers	Hosts	Hosts
2 Bob & Marlys Borcherding	2 Nancy Monthei	2 Jerry & Linda Kielsmeier
9 Norma Sutton	9 Sr. BLAST	9 Sr. BLAST
16 Bob & Marlys Borcherding	16	16 Andy Sutton
23 Norma Sutton	23 Nan Tollakson & Gary Stubbs	23 Soards family
30 Bob & Marlys Borcherding	30 Cindy & Clyde Rail	30 Linda Yaske
Contemporary Service Callers	9:30 Computer Support	Money Counters
2 Eldon Cross	2 Pam Frey	2 Clark Howland, Larry Wood, Rick Homard
9 Rod & Lynette Cook	9 Nic Wigant	9 Kim Traylor, John Burroughs, Jerry Kielsmeier
16 Eldon Cross	16 Terry Dolberg	16 Tony & Tracy Hoffman, Glenna Ross
23 Rod & Lynette Cook	23 Nicole Weisskopf	23 DeVonne Douglas, Randy Jansen, Ron Zoss
30 Eldon Cross	30 Kelly Mohrman	30 Clark Howland, Larry Wood, Rick Homard
Office Volunteers		
7 Theresa Flickinger		
14 Shirley Johnson		
21 Marilyn Monroe		
28 Pat Papenheim		

You'rx nxxdxd!

Evxn though my typxwritr is an old modxl, it works quitx wxll— xxcpt for onx kxy. I havx many timxs wishxd it workxd pxfxctly. It's trux that thx othxr kxys work grxat, but just onx kxy not working makxs a hugx diffxrxncx.

Somxtimxs our church sxxms likx my typxwritr — not all thx kxy pxoplx work. You may say to yoursxlf, “Wxll, I'm just onx pxrson. I don't makx or brxak thx church.” But it doxs makx a big diffxrxncx bcausx a church, to bx xffxctivx, nxxds thx activx participation of vxvry pxrson.

So, thx nxxt timx you think your xfforts arxn't nxxssary, rxmxbxr my typxwritr and say to yoursxlf, “I'm a kxy pxrson in thx congrxgation, and I'm nxxdxd vxvry much.” -The Newsletter newsletter

October 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
4 *World Communion Sunday 9:30-11a, Blood Pressure Sunday	3 7p, Trustees Mtg., R.Chapel	4 9:30a, Sr. Singers practice 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 7p, Worship Cluster Mtg., Pastor's office	5 5:30p, TGIW 6p, Jr. BLAST 6p, Sr. BLAST 6p, Jr. Ringers 6:30p, Choir practice 7p, Puppets 7:45p, Praise Team	6 7p, JROL Mtg., R.Chapel	7 Office Vol. Theresa Flickinger	1 8 7:30a, Men's Breakfast
9 Harvest Dinner tickets deadline Sr. BLAST breakfast 11a-1p, Auction items to be dropped off 4:30p, Confirmation Class, F.Hall	10	11 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 6:30p, Girl Scouts (downstairs) 7p, Finance Mtg., R.Chapel	12 4:30p, Sr. BLAST Pizza Ranch Fundraiser 5:30p, TGIW 6p, Jr. BLAST 6p, Jr. Ringers 6:30p, Choir practice 7p, Puppets 7:30p, Seasonal Choir 7:45p, Praise Team	13 10a, Care Team Mtg., F.Hall 6:15p, Girl Scouts, F.Hall	14 Office Vol. Shirley Johnson 1p, Friday Small Group, Pizza Ranch 3:30p, Hand of Luke	15 10a-2p, General Store donations to be dropped off
16 Food Pantry Sunday Harvest Dinner & Auction 4pm Country Store 5pm Dinner 6pm Auction	17 7p, SPRC Mtg., R.Chapel	18 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 8a-4p, Retired Pastor's gathering (Iowa Annual Conf.) F.Hall, FLC reserved 7p, Stroke Club, F.Hall	19 5:30p, Family Fall Festival 6p, Jr. BLAST 6p, Sr. BLAST 6p, Jr. Ringers 6:30p, Choir practice 7p, Puppets 7:30p, Seasonal Choir 7:30p, Nominating Committee, R.Chapel 7:45p, Praise Team	20 Deadline for November LINK 9a, Women's Fellowship, F.Hall	21 Office Vol. Marilyn Monroe 9a-3p, Needlers at church	22 8:30a, Veterans Breakfast, F.Hall
23 11:45, Ghanda Mission trip report & meal 4:30p, Confirmation Class, F.Hall	24	25 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 6:30p, Girl Scouts (downstairs) 7p, AD Council mtg., R.Chapel	26 5:30p, TGIW 6p, Jr. BLAST 6p, Sr. BLAST 6p, Jr. Ringers 6:30p, Choir practice 7p, Puppets 7:30p, Seasonal Choir 7:45p, Praise Team	27 6:15p, Girl Scouts, F.Hall	28 Office Vol: Pat Papenheim 1p, Friday Small Group, Pizza Ranch Sr. BLAST Halloween Party	29 8a-4p, F.Hall reserved
30 2pm Charge Conference at West Des Moines UMC 5-6pm, JROL Community Halloween Party & Trunk or Treat, Simpson Barn in Johnston	31	Nov 1 9:30a, Sr. Singers practice 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 7p, Worship Cluster Mtg., Pastor's office	2 5:30p, TGIW 6p, Jr. BLAST 6p, Sr. BLAST 6p, Jr. Ringers 6:30p, Choir practice 7p, Puppets 7:30p, Seasonal Choir 7:45p, Praise Team	3 7p, JROL Mtg., R.Chapel	4 Office Vol: Kay Goff	5 9am, Fall Clean up

*WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY (OFFERING), OCT. 2: Your generous gift today helps promising scholars to become leaders.

Happy Birthday to you!!

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

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

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

Happy Anniversary!!!

- 1 Nathan & Elizabeth Roff
- 2 Mike & Cheryl Lillegraven
- 4 Jim & Barb Mather
- 8 Jacob & Carrie Naumann
- 8 Brad & Terri Lichter
- 10 Randy & Mary Jansen
- 11 Steven & Stephanie Alcorn
- 14 Kevin & Jodi Christensen
- 16 Jon & Wendy Musgrave
- 18 Mike & Elaine Collet
- 25 Mike & Kris Wakeman
- 25 Brad & Jackie Johnson
- 26 Keith & Kim Trillet

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

I mentioned in last month's article that I would have to tell you about our friend Marge, so here it is. The first two weeks of August, Anita and I traveled west with our son, daughter-in-law, and grandson to the great state of Washington. Mandi, our daughter-in-law, has an aunt and cousins in Washington and that's where Marge lives, so we all traveled together.

Marge was my mother's friend first and then quickly became ours as well. My experience with Marge took on a new dimension about nine years ago when my mother and I traveled to Port Hadlock, Washington to visit Marge. Port Hadlock is located across the bay and north of Seattle. It is one of the small towns that dot the bay area. We were only there for three full days and part of two others (arriving and leaving), but what full days they were. Almost as soon as we arrived, Marge got an emergency phone call that an elderly man she knew had been taken to the hospital because of a possible heart attack. Marge knew the man because she is a volunteer in a special ecumenical church program that provides transportation for people to get to doctors appointments, grocery stores, etc. This man was one of her "clients" but of course he was more like family. The emergency was compounded by the fact that the man takes care of his wife in their home, as she suffers from advanced Alzheimer's and could not be left alone. Marge quickly called around and got someone who could stay with the wife while the man was hospitalized. We later went to the hospital for Marge to visit him and I met the wife who was there with the caregiver. It turned out that the man did not have a heart attack and would be able to return home after a day or two.

Marge next introduced us to her next door neighbor. When Marge retired and moved into that neighborhood, she began getting acquainted with her neighbors. When she asked about the neighbor who lived across from her that she hadn't even seen, her other neighbors didn't even know her name and said she stayed to herself and there was no use trying to get to know her. That was just the challenge Marge needed and this neighbor became one of her best friends. We even went over to her house and saw the beautiful and intricate miniature doll houses she made. This woman had an emergency as well while we were there and Marge jumped in and helped out once again.

Next, while sight seeing in a nearby town, Marge suddenly pulled over and yelled out to a man walking down the street if he wanted a ride. He was elderly and gratefully jumped in the car. As Marge introduced us, it turned out that the man was one that Marge and others looked after, as he had no means of transportation and suffered from a chronic mental illness. While we took him home (miles away!), I had an in-depth conversation with him about religion. He was highly educated and very well read.

Finally, Marge took us by her United Methodist Church to see the poster she had made to announce and invite people to hear a friend of hers from out of town who would be singing in church that next Sunday. The friend had been a refugee from Africa and that is another touching story where Marge helped out. Marge not only publicized this event in the church, but had announced it to the community and invited all of those at the congregational meals she attended to come as well.

In her local church, Marge is in charge of visitor follow up and you better believe no one is missed. Their church in this small town has seen significant growth since Marge has headed this up. However, Marge doesn't wait for visitors to just come, she invites, as after mom and I left on that Saturday, Marge spent the evening on the phone reminding everyone to come the next day to hear her friend sing in church!

Sometime after that trip to see Marge, she was featured in a news video that was on YouTube and in a publication about her volunteer work done through the program called "ECHHO" (Ecumenical Christian Helping Hands Organization). This occurred while she had to use a motorized wheel chair to get around.

After reflecting on that trip, I decided that every church needs a Marge. Actually, I believe New Hope/JROL has a lot of them and we can all learn from each other. The program that Marge volunteers through is an ecumenical program supported by various churches. It may be a model we can consider for Des Moines.

Blessings, Pastor Jon



The Season after Pentecost: Theme - "The Journey of Faith"

Oct 2	<u>Title:</u> "Increasing Faith"	<u>Script.:</u> Luke 17:5-10	World Communion Sunday
Oct 9	<u>Title:</u> "Healed by Faith"	<u>Script.:</u> <u>Script.:</u> Luke 17:11-19	
Oct 16	<u>Title:</u> "Persistent Faith"	<u>Script.:</u> Luke 18:1-8	
Oct 23	<u>Title:</u> "Keeping the Faith"	<u>Script.:</u> 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18	
Oct 30	<u>Title:</u> "Growing Faith"	<u>Script.:</u> 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12	



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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