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New Hope United
Methodist Church

January
2017

JANUARY AT NEW HOPE UMC

THE VOICES OF GOD

- Jan. 1 "A Voice To Warn"
- Jan. 8 "A Voice To Bless"
- Jan. 15 "A Voice To Question"
- Jan. 22 "A Voice To Unify"
- Jan. 29 "A Voice To Teach"



NEW HOPE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

resolution
evolution
resolve to evolve

Saturdays 5pm &
Sundays 10am

Beaver Creek Elementary

JohnstonRiverOfLife.org



Mid-Winter Mingle and Meal *Sunday, January 29* *5PM* *At New Hope UMC*

Please join New Hope UMC and Johnston River of Life members and friends for
Good Food
Entertainment
And the company of our church family

Please RSVP on the sign up sheets at New Hope and JROL
Free will offering

Questions? Contact Billy Nuzum, 238-2302 or Devonne Douglas 321-3702



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; Cheryl Lillegraven; Doris Ummel; 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 Lindsey McCulley and Seth McClellan on their December 9th wedding.

Congratulations to Courtney Berry and Tricia Potter on their December 31 wedding.

Thank You

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who donated to Santa's Attic. We had some wonderful gifts for the kids to choose from for their family. Thank you also to those who helped, and provided gift bags for all of the wrapping that is done in a short amount of time.

The money that was raised was donated to SmileTrain. So New Hope kids, can help other children smile too.

Sympathy

Our sympathy to Carol Evans on the passing of her brother, Lyle Myer.

Thank You

New Hope congregation, Thank for the prayers and cards to Bob and I during his illness. Bill & Bob Nuzum

Thank you for the cards and calls from my New Hope friends and thank you to the ladies for the cookies & cards which I truly appreciated. Carol Evans

As some of you are aware, Marge Robinson entered Walnut Ridge Memory Care unit in September 2016. For 67 + years prior to that time our tradition was to have Sunday noon dinner together.

In mid-November 2016 Marge asked me to continue that tradition. However the noon meal in Memory Care is 11:30am every day. Thus it is difficult for me to make an 11:30am dinner when the Church Services do not adjourn until 11:45am. At the present time I am continuing that 67 + year tradition of having Sunday noon dinner with her (as well as several other meals during the week).

I miss being in the Church Services, but at present, I feel I need to be with her - for the time is coming when she will no longer be able to remember either the tradition...or me. I will be back in the Church Services after she can no longer remember the 67 + year tradition.

Thanks for your calls.. Bob Robinson

Church Communications

Stay connected with New Hope UMC!!

Weekly announcements and the monthly newsletters are sent out to everyone via email.

If you have not been receiving these emails, please contact Nancy Monthei in the church office at 278-2097 or nhfamily@newhopedsm.org.

CONTACT information ALSO, we appreciate receiving your updated contact information. Thank you!



Thank you to everyone that displayed their Nativity Sets during Advent.

You may take your Nativity Sets home.

Thank you so much for sharing them with us.

New Hope Altar Guild

Christmas Cookie Walk

The amount of cookies donated for the December 11th cookie walk was OUTSTANDING!!

Thank you to all of the bakers for donating the delicious cookies. They were quickly packed up in containers by those that purchased them.

Thank you to the wonderful helpers.

It was a festive & fun event for our church!!





Time to divest our church of the Advent decorations.
 This will take place after each service on January 1.
 Please stay and help us conquer this task.
 Many hands make light work! Thank you!
 Altar Guild



Library Invitation

Starting in January, the library committee will be meeting on the second and fourth Tuesday from 1:00 to 3:00pm. (January 10, 24)
 Please join us if you would like to volunteer in the library.
 If you have questions contact carolannharter@gmail.com or 274-1467.
 All are welcome. We would love to have you join us.

CHURCH LIBRARY
News



SAVE THE DATE!!!

Faith and Family Night with the Iowa Energy
Sunday, March 5th
Game starts at 3pm

Join your friends from New Hope & JROL as we share in some fellowship time with the Iowa Energy!
 For only \$10.71 you get a seat with your church friends, a hot dog, popcorn and soda, as well as a postgame Christian concert. Sign up today and bring a friend! Contact Sarah Jacobson (sjacobson@newhopedsm.org) to register.

All money is due to the church no later than noon on Sunday, February 19th (otherwise you'll be responsible for purchasing your own ticket which wouldn't guarantee you a seat with our group).



2017 Altar Flower Calendar

For the Traditional Services (8:30 & 10:45), if you would like to have flowers on the altar in celebration of a birthday, anniversary, graduation, or in honor or in memory of a loved one, please sign up on the flower calendar which is located across from church office.
The flowers are \$35.00 per Sunday and you may take your flowers home after the 10:45 service.

December 2016 was full of wonderful events at New Hope UMC!

Dec 4— Children & Youth-led Services

Dec 11— Christmas Cookie Walk

Dec 18— Christmas Cantata

Dec 24— Eve Services

Dec 25— Christmas Day Service

More pictures are posted on the New Hope United Methodist Church Facebook page.



groups gathering together

Blood Pressure Check

First Sunday of each month.
January 8, 9:30-11:00am will be the next BP checks in the Narthex.

Veterans Helping Veterans

All veterans, spouses and supporters:
Please note the change in the dates for the breakfast. It will still be on the 3rd Saturday of the month at 8:30am on the following dates for 2017:

January 21, March 18, May 20
July 15, Sept 16, Nov 18

Please mark your calendars!

Thank you to all of our veterans for their service! Questions?, please contact Billy Nuzum, Lay Leader

bbnewz54@gmail.com

Chancel Choir

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

Men's Breakfast

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

Women's Fellowship

No Meeting in January. Next meeting will be on Thurs., February 16, 9am at New Hope.

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

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. If you would like to join the Care Ministry team, please contact Clarice Rubek or Mary Ann Rice.

New Hope Needlers

Friday, January 13, 9am-3pm
in the 3rd grade classroom.

Please bring your sewing machine and current project. Dress kits will be available. Lunch will be at Panera. Contact Diane Densmore, ddindsm1@mchsi.com or 270-1974 with questions.

SMALL GROUPS

Friday Bible Study

Urbandale Pizza Ranch

****Friday, January 6, 1pm****

Leader - James Louk

The theme of our study this year will be the "one anothers" of Scripture. Please bring your Bible and a note pad.

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.

Johnston River of Life Life Group (Bible Study):

Small Group

Sundays, 5:30 PM

@ Pastor Craig's House
6850 - NW 54th Ct.

Join a group of friends and dig into the book of Ephesians.

Men's Bible Study

Contact Patrick with questions,
phmulloy@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.



United Methodist Secondary School of the Iowa Nigeria Partnership where the Days for Girls kits, sewn by New Hope Needlers, were sent and used last year.

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)

No CLT classes or Children's Worship will be held on Sunday, January 1st. Have a great Christmas Break! Classes will resume on Sunday, January 8th.



thank you!

A HUGE THANK YOU goes out to all the children, youth and families that participated in our Christmas Led services on December 4th. We had wonderful musicians, brave kids who read the scripture and served communion, and the puppets group had a fantastic performance! We hope to do this again in the future.



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 "Bull's-Eye." The parent resource article for this month is titled "Less Room for Comparison." If you have any ideas for Parent Resources or other topics you'd like more information on, please contact sjacobson@newhopedsm.org

Coming Soon...



VBS 2017

Sunday, July 16th – Thursday, July 20th

Start thinking now how YOU can help to make this another great year of VBS!

Our VBS Team (Andy Sutton, Elaine Sheer, Abbi Herrick and Sarah Jacobson) is excited to get plans set for this event and we hope that you'll join us on this journey.

We will have volunteer roles for all ages and abilities. More information to come this spring.

confirmation schedule



Jan 8, 4:30 p.m.

Topic: "I Believe & Membership Vows"

Jan 22, 4:30 p.m. (Mentor night)

Topic: "Church History in One Easy Lesson"



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!

Weekly Schedule

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...

- January 4th:** Mission Night-making Valentine cards
- January 11th:** Family Night at Skate North (more details below)
- January 18th:** Travel Guide to the Parables- Parable of the Vineyard Laborers (Matthew 20:1-15)
- January 25th:** Indoor Volleyball

TGIW Family Night at Skate North

Wednesday, January 11th

6:00-7:00pm



Meet us at Skate North Incrediroll for "Buck Night"

\$1 admission, \$1 roller skates, \$3 inline skates, \$3 skate mates.

No meal will be provided this night.

Any children/youth not coming with their parents will need to be picked up at Skate North by 7pm! Otherwise parental supervision is needed at that time.



For the month of February, our TGIW Mission Project will be making **fleece blankets for an animal shelter.**

We are looking for donations of fleece fabric, as well as volunteers to help prep the fabric for our kids.

If you can help with this, or have any questions about the size of fabric we need, please contact Linda Dean at 515-277-7226.

We would appreciate having all donated materials to the church by Wednesday, January 25th.
Thanks!

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.

The Senior High BLAST group is excited to announce the date and place for their 2017 Summer Mission Trip. Next summer, the group will be traveling to **Eureka Springs, Arkansas**. If you did not know; Eureka Springs is a small towns and rural areas in the Ozark Mountains are people who quietly live in deplorable conditions with little hope of change. Our youth group will find this mission area heartbreaking at first as we see the destitute conditions in which people live, but that work will soon become heartwarming as we see the difference that we can make in someone's life. Reaching out to help these struggling families fix and maintain what little they have brings them a message of Christian caring and service that will open their eyes to Christ's love.

Next year the trip is set for **Sunday, June 25th - Saturday, July 1st**. We need an initial deposit of \$90 for anyone considering being a part of this trip next year by January 22nd to reserve their spot. The mission trip is open to All New Hope/Johnston River of Life Senior High BLAST youth who have finished grades 8-12, parents, and volunteers.

However, before we start looking at 2017 events and our upcoming mission trip; we need to take a few minutes to look back at our 2016 events. 2016 has been a busy year for the Sr. BLAST group; this year the group cooked numerous Sunday morning breakfasts, volunteered at the church for many events, volunteered in the community and with ChildServe, worked and served the people of Rapid City, South Dakota, and had fun fellowship time at our weekly bible study and annual BLAST events.

But, given we are quickly moving into 2017; the leadership team has already planning the events and activities for the start of the 2017. Below is our first part of 2017 event calendar:

<i>January</i>	<i>February</i>	<i>March</i>
Jan. 11th @ 5:30pm ~ TGBD	Feb. 1st @ 5:30pm ~ TGBD	Mar. 1st @ 5pm ~ Ash Wednesday Dinner
Jan. 15th ~ BLAST Lock-In	Feb. 5th @ 5:30pm ~ Super Bowl Party	Mar. 8th @ 5:30pm ~ TGBD
Jan. 18th @ 5:30pm ~ TGBD	Feb. 8th @ 5:30pm ~ TGBD	<i>Not Meeting on Mar. 15th; Spring Break</i>
Jan. 22nd ~ Mission Trip Deposit	Feb. 12th ~ BLAST Breakfast	Mar. 22nd @ 5:30pm ~ TGBD
Jan. 25th @ 5:30pm ~ TGBD	Feb. 15th @ 5:30pm ~ TGBD	Mar. 26th ~ BLAST Breakfast
Jan. 27th ~ Winter Jam	Feb. 22nd @ 5:30pm ~ TGBD	Mar. 29th @ 5:30pm ~ TGBD
<i>April</i>		<i>May</i>
Apr. 5th @ 5:30pm ~ TGBD		May 3rd @ 5:30pm ~ TGBD
Apr. 8th ~ Yard work clean up		May 7th ~ BLAST Breakfast
Apr. 12th @ 5:30pm ~ TGBD		May 10th @ 5:30pm ~ TGBD
Apr. 19th @ 4:30pm ~ Pizza Ranch		May 17th @ 5:30pm ~ TGBD
Apr. 26th @ 5:30pm ~ TGBD		May 24th @ 5:30pm ~ End of the Year
Apr. 29th ~ New Hope Rummage Sale		<i>June</i>
		June 4th ~ Sloppy Joe Lunch
		June 25th ~ Depart for Eureka Springs

Finally, we will start meeting weekly for our Wednesday nights bible study on January 11th. We then have our annual BLAST Lock-In on Sunday, January 15th; given Monday is a no-school day because of Martin Luther Jr. Day.

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

No meeting on Jan 4th - Winter Break

Jan. 11th @ 5:30 pm ~ Thank God for BLAST Discussions – TGBD

Jan. 15th ~ BLAST Lock-In at New Hope

Jan. 18th @ 5:30 pm ~ TGBD

Jan. 22nd ~ \$90 Mission Trip Deposit Deadline

Jan. 27th @ 5:30 pm ~ TGBD

Feb. 22nd @ 5:30 pm ~ TGBD

Jan. 27th ~ Winter Jam at Wells Fargo Arena

Feb. 1st @ 5:30 pm ~ TGBD

Feb. 5th @ 5:30 pm ~ Super Bowl Party

Feb. 8th @ 5:30 pm ~ TGBD

Feb. 12th ~ BLAST Breakfast

Feb. 15th @ 5:30 pm ~ TGBD

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

missions

JANUARY MISSION NEWS



Our mission focus for January is DMARC, Des Moines Area Religious Council (food pantries). The mission fund provides the Johnston and Urbandale food pantry locations \$100 each month and our congregation gives by donating food items and monetary gifts. We lift up DMARC by naming the 3rd Sunday of each month as Food Pantry Sunday. There are special envelopes on the mission table for that purpose, but they aren't needed. Merely writing DMARC on the memo line of your check will direct it to them. Notice the below article about the increase of use by at least 18% in November alone. The needs are great. You can place your food donations in the cart by the mission table at the rear of Fellowship Hall, but if you give them money, they can buy more with their bulk buying program.

Des Moines Area Religious Council (DMARC)

The DMARC Food Pantry Network served 7,453 families and 18,415 individuals in the month of November which was more families and individuals served than any other month in the Food Pantry Network's 40 year history.

This trend of higher pantry access and use is due to the opening of the food pantry at Clive Community Services, the new DMARC Mobile Food Pantry and increased pantry use at multiple sites from holiday meal programs. Thank you for your ongoing support!

UMAFASHA: We have begun our ESL classes for this group. We have 3 teachers presently but could use more as there is a larger group than anticipated needing these classes. We are hoping to be more successful than other English as a Second Language class, by using interpreters in addition to the teachers. One of the interpreters is from our New Hope congregation: Banny Umuhosa. If you would like to join our teachers in this great program, please let Sharon Smith know: 515-419-7082.



HOL: Hand of Luke, our program for cooking and serving a meal at the Central Iowa Shelter down-town on the 14th of each month is very thankful for the faithful givers of time and food items. The sign up sheets are on the sign up table in the fellowship hall near the doors to the Family Life Center.

YEAR END REPORT OF MISSION GIVING AT NEW HOPE AND JOHNSTON RIVER OF LIFE:

The February Link will have the annual list of our giving to all missions by every ministry of our church. Please email Sharon Smith information about your ministry's giving during 2016 to be used in this report. wicketsblooms@aol.com

HEIFER INTERNATIONAL: If you were not able to give an animal or share of an animal during 2016, please feel free to still send in your gift. Label your check as Heifer and place in the offering plate or give to Nancy to be placed in the safe to be counted by our money counters on Sunday. Thank you!



RECRUITING MORE MISSION TEAM MEMBERS: We are always looking for mission minded persons to join our team. We meet only about quarterly and conduct some business via email correspondence, as we are very cognizant about busy schedules. If you would like to be a part of our awesome group, please contact Sharon Smith, 515-419-7082, or Linda Dean (deanlinda2@aol.com).

Third Thursday Study & Group Building

On the Third Thursday, January – May, Pastor Craig will be holding educational classes intended as preparation for those who are going to Israel in June, but open to anyone. During these sessions we will discuss some of the locations we will see, some of the historical significance, and cultural relevance. Don't know much about Qumran, this is the class for you. Below are the dates and locations, all meetings are at 7 PM. Put these dates on your calendar now.



January 19th – New Hope
February 16th – Hopkins Grove
March 16th – New Hope
April 20th – Hopkins Grove
May 18th – New Hope

***Israel 2017 - June 12th - 22nd
Deadline to sign up – March 12, 2017***

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)

A new year and a new New Hope all church Rummage Sale!

We know it may seem early to start planning for the 2017 Rummage Sale which will be held on April 27-29. However, with this this early planning, we are hoping to give all church members time to get these dates on their calendar, plan the times they can volunteer during the week, and choose the job they would like.

The present organizational structure looks like this:
Rummage Sale Coordinator----Carol Harter
Set-up and Clean-up/Take-down----Gleean Coates and Denise Zoss
Internal church communications ---Sandy Cannon
Donations----Sue Soards
Advertising/Marketing----Linda Yaske
Check out area----Kandra Dickerson
Printing/Supplies----Judy Stout



In order to make the best use of our volunteers, we are trying something new this year. Volunteers will have 2 choices:

1. Work at setting up an area which will include sorting, pricing, and displaying.
 2. Work during the sale which will include welcoming customers and answering questions. To cut down on the number of volunteers needed, the sale volunteers will float from area to area. (On opening day, we will need someone in each area)
- (Of course, the 3rd choice would be volunteering for both 1 and 2)**

We will start with people to be in charge of setting up the following areas:

Household items	Bed, bath, and linens	Holiday
Home Décor	Books	Men's clothing
Sports, hardware, and garden	Small electrics	Women's clothing
Toys	Furniture	Children's clothing
	Bake Sale	Jewelry and women's accessories

Please consider which of these jobs you could be available for. The hope is with advance planning people can work a few hours into their schedule during the week of April 23. Remember we start setting up on Sunday, immediately after church. This gives those who can't help during the week an opportunity to volunteer. With enough help, we can be more than half done just working on Sunday.

Please prayerfully consider what part you can play in this all church Rummage Sale. Remember the Rummage Sale is a mission of outreach for New Hope. Also, it is advantageous for us to increase the church's reserve fund. Let's all work together and see if this can be the year we reach \$10,000. We've come so very close before, but haven't quite reached \$10,000. Although, we have certainly achieved many happy smiles and thankful hearts from those who look forward to our sale and come back every year to shop.

If you can help with one of the above, please call Carol Harter at 274-1467 or email at carolannharter@gmail.com. After we have the above volunteers in place, we will start with the next group of volunteers. Hopefully this process will allow people to work just part of the week.

A prayer for volunteering.

I am so thankful for this opportunity to donate my time and energy to a worthy cause, Father. Thank You for giving me the perfect example of self-sacrifice in Your Son, Jesus. Guide me in making my actions speak louder than my words today.
Amen



As we have all been shopping, it seems like everything gets an upgrade. My phone is now on model 7, (although I continue to hobble along with 5.0) software and computers are no good unless they are 2.0 or better. Everything gets a yearly upgrade, better, faster, more memory, options, and buttons. Our New Year's resolutions are intended to be attempts to improve ourselves.

January brings with it a flurry of resolutions. Most of them are dismissed or thrown to the curb in less than 30 days. But I wonder, what life could look like if we were serious about becoming more, being better, evolving into the next model. Now, I am not suggesting anything like X-Men or Meta-Human evolution, (Although that makes for some good Sci-Fi) I am simply speaking of self improvement.

This January at JROL will be very different. Worship will be structured different, creative conversation will be included. Topics like, what does God want from me, how can we be a relevant and compassionate church? How can our lives reflect the love of God?

One of the keys of ministry is to remember that the people, each of you, make the church. It is your love, service, fellowship, and ministry in community that define us. As each of us resolve to evolve spiritually, the church evolves as well and deepens our impact.

I am so proud of the version JROL already is, and I celebrate how I see God continuing to transform us into "Being Christ in Community."

Join us this January for a unique and creative evolution.



2017 Stewardship

If you haven't had a chance to turn in your 2017 Pledge Sheet, there is time to do so. Please place your pledge sheet with the offering or mail it to the church office. We thank you for your contributions which continue to support our ministries!

Financial Update

Below is the November 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

	Nov 2016
Total Receipts	\$24,480.38
Total Expenditures	<u>27,911.88</u>
Net Surplus (Deficit)	<u>(\$3,431.50)</u>
YTD 2016	
Total Receipts	\$282,359.75
Total Expenditures	<u>304,958.45</u>
Net Surplus (Deficit)	<u>(\$22,598.70)</u>

Johnston River of Life Financial Update

	Nov 2016
Total Receipts	\$7,243.83
Total Expenditures	<u>13,929.13</u>
Net Surplus (Deficit)	<u>(\$6,685.30)</u>
YTD 2016	
Total Receipts	\$127,576.13
Total Expenditures	<u>107,651.96</u>
Net Surplus (Deficit)	<u>\$19,924.17</u>

New Hope Sunday morning Worship attendance

	8:30	9:30	10:45	total
Dec 4	59	123	79	261
Dec 11	41	112	70	223
Dec 18	43	57	76	176
Dec 24	5:30			160
	7:30			175
	10:00			51
Dec 25	One Worship			60

Johnston River of Life Worship attendance

Sat	Sun	total
Dec 3 50	Dec 4 46	96
Dec 10 57	Dec 11 57	114

Donate

Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving

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

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

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

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 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 January.

8:30am Traditional Service	9:30am Contemporary Service	10:45am Traditional Service
<u>Greeters</u> 1 8 15 22 29	<u>Greeters</u> 1 8 15 22 29	<u>Greeters</u> 1 Neal Cave 8 Neal Cave 15 Neal Cave 22 Neal Cave 29 Neal Cave
<u>Lectors</u> 1 Billy Nuzum 8 Cathy Short 15 Vicki O'Brien 22 Billy Nuzum 29	<u>Lectors</u> 1 8 15 22 29	<u>Lectors</u> 1 Jon Verner 8 15 22 Billy Nuzum 29
<u>Traditional Service Callers</u> 1 Norma Sutton 8 Bob & Marlys Borcherding 15 Norma Sutton 22 Bob & Marlys Borcherding 29 Norma Sutton	<u>Hosts</u> 1 Pam Frey 8 John & Joyce Turek 15 22 29 Nancy Monthei	<u>Hosts</u> 1 Soards family 8 15 22 Linda Yaske 29
<u>Contemporary Service Callers</u> 1 Eldon Cross 8 Nancy Monthei 15 Eldon Cross 22 Nancy Monthei 29 Eldon Cross	<u>9:30 Computer Support</u> 1 Nancy Monthei 8 Caleb/Kevin Christensen 15 Nic Wigant 22 Terry Dolberg 29 Kelly Mohrman	<u>Money Counters</u> 1 Kim Traylor, John Burrough Jerry Kielsmeier 8 Tony & Tracy Hoffman, Robin Harlow 15 DeVonne Douglas, Randy Jansen, Ron Zoss 22 Clark Howland, Larry Wood, Rick Homard 29 Kim Traylor, John Burrough Jerry Kielsmeier
<u>Office Volunteers</u> 13 Norma Sutton 20 Marlys Borcherding 27 Gayle Easton	<u>9:30 Welcome Center</u> 1 Linda & Jerry Kielsmeier 8 Jim & Lynn Louk 15 22 Bob & Carol Harter 29	



January 2017

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 New Year's Day! Epiphany Sunday Holy Communion	2 Church Office Closed	3 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 7p, Worship Cluster Mtg. Pastor's office 7p, Trustees Mtg., R.Chapel	4 5:30p, TGIW 6p, Jr. BLAST 6p, Jr. Ringers 6:30p, Choir practice 7p, Puppets 7:45p, Praise Team	5 <i>Nancy Monthei—vacation</i>	6 <i>Nancy Monthei—vacation</i> 1p, Friday Bible Study, Pizza Ranch	7 9a-Noon, Finance Planning Session
8 9:30-11a, Blood Pressure 4:30p, Confirmation Class, F.Hall	9	10 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 1-3p, Church Library 6:30p, Girl Scouts (downstairs) 7p, Finance Mtg, F.Hall	11 6-7pm, Family Night at Skate North 6p, Jr. BLAST 6p, Sr. BLAST 6p, Jr. Ringers 6:30p, Choir practice 7p, Puppets 7:45p, Praise Team	12 6:15p, Girl Scouts, 3rd grade classroom 7p, JROL Mtg.	13 Office Vol. Norma Sutton 9a-3p, Needlers at church	14 7:30a, Men's Breakfast Noon-3p, FLC reserved 12:30-3:30p, R. Chapel reserved 3:30p, Hand of Luke
15 Human Relations Day (Offering) Sr. BLAST lock in	16 <i>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</i> Church Office Closed	17 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 10a-3p, FLC & Kitchen reserved	18 5:30p, TGIW 6p, Jr. BLAST 6p, Sr. BLAST 6p, Jr. Ringers 6:30p, Choir practice 7p, Puppets 7:45p, Praise Team	19 Deadline for FebruaryLINK 7p, Israel Study, R.Chapel	20 Office Vol. Marlys Borcherding	21 8:30a, Veterans Breakfast 1-4p, FLC reserved
22 Food Pantry Sunday 4:30p, Confirmation Class, F.Hall	23	24 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 1-3p, Church Library 6:30p, Girl Scouts (downstairs)	25 5:30p, TGIW 6p, Jr. BLAST 6p, Sr. BLAST 6p, Jr. Ringers 6:30p, Choir practice 7p, Puppets 7:45p, Praise Team	26 6:15p, Girl Scouts, F.Hall 7p, AD Council mtg., R.Chapel	27 Office Vol: Gayle Easton Sr. BLAST to Winter Jam	28 9a-4p, F.Hall, FLC, Kitchen reserved by Central District
29 5pm, Mid-Winter Mingle & Meal	30	31 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA				

***Human Relations Day, Jan. 15:** A Church-wide Special Sunday of The United Methodist Church. Your generous gifts on Human Relations Day support: Community Developers and United Methodist Voluntary Services programs, related to the General Board of Global Ministries, and Youth Offender Rehabilitation Program, General Board of Church and Society. Your gift makes a world of difference! Thank you!

Happy Birthday to you!!

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

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| 1 David Kinsey, Rick Roquet,
Patrick Kyenya | 20 Nolan Martz |
| 3 Zach Price | 21 Brenda McCulley, Melissa
Haase, Taylor Evans |
| 4 Tim Krebs | 22 Dustin Henry |
| 5 Kasi Dickerson, David Reierson | 23 Katie Paulson, Kate Cossa |
| 7 Henry Strauss | 24 George Buckingham |
| 8 Doug Hewitt | 26 Amanda Thompson, McKayla
Johnson, August Abbott, Conifer
Abbott |
| 10 Gayle Easton, Norma Wallin | 27 Margaret Holmgren,
Michele Krebs |
| 13 Vivienne Lee | 29 Bob Robinson, Bill Gibbons,
Lori Marsh |
| 14 Doris Harvey | 30 Dale Myers, Barb Mather,
Kirsten Sahlin |
| 16 Marilyn Mc Cleary, Mark Thomsen,
Wade Zimmerman | 31 Denise Zoss, Kenny Ukabiala |
| 17 Joan Clay, Nate Nuzum, Gerald Perdue | |
| 18 Ann Krause | |
| 19 David O'Brien, Taylor Jackson | |

Happy Anniversary!!!

- 1: Ryan & Abbi Herrick
- 2: Michael & Joelyn Gerovac
- 15: Bob & Marlys Borcherding
- 17: Keith & Julie Craighton
- 24: Neal & Roberta Cave
- 24: Arny & Shelley Larsen
- 28: Ryan & Connie Armstrong
- 29: Sheldon & Esther Stout

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Some years ago the book Fish!, by Stephen Lundin was recommended to me. It is the story about a fictitious business that had a troubled division (considered the "toxic energy dump" of the company). Then a new supervisor was assigned to straighten it out and she found unexpected help at Seattle's Pike Place World Famous Fish Market (the market is real, I've been there).

The Market was like a street carnival, with fish orders flying through the air and each customer being given personal attention. The supervisor was soon cornered by one of the workers (fishmongers) and, at her request, was told the story about how the old boring fish market became both more productive and fun.

There are four principles that the fish market used to turn itself around:

Choose Your Attitude - The workers are aware that they choose their own attitude each day. As one worker put it, "Are you being impatient and bored, or are you being world famous? You are going to act differently if you are being world famous."

Play - The workers have fun while they work, and fun is energizing. Here's a quote, "One of the workers picked up a large fish, threw it twenty feet to the raised counter, and shouted, 'One salmon flying away to Minnesota.' Then all the other workers repeated in unison, 'One salmon flying away to Minnesota.' The guy behind the counter made an unbelievable one-handed catch, then bowed his head to the people applauding his skill. The energy was remarkable."

Make Their Day - The workers include the customers in their good time. They engage their customers in ways which create energy and goodwill, inviting them to join in the fun.

Be Present - The workers are fully present, in that they give their full attention to their customers.

As I mentioned above, I've been to Seattle's Pike Place World Famous Fish Market and it really does live up to its reputation. We hadn't stopped but a short time by their store before one of the workers was warmly greeting us and offering assistance.

Now please hear me, I'm not saying that we are a "toxic energy dump." New Hope is the farthest thing from that. However, we can definitely benefit from being aware of and finding ways to practice these four principles.

A good way to get started and practice is to gather as many people as we can for a time of fellowship, eating, and even some entertainment. Some of our creative folks have already planned such an event. On **Sunday, January 29, beginning at 5:00 p.m.**, we will have a gathering of as many members, friends, and guests as we can round up to share in an evening that will be designed to "make your day," as we "choose a great attitude," "play," and "be present" together. Plan to join us and invite a friend! It is being called "The Mid-Winter Mingle and Meal." Calls are being made, then cards will be sent to those planning to come, and a good time will be had by all! Mark this on your calendar and plan to attend so you can get rid of any mid-winter toxic energy.

Blessings, Pastor Jon



The Sundays after Christmas into Epiphany: Theme-- "The Voices of God"

Jan. 1	<u>Title:</u> "A Voice to Warn"	<u>Script.:</u> Matthew 2:13-15	Holy Communion
Jan. 8	<u>Title:</u> "A Voice to Bless"	<u>Script.:</u> Matthew 3:13-17	
Jan. 15	<u>Title:</u> "A Voice to Question"	<u>Script.:</u> John 1:29-42	
Jan. 22	<u>Title:</u> "A Voice to Unify"	<u>Script.:</u> 1 Corinthians 1:10-18	
Jan. 29	<u>Title:</u> "A Voice to Teach"	<u>Script.:</u> Micah 6:6-8	



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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