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New Hope United
Methodist Church

November 2017

NOVEMBER AT NEW HOPE UMC

God's Transforming POWER

- November 5** "The Transforming Power of God's Word"
- November 12** "The Transforming Power of Learning"
- November 19** "The Transforming Power of Thankfulness"
- November 26** "The Transforming Power of Serving"



NEW HOPE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

Abundance

NOVEMBER WORSHIP SEIRES



WORSHIP WITH US

Saturdays 5pm & Sundays 10am
Beaver Creek Elementary

JohnstonRiverOfLife.org

Thanksgiving Stewardship Celebration

Dear New Hope Members and Friends:

Your support of the ministries and the financial need of our church has been outstanding this past year! Thank you so much for all you do for the work of God through our church.

I hope you have kept up to date on the financial reports shared in the monthly newsletters and the "Documents and Donuts" sessions held during the coffee fellowship time to answer financial questions and share information.

As we plan and prepare for 2018, we are sharing the theme of "God's Transforming Power!" Throughout the month we will have members share video testimonies of how New Hope has helped transform their lives. May we be inspired in our own transformation and led to help transform the lives of others through the ministries we share together.

May we respond to God's transforming power and blessings by indicating our support of the work of the church for 2018. This year we will examine our support of the church through our membership vows of upholding the church through our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.

On Sunday, November 19, we will share our annual pledge sheet for support of our ministries for 2018. The sheet will be different this year, as we will indicate financial support for a unified budget which will cover our general budget, our mission giving, and our mortgage payments. In addition, we will offer an opportunity for you to indicate areas of support through your prayers, presence, service and witness as well.

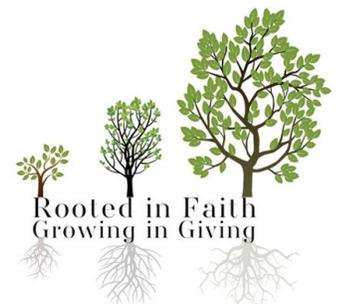
Please prayerfully consider your involvement and support for the work of God shared through our church and join us in celebrating our thanks to God in this special season.

In Christian Love and Faith,

Finance Committee

Jon Gaul, Pastor

Craig Ferguson, Pastor





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

Amy Larsen; Teresa Garside; Kim Traylor; Vickey Cary; Linn Redding; 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; Mike McGhee; Todd McGinnity; Tyler McGinnity; Matthew Plourde; Anthony Plourde; Tim Rains; Devan Stanton; Jared Stanton; and our national and world leaders, our military and their families.

Sympathy

Our Sympathy to Elmer & Theresa Flickinger on the passing of Elmer's sister, Margaret Phillips.

Our Sympathy to the family of Evelyne Villines on her passing.

Wedding

Congratulations to Katie Wiseman and Chase Harvey on their October 28th wedding at New Hope.

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. We appreciate receiving your updated contact information. Thank you!

Sun., Nov. 5
Daylight
Saving
Time ends



Thank you

Dear Friends,
Dave and I want to thank you for all the prayers, phone calls, and cards that you shared in the past few weeks with us. The care team blessed us also with a delicious meal and a cozy quilted coverlet made by our quilters! It is a comfort to know that we can count on each other through whatever life brings as long as we keep Christ as our center. Thank you!
Carole and David Followwill

2017 Harvest Dinner & Auction Fundraiser was a SUCCESS!

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



Family Fun Night—Disco Style!!!
Wednesday, November 1; 5:45-7:00 pm.

Dinner Dance* Games * Costume Contest*



Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the Disco!

Please come dressed in **Disco Era** attire!!!

We are supporting the **Friday friends at the Johnston Partnership.** Friday Friends is

a program that provides food for the weekend, when free/reduced breakfasts and lunches are not available to children. With your donations of individually packaged food, local children who are food insecure will not go hungry.

<http://www.johnstonpartnership.org/home/friday-friends>

Please bring to the **Disco Party** an item from this list:

cereal bars

100% juice boxes

cereal/oatmeal

fruit/applesauce cups

Thank you for your support!

Get ready for a *groovy* time!!



Saturday, November 11

At New Hope UMC

9:00AM-3:00PM

Craft & Gift Fair with vendors showcasing jewelry, candles, books, home décor, beauty products, cleaning products, and much, much more!

Baked goods for purchase.

Lunch for purchase.

See it, touch it, buy it and find it, all in one day!

FREE Admission!!



Honoring our Veterans

Sunday, November 5, on All Saints Day, during each of the worship services, we will be honoring our veterans who have served

in the military at any time in their lifetime. If you are a veteran, we would very much like to recognize you on that Sunday.

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

Ecumenical
Thanksgiving
Service

New Hope UMC will be hosting an Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service on **Sunday, November 19 at 6:30pm.**

Join together this November for a night of interfaith gathering for reflection and thanksgiving.

Monetary offerings will be collected for the mission of the church, including the care of those in our community.

Please invite your friends and family as we enter this time of gratitude! Refreshments will be served following the service.

In addition to joining us for worship, you are invited to join a community choir that will practice and share a choral anthem together:

- ◆ 5 pm - choir members arrive and get oriented
- ◆ 5:10 pm - rehearsal begins
- ◆ 5:55 pm - nourishment break for choir
- ◆ 6:20 pm - singers get into their places
- ◆ 6:30 pm – Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

For more information contact New Hope UMC at 515-278-2097.

Fall Cleanup - November 4th

The Board of Trustees have planned a "Fall Campus Cleanup Day" on Saturday, Nov. 4th, 9:00 a.m. until finished. *Lunch will be provided with pie.*

We will be trimming bushes and trees, 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.

Please join us!



Calling All Decoration Lovers!!!

Do you have any Christmas decorations that are no longer in your rotation at home?

If so, we have just the place for you to donate them!

New Hope Women's Fellowship will be participating in the one day **Garlands of Gifts** sale with a Christmas décor table. All proceeds from the sale support the missions and programming of our group.

We will be accepting any gently used items (other than string lights and oversized wreaths) on **Friday, November 10th from 9:30am-5:30pm** at New Hope.

Thank you in advance for your support!

If you aren't able to drop off that day, but would like to coordinate other arrangements please call Jenn at (515)441-4725.



Display Your Nativity Set

Please join in on our annual Nativity display at New Hope UMC!

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

If you have kid friendly Nativity sets, we could use them on a table that the kids can touch and play with.

Please bring your Nativity set(s) to church on November 26.

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

Poinsettia Orders

Deadline is November 26

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



Please complete the poinsettia order form on the tear-off form of the bulletins and place your reservation along with your check with the offering. Deadline is November 26.

The cost is \$8.00 per plant.

Adorning our church for the most blessed season!

Please stay after the 9:30 & 10:45 services on **November 26th** 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, 515-490-8440 or yayafrey@gmail.com



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



Rehearsals will begin on Wednesday, November 15, 7:30-8:30pm. The Christmas program will be performed at the 8:30 and 10:45 services on Sunday, December 17.

Please consider joining us for this wonderful worship experience. Questions? Contact Erich Mohlis, Director of Music, emohlis@newhopedsm.org or 319-361-2471.



**Advent by
Candlelight**
Monday, December 4
7:00 p.m.

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

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

MUSICIANS: If you would like to share a Christmas song, either vocal or instrument, please contact Billy Nuzum at 515-238-2302 or bbnewz54@gmail.com.

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

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

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

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

Deadline to sign up is November 19.

**Women's Chorus
Advent by Candlelight**



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

Sign up in the Fellowship Hall. Practice times are Nov. 19 & Dec. 3, after the 10:45 service, in the Sanctuary. Linda Reaney will be directing.

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

Christmas Cookie Walk
Sunday, December 10, 2017
After all three worship services

Share some Christmas cheer by donating home-baked cookies, bars and candy to the New Hope Cookie Walk!

Sign up on the forms in the Fellowship Hall to let us know you will donate. The more cookies that we have, the more fun for everyone!

If you use peanut butter or nuts, please clearly indicate it when delivering your cookies to the church.

Examples of home-baked items to consider to donate are: sugar cutout & decorated Christmas cookies, gingersnaps, chocolate chip, chocolate, oatmeal, lemon, candy cane, Oreo balls, Kringla, dipped pretzel rods, etc.



We also invite you to make bars (pre-cut) and candy such as caramels, fudge, and toffee. These are only suggestions and we know you will have many, many more yummy ideas!!

Here's how the event will bring Christmas cheer to everyone:

- * **Sign up** to donate home-baked cookies, bars or candy
- * **Deliver** the home-baked goods to the church on Saturday, Dec. 9, 2-4pm.
- * **Purchase.** On Sunday, Dec. 10, everyone is welcome to participate in the Christmas Cookie Walk! Walk around the table to choose cookies, placing them in a provided Styrofoam box (size 9 ½ x 9 ½ x 3), and purchase \$10.00 per box. The whole box full for \$10 as long as the lid can close.
- * **Enjoy!** It's that easy for some Christmas cheer for you or to give as a gift!

Join us in this very special event! Questions or to volunteer to help with the event, contact Nancy Monthei, in the church office, at nhfamily@newhopedsm.org or 515-278-2097.

Working together to meet basic human needs for the greater Des Moines community.



The DMARC **Food Pantry Network**, established in 1976, consists of 13 partner pantry sites, 11 Mobile Food Pantry sites, two food warehouses, and numerous community partners. It is the largest food pantry system in Iowa. Pantries are located in West Des Moines, Ankeny, Johnston, Clive, Urbandale, and eight sites in Des Moines.

The DMARC Food Pantry network helps meet short-term food needs when families do not have enough to eat. Once per calendar month, families can receive a free, three-day supply of nutritionally balanced food. Families can also receive additional 'Anytime Items' every day at pantries. In the past year, DMARC assisted more than 43,000 individuals in the greater Des Moines community—half of whom were children and youth.



The DMARC **Housing Stability Fund** provides emergency financial assistance to prevent families from becoming homeless. DMARC works in partnership with Polk County General Assistance to process program requests for rent and utilities assistance. To request help, contact Polk County General Assistance at 515-286-2088. Housing Stability Fund program funds are extremely limited and disbursed only when available. One request per household in a 12-month period.



At its roots, DMARC is a multi-faith collaboration working to meet basic needs in the Des Moines community. We have relationships with members of Baha'ism, Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, Jainism, Judaism, Sikhism, Unitarian Universalism and Native American religions. As such, we take pride in offering a variety of opportunities for **interfaith engagement**.

District Superintendent, **Rev. Heecheon Jeon** led the Charge Conference at New Hope UMC on October 8. Thank you to all that attended in support of your church.



Come spend Christmas with us....

Monday, December 4

Advent by Candlelight for women, 7pm

Sunday, December 10

Christmas Cookie Walk after all three services

Children's Christmas program, 9:30am

Saturday, December 16

5:00 & 7:00 p.m.: A Johnston Community Christmas sponsored by Johnston River of Life. The Simpson Barn in Johnston

Sunday, December 17

8:30 & 10:45 a.m., Christmas Program by Chancel Choir in the Sanctuary

Sunday, December 24—Morning of Christmas Eve

10:00am - one worship service

Sunday, December 24—Eve Candlelight Services

5:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m., and 10:00 p.m.



Blood Pressure Check

BP checks will be on November 12, 9:30a-11a in the Narthex.

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, November 11 at 7:30 a.m. at New Hope.

Veterans Helping Veterans

The next Veterans Helping Veterans will be Saturday, November 18, 8:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Questions, please contact Billy Nuzum at bbnewz54@gmail.com

Bidwell-Riverside Center

Women's Fellowship members and any other men or women who wish to join them will be doing volunteer work at Bidwell Riverside Center, 1203 Hartford Ave, Des Moines, on Wed., November 22, from 9:00 a.m. till noon. We will meet at the church at 8:30 to carpool to the center. Please notify Lynn Louk if you are planning to go. Contact her at 276-7900, jimlynnlouk@mac.com

There are many ways in which we can help, such as checking in clients, helping clients go through the grocery-style food pantry, and sorting donations. Our help is greatly appreciated.

Women's Fellowship

Thursday, November 16, 9:00am at New Hope. Questions? Contact Susan Clark at 964-5119 or Sharon Smith at 419-7082

Care Ministry Team

Next meeting is Thursday, December 7, 10am in the Fellowship Hall. 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, November 17, 9am-3pm in the 3rd grade classroom. Please note that the Needlers will meet the 3rd Friday of each month. All are welcome!

Please bring your sewing machine and current project. Dress kits will be available. Lunch will be at Panera. Contact Jody Rains, 278-8282, with questions.

Friday Bible Study

The Friday Bible Study at the Pizza Ranch at 1pm. (4954 86th St, Urbandale.) The Pizza Ranch has a buffet and as you arrive, pay for your buffet, load up your plate and join us in our reserved room. Study leader: Jim Louk

Join us in **November** for our study:

November 10: Be devoted to **One Another**" Romans 12:10.

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.



God's Girlfriends Retreat

Thank you to the God's Girlfriends Women's Retreat

committee for planning the Oct. 7th event. The food was delicious, speakers were inspiring, and the fellowship was wonderful. Thank to everyone that helped and to all that attended!



Children's Ministries

Children's Ministries Mission

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



Children's Ministry is off to a **BOOM**, we have had 22 kids in our CLT on Sunday mornings and on Wednesday Nights we have had around 35 kids enjoying all that is offered between TGIW, Jr. Blast, Sr. Blast and puppets.

Christian Learning Time (CLT) 10:45-11:45 on Sunday mornings



Children Christmas Program Sunday, December 10th at the 9:30 service

Note: There will be No Children's Worship or CLT on this day



5th and 6th graders in CLT have the exciting opportunity to be part of God's Torch Bearers Acolyte Club for the 10:45 Service.

This month at TGIW...

November 1st--- Family Fun Night: Disco Party

November 8th, 15th and 29th --- talking about I am Called

November 22nd---- NO TGIW/Thanksgiving Break

Join us for Thank God It's Wednesday "TGIW"! All kids 3 yr. old—5th grade.

Puppets: 5:15-6:00pm. Questions??? Contact Melanie Henry, melhenry0@gmail.com,
or Linda Dean, deanlinda2@aol.com

Dinner: 5:45-6:15pm

Kids Activities: 6:15-7:00pm

Jr. Ringers (for 2nd grade and up): 6:00-6:30pm Questions??? Contact Kristin Welter, t.welter@mchsi.com

Nov 1

Spaghetti/salad/bread/root beer floats
Family Disco Night

Nov 8

Walking Taco
MUSIC: dancing, singing
LESSON: I am Called
CRAFT: Blindfold sense test
DEVOTION

Nov 15

Chicken Noodle soup/crackers/fruit
MUSIC: dancing, singing
LESSON: I am Called
GAMES: never giving up
DEVOTION

Nov 22 - No TGIW. Enjoy Thanksgiving break!

Nov 29

Pizza
MUSIC: dancing, singing
CRAFT: Reaching for hearts
DEVOTION



Santa's Attic

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!!!!**

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. On December 13th, our children will get an opportunity to do some

"Christmas shopping" for their family members. *We especially need great gifts for dads!*

Santa's Attic items can be brought to Charity's office starting this month!

Youth Groups

BLAST
**Believing, Learning,
Assisting, Serving, Teens**

Jr. BLAST (6th-8th grade) Leaders: Jackie Johnson & Tami Wise:
Email: JrBLAST@NewHopeDSM.org

Come join Jr. High Blast for a month full of Wednesday night activities great fun and giving.

November 1st - Fun at the Family Disco Night

November 8th - Volunteer at the Food Pantry from 6:30 to 7:30. Parents, the kids will be back to the church around 8:00 for pick-up. Please let us know if you can drive. We are looking forward to another amazing time with Blast volunteering.

November 15th - Thanksgiving Forks

November 22nd - No Blast meeting for Thanksgiving Break Have a great time!

November 29th - ICE CREAM party and volleyball. Our reward from beating Senior High Blast in Bible Jeopardy last month!!

We hope to see all of you at Jr. BLAST!!



Jr. BLAST carving pumpkins for a fun fall activity!

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



October was a very busy month for our youth group. We started the month by helping out the Johnston Partnership DMARC Food Pantry and working the New Hope Harvest Dinner. We are ending the month by hosting two trunk or treat events at both New Hope and Johnston River of Life. However, the group also took some time to enjoy a Haunted Halloween BLAST party; which included eating at Zombie Burger and doing haunted houses at Sleepy Hollow's Haunted Scream Park.

We couldn't have done these activities without the hard work from both the parents and youth. Thank you, for all of your help this past month and we look forward to your continued involvement in our upcoming events.

Our month of November has a lot of events planned. The group will be continuing to meet on Wednesday nights to discuss the Gospel of John through the use of the Visual Bible and the Adam Hamilton study of John: The Gospel of Light and Life.

Here's upcoming youth events for the next couple of months: . More information about the events will be sent out in email and posted on Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/SeniorHighBlast>).

Oct. 30th @ 4:30pm ~ Help with JROL Trunk-Or-Treat (meet at Johnston Barn)

Nov. 1st @ 6pm ~ TGIW Disco Night

Nov. 8th @ 6pm ~ Thank God for BLAST Discussion

Nov. 11th @ 6pm ~ Service Project at New Hope

Nov. 15th @ 6pm ~ ChildServe (meet at New Hope UMC)

Nov. 19th @ 8am ~ BLAST Breakfast at New Hope

Nov. 22nd ~ Not Meeting Thanksgiving Break

Nov. 29th @ 6pm ~ Ice Cream party & Volleyball

Dec. 6th @ 6pm ~ Thank God for BLAST Discussion

Dec. 13th @ 6pm ~ Thank God for BLAST Discussion

Dec. 20th @ 6pm ~ ChildServe (meet at New Hope UMC)



missions



November Mission News

New Directions is our mission focus for November.

The New Directions Shelter provides shelter and services for approximately 370 homeless mothers and their children every year.

Since opening in February of 1990, New Directions Shelter has provided free, temporary, emergency shelter and services for Iowa's homeless mothers and their children. The shelter is located at 3001 Grand Avenue in Des Moines, IA.

The New Directions Shelter program not only benefits the community by providing emergency shelter for the homeless mothers and children we serve, but they also provide the services to help families work towards financial independence. They assist homeless mothers with children with job opportunities and training to promote their economic empowerment, and also assist families with obtaining any public benefits that they are entitled to.

New Directions is under the auspices of Hawthorn Hill. Hawthorn Hill fulfills its mission through two programs that assist homeless families with children:

New Directions Shelter: Provides free, temporary, emergency shelter and services for homeless mothers and their children.

The Home Connection: Provides permanent supportive housing for homeless families with children with an emphasis on helping the families attain financial independence.



*****The Mission Team will be collecting: hats, scarves, mittens, and coats for New Direction's children. Please place your new or gently used donations in the large basket by the Mission table. They will be collected until December 1st.**

If you would like to contribute to New Directions, place your check in the offering plate with New Directions on the memo line. Thank you!

THANKSGIVING INGATHERING: Thank you to all who contributed kits or partial kits for the Ingathering.

WOMEN AT THE WELL: A small group is attending the worship service at our partner church at the Mitchellville Prison for women, November 9th.



ANGEL TREE: Watch for the Angel Tree coming soon. New Hope UMC has been involved for years with the Angel Tree - Prison Fellowship. Through Angel Tree, you can connect a child with their parent behind bars and offer joy and hope to a prisoner's family at Christmas. **Volunteers are needed to help with this outreach for children of prisoners. Please contact Suzie Martz**

at 515-669-6296 or slm2you@msn.com. Discover the joy of serving a prisoner's family. It starts with a gift, and it leads to families restored and lives transformed.



HAND OF LUKE: *November 14:* If you would like to contribute to our ministry of a meal for the Central Iowa Shelter and Services, please sign up on the Hand of Luke sheets in the F. Hall, to donate food, cook, and/or serve.

District Laity Gathering

We will be having our second round of District Laity Gatherings starting in November.

We plan to continue these quarterly in four different locations throughout the district. Our goal is to have time for laity to share ideas, concerns, fellowship, and come together to discern how we can become Difference Makers for the future of the United Methodist Church.

We plan to at times have guest speakers and will have a different topic each quarter.

Dates and Locations for this quarter's gatherings are:

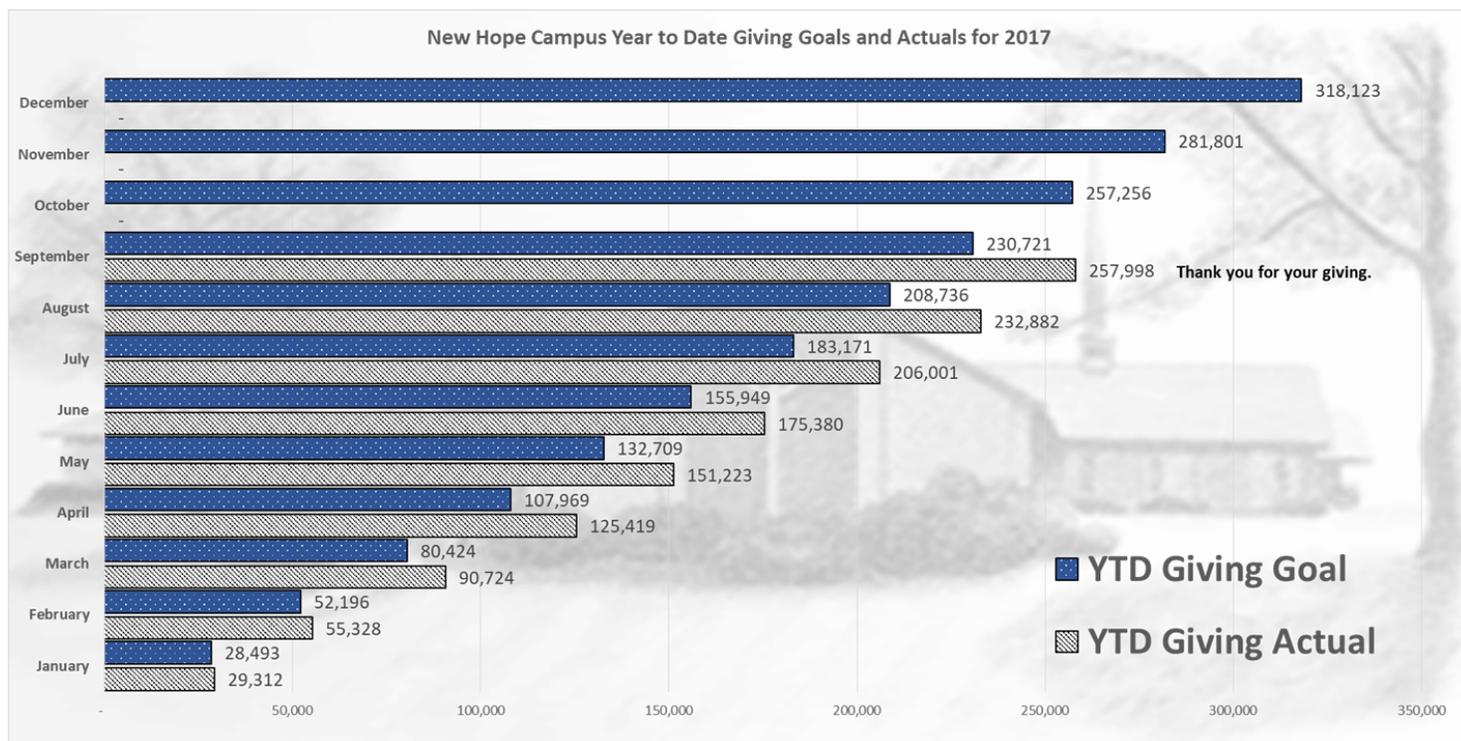
November 14th Van Meter UMC

November 16th Prairie City UMC

December 12th Bloomfield UMC

December 14th Ankeny 1st UMC

Please contact Angela Hansen-Abbas if you have any questions. ahansenabbas@gmail.com



**New Hope Sunday morning
Worship attendance**

	8:30	9:30	10:45	total
October 1	34	86	77	197
October 8	40	84	72	196
October 15	32	91	74	197
October 22	34	75	73	182

**Johnston River of Life
Worship attendance**

Sat	Sun	total
Sept 30	26	70
Oct 7	48	100
Oct 14	38	97
Oct 21	44	93



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.



NOVEMBER WORSHIP SERIES

Abundance

I just came back from Scotland. It was a wonderful three and a half months of silence, solitude, and simplicity. It was a time of prayer and devotion, hiking, and exploring, and sitting on mountain tops and ancient Abbey's listening to God.

During this time I carried everything I needed on my back; from my tent and sleeping bag to my clothing and rain gear, even a cook stove and food. It was a spiritual practice of simplicity, setting aside the computer, the home, the car, and the schedule. It was lonely time, even when I was in a large city I was wandering around alone, walking into museums and churches, looking at art and architecture but in total silence and solitude.

In my travels I rode on planes, trains, buses, ferries, and even hitchhiked. I slept in a tent, hostels, hotels, Iona Abbey, and even the homes of strangers. In my solitude I became hyper-aware of the hospitality of others. I was inspired by the people who opened up their homes to me and gave me a bed, a meal, and simple conversation. I was glad to be able to help them with chores and other small tasks. It was a beautiful image of Christian community. (However, most of the people I stayed with would not self identify as Christians, but as Atheist)

On this journey I intentionally became the stranger who Jesus tells us to welcome. I intentionally became the homeless and hungry who Jesus tells us to feed and care for. And let me say it was humbling and beautiful to witness the hospitality and kindness of strangers who are now lifelong friends.

When I think back only a few years, all of the people attending JROL were strangers, many lived in other communities. We have united in the bond of friendship. We have even served in mission and ministry to each other and to total strangers. When I came back I was humbled even further by the fact that so many came together to re-side my house. I have learned yet again that true gratitude grows out of the humility of accepting the hospitality of others. And true friendship always starts with two strangers willing to show kindness.

This November I want to say thank you to all the people who started as strangers who I now call friends. I want to say thank you for all the many ways in which each of you have blessed me, and I pray that I have been some small measure of blessing in your life as well.

I challenge each of us to develop a heart for the stranger, and the courage to see each person as a potential new friend. I challenge us to be thankful for what we have, but to also give in abundance so others are thankful for how we have blessed them.

Let us continue to "Be Christ in Community" as we bless and welcome All in the name of Jesus.

I am Thankful for each of You!

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 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 November

8:30am Traditional Service	9:30am Contemporary Service	10:45am Traditional Service
<u>Greeters</u> 5 12 19 26	<u>Greeters</u> 5 Glenna Ross 12 Lee Ross 19 Evans family 26 Chris Randall	<u>Greeters</u> 5 12 19 26
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<u>Traditional Service Callers</u> 5 Norma Sutton 12 Bob & Marlys Borcharding 19 Norma Sutton 26 Bob & Marlys Borcharding	<u>Hosts</u> 5 Nancy Monthei 12 Pam Frey 19 Sr. BLAST 26 Glenna Ross	<u>Hosts</u> 5 Julie McClain/Kathy Crees 12 Linda Yaske 19 Sr. BLAST 26
<u>Office Volunteers</u> 3 Pat Papenheim 10 Marilyn Osborn 17 Shirley Johnson Wed. 22 Marilyn Monroe	<u>9:30 Computer Support</u> 5 Pam Frey 12 Gary Stubbs 19 Rick Homard 26 Caleb/Kevin Christensen	<u>Money Counters</u> 5 Tami Wise, Jerry Kielsmeier, John Burrough 12 Tracy Hoffman, Joe Hoffman, Glenna Ross 19 DeVonne Douglas, Randy Jansen, Ron Zoss 26 Clark Howland; Rick Homard, Larry Wood
	<u>9:15 Welcome Center</u> 5 Neal & Roberta Cave 12 Jerry & Linda Kielsmeier 19 Pat Papenheim 26 Bob & Carol Harter	

Mixed chorus performed, *Leaning on Everlasting Arms*, during the 8:30 service.



John Walker and John Rains helping with the 8:30 offering.

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WORSHIP SERVICES

New Hope UMC, Sunday mornings: 8:30, 9:30, 10:45
 Johnston River of Life
 5pm Saturdays and 10am Sundays at Beaver Creek
 Elementary in Johnston

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 5:15-6p, Puppets (3 rd & up) 5:45-6:15p, Dinner for all 6:15-7p, TGIW Disco Night 6p-7p, Sr. BLAST 6:15-7p, Jr. BLAST 6:30p, Choir practice 7:45p, Praise Team practice	2 7:00p, Worship Design Mtg., Pastor's office 7:00p, JROL Mtg., R.Chapel	3 Office Vol: Pat Papenheim	4 Thanksgiving Ingathering 9:00a, Fall Clean up at church 9:30-3:30p, F.Hall reserved (Sharon Smith) 5:15-9:15, F.Hall reserved (Jackie Johnson)
5 All Saints Day Holy Communion Veterans honored Daylight Saving Time ends	6 7:00p, Trustees Mtg., R.Chapel	7 9:30a, Sr. Singers practice, Sanctuary 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 6:30p, SPRC Mtg., R.Chapel	8 5:15-6p, Puppets (3 rd & up) 5:45-6:15p, Dinner for all 6:15-7p, TGIW Activities 6p-7p, Sr. BLAST 6:15-7p, Jr. BLAST 6-6:30p, Jr. Ringers (2 nd & up) 6:30p, Choir practice 7:45p, Praise Team practice	9 Set up for Garlands of Gifts, F.Hall, FLC	10 Office Vol: Marilyn Osborn 1p, Friday Bible Study, Pizza Ranch 5:30-8:00p, Vendors set up for Garlands of Gifts event	11 7:30a, Men's Breakfast 9a - 3p, Garlands of Gifts Craft & Vendor Fair, bake sale, lunch
12 Food Pantry Sunday (offering) 9:30-11a, Blood Pressure Sunday, Narthex	13 6:15p, Girl Scouts, F.Hall	14 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 3:30p, Hand of Luke 6:30p, Finance Mtg., R.Chapel	15 5:15-6p, Puppets (3 rd & up) 5:45-6:15p, Dinner for all 6:15-7p, TGIW Activities 6p-7p, Sr. BLAST (Childserve) 6:15-7p, Jr. BLAST 6-6:30p, Jr. Ringers (2 nd & up) 6:30p, Choir practice 7:45p, Praise Team practice	16 9a, Women's Fellowship at church	17 Deadline for Nov. LINK Office Vol: Shirley Johnson 9a-3p, Needlers at church	18 8:30a, Veterans Breakfast, F.Hall 8a-6p, F.Hall reserved (Barb Mather)
19 Deadline to sign up for Advent by Candlelight After 10:45 service, Women's Chorus practice, Sanctuary 6:30p, Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service	20	21 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 6:30p, AD Council mtg., R.Chapel	22 No TGIW / Youth Activities 6:30p, Choir practice 7:45p, Praise Team practice	23 Office Closed 	24 Office Closed	25
26 Deadline for poinsettia orders Decorate for Christmas Bring in Nativity sets	27 6:15p, Girl Scouts, F.Hall	28 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA	29 5:15-6p, Puppets (3 rd & up) 5:45-6:15p, Dinner for all 6:15-7p, TGIW Activities 6p-7p, Sr. BLAST 6:15-7p, Jr. BLAST 6-6:30p, Jr. Ringers (2 nd & up) 6:30p, Choir practice 7:45p, Praise Team practice	30	Dec 1 Office Vol: Theresa Flickinger 1p, Friday Bible Study, Pizza Ranch	Dec 2



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



- 1 Brayla Johnson
- 2 Matthew Weih, Jerzie Carlson
- 3 DeVonne Douglas, Jo Renee Hartung
- 4 John Dickerson, Joe Fairchild
- 5 Denice Sutton, Kelly Mohrman, Michael
Collet, Barbara Williamson
- 6 Zachary McClain, Bryce Rowland
- 7 Audrey Keza
- 8 Gavin Hawthorne, Barb Agan
- 9 Karen Skovgard, Andrea Stern, Kinsey
Evans
- 10 Norma Sutton
- 11 Craig Thompson, Ryan Armstrong
- 12 Jacob Hitchcock, Calid Armstrong,
Jameson O'Brien
- 13 Cheryl Cross
- 14 Peggy Philips, Kim Traylor, Maliya Carlson,
Jason Evans
- 15 Larry Forbes
- 16 Nathan Zoss, Lily Larsen
- 17 Luke Bogue

- 19 Mark Wise, Katelyn Hass
- 21 Carol Harter, Julie Sahlin,
Madison Kerndt
- 22 Amanda Soards, Brynna Johnson
- 23 Linda Kasper, Don Doxon, Tamara
Evans
- 24 Jared Robertson, Jackson Gregg
- 25 Kay Gier, Julie Craighton, Sarah
Jacobson
- 26 Jason Kerndt
- 27 Evelyn Kruse, Laura Siffin, Maysie
Johnson
- 28 John Rains, Lee Ross, Steve Cate
- 29 Lynn Clary, John Speck, Jason
Homard, Marilyn Monroe,
Olive Walker
- 30 Damon DeBates, Jaela Wills,
Jax Thomsen

- 2 James & Suzanne Neu
- 5 David & Karen Davis
- 7 Brian & Suzie Martz
- 12 Larry & Paulette Wood
- 18 Chris & Julie Boyles
- 20 Chris & Jenn Higdon
- 23 Scott & Deanne Rowland
- 23 Ron & Linda Cooley

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November is the month of Thanksgiving! It is the time in which we reflect on all the blessings we have received from God and give thanks to God for these blessings and the gifts of life, love, family and friends.

With all the news reports reminding us of the violence, wars, and natural catastrophes in the world, we can easily forget or ignore the many blessings we have. When personal illness, hardships, or loss come our way, we can also forget the comfort, care, love, and healing that is there for us through family, friends, medical help, and God, who is the source of all help.

To help us counteract the bad news and our own difficulties, our October worship theme was "Making an Attitude Adjustment." We sought to change the bad attitudes that seems to dominate our world and take up positive attitudes. We did this through taking on the attitude of Christ and love. We did this through adopting the attitude of proper worship, allegiance and loyalty to God.

For November, our worship theme is "God's Transforming Power." We will seek to maintain those positive attitudes we adopted by seeing how our lives can be transformed by God's power into the full, meaningful, and loving lives God desires for all of us. We will do this through seeing how God's word is at work in us and learn about God's plans for us. We will see how thankfulness creates an attitude of gratitude and how the power of serving draws us closer to God.

November is also the month that we respond to God's blessings through the work of our church. This year we will examine our support of the church through our membership vows of upholding the church through our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. We will have members share video testimonies of how New Hope has helped transform their lives, which will inspire us to transform the lives of others.

On Sunday, November 19, we will share our annual pledge sheet for support of our ministries for 2018. The sheet will be different this year, as we will indicate financial support for a unified budget which will cover our general budget, our mission giving, and our mortgage payments. In addition, we will offer an opportunity for you to indicate areas of support through your prayers, presence, service and witness as well.

May November be a month of celebration for all that God has done in our lives and for all that we can do for God through the work of our church!

God's love, blessings, grace, and peace be known to you now and always,

Pastor Jon

November Theme-- "God's Transforming Power"

November 5 Title: "The Transforming Power of God's Word" Script.: Matthew 23:1-3, 1 Thess. 2:9-13
All Saints Sunday, Veterans honored

November 12 Title: "The Transforming Power of Learning" Script.: Psalm 78:1-7

November 19 Title: "The Transforming Power of Thankfulness" Script.: Luke 17:11-19
Stewardship Sunday

November 26 Title: "The Transforming Power of Serving" Script.: Matthew 25:31-46
Christ the King Sunday (Reign of Christ)



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,
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- Saturdays at 5:00 pm
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