



Thanksgiving Stewardship Celebration

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 newsletter, the thank you notes from the finance committee shared in the quarterly statements, 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 2019, we are sharing the theme of "Building for the Future!" Throughout the month we will highlight various ministries of New Hope that you support through your general fund giving. The ministries we will highlight are: Music, Missions, Trustees, and Children/Youth programs. We will highlight the Children and Youth program with a special presentation by our famous New Hope Puppet Troupe at all services on November 18. We hope these highlights will show you the variety and extent of the many great ministries you support here at New Hope. Many lives are greatly impacted locally and beyond by these ministries.

May we respond to God's call to "Build for the Future" by indicating our support of the work of the church for 2019. As we consider this support, we will examine our participation in the church through our membership vows of upholding the church through our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.

On Sunday, November 18, we will share our annual pledge sheet for support of our ministries for 2019. On the sheet we will ask you to indicate your 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 New Hope and join us in celebrating our thanks to God in this special season of Thanksgiving!

Robin Harlow, Finance Committee Chair
Jon Gaul, 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

Pam Frey; Bob Borcharding; Desiree Spring; Courtney LePera; Bishop Laurie Haller; District Superintendent, Rev. Heecheon Jeon; Interim Associate of Congregational Excellence, 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; Mike McGhee; Todd McGinnity; Tyler McGinnity; Matthew Plourde; Anthony Plourde; Devan Stanton; Jared Stanton; and our national and world leaders, our military and their families.

Welcome to the New Hope UMC family! October 7, 2018



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Linda enjoys watching sports and is a fan of the Iowa Hawkeyes.

She has a Bachelor of Music degree and is an instructor for private piano lessons.



Thank You

Most of you know our youngest son, Tim, is in the military and also has been a police officer for the past 13 years. Over the years, New Hope UMC has supported Tim with prayers, care packages, cards and your sincere interest in him. Tim is still in the military, but has resigned his position as a police officer. He started a new career 15 Oct, as a Special Agent with the CID (Criminal Investigation Division-Army). Thank you very much for your past and future support of Tim!

John and Jody Rains



Please join us on **Sunday, November 25, 11:45 am to 2pm** for a send-off for Amanda Fordyce as she is moving to Singapore in December.

Amanda was recently married to Loren Sjoquist in Minneapolis. Loren moved to Singapore in October after a promotion with his company, Emerson. They will be living in Singapore for two years.

Our New Hope family has been such a blessing in our lives and we wanted all of you to get a chance to wish her well. Hopefully her grandparents, Ambrose and Bhanu Moses, will join us too, but can't guarantee that will happen! Here is Mandy's address as of December 1, 2018:
Amanda Fordyce & Loren Sjoquist
16 Anderson Road
#06-02 Nouvel 18
Singapore 259987

Dan & Mona Kirkpatrick



Church Communications

Stay connected with New Hope UMC!!

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

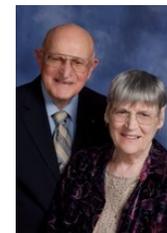
If you have not been receiving these emails, please contact Nancy Monthei in the church office at 278-2097 or nhfamily@newhopedsm.org. ALSO, we appreciate receiving your updated contact information. Thanks!

~ 90th Birthday Celebrations ~

Please join us for an Open House to celebrate **Lee Ross's** 90th Birthday Sunday, November 18 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. 10392 NW Beaver Drive Johnston, IA 50131 No gifts please, your presence is gift enough.

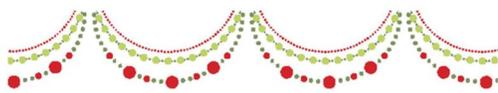


Please join us for an Open House to celebrate **Elmer Flickinger's** 90th Birthday Sunday, December 2 2pm-4pm At New Hope UMC, in the Fellowship Hall.



Sun., Nov. 4
Daylight Saving Time ends





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Gifts

**Saturday, November 10
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.

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

FREE Admission!!

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 this year we would LOVE to accept your donations of gently used Christmas sweaters from all decades!

New Hope Women's Fellowship is happy to 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 over sized wreaths) on Friday, November 9th 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.



Dedication Concert

Please join Karen Skovgard and Brenda McConahay for a Dedication Concert or the new piano in the Sanctuary on **November 18, 4:30-5:30p.**

The piano was purchased by Jim Smith and family in memory of Norma Smith. Refreshment will be served after the concert.

Fall Cleanup - November 10

The Board of Trustees have planned a "Fall Campus Cleanup Day" on **Saturday, Nov. 10, 9:00 a.m. until finished.** Lunch will be provided.

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!



Honoring our Veterans

Sunday, November 11, 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.

Poinsettia Orders

Deadline is November 18

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.



Starting November 4th, 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 Nov 18.

Cost will be posted in the bulletins.

Join Christians throughout the Johnston Area for the 4th Annual:



**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18
6:30PM**

**Hosted by St Paul Presbyterian:
4614 Merle Hay Rd, Johnston**

Express your gratitude for all of God's blessings with other Johnston area believers!

Pastor Jon Gaul of New Hope Methodist Church will preach.

All are invited to join a community choir that will practice together at 5:00pm that evening (Dinner included).

An offering will be collected for the Genesis Youth Foundation, whose children will share some African singing and dancing. Genesis empowers immigrant youth and families through athletic play, education, dance and song. For more information about the service contact St Paul at 276-2818

Adorning our church for the most blessed season!

Please stay after the 9:30 & 10:45 services on **November 25th** 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



Advent by Candlelight

**Monday, December 3
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 on the "Attendee" sheet in the fellowship hall.

HOSTESSES: Sign-up on the "Attendee" sheet and on a table shape on the bulletin board 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.

Deadline to sign up is November 18.

**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. 11 & Dec. 2, after the 10:45 service, in the Sanctuary.

Linda Reaney will be directing.

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

Save the date

Christmas program at New Hope UMC, Sunday, December 16, at 5:30pm featuring our Chancel Choir and the children's program. Questions? Contact Erich Mohlis, Director of Music, emohlis@newhopedsm.org or 319-361-2471.



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 25.

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

Gingerbread House Workshop

You are invited to make, take, and decorate a gingerbread house

Saturday, December 1st.
Seating is limited.



Starting November 11th, you can buy a ticket, at the Welcome Center, for the 9am or 11am session.

Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Cost:
\$7.50 for children 12 and under
\$9.00 for those older than 12

This is a mission project for women's fellowship.

Christmas Cookie Walk

Sunday, December 9th

9am - 10:45am

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. 8, 1pm - 2pm.
- * **Purchase.** On Sunday, Dec. 9, 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.



The Ten Commandments



Monday Bible Study

The study of the Ten Commandments: Laws of the Heart will be held on Mondays (thru Nov 12th) at 1pm in the Ruby Chapel.

There will be a video presentation by Sister Joan Chittister and discussion following. This study has been highly recommended. We are not so much convicted by the

Commandments as we are transformed by them.

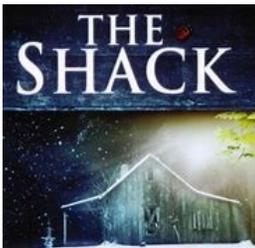
Leaders: Armenta Buckingham and Roberta Cave

The Shack

(Revisited)

March through Mid-April 2019

In this work of fiction by William P. Young, a man is invited to spend a weekend with God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. His notions of the Trinity and his preconceptions about religion and Christianity are challenged, and he begins the process of healing several traumatic emotional wounds he has sustained in his life.



The first edition of *The Shack* came out in November of 2016, and the movie was released in 2017. I read the book and then several of us New Hopers saw the movie together.

I read the book again this year and thought it would make an excellent

book and Bible study. Thus, *The Shack* (Revisited) will be held in the Family Life Center where we will view a part of the movie each week on the large screen and have a discussion over the movie and the related chapters in the book. This study will begin the first week of March and end the week before Easter.

A sign-up sheet will be in the Fellowship Hall the first Sunday in November. Please sign your name, write down your email address or phone number and state what times of the day work best for you to attend this study.

Please join me in getting to know God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit and each other a little better.

Thank you,

Linda Kielsmeier

lapals@hotmail.com

515-689-9680

Friday Afternoon Bible Study

Friday Afternoon Bible Study meets at the Pizza Ranch at 4954 86th St, Urbandale at 1 p.m. and ends approximately 2:45pm.

We will meet **November 9**, at 1:00 p.m. at the Pizza Ranch. Lynn and I will be with you once again. I am grateful for the excellent leadership Linda Kielsmeier has given to the group, and we are sorry we were unable to be there for the inspiring lessons she provided and the fellowship with all of you.

On November 9, our study will focus around Paul and his words in **Philippians 2:1-11**. Paul's purpose is clear. He is out to change our minds. Paul challenges us, as he challenged those to whom these words were addressed, to "Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus." (verse 5)

Reflect on these thoughts and be ready to share on these questions:

What does it take to change your mind?

Can you live with the Mind of Christ?

I hope to see you on the 9th!

Leader: Jim Louk, 515-276-7900



My Grown Up, God and Me!

Please join us for a child/adult combination devotional time on Thursday mornings from 9:30-11am.

The first half an hour we will focus on a bible based story/activity time for the kiddos and their grown ups!

From 10-11am we will do a devotion and discussion time for the grown ups while the kids play.

All ages of child/grown up combos are welcome, but please note that the activities will be most suited for preschool aged children.

Questions or for more information, please email

at Parenting@NewHopeDSM.org or contact either Sandy Cannon, 516-290-9905, or Jackie Johnson, 515-710-3239

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.

Blood Pressure Check

November 4, 9:30a-11a, Narthex.

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, November 10 at 7:30 a.m. at New Hope.

Women's Fellowship

Thursday, November 15, 9am. Questions? Contact Susan Clark at 964-5119 or Sharon Smith at 419-7082

Veterans Helping Veterans

Saturday, November 3 is the next Veterans breakfast. All military are welcome along with their spouses or guests. There is no charge for this meal.

Breakfast is at 8:30 am. All are Welcome!

Questions, please contact Billy Nuzum at bbnewz54@gmail.com

Music Ministries

Chancel Choir rehearses on Wednesdays from 6:30p-7:30p in the Sanctuary. Chancel Choir performs most Sundays from September to May.

Our **Praise Team** leads the contemporary Christian music for our 9:30a service. The Praise Team meets on Wednesdays from 7:45p-8:45p in the Family Life Center.

We welcome all to join us in our fellowship of music, friends, and fun. Questions? Please contact: Mr. Eric Mohlis, Director of Music emohlis@newhopedsm.org 319-361-2471

Confirmation Class for 8th Graders

November Schedule:

November 4, 4:30pm (Students & Mentors)
Topic: Way of Salvation & Quadrilateral

November 11, 4:30pm (Students only)
Topic: Worship & Sacraments

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Gaul at 278-2097 or nhfamily@newhopedsm.org.

Care Ministry Team

The Care Ministry meets quarterly. Next meeting is on Thurs., January 10 at 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

The Needlers meet the third Friday of the month in the 3rd grade classroom from 9:00 - 3:00, with a break for lunch at Panera. We sew lap quilts for the Care Team, Little Dresses, Little Britches, and Days for Girls feminine hygiene kits for various missions. Projects only need basic sewing skills, but you don't need to be a seamstress to join us. We often have non-sewing jobs to do. The next get-together is Friday, November 16. Questions? Contact Jody Rains, 278-8282



God's Girlfriends Women's Retreat

Save the Date!!
Saturday, April 6th at New Hope UMC. More details to come!



Bidwell-Riverside Center

Members of our congregation will be volunteering at Bidwell Riverside on Thursday, November 8, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Both men and women are urged to come. They need volunteers to sort donations, stock shelves, guide clients through the food pantry "grocery store" and run the clothing counter.



Those who want to carpool meet at the church at 12:30 on the day we are going. If you would like to go on November 8,

please contact Lynn Louk (515-276-7900 or jimlynnlouk@mac.com) so she can notify Bidwell how many will be there.

Support Groups

Al-Anon

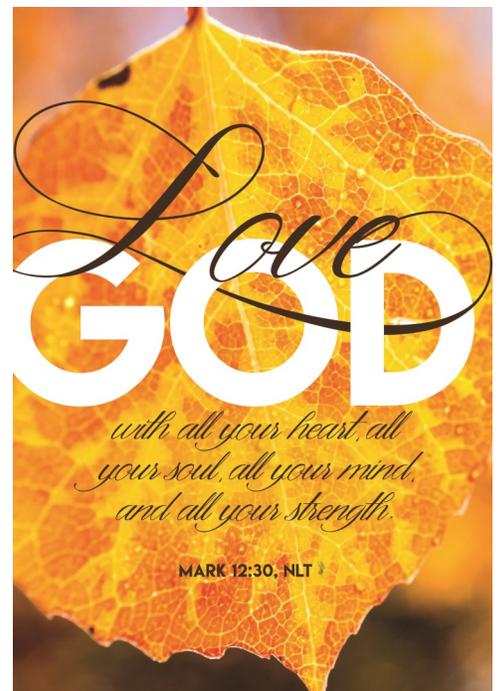
Every Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. in the Ruby Chapel.

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.



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.

If you have any questions, please contact Charity Johnson at cjohnson@newhopedism.org



Children's Ministry is off to a **BOOM**, we have had 25 kids in our Children's Learning Time on Sunday mornings and on Wednesday Nights we have had around 35 kids enjoying all that is offered between Thank God Its Wednesday, Jr. Blast, Sr. Blast, puppets and children's choir.

Christian Learning Time (CLT)

Sundays, 10:45-11:15am for 4 year olds thru 7th grade.

Reminder: Please pick up your child after CLT from their classrooms and pick up any information you need from the Teachers



Children's Christmas Program
Sunday, December 16th
5:30pm



5th and 7th graders in CLT have the exciting opportunity to be part of God's Torch Bearers Acolyte Club for the 10:45 Service.

Superbook

Thank God Its Wednesday (TGIW) videos are ...

November 7th --- The First Christmas

November 14th --- Miracles of Jesus

November 21st ---- NO TGIW/Thanksgiving Break

November 28th ---- The Last Supper



Santa's Attic

It's not too early to start thinking about Christmas. In fact, for our Thank God Its Wednesday 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 19th, 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!

BLAST—Believing, Learning, Assisting, Serving, Teens

November 2018

Jr. BLAST (6th-8th grade) Leaders: Jackie Johnson & Jenn Higdon
JrBLAST@NewHopeDSM.org

October was a fun filled month for Jr. BLAST!
We visited Heather Rowley's Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Room, we teamed up with TAC for an outing to the Old School Pinball and Arcade, had a lesson titled "Judging Others", carved pumpkins for our annual contest, and TRUNK or TREATED with our church and the community!
November is another busy month for us! Our schedule is below.
11/7- BLAST Activities, 6:15-7pm
11/14- Cooking/Serving HOL Meal, more details to come via email.
11/21- No Meeting, HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
11/28- BLAST Activities, 6:15-7pm



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

October was a very busy month for our youth group. We started the month by hosting our first New Hope Soup Fund-raiser to start our fundraising efforts for next year's summer mission trip. Additionally, in October the BLAST group helped with the New Hope Harvest Dinner and had their annual haunted house event.

We couldn't have done these activities with 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 strategy and biblical principles for dealing with Stress.

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

- Oct. 31st @ 5pm ~ TGIW Trunk-Or-Treat**
- Nov. 7th @ 6pm ~ Thank God for BLAST Discussion**
- Nov. 10th @ 3pm ~ Service Project at New Hope**
- Nov. 11th @ 8am ~ BLAST Breakfast at New Hope**
- Nov. 14th @ 6pm ~ Serving Hand of Luke Meal**
- Nov. 21st ~ Not Meeting Thanksgiving Break**
- Nov. 28th @ 6pm ~ Thank God for BLAST Discussion**
- Dec. 5th @ 6pm ~ Thank God for BLAST Discussion**
- Dec. 12th @ 6pm ~ Thank God for BLAST Discussion**
- Dec. 16th @ 8am ~ BLAST Breakfast at New Hope**
- Dec. 19th @ 6pm ~ ChildServe Christmas Party (meet at New Hope UMC)**
- Dec. 26th and Jan. 2nd ~ Not Meeting Christmas Break**
- Jan. 6th ~ BLAST Christmas Party at Higdon's House**
- Jan. 9th @ 6pm ~ Thank God for BLAST Discussion**
- Jan. 13th @ 8am ~ BLAST Breakfast at New Hope**
- Jan. 16th @ 6pm ~ ChildServe (meet at New Hope UMC)**
- Jan. 20th @ 8pm ~ BLAST Annual Lock-In Event**
- Jan. 23rd @ 6pm ~ Thank God for BLAST Discussion**
- Jan. 25th @ 4pm ~ Winter Jam at Wells Fargo**
- Jan. 30th @ 6pm ~ Thank God for BLAST Discussion**



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

missions

NOVEMBER MISSION NEWS



UGANDA CHICKEN PROJECT: Thank you to all who have contributed to the Chicken Project so far. We will announce weekly what our fund total is until the end of December. Our goal is \$5,000. We have applied for a grant of \$2,000 to the UMC Matthew 25 fund, and when we know, we will announce: if we are awarded with that amount, less, or none at all. Next month we will break down the \$5,000 so you can see our budget for the chickens, building of the coop, feed, veterinary care, transporting water, electricity, etc.

The United Methodist Global Missions is changing their way of doing missions in the United States and around the world. A partnership between the recipients and givers are encouraged. We will be using this model with our developing relationship with leaders in Patrick's home village, Kiryanga, and its local church members. We also are promoting the "Pass it On" practice of Heifer International, in that when this coop is successful and funds have paid for necessary needs of the local church, they will help establish other coops in the village.

We are very excited about our first direct partnership mission project that will foster independence, overcoming poverty, providing good food and a regular income for village members. A future goal might be to dig a well close to the church and our project coop. As of now, they travel quite a way to bring back water for their needs.

BIDWELL RIVERSIDE is our other focus for November. We have adopted Bidwell Riverside this year as a local mission. We volunteer each month to help with guiding the shopping at the only South-side food pantry. We also sort and hang donated clothing, and shelve other donated things. Our Mission Team has been sending \$200 to them each month as the need is so great. Bidwell Riverside has the largest-serving food pantry in Iowa, serving over 16,000 members of the community in 2017. They distributed around 149,000 clothing items, 37,000 diapers, 1,500 units of baby formula or food, and 29,600 toiletry items. Our excess Rummage Sale items went to Bidwell and were snapped up right away.

***We will be having a **toy drive for their Toy Pantry** for children ages 0 to 12, and also take sign-ups for volunteers to help with that. Sign-ups will be on the Mission Table at the rear of Fellowship Hall. The donations of new toys, stocking stuffers, books, hats and gloves, stuffed animals, or cash for \$10 and \$20 gift cards to Walmart and Target for the older children will be collected on the Mission table. We will have a donation box that you can put your cash or check in, or put your check in the offering plate with toy pantry on the memo line. Last year, Bidwell Riverside provided toys for over 1,500 children. They also give a blanket or a quilt to each child when they receive their toy, so any size of those are also welcome as donations.

One other way to help is to **adopt a child or family from their Child Development Center for Christmas**. We will also have a sign-up list for that on the Mission Table. You will receive a "shopping list" to shop for them before Thanksgiving. *Note that this will not take the place of Angel Tree.*

Several of New Hope members will be attending Bidwell's "Empty Bowls" event November 1st, which is an annual fundraiser. They will be celebrating their 125th year at this event.

ANGEL TREE: Stay tuned for Suzie Martz' announcement about Angel Tree. You will be able to take an angel from the tree and shop accordingly for a child of a parent in prison.

THANKSGIVING INGATHERING: We will not be doing kits this year, as we have, instead, spent our efforts at helping other missions like Bidwell. We will take a check for the usual offering opportunities of Self Help, Church World Service, Mobility Worldwide, and Heifer International.



Hand of Luke Wednesday, 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 sheet in the Fellowship Hall, to donate food, cook, and/or serve.

Questions? Contact Jolene Harlow, 515-490-8813 or rdharlow@earthlink.net.

Thank you for your support of this program!

2018 Harvest Dinner & Auction Fundraiser was a SUCCESS!

We had such a wonderful evening of fellowship, fun, and great food!

Special thank you to the following:

- Harvest Dinner & Auction Committee: DeVonne Douglas, Robin & Jolene Harlow, Carol Harter, Janet Herrold, Tony & Tracy Hoffman, Shelley Larsen, Brenda McCulley, Melissa McGhee, Nancy Monthei, John Rains, Glenna Ross, and Larry, Patrice & Laura Webber.
- Jerry Kluver, Auctioneer; John Rains, Master of Ceremonies
- Servers: Bob Harter, Betty Holwegner, Tim McCulley, Jon Verner, Spencer Sutton, Clark Howland, Mike Wakeman, Pastor Jon
- Nursery attendants: Anita Gaul, Jackie Johnson
- Kitchen Helpers: McKayla Johnson, Sue Soards, Charity Johnson, Doug & Kathy Fairchild
- Jr. BLAST and Sr. BLAST

Thank you to *everyone* who donated amazing auction items! Your generosity was greatly appreciated!!

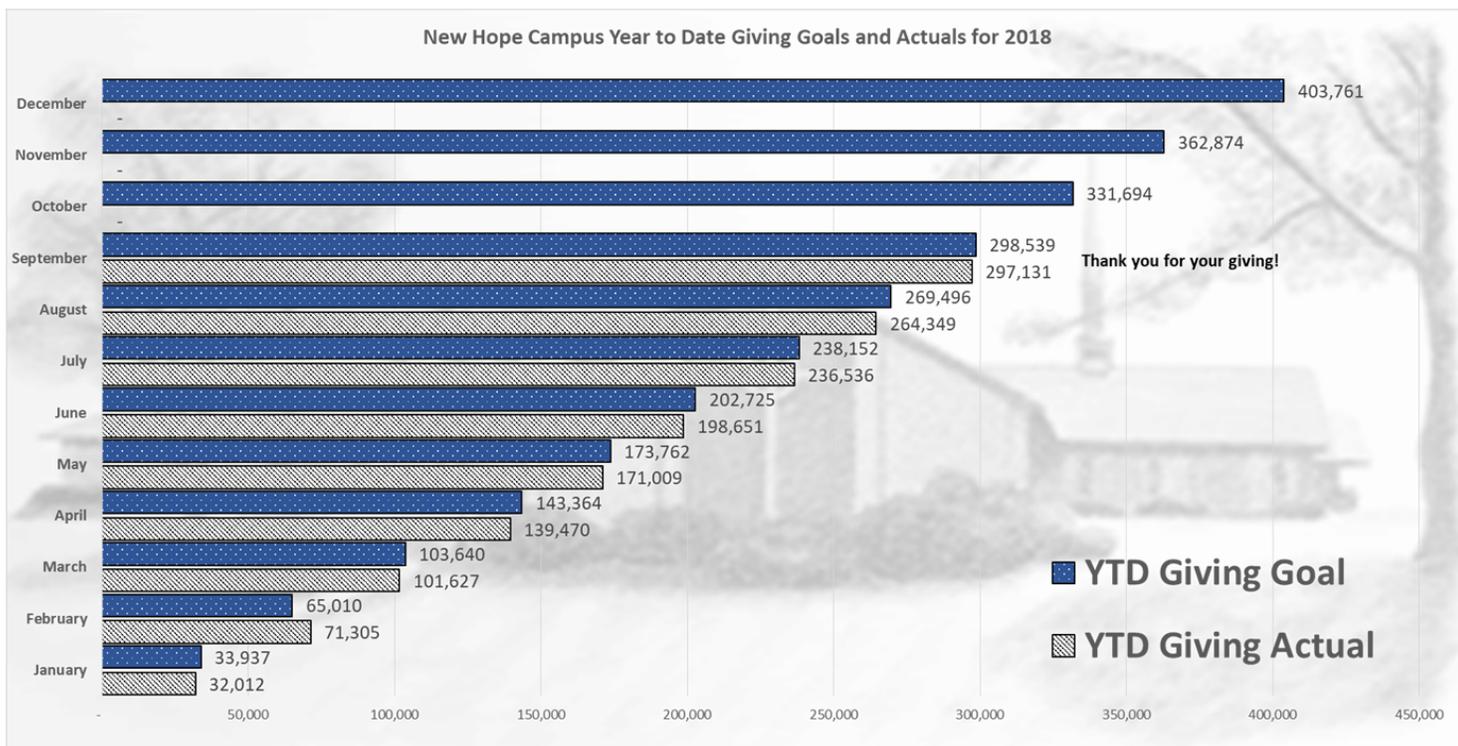
And, thank you to all of you that attended the Harvest Dinner & Auction and for your support of your church!

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!



Come spend Christmas with us....

- Saturday, December 1:** 9a-Noon, Gingerbread House Making
- Monday, December 3:** 7pm, Advent by Candlelight for women
- Sunday, December 9:** 9a-10:45a, Christmas Cookie Walk
- Sunday, December 18:** 5:30p, Chancel Choir & Children's Christmas Program
- Monday, December 24—Eve Candlelight Services**
5:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m., and 10:00 p.m.



**New Hope Sunday morning
Worship attendance**

	8:30	9:30	10:45	Total
September 30	26	91	70	187
October 7	39	102	72	213
October 14	38	86	77	201
October 21	34	79	67	180

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, Office Admin 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>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Greeters</u>
4	4	4
11	11	11
18	18	18
25	25	25
<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Lectors</u>
4 Vicki O'Brien	4 Pam Frey	4 Jon Verner
11	11 Kelly Mohrman	11 Cathy Cate
18	18 Andy Sutton	18 Lynn Davisson
25 Marilyn Osborn	25 Jodi Christensen	25 Barb Mather
<u>Traditional Service Callers</u>	<u>Hosts</u>	<u>Hosts</u>
4 Norma Sutton	4 Linda Yaske	4 Linda Yaske
11 Bob & Marlys Borcharding	11 Sr. BLAST	11 Sr. BLAST
18 Norma Sutton	18 Pam Frey	18 Pam Frey
25 Bob & Marlys Borcharding	25 Pam Weisskopf	25 Mona Kirkpatrick
<u>Office Volunteers</u>	<u>9:30 Computer Support</u>	<u>Money Counters</u>
2 Marlys Borcharding	4 Nancy Monthei	7 Tami Wise, Jerry Kielsmeier, John Burrough
9 Sue Blank	11 Nic Wigant	14 Glenna Ross, Tony & Tracy Hoffman
16 Marilyn Monroe	18 Sherri Bogue	21 Clark Howland; Rick Homard, Larry Wood
Wed. 21st Theresa Flickinger	25 Kevin/Caleb Christensen	28 Randy Jansen, Patty Nearmyer, DeVonne Douglas
30 Gayle Easton		



The genius of generosity

Kansas pastor Jack Wellman has been credited with the insight that “there is a certain genius in generosity.” He explains that when we open our hands — figuratively speaking — to allow something to pass through our fingers, rather than holding it with tightly clenched fists, God can give us new blessings.

“God cannot pour more into hands that are already clinging tightly to what they hold,” says Wellman. Whether material goods or time, ideas or talents, money or energy, the gifts God has given us so generously are to be shared just as freely with others. With our hands continually open to receive, give and receive again, God’s genius cycle of generosity goes on and on.

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WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday mornings

8:30

9:30

10:45

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

				1 9:30-11a, Child/Adult devotional time 7:00p, Worship Design Mtg. Pastor's office 7:00p, JROL Mtg., R.Chapel	2 Office Vol: Marlys Borcharding	3 Thanksgiving Ingathering 8:30a, Veterans Breakfast, F.Hall 10a-3p, R.Chapel reserved (Sharon Smith)
4 Daylight Saving Time ends All Saints Sunday Communion Sunday 9:30-11a, Blood Pressure Sunday 10:45a, Christian Learning Noon, Harvest Dinner/Auction Mtg., R.Chapel 4:30p, Confirmation Class	5 1:00p, Bible Study, R.Chapel 7p, Trustees Mtg., R.Chapel	6 9:30a, Sr. Singers practice 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA	7 5:00p, Puppets 5:30p, Children's Choir 5:45p, Dinner 6:15p, TGIW 6:15p, Jr. BLAST 6:15p, Sr. BLAST 6:30p, Chancel Choir practice 7:45p, Praise Team practice	8 9:30-11a, Child/Adult devotional time 1-4p Bidwell Riverside volunteer work	9 Office Vol: Sue Blank 1:00p, Bible Study at Pizza Ranch 5:30-8p, Vendors set up for Garlands of Gifts	10 7:30a, Men's Breakfast 9a, Fall Campus Clean up 9a-3p, Garlands of Gifts crafts & gifts event
11 Veterans Honored Food Pantry Sunday Sr. BLAST breakfast fund- raiser 11:45a, Women's chorus practice, Sanctuary 2:30p, Healthy Church Initiative mtg. 4:30p, Confirmation Class	12 1:00p, Bible Study, R.Chapel	13 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 6:30p, Finance Mtg., R.Chapel	14 3:30p, Hand of Luke 5:00p, Puppets 5:30p, Children's Choir 5:45p, Dinner 6:15p, TGIW 6:15p, Jr. BLAST 6:15p, Sr. BLAST -HOL 6:30p, Chancel Choir practice 7:45p, Praise Team practice	15 9:30-11a, Child/Adult devotional time 9:00a, Women's Fellowship, R.Chapel	16 Deadline for December LINK Office Vol: Marilyn Monroe 9a-3p, Needlers 4p, Weisskopf/Wilson wedding rehearsal	17 4p, Weisskopf/Wilson wedding
18 Thanksgiving Sunday Deadline for Poinsettia order 1-5p, Lee Ross's bday open house 4:30-5:30p, Dedication concert for Piano, Sanctuary 6:30p, Community Thanks- giving service at St Paul Presbyterian in Johnston	19 6:30p, Advent by Candlelight mtg., F.Hall	20 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 10a-2p, FLC & Sanctuary reserved (K.Welter)	21 No TGIW and Youth Groups 6:30p, Chancel Choir practice 7:45p, Praise Team practice	22 Office Closed  Happy Thanksgiving	23 Office Closed	24
25 Decorate for Christmas Set up Nativity display 11:45-2p, Amanda Fordyce reception	26 6:30p, God's Girlfriends mtg., F.Hall	27	28 5:00p, Puppets 5:30p, Children's Choir 5:45p, Dinner 6:15p, TGIW 6:15p, Jr. BLAST No Sr. BLAST 6:30p, Chancel Choir practice 7:45p, Praise Team practice	29 9:30-11a, Child/Adult devotional time	30 Office Vol: Gayle Easton	December 1 9a-Noon, Gingerbread House Workshop



*"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, Wayne Johnson
- 9 Karen Skovgard
- 10 Norma Sutton
- 11 Craig Thompson
- 12 Jameson O'Brien
- 13 Cheryl Cross
- 14 Maliya Carlson, Jason Evans
- 15 Larry Forbes

- 16 Nathan Zoss, Lily Larsen, Noelle Beasley
- 17 Luke Bogue
- 18 Jim Wells, Danielle Clemmens
- 19 Mark Wise
- 21 Carol Harter, Julie Sahlin
- 22 Amanda Soards, Brynna Johnson
- 23 Linda Kasper, Don Doxon, Tamara Evans
- 24 Jared Robertson
- 25 Kay Gier, Julie Craighton, Sarah Jacobson
- 27 Evelyn Kruse, Maysie Johnson
- 28 John Rains, Lee Ross, Steve Cate
- 29 Lynn Clary, Jason Homard, Marilyn Monroe, Fred Buzale
- 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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we can update our files.*

Our state-wide conference of the United Methodist Church has asked all of the churches to develop an intentional process or pathway for making disciples of Jesus Christ to help fulfill the Great Commission in Matthew 28 of making disciples of all nations.



Here at New Hope, I have presented to the Administrative Council a process that I have found to be central to making disciples. The process is to involve our current members and reach out to new people through connecting with them initially through one of four portals into the church. The portals are as follows: Worship, Fellowship, Discipleship, and Service. We begin by inviting people to be involved in any of the four areas they are open to, such as inviting them to a worship service, or a fellowship group, or a discipleship group (small group studies, Sunday School, etc.), or a service project. After they get connected in one area, our goal is to eventually involve them in all four areas.

The importance of all four areas (worship, fellowship, discipleship, service) was illustrated to me during my last year in a previous church appointment (which I shared with you three years ago, but it bears repeating). We had a young woman start dropping in on our Saturday evening worship service. She would come late and leave early and not sign in. No one knew who she was, so we were not able to follow up in welcoming her. However, during one Saturday worship I invited people to join in a new service project and this young woman stayed after the service and said she wanted to be involved in the project. Bingo! I found out who she was and how she got to our church. She was a counselor for an adolescent home and a colleague of hers had told her about our church and invited her to come.

After a short time, she asked to join a Bible study (discipleship) group, as she had not grown up in any church and wanted to learn more about the Bible. Bingo! We got her involved in a Disciple Bible study group that was just beginning and she came faithfully. However, when I announced that I would be leaving that church to go to another position, she came to me and said that after I left she didn't think she would be staying at that church. Why? Was it because I was such a great pastor that she couldn't accept any other? Yah, right!

Let's look again at the four areas of the process. She had been invited and came to worship, got involved in service, and joined in discipleship (through the Bible study). That's pretty good! Shouldn't that have done it? What's missing? She did not experience fellowship. Bible study does not automatically fellowship people. Our Bible study was a small group of eight and five of us were moving away at the same time, leaving only her and two others who did not really relate to her. Her colleague who had invited her was diagnosed with a brain tumor about the same time and was not able to bring her into fellowship. I told the church that they better find a way to connect with her quickly or she would be gone.

My dream for New Hope is that we can get our current members involved in all four of these areas (worship, fellowship activities, discipleship groups, and service projects). Then we encourage our current members to invite others (friends, relatives, acquaintances, neighbors, co-workers, etc.) to get involved in one of these areas, to begin with, and then lead them into the other areas as well. If you're signed up to help with Hand of Luke or another service project, you can invite someone to join you one time and they may get hooked (service). If you're in a Bible study or Sunday School class, invite someone to come (discipleship). For worship, invite someone to come to one of our special worship services (fall kick-off, Christmas Cantata and/or Christmas Eve, Mardi Gras, Easter, Mother's Day, etc.). For fellowship, invite people to join in going out to eat after worship, form a dinner group (we have several going already), or attend the social activities of some of our existing groups (such as Women and Men's Fellowship).

We still need a way to implement and communicate this process with our whole church family. Please let me know if you are interested and would like to help. Also, look at which of the four areas you are currently involved in and let me know if you need help getting involved in the others. And then, begin to reach out to friends, relatives, acquaintances, neighbors, co-workers to invite them into whichever area they are most open to!

Grace and peace, Pastor Jon

November Theme-- Building for the Future

November 4	<u>Title</u> : "Building God's Home"	<u>Script</u> .: Revelation 21:1-6a	All Saints Sunday Communion Sunday
November 11	<u>Title</u> : "Building God's Family"	<u>Script</u> .: Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17	
November 18	<u>Title</u> : "Building God's Temple"	<u>Script</u> .: Mark 13:1-8	
November 25	<u>Title</u> : "Building God's Kingdom"	<u>Script</u> .: John 18:33-37	



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8:30am Traditional Service

9:30am Contemporary Service

10:45am Traditional Service

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