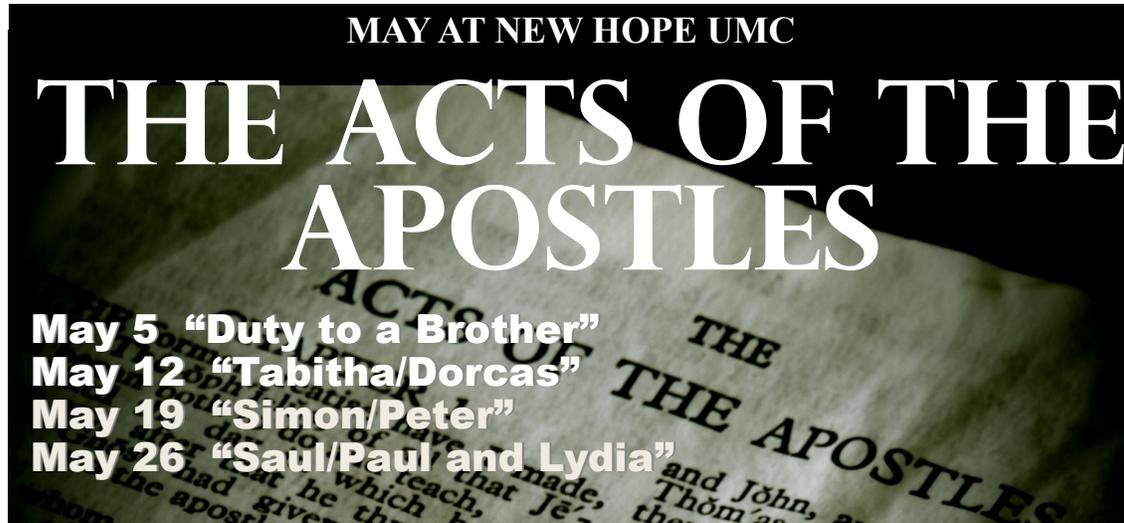


MAY AT NEW HOPE UMC

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

May 5 "Duty to a Brother"
May 12 "Tabitha/Dorcas"
May 19 "Simon/Peter"
May 26 "Saul/Paul and Lydia"



New Hope UMC invites you to a



Friday, May 10th
5:30pm-7:30pm

FREE Meal and activities for the whole family.
Menu: Cavatelli, salad, bread, dessert (gluten-free main option, too)

Please mark your calendar and invite your friends!

This is a community event sponsored by the Bridge Committee.

Come enjoy good food, fellowship, and fun!



Join us for these fun activities for *all ages!*

May 15, 5pm-8pm, Science Center.
A night of fun and exploring

June 30, 1:30pm-7:30pm, Terra Park (Johnston). Potluck, fellowship, fishing, games, and a nice walk in God's country

July 31, 6:45pm-9pm, Movie Night.
New Hope's lawn, bring your chairs & blankets. Popcorn & drinks provided.

August 4, 6pm-8pm, Northwest Pool night.
Come join us for a swim to get revived from the summer heat.

Questions? Contact Charity Johnson
515-720-8299



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

Evelyn Kinsinger; Brenda McConahay Courtney LePera; Bishop Laurie Haller; District Superintendent, Rev. Heecheon Jeon; Rev. Dr. Lilian Gallo Seagren; Interim Associate of Congregational Excellence, Naomi Sea Young Wittstruck; Dr. Emmanuel Mefor, missionary.

Prayers for the following military personnel: Jessica Weltha-Bales; Kelsey Bartley; Dawn Bernal; Jason Homard; 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.



If you are home bound, in a nursing home, or feeling alone and have not been visited by our

Care Team or Pastor Jon, please let us know because we would love to visit you. Please contact the church office at 278-2097,

nhfamily@newhopedsm.org

Baptism

Congratulations to Kail Hopkins, son of Mia Hopkins, who was baptized on April 14th.

Sympathy

Our sympathy to Clyde & Cindy Rail and family on the passing of Clyde's mother, Carol Rail.

Our sympathy to Mike & Melissa McGhee and their family on the passing of Melissa's mom, Marsha Crannick.

Thank You

To my New Hope family and Pastor Gaul,
Special thanks for the calls, cards and prayers after my fall.
I am so grateful to be a part of a loving family.
Jane Wagner

Thank you for all the 60th anniversary cards and to everyone that came to see us at the open house.
Elmer & Theresa Flickinger

Thank You

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all of our friends here at New Hope who have sent messages of kindness, condolence and sympathy. Your support and thoughts have made this difficult time a little easier. Thank you for remembering my dear father in your prayers.

Paul and Pam Weisskopf

Dear New Hope Quilters and Mom's Fellowship Group,
Thank you for the beautiful blue baby quilt for my son Nathan. It is something we will cherish and use now and for many years to come. Thank you for celebrating with me in the birth of my son and thank you for the blessing of your friendship and fellowship.

Love, Michelle Breach

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.

Thank you!

Church Office

Effective June 3, 2019, the church office hours will be:

Monday – Thursday: 7:30am – 4:30pm

Friday: 7:30am – 11:30am

During these hours, please come to the south door with the "Church Offices" sign. Please press the intercom button on the "Enforcer" silver box to ring into the office.

Thank you!





Pastor Jon and Anita Farewell

Pastor Jon will preach his final sermon at New Hope on **Sunday, June 23rd** in a combined worship service at 10am.

Please plan to attend his final sermon and to thank he and Anita for a wonderful job over the last five years and wish them well in their retirement.



The 2019 Confirmation students were confirmed on Sunday, April 28

Congratulations to our 2019 Confirmands:

Alex Williamson
Annabelle Carrigan
Ashlyn Meyer
Ava Henry

Charlotte Roff
Emma Lemke
Hannah Siefken
Kirsten Sahlin
Mackenzie McGhee



All Church Meeting May 20th, 7pm

In the seven weeks since the Special Session of the General Conference nearly every committed United Methodist has been asking, What's next for the UMC? (or, said another way, Where do we go from here?).

To better understand the structure of the United Methodist Church and its procedures, rules and laws, who votes at the conference and how they are elected, we will be having an all church meeting May 20 at 7pm. This is meant to be an informative discussion so please bring your questions.

Part Time Position Opening in the Nursery



We need your help in seeking and identifying the second adult to work in the Nursery each Sunday during the 9:30am and 10:45am worship services.

This position works along side another adult to supervise the youngest members of our church. The ideal person should be comfortable working with small children including infants and toddlers and be able to pass a criminal background check. This position is budgeted as a paid position.

If you are interested in this position or know someone who is, please forward them to Vicki O'Brien, SPRC Chair, vickiobrien1@netzero.net



Calling all girls entering grades 4th through 8th!

It's that time of year again for our Girls United for Christ Bible study!

Join us every Sunday afternoon

May 5th—June 23rd from 4pm—5:30pm

for some Girls only fellowship, crafts, music and Bible lessons with an exciting, spiritual twist.

No meeting on Sunday the 26th due to the holiday weekend.

I am looking for 1 extra adult to provide 2 deep leadership and assist with crafts and activities each Sunday.

Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall.

Contact Melanie Henry for more information or to volunteer~melhenry0@gmail.com.

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.

Leader is Jim Louk, 515-276-7900

Friday Bible Study will meet:

May 10th & 24th

Our study will center around the missing body of Jesus.

An empty tomb? Really!

But he was seen, alive; he was

seen, dead; and he was seen, alive once more.

We will also research the evidence of his appearances in the Gospels and in the Book of Acts.

Bring your Bible.



My Grown Up, God and Me!

We will continue to meet through May 24th, join us! We meet from 9:30-11am on Friday mornings in the New Hope nursery.

We spend the first hour in devotion and conversation while the kids play and then from 10:30-11am we do a children's story and Bible based activity time.

Questions? Please contact Jackie Johnson at (515) 710-3239/jackiejohnson81@aol.com.



Photos are from the group Easter party! We read an Easter story, colored eggs, made Easter bunny ear hats, tried our hand at walking quickly while balancing an egg on a spoon, and enjoyed an Easter egg hunt outside on the church lawn.



Beautiful artwork was added to the hallway wall near the east doors.

Please thank **Linda Kielsmeier** the next time you see her! Linda donated her artistic talent and many hours to create this meaningful piece.

She shared what inspired her, *"I selected this landscape from a photo I took at Jackson, Wyoming. I tweaked it to look more like Iowa with its beautiful pastures. The verse gives comfort, peace and joy. What a joy to know God is with us through every joy and sorrow. Lean on Him."*



Save the Date

Sunday, October 20, 2019

2019 Harvest Dinner & Auction Fundraiser

We need your help! If you can donate your time and service, please attending a planning meeting on Thursday, May 9, 6:30pm in the Ruby Chapel.



Maundy Thursday drama was held on April 18.

It was a very meaningful service with dramatic readings, scripture, music & communion.

Thank you to the volunteers that helped with this holy service.



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

May 5th, 9:30a-11a, Narthex.

Men's Breakfast

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

Women's Fellowship

The next meeting is Thursday, May 16, 9:00 a.m. at church. Refreshments will be served followed by our program by Althea Holcomb who works at the West Des Moines Human Services. Please feel free to attend. We love visitors!

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

Veterans Helping Veterans

The Veterans Helping Veterans will be having two 8:30am breakfasts for 2019. **The dates are:**
Saturday, May 18
Saturday, November 16
Please mark your calendars. The breakfasts are open to all veterans, their spouses, and supporters. If you have any questions, please contact Billy Nuzum at bbnewz54@gmail.com

Care Ministry Team

The Care Ministry meets quarterly. Next meeting is on **Thurs., July 11 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, May 17th**. Questions? Contact Jody Rains, 278-8282

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.

Time to Think About Christmas!

Spring is here so it's time to think about Christmas!



If you are interested in helping with *Garlands of Gifts on November 9th*, please contact Deb Henry, mssci@aol.com or 515-577-1129. Many hands

make light work.

If you like craft shows or organizing, we could use your help.

Please consider joining us!

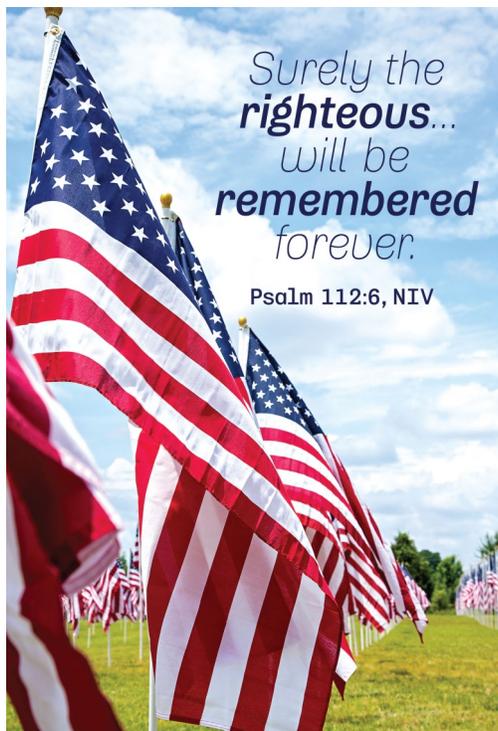
Ever-evolving, ever-loved hymn

"Eternal Father, Strong to Save," often known simply as "The Navy Hymn," dates back to 1860, when William Whiting wrote it for a student of his about to travel by ship from England to America.

Original verses testified to the protection of God the Father, Christ, the Holy Spirit and the Trinity. In 1940, the U.S. Episcopal Church rewrote the hymn to include travel on land and in the air. Many verses have been written since: for Navy SEALs, submariners, astronauts, military families, ship dedications and more.

The following verse, intended for Memorial Day, may be used with the credit line below:

*We thank you, God, for loved ones dear
Who clung to faith beyond their fear,
Who served and paid the highest price
For freedom bought with sacrifice.
May they remind us of your Son
Whose death our final freedom won.*
—Heidi L. Mann, 2012



Children's Ministries

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

Children's Ministry Mission: Connecting Kids to God and others.

Children's Worship (Vision: Connecting the lessons about God through meaningful experiences)

Please join us for an exciting summer program for ages 5-12 during the 9:30 service.
We will be continuing the exciting discussions from SUPERBOOK!

May 19 th	Ruth	July 7 th	Nehemiah
May 26 th	Tower of Babel	July 14 th	Elisha and the Syrians
June 2 nd	Birth of John the Baptist	July 21 st	NO CHILDREN'S WORSHIP
June 9 th	Isaac and Rebekah	July 28 th	Lazarus
June 16 th	Naaman and the Servant Girl	Aug. 4 th	King Solomon
June 23 rd	Samuel and the Call to God	Aug. 11 th	Nebuchadnezzar's Dream
June 30 th	David and Saul	Aug. 18 th	The Good Samaritan

If you would like to sign up to help, please sign up on the bulletin board outside the purple classroom.



VBS 2018 July 14th -18th

If you have not signed up to be a lead person, you can also be a Shepard, help at Registration table, help to distribute T-shirts, youth helper in an area (6th grade and above), decoration helper, help with food donations. We need everyone to help make this **ROAR** for these kids; They enjoy learning from everyone and they enjoy showing you all what they are learning about God.

BLAST—Believing, Learning, Assisting, Serving, Teens

May 2019

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

Jr. BLAST is enjoying Spring! We started the month with a Lent lesson and incorporated a few games with our Sr. BLAST friends, we went bowling with TAC (Youth Groups from JROL and Hopkins Grove) at Val Lanes, we did a few service projects in the church like cleaning up in the basement and stuffing Easter eggs, and we finished out the month with another lesson.



We are looking forward to a great May! The TGIW kids are not meeting in May, so we will be sure to have some kind of meal together on each of the nights we meet.

May 1- No meeting due to Rummage Sale
May 8- Pizza Party and BLAST activities! 5:45-7pm
May 15- Church Wide SCI Family Night 5-8pm
May 22- Year End Party! 5:45-7pm

The kids have expressed interest in continuing to meet over the summer so we will be putting together a schedule of once monthly optional activities before the end of May!

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

It is hard to believe that we are down to the last month that Senior BLAST is meeting for the 2018 – 2019 school year. The year has gone by quickly. With that said, we have several exciting events and activities planned for May!

To start with; we are planning to help a few more congregation members with yard work at the beginning of May, more details to come. On Wednesday, May 15th we will be having our end of the year celebration with ChildServe kids. Then on May 19th is our next BLAST Breakfast at New Hope. Our last event of the year is a joint end of the year party with Junior BLAST on May 22nd.

It is also hard to believe that we are only two months out from our Mission Trip to Chicago. This year we have 11 youth participating in the mission trip to Chicago. Please begin to pray that the week will be meaningful to the youth and that we can make a difference in Chicago.

Bradyn Johnson
Caleb Williamson
Drew Wise
Adam Wise
Payton Henry

Derek Marsh
Logan Wilson
Ashley Marsh
Amanda Soards
Arianna Bernal
Madysen Johnson



Here are some upcoming Youth events for the remainder of the year:

May 1st ~ Not Meeting due to Rummage Sale
May 4th ~ New Hope Rummage Sale
May 8th @ 6pm ~ Thank God for BLAST
May 15th @ 6pm ~ ChildServe
May 19th ~ BLAST Breakfast
May 22nd @ 6pm ~ End of the Year Party
June 2nd @ 9am ~ Sloppy Joe lunch
June 30th ~ Depart for Chicago

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

missions

May 2019 MISSION NEWS

MEALS FROM THE HEARTLAND: Put **August 11th** on your calendar! Participate in our 9th annual on-site meal packaging for Meals from the Heartland. We will be fundraising for \$5,800 to pay for the ingredients and the truck.

We will have the normal 3 services, but only lasting ½ an hour, the other hour will be spent packaging in the Fellowship Hall.

Signups will be in the long hallway outside of the Fellowship Hall. Entire families, grandchildren, friends, all are welcome. Even 4 year-olds can kneel on a stool and help. If you can't stand for an hour, chairs will be provided. We can accommodate up to 10 packagers at each of 4 stations. Sign up early to save your spots if you have a group that wants to work together.

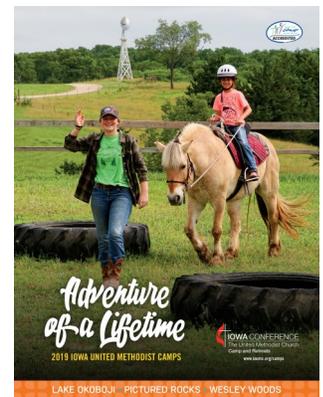
BIDWELL RIVERSIDE: Lynn Louk is continuing to oversee our monthly volunteer time at Bidwell. This year we have been given the task of sorting and shelving items from Bed Bath and Beyond. These are closeouts that haven't sold, returns, etc. You can sit part of the time to sort. Our day is the 2nd Thursday from 1:00 to 4:00. Both men and women are welcome to volunteer. We car pool from the church at 12:30.

You will find a basket on the Mission Table for personal items for them that we take down monthly.

RUMMAGE SALE: We hope you will participate in some way: donating, volunteering, or baking for the Rummage Sale. One half of the profits will go into the Mission Fund to pay for our mission work.

MISSION TEAM: We welcome anyone who would like to become a part of our Mission Team. We love new and innovative ideas in carrying out our passion for being Jesus' hands and feet here in the Des Moines area, and around the world.

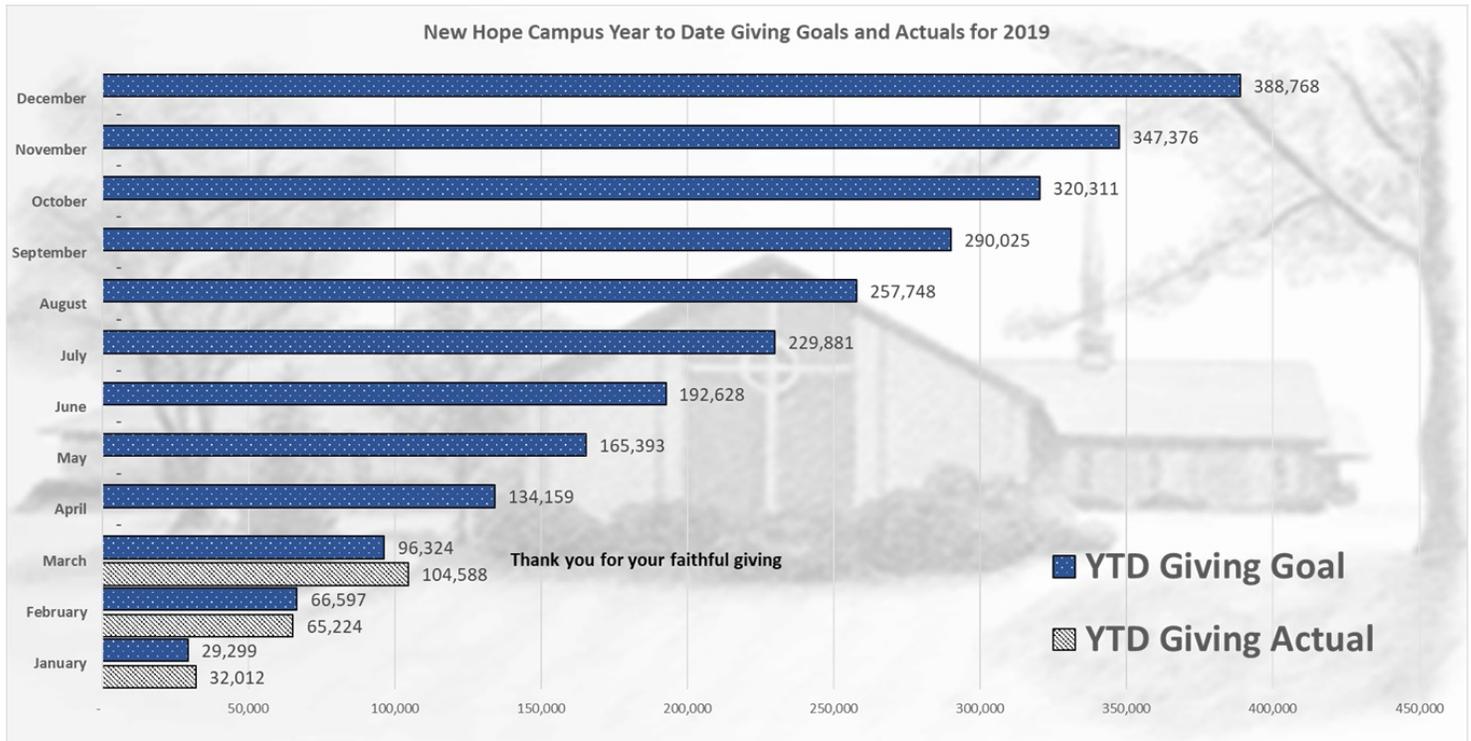
CAMPERSHIPS: Make sure you get your child registered for camp this summer. Missions will cover ½ or up to \$200 for each registration. If you need more assistance, please contact Sharon Smith: 515-419-7082. We want as many as possible to attend our United Methodist camp at Wesley Woods where they will experience nature and Christ in new ways. Check on-line at: www.iaumc.org/camps. Choose the camp, then call the Registrar, 800.765.1651, with the information, telling her that New Hope will pay ½ or up to \$200. Then call Nancy, at New Hope, giving her the same information.



HAND OF LUKE - Tuesday, May 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!

Also, do you have a work group or a group of friends that you would like to sign up to help? This is a great way to get others besides our church members involved in this program. Pick a month and let Jolene Harlow know.



**New Hope Sunday morning
Worship attendance**

	8:30	9:30	10:45	Total
March 24	30	74	68	172
March 31	28	85	72	185
April 7	34	91	76	201
April 14	30	94	89	213
April 21	77	140	110	327

Fun in the sun

Enjoy some summer-themed laughter while you lounge!

Seen on a church sign (and appropriate for grilling season): “God doesn’t make mistakes.”

Person approaching a shoreline: “Is this river any good for fish?” Response: “It must be. I can’t get any of them to leave it.”

Q: Why do people go to church in the summer?

A: It’s prayer-conditioned!

Q: Why was it so hot in the stadium after the game?

A: All the fans left.

Q: While hiking, how can you identify a dogwood tree?

A: By its bark.

Q: What do sheep have on sunny days?

A: A baa-baa-cue!



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 May 2019:

8:30am Traditional Service	9:30am Contemporary Service	10:45am Traditional Service
Lectors	Lectors	Lectors
5 Billy Nuzum	5 Pam Frey	5 Clarice Rubek
12 Armenta Buckingham	12 Charity Johnson	12 Barb Mather
19 Marilyn Osborn	19	19 Lynn Davisson
26	26	26 Jon Verner
Traditional Service Callers	Hosts	Hosts
5 Norma Sutton	5	5
12 Bob & Marlys Borcharding	12 Glenna Ross	12
19 Norma Sutton	19 Sr. BLAST	19 Sr. BLAST
26 Bob & Marlys Borcharding	26 Melisa Forbes	26 Linda Yaske
Office Volunteers	9:30 Computer Support	Money Counters
3 Gayle Easton	5 Nic Wigant	5 Clark Howland; Rick Homard, Larry Wood
10 Ruth Doxon	12 Kelly Mohrman	12 Randy Jansen, DeVonne Douglas; Patty Nearmyer
17 Sally Lindstrom	19 Pam Frey	19 Tami Wise, Jerry Kielsmeier, John Burrough
24 Susan Blank	26 Gary Stubbs	26 Glenna Ross, Tony & Tracy Hoffman
31 Marlys Borcharding		



Happy
Mother's Day
Sunday, May 12!

“To the world you are a mother, but to your family you are the world.”
- Adapted from Dr. Seuss

“Any mother could perform the jobs of several air-traffic controllers with ease.”
- Lisa Alther

A mother is a person who, seeing there are only four pieces of pie for five people, promptly announces she never did care for pie.

God of life and love, thank you for the mothers who gave us birth and for all women with mothering hearts.

			1 Rummage Sale set up 6:30p, Chancel Choir practice 7:45p, Praise Team practice	2 Noon-6p, Rummage & Bake Sale 7:00p, Worship Design, Pastor's office	3 Office Vol: Gayle Easton 9a-6p, Rummage & Bake Sale	4 9a-Noon, Rummage & Bake Sale
5 Guest Preacher: Jim Louk Holy Communion Native American Ministries (offering) 4p-5:30p, Girls United for Christ	6 7p, Trustees Mtg., R.Chapel	7 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 7p, Venture Crew, F.Hall	8 5:45p, Jr. BLAST 6:00p, Sr. BLAST 6:30p, Chancel Choir practice 7:45p, Praise Team practice	9 1p, Bidwell Riverside volunteering 6:30p, Harvest Dinner & Auction planning meeting	10 Office Vol: Ruth Doxon 9:30-11a, Child/Adult devotional time 1:00p, Bible Study at Pizza Ranch 5:30-7:30p, Community Event: Cavatelli Dinner	11 7:30a, Men's Breakfast
12  9:30a, Theodore Nearmyer baptism 4p-5:30p, Girls United for Christ	13	14 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 3:30p, Hand of Luke	15 5p-8p, Science Center night 5-8p, Jr. BLAST @ Science Center 6:00p, Sr. BLAST @ ChildServe 6:30p, Chancel Choir practice 7:45p, Praise Team practice	16 9:00a, Women's Fellowship at church 6:30p, Finance Mtg., R.Chapel	17 Deadline for June LINK Office Vol: Sally Lindstrom 9a-3p, Needlers 9:30-11a, Child/Adult devotional time	18 8:30a, Veterans Breakfast
19 Graduate Recognition Food Pantry Sunday Sr. BLAST Breakfast fundraiser 9:30a, Children's Worship 4p-5:30p, Girls United for Christ	20 7p, All Church Meeting	21 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 7:00p, Stroke Club, F.Hall	22 5:45p, Jr. BLAST 6:00p, Sr. BLAST 6:30p, Chancel Choir practice 7:45p, Praise Team practice	23 6:30p, Administrative Council Mtg., R.Chapel	24 Office Vol: Sue Blank 9:30-11a, Child/Adult devotional time 1:00p, Bible Study at Pizza Ranch	25
26 Memorial Sunday 9:30a, Children's Worship	27 Church Office Closed in observance of Memorial Day	28 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA	29 7:45p, Praise Team practice	30	31 Office Vol: Marlys Borcherd-ing	



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

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|---|---|
| 1 Brook Larsen, Lillian Herrick | 17 Tim Mc Culley |
| 3 FloAnn Wills | 18 Kandra Dickerson, Jane Speck, |
| 4 Maddy Dolberg, William Rock, | Alex Hershey, Samantha Wakeman |
| 5 John Lichter, Jeanne Mukeshimana | 22 Linda Yaske |
| 6 Cathy Beck-Cross, Alex Williamson, | 23 Margaret Heneke, Nate Kinnetz, Dan |
| Sally Lindstrom | Kirkpatrick, Mark Sahlin |
| 8 Taylor Webber, Noah Neu Pastor Jon | 24 Destinee DeBates, Drew Hershey |
| Gaul | 25 Jody Wolfe |
| 9 Pam Frey, Michael Craighton, | 27 Jenna Merrill, Suzanne Neu |
| Benjamin Leyda, Mollie Rooney | 28 Evan Kinnetz, Sarah Sahlin, |
| 10 Sue Medley, Shawn Stringham, Caitlyn | Kirsten Warner |
| Robertson, Railey Johnson | 29 Paul Weisskopf, John Walker, |
| 11 Spencer Wolfe | Allyson Mohrman |
| 12 Marcia Lowe | 30 Caroline Christensen, Shirley Johnson, |
| 13 Marilyn Osborn | Montgomery Collet |
| 14 Adam Herring, Andrew Wise, | |
| Abbi Herrick | |



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| 3 | John & Jody Rains |
| 5 | Gary & Nan Stubbs |
| 6 | Tim & Janet Carrigan |
| 6 | Nancy & Dale Monthei |
| 7 | Ambrose & Bhanu Moses |
| 10 | Rick & Cathy Homard |
| 14 | Mark & Linda Yaske |
| 17 | Lisa & Jack VanDenBerg |
| 19 | Don & Ruth Doxon |
| 19 | Paul & Pam Weisskopf |
| 22 | Forrest & Marilyn Mc Cleary |
| 23 | Mark & Tami Wise |
| 31 | Stephen & Norma Sutton |

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



As I write this article, the Judicial Council of the United Methodist Church is meeting to rule on the action of the Special General Conference held this past February. We will announce the results when they are released.

In the meantime, I would like to share that the action of the Special General Conference has not changed the affirmation of all people that the United Methodist Church has promoted throughout its history. It seems contradictory to many for the church to stand for such affirmation while stating that the practice of certain people is incompatible with Christian teaching. The view of the practice of homosexuality being incompatible with Christian teaching was added to The United Methodist Book of Discipline in 1972, so it's been around a long time. The intention of the Special General Conference was to "find a way forward" in allowing for a difference of view on this practice while remaining one church. The fact that this did not happen at the Conference does not mean The United Methodist Church will treat LGBTQIA persons any differently than before. The acronym LGBTQIA can stand for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender/Transsexual, Queer/Questioning, Intersex, and Asexual /Allies.

Here is a very important paragraph in The 2016 Book of Discipline (Social Principles Paragraph 161.G), which illustrates the past and current view: "We affirm that all persons are individuals of sacred worth, created in the image of God. All persons need the ministry of the Church in their struggles for human fulfillment, as well as the spiritual and emotional care of a fellowship that enables reconciling relationships with God with others, and with self. The United Methodist Church does not condone the practice of homosexuality and considers this practice incompatible with Christian teaching. We affirm that God's grace is available to all. We will seek to live together in Christian community, welcoming, forgiving, and loving one another, as Christ has loved and accepted us. We implore families and churches not to reject or condemn lesbian and gay members and friends. We commit ourselves to be in ministry for and with all persons."

This paragraph makes a strong statement of affirmation for all people, including the LGBTQIA community. However, the sentence that the UMC does not condone the practice of homosexuality and considers it incompatible with Christian teaching negates the affirmation of LGBTQIA people in the view of many. It is interesting to note that it is stated as "incompatible with Christian teaching" and not as incompatible with the Bible or Biblical teaching. I'm glad for that at least, because as I've written and stated before I see the Biblical teaching as speaking out against all immorality, sexual and otherwise. The sexual immorality is heterosexual and homosexual acts occurring outside of committed, loving, monogamous, and consensual relationships. I do not see the Bible addressing the issue of committed, loving, monogamous, and consensual same sex relationships.

New Hope has scheduled an [all church meeting on May 20, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.](#) to share about our denomination's organization, structure and process for making decisions such as this and give any updates about where we go from here as a local church and as a denomination. [Please join us](#) and let me know if you have any questions or concerns regarding this issue.

Grace and peace, Pastor Jon

The Season of Easter -- "The Acts of the Apostles"

May 5	Guest Preacher: Rev. Jim Louk "Duty to a Brother"	<u>Script.:</u> Psalm 34:1-8; Luke 10:25-37	Holy Communion
May 12	"Tabitha/Dorcas"	<u>Script.:</u> Acts 9:36-43	Mother's Day
May 19	"Simon/Peter"	<u>Script.:</u> Acts 11:1-18	Graduate Sunday
May 26	"Saul/Paul and Lydia"	<u>Script.:</u> Acts 16:9-15	Memorial Sunday



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8:30am Traditional Service

9:30am Contemporary Service

10:45am Traditional Service

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