

JUNE AT NEW HOPE UMC

# FINAL INSTRUCTIONS

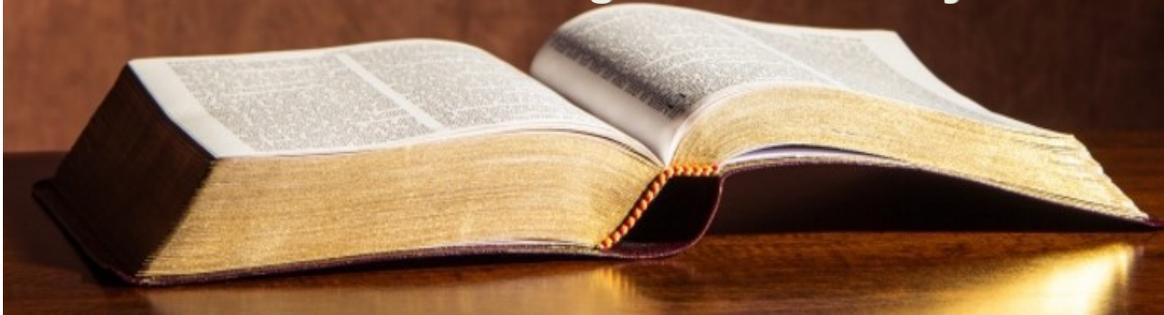
**June 2 "Knowing, Loving, and Being One"**

**June 9 "A Safe Passage"**

**June 16 "Let the Spirit Be Your Guide"**

**June 23 "Being Clothed in Christ" (10am Worship)**

**June 30 "A Change in the Journey"**



## **Farewell & Good Wishes for Pastor Jon and Anita**

Pastor Jon will preach his final sermon at New Hope on **Sunday, June 23 with one service at 10am.**

This one service will be a blended service with Traditional and Contemporary music. Nursery will be available for children, age 4 & under.

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

A reception will follow the 10am service.





# membership news

## Prayer Chain Request

If you have a prayer chain request, please call Jan Davison at 251-4894 or the church office at 278-2097.

## Prayer Concern

Brenda McConahay; Ambrose Moses; Alan Riley; 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](mailto:nhfamily@newhopedsm.org)

## Baptism

Congratulations to Railey Ann Johnson who was baptized on May 12th. Railey is the daughter of Charity Johnson and little sister to McKayla, Maysie and Madysan.

## Sympathy

Our Sympathy to Karen Skovgard on the passing of her mother, Evelyn Kinsinger.

## Thank You

Thank you to Steve & Norma Sutton for the kitchen donations of 2 stock pots holding 20 quarts and made of aluminum.

Betty Holwegner

## 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](mailto:nhfamily@newhopedsm.org).

ALSO, we appreciate receiving your updated contact information.

Thank you!

## Graduate Recognition, Sunday, May 19 at New Hope UMC.

We are happy to celebrate with our members that are **high school graduates:**

*Noah Breitsprecher*, son of Wade & Gina Breitsprecher

*Gabby Dean*, daughter of Linda Dean

*Maddy Dolberg*, daughter of Terry & Penny Dolberg

*Rex Haugland*, son of Dennis & Renee Haugland

*Allison Lemke*, daughter of Richard Lemke and SaLynn Lemke

*Brendan Riley*, son of Jennifer Riley

*Drew Wise*, son of Mark & Tami Wise

*Morgan Wolfe*, daughter of Jody & Darla Wolfe

And, celebrating our members that are **college/graduate school graduates:**

*Sarah Baldwin*, daughter of Mark & Sue Baldwin.

*Tyler Darlington Cate*, son of Steve & Cathy Cate.

*Brody Egger*, son of Carl & Susan Egger.

*Madison Mariah Ramsey*, daughter of Renee LePera.



## 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!





### Welcome Pastor Lilian

Pastor Lilian and her husband Kirk, will be arriving to New Hope on June 18th.

Her first Sunday preaching will be July 7th.

A welcome reception and meet and greet will be planned, watch for more information coming soon.

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



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

**July 21**, 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



Girls entering 4th through 8th grades, join us every Sunday afternoon through June 23rd, 4pm - 5:30pm. We will have fellowship, crafts, music and

Bible lessons with an exciting, spiritual twist. Contact Melanie Henry for more information or to volunteer melhenry0@gmail.com.

### My Grown Up, God and Me!

We will be taking a break from our regular weekly meetings for the summer and will instead be focusing on monthly meetups at local parks!



If you are interested in being added to our reminder list for when/where these fun summer play dates will be, please contact Jackie Johnson at (515)710-3239 or [jackiejohnson81@aol.com](mailto:jackiejohnson81@aol.com).



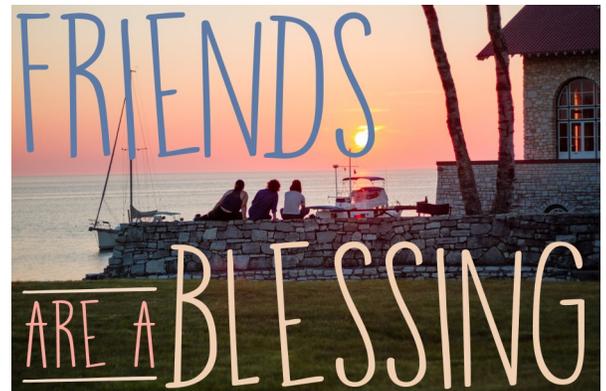
HeartBeat hand bell ensemble will be performing a concert at New Hope on

**Monday, June 17 at 7:00 pm, in the Family Life Center.**

The concert will include a selection of secular and sacred music. The concert is free, so bring your friends and family.

HeartBeat is a community hand bell group based out of New Hope that shares our faith through music. We perform concerts at senior living centers as well as here at New Hope. A free will offering will be taken to help cover the costs of this music ministry.

Kristin Welter, New Hope UMC member  
HeartBeat Director





## Eric Mohlis-Director of Music

Eric will be leaving New Hope to pursue further career growth with his full time job with the DCG School District. During his time at New Hope, Eric has been instrumental in recharging the Chancel Choir and leading the Praise team and the beginning development of a Children's Choir.

Eric will be with us through the summer with the Choir and Praise team and be available to assist in the transition of our new pastor. Eric's last day at New Hope will be Sunday, August 18.

Recruiting efforts for his position have begun and we thank him for all he has done for New Hope and wish him the best going forward.



## Position Opening

We are seeking a Music Director to lead and direct our Chancel Choir and Praise Band and work with our musical talent to develop a robust music program. This is a part time position requiring approximately 15-16 hours per week.

## Director of Music

This person builds relationships and collaborates with pastors and other church members to deliver musical ministry at the 8:30am and 10:45am Sunday worship services.

This position works closely with the pianist and organist and other musical members of the church to provide special music on Sundays and special services to include Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Easter and Christmas Eve

The ideal candidate for this position will possess the following skills:

- Solid musical background with attention to the teachings of the church
- Ability to effectively recruit and train volunteers for the choir
- Experience in directing adult, youth or other musical groups
- Well organized
- Ability to create a healthy balance between quality music and building and maintaining strong relationships
- Ability to lead people and promote teamwork
- Ability to collaborate with others
- Positive and caring manner

If you or anyone you know is interested in this position, please refer them to Vicki O'Brien, SPRC Chair at [vickiobrien1@netzero.com](mailto:vickiobrien1@netzero.com).

## Nursery

### 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](mailto:vickiobrien1@netzero.net)

## RUMMAGE SALE CELEBRATION

A wonderful mission was again accomplished by New Hope!

Many good items were donated. In fact, there were so many items donated that it required finding 6 additional tables.

I can't say enough good things about our wonderful volunteers. They worked many long hours but persevered until all merchandise was marked and displayed. The customers appreciated the well organized place to shop and the cheery workers. As everyone did not sign in, I don't have an accurate count but am estimating a minimum of 1200 hours. Wow!!!

Working together we raised \$10,532. Missions will receive half of the money and \$500 goes to Senior Blast for their help. The remainder goes in the discretionary fund for expenses that arise and are not in the budget.

Next years rummage sale has been scheduled for **May 7-9, 2020**. You can start making your 2020 rummage sale box now but please remember to only fill it with clean and unbroken items. This year we had a huge free box with items that could not be sold because they were dirty or broken. Those kind of donations make much more work for the volunteers. Also, try to schedule sometime during the week to volunteer a few hours. We especially needed more help on Thursday during the sale and on Sunday during donation time and set up time.

Again, a big thank you to the volunteers for their many hours of service. I am very thankful for every hour donated.

See you next year!  
Carol Harter

## The flooring project has been completed!

Your support for this project was swift and generous, and The Trustees extend their heartfelt gratitude to the New Hope community. In addition, we thank many individuals for their assistance. Some prepped and painted, some helped move furniture and kitchen equipment, and some helped get things back in order when the flooring was done. Some did all three. All of them are deeply appreciated:

David Followwill for taking lead on the project  
Carol Followwill  
Linda & Jerry Kielsmeier  
Jennifer & Chris Higdon and the Senior Blast group  
John Rains  
Mike Wakeman  
Pam Frey  
Brad Johnson  
Gary Stubbs  
Larry Wood  
John Burrough  
Clark Howland

Spencer Sutton, Chair of the Board of Trustees



## 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

June 2nd, 9:30a-11a, Narthex.

## Men's Breakfast

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

## Women's Fellowship

No meeting in June. Questions? contact Susan Clark at 964-5119 or Sharon Smith at 419-7082.

## Bidwell-Riverside Center

Members of our congregation will be volunteering at Bidwell Riverside on Thursday, June 13, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Those who want to carpool meet at the church at 12:30 on the day we are going. Questions? contact Lynn Louk (276-7900).

## Veterans Helping Veterans

The Veterans Helping Veterans had an enjoyable breakfast on Saturday, May 18.

The speaker was Anthony Powers Polich speaking about the Order of the Purple Heart.

Please watch for the scheduling of the next breakfast.

If you have any questions, please contact Billy Nuzum at [bbnewz54@gmail.com](mailto: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, June 21st.**

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](mailto: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!



# Children's Ministries

If you have any questions, please contact Charity Johnson at [cjohnson@newhopedsm.org](mailto:cjohnson@newhopedsm.org)

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

## Children's Worship

We are having worship for the children this summer, ages 5yrs to 12yrs old (this will replace the current children's worship) The curriculum will be based off of videos from Right Now Media "**Superbook**". It will be during the 9:30 service after the children's message. Come and see and learn all about Jesus.

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

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



**Kids.....3 years through entering 5<sup>th</sup> Grade!!**

**Join New Hope UMC**

**Sun, July 14<sup>th</sup> – Thurs., July 18<sup>th</sup>  
for Roar Vacation Bible School!!**

**5:30pm Supper, 6-8pm activities**

We need everyone to help make this ROAR for the kids. They enjoy learning from everyone and they enjoy showing you all what they are learning about God.

Registration forms will be available through the church facebook or in the fellowship hall.

Please watch for the food donation sign up table starting June 9<sup>th</sup> after each service.

# BLAST—Believing, Learning, Assisting, Serving, Teens

June 2019

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

We have thoroughly enjoyed working with the kids this year and are looking forward to more fun and fellowship in the months to come! At the request of our Jr. BLAST youth we will continue to meet several times over the summer.



Please get these dates on your calendar now!

**June 26th-** We will be going to see Toy Story 4 as a group. Exact time to be determined.

**July 31st-** Day of Service, 9am-4pm. Drop off/pick up at church. We will be participating in multiple service projects and having fun too!

**August 14th-** Mini Golf/Campfire Cookout, 4pm-9pm. Drop off/pick up at church. We will be heading to Jester Park to try our hand at mini golf and having a campfire and dinner at the youth camp area there.



Pictured are Jr. BLAST youth at two of the May events. The first picture they are helping assemble the Mother's Day sweet treats for church and second enjoying the activities at the SCI church wide outing!

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

**What a great year!!! Our Senior High BLAST group has wrapped up meeting weekly until the fall of 2019.**

The year has gone by quickly and the group has been busy... The group had the opportunity to serve the community in many ways throughout this the year; through our monthly game night with ChildServe youth to serving at Hand of Luke. In fact, we kicked off the year by hosting our Iowa vs Iowa State football tailgate at the Johnston Partnership; where the youth group served hot dogs and snow cones to the clients.

Beyond the service projects; this year the group studied how to deal with Stress biblically and started studying the Story - One Continuing Story of God and His People. Additionally, the Senior Blast had several shared events with Junior BLAST, where we took them on in Bible Jeopardy and other fund trivia games.

To close out this year, we are looking forward to taking a record number of kids on our annual summer mission trip to Chicago, Illinois. The kids have worked hard and have raised **85%** of the funds for our summer mission trip and only need to raise about **\$1,000** more to cover all expenses. We have one more fundraising event; which is our **Sloppy Joe Feed on June 16<sup>th</sup>**, so please join us for lunch!

Additionally, the group is seeking another male chaperone for this trip; we are currently taking 3 adults (*Chris Higdon, Pam Frey, Brianna Johnston*) and 11 high school students to South Chicago to serve in urban ministries. If you are interesting to going on this trip as a chaperone; please reach out to Chris or Pam.

Bradyn Johnson  
Caleb Williamson  
Drew Wise  
Adam Wise  
Payton Henry

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



Finally, please begin to pray for the adult sponsors and youth going on this mission trip and that God will use the Senior BLAST group to bless the people in Chicago. This year trip is from **June 30<sup>th</sup> through July 6<sup>th</sup>**.

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

# missions

## JUNE MISSION NEWS

**MEALS FROM THE HEARTLAND:** We are excited to be planning our 8<sup>th</sup> annual on-site packaging event for Meals from the Heartland. The date for the packaging at New Hope will be August 11<sup>th</sup> this year. Our goal is 28,000 meals. Each box of 216 meals costs about \$45.00, and is a suggested donation toward our goal of \$5,600.

Look for posters, sign ups, and promotion beginning on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Sign-ups will be in the hallway by the water fountain for easy accessibility of all 3 services. Also, watch our pile of mini-boxes climb nearby, representing the amount of boxes paid for each week.

**ANNUAL CONFERENCE MISSION PROJECT:** This year's Annual Conference (June 7-11) theme is *"Creating Difference Makers: In Ministry with the Poor."* Faith communities are invited to participate by **collecting gift cards for restaurants, local convenience stores and gas stations, and grocery stores.** Half of the gathered cards will remain "at home" with the church to distribute to persons in need in their local communities or through food pantries, hospitals, shelters, social service agencies, fire and police departments, or through other local partners. The other half of the collected cards will be brought to the Annual Conference session. Prior to the Saturday lunch break the lay and clergy present at the Annual Conference will be invited to hold their cards high as the cards are dedicated to a shared ministry. *Place your card(s) in the collection box on the mission table or give to Sharon Smith to take to Annual Conference.*

"As people of faith, God desires for us to always be looking for new ways to reach out with Christ's love and be in ministry with the poor and marginalized," said Bishop Laurie. This gift card collection, consecration, and distribution is the beginning of a year-long mission focus in which the 767 United Methodist existing and emerging faith communities will be encouraged to continue to live out Jesus' commission to care for and live with persons living in challenging circumstances.

### **CAMPERSHIPS AND A NEW WAY OF SUPPORTING IOWA UMC'S CAMPS:**

Our Mission committee is committed to funding ½ of each camper's fee. Make sure you go on-line to: [camps@iaumc.org](mailto:camps@iaumc.org) to sign register your child or grandchild. If you need more assistance, please contact Sharon Smith: 515-419-7082.

The camp director has created a unique way to support our United Methodist's camps. It is called the "Monthly Kindling Club". He says, "The best way to build a fire is to start small. Campfires are built using small sticks and twigs, called kindling. With proper kindling, a strong campfire can be built quickly. The Kindling Program supports the Operational Expenses of an Iowa United Methodist Camp to ensure that camping ministry will continue for years."

The idea is to give a recurring donation amount with your credit card. Go on-line to the website mentioned above to sign up to the Monthly Kindling Club, support UMC Iowa camps!

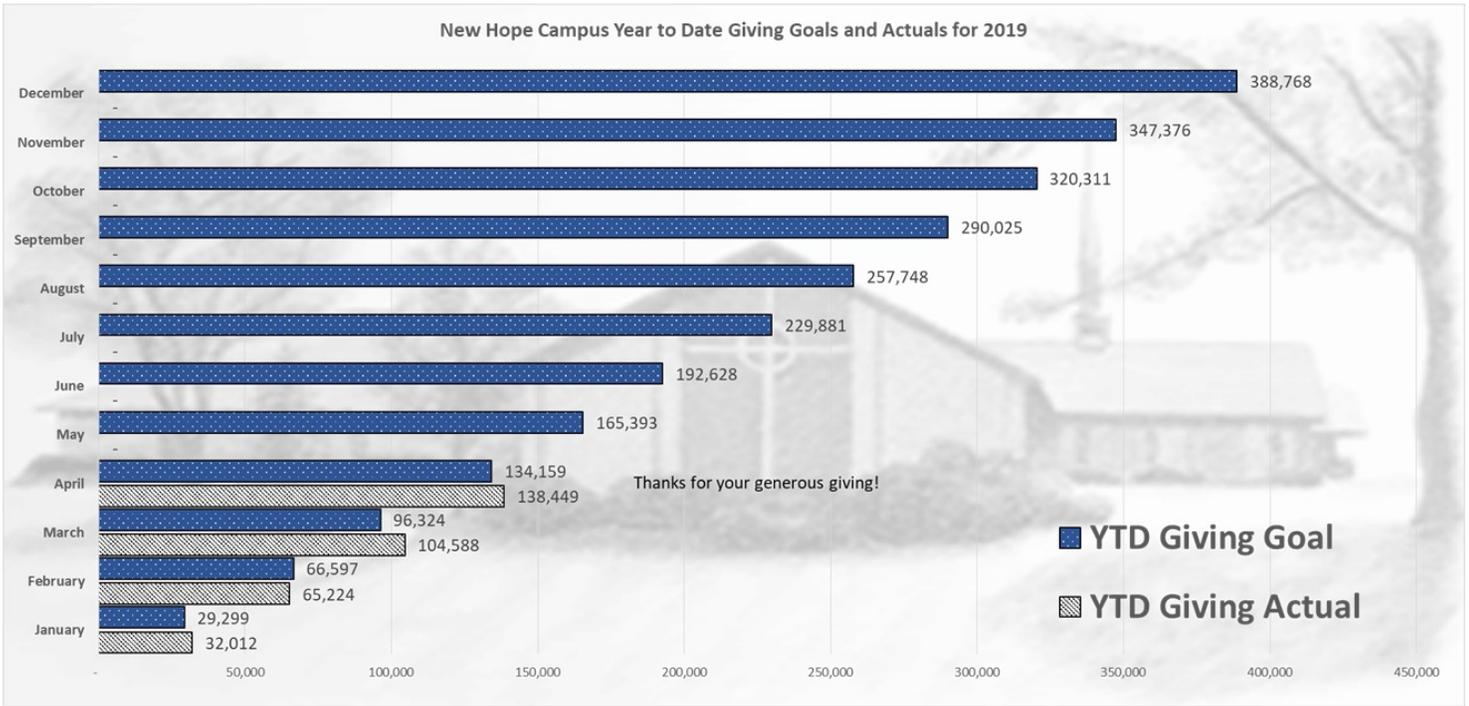
**BIDWELL RIVERSIDE:** Donate personal items for Bidwell in the basket provided on the Mission table at the rear of Fellowship Hall. Also, donate your time sorting and organizing items from Bed Bath and Beyond at Bidwell to give to the needy. Our volunteer date is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday afternoon from 1:00 to 4:00, so the June date is June 13<sup>th</sup>. Call Lynn Louk to let her know you are volunteering this month and if you want to car pool, be at church by 12:30 to head on down together.



### **HAND OF LUKE - Friday, June 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](mailto: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
April 28	28	89	128	245
May 5	34	56	61	151
May 12	26	91	74	191
May 19	24	95	72	191



## Save the Date

**Sunday, October 20, 2019**

**2019 Harvest Dinner & Auction  
Fundraiser**

**Start thinking about what you can  
donate to the Silent Auction and/or  
Live Auction!**

### Donation Questions?

Reach out to Glenna Ross ([glenna625@hotmail.com](mailto:glenna625@hotmail.com)) and/or  
Nancy Monthei ([nancy@newhopedsm.org](mailto:nancy@newhopedsm.org))

**Everyone is welcome!!**



# 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 June 2019:

8:30am Traditional Service	9:30am Contemporary Service	10:45am Traditional Service
<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Lectors</b>
2 Billy Nuzum	2 Nick Bogue	2 Lynn Davisson
9 Armenta Buckingham	9	9 Jon Verner
16 Billy Nuzum	16 Andy Sutton	16 Barb Mather
23 10a service	23 10a service	23 10a service
30 Armenta Buckingham	30 Charity Johnson	30 Jon Verner
<b>Traditional Service Callers</b>	<b>Hosts</b>	<b>Hosts</b>
5 Norma Sutton	2 Glenna Ross	2
12 Bob & Marlys Borcharding	9 Sue & Bob Soards	9
19 Norma Sutton	16 Sr. BLAST	16 Sr. BLAST
26 Bob & Marlys Borcharding	23 Reception for Pastor Jon & Anita, after the 10a worship	23 Reception for Pastor Jon & Anita, after the 10a worship
<b>Office Volunteers</b>	30 Gary & Nan Stubbs	30
7 John & Joyce Turek	<b>9:30 Computer Support</b>	<b>Money Counters</b>
14 Charlene Cobb	2 Nancy Monthei	2 Clark Howland; Rick Homard, Larry Wood
21 Pat Papenheim	9 Kelly Mohrman	9 Randy Jansen, DeVonne Douglas; Patty Nearmyer
28 Marilyn Osborn	16 Pam Frey	16 Tami Wise, Jerry Kielsmeier, John Burrough
	23 Kevin/Caleb Christensen	23 Glenna Ross, Tony & Tracy Hoffman
	30 Rick Homard	30 Clark Howland; Rick Homard, Larry Wood



**Happy  
Father's Day  
Sunday,  
June 16!**



“ A  
GOOD  
FATHER

IS ONE OF THE MOST UNSUNG,  
UNPRAISED, UNNOTICED, AND YET  
ONE OF THE MOST VALUABLE  
ASSETS IN OUR SOCIETY.

- Billy Graham

# June 2019

## WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday mornings

8:30

9:30

10:45

2 Holy Communion Blood Pressure checks 9:30a, Children's Worship  4p-5:30p, Girls United for Christ	3  7p, Trustees Mtg., R.Chapel	4 9a, Sr. Singers practice  9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA  7p, Venture Crew, F.Hall	5  7:45p, Praise Team practice	6  7:00p, JROL Mtg., R.Chapel	7 Office Vol: John & Joyce Turek	1  8 7:30a, Men's Breakfast
9 Guest Preacher: Jim Louk Pentecost Sunday 9:30a, Children's Worship  4p-5:30p, Girls United for Christ	10	11 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA	12  7:45p, Praise Team practice	13  1p, Bidwell Riverside volunteering	14 Office Vol: Charlene Cobb  3:30p, Hand of Luke	15
16 Father's Day 9:30a, Children's Worship *Peace for Justice (offering) Food Pantry Sunday Sr. BLAST Sloppy Joe fundraiser  4p-5:30p, Girls United for Christ	17  7:00p, Heartbeat Bell Concert, FLC	18 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA  6:30p, Missions Mtg., R.Chapel  7:00p, Stroke Club, F.Hall	19 Office Vol: Pat Papenheim  7:45p, Praise Team practice	20 <b>Church Office Closed</b> Nancy Monthei, Office Admin, vacation  6:30p, Finance Mtg., R.Chapel	21 <b>Church Office Closed</b> Nancy Monthei, Office Admin, vacation  <b>Deadline for July LINK</b>  9a-3p, Needlers	22
23 <b>One Worship @ 10am.</b> Pastor Jon's last Sunday Reception for Pastor Jon & Anita 9:30a, Children's Worship 4p-5:30p, Girls United for Christ	24 <b>Church Office Closed</b> Nancy Monthei, Office Admin, vacation	25 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA	26  Jr. BLAST  7:45p, Praise Team practice	27  6:30p, Administrative Council Mtg., R.Chapel	28 Office Vol: Marilyn Osborn	29
30 Guest Preacher: Barb Mather 9:30a, Children's Worship  1:30p, All church potluck at Terra Park, Johnston  Sr. BLAST Mission trip (June 30—July 6)	July 1  7p, Trustees Mtg., R.Chapel	July 2  9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA	July 3  7:45p, Praise Team practice	July 4 <b>Church Office Closed</b>  Independence Day	July 5 Office Vol: Theresa Flicking- er	July 6

**\*Peace with Justice Sunday (offering)** - Gifts on Peace with Justice Sunday fund programs that advocate for peace and justice in the United States and around the world. These programs empower United Methodists to speak out for removing structures and systems that harm God's children globally.



**JUNE  
BIRTHDAYS**

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

- 3 Jon Verner, Kayla Jansen
- 4 Le Howland, Larry Webber,
- 5 Rick Homard, Karen Davis,  
Samantha Strauss, Susanna Spring
- 7 Lorraine Machholz, Neal Cave,  
Mary Drossel, Jolene Harlow,  
Linda Miller
- 8 Natalie Fairchild, Kristin Redies
- 9 Jim Smith
- 10 Larry Wood, Abigail Carrigan,  
Bradley Carrigan
- 11 Tyler Mohrman, Holly Haynes
- 12 Doug Fairchild, Ryan McGinnity
- 13 Morgan Wolfe, Nate Jacques,
- 14 Buchi Ukabiala, Billy Nuzum, Rhonda  
Leyda, Tara McCulley, Jason Miller
- 15 Stephen Schultz, Mason Lillegraven

- 16 Jeremiah Ukabiala, Amanda **Fordyce**,  
Sandra Cannon
- 17 Tracy DeBates, Jordan Williamson
- 18 Althea Holcomb, Christopher Henry
- 19 Sharon Smith, Terri Lichter,  
Mary Thompson, Mackenzie McGhee
- 20 Ian Beck-Cross, Kaegan Wigant
- 21 Linda Reaney
- 22 William Roff, Chasity Cooley,  
Josh Nelson
- 25 Glenna Ross, Darla Wolfe, Garrett  
Cook, Sara Nemmers, Christopher  
Spring
- 27 Lindsay Soards
- 29 Kevin Christensen, Alissa Strauss,  
Travis O'Brien, Lynne Paff-Boal
- 30 Susan Larsen, Angus Rock,  
Sam Nelson

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- 4 Jared & Lindsey Robertson
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# FROM THE PASTOR

Video technology has changed dramatically in a relatively short time. Go back with me to the ancient days of video tapes. They were my first opportunity to choose what movies I could watch at home or what television programs I could tape myself to watch later. It was amazing!

However, I could tell when I'd been watching too many videos when I would take the remote control in hand and try to fast forward through commercials or try to rewind the program to a previous scene only to discover that I was watching a show that was coming from the TV station and not on tape.

The danger I discovered was in becoming less attentive about what was going on around me. We can develop a false sense of security in thinking we can just rewind something if we miss it the first time around or avoid difficulties by fast forwarding through them. That may work with videos but it doesn't work with life.

When my son was in grade school, he came up with a unique phrase when he wanted me to rewind a video to see something over again. This was the advantage (and disadvantage) of watching something on tape. He could see his favorite parts over and over again and wanted to regularly. When he would see his favorite part and want to see it again, he would yell, "Back forward it dad, back forward it!"

It struck me as such a peculiar phrase, as well as a contradiction in terms. You can't go back and forward at the same time. However, I have since realized that there are many people (perhaps myself included) and many organizations (the church included) who try to live in the past while their lives go forward without them. They really miss living because they are too caught up in the past. They say things like, "Let's do it like we use to do it," and reminisce about the "good old days." I love to reminisce and look back on the good old days (usually, though, they were "hard" old days). I was a history major in college. I love the past, but we can't live there.

It is important to learn from the past and enjoy memories of the past, but we can't limit our future by trying to recreate the past. Let's build on the past to do greater things in the future!

The apostle Paul put it very well when he talked about his striving to follow the way of Christ, saying, "Forgetting what lied behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus (Philippians 3:13-14).

New Hope, thank you for the past five years! There have been many amazing things that have happened and I have learned a lot from you. I will cherish many memories, but I also look forward to seeing what you will do in the future. I can't wait to see how you will "strain forward to what lies ahead and press on toward to goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus," as you work with Pastor Lilian.

Pastor Lilian is a gifted pastor with a rich, deep, passionate faith and experience to share. She is a people person. Get to know her and let her get to know you as you press on together.

Grace and peace, Pastor Jon



## **Pentecost: "Final Instructions"**

June 2	"Knowing, Loving, and Being One"	<u>Script.</u> : John 17:20-26	Holy Communion
June 9	Guest Preacher: Rev. Jim Louk "A Safe Passage"	Pentecost Sunday <u>Script.</u> : Isaiah 43:1-3a, 4a, 5a; Acts 2:1-10, 21-28; 1 John 1:5	
June 16	"Let the Spirit be Your Guide"	<u>Script.</u> : John 16:12-15	Father's Day
June 23	<b>One Worship at 10am. Pastor Jon's last Sunday at New Hope UMC</b> "Being Clothed with Christ"	<u>Script.</u> : Galatians 3:23-29	
June 30	Guest Preacher: Barb Mather, Certified Lay Minister "A Change in the Journey"	<u>Script.</u> : Ephesians 4:11-16	



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8:30am Traditional Service

9:30am Contemporary Service

10:45am Traditional Service

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