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New Hope United Methodist Church

## August 2019

### AUGUST AT NEW HOPE UMC



NEW HOPE  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

## Ask What Great Things We Know



- Aug. 4 "Your life is hidden with Christ"
- Aug. 11 "God is not ashamed to be call your God"
- Aug. 18 "Jesus pioneers and perfects your faith"
- Aug. 25 "Gratitude is pleasing to God"



### Outdoor Service

**Sunday, August 4, 8:30 am**

Join us for the Outdoor Service in the clearing behind the parsonage! This is the place, by the large oak tree, that the first worship service was held 54 years ago!

To get to the back property, we will use the private drive blacktop that is behind the trees on the south side of the south parking lot. There is an opening in the trees that leads to the private drive. Park in the church parking lot like you usually would, and then walk to the opening.

If there is inclement weather, the service will be held in the sanctuary.

The 9:30 am Contemporary service and the 10:45 am Traditional service for that Sunday will be in the church as usual.

### New Hope is gearing up for our 9<sup>th</sup> annual on-site Meals from the Heartland packaging event on **August 11!**

Meals from the Heartland is a non-profit organization that has packaged more than 100 million meals to feed starving people around the world and across Iowa since 2008.

Isaiah 58:10 says, "Feed the hungry and help those in trouble. Then your light will shine out from the darkness and the darkness around you will shine as bright as noon."

This is a great opportunity to get your family involved in doing God's work! Invite extended family too, as well as friends and neighbors. You can all package together and have fun doing it!

**Four Stations with 8-10 people each.** There are sign-up sheets on the MFTH table in the hallway. We encourage signing up early so your family can all volunteer together at one station. You can sit down if needed, and children as young as 4 can help. It is a fun and rewarding event that many families look forward to.

#### Three Sessions:

- ◆ 8:30 am short worship service and packaging from 9:00-10:00
- ◆ 9:30 am short worship and packaging from 10:00-11:00
- ◆ 10:45 am short worship and packaging from 11:15-12:15

**Donations:** Any amount is welcome! If you would like to donate a box of 216 meals, the amount is \$43.20.

A total of \$5,616 is necessary to fund the food for 28,080 meals that we will package.

**If you would like to give to this great project, write your check with Meals on the memo line and place it in the offering plate.**





# 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

Brenda McConahay; Robin Harlow; Courtney LePera; Bishop Laurie Haller; District Superintendent, Rev. Heecheon Jeon; 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)

## Sympathy

Our sympathy to Steve & Norma Sutton on the passing of her sister, Velda Groover.

## Birth

Congratulations to Courtney & Tricia Berry on the birth of their baby girl, Carsyn Jae Berry. Carsyn was born on June 10, 2019 and joins big sisters, Taylyn and Macy at home.

## Thank You

Wow, we have been here in Johnston at New Hope for eight years! We would like to express our thanks for the love and support when both of us needed medical attention! We will cherish our memories of each of you! We are off to the Independence, Missouri area where we will be close to family. We feel blessed to have shared this part of our journey with so many of you. May God continue to lead the New Hope Church forward and be Christ's hands and spread His love.

Grace and Peace,  
Carole & David Followwill

## 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!

## Church Office Hours

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!

## Directory Update

**Pastor Lilian Gallo Seagren and Kirk Seagren**

4545 Beaver Ave

Des Moines, IA 50310

Lilian ph: 641-757-2334

[Lilian@newhopedsm.org](mailto:Lilian@newhopedsm.org)

Kirk ph: 641-757-7925

[Kirkseagren@yahoo.com](mailto:Kirkseagren@yahoo.com)



We would like to thank **Eric Mohlis** for everything he has done for New Hope over the last three years as our Director of Music.

His last day with New Hope will be Sunday, August 18th.

Please join in and thank him and wish him the very best!

Join us for this fun activity for  
all ages!!

August 4, 6pm-8pm



Northwest Aquatic  
Center  
4915 Madison Ave

All of our New Hope  
family and friends are  
encourage to attend our swim night at  
Northwest Aquatic Center.  
There is no fee to attend.

Questions? Contact Charity Johnson  
515-720-8299

### Labor Day Weekend 10am - Worship Service; Potluck

On Sunday, September 1, we will have one  
worship service at 10am in the Family Life  
Center. This will be a blended service with  
Traditional and Contemporary music.  
Holy Communion will be a part of the service.  
Nursery will be available for children, age 4 &  
under.



Please also join in on the all  
church potluck  
following the service.  
Please bring a dish(es) to  
share!

Come for fellowship with Pastor Lilian and  
her husband, Kirk.

Please attend at 10am on September 1st, as we  
celebrate all work – paid and unpaid – that's  
done for the glory of God and the service of  
others.



### Fall Kickoff

Join us at New Hope UMC for our Fall Kickoff on **Sunday, September 8th!**

We will have our three worship services: 8:30am, 9:30am, 10:45am.

Christian Learning Time for 4 yr olds thru 7th grade will begin again at 10:45am  
and 3rd graders will receive bibles.

10:30am will start the hot dog meal and ice cream sundaes  
for all!!

At 11am, there will be: Bag Games, Bounce Houses, Face Painting, Music,  
and Balloon Artist. *Something for everyone!!*

We look forward to our church celebration as we gather to kick off the fall  
activities of Christian Learning Time, Youth Groups, Wednesday night  
activities for the kids, and Chancel Choir.

**This is an outreach event! Please help spread the word and bring your friends!!**



### Confirmation Class Dessert/ Information

Thursday, August 15 @ 6:30 p.m.

Attention 8th graders and families!

Please plan on attending our special  
Confirmation Dessert/Information  
Meeting on

**Thursday, August 15, at 6:30pm  
in the Fellowship Hall.**

We'll take a brief look at the Confirmation year  
schedule, as well as discuss what one can expect in  
Confirmation. *Please bring your family schedule.*  
A dessert will be served.

If you have any questions or are unable to attend that  
evening, please contact Rev. Lilian at 641-757-2334 or  
Lilian@newhopedsm.org.



### HOL: HAND OF LUKE—August 14:

Hand of Luke is the monthly meal we provide  
to help feed the homeless at the Central Iowa  
Shelter and Services, downtown Des Moines.

If you would like to contribute to our August  
14th ministry of a meal, please sign up on the  
Hand of Luke sheet in the Fellowship Hall, to  
donate food, cook, and/or serve. Or...sign up

online! Refer to the weekly email for the link or go to:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805084EABAB2EA31-hand1>

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.





June 30th was a fun Church Event at Terra Park with a potluck, playground and fishing!

Pastor Lilian Gallo Seagren's first Sunday at New Hope UMC was on July 7th!



ROAR Vacation Bible School, July 14-18, was full of fun activities for all ages!



## Time to Think About Christmas!

Does the warm weather have you ready for Christmas? *Garlands of Gifts*, our annual craft and vendor show, is on Saturday, November 9th this year and we are taking registrations! Members pay \$40 for a spot with 2 chairs and non-members pay an additional \$5. Tables and electricity are available on a first come first served basis for an additional fee.

This is a great way for us to get to know each other and for the community to get to know us! To register, email or call Deb Henry: [mssci@aol.com](mailto:mssci@aol.com) or 515-577-1129.

If you would like to help with this event, please let Deb know! Thank you!!

## 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

August 4th, 9:30a-11a, Narthex.

## Men's Breakfast

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

## Women's Fellowship

No gathering in August. Next meeting will be on Thurs., Sept. 19, 9am at church. Questions? contact Susan Clark at 964-5119 or Sharon Smith at 419-7082.

**Bidwell-  
Riverside Cen-  
ter** Members of our congregation will be volunteering at Bidwell Riverside on Thursday, August 8th, 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).

## Care Ministry Team

The Care Ministry meets quarterly. Next meeting is on Thurs., Oct. 10th 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, August 16th. 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.



Faith is the assurance  
of things hoped for,  
the conviction  
of things not seen.

Hebrews 11:1, NRSV

## Veterans Helping Veterans

Thanks to all for a successful and delicious ice cream Sunday for our veterans held on July 14th. All the money raised helps support other veteran groups of our choosing.

The Veterans Helping Veterans will be having a **8:30am breakfast on Saturday, August 17th**. The breakfasts are open to all veterans, their spouses, and supporters.

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





~ Save the Date ~

## Harvest Dinner & Auction Fundraiser

**Sunday, October 20, 2019**  
9am-5:30pm Silent Auction  
5pm Dinner  
6pm Live Auction

**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))

### Need Ideas for the Silent Auction or Live Auction?

Knitted, Crocheted, Sewn or Quilted Items  
Canned or Baked Goods  
Artwork or Woodwork  
Home décor  
Dinner at your house  
Event Tickets (sports, musical, theatre, etc)  
Themed Gift Baskets (movie night, relaxation, kids games, arts/crafts, college team, winter theme, Christmas theme, Fall theme, coffees, chocolates, nuts, baking, etc.)  
Your Service! (babysitting, lawn clean up, etc.)

**Get creative! Sky's the limit!**



The Auction committee will decide which donations will go to the Silent Auction and which will go to the Live Auction. It doesn't mean that one thing has more value than the other. A variety of great donations will be at both the Silent Auction and Live Auction!

Not sure if your idea works? Run it by us! We'll let you know.

Get in the Auction Booklet! To guarantee your donation is listed, make sure you confirm your donation by October 6th to Glenna or Nancy.

**We could use your help!** This event requires lots of volunteers. If you could donate your time we could use it! Contact Glenna, [glenna@hotmail.com](mailto:glenna@hotmail.com)



### Tickets go on sale September 8th at the Welcome Center!

Cash or Check accepted  
Adults (12+) \$10  
Kids (5-11) \$5  
Kids (4 & under) FREE  
Childcare will be available during the Auction for children 4 and under.



### Menu

Dinner is served at 5pm  
Entrée: Brisket, cheesy potatoes, mixed vegetables, bread.  
Dessert: Fruit Cobblers

**This fun filled family event is a wonderful time for fellowship and fundraising for your church. Everyone is welcome!!**

*You will be rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. 2 Corinthians 9:11*

# Children's Ministries

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

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



We had a "Life is Wild....God is Good" time at this year's Vacation Bible School! We donated 67 pairs of shoes for Patrick to take to his village in Africa.

Our church had the opportunity to hear the kids and how VBS touched their lives this week, and that wouldn't have been possible without the youth and adult volunteers who helped with shepherding, leading activities, decorating, cooking, registration, and so much more! Thank you to all those involved for your hard work in making this a successful and exciting event for our kids, and for being the light of Christ to all those who walked through our doors. We'd also like to thank everyone who donated items and just prayed for us during the week. Without your support this would not have been possible.

A big THANK YOU needs to go out to our VBS Planning Team: Elaine Sheer, McKayla Johnson, Andy Sutton, Celeste Nelson, and Christine for their incredible leadership and hard work they did behind the scenes and for their ability to keep everything running smoothly. VBS wouldn't have been the same without them.



**Children's Learning Time (4yr-7th grade):** Connecting the lessons about God through bible experiences. More information will be coming in the September Link. We will start our first Sunday on September 8<sup>th</sup> with a meet and greet then we will be enjoying the Fall Kickoff.



**Thank God It's Wednesday (K-5<sup>th</sup> grade):** Connecting the lessons about God through real life experiences. More information will be coming in the September Link. We will start our first Wednesday on September 11<sup>th</sup>.



**Children's Worship:** Connecting the lessons about God through meaningful experiences.

Thank you to all of the children and their families who have been a part of Children's Worship this summer. We have had a fun summer sharing the video series SUPERBOOK. SUPERBOOK has brought the Bible to life and our discussions after viewing the videos have been applicable to the children and their daily lives.

Children's Worship will meet August 4, 11 and 18 during the 9:30 service. Our last day to meet is August 18 with plans to begin Children's Worship again in May of 2020.

Thank you to Charity Johnson, Kris Wakeman and Mady Johnson for leading Children's Worship.

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

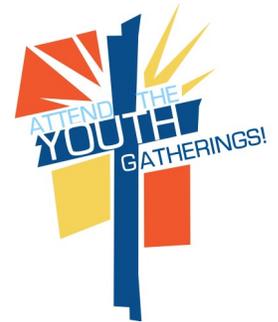
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**Jr. BLAST (6th-8th grade)** Leaders: Jackie Johnson & Jenn Higdon  
JrBLAST@NewHopeDSM.org

We look forward to meeting this summer! Please add the following to your calendar:



**August 14th-** Mini Golf/Campfire Cookout, 4pm-9pm.  
Join us for a fun evening of activities at Jester Park!  
Drop off/pick up at church.



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

The Senior High BLAST group is still recovering from their awesome Mission Trip to Chicago. However, we are inviting the congregation to come celebrate our Mission trip on **Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>** as the youth will be sharing the specifics of our mission trip and how they saw God working through them this week. **Please mark it on your calendar now.**

Here are the some upcoming Youth events for the next few months:

- Aug. 25<sup>th</sup>** ~ Chicago Celebration Lunch at New Hope
- Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>** ~ Iowa VS Iowa State Service Project and Game
- Not Meeting Sept. 18th - Johnston Homecoming Week*
- Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm** ~ Thank God for **BLAST** Discussion
- Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 6pm** ~ Thank God for **BLAST** Discussion
- Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm** ~ Thank God for **BLAST** Discussion
- Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm** ~ ChildServe (*meet at New Hope UMC*)
- Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> @ 5pm** ~ Help with New Hope Harvest Dinner
- Oct. 23<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm** ~ Thank God for **BLAST** Discussion
- Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm** ~ BLAST Halloween Party
- Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm** ~ Help with New Hope Trunk-Or-Treat



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

# missions

## AUGUST MISSION NEWS



**MEALS FROM THE HEARTLAND:** **Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup>**, will be our next annual packaging at New Hope. We will have the same beginning time for our three services, which will be 30 minutes long, and then proceed into the packaging area in Fellowship Hall to package 28,000+ meals for the local food pantries.

There will be 4 stations set up with assembly lines to fill bags that will feed 6 people. We will package their new Taco Pasta Meal this year. We will begin the hour of packaging by sanitizing our hands, putting on our “hats”, and proceeding to the station we are assigned.

You will be called the night before to let you know where you will be.

The steps on the assembly line are: bag holder holds bag under funnel and individuals will dip, measure and pour the cheese-vitamins-seasoning, soy protein, and pasta into the bag. It is then passed on to be weighed for precise measurement, then on to be sealed. The next people in line will place the finished bags on a chart to make sure there are exactly 36 bags, and when the chart is full, they will place bags in the box at the end.

We celebrate with each box filled and placed on the wooden pallets for loading into the trucks later. What a joy it is to see the boxes pile up high.

Thank you to all those that have already helped this event happen and be a success. If you haven't signed up to help package on the 11<sup>th</sup>, look for the sign-up table in the hallway across from the entry doors to Fellowship Hall.

We also need to pay for the meals, so we are suggesting a donation of \$43.20 that pays for one box, however, we will lovingly accept any amount you can make. Watch the chart on the table to see the filled boxes to indicate those paid for with our donations.



### UGANDAN CHICKEN PROJECT:

Another exciting update, is that our partnership with our member, Patrick Koyenkya's home village of Kiryanga, Uganda, to build a chicken house and furnish with chickens and all necessary things to enable them to sell eggs, is going well. The sales will finance repairing their church, and then help the members become self-sufficient with a steady income.



The money we sent, plus the income from the motorcycles they bought for taxis, has built the building, chickens, feed, and equipment, but not enough for the roof. The Mission Team sent money to finish, but we will have a fund-raising event in November and December to replace the amount we sent. Stay tuned...



**The 2019 Beaverdale Parade will be on Saturday, Sept. 21**

**Volunteers are needed to ride/walk in the parade for New Hope UMC!**

The parade starts at 10 am, goes south on 48th Street to Franklin, east on Franklin to Beaver, then north on Beaver.

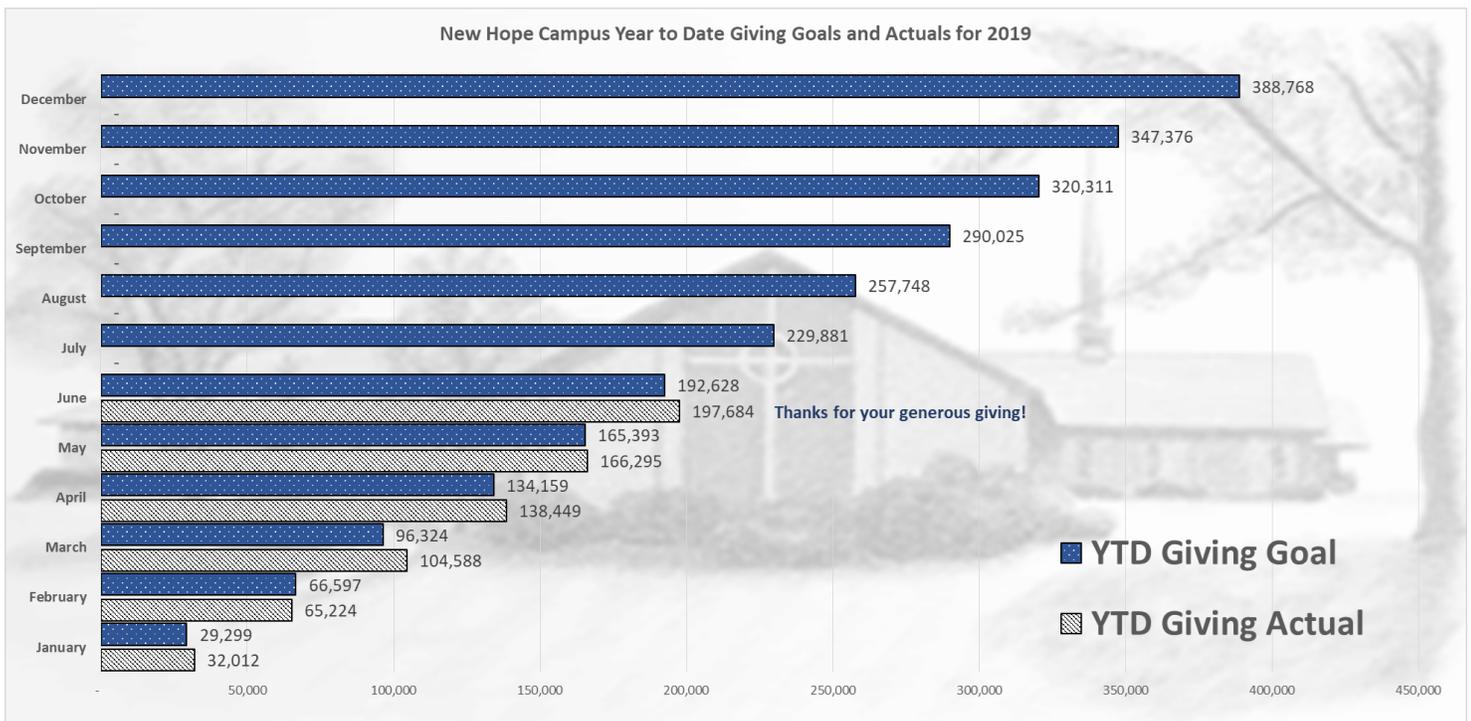
*Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall!* This a great way to invite the church neighborhood to our friendly & welcoming church!

Last year, our tractor/trailer was toward the end of the parade. By that time, kids were not interested in candy. But...they were excited about the lunch-size chips and wrist bands we handed out. And they were asking for water.

This year, *please consider donating lunch-size chips (any flavor) and/or a case of bottled water to be handed out during the parade.*

Your donations can be left in the kitchen any time between now and September 14.

Thank you for your generosity and helping represent your church family in the parade!!



**New Hope Sunday morning  
Worship attendance**

	8:30	9:30	10:45	Total
June 30	51	45	76	172
July 7	37	83	73	193
July 14	43	77	68	188
July 21	26	77	76	179

# 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 August 2019:

8:30am Traditional Service	9:30am Contemporary Service	10:45am Traditional Service
<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Lectors</b>
4 Billy Nuzum	4	4 Jon Verner
11 Vicki O'Brien	11	11
18 Armenta Buckingham	18 Pam Frey	18 Cathy Cate
25 Cathy Short	25 Sherri Bogue	25 Barb Mather
<b>Traditional Service Callers</b>	<b>Hosts</b>	<b>Hosts</b>
4 Norma Sutton	4 Lee Ross	4
11 Bob & Marlys Borcharding	11 MFTH	11 MFTH
18 Norma Sutton	18 Glenna Ross	18
28 Bob & Marlys Borcharding	25 Sr. BLAST	25 Sr. BLAST
<b>Office Volunteers</b>	<b>9:30 Computer Support</b>	<b>Money Counters</b>
2 Sally Lindstrom	4 Nancy Monthei	4 Randy Jansen, DeVonne Douglas; Patty Nearmyer
9 Susan Blank	11 Pam Frey	11 Tami Wise, Jerry Kielsmeier, John Burrough
16 Theresa Flickinger	18 Kelly Mohrman	21 Glenna Ross, Tony & Tracy Hoffman
23 John & Joyce Turek	25 Rick Homard	28 Clark Howland; Rick Homard, Open
30 Charlene Cobb		



Volunteering not only helps the people we serve. It also has surprising benefits for the volunteer. Serving others builds social and relational skills, increases self-confidence and boosts physical health. Studies show that volunteering can even ease chronic pain and heart disease. So do yourself — and others — some good by following Jesus' example of serving.

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# August 2019

**WORSHIP SERVICES**  
**Sunday mornings**  
**Traditional Services: 8:30 & 10:45**  
**Contemporary Service: 9:30**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 Office Vol: Sally Lindstrom	3 Noon-5p, F.Hall reserved
4 Holy Communion 8:30a. Outdoor Service Blood Pressure checks 9:30a. Children's Worship  6-8p, Northwest Aquatic Center	5  7p, Trustees Mtg., R.Chapel	6 9:30a, Sr. Singers, Sanctuary 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA  6:30p, SPRC Mtg, R.Chapel	7  7:00p, Worship Design Mtg 7:45p, Praise Team practice	8 9a-Noon Office Vol: Marilyn Osborn  1p, Bidwell Riverside volunteering	9 9a-Noon Office Vol: Susan Blank	10 7:30a, Men's Breakfast  Set up Meals from the Heartland
11 Meals from the Heartland onsite packaging 9:30a, Children's Worship	12 9a-Noon Office Vol: Charlene Cobb	13 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA	14 3:30p, Hand of Luke 4p-9p, Jr. BLAST at Jester Park  6:30p, Chancel Choir practice 7:45p, Praise Team practice	15  6:30p, Confirmation Mtg., F.Hall 6:30p, Finance Mtg., R.Chapel	16 <b>Deadline for Sept LINK</b> Office Vol: Theresa Flickinger  9a-3p, Needlers at church	17 8:30a, Veterans Helping Veterans breakfast
18 Food Pantry Sunday 9:30a Children's Worship	19 9a-Noon Office Vol: Marilyn Osborn	20 9a-Noon Office Vol: Gayle Easton  9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA  7p, Stroke Club, Sanctuary	21 9a-Noon Office Vol: Armenta Buckingham  6:30p, Chancel Choir practice 7:45p, Praise Team practice	22  6:30p, Administrative Council Mtg., R.Chapel	23 Office Vol: John & Joyce Turek	24
25 Sr. BLAST celebration lunch  2:30p, Healthy Church Initiative Mtg., R.Chapel	26	27 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA  7:00p, Venture Crew, F.Hall	28  6:30p, Chancel Choir practice 7:45p, Praise Team practice	29	30 Office Vol: Charlene Cobb	31



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



- 1 Anita Gaul, Melisa Forbes, Jeffrey Duis, Jackie Johnson
- 2 Theodore Nearmyer
- 3 Ryan Dickey, Carly Mohrman
- 4 Mona Kirkpatrick
- 5 Chibs Ukabiala, Joyce Turek, Evelyn O'Brien, Mayyer Praningong
- 6 Jamie Carlson
- 7 Richard Pipho
- 8 Owen Johnston, Patricia Ahnen, Tammy Dann
- 10 Cadence Hager, Bev Kile, Megan Madison, Allison Lemke
- 11 Sheldon Stout, Linda Cooley
- 12 Joe Hoffman
- 13 Todd McGinnity, Judy Stout, Kilee DeBates, Triston Nearmyer, Allison Christensen
- 14 David Cossa

- 15 Zoe Goodson, Lucille Thomsen
- 16 Gary Stubbs, Carolyn Burrough
- 18 Jodi Christensen, Brock Moore, Marilyn Rapp, Carsten Thompson
- 19 Annabelle Carrigan
- 20 Katie Rock, Darlene Caldwell
- 21 Tim Welter, Chris Hartung, Katarina Moore
- 22 Eric Mohlis, Celeste Nelson
- 23 Nancy Wiles, Roger Dann
- 24 Carey Hinman, Karen Johnston, Brendon Riley, Stephanie Alcorn
- 26 Andrew Bogue, Owen Weih, Joey Bolstad
- 27 Kadence Wigant
- 28 Donna Kinsey, Bradyn Johnson
- 29 Suzie Martz, Catherine Leyda, James Louk, Armenta Buckingham, Brandin Johnson
- 30 Lynn Davisson, Sam Fairchild
- 31 Ethan Johnston, Guelda King

- 1 Patrick Kyenkya & Georgette Umuhoza
- 3 Joe & Cathy Short
- 6 Jeffrey & Beth Merrill
- 7 Chad & Alissa Strauss
- 8 Tim & Brenda McCulley
- 9 Lyle & Dawn Pritchard
- 14 Richard & Charlene Cobb
- 13 Pascal Kyenkya & Jeanne Mukeshimana
- 17 Kurt & Angie Eaves
- 19 Wayne & Susan Clark
- 20 Bob & Sue Soards
- 23 Sharon Symonds & Ray Cron
- 24 David & Kate Cossa
- 27 Jerry & Linda Kielsmeier
- 29 Jody & Darla Wolfe
- 30 William & Katie Rock

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# FROM THE PASTOR

There is something beautiful about exchanging each other's stories of life with God and with The Body of Christ. I have learned through the years that radical hospitality involves the exchanges of each other's stories, the willingness to open our own lives to the gift of someone's life and story, and the commitment to become part of each other's stories. Jesus has shown how to live a life that has the habit of exchanging, gifting and becoming part of each other's story. We read in Matthew 15:21-28, The Canaanite Woman who came to tell Jesus her story that included her desire to receive God's providential care, even if it means receiving only the crumbs that fell off from the master's table.

As you hear mine and I hear yours, God may also be stirring our imaginations on how our ministry partnership would look like in the coming months and hopefully, in the years to come through the exchanges and gifting of our stories to each other. For the months of August through September, I would like to invite myself to your spaces of living where your stories may be shared. I will come to your choice of space - your living room, or family room, or favorite coffee place, or your Pastor's Office. I am looking forward to hear how God has revealed Godself to you and hear your favorite Scriptures and hymns, and whatever you may want to share with me. Doubts, disappointments, wrestling, pain, fears, and even politics are God's stories as you already know and I am committing to pray with you always.

My goal is to visit as many as I am able between now and September. There may be some of you who are wanting to know what might be the topics of these exchanges of stories. When you are ready, I desire to hear from you highlights of your experiences with the Risen Lord, favorite Bible passages and hymns, your family, and your passions. Please complete the form below to indicate your preferred day, time, and space. You may drop off your form at the church office or place it with the Sunday offering.

May God be praised in all we do!  
Shalom, dear New Hope Family.

*Rev. Lilian Gallo Seayen*

Yes, I/we are open to be visited by Pastor Lilian.

Our preferred place:  Pastor's Office  Our house  Coffee place

Our preferred time:  10:45 a.m.  2:30 p.m.  4:30 p.m.  Evening

Call us before the visit:  2 days before  a day before  two hours before

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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## **"Ask What Great Things We Know"**

August 4 "Your Life is Hidden With Christ" Script.: Colossians 3:1-11 Holy Communion  
8:30 Outdoor Service

August 11 "God is Not Ashamed to be Called Your God" Script.: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

August 18 "Jesus Pioneers and Perfects Your Faith" Script.: Hebrews 11:29-12:2

August 25 "Gratitude is Pleasing to God" Script.: Hebrews 12:18-29



Sunday Worship Services at New Hope

8:30am Traditional Service

9:30am Contemporary Service

10:45am Traditional Service

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