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June 2021

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NEW HOPE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
9 am • 10:30 am – Indoor & Parking Lot
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Worship with Us on Sundays!

9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Indoor and Parking Lot Worship Service

The transition team met on Monday, May 17th. They decided to continue to follow the CDC guidelines. Masks and social distancing are recommended, but not required. We will continue to provide the recorded service and to broadcast to the parking lot. As always they will monitor the Covid-19 situation.

If you have questions or concerns about the changes, please contact Clark Howland (clarkhowland@msn.com), chair of the Transition Team.

Gatherings at New Hope UMC

The Safety Guidelines, in place for the Worship Services, apply for indoor ministry meetings/gatherings. Please contact Nancy, in the church office, to schedule any meetings at the church.

You are invited to a Missions and Ministry Fair Sunday, June 13th 9:35 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.

This is an opportunity to learn and be inspired about many of the missions and ministries supported by our Church.

Come and see some of the current and past projects and services led and provided by various groups and partners. Ask questions, taste some treats and see how your money and volunteer efforts help others in our community.

Hope to see you then!

For more information, please contact Sue Blank of Stewardship and Finance Committee or Pastor Lilian.

East Entrance Addition ~ Update

The East Entrance Addition is well under way. The structure is up, roof is on and shingled, bollards erected and backfilled with concrete and stone is on site. The stone will be laid starting in approximately two weeks. As we move through the next two-three weeks lots of changes will take place to the structure.

Financing Update: To date, we have received a total of \$49,287 for the project. Blessings to all that have donated. While the response has been amazing, the total project cost is over \$130,000. Thus, we continue to ask for your financial support for this great and needed project. As a reminder, the church will need to finance any amounts that are not covered by the congregational giving. *If you had originally pledged, please pay as you indicated or as soon as possible. If you have not pledged, please consider donating today!* We greatly appreciate your dedication and support to New Hope UMC!

The Task Force [thanks you](#) and [continues to remind](#) everyone to stay clear of the construction zone. OSHA has very strict criteria of who can be in a construction zone and construction clothing must be worn (boots w/steel toed shoes and hard hats).

Thank you for your continued support!

John Rains

Chair, East Entrance Addition Task Force





Happy Father's Day, Sunday, June 20th!
We thank God for father-figures and male mentors. Let us praise God for these special people and for all his gifts to us!



Prayer Chain Request

If you have a prayer chain request, please call Mary Ann Rice at 515-664-0222 email at marice2460@gmail.com or the church office at 278-2097.

Prayer Concerns

Roberta Cave; Fred Foreman; Freda Ruleman; Skylar Freeman; Jonathan Jason Silva; K.Howland; Brenden Bartley; Pam Wilson; Sheila Hartung; Glenda Millard; Chris Boyles' sister, Trudy; Eunice Beacham; Jeff Louk; Theresa Faber; JoAnn Pugh; Brian Upper; Shelly Endicott; Roy Seabring; Desiree Spring; Josephine Demarco; Bishop Laurie Haller; District Superintendent, Rev. Heecheon Jeon; Dr. Emmanuel Mefor, missionary; Women at the Well.

Prayers for the following military personnel:

Michael Craighton; Jason Homard; Adam Larson; Joshua Larson; Todd McGinnity; Devan Stanton; Hunter Schmidt; Jessica Weltha-Bales; and our national and world leaders, our military and their families.

If there are any other people that should be listed, please contact the church office at 278-2097, nhfamily@newhopedsm.org

Thank You

Thank you for all the prayers, cards and phone calls I received before and after my hip replacement surgery. Every prayer, every card and every call brought love into my heart. The New Hope Family is truly a blessing in my life.

Mary Ann Rice

Visits

Pastor Lilian has been fully vaccinated and is open to visiting with you in your home. Please call the church office or Pastor's cell 641-757-2334. These visits usually will last for one hour while we have prayer, listening to your faith stories, and celebration of holy communion if you so desire.

Birth

Congratulations to Deborah O'Brien and Billy Gonzales on their baby boy, Dominic James Gonzales, born on Saturday, May 15th. Dominic weighed 6lbs 13 oz and 20" long. He joins big sister Vivienne and big brother Jameson at home. Proud grandparents are Dave & Vicki O'Brien.

Congratulations to Nicole and Blake Wilson on their baby boy, Grady Laverne Wilson, born on May 21st. Grady weighed in at 8lbs, 3oz and was 20" long. Proud grandparents are Pam and Paul Weisskopf.

Our Sympathy

Our sympathy to David Montgomery and family on the passing of his wife, Dorothy Montgomery.

Our Sympathy to Wade & Gina Breitsprecher and family on the passing of Wade's mom, Marilyn Breitsprecher.

Our Sympathy to Pastor Lilian and Kirk on the passing of Lilian's father, Rev. Luis A. Gallo. Luis passed away on Pentecost Sunday, May 23rd. Also prayers for her mom, Jacinta Gallo and her extended family.

Our Sympathy to Forrest McCleary and family on the passing of his wife, Marilyn McCleary. Marilyn passed away on May 24th, two days after they celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary. They both were long-time members of our church. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Serving Hands ~ Volunteer Spotlight

The Stewardship and Financial committee would like to recognize the gifts of time given at New Hope. We're asking for your help to scout out volunteers that should be recognized. Please send information to Carol Harter at carolannharter@gmail.com or 274-1467.

Thank You:

- * to Chris Higdon for his amazing technical skills. He has contributed to providing all members an opportunity to view a church service each week.
- * to Pam Frey for assisting Pastor Lillian each week and hanging banners for our worship services.
- * to all the members of our email prayer ministry who pray for the needs and joys of our members. A big thank you to Mary Ann Rice for her leadership of this ministry.
- * a belated thank you to Jan Davisson for the many years she faithfully led the prayer ministry.

Confirmation 2021



Saturday, June 5th: Confirmation Retreat, 10:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. This will be a review with the students to visit the Confirmation Questions that was emailed. Students need to bring their white binder and the questions.
Parents and Mentors will join the students at 11:45 a.m. for a rehearsal followed by lunch.

Sunday, June 6th, 9:00 a.m., Family Life Center Confirmation Sunday!

If you have questions, please call Pastor Lilian at 642-757-7925.



Vacation Bible School:

We are excited to announce that New Hope VBS will be **July 11-14.**

We as a team are excited to start this year's VBS on a Sunday and also get to end on our Wednesday night.

Please keep an eye out for the adventure that we are in the planning stages for this year's VBS.

VBS Team Charity Johnston, Elaine Sheer, McKayla Johnson, Sue & Bob Soards. If you have any questions, please contact Charity Johnson at cjohnson@newhopedsm.org



Musicians & Vocalists for Special Music!

New Hope UMC has been blessed with the beautiful special music that has been shared during the Sunday worship services.

Summer is here and we would like to continue with the special music. Here's a chance for young, high school and college people to share their music with our church. If you are a piano student, play an instrument, or are a vocalist, please let us know.

You can contact Colby Cochanour, Director of Music, at colby@newhopedsm.org.

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God." Col 3:16



New Hope Needlers

The Needlers will meet on **Friday, June 25, 9 am - 3 pm.**

We meet in the north classroom. Lunch at Panera.

Bring your machine, necessary equipment and your project, or sew one of our Little Dresses. There will be a project for non-seamstresses so you can contribute to our missions too.

Question? Contact Jody Rains 278-4051.



Care Ministry Team

Next meeting is **Thurs., July 8th at 10am at the church.** Also, please continue to provide lap quilts. Our New Hope Care team delivers lap quilts to our parishioners in their time of need and illness. Questions, contact Clarice Rubek, rrubek@aol.com

Rummage Sale 2021!!

As things are continually improving, we are looking forward to a more traditional Rummage Sale in 2021 than we were able to host in 2020! However, we are still making some modifications this year as we attempt to meet the needs of volunteers and the community.



Donation Day: Sunday, July 25!

You can donate items from the conclusion of services - 7pm.

We ask that you get your donations ready before bringing them in! Please sort your things into like kinds - men's clothing together, shoes together, kitchenware together, etc... this will REALLY help our volunteers when it comes time to get the donations ready for display. We truly appreciate your help with this, it saves many hours of time for our volunteers!

Our Rummage Sale has a great reputation in the community for having high quality, gently used items! Please help us keep our reputation by insuring your donations are free from damage and in clean, working order when donated.

Have an item you aren't sure we will accept?

When in doubt, check this out:

- No mattresses
- No tube style TVs
- No hide-a-bed sofas
- No car seats
- No stuffed animals
- No Christmas trees

Sale Dates:

Thursday, July 29

9am - 6pm

Friday, July 30

9am - 6pm

This year we will be limiting the sale to two days. Please be thinking about how you can help! Signup opportunities will be coming soon. Stay tuned!

We are so excited to welcome back our veteran volunteers and would also love to have some new hands on deck this year!

Since we are hosting the sale in the summer, it would be great to get some of our young people to help - and we know silver cord opportunities have been limited over the last year. We would love to help you make up some missed volunteer hours!

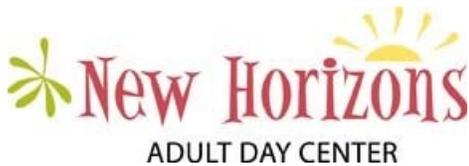
We will NOT be hosting a bake sale this year. We hope to resume this in 2022!

Please keep our volunteers and shoppers in your prayers. May we make an impact on the community around us and may God bless our interactions during this event.

Please help us get the word out about our sale! Spread the word to your friends and family. Word of mouth is the most effective advertising tool at our disposal!

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





Nan Stubbs, member of New Hope UMC, is on the board for New Horizons Adult Day Care (NHADC).

You are Invited to an Open House to showcase the NHADC new location at 718 NE Grant Street Ankeny, Sunday, June 27, 2021, 2pm - 4pm.

Founded in 2000, NHADC started as a 1 day per week respite for 2 families caring for a member with dementia. Now in 2021 they have purchased their own building. NHADC has full time programming in the Day Break Center where they provide healthcare monitoring, supervision, therapeutic recreation and social services to adults with cognitive and/or physical challenges related to advanced age, brain injury, stroke, or other neurological conditions, or progressive diseases, such as dementia, Alzheimer's disease, Multiple Sclerosis and Parkinson's disease.

Paul's Place serves adults living with challenges related to brain injury due to trauma, neurological diseases and health problems that spread to the brain. Paul's Place offers mental simulation, socialization, retraining of independent living skills and fellowship with others who understand the frustrations of living with a brain injury.

New Horizons offers a welcoming place to a large group of eager participants, and much-needed support for their weary caregivers.

More information can be found on the website: Newhorizonsadulthood.com or calling 515-965-1602.



Celebrating our High School Graduates!

Ashley Marsh, daughter of Lori Marsh and John Marsh

Max Roquet, son of Rick and Michelle Roquet

Amanda Soards, daughter of Bob and Sue Soards

Samantha Strauss, daughter of Chad and Alissa Strauss

Caleb Williamson, son of Vicki Hover-Williamson and Byron Williamson

Beginning ... and beginning again

During the coming weeks, as you or loved ones celebrate graduation, remember it isn't a closed door, an end or a farewell. Instead, it's an entryway threshold, a beginning, a hello — and one of many such opportunities that mark life.

“God wants us to know that life is a series of beginnings, not endings, just as graduations are not terminations but commencements,” writes Bernie Siegel. “Creation is an ongoing process, and when we create a perfect world where love and compassion are shared by all, suffering will cease.”

Of course, we can “create a perfect world” only by letting God guide our actions. So, dear graduates, may you partner with God to meet suffering with love, kindness and compassion through all the new beginnings of your life!

The NewsletterNewsletter

BLAST: Believing, Learning, Assisting, Serving, Teens

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

June already?!

We ended our program year with a fantastic taco truck, talent show and blessing of the pets event on May 5th. It was a great way to celebrate with our church family!

As the kids wrap up this unique school year, we are praying for each of them.

If your Jr. BLAST aged youth has any specific prayer concerns and would like us to talk to them or pray with them, please don't hesitate to reach out. We are always here for them!

We will be taking the month of June off, but we have scheduled a joint service project with our Sr. BLAST group on **Wednesday, July 7th from 6-8pm** at Meals From The Heartland. More details to come via email about drop off/pick up etc..., but we just wanted to give everyone an opportunity to get this event on their summer calendar!

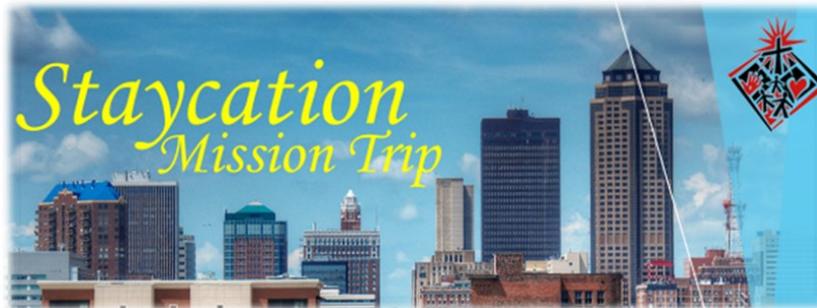
Note for our incoming 6th graders: You are welcome to step up to Jr. BLAST now and attend anything that we are doing this summer! Our email list will be updated over the summer and all 6th grade families will be included.

Note for our outgoing 8th graders: Your presence and personalities were greatly appreciated in the group! We will definitely miss you, but we look forward to seeing you around on Wednesdays as you get plugged in to the Sr. BLAST activities!



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

We have wrapped up our 2020-2021 school year. It was a very interesting year with meeting virtually and in the New Hope parking lot. As we are finishing the school year; we are looking forward to our summer break and possible "Staycation Mission Trip".



What is a "Staycation Mission Trip"?

We have started the planning of a three-day Mission Trip in Des Moines that will allow us to stay at the Church and focus on doing service projects for our congregation and local communities. This event is tentatively planned for mid-July / early August. More information will be provided through email and other communications as we finalize the planning for our Staycation Mission Trip.

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



Hand of Luke, June 14th

This is our monthly ministry of a meal for the Central Iowa Shelter and Services. The Shelter is now allowing volunteers to come back inside the site to allow our volunteers to serve the meal!!

Arlene Dabill and Patrice Webber lead this ministry. We are continuing to utilize your monetary donations to purchase the majority of the food for the monthly meal. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

Volunteers are needed to cook, and to transport the food. The slots for servers has been filled for June. You may sign up by using this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E044DACA722A4FE3-hand>

If you have any questions, please let Arlene Dabill know at dabill49@aol.com or 515-321-2059. Thank you.



Des Moines Area Religious Council (DMARC) Representative Needed

We thank Charlene Cobb for the many years that she has been the New Hope representative for DMARC!!

This volunteer position is now available for someone else to enjoy. The few volunteer hours are given to collecting the in-kind food donations and delivering them to DMARC and also attending a Delegate Assembly a couple times a year. If you can fill this position, please contact Nancy in the church office. DMARC's mission is: Working together to meet basic human needs for the greater Des Moines community.

JUNE MISSION NEWS

Co chairs: Cheryl Moore & Marilyn Osborn

Come to the Missions and Ministries Fair on June 13th from 9:35 a.m. - 10:20 a.m. at our church!

"Little Free Pantry," located on the north side of Meredith Drive across from Meredith Drive Reformed Church, is being used often by the neighborhood. Consider donating non-perishable food items such as soup, peanut butter, spaghetti, cereal. Personal items can be donated as well: soap, toothpaste, diapers, toilet paper. Also a basket is available for fresh produce.

Missions continues to support Missionary Dr. Emmanuel Mefor, Women at the Well, Bidwell Riverside, Johnston Partnership, Urbandale Food Pantry and Des Moines Area Religious Council (DMARC) through monthly checks.



CAMPERSHIPS

Make sure you get your child registered for camp this summer!

Missions will cover ½ or up to \$200 for each registration.

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 the church office, 278-2097, or email at nancy@newhopeds.org to give her the same information.

GRAIN BIN: One of the effects of the pandemic season is the burden of so many families to put food on the table. The good news is that we always have something to share so that nobody is hungry. Never underestimate the power of a hand-full of uncooked rice, a cup of uncooked beans, a ladle of maize, a cup of cassava fufu and a can of soup!

When the Grain Bin is full, the donations will be given to Johnston Partnership, Bidwell Riverside and the Urbandale Food Pantry, on a rotation schedule. Donations can be collected on Sundays. Thank you for your giving heart.

LIBRARY CORNER

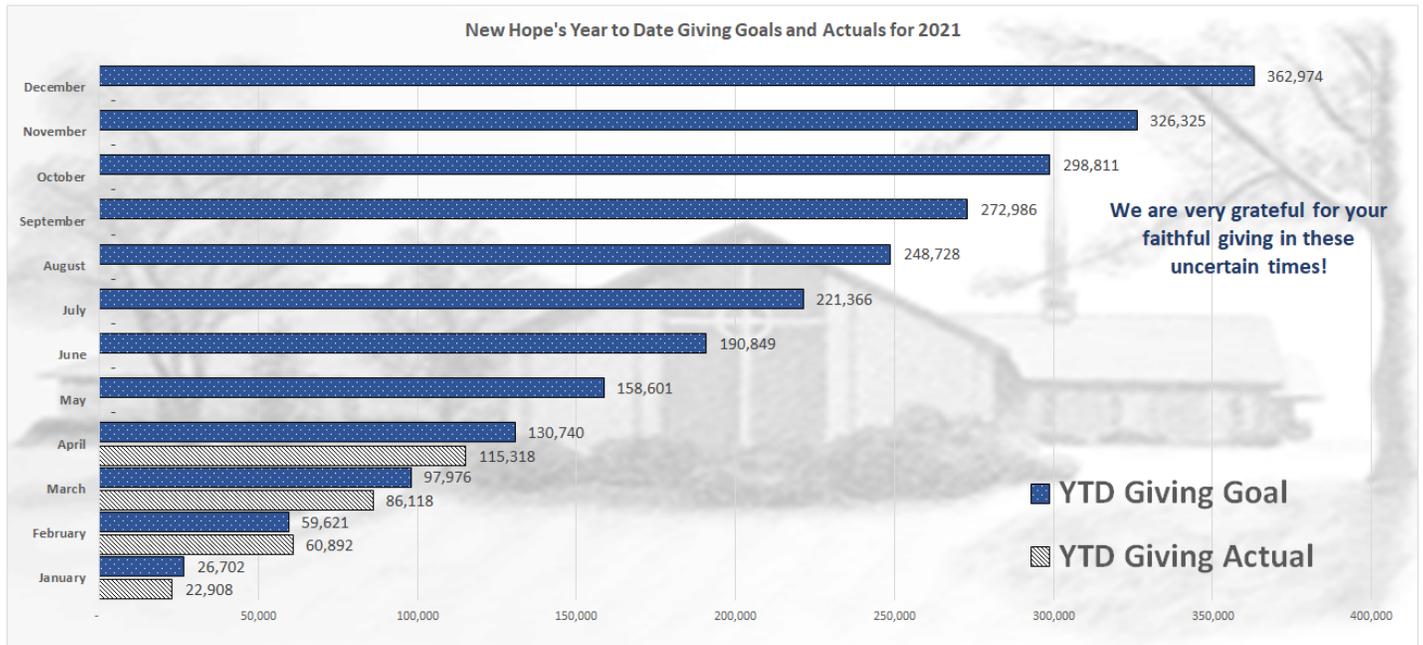
As the church begins to open up, the library will also be open again. Members may check out a book for 3 weeks. Sign your name on the card and place in the small box on the library cart, read the book, and return to the return box on the bottom shelf of the library cart.



NEW BOOKS Many members have been involved in New Hope groups studying racial reconciliation. They have used the following 2 books.

1. Dear White Christians written by Jennifer Harvey, a Drake professor. This book is a gospel for white people offering a first step toward racial healing.
2. I'm Black, I'm Cristian, I'm Methodist This book has 12 chapters each written by a black Methodist pastor. It is a very easy book to read and very informative. These essays weave together autobiography and spiritual formation.

Find these 2 books on the NEW BOOK SHELF. If you have a request for a new book, please add it to the list on the library cart.



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!



New Hope wants to remind you that we offer online giving as a way to automate your offering.

To setup online giving go to www.newhopedsm.org and click on the **Gifts** tab. This will direct you securely to set up an automatic donation. Please contact the church office with any questions.

June 2021

Sunday Worship
9am & 10:30am
Indoor and Parking Lot

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 9:30a, Al-Anon, R.Chapel 6:00p, SPRC Mtg., via Zoom	2	3 Church Office Closed	4 Church Office Closed	5 10a, Confirmation Retreat
6 Communion 9:00a, Confirmation Service 5:00p, Music Task Force zoom meeting	7 Church Office Closed 7p, Trustees Mtg.	8 9:30a, Al-Anon, R.Chapel	9	10 6:30pm, Worship Committee via Zoom	11 5:00pm, Brittany Egger and Adam Kealhofer rehearsal	12 4:00pm, Brittany Egger and Adam Kealhofer wedding
13 9:30-10:20a, Mission & Ministry Fair	14 3:30p, Hand of Luke	15 9:30a, Al-Anon, R.Chapel 6:30p, Finance Mtg., via Zoom	16	17	18	19 1:00pm, Anita Gaul Memorial Service, Family Life Center
20 Father's Day	21 Deadline for July LINK	22 9:30a, Al-Anon, R.Chapel	23	24 6:30p, Administrative Council Meeting	25 9:00a, Needlers at church	26
27	28	29 9:30a, Al-Anon, R.Chapel	30			



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 Neal Cave, Mary Drossel,
Jolene Harlow, Linda Miller,
Kail Hopkins
- 8 Natalie Fairchild, Kristin Redies
- 9 Jim Smith; Pam Sloss
- 10 Larry Wood, Abigail Carrigan,
Bradley Carrigan
- 11 Tyler Mohrman, Holly Haynes
- 12 Doug Fairchild, Ryan McGinnity
- 13 Kirk Seagren, Morgan Wolfe,
Nate Jacques,
- 14 Buchi Ukabiala, Billy Nuzum, Rhonda
Clark, 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 Hamilton
- 19 Sharon Smith, Terri Lichter,
Mary Thompson
- 20 Ian Beck-Cross, Kaegan Wigant,
Jacques Carter
- 21 Linda Reaney
- 22 William Roff, Chasity Cooley,
Joshua Nelson
- 25 Glenna Ross, Darla Wolfe, Garrett
Cook, Sara Nemmers, Christopher
Spring
- 27 Lindsay Soards
- 29 Kevin Christensen, Alissa Strauss,
Travis O'Brien
- 30 Susan Larsen, Angus Rock,
Sam Nelson

Happy Anniversary!!!

- 4 Jared & Lindsey Robertson
- 8 Bob & Ann Krause
- 9 Randy & Sheri Thompson
- 14 Earl & Sharon Lewis
- 14 Kyle & Kristin Redies
- 17 Bryant & Jami Siefken
- 20 Mark & Susan Baldwin
- 21 Jason & Kristi Miller
- 22 Keel & Dani Clemmens
- 22 Eugene & Norma Pecinovsky
- 23 Jack & Marilyn Schoop
- 23 Ryan & Sarah Jacobson
- 25 Nicole & John Gardner
- 26 Ron & Denise Zoss
- 27 Larry & Melisa Forbes

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.



Sunday Worship Services

9am: Parking Lot Service

10:30am: Parking Lot Service

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