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Pastor Amy Johnson joins New Hope UMC! We will welcome Pastor Amy Johnson at the one worship service at 10 a.m. on Sunday, July 7th in the Sanctuary followed by a potluck. Please bring a dish(es) to share!

A message from Pastor Amy ~

With joy and anticipation, I am excited to join the New Hope family! I trust fully that God has brought me to you at just the right season for whatever lay ahead.

In the spirit of love as we plopped ourselves down on the couch of the church, let me introduce us a bit.

First, my husband Jaye is also clergy, although he works for the conference as the director of Congregational Development and New Ministries. He likes photography, bad jokes, and family. His job takes him all over, so he is coming and going a lot and tends to be in other churches on Sundays having meetings. I promise you will see him from time to time, but don't expect him often.

My children are my pride and joy. Alex is 22 and recently married to our daughter-in-law, Megan. He just finished a year of teaching ELL at Osceola Middle School, and now is beginning seminary at Garrett. He has a student appointment in Fredericksburg, Iowa. They live in Mason City. You won't see him much on Sundays because he will be preaching, too! He does like to stop in when he can, though, and is a fabulous Methodist. He likes good food (if it is gluten free), art, animals, music, and his Mama. Megan loves animals of all kinds and visiting her parents in Keosauqua or family and friends in Muscatine.

Our curly blonde daughter, Annie, is 21, and she works at McDonalds and studies at DMACC. She is on the DMACC fencing team and enjoys video gaming. She works Sundays and isn't a big churchgoer but is good at helping with ministry that helps people. She has social anxiety, so please be understanding if she is not eager to talk. She has a very tender heart, but is not a communicator. My Mama heart appreciates your understanding.

Before anyone awkwardly wonders, I will tell you upfront, with only pride for the amazing people they are, that they are both transgender.

As for me, well I love most things, but especially being with friends and family. I haven't always had things easy, and I have a heart for mission and inclusion because of it. I am a little high energy, and I love getting excited about serving God. I have a few responsibilities outside the local church: Board of Ordained Ministry, Bishop's Leadership Team, Jurisdictional Conference in July, and General Conference in Spring of 2026, among other things. I am just finishing a tour of being our Circuit leader, and I'm excited to meet and dream with our circuit here. I also love to be part of the wider community, and look forward to opportunities to be a face people know in our neighborhood. I didn't grow up in the church, so sometimes I am not a typical pastor, I suppose. By that, I mean I don't wear khaki shorts with socks and sandals. I love art, museums, travel, hiking and bouldering, lap swimming, camping, fishing, hunting, crafting, starting projects I will probably never finish, and making the impossible just what happens every day. I have been to 7 foreign countries and eight states, traveled on trains, ships, boats, busses, trolleys, gondolas, zip lines, subways, ferries, rafts, taxis, ubers, and so much more so far in 2024. Life is way too short to regret the opportunities we miss. I have been to North America, Central America, Europe and Asia. We are going to Africa in January to Africa University in Mozambique. I love diversity here, too, and love to teach (my first career). Therefore, I have been blessed for the past several years to voluntarily teach English classes to newcomers to Iowa. That is pure joy! I do not believe in unnecessary meetings, cheap grace, or indifference. I love to dream and find solutions to problems not yet thought of. I struggle with potlucks because I am diabetic and allergic to seafood. Sometimes my dry sense of humor can be hard to read. I love Romans best of all, but am a fan of it all. My undergrad is in English (emphasis in Literary Analysis), Secondary Education, and German. My emphasis during my MDiv studies was Greek Exegesis. I just love to worship! I love to mentor! And I love innovation! But most of all, I love God and people.

I know we will have more opportunities to get to know each other soon. I have 50 years worth of names in my head, so please tell me your name relentlessly at first and chat with me on FaceBook so I can see your face and get to know you better. This is going to be epic! May God surround you with hope and excitement in the days ahead!

Blessings!

Pastor Amy Johnson



“O beautiful for spacious skies, for
amber waves of grain” (Katherine Lee
Bates). God, thank you for bright
summer skies, crops growing to feed
the world and your countless other
gifts.



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.

Our Prayers for ~

(Please call the church office if you or your loved one want to be taken off the list.)

Healing from Cancer:

Al Foote, David Ruleman, Johan Gallo, Julie Mericle, Marco Pranivong, Terry Larson, Ralph Saunders, William Hults, Popoy Pacunayen

Healing from Physical Issues:

Mary Ann Rice, Jim Bolstad, Varlen Carlson, Kevin McClain, Jason Schildroth, Evelyn Nold, Freda Ruleman, Dick Cobb, Jim Mather, Diana Bibler, Theresa Faber, Patricia Smith, Mike Aasheim-Osborne, Karen Hults, Donna Sue Fite, Marcus Coenen

Military: Devan Stanton, Hunter Schmidt, Joshua Ruleman, Jacob Gerlach, Brycen Gerlach, Michael Craighton, Clayton Hults, Zach McClain

Sympathy ~

Our Sympathy to Scott & Deanne Rowland and family on the passing of Deanne’s father, Steve Potter.

Our Sympathy to Al and Joe Foote on the passing of Al’s brother, Lawrence Foote.

Baptism ~

Congratulations to Brayla Johnson, daughter of Bradley and Jackie Johson, who was baptized on June 30th.

Prayer List ~

Pastor Lilian has had the privilege to be in prayer with our New Hope members, their relatives and friends throughout the years.

With Pastor Amy Johnson starting on July 7th, the prayer list will start over so that she can become familiar with those on the *new* list. Please contact Nancy in the church office if you, your family/friends would like to continue to be on the prayer list. You may also use the tear-off sheet of the Sunday bulletin.

Welcome To Our Church Family!

Pete, Susan and Jonah Frey, 6519 Fullerton Court, Johnston 50131. Pete: 608-469-8550 ppfrey@gmail.com. Susan: 608-516-6823 susanfrey@hotmail.com. They transferred their membership from Sun Prairie UMC in Sun Prairie, WI. Pete works with Great American Insurance. Susan is a piano accompanist at Johnston CSD and a Mary Kay consultant. Jonah is a sophomore at the University of Iowa. Pete and Susan are participants in the Chancel Choir. Robin & Jolene Harlow are their shepherds.

Cyrus Zadeh ~ Please welcome Cyrus Zadeh into our church membership. He was Confirmed at the 11am service on June 30th. Cyrus is the son of Farhad and Wendy Zadeh. Kirk Seagren is his mentor.

Thank You ~

Thank you to those who helped prepare the parsonage for our Pastor Amy Johnson: Janet Habick, Gary Stubbs, Mike Wakeman and James Russell. We appreciate it!
New Hope Trustees



Thank you to the United Women in Faith group for preparing and serving a wonderful meal for the children and youth ministry volunteers on Sunday, June 9th. It was well attended and greatly appreciated!



Join us!

10:00 a.m. in the Ruby Chapel using “Wired Word” curriculum.

Thank you to all of the amazing volunteers that have signed up to help us with our SCUBA VBS this month!
We are looking forward to an amazing week as we dive into friendship with God and fellowship with our VBS participants!



July 14 - July 17
5:30-6pm Dinner
6-8pm VBS Program for PreK-8th Graders

There is always room for one more!

Please note that we can't guarantee t-shirts for late registrants, but they are absolutely welcome to join us.

Volunteers Register Here: <https://forms.gle/QT9VwXGJUUiataVHn6>

Participants Register Here: <https://forms.gle/ukcBEAv92dtMMsJGA>

If you aren't sure if you already registered, just email Jackie and she will find out for you.

VBS T-shirts will be available for volunteers and those in the congregation that ordered them to support our programs on **Sunday, July 14th** at each of the services.

Participants will receive their shirts at check-in that evening.

We can't wait to **SEA** you for an epic undersea adventure!



Splish! Splash! It's time for a VBS Wrap-up Bash!
Join us during the **10:00 service Sunday, July 21st!**

Please bring a chair of your choice, towel, or beach blanket to sit on for the 10am service.

We really appreciate your understanding that this is a fun way to keep with our VBS theme *and* save our volunteers from having to reset the FLC chairs and then tear down after for Rummage Sale setup.

If you participated, volunteered, or purchased a VBS shirt in support of our VBS ministry - please wear your shirt to any service on the 21st.

The children will share special music they learned during the week, and we will offer a special VBS themed 10am service that morning with activities around our Scuba theme available at the children's table.

We are excited to celebrate a fin-tastic week of VBS wrapping up!



All 6th-12th graders

We will not be hosting a traditional July Teen Time due to the event welcoming Pastor Amy Johnson on our regularly scheduled day.

Join us instead at our Teen Table during the potluck meal after service on Sunday, July 7 for a table game or two and fellowship.

We will be back with our regularly scheduled Teen Time on Sunday, August 4th during the 10am service.





Sr. BLAST (BLAST@NewHopeDSM.org): Chris Higdon and McKayla Nearmyer

As summer continues to fly by... Both our Junior and Senior BLAST youth are getting excited for our week of camp at Summer Games University (<https://sgu.camp/>). This year we are doing something different... We are encouraging all youth (6th grade through 12th grade) to attend Summer Camp!

Our group will be heading to the college campus at Grinnell College in Grinnell, Iowa to take part in Summer Games University, where the kids will take part in Bible study and group worship.

This camp has a special place in my life, given I attended Summer Games University when I was in High School and return to be a Huddle Leader while in college. Since then, Benjamin Higdon has attended Summer Games University for the past 3 summer. And now this year, we have 5 New Hope Youth planning to attend the camp and I will be returning as an adult chaperone!!!

If you did not know, Summer Games offers students the chance to connect with peers from across the state, receive mentorship and guidance from their college age huddle leaders, and have fun in worship and games. All the while having the college experience of living in dorms, eating at a dining hall, and spending time exploring their interests with other youth.

 <p>WORSHIP TOGETHER TO ENCOUNTER GOD'S LOVE</p> <p>Summer Games ensures our worship themes, messages and songs help students learn about our Creator and help engage them in a meaningful relationship with Him.</p>	 <p>SPEND TIME EXPLORING AND STUDYING GOD'S WORD</p> <p>At Summer Games, our focus on relationships helps us teach and share the Good News of Jesus Christ with our campers.</p>	 <p>ENGAGE IN MEANINGFUL PEER RELATIONSHIPS</p> <p>Summer Games is all about relationships. Building a relationship with Jesus. Building relationships with each other. Building a relationship with Christians in their home community.</p>	 <p>BUILD RELATIONSHIPS THROUGH GAMES</p> <p>Summer Games helps students build relationships with each other through worship, small groups, and interactive games.</p>
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Finally, please begin to pray for the adult sponsor and youth going on to Camp and that God will use our New Hope Youth to group closer to God. This year's camp is from **Monday, July 8th to Friday, July 12th.**



Christopher Higdon
Benjamin Higdon
Kail Hopkins
Baylin Schoelerman
Cadence Kasper
Chasity Cooley

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



The clock is ticking... At the time of writing this article we are down to just over 600 hours before Rummage Sale 2024 commences. It will be here before we know it!

As I have said over the last few months, this sale is a huge undertaking, and it requires hundreds of volunteer hours over the course of a week. Whether you have an hour to spare or want to put in a full 40-hour work week, we appreciate the gift of your time and talents! Not only is this sale one of the biggest fundraisers in our church, but it is also an amazing opportunity for community outreach!

We make connections with our shoppers, many of whom return every year!

We provide low-cost high-quality items during our sale and with the rising cost of everything, the sale is more needed than ever before!

Share our sale details with friends and family that may want to donate or shop:

Sunday, July 21- Donation Day – Donations will be accepted from the conclusion of service – 7pm

July 22-24- Sorting/Pricing/Sale Organizing Days (You may also bring in your donations Monday from 9a-1pm)

SHOPPING HOURS:

July 25 ~ Noon-6pm

July 26 ~ 9-6pm

July 27 ~ 9-Noon

We are SO excited to announce that the Bake Sale is back for 2024! See the Bake Sale blurb for information on how you can help with this beloved part of our annual event.

Some areas of greatest need are:

Cashiers for Thursday - We need 4 teams of checkers/sackers (8 people) to work Thursday, particularly in the first 3 hours of our Sale (from 12-3pm).**Cashiers will be handling money and need to be comfortable making change.**

Area Leaders- Our sale is LARGE, and it is extremely helpful to have one point person to be the leader for each sale area. Please let Jackie know if you will be a returning area leader or would like to sign up for the first time this year to oversee an area!

Saturday Clean Up - If you aren't available during the week but would like to contribute, PLEASE consider volunteering to help us box up all of the leftovers to be donated. This takes A LOT of time and by the end of the week our usual team is tired. Assistance with this would be greatly appreciated!

If you want to volunteer for any of these roles or find out more information, please let Jackie know. She can be reached via email-jackiejohnson81@aol.com/phone-(515)710-3239.

Since we are hosting the sale in the summer, it would be great to get some of our New Hope young people to help as their schedules allow! This counts for silver cord and BSA service hours!

Please prayerfully consider how you might be able to help us this year and fill out the linked interest form below or email or talk with Jackie with your availability (jackie@newhopedsm.org).

Volunteer form at: <https://forms.gle/Sqh8bger97wNsuLS9>

Thank you so much for your consideration!
Jackie Johnson

Donation Details

Please get your donations ready before bringing them in!
Here's how....

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 good reputation by ensuring your donations are free from damage and in clean, working order when donated.

Do you 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



DONATIONS ACCEPTED

JULY 21-
END OF SERVICES - 7PM
JULY 22-
9AM-1PM

Thank you in advance for your amazing donations! Our sale would not exist without the generosity of our congregation year after year.

Each and every donation is appreciated and blesses not only our church (by providing financial support for our missions and ministries) but our community is blessed as well!



Our Bake Sale is BACK and will be hosted by our United Women in Faith group this year!

They would love to have your help stocking their shelves with goodies! Thinking outside the box is great – they would love donations of homemade jams, pickles, salsa, breads, rolls, candy, cookies, cakes, brownies, pies, snack mixes, etc. Please label your baked items, and alert us if nuts or peanut butter are used. Gluten free

baked goods are also welcome.

Please let Glenna Ross if you would like to contribute something yummy to their efforts.

Her email is: glenna625@hotmail.com.

Baked goods can be delivered to the church from 9:00am-5:00pm: Tues. July 23, Wed. July 24, or Thurs. July 25. Thank you in advance for your help with this!

United Women in Faith are having a potluck luncheon on **Thursday, July 18th** at **11:30am**.

All women of the church are welcome to attend!!

Please bring a dish to share.

No RSVP is necessary.

Come and learn what is new with United Women in Faith! Come and meet new friends!

Questions? Contact Glenna Ross, 515-321-3010.



Calling all Iowa State Fair goers!

How would you like to get into the fair for free while earning money for our church?



The West Des Moines United Methodist Church needs help with their food booth on the state fairgrounds.

You will be given an admission ticket.

Our church will receive \$50 for each 4-hour shift, \$75 for each 6-hour shift, or \$100 for each 8-hour shift that a member of our church works.

The fair runs from August 8th to August 18th.

Please email Nancy@newhopedsm.org by July 1st if you are interested and we will get you scheduled.

Contact Jolene Harlow at 515-490-8813 if you have any questions.

Little Free Library

Jackson Zimmerman, Johnston River of Life member, completed his Eagle Scout project at New Hope UMC by building a Little Free Library and benches. This was presented to the congregation in May with a chance to discuss with Jackson and donate towards the project.

It is a beautiful design with benches in the shade of the tree in front of the church and will hold many, many "books for the soul".

Please take a look at the library. You are welcome to share books. Thank you to those that donated to help fund this project.

The Board of Trustees



Blood Pressure Check
July 7th, 10am - 11am in the Narthex.

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 (April - September) at 7 p.m.
Questions? Contact Sue Toale Knapp, 515-255-0366, stktek1@gmail.com.
Online support group:
<http://www.strokenetwork.org/>



Care Ministry Team

The Care Ministry meets quarterly. Next meeting is on **Thurs., July 11th 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 sewing group will meet on **Friday, July 19th, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm** in the north classroom. We lunch at Panera in Johnston.

We make lap quilts for the NHUMC Care Team to give to our church members who are hospitalized, in care facilities and to newborns. We also sew Little Dresses, Little Britches and components for Days for Girls feminine hygiene kits for overseas missions.

Bring your sewing machine (we have 2 machines in the church closet if yours is not portable), scissors, pins and thread for a day of stitching and fellowship.

We welcome non-sewists to help us with simple tasks, such as cutting ribbon and inserting the ribbon into drawstring bags.

Questions? Contact Diane Densmore, 515-270-1974 or Jody Rains, 515-238-4051

For the 10:00 service each Sunday this summer, children are welcome to join Jackie Johnson, Children's & Youth Ministries Coordinator, at the children's table in the back for coloring and quiet activities.

There will also continue to be a dedicated Children's Message during worship weekly throughout the summer.

A staffed nursery is available during the 10am service weekly for children from birth to age 4.



On the **first Sunday of each month**, in the church hallway, when you see our globe, please stop and drop in some change. You will be helping the United Women in Faith group and the missions they support. Thank you.



United
Women
in Faith

We are women who gather to strengthen our faith by supporting each other and by learning about local charitable and community organizations. We fundraise to support those who help others. Join us to hear informative programs, to develop friendship with other women in our church and to join in giving to others.

The United Women in Faith are inviting all the women in the church to a potluck on **Thursday, July 18 at 11:30 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. Come and enjoy great food and conversation with friends from all three services.

Questions? Please call Karen Skovgard at 515-979-3640



Men's Fellowship will not meet in July & August. Watch for details for starting up again in September.



July 2024 MISSION NEWS

Marilyn Osborn, Chair of Mission Committee

WELCOME PASTOR AMY!

Ingathering: - Personal Dignity Kits

Thank you, New Hope, for your generosity in compiling around 40 personal Dignity Kits that will be distributed around the world. These kits are one of the items most requested for disaster victims.

YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF OTHERS

Camperships: – So far, we have four campers signed up for 2024 Camps.

Make sure you get your child registered for camp this summer! Last year New Hope had eight young people going to camp. **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, email Nancy at the church at nancy@newhopedsm.org to give her the same information.

Free Little Food Pantry - Thank you again to the New Hope congregation for helping to keep food on the shelves of our Pantry. Those attending the *Make a Joyful Noise* concert at our church on June 22 brought food donations for our Pantry also. We are donating 50 non-perishable food items each Monday to the food pantry off Meredith Drive.

Remember to bring non-perishable food items each Sunday to put on our pantry shelf for delivery to the Free Little Food Pantry located in our Meredith Drive community. *Please no opened boxes or expired items.* Sign up for a Monday to deliver the 50 food items you chose from our pantry shelf. There is a sign-up sheet on the pantry shelf. If you have questions, please contact Jolene Harlow: 515-490-8813 or email at rdharlow@earthlink.net

Monthly checks – Your donations to New Hope also make it possible to send checks throughout 2024 to African Immigrant and Refugee Transition Services (AIRTS), Families Forward, DMARC Food Pantry, Women at the Well, Johnston Partnership, Missionary Dr. Mefor, and Urbandale Food Pantry.

Johnston Partnership – Since 2021, New Hope has made donations to the Johnston Partnership which included not only the Johnston Food Pantry but also the Johnston Benevolence Fund. Over the 41 months of the Benevolence fund existence, \$69,759.63 was given to families to help them with rent, mortgage payments, utilities, cell phone payments, car payments & repairs, eyeglasses, moving expenses, etc. The total number of families helped was 83. That makes the average assistance amount \$841. The fund has been completely expended as of May 29, 2024. We will continue to include Johnston Partnership (food pantry) in our monthly checks.

Grain Bin: When the Grain Bin is full, the donations will be given to Johnston Partnership, Families Forward and the Urbandale Food Pantry, on a rotation schedule.

Fill the Red Barrel: Contributing to the red barrel is as easy as buying a few extra cans of food while you shop and bringing them to church with you. All food and personal care items collected by the Red Barrel Program goes to the DMARC Food Pantry Network. For a list of most needed items, go to <https://www.dmarcunited.org>.

If you would rather give a monetary donation, please make your check out to New Hope UMC and include “Food Pantry” in the memo line and place your check with the offering.

Did you know DMARC can purchase 2 – 6 times more food with your dollar than you can at the grocery store. As DMARC works to meet the demand of a record level of need, your financial contributions are making a significant impact as ever before.



Hand of Luke ~ Sunday, July 14th

This is our monthly ministry of preparing a meal for the Central Iowa Shelter and Services. Patrice Webber and Arlene Dabill 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!

The menu for July will be ham/vegetable/rice casserole, fruit cocktail, dinner rolls, and cookies.

Volunteers are needed to prepare the meal, transport the food to the shelter, serve at the shelter, and donate cookies. Please bring cookies in containers that do not need to be returned.

If you are interested in this opportunity, you may sign up using the following link:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E044DACA722A4FE3-50112960-holsunday>

Thank you!

Gratitude so deep and wide that's what Kirk and I have as I exit my ministry with you as your Pastor on June 30, 2024. We have enjoyed reading the cards you have written and the gifts you have given everyday on this last week of my assignment with you. Three memorable notes – A Listing of Great Hits; Young Children are worried the Treats Bucket will not be refilled; and Kirk's colorful hats, shoes and outfits! "Love makes us valued, well, whole, smile, laugh and shed tears. Love inspired us to love even more dearly, follow even more nearly, and serve even more courageously our Savior, our Savior's Church and our Savior's people."

Here is a Blessing to you all:
"Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor everyone; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remained with you always. Amen."



Pastor Lilian

Chair Yoga & Fitness ~ Every Monday and Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.

This is a gentle yoga & fitness that is done while you are seated on a chair. It's a 30-45 minute session. The instructors are from Youtube videos.

Please meet in the Fellowship Hall. No fee! *This is for anyone and any age. Bring your friends!*



Sleeping Mats/Loom

he mat is made from shopping bags and it is water proof. We purchased a loom so that everyone could contribute their time to weave the mat, cut bags, flatten bags, fold bags to make the mat, or simply donate your shopping bags.

The mats are distributed by Midwest Missions all over the world including Iowa.

We encourage everyone to help with this project. Anyone can learn to weave, you can weave anytime for as long as you like. Questions? Contact Glenna Ross at glenna625@hotmail.com or 515-321-3010.



Holy Smokes Cookout: Save the Date!

We are thrilled to announce our upcoming Holy Smokes Cookout, an evening of fellowship, food, and fun! Mark your calendars for **Sunday, August 4**, as we gather at Giovannetti Shelter (9000 Douglas Ave, Urbandale, IA). The meal will begin at **6 PM** and will bring together our church as well as Walnut Hills, Maple Grove, Grace, West Des Moines, Valley, Windsor, Aldersgate, Women at the Well and Immanuel.

Holy Smokes is not just any cookout—it's a **BBQ competition and a potluck extravaganza!** Each participating church is encouraged to have at least one BBQ contestant. Whether you're a grill master or just love good food, there's a place for you. *If you'd like to be a part of the BBQ competition, please let the church office know.*

For the potluck, everyone is invited to bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Please note:

- Bring your own table service.
- Beverages will be provided.
- Each church is asked to bring at least one yard or table game. Do you have a favorite game you can bring?
- Please bring a power strip and an extension cord - do you have one the church can borrow?
- We need a couple of volunteers from each church to help with clean-up after the event. Want to help, let me know!

The BBQ competition is a fundraiser for Women at the Well. To raise funds, we'll be voting for the best BBQ by purchasing tickets (\$1 each), with proceeds going to this wonderful cause. No purchase is necessary to join in the festivities, but tickets must be purchased to vote for your favorite BBQ dish. Prizes include a golden spatula for first place and a silver spoon for second.

Let's make this a memorable event for everyone! Stay tuned for more details, and start planning your delicious contributions now!



Harvest Jamboree and Auction....

This fundraiser event will take place **September 29th at 3:30 p.m.** in the Neil Cross Family Life Center.

The purpose of this event is to raise donations for the Capital Improvements fund for the church.

There are several ways to get involved with this event.

1. **Donate to the live auction.** We are hoping for 10 live auction items. Each item valued at \$100 or more.
2. **Donate to the silent auction.** We are hoping for 20 silent auction items. No value limit.
3. **Volunteer** to be on the committee
4. **Volunteer** to help the day of the event. The day of the event all committee members are needed to assist with food, handing out bid numbers, be a spotter for the live auction, or any other way needed.
5. **Attend** the event and bid on auction items or donate for a performance

*****To donate to the Live Auction and/or Silent Auction, please Glenna Ross at (515) 321-3010 by September 1st.*****

There will be delicious desserts, great music and an entertaining auction. There will be no cost to attend.

We meet about two or three times prior to the event in the evening. The day of the event all committee members are needed to assist with food, handing out bid numbers, be a spotter for the live auction, or any other way needed.

The East Entrance was designed and built: 1) to keep you safe and dry during inclement weather, 2) to enhance the east door as the primary entrance into the church building. Please consider using this beautiful addition for the safety and comfortability of your loved ones!
 Join us for our campaign ~ "Can You Spare a Dollar?"
 Place your weekly \$1 in the container at each worship space to help pay off the loan balance.
 Thank you!!! Board of Trustees



5 Sundays in June.

Data through the first 4 Sundays of June. One more week and I'll update these figures for June notes.

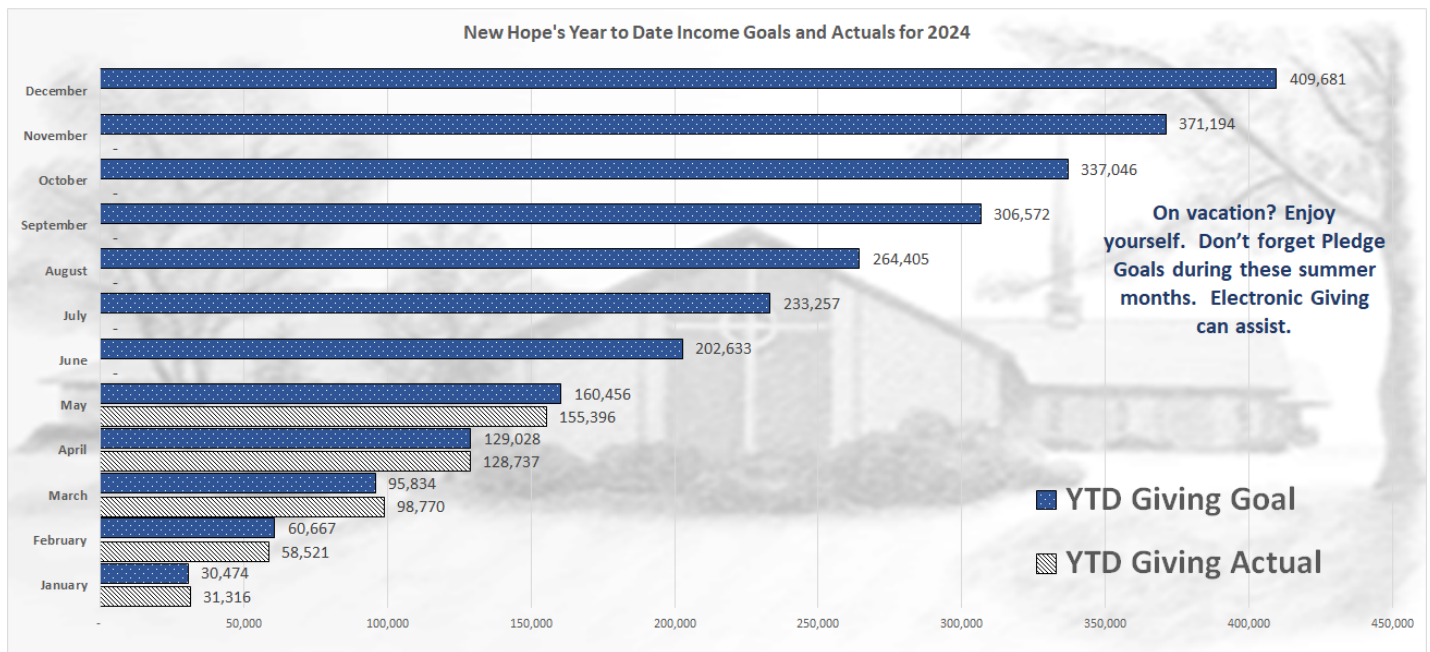
East Entrance –June donations by week: 6/02 \$156, 6/09 \$248, 6/16 \$42, 6/23 \$1,152.20, 6/30 TBD
 June check to reduce principal is \$1,598.20 with 6/30 pending.

Beginning 1/01/2024 Loan Balance: \$42,483.51

Weekly Donations for 2024: \$ 9,471.10 pending 6/30
 Monthly Principal P&I for 2024 \$ 2,310.13
 SUBTOTAL \$11,781.68

NEW 6/25/24 Principal Balance \$30,701.83 will update once 6/30 is known.

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

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July 2024

**Sunday morning services are:
9:00, 10:00 and 11:00
Nursery at 10:00**

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

	1 9:30 Chair Yoga & Fitness Church Office closed at 11:30	2 9:30a, Al-Anon, R.Chapel Noon, AA, R.Chapel	3 9:30 Chair Yoga & Fitness 6:00p, Praise Band practice	4 Independence Day Church Office Closed	5 Church Office Closed	6
7 10am One Worship Service followed by a potluck Holy Communion Blood Pressure checks	8 9:30 Chair Yoga & Fitness Church Office closed at 11:30 Youth at Summer Games	9 9:30a, Al-Anon, R.Chapel Noon, AA, R.Chapel Youth at Summer Games	10 9:30 Chair Yoga & Fitness 6:00p, Praise Band practice Youth at Summer Games	11 10a, Care Team Mtg. Youth at Summer Games	12 Youth at Summer Games	13
14 3:30p, Hand of Luke VBS 5:30pm Dinner 6-8pm Activities	15 9:30 Chair Yoga & Fitness Church Office closed at 11:30 VBS 5:30pm Dinner 6-8pm Activities	16 9:30a, Al-Anon, R.Chapel Noon, AA, R.Chapel VBS 5:30pm Dinner 6-8pm Activities 7pm, Stroke Club (R.Chapel)	17 9:30 Chair Yoga & Fitness VBS 5:30pm Dinner 6-8pm Activities	18 11:30a, United Women in Faith potluck	19 9:00a, Needlers	20
21 10am, VBS Celebration 11a-7p Rummage Sale Donations	22 9a-1p Rummage Sale Donations	23 Rummage Sale Set up 9:30a, Al-Anon, R.Chapel Noon, AA, R.Chapel 7:00p, Stroke Club (F.Hall)	24 Rummage Sale Set up 6:00p, Praise Band practice	25 Noon - 6pm Rummage Sale & Bake Sale	26 August LINK deadline 9am - 6pm Rummage Sale & Bake Sale	27 9am - Noon Rummage Sale & Bake Sale
28	29 9:30 Chair Yoga & Fitness Church Office closed at 11:30	30 9:30a, Al-Anon, R.Chapel Noon, AA, R.Chapel	31 9:30 Chair Yoga & Fitness 6:00p, Praise Band practice			



“May God’s many blessings, be yours the year through.”

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| 1 Sally Corcoran, Terry Dolberg, | 16 Cheryl Moore, Patty Nearmyer, |
| 2 Chinyere Ukabiala, Cindy Meyer, | Chris Higdon |
| Nicholas Bogue | 17 Ronan Rock |
| 3 Chad Strauss | 18 Brad Johnson |
| 6 Bailey Dillenburg | 20 Kim Wills, Robin Harlow |
| 8 Roger Moore | 21 Jim Mather |
| 9 Beth Roff | 22 John Burrough |
| 10 Kathy Fairchild, Charlene Cobb, | 23 Eldon Cross, Max Roquet |
| 11 Courtney Berry | 24 David Baldwin, Tony Hoffman, |
| 12 Jane Wagner | 25 Elaine Lesch |
| 13 Michelle Roquet | 27 Deb Henry |
| 14 Mike Wakeman | 29 Hannah Hoffman |
| 15 Jody Rains, Rece Haugland | 31 Marijke Hodgson, Caleb Williamson |



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- 8 Mark & Julie Sahlin
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WORSHIP
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Sunday Morning Worship Services

9:00 & 11:00: Traditional Services in the Sanctuary

10:00: Contemporary Service in the Neil Cross Family Life Center

We continue to offer the Sunday morning Parking Lot Radio Feed and also the Pre-Recorded Worship Services that can be found on the church Facebook page.

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