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A monthly publication of  
New Hope United Methodist Church

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## FEBRUARY AT NEW HOPE UMC

# FOLLOWING a path less traveled

Feb 3 "Following Love"

Feb 10 "Following Instructions"

Feb 17 "Following the Poor"

Feb 24 "Following our Enemies"

## Rev. Dr. Lilian Gallo Seagren Appointed to New Hope UMC

As you know, Pastor Jon announced his intent to retire in June this year. We have been blessed by his ministry and leadership.



The SPRC is pleased to announce, Bishop Laurie Haller and her appointive cabinet have appointed Rev. Dr. Lilian Gallo Seagren, Southeast District Superintendent, to become the pastor of New Hope United Methodist Church beginning on July 1 of this year.

For the past 7 years, Pastor Lilian has served as the Conference Superintendent, Southeast District. Prior to that, she was Pastor of the Kimball Avenue UMC in Waterloo 2009-2012, Guthrie Center UMC 2002-2009 and Hamburg UMC 1997-2002.

Prior to entering the ministry, she received:

*Bachelor of Science in Social Work* – 1981 -Philippine Christian University, Manila, Philippines  
*Graduate Diploma in Social Welfare Administration* – 1987 – University of the Philippines

She then received her *Master of Divinity* – 1992 – Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary Evanston, Illinois and then a *Doctor of Philosophy in Pastoral Care and Counseling* – 1995 from Christian Bible College and Seminary in Independence, Missouri.

She met her husband, Kirk Seagren, a retired pastor, while at Garrett and they married in 1990. They have two daughters, Maria who lives in the Philippines with her husband and two children, and their younger daughter, Jane Anne who lives in New York.

Her passion in ministry is “raising, supporting and partnering with Christian disciples who are making a difference in their churches, communities and the world.”

A farewell reception will be held for Pastor Jon and Anita in June and a welcome reception for Rev. Lilian and Kirk will be held in July. More details will soon follow.

In the meantime, we will continue to work with Pastor Jon until the end of June and will prepare our church for a grace-filled transition as we then welcome Rev. Lilian.

Vicki O’Brien, Staff Parish Relations Committee Chairperson



# 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

David Followwill; Ambrose Moses; Norma Vandenberg; Sharon Smith; Mica Wills; 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: 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, [nhfamilly@newhopeds.org](mailto:nhfamilly@newhopeds.org)

## Ready-Set-Go!

Yes, it is time to start planning the 2019 New Hope Annual Rummage Sale. The dates are **May 2 - 4**.

If you have a favorite job, please contact Carol Harter at 274-1467 or [carolannharter@gmail.com](mailto:carolannharter@gmail.com) to request your first choice. Don't wait too long or someone else might snatch up your choice. The publicity chair and volunteer chair jobs are already filled.

Call with any questions. Working together we will make this the best rummage sale yet. Thank you for volunteering!

## Our Sympathy

Our Sympathy to Mark & Susan Baldwin and family on the passing of Mark's uncle, Richard Baldwin.

Our Sympathy to Billy Nuzum and family on the passing of her husband, Bob Nuzum.

Our Sympathy to Steve & Norma Sutton and family on the passing of Daniel Sutton, son and brother.

## Thank You

Thank you for the cards, prayers and all the hugs in the loss of my husband, Bob Nuzum.

New Hope is such a caring church, and I love and appreciate each of you.  
Billy Nuzum



Thank you Larry Wood, John Burrough and John Rains for helping us paint the east and south entryways and hallways. We couldn't have done it without you!  
Jerry and Linda Kielsmeier

## Directory Update

Ambrose & Bhanu Moses have a new apartment number:

Ambrose and Bhanu Moses  
6901 Peckham Street #108  
Johnston, IA 50131  
515-350-7726

## Volunteer Opportunity!

**Maundy Thursday Director/ Organizer:** We are looking for a volunteer to lead this year's Maundy Thursday Last Supper drama, April 18th. If you can help with this opportunity, please contact the church office, 278-2097



## Boy Scouts Sunday, February 10th

All Boy Scouts and leaders are encouraged to wear their Boy Scout uniforms for Boy Scout Sunday on February 10.





## Souper Bowl Food Drive

Join New Hope's team for a friendly game of football! We are asking you to get in our game by bringing **cans of soup** (healthy, hearty soups) on **Sundays, January 27th** and/or **February 3rd**, to score a point for the team of your choice in New Hope's version of Super Bowl LIII.

Each soup can you donate counts as 1 point for the New England **Patriots** or the Los Angeles **Rams**, the choice is yours!

Prefer to make a monetary donation? Each \$1 will count as 1 point too!

Our **SOUPER** Bowl items will be donated to local food pantries. **THANK YOU** for getting off the couch and getting in the game to help tackle hunger in our community!



## Team Shirt

**Sunday, February 3rd**, wear your favorite sports team shirt to church!

Everyone is invited to wear a jersey or shirt from your favorite professional, college, high school or youth sports teams. In fact, February 3rd is a great time to invite some neighbors, co-workers and friends to join you for worship.

If they are a sports fan, this a perfect opportunity to introduce them to our church. Go Team!!

## Senior BLAST Valentines Dinner February 16<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm

Our Senior BLAST youth group invites everyone to their Valentine's Dinner fundraiser.

This year's meal will include your choice of Bacon Smoked Pork Loin, baked potato, and green beans or Shrimp Alfredo. \ Both options start with bread and a side salad. For dessert, everyone will be treated to homemade cheesecake with your choice of topping.

We will have a staffed **nursery** during this event and the children will enjoy a meal of chicken nuggets, French fries, and Jell-O.

**\$20 per adult**  
**\$7 per child (age 10 and under)**

All proceeds will be used to support our 2019 Summer Mission trip to Chicago, IL.

Make your **reservation** on the sign up sheet in the fellowship hall or register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/senior-blast-valentines-dinner-tickets-54352896978>



## "Spring Cleaning for Heart and Soul" God's Girlfriends Retreat

"A Friend Loves At All Times." Proverbs 17:17

**Saturday, April 6, 2019**

Prayer Walk (optional) 8:00am, retreat 8:45am - Noon  
**New Hope United Methodist Church**

We are thrilled to have wonderful speakers who will share their faith journey at our God's Girlfriends Women's Retreat.

Speakers are Jackie Johnson and Billy Nuzum, both with New Hope United Methodist Church, and our third speaker is Sara Woodcock.



Our Mission Project for the retreat is Bidwell Riverside Center in Des Moines. Please consider bringing donations of feminine hygiene products and diapers (child and adult sizes).

Come have fun with **"Spring Cleaning for Heart and Soul"** and **bring your girlfriends!** It will be a morning of **music, inspiration, and fellowship.**

**Registration forms will be available toward the end of February.**

This retreat is open to the community and is recommended for girls/women 16 yrs. old and older.

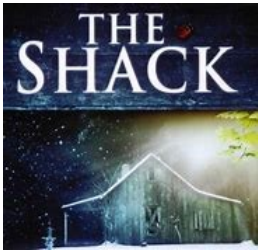


*Create in me a clean heart,  
O God; and renew a right  
spirit within me.*  
**Psalm 51:10**

# THE SHACK

Begins Tuesday, March 5, 6:30 P.M.

In this work of fiction by William P. Young, a man is invited to spend a weekend with God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. His notions of the Trinity and his preconceptions about religion and Christianity are challenged, and he begins the process of healing several traumatic emotional wounds he has sustained in his life.



The first edition of **THE SHACK** came out in November of 2016, and the movie was released in 2017. I read the book and then several of us New Hoppers saw the movie together.

We will be having **THE SHACK** Bible Study in the Family Life Center on Tuesdays, beginning March 5 through mid-April. Each week we will view a part of the movie and have a discussion over the movie and the related chapters in the book.

You can purchase your paperback of **THE SHACK** at Half Price Books, 10201 University Ave, Clive, IA 50325, for \$2.00 each. I have 4 copies left and you are free to have one for \$2.

Please join us in learning and discussing God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

Thank you,  
Linda Kielsmeier  
[lapals@hotmail.com](mailto:lapals@hotmail.com)  
515-689-9680

## Confirmation Class for 8th Graders

### February Schedule:

**February 3, 4:15pm** (Students & Mentors)  
Topic: John Wesley and the origins of Methodism

**February 14, 3:30pm** Hand of Luke service project

**February 17, 4:15pm** (Students & Mentors)  
Topic: American Christianity & the Church Today

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Gaul at 278-2097 or [nhfamily@newhopedsn.org](mailto:nhfamily@newhopedsn.org).



## Friday Afternoon Bible Study

Friday Afternoon Bible Study meets at the Pizza Ranch at 4954 86th St, Urbandale at 1 p.m. and ends approximately 2:45pm.  
Leader is Jim Louk, 515-276-7900

Friday Bible Study will meet:

**February 8th.**

Luke 22:39-46; John 1:1-3,14;  
Philippians 2:1-11

Our study will focus on  
OBEDIENCE. How far will

you go in allowing the mind-set of Jesus to become the mind-set by which you live?

And on **February 22nd**

Luke 24:1-12; Philippians 2:1-11

We will focus on the mind-set of HOPE. Which mind-set will we choose - 1) the mind-set of the death addicted world? or 2) will we choose to live with the mind-set of the risen Christ?



## My Grown Up, God and Me!

We will meet on *Friday mornings* from 9:30-11am.

9:30-10:30 Devotional Time for the grown ups while the kids play. We meet in the nursery for this.

10:30-11 Children's Bible Based Story/Activity Time.

Questions or for more information, please contact Jackie Johnson, 515-710-3239



## 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

February 10th, 9:30a-11a, Narthex.

## Men's Breakfast

Saturday, February 9th at 7:30 a.m. at New Hope.

## Women's Fellowship

Next meeting is Thursday, February 21, 9:00 a.m. at church. Refreshments will be served followed by our program by Wayne Clark on "Caring for the Caregiver." Please join us. Visitors are welcome!

## Veterans Helping Veterans

The Veterans Helping Veterans will be having two 8:30am breakfasts for 2019. **The dates are:**

**Saturday, May 18**

**Saturday, November 16**

Please mark your calendars. The breakfasts are open to all veterans, their spouses, and supporters.

If you have any questions, please contact Billy Nuzum.

at [bbnewz54@gmail.com](mailto:bbnewz54@gmail.com)

## Music Ministries

**Chancel Choir** rehearses on Wednesdays from 6:30p-7:30p in the Sanctuary. Chancel Choir performs most Sundays from September to May.

Our **Praise Team** leads the contemporary Christian music for our 9:30a service. The Praise Team meets on Wednesdays from 7:45p-8:45p in the Family Life Center.

We welcome all to join us in our fellowship of music, friends, and fun. Questions? Please contact: Mr. Eric Mohlis, Director of Music

## Care Ministry Team

The Care Ministry meets quarterly. Next meeting is on Thurs., April 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, February 15.**

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.



## Healthy Church Initiative

What are your unique gifts and talents? How can you use them to honor your call to discipleship?

We invite you to take a Spiritual Gifts Inventory Assessment that can help you identify your spiritual gifts. We have both a paper version that can be found in the Fellowship Hall or an online version that can be found at <http://www.newhopedsm.org/gifts.php>.

We are offering specific bible studies that will be focusing on exploring what the spiritual gift means and how you can utilize your gifts to further the Kingdom of God.

Join us!

1. Spiritual Gifts 6 week Study, Sundays: Feb 3 - March 10, 10:45am

2. Spiritual Gifts 6 week Study, Wednesdays: Feb 6 - March 13, 5:30pm in the Ruby Chapel.



**We look forward to exploring Spiritual Gifts together!**

# Children's Ministries

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

**Children's Ministries Mission Statement:** "Connecting kids to God and others."

**Christian Learning Time (CLT):** Sundays, 10:45-11:15am for 4 year olds thru 7<sup>th</sup> grade.

We want to **Thank ALL** the Leaders/Helpers that are involved with our Children's Ministry (Sundays, Wednesdays, and Summer) **for EVERYTHING** they do to share the Love of God with our children.

**If you are a CLT or CW, TGIW leader/helper this year,**

**YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR**

**AN APPRECIATION BREAKFAST IN YOUR HONOR  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17<sup>TH</sup>  
10:45AM  
IN THE RUBY CHAPEL**



**All CLT classes will remain as scheduled with substitutes teaching the lesson.**

**Thank God It's Wednesday (TGIW)...SUPERBOOK!**

**February 6<sup>th</sup>:** Rahab and the Walls of Jericho

**February 13<sup>th</sup>:** Esther-For such a time as this

**February 20<sup>th</sup>:** John the Baptist

**February 27<sup>th</sup>:** Paul and the shipwreck

**COMING SOON...**



**VBS 2019 July 14<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup>**

Start thinking.....How YOU can help to make this another great year of VBS! Our VBS Team (Andy Sutton, Elaine Sheer, Abbi Herrick and Charity Johnson) is excited to get plans set for this event and we hope that you'll join us on this journey. We will have volunteer roles for all ages and abilities. More information to come this spring.

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

**February 2019**

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

Our Jr. BLAST group started off the year with a great month of fun and fellowship with our kids! Our first meeting back from break was a Bible Pictionary game, the score was close between our two teams and we think they are ready to take on Sr. BLAST this month! We enjoyed watching the kids work on the scavenger hunt that took them around the whole church to learn more about the space we worship in. Would you like to try your hand at the kind of things they had to answer? See if you can answer these questions: *How many sinks are in the whole building? What is Pastor Jon's favorite hymn? How many keys are on the keyboard in the FLC?* We got out in the community with a service project and tour of Many Hands Thrift Store where we learned about their mission in Haiti and helped sort and shelf items they sell in their store front to support that mission. We finished up the month with a lesson on kindness and forgiveness.

### **February Calendar-**

2/6- Sr. vs. Jr. Bible Pictionary/Ice Cream Sundaes

2/13- Service Project- Making Gifts For Shut-ins.

2/20- Delivering Our Projects \*\*We anticipate our end time being 7:45.

2/27- BLAST Activities

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

This year our youth group will be heading to Chicago, Illinois (*June 30th – July 6th*). We will be focusing our time in the city's south side housing area in Canaryville. While in Canaryville, our youth will be serving the community by helping to meet the needs of Chicago's people by partnering with local ministries working with children, the elderly, and those experiencing homelessness. We will also have the opportunity to serve at a food pantry or urban garden and contribute to the work being done to eliminate food insecurity.



We are currently taking 10 kids and 4 adults on this mission trip; which is the same numbers that we took last year! This is a lot of people going on the mission trip; which means we need to raise more money than usual. With that, we are kicking off our fundraising with several events in February; which includes both a **breakfast on February 3rd** and our **Valentine's Dinner on February 13<sup>th</sup>**.

This year's **Valentine's Dinner** fundraiser meal will include your choice of bacon smoked pork loin, baked potato, and green beans or Shrimp Alfredo. Both meals will be served with a salad, bread, and homemade cheesecake with your choice of topping. *Please sign up in Fellowship Hall before February 6<sup>th</sup>.*

Also, mark your calendar now for our Annual **Ash Wednesday Pancake Dinner on March 6<sup>th</sup>**. The Youth will be serving pancakes before New Hope's Ash Wednesday service. We hope you can come out and join us!

Here are some of the upcoming youth events for the next couple of months:

**Jan. 30th @ 6pm ~ Thank God for BLAST Discussion**

**Feb. 3rd ~ BLAST Breakfast**

**Feb. 3rd @ 5 pm ~ Super Bowl Party**

**Feb. 6th and Feb. 13th @ 6pm ~ Thank God for BLAST Discussion**

**Feb. 16th @ 5pm ~ Valentine's Dinner**

**Feb. 20th @ 6pm ~ ChildServe (meet at New Hope UMC)**

**Feb. 27th @ 6pm ~ Thank God for BLAST Discussion**

**Mar. 6th @ 5pm ~ Ash Wednesday Pancake Dinner**

**Mar. 10th ~ BLAST Breakfast**

**Mar. 13th @ 6pm ~ Thank God for BLAST Discussion**

**Mar. 20th ~ Not Meeting because of Spring Break**

**Mar. 27th @ 6pm ~ Thank God for BLAST Discussion**

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

# missions

## February 2019 MISSION NEWS

**UGANDA CHICKEN PROJECT:** Thank you, New Hope! You have donated a total of \$4,582.50, so with the forthcoming \$500 Conference Grant, our total will exceed our goal of \$5,000, by \$82.50!

Patrick has returned from Uganda and supervising this project. He saw a need for immediate cash flow, so used some of the money to buy 2 new motorcycles to be used for a taxi service. From the proceeds will come a small salary to the drivers, and a steady income to continue the project. He also bought a small mowing machine to use for cutting grasses for the chickens, and to be rented out by parishioners.

A church member has loaned, free of charge, a building he had built for chickens, but ran out of money. This will be used as a brooder house for young chickens and then enlarged to house the laying hens. The local Veterinarian advised taking a month to sanitize and then start small with 100 baby chicks to start, then a couple months later, another 100, etc.

The local congregation of this Church of Uganda was so delighted with the gifts of the motorcycles, mowing machine, and Chicken support, so they held a great celebration to thank Patrick and our church. We will be sharing more about this celebration and the project later with the puppet troupe and their chicken puppets. Stay tuned!

**DMARC:** We continue to highlight our local food pantries through the Des Moines Religious Council. Remember that the third Sunday is designated as Food Pantry Sunday, so we invite you to make a special offering to them through our church by writing DMARC on the memo line and put the check in the offering plate. Winter is an especially needy time for the poor, who are often laid off summer jobs or who work several jobs just to pay the rent, etc. Choices need to be made as to what bills to pay, and there is often not enough to buy an adequate amount of food for the family.

Thanks to Jackie Johnson for organizing the "Souper Bowl" again this year. All soup went to the food pantries, too. And thanks for participating in this light-hearted game to bring in more food for the hungry.

Our Women's Fellowship continues to collect personal items in a basket on the Mission Table and volunteering at Bidwell Riverside, the largest food pantry and clothing closet in Des Moines.

**2019 BUDGET:** Since going to the unified budget, where Missions is no longer an item on the pledge card, our budgeted amount has dwindled, so giving has had to be curtailed. This year, because of annual shortfalls, we will be funded by the special events fund such as the Rummage Sale, and the Harvest Dinner & Auction. Because our church also depends on these funds for special projects, and future proceeds are uncertain, our Mission Team will have much less to work with.

New Hope has always been very Mission conscious and a generous giving community, so we are praying that we will be able to continue helping and partnering with the many groups and missions as before.

**CHURCH CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS:** We have provided half of the registration costs in the past years, but we will need some outside help to continue helping our young people experience a life-changing Christian experience at camp. We are hoping to support each camper ½ or up to \$200 toward their fees, depending on their total cost. If you feel led to help in any way to make this happen, please write a check with camps on the memo line and it will be put in a fund to support our children.



### **HAND OF LUKE - Thursday, February 14**

*A special thanks* to the 19 John Deere employees who prepared and served the January 14th Hand of Luke meal. This is a great way to get others besides our church members involved in this program. Have a work group you would like to sign up to help? Pick a month and let Jolene Harlow know at [rdharlow@earthlink.net](mailto:rdharlow@earthlink.net).

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. The Confirmation Class, mentors & parents will cook & serve this month..

Questions? Contact Jolene Harlow, 515-490-8813 or [rdharlow@earthlink.net](mailto:rdharlow@earthlink.net). Thank you for your support of this program!

## Mission's Year End Report: 2018 (shown in Rainbow Covenant areas)

*The following includes monetary and in-kind gifts donated by all the ministries of New Hope.*

### RED: (WORLD SERVICE:)

MOBILITY WORLDWIDE	\$330.00
SOUTH SUDAN Emergency	330.00
CHURCH WORLD SERVICE-BLANKETS AND TOOLS	400.00
SELF HELP	330.00

### ORANGE: (UNITED STATES SPECIAL PROJECTS):

McCURDY MISSION SCHOOL	300.00
REDBIRD MISSION SCHOOL	304.00
RED BIRD MISSION SCHOOL BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION	100.00
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY	350.00

### YELLOW: UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief)

US DISASTER RESPONSE	854.00
IOWA DISASTER RELIEF FUND	100.00
EQUAL EXCHANGE (10 % of Fair trade goes orders to UMCOR)	562.50
UMCOR	130.00
HPI LIVING GIFTS	100.00

### GREEN: (INTERNATIONAL HUNGER/POVERTY)

HEIFER INTERNATIONAL (Congregation and VBS)	100.00
DMARC (cash, in-kind giving)	7,621.21
MEALS FROM THE HEARTLAND	5,960.30
HAND OF LUKE: MEALS FOR HOMELESS AT CENTRAL IOWA SHELTER)	9,850.00
NEPAL SCHOOL PROJECT	600.00
FRIDAY BACKPACKS Samuelson School/Johnston partnership	1,740.69

### BLUE: (IOWA ADVANCE SPECIALS)

BIDWELL RIVERSIDE & in-kind (women's fellowship, missions)	3,200.00
JUSTICE FOR OUR NEIGHBORS Missions/women's Fellowship	1,100.00
SELF HELP INTERNATIONAL	330.00
HAWTHORN HILL	350.00
NEW DIRECTIONS	175.00

### PURPLE: (SPECIAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS):

1,049.00

### INDIGO: (PARISH DEVELOPMENTS):

WOMEN AT THE WELL PRISON MINISTRY:	1,008.00
BUILDER'S CALL	50.00
JOHNSTON RIVER OF LIFE	155.00

### (THIRD MILE GIVING):

MISSIONARY COVENANT DR. MEFOR:	3,000.00
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### (LOCAL AND INSTITUTIONAL GIVING):

SAMUELSON SCHOOL AND JOHNSTON PARTNERSHIP FRIDAY BACKPACKS	1,740.69
CAMP WESLEY WOODS	1,895.00
HOPE MINISTRIES	30.00
ANGEL TREE	500.00
WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP: NATIONAL ALIANCE MENTAL HEALTH	100.00
WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP: PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND	700.00
WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP: Senior BLAST Mission Trip	275.00
WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP/MISSIONS: Homeless Veteran's Baskets	600.00
WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP: Police Station Snacks	55.29
WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP: Free Clinic of Iowa	100.00
MANY HANDS FOR HAITI: Days for Girls Kits: Needlers	1,660.00
SELF-HELP INTERNATIONAL: dresses and britches: Needlers	375.00
UGANDAN CHICKEN PROJECT	<u>4,582.50</u>

**TOTAL**

**\$53,092.97**



New Hope UMC Congregation, you may have heard that the Board of Trustees would like to make significant updates to the main entrance hallways and the Fellowship Hall, including new paint, a mural inside the east entrance, and new flooring. The existing tile in those areas is the original tile from 1965. They are asbestos, and would cost a fortune to remove. The Trustees have found a vendor with a product that can be laid over the existing tile. It is slip-resistant, long-wearing, and very attractive. It is the same product that was used in the renovation of the women's and men's bathrooms. We have chosen a color that compliments the new wall color, a light beige with some gray modeling. The cost of the product and installation, for both the Fellowship Hall and the hallways, is **\$16,400**. The cost of just the hallways, including the area in front of the Ruby Chapel, is \$9,800. This includes reinstalling the vinyl baseboard.

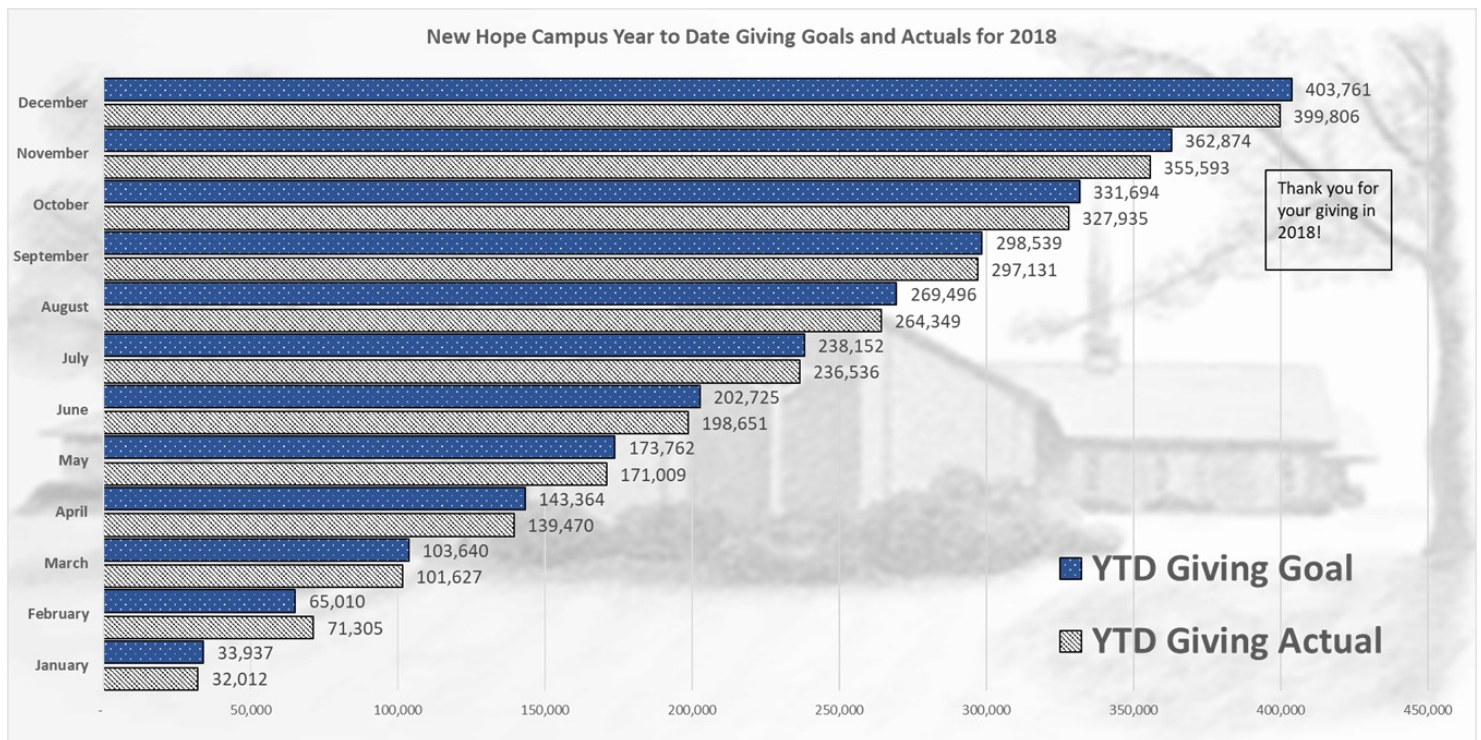
The impetus for this project is primarily safety, with the added benefit of updating the church with a beautiful, contemporary look. We have had several people fall in the hallway in the last year, and have already experienced our first incident of 2019. It is likely they tripped by catching their walker, cane or foot on the edge of the carpet runners. Therefore, we are attempting to eliminate that particular hazard. In addition, the new flooring would alleviate the need for costly strip and wax maintenance, and would help reduce long-term upkeep costs. For these reasons, we want to execute this project as soon as possible.

The Board of Trustees is asking the congregation to prayerfully consider donating to this very worthy project. We have approximately \$4,400 in our capital improvement account to kick-start the effort. When donating, please note "flooring project" on the memo line of your check.

We thank Linda and Jerry Kielsmeier, John Burrough, Larry Wood, John Rains, and all other volunteers involved in the hallway being painted. Also, a thank you to David Followwill for the many hours of research he invested in this project.

Thank you for your consideration, and for your donations!

Spencer Sutton  
Chair, Board of Trustees



New Hope Sunday morning Worship attendance				
	8:30	9:30	10:45	Total
December 30	21	70	61	152
January 6	21	102	72	195
January 13	21	78	58	157
January 20	21	73	52	146

# 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 worshipers.

**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 February 2019:

8:30am Traditional Service	9:30am Contemporary Service	10:45am Traditional Service
<b><u>Greeters</u></b>	<b><u>Greeters</u></b>	<b><u>Greeters</u></b>
3	3	3
10	10	10
17	17	17
24	24	24
<b><u>Lectors</u></b>	<b><u>Lectors</u></b>	<b><u>Lectors</u></b>
3 Armenta Buckingham	3 Pam Frey	6 Jon Verner
10 Cathy Short	10 Jodi Christensen	13 Barb Mather
17 Billy Nuzum	17 Sherri Bogue	20 Lynn Davisson
24	24 Andy Sutton	27 Cathy Cate
<b><u>Traditional Service Callers</u></b>	<b><u>Hosts</u></b>	<b><u>Hosts</u></b>
3 Bob & Marlys Borcharding	3 Nancy Monthei	3 Andy Sutton
10 Norma Sutton	10 Sr. BLAST	10 Sr. BLAST
17 Bob & Marlys Borcharding	17 Pam Weisskopf	17
24 Norma Sutton	24 Finance Committee	24 Finance Committee
<b><u>Office Volunteers</u></b>	<b><u>9:30 Computer Support</u></b>	<b><u>Money Counters</u></b>
1 Theresa Flickinger	3 Nancy Monthei	3 Glenna Ross, Tony & Tracy Hoffman
8 Shirley Johnson	10 Rick Homard	10 Clark Howland; Rick Homard, Larry Wood
15 Gayle Easton	17 Gary Stubbs	17 Randy Jansen, Patty Nearmyer, DeVonne Douglas
22 Sally Lindstrom	24 Nic Wigant	24 Tami Wise, Jerry Kielsmeier, John Burrough



On Sunday, **March 3rd**, we will have a **CELEBRATION** on this last Sunday before the season of Lent begins. We are calling it **MARDI GRAS SUNDAY!**

Mardi Gras is the name for the day before Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday.

It is known for parades, pageants, costumes, masked balls, and people dancing in the streets. The colors of Mardi Gras are **purple** (representing justice), **green** (representing faith), and **gold** (representing power).

Our celebration of Mardi Gras at New Hope will be through our music, message, and decorations on Sunday, March 3rd, at all three services (8:30, 9:30, 10:45). **We encourage you to invite your relatives, friends, neighbors, co-workers, and everyone to celebrate with us!** This will be a joyous and uplifting service as we prepare for Lent.



**Ash Wednesday**  
**Wednesday, March 6th**  
**6:00pm Pancake Supper**  
**7:00pm Ash Wed. Service**

**Come for Pancakes, 6:00 pm** pancake supper. Free-Will Offering. Prepared and Served by Sr. High BLAST. Help Sr. High BLAST in raising money for their summer mission trip.

**Stay for worship, 7:00 pm**

*Childcare will be provided for children ages 4 and lower.*

Join us this Ash Wednesday for food, fellowship, and prayer.

# February 2019


## WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday mornings

8:30

9:30

10:45

					1 9a-Noon Office Vol: Office Vol: Theresa Flickinger 9:30-11a, Child/Adult devotional time	2
3 Communion Sunday Souper Bowl (soup cans) Team Shirt Sr. BLAST breakfast fundraiser 4:15p, Confirmation Class	4 7p, Trustees Mtg., R.Chapel	5 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 7:00p, HCI Mtg., R.Chapel	6 5:30p, Children's Choir 5:45p, Dinner 6:15p, TGIW 6:15p, Jr. BLAST 6:30p, Chancel Choir practice 7:00p, Puppets 7:45p, Praise Team practice	7 7:00p, Worship Design, Pastor's office	8 Office Vol: Shirley Johnson 9:30-11a, Child/Adult devotional time 1:00p, Bible Study at Pizza Ranch	9 7:30a, Men's Breakfast, at church
10 Blood Pressure Sunday Boy Scout Sunday Puppets perform 2:30p, Healthy Church Initiative	11	12 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA	13 5:30p, Children's Choir 5:45p, Dinner 6:15p, TGIW—Santa's Attic 6:15p, Jr. BLAST 6:30p, Chancel Choir practice 5:00p, Puppets 7:45p, Praise Team practice	14  3:30p, Hand of Luke	15 <b>Deadline for March LINK</b> Office Vol: Gayle Easton 9a-3p, Needlers 9:30-11a, Child/Adult devotional time	16 5:30p, Sr. BLAST Valentine's Dinner fundraiser
17 Food Pantry Sunday 10:45a, TGIW, CLT, CW Teacher/Volunteer appreciation breakfast	18 President's Day <b>Church Office Closed</b>	19 9a-Noon Office Vol: 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA	20 9a-Noon Office Vol: 5:30p, Children's Choir 5:45p, Dinner 6:15p, TGIW—Santa's Attic 6:15p, Jr. BLAST 6:30p, Chancel Choir practice 5:00p, Puppets 7:45p, Praise Team practice	21 9:00a, Women's Fellowship at church 6:30p, Finance Mtg., R.Chapel	22 Office Vol: Sally Lindstrom 9:30-11a, Child/Adult devotional time 1:00p, Bible Study at Pizza Ranch	23 9:00a, Mission Mtg., R.Chapel
24 4:15p, Confirmation Class	25	26 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 6:30p, God's Girlfriends Mtg.	27 5:30p, Children's Choir 5:45p, Dinner 6:15p, TGIW—Santa's Attic 6:15p, Jr. BLAST 6:30p, Chancel Choir practice 5:00p, Puppets 7:45p, Praise Team practice	28 7p, Administrative Council Mtg., R.Chapel	March 1 Office Vol: Ruth Doxon 9:30-11a, Child/Adult devotional time 6p, FLC reserved	March 2 4:00p-9:00p, FLC reserved



**FEBRUARY  
BIRTHDAYS**

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

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|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1 Judy Peterson, Nicole Wilson    | 16 Scott Rowland, Corey Miller,      |
| 2 Kay Goff, Harrison Fiala,       | Ron Cooley                           |
| Violet Fiala                      | 17 Vicki Hover-Williamson            |
| 3 Ron Rubek, Erika Weih           | 18 Ava Henry, Linda Sesker, Michael  |
| 5 Dawn Pritchard                  | Gerovac                              |
| 6 Dale Monthei, Linda Kielsmeier, | 19 Susan Egger, Heather Kerndt,      |
| Penny Dolberg                     | Makenna Meyer                        |
| 7 Sandy Wilges                    | 20 Kim Trillet, Derek Marsh          |
| 9 Barb Conrad, Freda Ruleman,     | 21 Jeff Balk                         |
| Ben Higdon                        | 22 Kristi Miller, Nathan Roff, Julie |
| 10 Clark Howland                  | Hartung                              |
| 11 Steve Sutton                   | 23 Lyle Pritchard, Jeff Evans        |
| 15 Grayson Wigant                 | 24 Marte Carlson                     |
|                                   | 25 Earl Lewis                        |
|                                   | 27 Clarissa Short, Kinney Carnahan   |
|                                   | 28 John Huber                        |
|                                   | 29 Doris Pugh                        |



**FEBRUARY  
ANNIVERSARIES**

- 1: Dean & Judy Peterson  
9: Ron & Clarice Rubek  
24: Larry & Kim Buske  
24: David & Carole Followwill  
27: Robin & Jolene Harlow  
28: Clark & Le Howland

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In the past, I have made references to a book called, The Blessing, by Gary Smalley and John Trent. It raises the issue about the negative impact of not receiving a blessing from significant people in our lives.

The example the book uses is from the Old Testament story about two brothers, Jacob and Esau, sons of Isaac, who was the son of Abraham. They were twins, but Esau was the first born and was in line to receive the birthright and blessing reserved for the first born. However, Jacob, with the help of his mother, Rebekah, tricked Isaac into giving the blessing meant for Esau to him (Genesis 27).

The book deals with the negative impact not receiving the intended blessing has on Esau. Authors Smalley and Trent go on to share the negative impact that occurs in the lives of all people who do not receiving a blessing from significant people in their lives.

It's too easy and too common in today's world to be negative and even tease by using "put downs" instead of blessings. But if you stop and think about it or have ever experienced it, there is so much joy to be found in both giving and receiving blessings.

It's been true throughout human history, but I think we can agree that our world today is in great need of sharing blessings. The sharing of blessings should be done in our homes, in our work places, with all our relatives, friends and neighbors. It should be done in our schools, our churches, and in our government. It should be done in our communities, our state, our nation, and our world.

From some reason this is not an easy task. It seems to go against some of our human nature—to protect, preserve, and put ourselves first. But it is also in line with another part of our human nature—to love, nurture, support, and care for others. We just need to be aware of which part of our nature we develop, feed, and cultivate.

It's still not long ago that we celebrated that "love came down at Christmas." Could it be that we need another reminder so soon? Yes, it doesn't hurt that February 14 is coming up and we are reminded once again of the love we are to show to others.

Valentine's Day, like Christmas, has a connection to the Christian faith. It is not as direct as Christmas, but Valentine's Day became linked to the Saint Day, February 14, of an early Christian martyr named St. Valentine.

Like Christmas, Valentine's Day has become very commercialized. But the positive side to this is that the message of loving others is promoted on a huge scale. As my professor friend, Dr. Bruce Forbes, has written in his book, America's Favorite Holidays, "If Valentine's Day has become one of America's most culturally dominant holidays, it must be because we in the general public value love and relationships, and we are eager to affirm them."

May it be so that we all are eager to affirm our love for others.

Grace and peace, Pastor Jon

## **February Theme-- "Following the Path Less Traveled"**

February 3	<u>Title:</u> "Following Love"	<u>Script.:</u> 1 Corinthians 13:1-13	Communion Sunday
February 10	<u>Title:</u> "Following Instructions"	<u>Script.:</u> Luke 5:1-11	Boy Scout Sunday
February 17	<u>Title:</u> "Following the Poor"	<u>Script.:</u> Luke 6:17-26	
February 24	<u>Title:</u> "Following Our Enemies"	<u>Script.:</u> Luke 6:27-38	



**Sunday Worship Services at New Hope**

**8:30am** Traditional Service

**9:30am** Contemporary Service

**10:45am** Traditional Service

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