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A monthly publication of  
New Hope United Methodist Church

## October 2023

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## Harvest Jamboree and Auction



We have a FREE event for you, your family & your friends to attend to help raise funds for our church!

**Sunday, October 22, 2023**

**3:30 - 5:00 pm**

**In the Neil Cross Family Life Center**

**Free popcorn**

**Free desserts**

We will once again have the fun and famous **silent auction**.

Items will be displayed the morning of October 22nd to start the bidding process. We are hoping for many silent auction items. A few items that have been donated so far are: Kansas City Chiefs basket, Afghan, home canned goods, babysitting service, canvas painting, BBQ basket, Worx lawn trimmer...and more!!

The **live auction** and the **entertainment** will begin at 3:30 pm.

We will have a variety of live auction items that are valued at \$100 or more. A partial list: Dinner for 8 at the Parsonage, Pie of the month, Plant stand made by Steve Sutton, Advent basket for kids, Framed Trestle Bridge wood picture, DeWalt drill and hand saw...and more!!

We will have **amazing entertainment** that you can make donations toward their performance throughout the evening: Singers, Instrument Ensemble, Dancer, Ukulele player, Flutist....just to name a few.

Also, there will be free drawings throughout the afternoon.

Join us for delicious desserts, great music and an entertaining auction. There is no cost to attend this family event.

**This is fundraiser event is to raise funds for the church Capital Improvements fund.**



## Pastor Appreciation Month

*Pray often and caringly for your pastor, church leaders and their families. The role is challenging, so support them spiritually and ask God to reveal his love and grace to these special servants.*



### 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:

Evette Burton, David Ruleman, Skylar Freeman, Mary Textor, Johan Gallo, Jason Sloss, Julie Mericle, Jessica Smith, Marco Pranivong, Kayla Chapman, Lisa Bissett, Deb Henry

#### Healing from Physical Issues:

Mary Ann Rice, FloAnn Wills, Billy Nuzum, Chris Bammerlin, Nancy Foreman, Larry Forbes, Carol Weigel, Freda Ruleman, Dick Cobb, Jim Mather, Johnny Johnson, Bill Johnson, Diana Bibler, Alexandria Cooley, Theresa Faber, Phillip DeMarco

**Those Who Are in Rehabilitation and Nursing Care:** Gayle Easton, Vicki Ealy, Bob Krause

**Military:** Devan Stanton, Hunter Schmidt, Joshua Ruleman, Rece Haugland, Jacob Gerlach, Brycen Gerlach



### Thank You

Dear New Hope Family

So grateful for all of the healing prayers, caring calls, texts, visits, and fabulous care team meal made by Paulette and Larry Wood after Larry's back surgery. So appreciative that our wonderful Pastor Lillian drove all the way to Iowa City to visit us. Thank you to Kirk Seagren for sharing your supplement with Larry.

We can't thank you all enough for the love and support you provide to us. It's such an honor to be part of this loving church family.

Blessings to each one of you.

Love,

Melisa and Larry Forbes

### Birth

**Congratulations** to Tyler & Emma Sandquist on the birth of their daughter, Sophie Noelle Sandquist. Sophie was born on September 7<sup>th</sup>, weighed 8lbs 7oz and 20 ¾" long. Proud grandparents are Dale & Nancy Monthei.

### Sympathy

**Our Sympathy** to the family and friends of Susan Medley on her passing. Memorial service will be held on Saturday, October 7th at 2:00pm at the Merle Hay Chapel.

**Our Sympathy** to Pastor Lillian and Pastor Kirk. Kirk's brother-in-law, James Hanthorn, passed away. Prayers for Kirk's sister, Carol.

**Our Sympathy** to Lynn Davisson on the passing of his wife, Jan Davisson. Our continued prayers are with Lynn and his family.

**Our Sympathy** to Dale & Nancy Monthei and family on the passing of Dale's mother, Connie Palmer.



**Annual Charge Conference** will be held on  
Sunday, October 15th  
3p.m.  
at Walnut Hills UMC  
12321 Hickman Rd, Urbandale

Charge Conference is the annual meeting of the year where we review the past year's ministries, look at the programs and the goals for the coming year, set the Pastor's salary and elect the officers of the church.

Your attendance is welcomed! *If you plan to attend, please contact Nancy in the church office, 515-278-2097 or nancy@newhopedsm.org*

We are hosting a **Trunk or Treat** event for our church members and the community!

This year it will be held on **Saturday, October 28th from 4—5pm.**

We are asking for volunteers to **host a trunk** to help make this event a great success! In addition to fun decorations and a warm smile, we are asking to you to provide treats at your trunk. If you are unable to do so, the church will provide donated candy.

**\*\*If you aren't able to participate by hosting a trunk, we would welcome your monetary donations or donations of individually wrapped candy or small trinkets to help us fill our goodie bags!\*\***

**\*\*Also, we are looking for 4 –5 volunteers to help with the event that evening.\*\***

To sign up to do a Trunk and/or to volunteer to help or to donate, please see the sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center *by October 22nd.*

Questions? contact Nancy Monthei at the Church Office, 515-278-2097 or [nancy@newhopedsm.org](mailto:nancy@newhopedsm.org).

And, plan to join us for this event and bring your kids and their friends!!



**The Avengers of the Knight will be making a special appearance!**



### **Veterans Helping Veterans**

We will be having a Veterans breakfast at **8:30am on Saturday, October 21st.**

This is 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).

## Children's Ministry Updates by Jackie Johnson, Children & Youth Ministries Coordinator jackie@newhopedsm.org or (515)710-3239

We had a great turnout for our first TGIW Midweek Meetup of the year! We played a very close game of Bible based Minute to Win It. Our team captains for the game were: Pastor Lilian and Grampa Dave Montgomery.

If you don't have every Wednesday open, don't worry. We would still love to see you whenever your schedule allows! If you haven't registered yet, please do. This small step helps us adequately plan for meals and supplies.

There is no cost to register: <https://forms.gle/ksR9GC2LJPgnKeFr5>

Paper forms are available upon request.



### **Dinner is served weekly from 6-6:30pm by our amazing volunteer chefs!**

There is no set fee for the meal, but a free-will donation is collected each week to help cover the cost.

The October meal menu is under construction and will be sent out electronically to families. Thank you for understanding!

THANK YOU to our September chefs for preparing delicious and nutritious meals!

*Glenna Ross ~ DeVonne Douglas ~ Jenn Higdon ~ Pam Frey ~ Patty Nearmyer*

### **Activities are from 6:30-7:30pm!**

Kids are split into different groups by age for the activities:

PreK-5<sup>th</sup> grade – TGIW

6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade- Jr. BLAST

9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade – Sr. BLAST

Oct 4, 6:30-7:30pm- \*Service First, all group service project at New Hope!

Oct 11, 6:30-7:30pm- Midweek Meetup Activities

Oct 18, 6:30-7:30pm- Midweek Meetup Activities

Oct 25, 6:30-7:30pm- Pumpkin Painting, please bring a pumpkin! We will supply the paint and other supplies.



Our puppet ministry is off to a great start! This group is intended for kids in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and up. They will meet again this year from 7:30-8pm each Wednesday evening and may have occasional Saturday practices leading up to a performance. Several times during the year our puppet group will perform a skit during Sunday morning services.



As soon as the calendar changes to October, we start getting ready for Santa!

Well... **Santa's Attic** that is.

You might find it hard to believe, but we have already received our first question about when we are doing Santa's Attic from a very interested shopper.

If you aren't familiar with Santa's Attic at New Hope - it is a program where our TGIW children get to bring in money and go Christmas shopping for family members from items that have been donated. Volunteers from our youth groups help the children wrap and label their gifts to place under their trees at home. It is an annual favorite for most of our children!

That's where you come in - Our TGIW program has grown and so has the need for items for the kids to shop from. **We need LOTS of new and gently used gift donations for this beloved annual program! We will also gladly accept donations gift bags and scotch tape.**

**Donations can be brought to the Children's Ministry Office now - December 5th and placed on the round table.**

In mid-December, the children of the church will have the opportunity to shop the donated items. Anyone that has ever been the receiver of one of these gifts knows the joy expressed on Christmas morning from the child who picked it out especially for you.

Thank you in advance for your help carrying on this tradition at New Hope!



## Sunday School kicked off during the 9:30 service on Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>!

Children are invited to join Jackie for the first two songs and Children's Message and then exit with the group to the purple classroom.

Sunday School is open to PreK-7<sup>th</sup> grade on a weekly or drop-in basis. Parents are asked to pick their children up in the purple room after service.

We are using the Celebrate Wonder curriculum again this year. It offers an opportunity for the students to use their creativity and imagination to explore God's creation!

If you haven't registered your children yet, please do:  
<https://forms.gle/ksR9GC2LJPgnKeFr5>.

This helps make sure we have important info for each family while the children are in our care.

***There are still opportunities to volunteer either to teach a lesson or to be a helper in the classroom.***

We still need teachers for:

Session 5: 2/11 - 3/17 (No Sunday School on 3/10)

Session 7: 4/28 - 5/19

We need one-time helpers for:

10/15, 11/5, 11/12, 11/19

If you are interested in helping sharing God's love with the littlest members of our flock in this way, please reach out to Jackie at [jackie@newhopedsm.org](mailto:jackie@newhopedsm.org) or (515)710-3239.



Sunday School students were asked to create their own world out of recycled materials. There was lots of creativity on display! Pictured is just one of the creations.

## BLAST Ministry ~ Believing, Learning, Assisting, Serving, Teens

**Jr. BLAST ~ 6th-8th graders** Join us for TGIW Midweek Meetup on Wednesday evenings!

A great opportunity to make friends, enjoy fellowship, and spend an hour each week reinforcing your faith!

A weekly meal is served from 6:00-6:30pm with activities following.

Oct 4, 6:30-7:30pm \*All Wednesday night groups will participate in a group service project at New Hope!

Oct 11, 6:30-7:30pm

Oct 18, 6:30-7:30pm

Oct 25, 6:30-7:30pm

For the time being, our Jr. and Sr. BLAST groups are meeting together on Wednesday nights. They will be meeting in the downstairs Sr. BLAST classroom.

**Sr. BLAST ([BLAST@NewHopeDSM.org](mailto:BLAST@NewHopeDSM.org)) 9th - 12th grade:** Leaders: Chris Higdon, Pam Frey, McKayla Nearmyer, and Arianna Bernal.

We are going to continue meeting on Wednesday night; during the Church's TGIW time. During this time, we will be having a Bible study and fellowship time. Plan to come early on Wednesdays - 6pm - to have dinner with the rest of the TGIW.

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

**Oct. 4th @ 6:30pm** ~ First Wednesday Service Project

**Oct. 11th @ 6:30pm** ~ Thank God for BLAST Discussions – TGBD

**Oct. 18th @ 6:30pm** ~ Thank God for BLAST Discussions – TGBD

**Oct. 21st @ 6pm** ~ BLAST Haunted House Outing

**Oct. 25th @ 6:30pm** ~ Thank God for BLAST Discussions – TGBD

**Oct. 28th @ 4pm** ~ Help with New Hope Truck-or-Treat

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



**Hanging of the Greens** get together on  
**Monday October 16 6:30pm.**

Please join us and share your fresh ideas!

If you can't make it, please email me or call! I look forward to hearing from you.

Pam Frey  
Yayafrey@gmail.com or 515-490-8440.



## **INVITATION**

*New Hope United Methodist Praise Band hosts  
the 1st annual...*



**"Make A Joyful Noise  
Community in Praise!"**

**Saturday, November 11, 2023**

**New Hope United Methodist Church**

**4525 Beaver Ave, Des Moines, IA 50310**

**(515) 278-2097**

**2pm to 4pm**

**Refreshments Provided**

**Praise Bands from nearby Churches  
have been invited to participate  
with five songs each!**



**Let us All make a joyful noise  
unto the Lord!**

*"This event is being sponsored in part by the  
Ambrose Moses Memorial Fund"*

# CELEBRATING RACIAL DIVERSITY IN OUR COMMUNITY

**Saturday, November 4th - 3:00-5:30**

Enjoy authentic food, music, and dance! Join us as we learn about the different cultures that make up our New Hope UMC family.



For more information call **641-757-2334!**

- Authentic African, Filipino, Persian and Mexican food! (Free-will offering)
- The Living Word Ministries International Youth Group
- Filipino songs by the Vida sisters
- Classical/Spanish guitar by David Crabbs
- Learning spaces of represented cultures and languages



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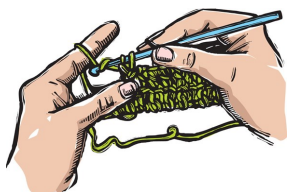
**Dinner for 6, 7, OR 8** is a great way to enjoy a delicious meal with new friends! Singles and couples are invited to sign up.

The first couple/single acts as host/hosts and will call others who have signed up to invite them and provide the meat or make restaurant reservations. The second couple/single provides salad and bread. The third provides a vegetable, and the fourth provides dessert.

At the first meeting, a second meeting time is arranged, and each single/couple moves up in the food rotation, with the first host providing the dessert, and so on until everyone has hosted.

There is no agenda or program, except fellowship and fun. Restaurants or homes are fine depending upon the wishes of the group.

**Sign up at the Welcome Center at church.** Or call Dawn Bachelder at 740-291-7486 or email at [buckeye.dawn@yahoo.com](mailto:buckeye.dawn@yahoo.com).



**Crafters** will meet in the Ruby Chapel **Wednesdays, 6:30-8pm.**

This is an informal group so crafters can come and go. We invite knitters, crocheters, cross stitchers, hand quilters, and all other to join us for fellowship and craft time.

Questions? Contact Le Howland at 515-418-0998



## Hand of Luke, Saturday, October 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 October will be hamburger goop sandwiches, green beans, coleslaw and cookies.

**Volunteers are needed to cook the meal, transport food to the shelter, serve at the shelter, and donate cookies (no peanut butter or nuts, please). 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-holsaturday2>. You may also contact Arlene Dabill at [dabill49@aol.com](mailto:dabill49@aol.com) or (515) 321-2059 to volunteer.



## Care Team Help Needed

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.

**The New Hope Care team is needing assistance in two areas.**

First we would like someone to work with Marilyn Osborn on calling upon parishioners when there is an immediate family death and mailing our Stevens Ministry Grief booklets as appropriate.

Second, we would like to add some more cooks to our Care Team list to provide meals to parishioners who have just had surgery or to new Mothers as they bring the new baby home. Paulette Wood organizes the meals and visits with the parishioners to check on their diet restrictions and then she calls upon the cooks to prepare and deliver the meal. Usually two people work together on a meal.

If interested in helping in either of these areas please contact Clarice Rubek at 515-490-3420.

## New Hope Needlers

The Needlers sewing group will meet on **Friday, October 20th from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm** in the north classroom. We lunch at Panera in Johnston.

Join us to sew lap quilts for the NHUMC Care Team to distribute to church members. We have fabric, backing and batting to use. Kits are provided to sew Little Dresses and Little Britches for our overseas missions. You are also welcome to take these kits home to sew. We also make components for Days for Girls feminine hygiene kits.

Bring your sewing machine (or use one of the machines in the church closet), scissors, pins and thread for a day of stitching and fellowship.

If you don't sew, we appreciate help with simple tasks, such as cutting ribbon, inserting the ribbon in drawstring bags or folding girls underwear.

Questions: Contact Diane Densmore, 515-270-1974 or Jody Rains, 515-278-8282.





Thank you to everyone that joined us for our Fall Kick-Off Festival on September 10th!

Despite the cloudy start, it turned out to be a wonderful day to celebrate starting another amazing year of children and youth programs at New Hope UMC!

Everyone that attended enjoyed the delicious food, fun activities, amazing balloon art, and exciting inflatables!

Special thanks to members of the Bridges Committee and the Christian Ed committee for collaborating on this event.



## Advent Study with Bishop Kenneth J. Bigham-Tsai

Tuesday's at 7 pm on Zoom: Nov. 28, Dec. 5, Dec. 12 and Dec. 19, 2023

In his new book, *Unrelenting Grace*, Bishop Ken Carter says that healing can come to our church as we center ourselves in grace, holiness and connection. As he writes, “[we must] Trust that grace, connection, and holiness are our path to healing—perhaps your own healing, perhaps the healing of your congregation. And, dare we say it, perhaps the healing of The United Methodist Church.”

After all that has gone on in these last months and years, don't you yearn for healing. I do. Then, let's embark together on this journey toward healing as we engage a conference-wide Advent Study of Bishop Carter's new book. I invite you to explore the unrelenting grace of God with friends and colleagues from around our conference. The study will remind us of who we are as United Methodists, build unity, and maybe, help us heal. It will last for just four sessions, on Tuesday evenings at 7pm Central, and will be entirely online. The dates are November 28, December 5, 12 and 19. I hope you will join us. Blessings.

Register at <https://www.iaumc.org/adventstudy>

You will need to register to zoom-in if you are participating from home. Pastor Lilian has registered for zoom and anybody can come and join her in the Office.

Pastor Lilian has ordered 10 books for 10 people, first come first serve. \$11 per book (shipping included). We hope Advent in 2023 might be a season in which we embrace grace, seek holiness, and reconnect with one another, culminating in a conference-wide Epiphany worship service of commitment.

## Blood Pressure Check

Next check is on Nov. 5th,  
9:30am-10am 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,  
stktel1@gmail.com.  
Online support group:  
<http://www.strokenetwork.org/>



**Men's Fellowship** will meet on  
**Saturday, October 7th at 8:30 a.m.** at  
church.  
All men are invited!!



United  
Women  
in Faith

Our next gathering will be on  
**Thursday, October 19th at  
9:30 a.m.** at the church.

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. We are very grateful for your support.

Questions? Please call Susan Clark at 515-964-5119.



## Care Ministry Team

The Care Ministry meets  
quarterly. Next meeting is on  
**Thurs., January 18th at 10am  
in the Fellowship Hall.**

This team ministers to congrega-  
tion 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.



## Join us!

**9:30 a.m.** in the Ruby Chapel using  
"Wired Word" curriculum.

## Bible Study ~ "Signs and Wonders"

Our 3rd Thursday 7:00 p.m. Bible Study at Banny's home will meet on  
**October 19th** with Dr. Levine's "Signs and Wonders: The Miracles of  
Jesus". Please contact Pastor Lilian if you plan to attend and to receive the  
book, [Lilian@newhopedsm.org](mailto:Lilian@newhopedsm.org).



## Chair Yoga & Fitness

Every Monday and Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.,  
join us for Chair Yoga & Fitness (no fee).  
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 Fellow-  
ship Hall.

*This is for anyone and any age.*



## Advent by

**Candlelight** for women is set for **Monday, December 4th, 7pm.**

Sign-up sheets will be out in October. Questions? Contact Nancy Monthei at 515-278-  
2097 or [nancy@newhopedsm.org](mailto:nancy@newhopedsm.org)

# OCTOBER MISSION NEWS ~ Marilyn Osborn, Chair of Mission Committee

*YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF OTHERS*

## Ingathering is November 4, 2023

The United Methodist churches in Iowa have celebrated Ingathering for many years. New Hope church has participated for several years taking quilts, student kits, personal dignity kits, birthing kits, and monetary gifts for blankets, etc.

This year, the Mission Committee has chosen to provide money for **Mobility Carts**. We have one here at New Hope for you to see and try out.

Mobility Worldwide provides **Mobility Carts** to individuals in over 106 countries. There are more than 70 million persons in the world who have lost the use of their legs through polio, landmines, war amputations, earthquake amputations, crocodiles, etc. Designed to function in rough terrain, and propelled by a hand-crank, these carts can go where conventional wheelchairs cannot. Many of these carts are made in Leighton, Iowa.

It costs approximately **\$350** to build and ship one cart. The recipients pay nothing. It is through donations that this ministry can continue.

Please make your check payable to New Hope UMC and add "Mobility Cart" to the memo line. Also, a donation box will be on the Mobility Cart each Sunday through October for your convenience.



For more information about Mobility Worldwide, please go to: <https://mobilityworldwide.org/>

**African Immigrants and Refugees Transition Services** ([www.airts.org](http://www.airts.org)) AIRTS is a non-profit organization founded by and for immigrants and refugees from Africa living in Iowa. Since 2016 they have been providing immigrants and refugees the resources they need to successfully settle in their new home/community. New Hope provides a small monthly donation, however, they are serving more and more clients and need funds to help with their program. They have applied for and received grants for their mission but need cash reserves to facilitate the use of the grants. Please consider donating by indicating on the memo line of your check to New Hope UMC the word AIRTS or by making a donation on their website: [airts.org](http://airts.org) Thank you for your consideration.

**Free Little Food Pantry** ~ The need for food continues to grow in our community! **DMARC reported that our zip code – 50310 – ranks second highest in the zip codes in the Des Moines metro with individuals needing assistance with food.**

If we all bring one non-perishable food item each week to put on our pantry shelf, we can continue to take 30 food items per week to the Free Little Food Pantry in our Meredith Drive community.

***Please no opened boxes or expired items. Canned fruit in light syrup is preferred.***

The food placed in the Free Little Food Pantry stays on the shelf for less than 3 hours because the need is so great. Only non-perishable foods and no expired food products.

**Remember to sign up for a Monday** to take the 30 food items to the **Free Little Food Pantry located between 51<sup>st</sup> and 52<sup>nd</sup> Streets north of Meredith Drive.**

There is a clipboard with the sign-up sheet on the pantry shelf by our Welcome Center.

If you have any questions, please contact Jolene Harlow-515-490-8813 or email at [rdharlow@earthlink.net](mailto:rdharlow@earthlink.net)

**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.

**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.

**In 2023, monthly donations will be given to:** Families Forward (formerly Bidwell Riverside), Missionary Dr. Mefor, Urbandale Food Pantry, DMARC Food Bank, Women at the Well, African Immigrant and Refugee Transition Services (AIRTS), and Johnston Partnership.

# East Entrance Addition ~ Financial Update

Donations of \$100 have been received in the month of September to pay down our principal balance.

We continue to make our monthly P&I payment to reduce our liability. As of September 30th, \$84,997.66 has been donated. This results in a current loan balance of \$44,386.77.

When donating to this project always write in the memo line of your check "East Entrance Addition". Thank you for your generosity and your involvement in our church!

John Rains  
East Entrance Addition Task Force, Chair

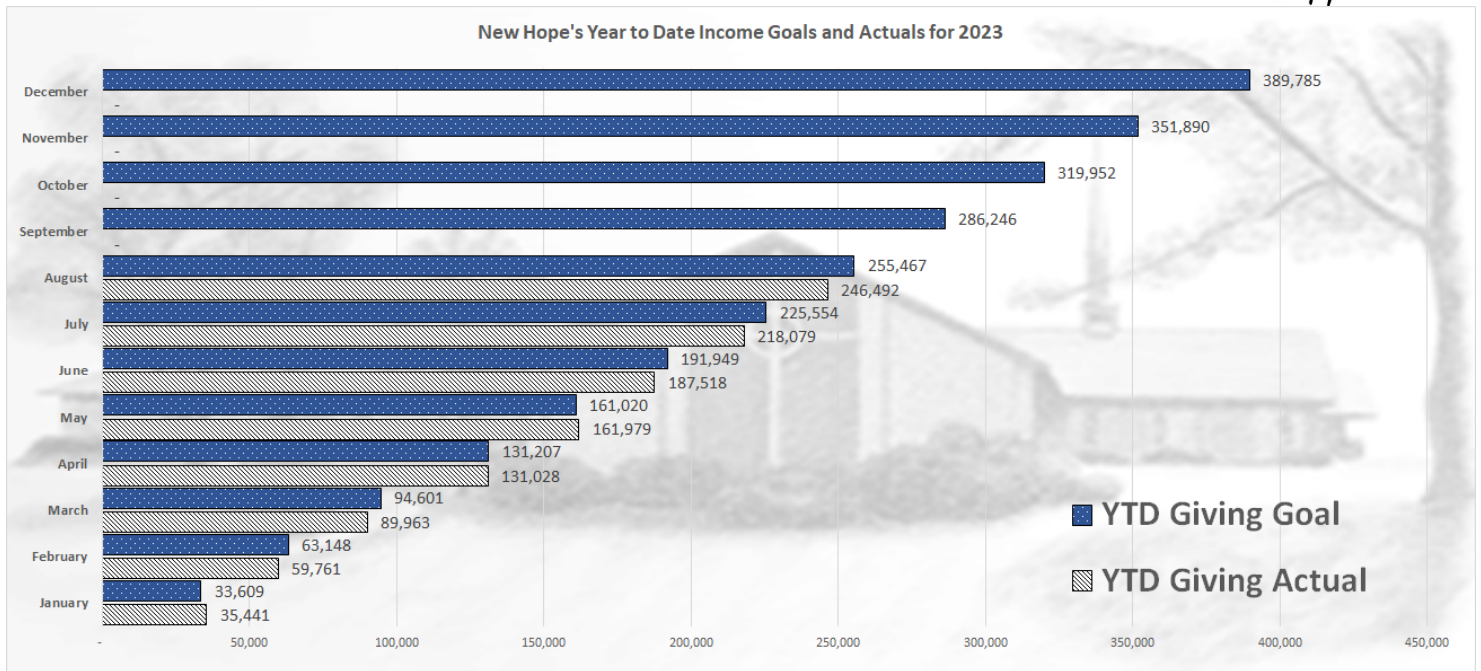


## "RESTORE the COOL" campaign update as of 9/30/23.

Thank you to those who contributed funds towards the Ruby Chapel HVAC unit. The unit recently failed and was replaced at a cost of \$9,000. To date we have raised \$1,350 (\$100 in September).

If you can give toward this new Ruby Chapel unit, please give, but if you can't give, please offer your prayers that we reach our goal of paying for this new unit. All gifts can either be sent directly to the office or be placed in the offering plates during our services identifying them as "Furnace" gifts.

*Thank You for your  
Financial Support*



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](http://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 for additional information.

# October 2023

**Sunday morning services are:  
8:30, 9:30 and 10:45  
Nursery at 9:30**

**SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY**

1 Communion 9:30, Sunday School 4:00p, Confirmation Meeting	2 9:30 Chair Yoga & Fitness  7p, Trustees Mtg	3 9:30a, Sr. Singers practice 9:30a, Al-Anon, R.Chapel Noon, AA, R.Chapel  6:30p, Missions Meeting	4 9:30 Chair Yoga 1:00p, Bible Study 5:00p, Ukulele class 6:30p, Crafters, R.Chapel TGIW ~ PreK-12th grade 6:00-6:30 Meal Served 6:30-7:30 Activities 7:30p, Puppets 6:00p, Chancel Choir 7:00p, Praise Band practice	5  6:30p, Worship Mtg	6 <b>Church office closed</b>	7 8:30a, Men's Breakfast at church  2:00p, Sue Medley funeral service at Merle Hay Chapel
8 World Communion Sunday (Offering) 9:30, Sunday School 11:45a, Growth meeting	9 <b>Church office closed</b> 9:30 Chair Yoga & Fitness	10 9:30a, Al-Anon, R.Chapel Noon, AA, R.Chapel  6:30p, SPRC Mtg.	11 9:30 Chair Yoga 1:00p, Bible Study 5:00p, Ukulele class 6:30p, Crafters, R.Chapel TGIW ~ PreK-12th grade 6:00-6:30 Meal Served 6:30-7:30 Activities 7:30p, Puppets 6:00p, Chancel Choir 7:00p, Praise Band practice	12	13	14  3:30p, Hand of Luke
15 9:30, Sunday School  3p, Charge Conference at Walnut Hills UMC	16 9:30 Chair Yoga & Fitness  6:30p, Hanging of the Greens Meeting	17 9:30a, Al-Anon, R.Chapel Noon, AA, R.Chapel 6:30p, Finance Mtg 7:00p, Stroke Club, F.Hall	18 9:30 Chair Yoga 1:00p, Bible Study 5:00p, Ukulele class 6:30p, Crafters, R.Chapel TGIW ~ PreK-12th grade 6:00-6:30 Meal Served 6:30-7:30 Activities 7:30p, Puppets 6:00p, Chancel Choir 7:00p, Praise Band practice	19 9:30a, United Women in Faith  7p, Bible Study at Banny's	20 9a-3p, Needlers at church	21 8:30a, Veterans Breakfast
22 9:30, Sunday School  3:30p, Harvest Jamboree & Auction	23 9:30 Chair Yoga & Fitness	24 9:30a, Al-Anon, R.Chapel Noon, AA, R.Chapel  6:30p, Finance Mtg 7:00p, Stroke Club, F.Hall	25 9:30 Chair Yoga 1:00p, Bible Study 5:00p, Ukulele class 6:30p, Crafters, R.Chapel TGIW ~ PreK-12th grade 6:00-6:30 Meal Served 6:30-7:30 Activities 7:30p, Puppets 6:00p, Chancel Choir 7:00p, Praise Band practice	26  6:30p, Administrative Council Mtg.	27 <b>Deadline for November LINK</b>	28 9a-3p, Ruby Chapel reserved (Sharon Smith)  4:00p - 5:00p, Trunk or Treat at church
29 9:30, Sunday School	30 9:30 Chair Yoga & Fitness	31 9:30a, Al-Anon, R.Chapel Noon, AA, R.Chapel				



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- 1 John Turek, David Montgomery
- 3 Adam Wise, Sandy Johnson
- 4 Joe Traylor, Tricia Berry
- 5 Randy Thompson, Noah Henry, Brad Lichter
- 7 Lisa Hewitt
- 8 Brittany Kealhofer
- 9 Glean Coates
- 10 Mica Wills, Hannah Wiles, Malcolm Rock
- 13 Melanie Henry
- 14 Netha Piphoh

- 15 Debbie O'Brien
- 16 Kurt Eaves
- 17 Luke Breitsprecher
- 18 Carl Egger
- 19 Mike Lillegraven
- 23 Alanna Greenwood
- 24 Mary Jansen, Noah Breitsprecher, Brennan Johnson, Caleb Warner
- 25 Tracy Hoffman
- 27 Charlotte Sheldon
- 28 Marilyn Schoop, Pam Weisskopf, David Johnson
- 29 Laura Webber, William Sheer, Hayden O'Brien



- 1 Jim & Joey Bolstad
- 4 Jim & Barb Mather
- 8 Brad & Terri Lichter
- 10 Al & Jo Foote
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- 14 Kevin & Jodi Christensen
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8:30 & 10:45: Traditional Services in the Sanctuary  
9:30: Contemporary Service in the 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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