

### APRIL AT NEW HOPE UMC

# UNVEILING GOD

Apr 7 "Unveiling a New Thing"

Apr 21 "Unveiling the Risen Christ"

Apr 14 "Unveiling Your King"

Apr 28 "Unveiling Who is to Come"



**April 14. Palm Sunday.** Children's Palm parade at all services. We will lead the children into service, and then they may sit with families.

**Thurs., April 18. Maundy Thursday, 7:00pm.** Maundy Thursday Service will be different this year and will be a very meaningful service. Expect dramatic readings, scripture, scenes, music, communion, and ending with the congregation gathered around the crosses. We hope you will come for this special worship service, and as always, invite a friend to come with you.

**Fri., April 19, Good Friday Prayer Vigil. 7am-7pm, Ruby Chapel.** We will have a 12 hour prayer vigil in the Ruby Chapel at New Hope or you may pray at home or work. This is a chance for the church to be in prayer on the day we remember the death of Christ, and what His sacrifice means to us. *Sign-up sheets are in the Fellowship Hall.*

**Sun., April 21, Easter Sunday, New Hope UMC**  
8:30 & 10:45 Traditional Services  
9:30 Contemporary Service  
10:45 Christian Learning Time Easter party for students ages 4 years - 7<sup>th</sup> grade.





# 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

Ambrose Moses; Matt Ahlbrecht; 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, [nhfamily@newhopedsm.org](mailto:nhfamily@newhopedsm.org)



**God's Girlfriends**  
**"Spring Cleaning for your Heart & Soul"**  
**Saturday, April 6**  
**Prayer Walk (optional) 8:00am, retreat 8:30am - Noon.**

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 UMC, and our third speaker is Sara Woodcock with New Journey Church. It will be a morning of music, inspiration, and fellowship. **Join us!**

## Birth

Congratulations to Taylor & Brandi Webber on the birth of their son, Remus (Remi) Kenneth Webber. Remi was born on February 25th. Weight 7lbs 4.6 ounces. Length 18 1/2 inches. He joins big sister, Cobain (Cobi) at home.

## Our Sympathy

Our Sympathy to the family & friends of Norma Vandenberg on her passing. Norma was a member of New Hope UMC.

Our Sympathy to Paul & Pam Weisskopf and family on the passing of Paul's father, Laverne Weisskopf.

## Thank You

We can't thank New Hope UMC enough for all the wonderful acts of kindness given to us during our mom's passing and funeral. We are grateful for the outpouring of help and support from everyone that knew our mom, Linda Dean. Gabby & Lexi Dean



## Birthday Celebration

On February 3rd, **Ron Rubek** celebrated his 80th birthday. **On April 7th, after the 9:30 and 10:45 services**, treats will be furnished by the Rubeks in honor of this special occasion. Please stop by after the services and say HI to Mr R as you get your treat and coffee.

## Wedding Anniversary

Celebrating **Elmer & Theresa Flickinger's** 60th Wedding Anniversary that was on March 1st. Join us for an Open House on **Sunday, April 14 2pm-4pm** at New Hope UMC, in the Fellowship Hall.



## Easter Lily Orders

You may order an Easter Lily in memory or in honor of loved ones. The Lilies will decorate the Altars at both the Traditional and Contemporary worship services on Easter Sunday. An order form is in the tear-off section of the bulletins. Cost is \$9.00 per Lily. *Deadline is April 7.* After the Easter worship service you attend, you may take your plant home.

# RUMMAGE SALE

It's very trendy right now to channel your inner Marie Kondo and donate all the things that don't bring you JOY! We have an even better deal for you at New Hope: Donate things that no longer spark JOY for you while bringing JOY to our community by providing low cost, good working, clean items to furnish and decorate homes, outfit people, and fund important work in our church.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 28th is DONATION DAY!** We will be happily accepting ready to display donations from **12:30-7pm** that day. We ask that you further ready your items for donation by sorting them into separate bags/boxes either before donation or when you bring items in. Items will be displayed in separate areas (*men's clothing, women's clothing, children's clothing, shoes, kitchen items, electronics, lawn/garden, linens, books and crafts, household decor, toys, collectibles, and holiday*) and it is **INVALUABLE** for our pre-sale volunteers to be able to focus on things other than sorting donations. Thank you in advance for your help with this, New Hoppers are amazing!



**PLEASE DO:** If you are donating a valuable item, please label it to prevent it getting sold for a quarter. Please help us sell linens by labeling them by size and fastening them together by set. If you donate an electronic, please test and label it "works" to save our volunteers the time of testing everything prior to the sale.

**PLEASE DON'T:** We ask that you not donate non-flat screen TVs, monitors, Christmas trees/large wreaths/garlands, single golf clubs, used mattresses or box springs, infant car seats, stuffed animals, or any items that are in less than good condition.

If you have any large furniture items that you need help getting to the sale, please sign up on the sheet in the hallway to arrange for assistance. Someone will be in touch after you sign up.

## PLEASE HELP US PROMOTE THE SALE AMONG YOUR FRIENDS and NEIGHBORS!

**Thursday, May 2: 12pm-6pm**

**Friday, May 3: 9am-6pm**

**Saturday, May 4: 9am-12pm**



The Bake Sale is always a highlight for shoppers and volunteers alike!

Please help us satisfy sweet tooths everywhere by firing up your ovens and baking until your hearts are content.

We would love donations of all kinds of goodies from pickles and jams to breads and rolls and everything in between. Sign up sheets for the bake sale are located in the main hallway.

Please label your items and indicate if the recipe included peanut butter.

We are happy to package your larger donations into smaller sellable portions.

Donations will be accepted from 9am-6pm Wednesday May 1, Thursday May 2, and Friday May 3.

**Questions? Please contact Carol Harter at 274-1467 or [carolannharter@gmail.com](mailto:carolannharter@gmail.com)**

# THE SHACK

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.

## Our April schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, April 2 - Discussing Chapters 9, 10, 11, & 12  
Tuesday, April 9 - Discussing Chapters 13, 14, 15, & 16  
Tuesday, April 16 - Discussing Chapters 17 & 18 and watching the rest of the movie.

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



### April Schedule:

**April 7, 4:15pm** (Students & Mentors)  
Wrap Up, Rehearsal followed by Dinner at 6pm  
**April 28, 10:45am** Confirmation Sunday

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



## Calling all girls entering grades 4th through 8th!

It's that time of year again for our Girls United for Christ Bible study!

Join us every Sunday afternoon  
**May 5th—June 23rd from 4pm—5:30pm**  
for some Girls only fellowship, crafts, music and Bible lessons with an exciting, spiritual twist.  
No meeting on Sunday the 26th due to the holiday weekend.

I am looking for 1 extra adult to provide 2 deep leadership and assist with crafts and activities each

Sunday.

Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall.  
Contact Melanie Henry for more information or to volunteer~[melhenry0@gmail.com](mailto:melhenry0@gmail.com).

## 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:

### April 12th:

Our study centers around the "Unexpected Surprise." Paul forces a choice. Which mindset, attitude, or perspective will we choose? The predicted mindset of death or live with the mindset of the risen Christ.

And on **April 26th**: Phil. 2:9-11; Luke 24:1-2  
The only way to hear the Easter story is to listen for the gasp of surprise that took their breath away. Are you living in a Good Friday world or in an Easter one? Is Jesus the Lord?



## My Grown Up, God and Me!

We are looking forward to an EGG-citing April!  
We are continuing to meet on Friday mornings from 9:30-11am.

Our first hour is spent in fellowship and devotion while the kids play in the nursery and from 10:30-11 we work on a craft/activity and Bible story for the kids.



**We would love for you to join us!**



## Friday, April 19th from 9:30-11am

instead of our normal meeting, this group will be hosting an Easter Party with an Easter Egg Hunt on the church lawn!

We will be inviting others to join in the fun!

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



New Hope UMC invites you to a



### Time for Spring Cleaning!

The storage room in the basement (the one with the costumes) will be undergoing a Spring Cleaning in April.

Please go through anything you have in the area and *mark the items you want to keep.*

If you have any questions, please direct them to Pam Frey [yayafrey@gmail.com](mailto:yayafrey@gmail.com) or 515-490-8440. Thank you!

**Friday, May 10th  
5:30pm-7:30pm**

**FREE Meal and activities for the whole family.  
Menu: Cavatelli, salad, bread, dessert (gluten-free main option, too)**

**Please mark your calendar and invite your friends!  
This is a community event sponsored by the Bridge Committee.  
Come enjoy good food, fellowship, and fun!**

### Graduate Recognition

Graduate Recognition will be on **Sunday, May 19 at New Hope UMC.** We invite all graduates: high school, college, and higher degrees, to send us information to be included in the bulletins to celebrate your accomplishments with you.



Please complete the below information and drop this form off at the church office or mail it to New Hope UMC, 4525 Beaver Ave., Des Moines, IA 50310. ***Please fill out and send in NO LATER than Sunday, April 28.***

#### High School Graduates:

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

PLANS AFTER HIGH SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

#### College/Graduate School Graduates:

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

DEGREE(S): \_\_\_\_\_

FUTURE PLANS: \_\_\_\_\_

Please tick one of the following boxes to let us know which service we can hope to expect you at:

May 19, 8:30 worship [ ] 9:30 worship [ ] 10:45 worship [ ] Sorry, I won't be present [ ]

## 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

April 7th, 9:30a-11a, Narthex.

## Men's Breakfast

Saturday, April 13th at 7:30 a.m. at New Hope.

## Women's Fellowship

The next meeting is Thursday, April 18, 9:00 a.m. at church. Refreshments will be served followed by our program, Fraud Watch, by AARP. 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 [emohlis@newhopedsm.org](mailto:emohlis@newhopedsm.org) 319-361-2471

## 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, April 19th.**

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.



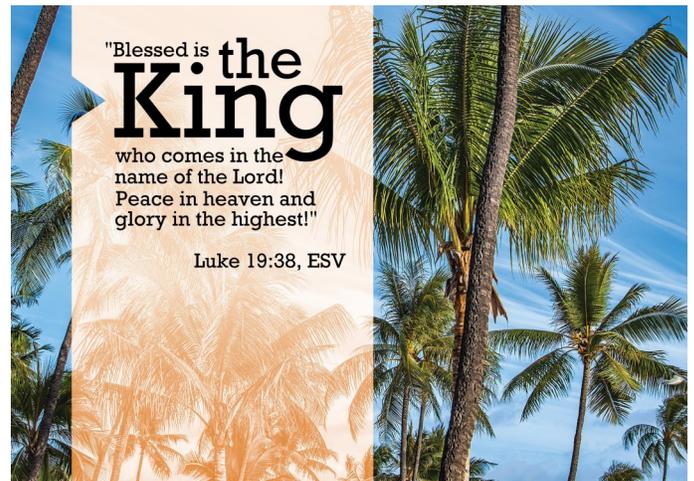
## Time to Think About Christmas!

Spring is here so it's time to think about Christmas!

If you are interested in helping with *Garlands of Gifts on November 9th*, please contact Deb Henry, [mssci@aol.com](mailto:mssci@aol.com) or 515-577-1129. Many hands make light work.

If you like craft shows or organizing, we could use your help.

Please consider joining us!



# Children's Ministries

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

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

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

*Palm Sunday and Easter are just around the corner, and we are so very excited!*

## **Palm Sunday Parade** **8:30, 9:30, 10:45 church times**

Palm Sunday and Easter are just around the corner, and we are so very excited! I am excited that our children get to participate in the waving of the Palms on Sunday, April 14th. This year; the kids will process in with their palm branches while the congregation sings. From there, they will stand on the steps at the front of the sanctuary until the song is done and then exit out to the hallway. I would like to see if we can get a few students to join in on the 8:30 palm walking I do realize it's a lot for them to be up if you are willing to help please let me know. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Charity Johnson! I have been honored and blessed to work with your children.

## **Christian Learning Time Easter Party** **Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>** **10:45-11:45am**

All CLT students' ages 4 years- 7<sup>th</sup> grade are invite to our CLT Easter Party! We will be meeting in the Family Life Center and then splitting into groups to enjoy different stations on Easter. Don't miss out on this great opportunity to celebrate the joy of Easter with your church family!

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

**April 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Paul and the Shipwreck

**April 10<sup>th</sup>:** Job

**April 17<sup>th</sup>:** Noah and the Ark

**April 24<sup>th</sup>:** Gideon--- Last Wednesday for the year.....



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

If you have not signed up to be a lead person please sign up to be a Shepard, help at Registration table, help to distribute T-shirts, youth helper in an area (6<sup>th</sup> grade and above), decoration helper, help with food donations.

We need everyone to help make this **ROAR** for these kids; they enjoy learning from everyone and they enjoy showing you all what they are learning about God.



I would like to thanks everyone involved in making the Children's Ministry Breakfast Appreciation amazing. We have some very dedicated individuals teaching these kids about the love and adventures of Jesus. I am honored to be a part of a great group of individuals and a greater part of an amazing church that supports these individuals. Thank you everyone for all you do.

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

April 2019



## Jr. BLAST (6th-8th grade) Leaders: Jackie Johnson & Jenn Higdon

JrBLAST@NewHopeDSM.org

March was a short month for us with Ash Wednesday and Spring Break, but we made the most of the times we met with a couple of great service activities! On Mar. 13th, we partnered with the youth groups from JROL, Hopkins Grove and Granger UMC and took a large group to the Meals From The Heartland packaging center in Valley Junction. The kids worked hard and got a lot of packing done in the 2 hours we were there! They also brought in their own monetary donations and were able to cover the supplies for 250 meals! On Mar., 27th we visited Many Hands Thrift Store to learn about their mission and vision in Haiti. We were able to support their mission by lending "Many Hands" to sort and shelve donations they sell to fund their work. We are so blessed to have such service focused young people in our church, we think most of our best meetings are when we are in service to our community!



### Looking ahead to April:

April 3rd- BLAST Lesson/Activities, 6:15-7pm  
April 10th-Bowling Outing with TAC, 6:00-8pm

April 17th- Service Project at Church, 6:15-7pm  
April 24th- BLAST Lesson/Activities, 6:15-7pm

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



Can you believe that we are less than 3 months from our annual Summer Mission trip!!! Additionally, we are excited to announce that we are roughly 75% funded for our upcoming Summer Mission Trip to Chicago

We have \$4,500 of the needed \$6,000 to take **ELEVEN** of our Senior High BLAST members and **FOUR** adult leaders for a week long mission trip to south Chicago. In order to complete our fundraising goal, the Senior High BLAST group has a couple of opportunities to raise more of the funds in April

To start with, the BLAST group has several upcoming breakfasts.

Our next breakfasts will be on March 31<sup>st</sup> and April 14<sup>th</sup>. Beyond the fundraising efforts, the Senior High BLAST group will be volunteering to work at the New Hope Rummage Sale on May 4<sup>th</sup>.

Additionally, the group will be spending the remainder of April diving into the Easter Story and the events leading up to Jesus' Crucifixion; as we are preparing for Easter at the end of the month



Here are the some upcoming Youth events for the remainder of the year:

Mar. 31st ~ BLAST Breakfast

Apr. 3rd @ 6pm ~ Thank God for BLAST

Apr. 10th @ 6pm ~ Thank God for BLAST

Apr. 14th ~ BLAST Breakfast

Apr. 17th @ 6pm ~ ChildServe

Apr. 24th @ 6pm ~ Thank God for BLAST

May 1st @ 6pm ~ Thank God for BLAST

May 4th ~ New Hope Rummage Sale

May 8th @ 6pm ~ Thank God for BLAST

May 15th @ 6pm ~ ChildServe

May 19th ~ BLAST Breakfast

May 22nd @ 6pm ~ End of the Year Party

June 2nd @ 9am ~ Sloppy Joe lunch

June 30th ~ Depart for Chicago

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

# missions

## April 2019 MISSION NEWS

**CAMPERSHIPS:** Make sure you get your child registered for camp this summer. Missions will cover ½ or up to \$200 for each registration. If you need more assistance, please contact Sharon Smith: 515-419-7082. 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](http://www.iaumc.org/camps). Choose the camp, then call the Registrar, 800.765.1651, with the information, telling her that New Hope will pay ½ or up to \$200. Then call Nancy, at New Hope, giving her the same information.

**UGANDAN CHICKEN PROJECT:** The Mission Team will continue their partnership with Patrick Koyenkya's home village in Kiryanga, Uganda. They have purchased 200 baby chicks, feeders, waterers, and all feeding supplies after building the chicken coop.

When Patrick was home in December, he was able to purchase 2 motorcycles with the money we raised to be used for transportation and for earning money by transporting others for pay. This has helped provide another steady income until the chickens are grown and can supply eggs to sell. We will continue working with them until they are able to fully continue on their own.

**BUDGET:** This year, Missions is supported by ½ the money from the proceeds of the Rummage Sale and Harvest Auction from last year and this. We want you to know how important it is to support these 2 fundraising events, as they enable us to continue doing the wonderful work that New Hope has been able to do because of our generosity and compassion.

**MEALS FROM THE HEARTLAND:** We will continue packaging for Meals from the Heartland for the 9<sup>th</sup> year on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of August. So **please save August 11<sup>th</sup>** on your calendar! You will be hearing a lot about this event in the coming days, stay tuned!

**“AUTOPAYMENTS” TO MISSION AREAS:** To better allow us to stay within our budget, we have chosen to give our pledged amount to our partners in mission, broken down into monthly amounts. These are the monthly “autopayments”:

\$100 to our Missionary Doctor, Emmanuel Mefor

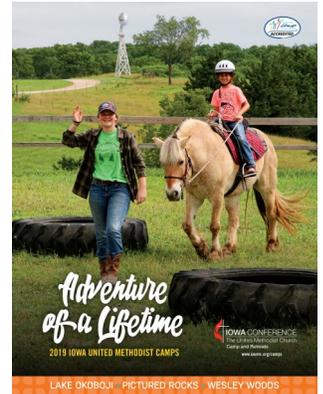
\$100 to Johnston Partnership and Food Pantry

\$100 to Urbandale Food Pantry

\$100 to Bidwell Riverside

\$100 to DMARC administrative fund. (this is over and above what the congregation gives for the food pantry alone. It covers the administrative costs, so all other donations go 100% to the food pantry)

\$84 to Women at the Well



### HAND OF LUKE - Sunday, April 14

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, cook, and/or serve.

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

Also, do you have a work group or a group of friends that you would like to sign up to help? This is a great way to get others besides our church members involved in this program. Pick a month and let Jolene Harlow know.



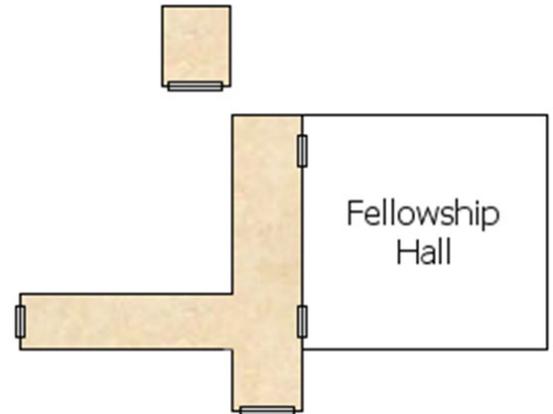
Thanks to the generosity of a number parishioners, the Trustees are pleased to announce that we've reached our first fund-raising threshold in the flooring project, and are moving forward with plans to tile the hallways and the entry space outside the Ruby Chapel. Our hope, depending on the availability of the flooring vendor, is to have this phase of the project completed by Easter.

Our next goal is to complete the flooring in the Fellowship Hall. At recent worship and events at New Hope, you may have seen a new fundraising graphic near the Welcome Center. It looks something

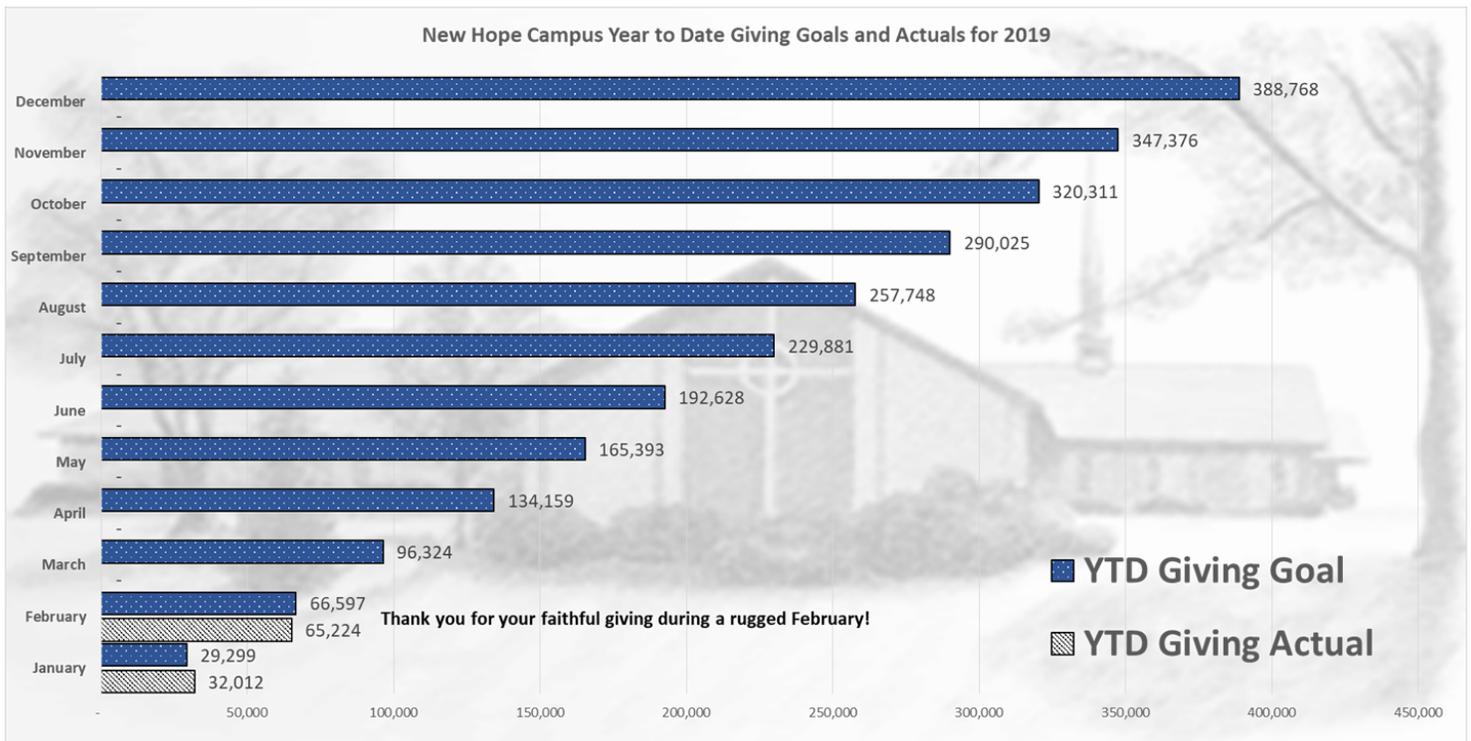
like the graphic to the right.

Please prayerfully consider donating to the flooring project, so that we can move forward with a safer, lower maintenance, and more beautiful enhancement to your church home. A total of \$13,361 is needed to complete this second phase of the flooring.

If you have any question, please feel free to reach out to any member of the Trustees, and thank you for your care and stewardship.



New Hope Sunday morning Worship attendance				
	8:30	9:30	10:45	Total
February 24	7	36	27	70
March 3	28	94	60	182
March 10	16	82	56	154
March 17	28	62	58	148



# serve

Sign up to help!  
Look for the sign-up  
sheets at the entrance  
of the Narthex and the  
Family Life Center.

## Sunday Volunteers

**Greeters** arrive at worship service fifteen minutes early to welcome worshippers.

**Lectors** read the scripture lessons for the day at the worship services.

**Hosts** bake or purchase 6 to 8 dozen cookies (no peanuts/nuts), and serve coffee and water after the 9:30 contemporary and 10:45 traditional worship services. After fellowship time the hosts wash, dry, and put away the cookie platters, rinse out and dry the coffee canisters, and take the trash out to the trash bin. When you sign up to host, a letter from New Hope will be mailed to you before you host with instructions on how to host.

If you are interested in volunteering for any of these positions, please call Nancy Monthei, Office Admin at 278-2097.

## Those who serve New Hope in April 2019:

8:30am Traditional Service	9:30am Contemporary Service	10:45am Traditional Service
<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Lectors</b>
7	7 Andy Sutton	7 Jon Verner
14 Marilyn Osborn	14 Sherri Bogue	14 Cathy Cate
21 Cathy Short	21 Patrice Webber	21 Lynn Davisson
28 Armenta Buckingham	28 Charity Johnson	28 Confirmation Class
<b>Traditional Service Callers</b>	<b>Hosts</b>	<b>Hosts</b>
3 Bob & Marlys Borcherding	7 Clarice Rubek	7 Clarice Rubek
10 Norma Sutton	14 BLAST breakfast	14 BLAST breakfast
17 Bob & Marlys Borcherding	21 Glenna Ross	21
24 Norma Sutton	28 Melisa Forbes	28
31 Bob & Marlys Bordherding	<b>9:30 Computer Support</b>	<b>Money Counters</b>
<b>Office Volunteers</b>	7 Rick Homard	7 Clark Howland; Rick Homard, Larry Wood
5 Pat Papenheim	14 Nic Wigant	14 Randy Jansen, DeVonne Douglas; Patty Nearmyer
12 Marilyn Osborn	21 Sherri Bogue	21 Tami Wise, Jerry Kielsmeier, John Burrough
19 Theresa Flickinger	28 Kevin/Caleb Christensen	28 Glenna Ross, Tony & Tracy Hoffman
26 Shirley Johnson		



## Let laughter 'spring' forth!

“Spring is when you feel like whistling, even with a shoe full of slush.”  
(Doug Larson)

“Easter is the only time when it’s perfectly safe to put all of your eggs in one basket.” (Evan Esar)

“Spring is the time of year when it is summer in the sun and winter in the shade.” (Charles Dickens)

“The world is mud-luscious and puddle wonderful.” (e.e. cummings)

“In the spring, at the end of the day, you should smell like dirt.”  
(Margaret Atwood)

# April 2019

## WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday mornings

8:30

9:30

10:45

	1 7p, Trustees Mtg., R.Chapel	2 9:30a, Sr. Singers practice 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA  6:30p "The Shack" bible study	3 1:30p, Rummage Sale Mtg. 5:30p, Children's Choir 5:45p, Dinner 6:15p, TGIW 6:15p, Jr. BLAST 6:15p, Sr. BLAST 6:30p, Chancel Choir practice 7:00p, Puppets 7:45p, Praise Team practice	4  7:00p, Worship Design, Pastor's office  7:00p, JROL Mtg., R.Chapel	5 Office Vol: Pat Papenheim  9:30-11a, Child/Adult devotional time	6  <b>8am-Noon, God's Girlfriends Women's Retreat</b>
7 5th Sunday in Lent Communion Sunday Easter Lily deadline 9:30a-11a, Blood Pressure checks, Narthex Ron Rubek's Birthday celebration + 10:45a, CLT Appreciation brunch 4:15p, Confirmation Class	8	9 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA  6:30p "The Shack" bible study  7p, Venture Crew, F.Hall	10 5:30p, Children's Choir 5:45p, Dinner 6:15p, TGIW 6:15p, Jr. BLAST 6:15p, Sr. BLAST 6:30p, Chancel Choir practice 7:00p, Puppets 7:45p, Praise Team practice	11 10a, Care Team Mtg., F.Hall   5p-8:30p, FLC & FHall reserved	12 Office Vol: Marilyn Osborn  9:30-11a, Child/Adult devotional time  1:00p, Bible Study at Pizza Ranch	13 7:30a, Men's Breakfast  10a-3p, R.Chapel reserved
14 Palm Sunday Sr. BLAST breakfast fundraiser 2p-4p, Elmer & Theresa Flickinger's 60th Anniversary Party 2:30p, HCl, R.Chapel 3:30p, Hand of Luke	15	16 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA  6:30p "The Shack" bible study  7:00p, Stroke Club, F.Hall	17 5:30p, Children's Choir 5:45p, Dinner 6:15p, TGIW 6:15p, Jr. BLAST 6:15p, Sr. BLAST 6:30p, Chancel Choir practice 7:00p, Puppets 7:45p, Praise Team practice	18  9:00a, Women's Fellowship at church  <b>7p, Maundy Thursday service</b>	19 <b>Deadline for May LINK</b> Office Vol: Theresa Flickinger <b>7a-7p, Good Friday Prayer Vigil</b> 9a-3p, Needlers  9:30-11a, Child/Adult devotional time & <u>Egg Hunt</u>	20
21 Easter	22  6:30p, Mission Committee Mtg., R.Chapel	23 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA  7p, Venture Crew, F.Hall	24 5:30p, Children's Choir 5:45p, Dinner 6:15p, TGIW <b>last one</b> 6:15p, Jr. BLAST 6:15p, Sr. BLAST 6:30p, Chancel Choir practice 7:00p, Puppets 7:45p, Praise Team practice	25  6:30p, Administrative Council Mtg., R.Chapel	26 Office Vol: Shirley Johnson 9:30-11a, Child/Adult devotional time  1:00p, Bible Study at Pizza Ranch	27
28 10:45a, Confirmation Sunday Katherine Parker, Missionary Graduation info due  12:30p-7p, Rummage Sale items to be dropped off	29 Set up Rummage Sale	30 Set up Rummage Sale  9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA  11:30a, Bridge Committee Mtg.	May 1 Set up Rummage Sale  6:15p, Jr. BLAST 6:15p, Sr. BLAST 6:30p, Chancel Choir practice 7:45p, Praise Team practice	May 2  Noon-6p, Rummage & Bake Sale	May 3 Office Vol: Gayle Easton 9a-6p, Rummage & Bake Sale	May 4 9a-Noon, Rummage & Bake Sale



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

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| 1 Brian Martz, Tavian Carnahan               | 17 Bob Rankin, Susan Smith,                           |
| 2 Kirk Dickey, Bob Harter, Jane Perdue       | Peyton Henry, Jessica Spring                          |
| 3 Patrice Webber                             | 19 Nicole Gardner                                     |
| 4 Shirley Frus, Caroline Miller              | 20 Chase Alcorn, Nan Stubbs                           |
| 5 Greg Baker                                 | 21 JoAnn Decker                                       |
| 7 Pat Papenheim, Lorelai Roff,<br>Bob Soards | 22 Amarachi Ukabiala, Ashlynn Riley                   |
| 8 Kate Lichter, Marik McGhee                 | 23 Kathy Crees, Wade Breitsprecher                    |
| 9 Bhanu Moses                                | 24 Caleb Christensen                                  |
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| 11 Elaine Collet                             | 26 Natalie Nelson, Macy Berry                         |
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| 15 Tom Beasley                               | 29 Joelyn Gerovac                                     |
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- 5: Eddy & Karen Johnston  
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The United Methodist Church captured the national and even worldwide spotlight over the Special General Conference held this past February 23-26 in St. Louis, Missouri. The purpose of the conference was to act on a report from the Commission on a Way Forward, authorized to examine paragraphs in The Book of Discipline concerning human sexuality and to explore options to strengthen church unity. The results of the conference left our denomination far from unified and still up in the air regarding its stance on same sex relationships pending a Judicial Council review of the Conference's actions. That review will occur during the last full week of April.

By a vote of 438 to 384 the "Traditional Plan" was approved by the delegates at the Conference. The Traditional Plan keeps the current language about homosexuality being incompatible with Christian teaching and prohibits the ordination of self-avowed practicing homosexuals and prohibits United Methodist clergy from officiating at same sex weddings. It also increases accountability by streamlining the processes to enforce penalties for violations of the Book of Discipline regarding these issues.

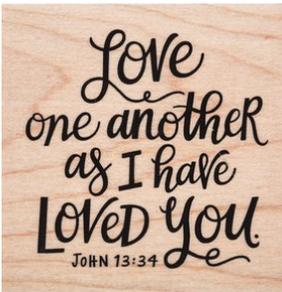
The plan would go in effect January 1, 2020, pending the review by the Judicial Council. Some parts of the Traditional Plan were ruled unconstitutional by the Council prior to the Conference.

It was pointed out by our Bishop, Laurie Haller, that a majority of the delegates from the United States voted against the Traditional Plan. However, we are a global denomination and delegates from other countries along with those from the United States that were in favor of the Traditional Plan carried the overall majority.

I see these divisions and disagreements in our denomination as centering on differing views of Biblical interpretation. In my message shared in worship at New Hope on March 3, I shared about my views of Biblical interpretation that I have tried to follow and utilize over my past forty years of ministry. In my first year of seminary in 1979 at Perkins School of Theology, part of Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas, I wrote a paper for my Moral Theology class on the issue of homosexuality and ordination in the United Methodist Church. In this paper I examined the requirements for ordination in the United Methodist Church, the Biblical scriptures related to homosexuality, and the psychological/sociological perspectives on homosexuality.

It seems like much would have changed from forty years ago, but as I reviewed the paper recently, I found that much of the discussion is still the same and my view remains the same. Regarding my view of Biblical interpretation, it seems clear to me that the Bible speaks out very strongly against immorality of any kind. Regarding sexual immorality, there are many more heterosexual acts that are spoken out against than homosexual acts. In either case, the acts referred to are said to be done by people worshipping other gods, following pagan practices, and living overall sinful lives. None of the scriptures, as I read them, are addressing people who are in a loving, committed, monogamous, and consensual same sex relationship. The Bible does not address that type of relationship.

Dr. Daniel Spencer, former assistant professor of religion and ethics at Drake University, calls the Bible "ambiguous" on this issue. He says, "One root of this ambiguity is that in the cultural worlds that shaped the biblical writers, there was no concept of homosexuality as we know it today as a sexual orientation or preference that forms an intrinsic part of a person's identity."



Again I say, the Bible just does not address that type of relationship. What the Bible does address is summed up by Jesus in Matthew 22:36-40 and elsewhere when he was asked, "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest? He said to him, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." And throughout the gospel of John, Jesus speaks about love over and over again, saying in John 13:34-35: "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." By the way, Jesus never addressed the issue of same sex relationships.

If you are interested in further reading, I recommend the book, Making Sense of the Bible, by Adam Hamilton.

I know many people will disagree with my view of Biblical interpretation. I would welcome visiting with all who would like to discuss this issue and the scriptures. I just hope we do not disagree on loving one another.

Grace and peace, Pastor Jon

## Lenten Theme-- "Unveiling God"

April 7	"Unveiling a New Thing"	Script.: Isaiah 43:16-21	Holy Communion
April 14	"Unveiling Your King"	Script.: John 12:12-19	Palm Sunday
April 21	"Unveiling the Risen Christ"	Script.: Luke 24:1-12	Easter Sunday
April 28	"Unveiling Who Is to Come"	Script.: Revelation 1:4-8	10:45 Confirmation Sunday



Sunday Worship Services at New Hope

8:30am Traditional Service

9:30am Contemporary Service

10:45am Traditional Service

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