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A monthly publication of  
New Hope United Methodist Church

# January 2020

JANUARY AT NEW HOPE UMC

**LED**  
**MARKED, BELOVED, GIFTED**  
**AND CALLED**



**Jan. 5** "Led and Marked"  
**Jan. 12** "Led and Beloved"  
**Jan. 19** "Led and Gifted"  
**Jan. 26** "Led and Called"



**NEW HOPE**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sundays at New Hope UMC 8:30am • 9:30am • 10:45am  
newhopedsm.org

## Bible Study in January

We all know that Jonah was swallowed by a whale (really a big fish), but do you know why?

Come to our January Bible Study and find out. It will be a four week class.



We will start on **January 6th at 1pm in the Ruby Chapel.** It is a great way to start the New Year discussing the Bible with friends.

Bring your Bible and we will have a whale of a good time.

Leaders:

Armenta Buckingham and Roberta Cave.

## FREE Chili Cook-off Sunday, January 26, 5pm

Warm up with a bowl of soup in January!!

The Bridge Team would like you to join New Hoppers and friends for good food, games and the company of our church family!

Sign up in the Fellowship Hall by January 19th, to enter the Chili Cook-off contest.



Simply bring a big crockpot of your best chili on January 26<sup>th</sup> all ready to go no later than 4:30pm.

Event attendees will sample the chili and will vote on a variety of categories. After the voting ends, you can fill up a bowl with chili and enjoy! We will also have hot dogs and desserts.

This is a community outreach event!  
Please invite your friends!

Join us for this FREE & fun event!



*The New Hope UMC staff wishes to thank everyone for the generous Christmas gifts and the wonderful support throughout 2019! We wish you all a very Happy New Year!*

### 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

Dale Myers; Dorothy Montgomery; Brenda McConahay; Barb Conrad; Kail Hopkins; James Petrillo; Sharon Hanson; Bishop Laurie Haller; District Superintendent, Rev. Heecheon Jeon; Dr. Emmanuel Mefor, missionary.

Prayers for the following military personnel: Kelsey Bartley; Jason Homard; Adam Larson; Joshua Larson; Todd McGinnity; Tyler McGinnity; Devan 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 Lilian, 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)

### Thank You

To our New Hope Family Bob and I would like to say thank you for all the calls, cards, and visits during my recent illness. It was so nice to have the caring support of our church family.

Carol and Bob Harter

### Sympathy To:

David & Karen Davis and family on the passing of Karen's father, Jim Rowles.

Charlotte & Steve Schultz & family on the passing of Charlotte's sister, Mary Lou Enos.

George & Armenta Buckingham & family on the passing of George's step mom, Nina Buckingham.

Al & Jo Foote & family on the passing of Jo's cousin (she was in her 80s) and that same cousin's 60 yr. old daughter. Both passed away a few days apart.

### Church Communications

Stay connected with New Hope UMC!!

Weekly announcements and the monthly newsletters are sent out to everyone via email.

If you have not been receiving these emails, please contact Nancy Monthei in the church office at 278-2097 or [nhfamily@newhopedsm.org](mailto:nhfamily@newhopedsm.org).

ALSO, we appreciate receiving your updated contact information.

Thank you!



### Invitation to the Congregation

Join Pastor Lilian to discuss the UMC and its witness and response to the homosexuality debate.

### JOIN US FOR

Please join Pastor Lilian on **January 9th, 6:30pm - 8pm.** Consider attending and learning more about our church and its future.

## CELEBRATING OUR MEMBERS

### Welcome to our new members!

**David and Dorothy Montgomery** joined on December 22, 2019.

1391 NW 90th St., Clive, IA 50325

Dorothy: 515-490-8054 [montgomerydd69@gmail.com](mailto:montgomerydd69@gmail.com) Dorothy enjoys kids activities, reading and travel.

David: 515-490-1774 [montydd69@gmail.com](mailto:montydd69@gmail.com). David enjoys landscaping/gardening, finance, helping with kid's events, and fishing.

They both come to New Hope UMC from the Methodist Church in Delta Mills, Michigan. Jerry & Linda Kielsmeier are their shepherds

## First Fridays With The Kids! ~ January 3rd

In December, we talked all about Christmas. We went on a scavenger hunt all over church looking for baby Jesus. With all the nativities on display, we lost count somewhere around 25! We even found baby Jesus on one of the stained glass windows in the sanctuary, how exciting! We talked about ways we celebrate Christmas and read a story about the first Christmas. We even talked about what kind of animals might have been there to witness Jesus' birth.



January's focus will be **WINTER!** We will be exploring how God made us all unique, just like each snowflake! We might even bring a little snow indoors to explore- if the weather cooperates.

**We will be meeting on January 3rd from 10am-11am in the fellowship hall.**

Questions or for more information? Please contact Jackie Johnson at (515)710-3239 or [jackiejohnson81@aol.com](mailto:jackiejohnson81@aol.com)



## Time to divest our church of the Advent decorations ~ January 5th

Undecorating will take place after each service on **January 5th.**

Please stay after the services and help us take down our Christmas decorations. Many hands make light work! Thank you!

Thank you to everyone that displayed their Nativity Sets during Advent. You may take your Nativity Sets home. Thank you so much for sharing them with us.

Appreciatively,  
New Hope Altar Guild



## Young Adults Gathering (ages 18 - 27 yrs.) ~ January 5th

Pastor Lilian invites young adults (ages 18 - 27 yrs) for a gathering at the Ruby Chapel on **Sunday, January 5th, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.** This will be a time of a simple meal, fellowship and conversation.



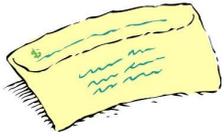
## Mom's Group ~ Friday, January 17th, 9-10:30am

Join us once monthly for **mom**-versation while the kids play in the New Hope Nursery.

In January we will meet on Friday the 17th from 9-10:30am.

There will not be a prepared program, but we will open and close in prayer. This is meant to be a time of organic conversation, fellowship and support for one another.

Questions? Contact Jackie Johnson (515)710-3239/[jackiejohnson81@aol.com](mailto:jackiejohnson81@aol.com)



### 2020 Offering Envelopes

Please pick up your 2020 offering envelopes from the table in the Fellowship Hall.

*If you did not indicate on your 2020 pledge sheet that you want offering envelopes and would like to have them, please contact the church office, 278-2097.*

### 2020 Altar Flower Calendar

For the Traditional Services (8:30 & 10:45), if you would like to have flowers on the altar in celebration of a birthday, anniversary, graduation, or in honor or in memory of a loved one, please sign up on the flower calendar which is located across from church office.

*The flowers are \$35.00 per Sunday and you may take your flowers home after the 10:45 service.*



### Souper Bowl ~ January 26th & February 2nd

Our Jr. BLAST youth are excited to be bringing you a SOUPER Bowl Food Drive to benefit the Urbandale Food Pantry where we will be volunteering a few weeks after Super Bowl LIV!

We may not know yet which teams are going to play in the Super Bowl, but New Hoppers, WE can get in the GAME to tackle hunger in our community!

We are asking you to join us by bringing a nonperishable food/personal care item (or 50) on **Sunday, January 26th** and/or **Sunday, February 2nd** to score a point for the team of your choice in New Hope's version of Super Bowl LIV.

Visit the END ZONE table in the main hallway before or after service on either of those two Sundays with your donation! Each item you donate counts as 1 point for the team of your choice! We will gladly accept monetary donations as well - each \$1 will count as 1 point! Points will be verified by the refs at halftime (after services end on January 26th).

As we know, sometimes a team comes back stronger in the second half so we won't know for sure which team had the most TOUCHDOWNS until after the 10:45 service on SOUPER Bowl Sunday, February 2nd.

**\*\*Expired items will be a TURNOVER and point for the other team, so check those dates before you donate\*\*!**



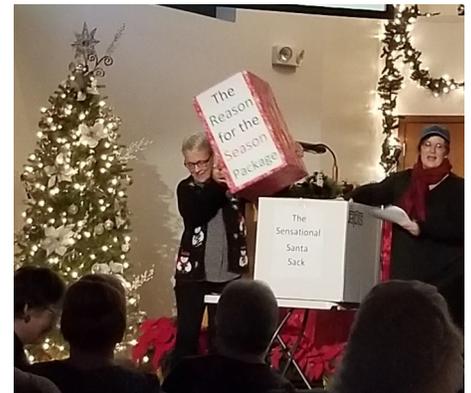
### Suggested Donations:

- cereal
- beans
- rice
- pasta
- peanut butter
- canned fruit (in water or 100% juice)
- canned vegetables
- canned tomatoes
- canned soup
- tuna (in water)
- canned chicken (in water)
- spaghetti sauce

- shampoo
- bars of soap
- deodorant
- toothbrushes
- toothpaste
- toilet paper
- laundry detergent
- sanitary pads & tampons
- large size diapers
- baby wipes



**Advent by Candlelight**, held on December 2nd, was a beautiful evening of fellowship and preparing for the Advent Season! Thank you to everyone that organized, performed, read stories, hosted, and attended! And, a special thank you to Jan Davisson and Lee Ross. Twenty years ago, they organized the first Advent by Candlelight at New Hope UMC. Thank you for bringing in the light 20 years ago and we will continue with this tradition for many more years!



**Christmas Cookie Walk, December 8th**

Thank you to all of the bakers for donating the delicious cookies. The cookies/goodies were quickly packed up in containers by those that purchased them. Sr. BLAST raised \$1,035 toward their summer mission trip! It was a festive & fun event for our church!!



**Santa's Attic, Dec 18th**

**THANK YOU** to everyone in the congregation that made a donation towards the Santa's Attic program! The kids are so excited each year to come in and carefully pick out, pay for, and beautifully wrap their gift selections. Speaking as parents with children that bring the gifts home, they are even more excited to find the perfect place under the tree to place them to await the Christmas morning unveiling.

~**Santa's Little Helpers**



This year the proceeds will be used to purchase gloves and hats for the local homeless population to accompany the Mission Committee's sock drive donations.



**Cantata, December 22nd**



## Senior BLAST Valentines Dinner – February 15<sup>th</sup>

**SAVE THE DATE NOW**

Senior High BLAST is inviting the New Hope congregation to their Valentines Dinner fundraiser on February 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm.

Save the Date:  
Saturday, April 4th

9am- Pancake Breakfast \*  
10am- Easter Egg Hunt

Brought to you by the Bridges Committee

\*Served while supplies last



**Save the Date!**

**God's Girlfriends  
~ Anchored in Christ!**

Saturday, June 13th,  
9am-Noon.

Join us for inspirational speakers, fun and delicious food!

More details coming soon!



## Harvest Auction ~ October 11th

Take advantage of the after Christmas sales and consider purchasing & donating new items for the October 11th Harvest Auction. Silent Auction items and Live Auction items are needed.

Themed baskets, event tickets, dinners, home décor are just a few ideas.

Have fun being creative! Questions? Contact Glenna Ross

(glenna625@hotmail.com) or Nancy Monthei (nancy@newhopedsm.org).

## **SUNDAY HOSTING**



*On behalf of the congregation we would like to say THANK YOU to all of the hosts that provide the delicious cookies and treats each Sunday. Please stop by the kitchen and thank them for their time and delicious treats they provide.*

*Throughout the year the following host have volunteered many times over. Let's give them a round of applause.*

*Andy Sutton, DeVonne Douglas, Lee Ross, Glenna Ross, Jan Davisson, Linda Yaske, Roberta Cave, Melisa Forbes, Nancy Monthei, Brenda McCulley, Pam Frey, Sue Soards, Banny Umuhoza, Nan & Gary Stubbs, and the Sr. Blast Group*

*It is very easy to host on a Sunday morning. All you have to do is bring in 6 dozen cookies or other baked goods, make coffee and clean up after the service you are hosting. If you can't be there to host on a Sunday but would love to bring in cookies that would be wonderful. Cookies can be put in the freezer to be used anytime. There are clip boards on the kitchen counter with sign up sheets for the year. Please sign up using these sheets or contact Pam Weisskopf at 289-1343.*

## 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

January 5th, 9:30a-11a, Narthex.

## Men's Breakfast

Saturday, January 11th at 7:30a at New Hope.

## Women's Fellowship

The Women's Fellowship will not meet in January. Join them on February 20th at 9am for refreshments and a program and meeting. Questions? contact Susan Clark at 964-5119 or Sharon Smith at 419-7082.

## Bidwell-Riverside Center



Members of our congregation will be volunteering at Bidwell Riverside on Thursday,

January 9th, from 1- 4 p.m. Those who want to carpool meet at the church at 12:30 on the day we are going. Questions? contact Lynn Louk (276-7900).

## Veterans Helping Veterans

The next breakfast will be January 18th at 8:30am at New Hope UMC. All veterans, spouses and supporters are welcome to attend.

If you have any questions, please contact Billy Nuzum at [bbnewz54@gmail.com](mailto:bbnewz54@gmail.com)

## Care Ministry Team

The Care Ministry meets quarterly. Next meeting is on Thurs., March 12th 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, January 17th.

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.

## Friday Afternoon Bible Study

### Fridays, January 10th & 24th.

The group meets at Pizza Ranch, 4954 86th St, Urbandale, in the Cowpoke Room.

We will gather between 12:30 - 1:15 pm to eat. The study will begin at 1:15 pm and conclude by 2:30 pm. The focus of our study this year will be the Gospel of John.

All are welcome and if you would like to attend, please be sure I have your email address for all notifications.

James Louk,  
[jimlynmlouk@mac.com](mailto:jimlynmlouk@mac.com)



## Christmas Eve 2019

Thank you to Courtney, Tricia, Taylyn, Macy and Carsyn Berry for being the Holy Family at the 5:30pm Eve Service.

And, thank you to all of the volunteers for helping with the services.

# 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 at 10:45-11:45 am**

We will resume Christian Learning Time on January 5, 2020.

## S.W.A.G. (Saved With Amazing Grace) activities:

**Wednesdays at 5:45-7:00 pm**

Vision Statement: Connecting lessons about God through real life experiences

Meal 5:45-6:15pm, Open to all kids, youth, adults, families & choir members with a free will offering each night

SWAG Activities 6:15-7:00pm

STEM ACTIVITIES (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math)

**January 1<sup>st</sup>:** NO S.W.A.G

**January 8<sup>th</sup>:** Rubber Bands for God

**January 15<sup>th</sup>:** Anger Adjustment

**January 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Self-Control

**January 29<sup>th</sup>:** Fizzy Faith



**JUST WANTED TO THANK  
OUR S.W.A.G GROUP FOR  
SINGING ON DECEMBER 15  
AT THE 9:30 AND  
10:45 SERVICES.**



## **VBS 2020 announcement coming soon**

Our VBS Team (Andy Sutton, Elaine Sheer, McKayla Johnson, Celeste Nelson and Charity Johnson) is excited to get plans set for the event and we hope that you'll join us on this journey. We will have volunteer roles for all ages and abilities. There will be more information to come.

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

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



In December we were really feeling the spirit of the season in Jr. BLAST! We started the month Christmas caroling with Sr. BLAST at Calvin Community. We polished our singing skills while we performed and we brought smiles and Christmas cheer to the residents of the facility.

The following week we had our BLAST Christmas party and the youth enjoyed an inflatable reindeer antler toss and Saran Wrap ball game. It was a lot of fun to watch! Then, they exchanged white elephant gifts with the help of a gift passing story.

December 18th, the Jr. BLAST youth helped the younger kids shop for and package gifts for their families as part of the annual Santa's Attic tradition! After being personal shopping assistants, they were able to do a little shopping of their own thanks to the generosity of those that donated gift items.



As we look ahead to January, our Jr. BLAST leaders and youth would like to wish the congregation a blessed year ahead! Thank you to the congregation for the continued support of our youth programs! We are thankful for each of you and look forward to our partnerships in service to others in the coming year.

## **January Calendar-**

- 1/1- No Meeting, Happy New Year!
- 1/8- BLAST Activities, 6:15-7pm
- 1/15- Goodwill Adventure, 6:00-7:15pm
- 1/22- Fashion Fair and Awards, 6:15-7pm
- 1/29- BLAST Activities, 6:15-7pm



## **Confirmation Class Confirmation Class for 8th Graders**



**January 12, 4:30pm** (Students only)

Topic: The church story: as Christ body and as a community

**January 26, 4:30pm** (Students & Mentors)

Topic: The church story: season and traditions

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Lilian at 641-757-2334 or Lilian@newhopedsm.org.

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

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

What a great 2019 year Senior BLAST has had!!! The group enjoyed fellowship and bible studies together, several Sunday morning breakfasts, helping at Childserve every third Wednesday, and had an awesome experience in Chicago for our annual summer mission trip.



As we look forward to 2020; the group is excited for the activities planned for this coming year. We will be announcing our Summer Mission Trip plans in early January. The group has already locked in the week for the trip (**Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup> - Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>**).

However, this trip wouldn't be possible without the generosity of our New Hope congregation. **Thank you** to everyone that donated cookies and supported the Christmas Cookie Walk on December 8<sup>th</sup>. This event raised over **\$1,000** for our **Summer Mission Trip!!!**

As we are getting ready for our trip, we will be having two parent / informational meetings to discuss the details of the mission trips. Plan now to attend one of these meetings (*Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM or Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup> after each service*).

With the start of a new year; the complete BLAST schedule can be found on-line [http://www.newhopedsm.org/pdf/2019-2020\\_SrBlastCalendar.pdf](http://www.newhopedsm.org/pdf/2019-2020_SrBlastCalendar.pdf).

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

**Not Meeting Jan. 1st (Christmas Break)**

**Jan. 4th ~ BLAST Christmas Party at Higdon's House**

**Jan. 8th @ 6pm ~ Thank God for BLAST Discussion**

**Jan. 12th @ 8am ~ BLAST Breakfast at New Hope**

**Jan. 15th @ 6pm ~ ChildServe (meet at New Hope UMC)**

**Jan. 19th @ 8pm ~ BLAST Annual Lock-In Event**

**Jan. 22rd @ 6pm ~ Thank God for BLAST Discussion**

**Jan. 23th @ 4pm ~ Winter Jam at Wells Fargo**

**Jan. 29th @ 6pm ~ Thank God for BLAST Discussion**

**Feb. 2nd @ 5 pm ~ Super Bowl Party**

**Feb. 5th and Feb. 12th @ 6pm ~ Thank God for BLAST Discussion**

**Feb. 15th @ 5pm ~ Valentine's Dinner**

**Feb. 19th @ 6pm ~ ChildServe (meet at New Hope UMC)**

**Feb. 26th @ 6pm ~ Ash Wednesday Pancake Feed**

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

# missions

## JANUARY MISSION NEWS

**UGANDA CHICKEN PROJECT:** Thank you for those who donated to the Chicken Project in honor of a loved one. Patrick Kyenkya and Banny recently traveled to his home village of Kiryanga, and took many shoes donated by church members and himself. Thank you for this. We will have a mission moment to share how our church has helped Patrick's home church and village. Stay tuned!

**BIDWELL RIVERSIDE CENTER:** Thank you to those who donated toys and gift cards for the children of Bidwell for Christmas.

If you would like to volunteer to help at the Food and Clothing Pantry the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month from 1-4, please let Lynn Louk know. Helping individuals and families shop the food isles, sort clothes, or other jobs, gives a great satisfaction and is so appreciated.

We also collect personal items for them in a basket on the Mission Table at the back of Fellowship Hall.

Our New Hope Mission Team will also continue partnering with Bidwell, by sending a monthly amount to them.

**WOMEN AT THE WELL:** New Hope will continue our partnership with the United Methodist Church at the Iowa Women's Prison in Mitchellville by sending a monthly amount, inviting Pastor Lee Schott, or Pastor Paul Wittmer to speak at our 3 services, supporting with our prayers, and if possible, visit a worship service at the prison.

**MISSIONARY EMMANUEL MEFOR:** New Hope will also continue supporting Dr. Mefor, who is the head Doctor and administrator of the District Hospital in Mutambara, Zimbabwe. We send a monthly amount and uphold his and his wife's Florence's work in our prayers.

**YEAR END REPORT:** Please send via email to Sharon Smith: ([wicketsblooms@aol.com](mailto:wicketsblooms@aol.com)), or call/ text to: 515-419-7082, any mission giving, monetary or in-kind, from your ministry area.

**NEW MISSION CHAIRS:** I am excited to announce our new Mission Chairs for 2020: Cheryl Moore, and Marilyn Osborn. They have been faithful members of our Mission Team and will replace Sharon Smith. It has been such a wonderful experience these last many years, being in Mission Together with other passionate "missionaries" from New Hope! Thank you for being a Mission giving church family!

### HOL: HAND OF LUKE—January 14



New Hope supports the homeless at the Central Iowa Shelter and Services downtown Des Moines, by cooking and serving up to 250 individuals on the 14<sup>th</sup> of each month. If you would like to contribute to our November 14th ministry of a meal, please sign up on the Hand of Luke sheet in the Fellowship Hall, to donate food, cook, and/or serve. Or...sign up online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805084EABAB2EA31-hand6>

The cooking is done at New Hope and transported to the shelter to serve. It is a wonderful program to support and everyone at the Shelter loves New Hope's cooking and delicious meals. Thank you for your support of this program!

Questions? Contact Jolene Harlow, 515-490-8813 or [rdharlow@earthlink.net](mailto:rdharlow@earthlink.net).

## 2020 RUMMAGE SALE



Can you believe that in just a few short months the annual New Hope Rummage Sale will be underway?!

It is never too early to start thinking about what items you have to donate!

This event is a major fundraiser for the church each year and an amazing way for us to fill a need in our community! Last year we broke \$10,000 in proceeds and we are certain with your help we can do it again.

Please get the 2020 dates on your calendar and plan to join us for any amount of time that you can give! Join us before the sale starts for sorting/pricing during the week for fellowship and fun all while working with your New Hope family!

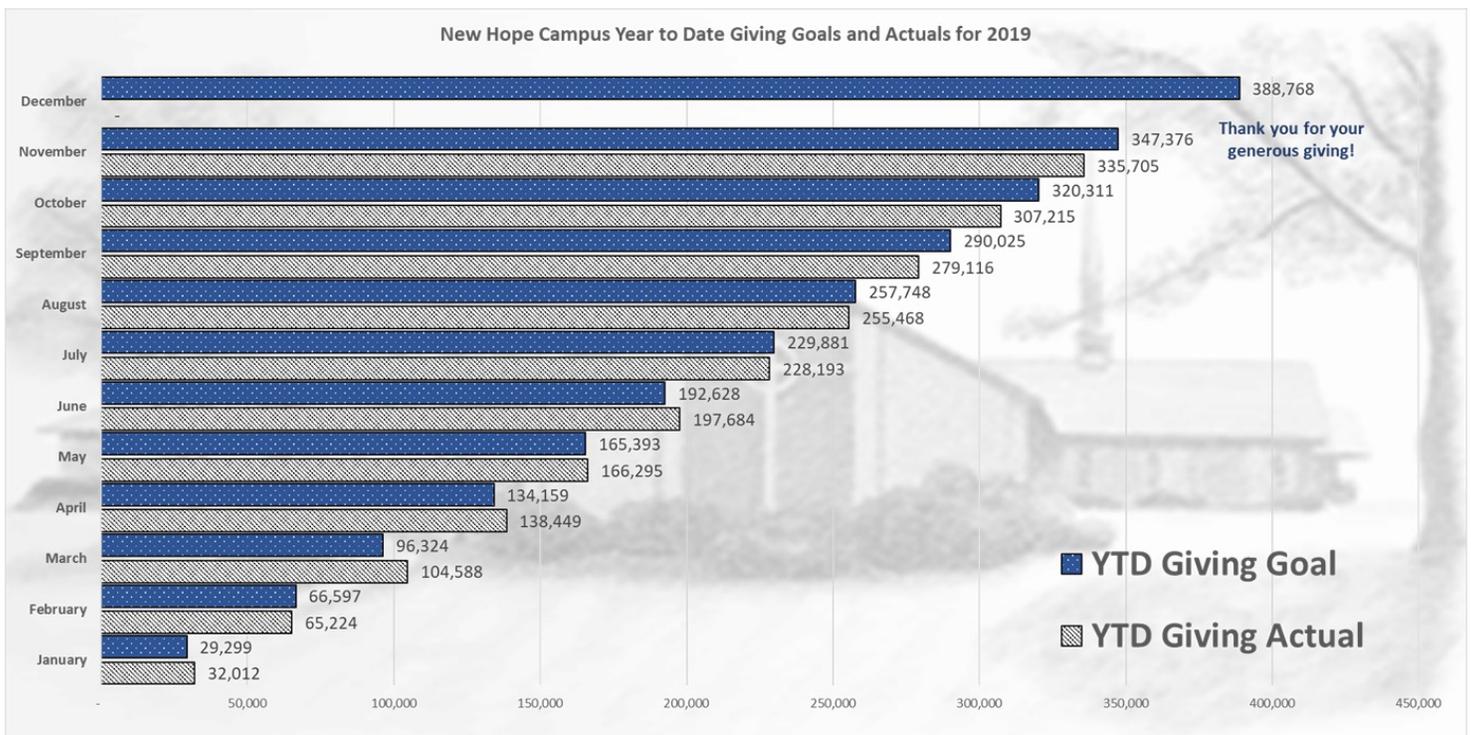
Join us the first day of the sale for a fast paced, exciting experience!

Join us on donation day or on Saturday of the sale if you want to put your muscles to use moving furniture and other items.

Do you have a day of PTO that is burning a hole in your pocket? You could spend your time in service to others! High school students needing silver cord hours? Come see us! We would be glad to work with you. (Especially Max, he can reach EVERYTHING).

**Donation Day: Sunday, May 3rd**  
**Pre-Sale Volunteer Days: Monday, May 4th - Wednesday May 6th**  
**Sales Dates: May 7th-9th \*May 7th is a VERY busy day and many volunteers are needed.**

Thank you,  
 New Hope Rummage Sale Committee



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.

If you decide to give electronically, please feel free to pick up a card that says **“I give electronically”** to put in the offering plate if you would like to participate in the offertory.

# serve

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

## MASON JAR nightLIGHT

Because Jesus is the light of the world, his followers don't need to fear darkness or life's dark times. Make this nightlight to remind you of Jesus' light and presence.



### What you need:

- Work area with good ventilation
- Mason jar
- Clear glue that works on glass
- Paintbrush
- Glass stones
- Tealight candle
- Lighter
- Adult supervision

### What you do:

1. Starting at the top of the jar, brush glue on a small section.
2. Press glass stones onto the glue in rows. Let dry.
3. Continue gluing stones, in small sections, until the entire jar is covered.
4. When dry, place a candle inside. Light with adult help.

### Those who serve New Hope in January 2020:

#### 8:30am Traditional Service

##### Lectors

- 5 Marilyn Osborn  
12 Billy Nuzum  
19 Armenta Buckingham  
26 Cathy Short

##### Office Volunteers

- 3 Charlene Cobb  
10 Susan Blank  
17 Marlys Borcharding  
24 John & Joyce Turek  
31 Charlene Cobb

#### 9:30am Contemporary Service

##### Lectors

- 5 Sherri Bogue  
12 Kelly Mohrman  
19 Jodi Christensen  
26 Charity Johnson

##### Hosts

- 5 Melisa Forbes  
12 Sr. BLAST  
19 Glenna Ross  
26 Nancy Monthei

##### 9:30 Computer Support

- 5 Nancy Monthei  
12 Kelly Mohrman  
19 Sherri Bogue  
26 Dale Monthei

#### 10:45am Traditional Service

##### Lectors

- 5 Jon Verner  
12 Barb Mather  
19 Cathy Cate  
26

##### Hosts

- 5  
12 Sr. BLAST  
19 Banny Umhoza  
26 Andy Sutton

##### Money Counters

- 5 Glenna Ross, Tony & Tracy Hoffman  
12 Clark Howland; Rick Homard, Larry Wood  
19 Randy Jansen, DeVonne Douglas; Althea Holcomb  
26 Tami Wise, Jerry Kielsmeier, John Burrough



### Sunday Volunteers

**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, an email reminder will be sent to you.

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

# January 2020

**WORSHIP SERVICES**  
**Sunday mornings**  
**Traditional Services: 8:30 & 10:45**  
**Contemporary Service: 9:30**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			January 1 <i>Happy New Year!</i> Church Office Closed	2	3 Office Vol: Charlene Cobb  10a-11a, First Friday with the Kids	4 9a-3p, F.Hall reserved Sr. BLAST Christmas party at Higdon's
5 Epiphany Sunday Holy Communion Undecorate 9:30a-11a, Blood Pressure checks 10:45a, CLT 5p, Young Adults Gathering at Ruby Chapel	6  1p, Jonah Bible Study, R.Chapel  7p, Trustees Mtg., R.Chapel	7 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA  6:00p, SPRC Mtg, R.Chapel  7:00p, Venture Crew, F.Hall	8 Thank God It's Wednesday (TGIW) 4yrs-12th grade 5:45p, Dinner 6:15p-7p, SWAG Activities 6:00p, Sr. BLAST 6:15p, Jr. BLAST 7:00p, Puppets 6:30p, Chancel Choir practice 7:45p, Praise Team practice	9  1p, Bidwell Riverside Volunteering  6:00p, Worship Design  6:30p, "Holy Conversations", R.Chapel	10 Office Vol: Susan Blank  1:00p, Friday Small Group at Pizza Ranch  6:00p, FLC & F.Hall reserved	11 7:30a, Men's Breakfast  10a-12:30, R.Chapel reserved  2:00-7:00p, FLC & F.Hall reserved
12 Sr. BLAST breakfast fundraiser 10:45a, CLT  4:30p, Confirmation class	13  1p, Jonah Bible Study, R.Chapel	14 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA  3:30p, Hand of Luke	15 Thank God It's Wednesday (TGIW) 4yrs-12th grade 5:45p, Dinner 6:15p-7p, SWAG Activities 6:00p, Jr. BLAST 6:00p, Sr. BLAST Childserve 7:00p, Puppets 6:30p, Chancel Choir practice 7:45p, Praise Team practice	16  6:30p, Finance Mtg., R.Chapel	17 Office Vol: Marlys Borchering  <b>Deadline for Feb LINK</b> 9a-10:30a, Mom's Group  9a-3p, Needlers	18 8:30a, Veterans Breakfast, F.Hall  10a-Noon, HCI Mtg.
19 Human Relations Day (Offering) 10:45a, CLT Food Pantry Sunday 4:30p, R.Chapel reserved 8p, Sr. BLAST lock in	20 <b>Church Office Closed</b>  1p, Jonah Bible Study, R.Chapel	21 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA  11:30a, Bridges Committee Mtg.  7:00p, Venture Crew, F.Hall	22 Thank God It's Wednesday (TGIW) 4yrs-12th grade 5:45p, Dinner 6:15p-7p, SWAG Activities 6:15p, Jr. BLAST 6:00p, Sr. BLAST 7:00p, Puppets 6:30p, Chancel Choir practice 7:45p, Praise Team practice	23  4:00p, Sr. BLAST at Winter Jam  6:30p, Administrative Council Mtg., R.Chapel	24 Office Vol: John & Joyce Turek  1p, Friday Small Group at Pizza Ranch  6p-7:30p, F.Hall & FLC reserved	25  Noon-4:00p, F.Hall & FLC reserved
26 Souper Bowl 10:45a, CLT  4:30p, Confirmation class 5:00p, Chili Cook-Off	27  1p, Jonah Bible Study, R.Chapel	28 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA	29 Thank God It's Wednesday (TGIW) 4yrs-12th grade 5:45p, Dinner 6:15p-7p, SWAG Activities 6:15p, Jr. BLAST 6:00p, Sr. BLAST 7:00p, Puppets 6:30p, Chancel Choir practice 7:45p, Praise Team practice	30	31 Office Vol: Charlene Cobb	

**\*Human Relations Day, Jan. 19:** A Church-wide Special Sunday of The United Methodist Church. Your generous gifts on Human Relations Day support: neighborhood ministries through Community Developers, community advocacy in the United States and Puerto Rico through United Methodist Voluntary Services, and work with at-risk youth through the Youth Offender Rehabilitation Program. Your gift makes a world of difference! Thank you!



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

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|-----------------------------------|--|
| 1 Rick Roquet, Patrick Kyenkya    | 20 Nolan Martz                                       |
| 5 Kasi Dickerson, David Reieron   | 21 Brenda McCulley, Taylor Evans                     |
| 7 Henry Strauss                   | 22 Dustin Henry                                      |
| 8 Doug Hewitt                     | 23 Kate Cossa  |
| 10 Gayle Easton, Norma Wallin     | 24 George Buckingham                                 |
| 13 Vivienne Lee                   | 26 McKayla Johnson,<br>August Abbott, Conifer Abbott |
| 14 Doris Harvey                   | 27 Margaret Holmgren                                 |
| 15 Pastor Lilian Gallo Seagren    | 29 Bob Robinson, Lori Marsh                          |
| 16 Marilyn McCleary, Mark Thomsen | 30 Dale Myers, Barb Mather,<br>Kirsten Sahlin        |
| 17 Joan Clay, Gerald Perdue       | 31 Denise Zoss, Kenny Ukabiala,<br>Jim Bolstad       |
| 18 Ann Krause                     |  |
| 19 David O'Brien                  |  |



- 1: Ryan & Abbi Herrick  
 2: Michael & Joelyn Gerovac  
 17: Keith & Julie Craighton  
 24: Neal & Roberta Cave

New Hope Sunday morning Worship attendance				
	8:30	9:30	10:45	Total
Nov 24	32	82	78	192
Dec 1	23	67	62	152
Dec 8	32	86	73	191
Dec 15	36	86	79	201
Dec 22	31	78	78	187

One of the gifts of the Season of Epiphany is our re-entry into the way in which the human world has been led in the recognition of Christ as the Lord and Savior of all creation. In our pondering on such an awesome gift, we are invited to ask ourselves how our lives are manifested in the light and wisdom of Christ from here on and into the unfolding of the new day, new month, and new year.

Christ, who is the Light of the World, shines with brightness and radiance both in creation and in human hearts: Wisemen with wealth and knowledge were led by the light of heaven’s star to come and offer worship to a young child. Joseph was led in wisdom to leave for the safety of God’s child. Temple Prophet and Prophetess were led and gifted with eyes of recognition so as to complete their life’s appointed task which was to see that salvation for all people has arrived. The Preparer-Baptizer was led by heaven’s voice and Spirit to proclaim the true identity of Mary’s grown child.



We continue to live in the radiance and abundance of the light and wisdom of Christ. As a community of followers and disciples of Christ led, marked, beloved, gifted and called by Christ self, New Hope United Methodist Church’s journey into the future is of endless opportunities and possibilities, not empty ended but loaded with gifts.

Our ordinary spaces of living continue to shine the radiance of Christ. All your wise, heart-felt and Spirit-anointed decisions that you offer everyday with your presence, prayers, gifts, service, and witness here at and with New Hope United Methodist Church are definitely pointing us and our neighbors to the revealed light and wisdom of Christ. Let us continue to pray for each other and encourage one another as we travel through the days yet to come faithfully and fruitfully. I am always grateful to your intentionality caring for New Hope and in nurturing your souls and relationships both near and far.

Blessings,

*Rev. Lillian Galt Seay*

**For the month of January...“Led, Marked, Beloved, Gifted and Called ”**

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| January 5  | “Led and Marked!”<br>Holy Communion, Epiphany | <u>Script.:</u> Ephesians 1: 3-14 Matthew 2:1-12      |
| January 12 | “Led and Beloved!”                            | <u>Script.:</u> Isaiah 42: 1-9 Matthew 3:13-17        |
| January 19 | “Led and Gifted!”                             | <u>Script.:</u> 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 John 1:29-42      |
| January 26 | “Led and Called”                              | <u>Script.:</u> 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 Matthew 4:12-23 |



#### Sunday Worship Services at New Hope

8:30am Traditional Service

9:30am Contemporary Service

10:45am Traditional Service

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