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February 2020

FEBRUARY AT NEW HOPE UMC



NEW HOPE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sundays at New Hope UMC 8:30am • 9:30am • 10:45am
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DIFFERENCE
MAKERS
ARE
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- Feb 2 "A Difference Maker's Choice"
- Feb 9 "A Difference Maker's Fast"
- Feb 16 "A Difference Maker's Relationships"
- Feb 23 "A Difference Maker's Hearing & Vision"

Senior BLAST Valentine's Dinner February 15, 5:30pm.



Our Senior BLAST youth group invites everyone to their Valentine's Dinner Fundraiser!

Meal options are Smoked Pork Tenderloin Medallions or Marinated Chicken Breast with a side of baked potato, and green beans. Bread and a side salad are included with the meal. Dessert is homemade cheesecake with your choice of toppings.

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

Please sign up before February 10th.
\$15 per person and \$7 per child (age 10 and under).

Make your reservation by signing up in Fellowship Hall or calling the church office, 278-2097.

All proceeds will be used to support our 2020 Summer Mission trip to Leech Lake, MN.

Ash Wednesday Wednesday, February 26th 6:00pm Pancake Supper 7:00pm Ash Wed. Service



Come for a Pancake Supper at 6:00 pm.

Free-Will Offering. Prepared and served by Sr. High BLAST. All proceeds will go toward their summer mission trip.

Stay for worship, 7:00 pm
Childcare will be provided for children ages 4 and lower.



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



*“There is no exercise better for the **heart** than reaching down and lifting people up.”*
—John Holmes

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

Jan Davisson; Dale Myers; Dorothy Montgomery; Brenda McConahay; Barb Conrad; 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

Thank You

Sunday, December 29th, I retired from my regular job as an organist at New Hope United Methodist. I was overwhelmed with a wonderful reception after church and with so many cards and kind words. My church friends at New Hope are amazing. Thank you to you all! Music has been a huge part of my life since I was in high school and it has given me such a feeling of purpose to able to be a part of people’s worship experience. In addition, I’ve been rewarded with so many good friendships and fun times with fellow musicians as we played together. So, it is with mixed emotions that I move on to more listening to other’s music and less of my own. Blessings to all of you fellow musicians and to all those who express their appreciation for their efforts.
 Karen Skovgard



If you have preschool dvds that your children have outgrown please consider donating

them to the church nursery. Sing-along Bible song DVDS are greatly appreciated.

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.

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 **February 13th, 6:30pm.** Consider attending and learning more about our church and its future.



Our Sympathy To:

Pastor Lilian and Kirk on the passing of Norm Den Hartog, Kirk’s step mom’s husband.

Sandy Petrillo and family on the passing of James Petrillo, husband & father.

Marlys Borcharding on the passing of her sister-in-law, Chris Stover.

Betty Holwegner on the passing of her sister-in-law, Virginia.

Andy Sutton on the passing of her cousin, Josh.

Billy Nuzum and family on the passing of her dad, Bill Logsdon.

Josh & Celeste Nelson on the passing of his Aunt Mary’s mother.

Bob & Sue Soards on the passing of Bob’s Aunt Diana Hansleman DeMarco.



JR. BLAST NEEDS YOU TO GET IN THE GAME: TACKLE HUNGER WITH US!

Sunday, February 2nd will be our final collection day for the "SOUPER" BOWL to benefit Urbandale Food Pantry. Just place your food/personal care items in main hallway on the END ZONE table for the team of your choice and we will tally the results after services have ended to see which team scored the most points in New Hope's game!



Team Shirt

On **Sunday, February 2nd**, wear your favorite sports team shirt to church! This will coincide with the Souper Bowl Food Drive. Everyone is invited to wear a jersey or shirt from your favorite professional, college, high school or youth sports teams. If you aren't a football fan, wear a New Hope shirt because we are all on God's team and ending hunger in our community is a game worth playing for all!



Young Adults Gathering (ages 18 - 27 yrs.) ~ February 2nd

Please plan to meet from 5pm- 6pm at Orange Leaf, 4650 86th St. in Urbandale. Join Pastor Lilian and Denice Sutton for a time of fellowship and conversation.



First Fridays With The Kids! ~ February 7th

Join us Friday, February 7th for February's First Friday! We will meet from 10am-11am in the purple classroom. This time we will follow 1 Corinthians 16:14 and "Do everything in love" as we learn all about God's **LOVE** for us. There will be a love themed craft or two, we will play a love themed game and we will lift up our voices in song about God's love!

All are welcome, but the activities are most suitable for preschool aged children. Questions or for more information? Please contact Jackie Johnson at (515)710-3239 or jackiejohnson81@aol.com



Scout Sunday. Sunday, February 9th

All BSA Scouts and adult Scouters are invited to dress in uniform for Scout Sunday which will be observed at all three services.



Open Gym ~ Monday, February 17th, 1-3pm

On **Monday, February 17th, 1pm-3pm**, New Hope is hosting an open gym and game day. If your family needs out of the house, come shoot hoops, run around the gym, play board games in Fellowship Hall or anything else. Parents are expected to supervise their children and enjoy the time together. Invite your friends! We have some equipment that will be available for all to share.



Mom's Group ~ Friday, February 21st, 9-10:30am

Join us once monthly for **mom**-versation while the kids play in the New Hope Nursery! In February, we will meet on Friday the 21st 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. Don't have a kiddo at home during the day, but need some time with other ladies? As long as you can handle the craziness of kiddos playing we would love for you to join us! :) Questions? Contact Jackie Johnson (515)710-3239/jackiejohnson81@aol.com

“For I know the plans I have for you,” says the Lord. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give a future and hope.” Jeremiah 29:11

Dear New Hope Family,

Every relationship is built upon a foundation of trust. Relationships with friends, family, and especially our relationship with our Savior. One of the most powerful ways we, as Christians, can live out our faith is by trusting the Lord with our precious time.

Time is one of the most valuable gifts we are given by our Creator. It is one of the few things in the world that money cannot buy nor power create. No one knows how much they have left in their account, yet many of us waste hours in front of our TV or computer screen. I know this is something that I am guilty of; it’s very tempting to spend an evening catching up on the latest season of one of my shows when that time would be better spent in many other ways. It can be a hard habit to break.

During these cold months, I challenge each of us to look for opportunities to be good stewards of the time we have been entrusted. Consider taking a minute each night to record how you spent your time that day and then reviewing the whole week. Was there opportunity to spend your time better? Could you have spent some of those hours with your kids, your spouse, or in prayerful meditation? I think you’ll find there is more time than you thought. And maybe, next time you see the Hand of Luke sign up go around, you will remember that you do have enough time to “show your faith by your good deeds.”

God Bless,

Caleb Warner, Finance Committee



Documents and Donuts

On Sunday, February 23rd, the Finance Committee members will host another “Documents and Donuts” after each service.

The committee will be sharing information on the 2020 budget and our current financial condition.

So be sure to grab a donut, a chair and a Finance Committee member and visit for a while.

Welcome to our new members!



Marilyn Goodrich joined on January 5th.
2120 35th St., Des Moines, IA 50310
641-344-5687
margaretslilredwagon@hotmail.com
Marilyn enjoys gardening, baking and reading.
Armenta Buckingham is her shephard.



Al & Jo Foote joined on January 5th.
5612 Linden Circle, Johnston, IA 50131
515-444-7584 alvinfoote3@gmail.com
Al enjoys carpentry and camping.
Jo likes to quilt, watch football and go camping.
John & Jody Rains are their shepherds

Confirmation Class for 8th Graders



February 9, 4:30pm (Students only) Topic: The church story: expressions of faith and practices

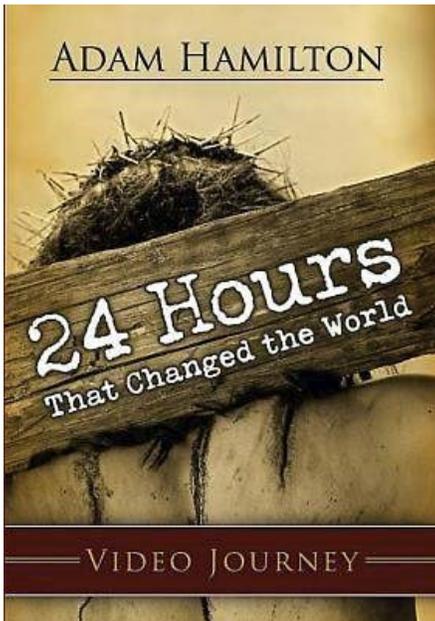
February 14, 3:30pm (Students & Mentors) Cook and Serve for Hand of Luke

February 23, 4:30pm (Students & Mentors) Topic: The church story: sacraments

February 26, 6:30pm (Students & Mentors) Serve for the Ash Wednesday Service

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





24 Hours That Changed the World

By **Adam Hamilton**

What a difference a day makes. You hear people say that phrase all the time. It could not be truer than when talking about the last day of Jesus' life. In 24 Hours That Changed the World, Adam Hamilton will help you experience and understand the significance of Jesus' suffering and death like never before.

In the Video Journey DVD, Hamilton draws on insights from history, archaeology, geography, and the Bible and takes us to the Holy Land where he provides a deeper understanding of the most amazing day in history. We visit the sites where those earth-shaking events took place, and we walk where Jesus walked along the road that led to the pain and triumph of the cross.

We will meet on Tuesdays at 6:30 - 7:30 pm.
The schedule is: March 3 - The Last Supper;
March 10 - The Garden of Gethsemane;
March 17 - Condemned by the Righteous;
March 24 - Jesus Barabbas and Pilate;
March 31 - The Torture and Humiliation of the King;
April 7 - The Crucifixion and Christ the Victor.
A sign-up sheet will be in Fellowship Hall. No purchase necessary.

Please join us! Leaders: Linda Kielsmeier and Armenta Buckingham

HOLY WEEK SERVICES ~ April 6th –11th, 2020

Daily Praise, Meditation and Prayer - Monday – Saturday

Morning: 7:00 -7:30 a.m.

Evening: 5:30 – 6:00 p.m. (Except Thursday and Friday evenings)

EVENING MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 9th, 7:00 p.m. with a Communion Service

EVENING GOOD FRIDAY, April 10th – “Tenebrae Service” 7:00 p.m.

Pastor Lilian is offering a gathering time for daily meditation with Scriptures, praise and prayer during Holy Week using “Encounters with Christ” as the theme.

A short video monologue from individuals produced by Skit Guy, Scripture Readings and Litany of Praise will gather us together.

There are those who may prefer to start their day before going to work and so the 7:00 a.m. time is offered. Coffee and rolls will be available to grab.

There are those who may prefer to end their day with this practice of meditation, prayer, and praise and so the 5:30 p.m. time is offered.

While there may be some who can come to both, please know that the 2nd time you come will be a repeat of the 1st, except on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.

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



2020 RUMMAGE SALE

Calling All Volunteers!!!

Please be thinking about how you can volunteer for Rummage Sale 2020! Right now we are organizing and solidifying area leaders.

If you are interested in being in overseeing an area, please email Jackie at jackiejohnson81@aol.com to let her know where you want to be!



Is an area too much for you to take on? We get it! Don't worry, we need lots of general volunteers too.

Need to sit? Like interacting with shoppers? Enjoy being near all the action? Have a knack for hanging clothes?

Just let us know what your interests are and we would love to help you find something that would be a good fit for you!

Don't forget to add Rummage Sale 2020 to your calendar now:

May 7 12pm-6pm

May 8 9am-6pm

May 9 9am-12pm



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

Plan now on new items that you will donate to 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).



Garlands of Gifts is our annual craft fair! If you are interested in helping organize this event, please contact Deb Henry, mssci@aol.com / 515-577-1129 or Sharon Smith, wicketsblooms@aol.com / 515-419-7082. *Many hands make light work.* Please consider joining us!

Adult Discussion Group

Join us at New Hope on Sundays at 9:30am in the Ruby Chapel. Group discussions are based from "The Wired Word" that weaves current events into the Bible study.

Blood Pressure Check

February 2nd, 9:30a-11a, Narthex.

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, February 8th at 7:30a at New Hope.

Women's Fellowship

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,

February 13th, 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).

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, February 21st.

Questions? Contact Jody Rains, 278-8282

Veterans Helping Veterans

The next breakfast will be March 7th at 8:30am. All veterans, spouses and supporters are welcome to attend.

If you have any questions, please contact Billy Nuzum at bbnewz54@gmail.com

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, February 14th & 28th.

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.

We will be studying John 15 & 16. Have you ever been asked to do menial tasks that you thought were beneath your dignity? Wash the feet of who? "Who, me?" What truth is Jesus teaching us?

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

James Louk,
jimlynnlouk@mac.com

First Annual Chili Cook-Off!

Thank you to everyone that attended the first Annual Chili Cook-Off on Sunday, January 26th. And a huge thank you to the 15 entries! Each Chili was unique & delicious!

Everyone voted and 3rd Place went to Larry & Patrice Webber; 2nd Place went to Pam Frey; and 1st Place/Chili Cook-Off Champion went to John Dickerson.

Thank you to the Bridge Committee for organizing this free, fun, family community event.



Children's Ministries

If you have any questions, please contact Charity Johnson at cjohnson@newhopedsm.org

Children's Ministries Mission Statement: Connecting lessons about God through Bible experiences

Christian Learning Time (CLT) Sundays at 10:45-11:45 am

WE WANT TO **THANK** ALL THE LEADERS/ HELPERS THAT ARE INVOLVED WITH OUR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (Sundays, Wednesdays, and Summer) FOR EVERYTHING THEY DO TO SHARE THE LOVE OF GOD WITH OUR CHILDREN.

If you are a CLT or CW, TGIW leader/helper this year,
YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR:
AN APPRECIATION BREAKFAST IN YOUR HONOR
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23rd, 10:45AM
IN THE RUBY CHAPEL

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



S.W.A.G. (Saved With Amazing Grace)
Vision Statement: Connecting lessons about God through real life experiences

STEM ACTIVITIES (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math)

February 5th: Speaking to God

February 12th: Forgiveness

February 18th: Trusting yourself, God and others

February 26th: No SWAG (Ash Wednesday)

VBS 2020 July 13 -16



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 will 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

2020 is off to a *GREAT* start in Jr. BLAST!

We kicked off the new year with a lesson where we shared our best/worst of 2019 and discussed where God was in those experiences. We also finished up our Saran Wrap ball from the Christmas Party- it's much harder than it seems to unwrap a giant ball of plastic while wearing oven mitts, but we had lots of fun trying! Did you know that Goodwill was founded by Methodist minister Edgar J. Helms? We learned that and more about Goodwill Industries as we prepared to shop at their Johnston location. We gave each youth a \$10 budget to purchase items that they felt would be most beneficial to the homeless in our community. They made us so proud with their thoughtful selections! The following week, we had a "fashion fair" of sorts where the kids shared their purchases and the reasons why they chose the items they did. All items will be donated to local shelters. We rounded out the month with another lesson and fellowship time at church and preparations for our "SOUPER BOWL" collection.

Thank you in advance to the congregation for your support of the food/personal care item drive! We are looking forward to delivering all of the donations to Urbandale Food Pantry where we will be volunteering on February 12th.

February Fun:

2/5- BLAST Activities, 6:15-7pm

2/12- Urbandale Food Pantry, 6:15-8:15pm

2/19- BLAST Activities, 6:15-7pm

2/26- No Meeting, Ash Wednesday

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

This year our youth group will be heading to Leech Lake Reservation in Minnesota (*June 14th – June 20th*).

We will get to serve a very diverse community with a rich history around the Leech Lake Reservation and Ojibwe culture. While in Minnesota, our youth will be serving the community by assisting with home-improvement projects and leading a children's program at a local park. In the evenings, we will have the opportunity to learn more about Ojibwe history from long-term community members, participate in a scavenger hunt around Bemidji, and share a meal with the community at a cookout.

As we are gearing up for the trip, we are also ramping up our fundraising efforts at the same time. We are kicking off our fundraising efforts with our annual Valentine's Dinner on February 15th.

This year's Valentine's Dinner fundraiser meal will include your choice of Smoked Pork Tenderloin Medallions or Marinated Chicken Breast with a side of baked potato and green beans. Bread and a side salad are included with the meal. For dessert is homemade cheesecake with your choice of toppings. Please sign up in Fellowship Hall before February 10th. The cost for this meal is \$15 per person and \$7 per child (*age 10 and under*).

Also, mark your calendar now for our Annual Ash Wednesday Pancake Dinner on February 26th. The Youth will be serving pancakes before New Hope's Ash Wednesday service. We hope you can come out and join us!

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

Feb. 2nd @ 5 pm ~ Super Bowl Party

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

Feb. 15th @ 4:30pm ~ Valentine's Dinner

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

Feb. 26th @ 5pm ~ Ash Wednesday Pancake Dinner

Mar. 4th @ 6pm ~ Meals from the Heartland Packing Event

Mar. 8th ~ BLAST Breakfast

Mar. 11th @ 6pm ~ Thank God for **BLAST** Discussion

Mar. 18th ~ Not Meeting because of Spring Break

Mar. 25th @ 6pm ~ Thank God for **BLAST** Discussion

Mar. 28th @ 6pm ~ Service Project (*Raking Yards*)



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

missions

FEBRUARY MISSION NEWS

Co chairs: Cheryl Moore & Marilyn Osborn

Socks for the Homeless

The congregation was able to donate 357 pairs of socks to Central Iowa Shelter and Services for the homeless. Thank you for your donations!

Bidwell Riverside Center

If you would like to volunteer to help at the Food and Clothing Pantry the 2nd Thursday of the month from 1-4pm, 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.

As a part of the monthly mission giving, money is sent to Bidwell Riverside. We also collect personal items for them in a basket on the Mission Table at the back of Fellowship Hall.



Hand of Luke (HOL) - February 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 14th of each month. If you would like to contribute to our ministry of a meal, please sign up on the Hand of Luke sheet in the Fellowship Hall, to donate food or sign up online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805084eabab2ea31-hand7> or in the Fellowship Hall.

The Confirmations students, mentors & parents will be the cooks & servers.

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.

Mission Ingathering

In February, we will continue our collection of hand towels for the UMCOR Hygiene Kits. We plan to take as many kits as possible to the 2020 Ingathering. The hand towels need to be between 15" x 25" to 17" x 27" in size. Any other size is not accepted. Wash cloths will be our focus in March, so if you are shopping and wish to purchase matching ones, you may leave these in the basket as well.



Adult Mission trip April 19-24

Please join us (friends from Johnston River of Life and New Hope) on the Oklahoma Mission Trip, Apr. 19-24! More details will be shared as soon as we know how many volunteers we will have. Please contact Denise Hartford by April 5th to volunteer.

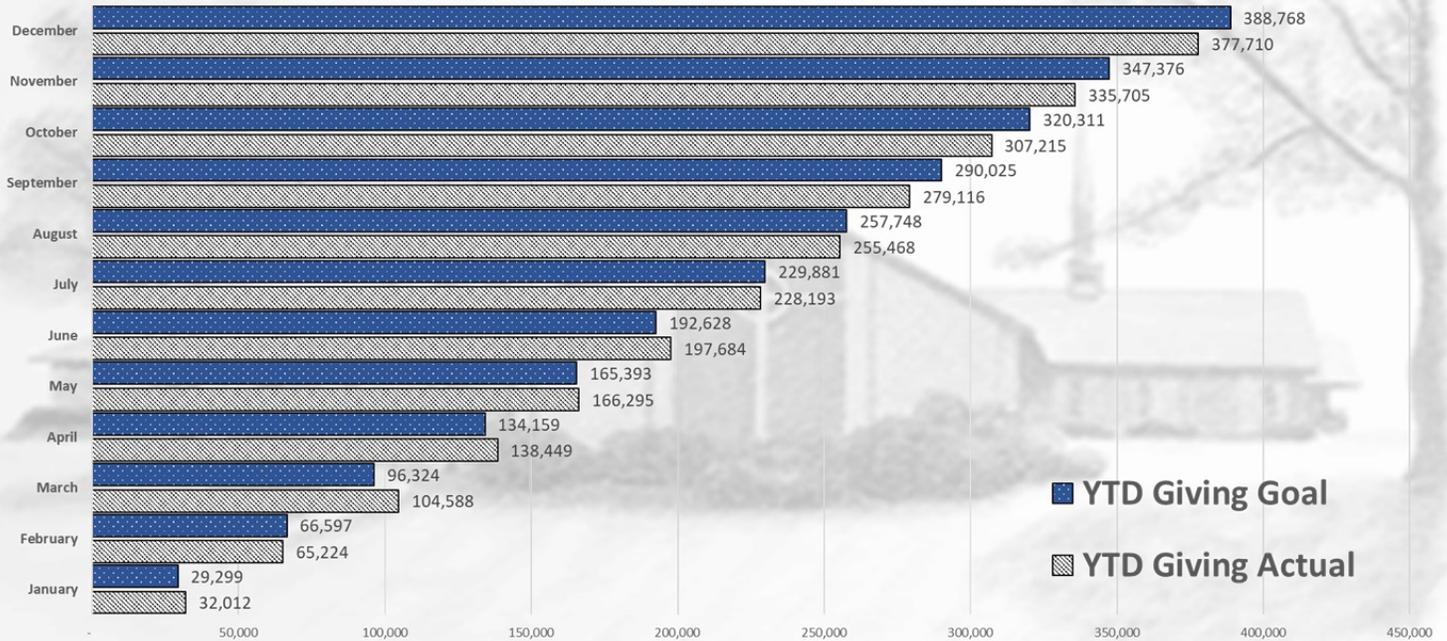
Denise Hartford, North Central Iowa UMC District Missions Coordinator denisehartford@gmail.com
515-890-1406

"Love is like a tennis match; you'll never win consistently until you learn to serve well."
—Dan P. Herod

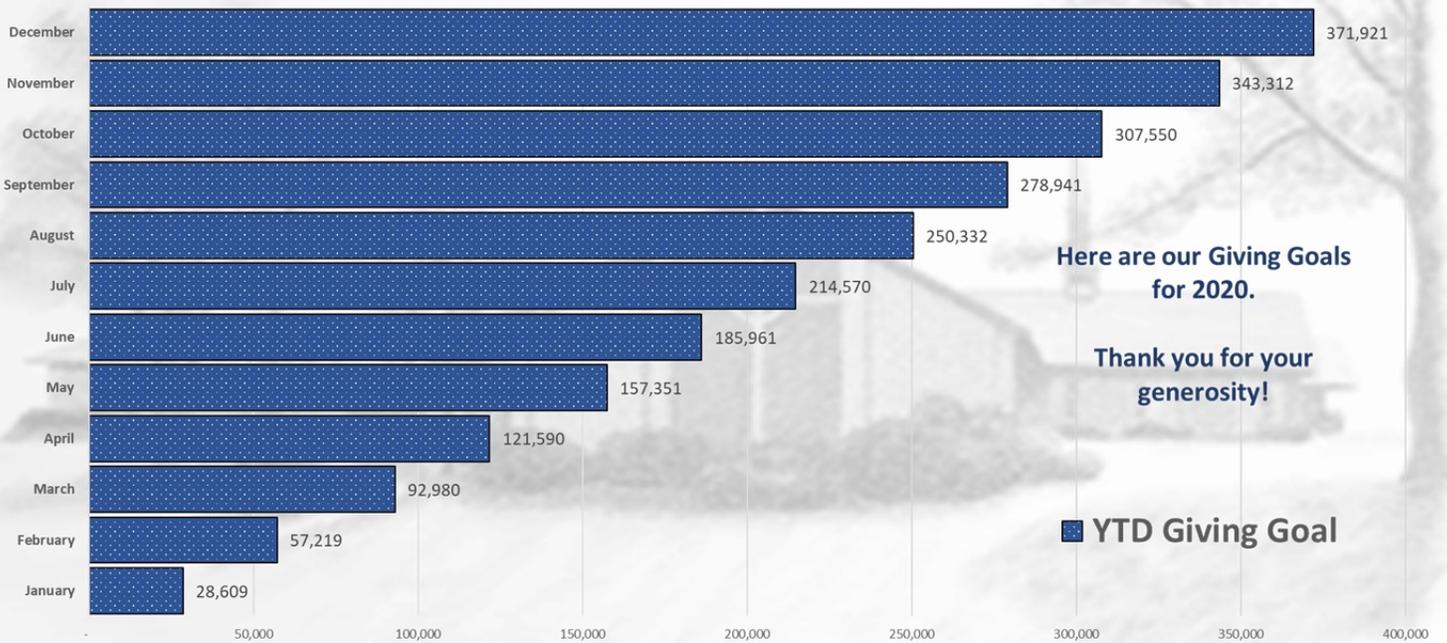
Mission's Year End Report: 2019 (shown in Rainbow Covenant areas)
 The following includes monetary and in-kind gifts donated by all the ministries of New Hope.

RED: (WORLD SERVICE:)	
<u>MOBILITY WORLDWIDE:</u>	\$250.00
<u>CHURCH WORLD SERVICE-BLANKETS AND TOOLS:</u>	\$250.00
<u>SELF HELP:</u>	\$100.00
ORANGE: (UNITED STATES SPECIAL PROJECTS):	
<u>McCURDY MISSION SCHOOL:</u>	\$150.00
<u>REDBIRD MISSION SCHOOL:</u>	\$150.00
<u>JOHNSTON RIVER OF LIFE</u>	\$150.00
<u>JOHNSTON PARTNERSHIP</u>	\$1,200.00
<u>URBANDALE PARTNERSHIP</u>	\$1,200.00
: UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief)	
<u>US Disaster Response:</u>	\$1,942.00
<u>UMCOR: Undesignated Craft Items</u>	\$72.00
<u>HPI LIVING GIFTS:</u>	\$250.00
GREEN: (INTERNATIONAL HUNGER/POVERTY)	
<u>DMARC: (cash, in-kind giving)</u>	\$1,383.30
<u>MEALS FROM THE HEARTLAND:</u>	\$5,716.00
<u>HAND OF LUKE: MEALS FOR HOMELESS AT CENTRAL IOWA SHELTER)</u>	\$9,425.00
Roosevelt High School	\$100.00
BLUE: (IOWA ADVANCE SPECIALS)	
<u>BIDWELL RIVERSIDE & in-kind (women's fellowship, missions)</u>	\$1,590.00
<u>JUSTICE FOR OUR NEIGHBORS: Missions/women's Fellowship:</u>	\$150.00
<u>SELF HELP INTERNATIONAL:</u>	\$250.00
<u>HAWTHORN HILL:</u>	\$300.00
PURPLE: (SPECIAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS):	\$379.00
INDIGO: (PARISH DEVELOPMENTS):	\$1,149.00
<u>WOMEN AT THE WELL PRISON MINISTRY:</u>	\$1,273.00
<u>JOHNSTON RIVER OF LIFE:</u>	\$155.00
(THIRD MILE GIVING):	
<u>MISSIONARY COVENANT: DR. MEFOR:</u>	\$1,240.00
(LOCAL AND INSTITUTIONAL GIVING):	
<u>CENTRAL IOWA SHELTER SERVICES:</u>	\$714.00
<u>ANGEL TREE:</u>	\$500.00
<u>WOMEN FWLLOWSHIP: PATORAL DISCRETIONAY FUND</u>	\$500.00
<u>WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP: Senior BLAST Mission Trip:</u>	\$300.00
<u>WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP/MISSIONS: Homeless Veteran's Baskets:</u>	\$200.00
<u>WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP: Police Station Snacks:</u>	\$44.88
<u>MANY HANDS FOR HAITI: Days for Girls Kits: Needlers</u>	\$2,360.00
<u>SELF-HELP INTERNATIONAL: dresses and britches: Needlers</u>	\$647.50
<u>LAP QUILTS - CARE TEAM</u>	\$750.00
<u>UGANDAN CHICKEN PROJECT:</u>	\$1,950.00
<u>TOTAL</u>	\$36,790.68

New Hope Campus Year to Date Giving Goals and Actuals for 2019



New Hope Campus Year to Date Giving Goals and Actuals for 2020



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 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.

Those who serve New Hope in February 2020:

Sunday Volunteers

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

Hosts bake or purchase 6 to 8 dozen cookies and serve coffee and water after the 9:30 contemporary and 10:45 traditional worship services. You don't have to host alone...team up with someone or a group of people to host.

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.

If you can't be there to host on a Sunday but would love to bring in cookies that would be wonderful, too. Cookies can be put in the freezer to be used anytime.

Sign up on the sheets are in the kitchen. When you sign up to host, an email reminder will be sent to you.

If you have questions, please contact Pam Weisskopf at 515-289-1343.

8:30am Traditional Service

Lectors

2 Billy Nuzum
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16
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Office Volunteers

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

9:30am Contemporary Service

Lectors

2 Kelly Mohrman
9 Pam Frey
16 Allie Christensen
23 Patrice Webber

Hosts

2 Melisa Forbes
9 Glenna Ross
16 Pam Weisskopf
23 Finance Committee

9:30 Computer Support

2 Joe Fairchild
9 Rick Homard
16 Doug Fairchild
23 Mark Baldwin

10:45am Traditional Service

Lectors

2 Jon Verner
9 Barb Mather
16 John Kirkpatrick
23 Cathy Cate

Hosts

2 Banny Umuhoza
9 Earl & Sharon Lewis
16 Sue Soards
23 Finance Committee

Money Counters

2 Glenna Ross, Tony & Tracy Hoffman
9 Clark Howland; Rick Homard, Larry Wood
16 Randy Jansen, DeVonne Douglas; Althea Holcomb
23 Tami Wise, Jerry Kielsmeier, John Burrough



Looking for love

Though not a fan of making New Year's resolutions, Jen Kramer decided to add meaning to 2018 by declaring it #theyearoflove. Each day she wrote a "love note" to a different person, expressing gratitude and offering encouragement. Recipients ranged from waiters and custodians to relatives and a terminally ill friend.

The experiment may have stemmed from the sudden, unexpected death of Kramer's father while she was away at college. "Why don't we say those things to people while they're here?" she tells the *Chicago Tribune*. "It's easy to be kind, and it's easy to tell people how you feel."

Kramer's campaign didn't cost a cent, yet it changed her life and touched hundreds of people in the process. Wherever she went, she discovered that "love showed up." It's simple, Kramer says: "You just have to look."

February 2020

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 Holy Communion 9:30a-11a, Blood Pressure checks 10:45a, CLT 5p, Young Adults Gathering at Orange Leaf in Urbandale	3 7p, Trustees Mtg., R.Chapel	4 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 6:00p, SPRC Mtg, R.Chapel 7:00p, Venture Crew, F.Hall	5 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	6 6:00p, Worship Design	7 Office Vol: Sharon Symonds 10a-11a, First Friday with the Kids	8 7:30a, Men's Breakfast 10a, Healthy Church Initiative Mtg., Pastor's office
9 Scout Sunday Recognition 10:45a, CLT 4:30p, Confirmation class (students only)	10 11am God's Girlfriends Mtg., F.Hall	11 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA	12 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	13 1p, Bidwell Riverside Volunteering 6:30p, "Holy Conversations", R.Chapel	14 Office Vol: Marlys Borchering Deadline for March LINK 1:00p, Friday Small Group at Pizza Ranch 3:30p, Hand of Luke (Confirmation)	15 5:30p, Sweetheart Dinner by Sr. BLAST
16 10:45a, CLT Food Pantry Sunday Noon-5p, F.Hall & FLC reserved 4:30p, R.Chapel reserved	17 President's Day Church Office Closed 1:00-3:00p, Open Gym in the FLC	18 9:30a, Sr. Singers practice, Sanctuary 9:30a, Alanon; Noon, AA 11:30a, Bridge Committee Mtg., F.Hall 7:00p, Stroke Club, F.Hall 7:00p, Venture Crew, F.Hall	19 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	20 9:00a, Women's Fellowship 6:30p, Finance Mtg., R.Chapel	21 Office Vol: Gayle Easton 9a-10:30a, Mom's Group 9a-3p, Needlers	22
23 Documents & Donuts after each service 10:45a, CLT 10:45a, Appreciation Breakfast for CLT, CW & TGIW, R.Chapel 4:30p, Confirmation class (students & Mentors)	24 6:30p, Endowment Committee Mtg., R.Chapel	25 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA	26 Ash Wednesday 6:00p, Pancake Supper 7:00p, Ash Wednesday Service	27 6:30p, Administrative Council Mtg., R.Chapel	28 Office Vol: Sally Lindstrom 1:00p, Friday Small Group at Pizza Ranch	29 Noon-8p, FLC reserved



FEBRUARY
BIRTHDAYS

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

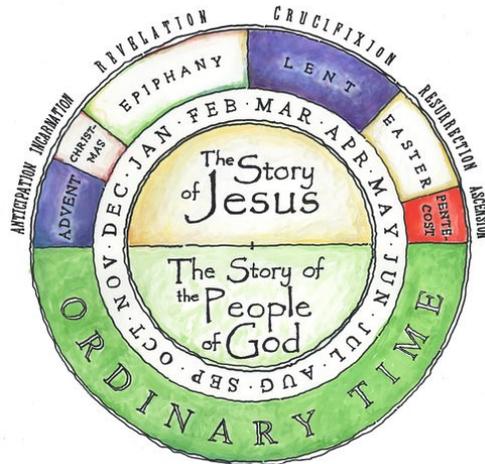
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| 1 Judy Peterson, Nicole Wilson | 17 Vicki Hover-Williamson |
| 2 Kay Goff, Harrison Fiala, Violet Fiala | 18 Ava Henry, Linda Sesker, Michael Gerovac |
| 3 Ron Rubek, Erika Weih | 19 Susan Egger, Heather Kerndt, Makenna Meyer |
| 5 Dawn Pritchard | 20 Kim Trillet, Derek Marsh |
| 6 Dale Monthei, Linda Kielsmeier, Penny Dolberg | 22 Kristi Miller, Nathan Roff, Julie Hartung |
| 7 Sandy Wilges | 23 Lyle Pritchard, Jeff Evans |
| 9 Barb Conrad, Freda Ruleman, Ben Higdon | 24 Marte Carlson |
| 10 Clark Howland | 25 Earl Lewis |
| 11 Steve Sutton | 27 Clarissa Short, Kinney Carnahan |
| 12 Dorothy Montgomery | 28 John Huber |
| 16 Scott Rowland, Corey Miller, Ron Cooley | 29 Doris Pugh |



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

New Hope Sunday morning Worship attendance				
	8:30	9:30	10:45	Total
Dec 29	One service			127
Jan 5	30	75	61	166
Jan 12	27	65	67	159
Jan 19	no worship due to weather			
Jan 26	40	75	72	187

The Christian calendar has a gracious way of leading us and moving us forward. *Advent. Christmas. Epiphany. Theophany. Ordinary days. Lent. Easter. Pentecost. Kingdomtide.* Much like nature's seasons of winter, spring, summer, and fall and or the changing of years, there are visible manifestations when moving forward means changes such as aging, growing, fruit-bearing, multiplying, dying, and among others. While we may have favorite seasons both in nature's world and in the life of the Christian community, our lives are always in a forward motion. It may be tempting to stay with the season of Christmas forever and or at the age of twenty but we know very well that life will not allow us to be stuck with one single moment or with our past.



As Christians, each season offers us a unique call and purpose with new sets of gifts and new sets of opportunities. With God we are offered a new beginning and new mercies. While Christmas decorations are packed away, we have been gathered around the mysteries and gifts of the baptism of the Lord and our very own baptisms. In a season referred to as *ordinary days*, we are called to be and do the work of living out who we truly are and what Jesus has led us to be doing in our world together with fellow believers and disciples.

New Hope UMC has been gifted with many individuals from various age groups, occupations, professions, education, birth and growing places, and even religious affiliations. As someone who have just been here for six months now, I have been inspired by the intentionality of passionate believers and disciples in the ministry of prayer, the ministry of studying the Scriptures, the ministry of outreach and mission, the ministry of growing children and youth in their faith and love of God, and the ministry of community service. I am making a bold claim during these ordinary days that here at New Hope UMC Jesus' Difference Makers are discovered, nurtured, grown, celebrated and sent out from here all through the Christian calendar year. In your presence I can't help but utter the same words Paul wrote in Philippians 1:3-11.

Blessings,

Rev. Lillian Gallo Seayen

For the month of February...“Difference Makers Are Grown Here ”

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| February 2 | “A Difference Maker’s Choice”
Holy Communion | <u>Script.:</u> Micah 6: 1-8 Matthew 5: 1-12 |
| February 9 | “A Difference Maker’s Fast!” | <u>Script.:</u> Isaiah 58: 1-12 Matthew 5:13-20 |
| February 16 | “A Difference Maker’s Relationships” | <u>Script.:</u> 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 Matthew 5: 21-37 |
| February 23 | “A Difference Maker’s Hearing and Vision” | <u>Script.:</u> 2 Peter 1: 16-21 Matthew 17:1-9 |



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8:30am Traditional Service

9:30am Contemporary Service

10:45am Traditional Service

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