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A monthly publication of  
New Hope United Methodist Church

## October 2020

OCTOBER AT NEW HOPE UMC



NEW HOPE  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sundays 9:00am • 10:30am Parking Lot  
10:30am Indoor  
newhopedsm.org

## PRESSING FORWARD WITH CHRIST



**OCTOBER 4**  
Why are we pressing forward with Christ?

**OCTOBER 11**  
How shall we continue pressing forward  
with Christ?

**OCTOBER 18**  
What resources are available to us as we  
press forward with Christ?

**OCTOBER 25**  
Who are our companions in pressing  
forward with Christ?

## Worship with Us on Sundays!

### Two parking lot worship services @ 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.:

Each service will be 35 minutes.

During the 10:30 service, you will not see Pastor Lilian but you can hear her sermon through the radio feed. However, if the temperature is below 45 degrees, the 9 a.m. parking lot service will continue but all people involved with the service (Pastor Lilian, special music, etc.) will be inside the church. People are still welcome to come park and listen through the radio to the 9 a.m. Sunday worship.

### One indoor worship service @ 10:30 a.m.:

Worship will be held in the Family Life Center and will be 35 minutes.

New Hope leadership has prepared for returning safely back to an indoor service option for people of our congregation that wish to participate. Please wear a mask for the indoor service.

### Pre-recorded worship service:

Also, please watch for the Pre-recorded Worship Video that is emailed to you and posted to our Facebook page on Sundays.

*We look forward to gathering!*



## 2020 Fall Harvest Music Jamboree and Auction

The Harvest Dinner and Auction Committee is pleased to announce the 2020 Fall Harvest Music Jamboree and Auction. This free event will be held amongst the fantastic fall foliage of the New Hope parking lot on **Sunday, October 11th from 2 PM to 3:30 PM.**

Come out and enjoy social distancing fellowship, special performers by our own New Hope family, fall snacks, and friendly competition for those highly prized auction items from our members. **Auction items are: Pie of the Month, Baked Good of the Month, Handyman Quartet, Blanket Chest, Parsonage Dinner, 16 lb smoked Brisket, Door Wreath, Four Fresh Flower Arrangements, Family Fun Package, and Iowa Travel Package.**

Due to time limitations and the high uncertainty of the COVID-19 situation in October, the Committee will not be holding a silent auction this year. For us to enjoy all the fine performances, we will be offering only a small number of live auction items.

Please mark Sunday, October 11th @ 2 PM on your calendar and email or give the church office a call to **RSVP at 515-278-2097, nhfamily@newhopedsm.org by October 4th.** This will help us ensure we have enough parking spots open.

Come join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship!



### Prayer Chain Request

If you have a prayer chain request, please call Mary Ann Rice at 964-7734 or the church office at 278-2097.

### Prayer Concern

Lynn Louk; Linda Miller; Anita Gaul; Freda Ruleman; Dorothy Montgomery; Brenda McConahay; Jim Wells; Glenda Millard; Chris Boyles' sister, Trudy; JoAnn Pugh; Cathy Cate; Jim Clark; Desiree Spring; Stephanie Roul Stewart; Josephine Demarco; Bishop Laurie Haller; District Superintendent, Rev. Heecheon Jeon; Dr. Emmanuel Mefor, missionary; Women at the Well.

### 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 there are any other people that should be listed, please contact the church office at 278-2097.*

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)

*“The good news is that you do not have to change cultures. You and I do not have to pretend to be someone we are not in order to hear the good news! Guess what?*

*God speaks every language.”*

The Rev. Grace Imathi, “The Day Heaven Burst Open”



Sunday, October 4th



### Pastor Lilian,

God bless you for the time you give, the work you do, and the care you offer.

*“Remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*1 Thessalonians 1:3”*



### Garden Fellowship

For the month of October, Pastor Lilian will offer one **Outdoor Garden Fellowship at 10 a.m. on Wednesdays.**

We will observe social-distancing and wear a face masks.

Please bring a lawn chair.

The garden by the Ruby Chapel is ideal for outdoor visits and prayers!

If the weather is rainy, we will not meet. Please call the church office, 278-2097, if you have questions.



### Young Adults Gathering (ages 18 - 27 yrs.) ~ October 25th, 4:30 p.m.

Pastor Lilian invites young adults (ages 18 - 27 yrs) for a Zoom gathering on **Sunday, October 25th at 4:30 p.m.**

Watch for an email that is sent with the ZOOM information. Also if you want to be included in the email, please contact the church office at [nhfamily@newhopedsm.org](mailto:nhfamily@newhopedsm.org) or 278-2097.

**You're Invited For A SPOOK-tacular Fall Family Night!**

**Wednesday, October 28th at 6pm**

We will be showing a family-friendly **outdoor** Halloween movie!

Popcorn will be provided! Bring snacks and drinks for your family!

You should plan to bring lawn chairs, blankets, etc... to keep your family comfortable while watching the movie.



\*This will be in place of all regularly scheduled Wednesday night programming.



**Drive-Thru Trunk or Treat**

**Saturday October 31st, 3:00-4:00 pm.**

Calling all Halloween fans that like to participate in a safe and fun **community** event!

We will be hosting a **DRIVE-THRU** Trunk-Or-Treat event Saturday, October 31st from 3-4pm!

Please consider hosting a *spectacularly spooky* (but not so scary) socially distanced parking space, decorated as you wish.

You may choose to use your car trunk, a table, a canopy and chairs, tent, etc...

You will NOT need to supply enough treats for our community, just the decorations and a smile!

We encourage you to be in costume too!

Trunk or Treaters will not get out of their cars. Your space will be a safe distance from others.

Guests will be given a treat bag provided by the Bridge Committee upon exit.

We will be collecting non-perishibles for DMARC during the event.

We ask you to have your trunk decorated and ready to go by **2:15** for photos.

The event will conclude at 4pm.

We need trunks to remain in place until guest vehicles have exited the lot.

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

**To sign up to do a Trunk or for more information please contact Pam Frey at (515)490-8440 or [yayafrey@gmail.com](mailto:yayafrey@gmail.com).**

Thank you in advance for helping us bring some *FANG-tastic FUN* to our community!





Our **Charge Conference** will be held on **Thursday, November 5th, 6pm**. A ZOOM annual church conference is being organized led by assigned presiding

elders in a smaller cluster.

Please contact the church office to sign up, 278-2097 or [nhfamily@newhopedsm.org](mailto:nhfamily@newhopedsm.org). Thank you!

## Save the Date!

**Hanging of the Greens**  
**Sunday, November 22**

With these uncertain times, currently, we will be decorating the Family Life Center and Fellowship Hall after the 10:30 am service. We will be wearing our masks and social distancing.

Let's make sure we make this Advent season a special one!

Blessings and let me know if you have any questions.

Pam Frey [yayafrey@gmail.com](mailto:yayafrey@gmail.com)  
515-490-8440

## Thank You

A big thank you to John Rains, Mike Wakeman, Dale Monthei, Chris Boyles, Seth McClellan, Tim McCulley, and Spencer Sutton for help with painting the south end of the church. We are preparing the east area outside of the kitchen to finish up this years exterior painting.



Also, thank you to everyone that helped with the fall campus clean up on Sept. 26th: Jim and Joey Bolstad, Earl Lewis, David Montgomery, Linda & Jerry Kielsmeier, Bob & Sue Soards, Barb Agan, Ruth Doxon, Mike Wakeman, Tim McCulley, John Rains, Brad Johnson and the Crew 177, Spencer Sutton, Nancy and Fred Foreman for providing refreshments and Pastor Lilian and Kirk for providing lunch.

***Many hands did a lot of work!!***

The Board of Trustees

**Women's Fellowship**  
**Thursday, October 15th, 10am,**  
**in the Fellowship Hall.**  
 Please social distance & wear a mask. Questions? contact Susan Clark at 964-5119.

**Veterans Helping Veterans**  
**Postponed until further notice.**  
 Questions? contact Billy Nuzum at bbnewz54@gmail.com

**Men's Breakfast**  
**Postponed until further notice.**

**Care Ministry Team**  
 Next meeting TBD. Questions, contact Clarice Rubek, rrubek@aol.com

**New Hope Needlers**  
**Postponed until further notice.**  
 Questions? Contact Jody Rains, 278-8282

**Blood Pressure Check**  
**Postponed until further notice.**

**Bidwell-Riverside Center**

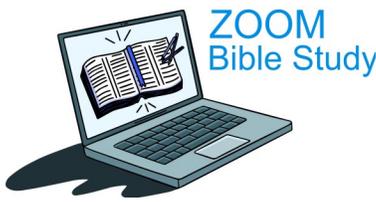


At this point Bidwell continues to cancel group-volunteering events through December.

However, if anyone from the group would like to volunteer as an individual, they would welcome you but would need to know about one week in advance.

If anyone is interested in doing that, please contact Lynn Louk ([jimlynnlouk@mac.com](mailto:jimlynnlouk@mac.com)) or 515-276-7900 and she can inform you about tasks that could be done.

Since the COVID-19 pandemic found its way to Iowa the Bidwell Pantry has served 9,206 individuals.



**FRIDAY ZOOM BIBLE STUDY**

The Friday Bible Study will continue our Zoom Bible study of Paul's letter to the church at Philippi on **October 9 and 23 at 1:00 p.m.**

Joy is one of the predominant themes in the Letter to the Philippians. Paul called for joy in the midst of opposition and suffering, which is a message of hope for the church today. Join us on Zoom and learn of this joy that cannot be taken from us.

If you would like to join the group please contact Jim Louk at [jimlynnlouk@mac.com](mailto:jimlynnlouk@mac.com), or call him at 515-402-7573, so he can help you connect with our group.



**NEW MUSIC CLASS**

Have you ever wanted to read music? Then this class is for you! Colby Gochanour, Director of Music, is offering a free music class via Zoom. This class will include learning to read notes, counting rhythms, among other basic music topics. No previous music knowledge is needed to sign up for this class. Dates and times are to be determined. If interested, please contact Colby Gochanour at [colby@newhopedism.org](mailto:colby@newhopedism.org)

**Outdoor Rally Day**, held on Sunday, September 13th, was a glorious day of worship, fellowship, treats and entertainment! Professor Von Air shared the story of Noah's Ark using his balloon artistry. He had pre-made balloons to hand out to everyone. And then we were wowed by magician, Mikayla Oz, and her high energy and fun show! Thank you to everyone that attended the fun-filled morning!!





# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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

**Mission Statement:** Connecting kids to God and others

**Christian Learning Time (CLT):** 4 year old—7<sup>th</sup> Grade



**Vision Statement:** Connecting lessons about God through real life experiences

**Every Sunday at 10:30am, meeting in the garden area.**

**S.W.A.G. (Saved With Amazing Grace):** K - 5<sup>th</sup> grade

**Vision Statement:** Connecting lessons about God through real life experiences

S.W.A.G will be on **Wednesdays at 6:00-7:00pm.** This year we will continue to take the Journey through Psalm 23.

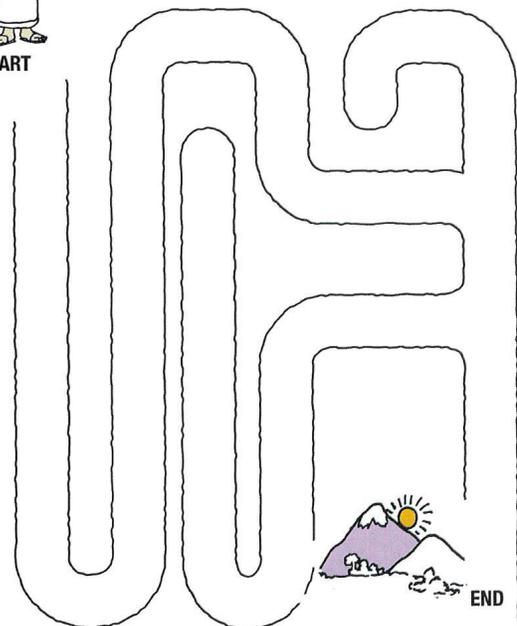
If it is not raining, and the temperature is above 45 degrees at 5pm; we will be meeting outside at New Hope.

There will be NO meals provided at this time with all the COVID-19.  
We want to keep everyone safe.

Please watch for emails for any updates.

David said, "He guides me along the right paths for His name's sake."...

Help David follow the right path through the maze.



David prayed to God, "Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me."

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

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



Thank you to everyone that took the youth programming survey!

**Jr. BLAST will stay on Wednesday nights from 6-7pm** because it still worked for the majority of those that responded to the survey!

As the weather gets colder we will be moving to Zoom, but for the month of October we are going to take advantage of being outdoors while we still can.

**Join us from 6-7pm October 7th, 14th, and 21st for socially distanced, outside meetings. Our group will be meeting by the choir doors.**

We will be combining some service, lessons and fun to our gatherings!  
Please dress for the weather, bring your mask and a chair.

*\*On any of our scheduled outdoor meeting days should it be raining or the temperature be at or below 45 degrees at 5pm we will meet via Zoom instead.\**

**October 28th** we will join the rest of the church for an outdoor Halloween movie night at 6-7pm!  
You can bring your own snacks and drinks, popcorn will be provided.

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

Thank you to everyone that took the Christian Ministry survey. Based on that feedback; Sr. BLAST will plan to either meet outside or virtual until after the first of the year. Our hope is to meeting outdoors as much as possible; until the weather gets colder; then we will be moving to a virtual Zoom gathering.

If it is not raining, and the temperature is above 45 degrees at 5pm; we will be meeting outside at New Hope from 6pm to 7pm. Once we move to virtual Zoom gatherings; we will have to push the start time back to 7pm. We will let you know when we transition to virtual meetings.



We hope to continue our focus on Veggietales and learning about the Old Testament stories during this time. We believe, we will still be able to watch and discuss the videos while outside at New Hope.

Finally, we are planning to do an all Church Halloween movie night in the parking lot on **October 28<sup>th</sup> from 6pm to 7pm**. You can bring your own snacks and drinks; we will provide the popcorn and entertainment. More information about the above events will be sent out in email and posted on Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/SeniorHighBlast>).

# missions

## OCTOBER MISSION NEWS

Co chairs: Cheryl Moore & Marilyn Osborn

**MISSIONS:** Personal Dignity Kit for Mission Ingathering—November 7th.

Collection of Personal Dignity Kits will be held during the month of October. *You may call the church office at 278-2097 to arrange a time for drop off or bring on a Sunday and give to Pastor Lilian.*

Please purchase below items and hold until October. These kits will be distributed to needy areas by UMCOR.

### Personal Dignity Kit “PDK”

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|--|---|
| 1 Bath Hand Towel – No kitchen towels      | 1 Comb – sturdy - no rattail or picks         |
| 1 Bath Washcloth – No kitchen dishcloths   | 10 Band-Aids – 3/4” x 3”                      |
| 1 Razor – with guard                       | 1 Shampoo – 15-18 oz                          |
| 1 Nail Clippers – no files or emery boards | 1 Deodorant – 2-3 oz. stick, roll on, or pump |
| 1 Adult Tooth Brush – No multipacks        | 1 Toothpaste – 2.5 oz. or larger              |
| 1 Bar Soap – 3-4 oz.                       |   |

Place in gallon zip lock bag.

**CONTINUING SUPPORT OF OUR PARTNERSHIP AGENCIES:** Each month checks are issued from the Mission Fund to the following: Missionary, Dr. Emmanuel Mefor, Women at the Well, Bidwell Riverside, Johnston Partnership, Urbandale Food Pantry, and DMARC.

**LITTLE FREE PANTRY:** Meredith Drive Reformed Church at 5128 Meredith Drive has installed a “Little Free Pantry” in their parking lot on the north side of Meredith Drive across from the church. It is being used by the neighborhood. Donations of food are welcome plus there is a basket for fresh produce donations under the pantry.



**Hand of Luke, October 14th:** This is our monthly ministry of a meal for the Central Iowa Shelter and Services.

Since the pandemic started, we have been able to continue our Hand of Luke program thanks to the congregation’s monetary donations. We have used these donations to purchase the food needed to provide a meal. We will continue to do this for the foreseeable future instead of asking the congregation to purchase and drop off food items at the church as in the past. You can either include your donation in the Sunday offering with it designated for HOL or go to the church’s website and do an online donation. Click on Gifts and then fill in the amount on the Hand of Luke line.

We have been asking for volunteers to help prepare the meal and volunteers to deliver it to the Central Iowa Shelter. They are not allowing outside volunteers to serve the meal at this time. For the meal prep, our goal is to only have two people at the church at a given time. These people are usually in the same household or family unit. If you would be willing to help with this, please let Jolene Harlow know and we will contact you when needed.

Finally, we are looking for a couple people who would like to join Jolene Harlow and Patrice Webber as part of the HOL Program Coordinator team. If you are interested or would like more information on what this would entail, please contact Jolene Harlow at [rdharlow@earthlink.net](mailto:rdharlow@earthlink.net) or 515-490-8813. Thank you.

# October 2020

Sunday Worship  
9am & 10:30am Parking Lot  
10:30am Indoor

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 6:30p, Worship Design Mtg, via Zoom	2	3
4 9a & 10:30a Parking Lot Worship 10:30a Indoor Worship World Communion Sunday	5 7p, Trustees Mtg., F.Hall	6 6:00p, SPRC Zoom Meeting	7 10:00a, Outdoor Garden Fellowship 6 - 7p, SWAG 6 - 7p, Jr. BLAST 6 - 7p, Sr. BLAST	8	9 1p, Friday Bible Study, via Zoom	10
11 9a & 10:30a Parking Lot Worship 10:30a Indoor Worship 2:00p, Fall Jamboree & Auction	12	13 6:30p, Finance Zoom Meeting	14 10:00a, Outdoor Garden Fellowship 3:30p, Hand of Luke 6 - 7p, SWAG 6 - 7p, Jr. BLAST 6 - 7p, Sr. BLAST	15 10:00a, Women's Fellowship, F.Hall	16	17
18 9a & 10:30a Parking Lot Worship 9:50-10:20, Confirmation Orientation 10:30a Indoor Worship 7:00p, Transition Team Mtg	19 Deadline for November LINK	20	21 10:00a, Outdoor Garden Fellowship 6 - 7p, SWAG 6 - 7p, Jr. BLAST 6 - 7p, Sr. BLAST	22 6:30p, Administrative Council Zoom Meeting	23 1p, Friday Bible Study, via Zoom	24
25 9a & 10:30a Parking Lot Worship 10:30a Indoor Worship 4:30p, Young Adult Zoom Fellowship	26	27	28 10:00a, Outdoor Garden Fellowship 6:00p, Family Outdoor Movie, parking lot	29	30	31 3-4p, Trunk or Treat 



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



- 1 Jack Schoop, John Turek, David Montgomery
- 2 Roberta Cave
- 3 Ellen Hester, Adam Wise, Sandy Johnson
- 4 Joe Traylor, Tricia Berry
- 5 Randy Thompson, Noah Henry, Brad Lichter, Gwen Dann
- 7 Lisa Hewitt
- 8 Brittany Egger, Christopher Miller, Eric Welter
- 9 Gleeann Coates
- 10 Mica Wills, Hannah Wiles, Malcolm Rock
- 11 Ryan Jacobson
- 12 Colby Gochanour
- 13 Melanie Henry
- 14 Netha Piphon

- 15 Debbie O'Brien
- 16 Kurt Eaves
- 17 Luke Breitsprecher
- 18 Carl Egger
- 19 Mike Lillegraven
- 23 Alanna Verner, Alyssa Miller
- 24 Mary Jansen, Noah Breitsprecher, Brennan Johnson, Caleb Warner
- 25 Debi Baker, Tracy Hoffman
- 26 Ann Schultz, Makenzie Jacobson
- 27 Charlotte Sheldon, David Gier
- 28 Marilyn Schoop, Pam Weisskopf, David Johnson
- 29 Laura Webber, Sarah Baldwin, William Sheer, Hayden O'Brien
- 30 Carole Followwill

- 1 Jim & Joey Bolstad
- 1 Nathan & Elizabeth Roff
- 4 Jim & Barb Mather
- 8 Brad & Terri Lichter
- 10 Al & Jo Foote
- 10 Randy & Mary Jansen
- 14 Kevin & Jodi Christensen
- 18 Mike & Elaine Collet
- 25 Mike & Kris Wakeman
- 25 Brad & Jackie Johnson
- 26 Keith & Kim Trillet

*If you see that your name is not listed, please call the church office at 278-2097, or email at [nhfamily@newhopedsm.org](mailto:nhfamily@newhopedsm.org), so we can update our files.*



***“For I was hungry and you gave me food... (Matthew 25:35 NRSV)”***

One of the effects of the pandemic season is the burden of so many families to put food on the table. The good news is that we always have something to share so that nobody is hungry. Never underestimate the power of a hand-full of uncooked rice, a cup of uncooked beans, a ladle of maize, a cup of cassava fufu and a can of soup!

When all these are gathered into a “Grain Bin”, New Hope will certainly bring smile and hope to our neighbors. Thanks to Paulette and

Larry Wood for purchasing the “Grain Bin” ready to receive your donations.

Staying healthy requires healthy food. To our Asian, African, Latinx and immigrant neighbors, healthy food includes: rice, maize, cassava flour, and beans. Making these foods available to them will help them with their other basic needs of living, especially when there are school-aged children in the family.

The inspiration of this “Grain Bin” was Pastor Lilian’s story: A poor family of six in the village cooked three cups of raw rice every day. Before the mother/wife adds water into the pot, she sets aside a hand-scoop of the rice into a container. At the end of each month, the family offers to their Church the set aside rice.

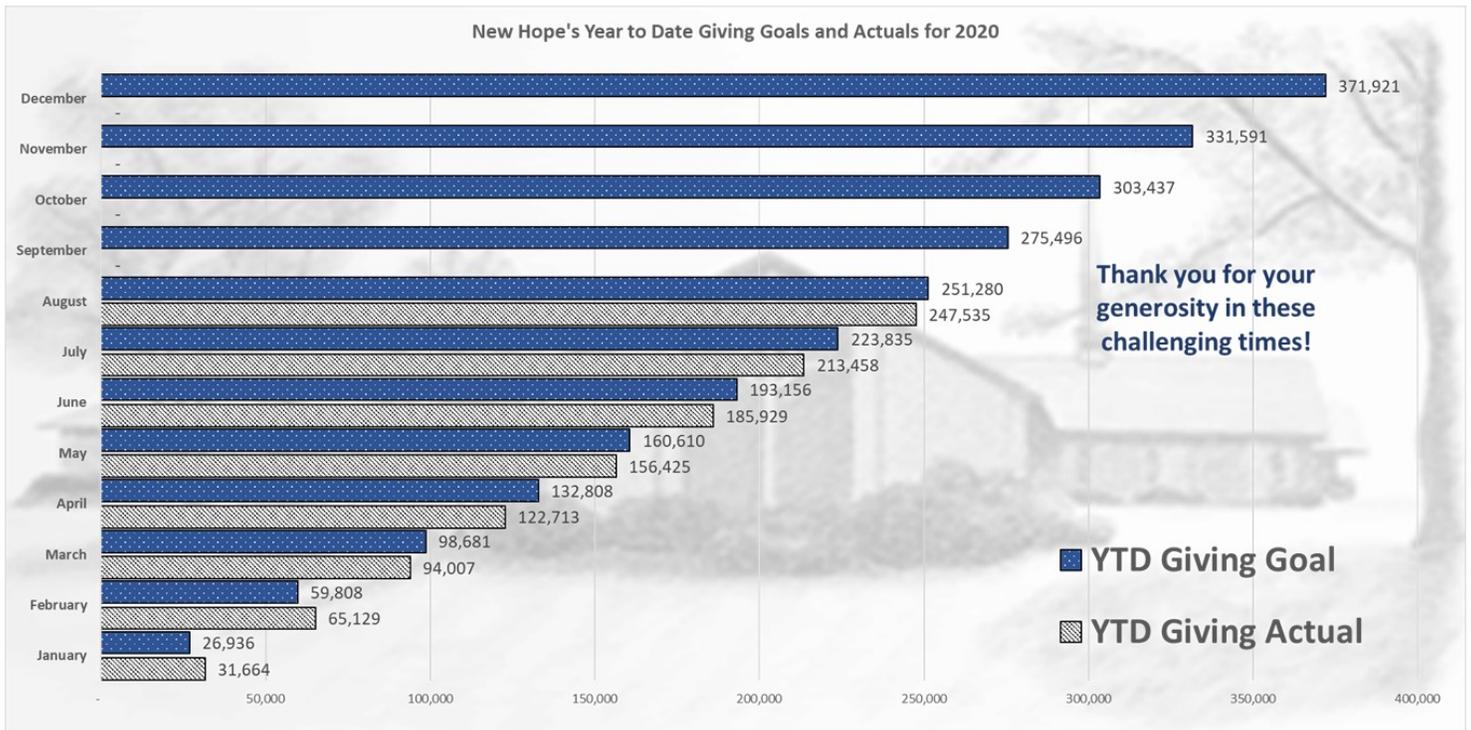
When the Grain Bin is full, the donations will be given to Johnston Partnership, Bidwell Riverside and the Urbandale Food Pantry, on a rotation schedule.

Donations can be collected on Sundays. Thank you for your giving heart.



*Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and did not take care of you?*

*(Matthew 25:44 NRSV)*





**Sunday Worship Services (due to COVID)**  
9am & 10:30am: Parking Lot Services  
10:30am: Indoor Service

**Following Christ, inspiring minds, loving hearts,  
serving hands and transforming communities.**

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#### **Church Staff**

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Lilian Gallo Seagren  
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Children's Ministries Coordinator: Charity Johnson  
Nursery Attendant: Jackie Johnson, Kris Wakeman

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