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New Hope United Methodist Church

April
2021

APRIL AT NEW HOPE UMC



NEW HOPE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
9 am • 10:30 am – Indoor & Parking Lot
newhopedsm.org



THERE IS MORE TO BEING
**RAISED FROM
THE DEAD**

April 4 Inheriting Christ Relationship and Position with God
April 11 Called to be the work of grace, forgiveness and peace
April 18 Courage to be Witnesses of Christ
April 25 Confidence in Christ Alone

Worship with Us on Sundays!

9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Indoor and Parking Lot Worship Service.

Safety guidelines for indoor worship:

- **Masks are required**
- **Social distancing**
- **No food or drink**
- **Take your coats into service**
- **No socializing (please)**

We will monitor the number of congregants in attendance. *If we exceed the 'safe' numbers, we will have an alternative spot for you.* We ask for your patience and understanding while we begin this new 'normal'.

We **need volunteers** to keep this transformation smooth and comfortable for everyone. (Please let Nancy know if you are willing to help!)

For those of you not ready to come inside, please continue to enjoy our parking lot services or the prerecorded worship.

Christian Learning Time (CLT) will meet in the purple room during the 10:30 indoor service. We will also have Zoom and be able to connect everyone using the tv screen in the classroom. Families, please watch for emails with updates.

If you have questions or concerns about the changes, please contact Clark Howland (clarkhowland@msn.com), chair of the Transition Team.

Gatherings at New Hope UMC

The Safety Guidelines, in place for the Worship Services, apply for indoor ministry meetings/gatherings.

Please contact Nancy, in the church office, to schedule any meetings at the church.



“The very first Easter taught us this: that life never ends and love never dies.”

—Kate McGahan

Prayer Chain Request

If you have a prayer chain request, please call Mary Ann Rice at 515-664-0222 email at marice2460@gmail.com or the church office at 278-2097.

Prayer Concerns

Roberta Cave; Fred Foreman; Dorothy Montgomery; Kirk Dickey; Freda Ruleman; Nancy Foreman; Myrna Peterson; Jonathan Jason Silva; K.Howland; Glenda Millard; Chris Boyles' sister, Trudy; Fred Grow; Eunice Beacham; Jeff Louk; Gary Williamson; Theresa Faber; JoAnn Pugh; Desiree Spring; Josephine Demarco; Bishop Laurie Haller; District Superintendent, Rev. Heecheon Jeon; Dr. Emmanuel Mefor, missionary; Women at the Well.

Prayers for the following military personnel:

Michael Craighton; Jason Homard; Adam Larson; Joshua Larson; Todd McGinnity; Devan Stanton; Hunter Schmidt; Jessica Weltha-Bales; 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, nhfamily@newhopedsm.org

Birth

Congratulations to Allen & Bri Davis on the birth of their son, Mason Parker Davis. Mason was born on February 20th and weighed 7.85 oz and 20” long. His proud grandparents

Directory Update

(effective May 2021)
Jim & Lynn Louk
Wesley Acres
3524 Grand Ave.
Apt. G202
Des Moines, IA 50312

Serving Hands

Thank You

- *to all who have given their gifts of music during the pandemic.
 - *to Pastor Lillian for keeping members committed with the parking lot services.
 - *to all who have learned to zoom and participate in church meetings.
 - *to all that have called a friend or lonely member.
 - *to the members working on the East addition.
- “Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in various forms.”*
(1 Peter 4:10)

Volunteer Spotlight

Thank you to Ruth & Don Doxon for their work on the spring flowers and decorations for the flower pots!

The Stewardship and Financial committee would like to recognize the gifts of time given at New Hope. We’re asking for your help to scout out volunteers that should be recognized.

Please send information to Carol Harter at [carolannhar-ter@gmail.com](mailto:carolannharter@gmail.com) or 274-1467; or Nancy Monthei at 278-2097 or nhfamily@newhopedsm.org.



Confirmation 2021

We will be in person and meet on **Sundays, April 11th or April 18th, 11:30-2:30 p.m. and time with Mentors will be at 2:00 p.m.**

Students are not expected to be at both times. Please let your mentor know which date works best for you.

Parents, please make sure your child has their white binder and Bible. If you have questions, please call Pastor Lilian at 642-757-7925.

HOLY WEEK

Worship Services

Monday, March 29th – Saturday, April 3rd Daily Praise, Meditation and Prayer

9:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Pastor Lilian is offering a gathering time for liturgy that includes poetry, a video re-telling of The Holy Week's Story, shared reflections and prayer.

Join Zoom Meeting Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5570844529?pwd=b1Q0djZTSWVJSnZ5bHpNd0MvVWwzdz09>

Meeting ID: 557 084 4529 **Passcode:** NewHope515

Or One tap mobile +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Meeting ID: 557 084 4529 **Passcode:** 163940

Thursday, April 1st, 6:00 p.m., Holy Thursday Service

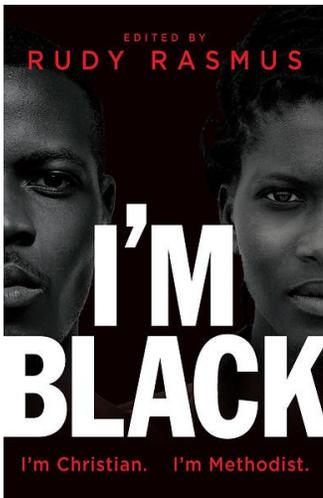
Indoor service in the Family Life Center and radio broadcast in the parking lot. We hope you will come for this special worship service, and as always, invite a friend to come with you. The Family Life Center has been arranged in a socially-distanced manner.

Friday, April 2nd, 6:00 p.m., Good Friday Tenebrae Service

Indoor service in the Family Life Center and radio broadcast in the parking lot. We hope you will come for this special worship service, and as always, invite a friend to come with you.

Sunday, April 4th, Easter Sunday. 9 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Parking Lot Services.

The Worship Design committee has made the determination that ALL Easter Sunday services, will be in the *parking lot*. This was a hard decision but with the Covid-19 restrictions in place, logistically, it just isn't possible to accommodate all that wish to be inside. We hope you understand and support this decision. Again, our focus is on the health and safety of our congregation. We will also be marking the one-year anniversary of our parking lot services! Please join us for this glorious Sunday to celebrate our blessings and the risen Jesus Christ! If it is a sunny day, you may bring out your lawn chairs for the outdoor service.



West Metro UMC Circuit Small Group Study!

New Hope UMC is part of a circuit with other local United Methodist churches and we are joining together for a study opportunity.

Together, we will read essays from the new book, "I'm Black. I'm Christian. I'm Methodist." and have conversation about how these stories intersect with our church experiences.

The study will be led by Pastors in the Circuit, held via Zoom and will be offered at two opportunities: **7:00pm on Tuesdays** and **Noon on Wednesdays, beginning April 13th and 14th**. You do not have to attend the same session each week! We are planning five – six sessions in total.

Please order on your own book at

<https://www.cokesbury.com/Im-Black.-Im-Christian.-Im-Methodist.?refq=l%27m%20black>

Up-dated information concerning the East Entrance Addition

360 Construction and New Hope (John Rains) have started meeting on site once every two weeks, discussing any issues, progress and discussing possible start dates.

The Construction Loan has been approved by the Iowa United Methodist Foundation for \$100,000. Once we have used up our donated funds we will then begin to draw from the loan. The drawings have been up-dated, signed by the Architect and Structural Engineer and Polk County has reviewed and approved the permit.



Thank you for the \$39,286 donated so far (30% of total amount required) to support the East Entrance Addition and added improvements. If financially possible, please consider donating to this great addition to our church. Questions concerning this project should be emailed to - eastentrance@newhopedsm.org.

John Rains
Chair, Task Force



Thank you for Sharing Your Opinions

Thank you to everyone who took time to share thoughts and comments in the recent New Hope Congregational Assessment survey. We had fantastic participation with 122 New Hope members completing the survey.

After our Easter Week of services and celebrations, the New Hope Survey Task Force will communicate to you results of the survey. Majority of our leaders met last Thursday, March 25th, with Rev. Ryan Christenson, Congregational Assessment Tool's Resource Person and staff of our Iowa Annual Conference.

Together, we will begin harvesting from the results to plan strategies and start impacting on the areas reflected by the survey results to make New Hope UMC increasingly vital in our personal spiritual growth and in impacting our community.

You can expect to hear about the survey results very soon. Thank you very much for your help in guiding New Hope's vision for the years to come.

Blessings to you,

Pastor Lilian Gallo

Survey Task Force

Mark Baldwin
Carl Egger
Pam Sloss

Bruce Bernard
Robin Harlow

Kandra Dickerson
Glenna Ross

You're invited!!!

Please join the Christian Education Team for an end of the program year celebration in the church parking lot

Wednesday, May 5th.

We will practice social distancing as we enjoy a blessing of the pets, New Hope talent showcase, and dinner from

Hungry Boys Food Truck.

Please plan to wear a mask when not seated with your family.

All pets welcome. Pastor Lilian will be offering the pet blessing before the talent show in case your pet isn't able to sit and stay for a long period of time.

Do you or your pet have a special talent you would like to share? We would LOVE to see it! Please let us know if you would like to sign up to share it. All ages welcome.

Contact Jackie Johnson to get signed up: Email-jackiejohnson81@aol.com/Text (515)710-3239.



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

Mission Statement: Connecting kids to God and others.

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

Christian Learning Time (CLT): 4 year old—7th Grade. Teachers: Charity & Amy

We have enjoyed meeting in the purple room during the 10:30 service either in person or by zoom. We have been learning the 10 commandments. We will continue to meet in person or zoom.

S.W.A.G. (Saved With Amazing Grace): K - 5th grade. Leaders: Charity, Pastor Lilian, Kris

We are excited to let everyone know that on Easter Sunday at the 10:30 service, we will be performing our study of Psalm 23 in sign language. Please come see how hard the kids been learning and studying Psalm 23. On April 7th we will go back to meeting at the New Hope outside as long as the weather cooperates.

Vacation Bible School: VBS Team Charity/McKayla/Elaine/Celeste/Amy

We are excited to announce that New Hope VBS will be July 11-14. We as a team are excited to start this year's VBS on a Sunday and also get to end on our Wednesday night. Please keep an eye out for the adventure that we are in the planning stages for this year's VBS.



BLAST

Believing, Learning, Assisting, Serving, Teens

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

We Zoomed through the month of March in Jr. BLAST! We enjoyed several Lent lessons and talked about understanding the adults in our lives. Also, we continued sharpening our virtual gaming skills - we are getting really good! Our final meeting of the month was a virtual Easter trivia game against Sr. BLAST!

With the warmer weather and longer daylight we are excited to get back to parking lot meetings for the month of April. We will continue to social distance and wear our masks as we meet from 6-7pm in the New Hope parking lot each Wednesday evening, weather permitting.

April is a great time to join us if we haven't seen you for awhile!

April 7 - BLAST Activities, New Hope Parking Lot 6-7pm

April 14 - BLAST Activities, New Hope Parking Lot 6-7pm

April 21 - BLAST Activities, New Hope Parking Lot 6-7pm

April 28 - BLAST Activities, New Hope Parking Lot 6-7pm

May 5th - Talent Show/Blessing of the Pets, and a Food Truck! New Hope Parking Lot, 6-7:30pm

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

We are excited to announce that in April we will be moving Senior BLAST back to New Hope's Parking Lot for our meetings. This means we will go back to meeting at **6pm on Wednesday nights**.

However, if the weather doesn't cooperate; we will go back to using Zoom for that particular week. Which means we will be back to meeting from 7pm to 8pm.

Zoom Link for our April Meetings (*April 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th*)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87637423630?pwd=bC9IUUw3Q1dUdS9haHZnRzBjYVp2dz09>

Meeting ID: 876 3742 3630

Passcode: SR_BLAST

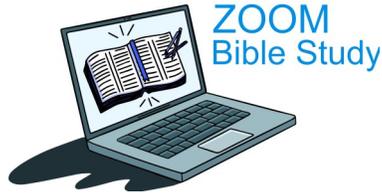
More information about the above events will be sent out in email and posted on Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/SeniorHighBlast>).



Care Ministry Team

Next meeting is **Thurs., April 8th at 10am at the church.** Social distancing and wearing face masks.

Questions, contact Clarice Rubek, rrubek@aol.com



ZOOM Bible Study

FRIDAY ZOOM BIBLE STUDY

There will be no Friday Bible Study during April. Please watch for an update in May. Thank you!



Help Needed for New Hope Care Team

Our New Hope Care Team is in charge of caring for parishioners in time of need and we also care for our Service Men and

Women who are serving our country in the Armed Services. We keep in touch with those who are serving our country to let them know that we appreciate their service and that we remember them in our prayers.

The members of our Care Team that cared for these Service Men and Women are leaving that position. Therefore I am asking for someone to step up and agree to work with our Care Team and fill that very important position. It really is not very time consuming and we have funding to care for any expenses.

Please call Clarice Rubek at 515 490-3420 if you would be willing to work on this special project or if you have any questions about this volunteer position.

MARCH MISSION NEWS

Co chairs: Cheryl Moore & Marilyn Osborn

Thank you everyone for your support of Missions 2021! 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.



CAMPERSHIPS

Make sure you get your child registered for camp this summer!

Missions will cover ½ or up to \$200 for each registration.

We want as many as possible to attend our United Methodist camp at Wesley Woods where they will experience nature and Christ in new ways.

Check on-line at: www.iaumc.org/camps. Choose the camp, then call the Registrar, 800.765.1651, with the information, telling her that New Hope will pay ½ or up to \$200.

Then call Nancy, at the church office, 278-2097, or email at nancy@newhopedsm.org to give her the same information.



Hand of Luke, March 14th: This is our monthly ministry of a meal for the Central Iowa Shelter and Services. **We are continuing to utilize your monetary donations to purchase the majority of the food for the monthly meal. Your donations are greatly appreciated.**

Volunteers are needed: We would like seven people to donate three dozen cookies for the Wednesday, April 14, HOL meal. It can be your choice of flavor, i.e. Snickerdoodles, chocolate chip, etc. excluding anything with peanuts.

Please let Jolene Harlow know at rdharlow@earthlink.net or 515-490-8813.

Please deliver to the church kitchen by the morning of April 14 in a **disposable container**.

GRAIN BIN: 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 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.



Plans for our annual Rummage Sale are under construction!

We WILL be having a sale this year, but plans are still in the works to determine how we can make our volunteers and our shoppers feel the most comfortable at our sale this year. If you have ideas you would like to share, feel

free to email Jackie Johnson at jackiejohnson81@aol.com.

Please be thinking about items you would like to donate this year to help us pull off another **AMAZING** New Hope Rummage Sale!!

With construction on our building and some uncertainly remaining with Covid-19 we aren't quite ready to announce our 2021 dates, but please stay tuned!!

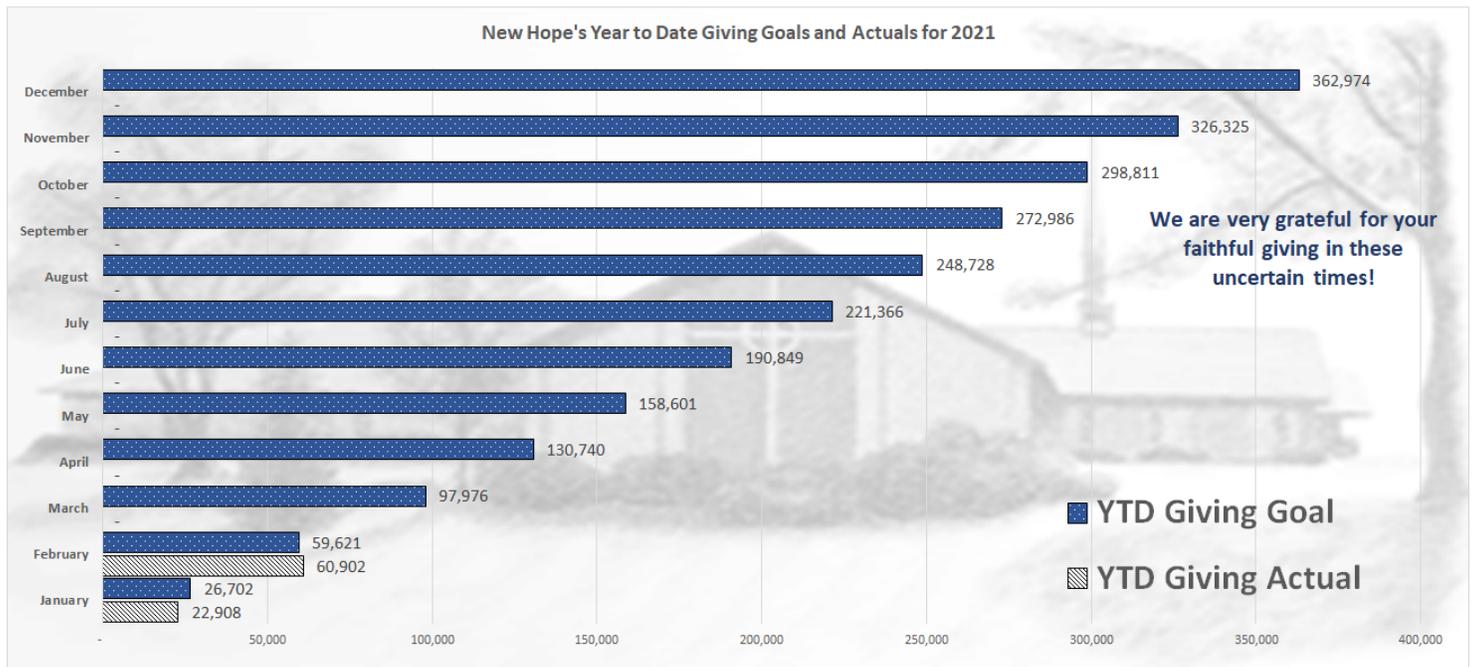
Dear Friends of New Hope:

I hope this note finds you all well in body and in spirit.

We need help. As many of you know, New Hope United Methodist Church receives generous donations in the memory of a past members. We account for these donations in a Memorial Fund. Many times, the family members will designate a purpose or a specific use for the funds, for example, a stain glass window for the sanctuary or new furniture. At this time, we are blessed with funding available that has not been restricted by the family or the donor and the Trustees are out of ideas for their use. Thus, we are seeking your ideas, keeping in mind, the funds should be used for the betterment of church, church property or services.

Please submit your ideas, to Carolyn Burrough cjrburro@medicacombb.net or Armenta Buckingham armentabu@gmail.com.

God Bless,
Tim McCulley
Chair of Trustees



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 with any questions.

April 2021

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Daily Gathering Time: 9am & 7:30pm 6:00pm Holy Thursday service	2 Daily Gathering Time: 9am & 7:30pm, 6:00pm Good Friday service	3 Daily Gathering Time: 9am & 7:30pm, 9am to finish, Campus Spring Clean up
4 Easter Sunday, parking lot services Communion	5 7p, Trustees Mtg., via Zoom	6 6:00p, SPRC Mtg., via Zoom 6pm, VBS zoom meeting	7 Zoom gatherings: 6 - 7p, SWAG 6 - 7p, Jr. BLAST 7 - 8p, Sr. BLAST	8 10:00a Care Team Mtg, FLC 6:30pm, Worship Committee via Zoom	9	10 9am—Noon, Ruby Chapel reserved
11 11:30a, Confirmation Class	12	13	14 3:30p, Hand of Luke Zoom gatherings: 6 - 7p, SWAG 6 - 7p, Jr. BLAST 7 - 8p, Sr. BLAST	15	16	17 11am, Parking Lot reserved for Cub Scouts
18 11:30a, Confirmation Class	19	20 6:30p, Finance Mtg., via Zoom	21 Zoom gatherings: 6 - 7p, SWAG 6 - 7p, Jr. BLAST 7 - 8p, Sr. BLAST	22 6:30p, Administrative Council Mtg., via Zoom	23 Deadline for May LINK	24
25	26	27	28 Zoom gatherings: 6 - 7p, SWAG 6 - 7p, Jr. BLAST 7 - 8p, Sr. BLAST	29	30	



“May God’s many blessings, be yours the year through.”



5: Eddy & Karen Johnston
13: Tony & Tracy Hoffman
30: Dan & Mona Kirkpatrick

- 1 Tavian Carnahan
- 2 Kirk Dickey, Bob Harter,
- Marilyn Goodrich
- 3 Patrice Webber
- 4 Shirley Frus, Caroline Miller
- 5 Greg Baker
- 7 Pat Papenheim, Lorelai Roff,
- Bob Soards
- 8 Kate Lichter
- 9 Bhanu Moses
- 10 Rachel Jackson
- 11 Elaine Collet
- 12 Tanner Rowland, Lynn Louk
- 13 Paul Herring, Carl Wallin
- 15 Tom Beasley

- 17 Peyton Henry, Jessica Spring,
- Susan Smith
- 19 Nicole Gardner
- 20 Chase Alcorn, Nan Stubbs
- 21 JoAnn Decker
- 22 Amarachi Ukabiala, Ashlynn Riley
- 23 Kathy Crees, Wade Breitsprecher
- 24 Caleb Christensen
- 25 Julie McClain
- 26 Natalie Nelson, Macy Berry
- 28 Ellie Roquet, Meghan Kinnetz,
- 29 Joelyn Gerovac
- 30 Mason Redies

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



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!



Sunday Worship Services

9am: Parking Lot Service

10:30am: Parking Lot Service

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

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