

APRIL AT NEW HOPE UMC



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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Counting *Losses* and *Gains*

APRIL 3
Life's Goal?

APRIL 10
Life's Resources?

APRIL 17
God's Resources?

APRIL 24
Human Authority and Power?

HOLY WEEK

Worship Services



On **Palm Sunday, April 10th**, please join the congregations in waving palm branches and sing our “Hosannas” to the Blessed One and to also join in celebrating the reception of new members into New Hope UMC.

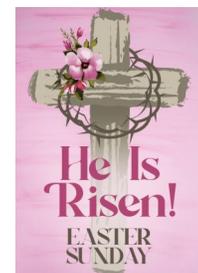
Holy Thursday/Maundy Thursday, April 14th, 6 p.m., will include three parts: The Service of the New Commandment; The Service of Foot Washing; and The Service of the Lord's Supper. Included in the liturgy is a light “agape” shared supper of “finger foods”, our Pastor washing feet and drinking from the Cup of our salvation. If you are open to your Pastor washing your feet, please wear socks as they are easier to remove or sandals if the air is warmer. There will be plenty of towels for drying. Come and remember with us the New Commandment, The Humility of Christ and The Table of Grace. There will be music and video offerings.



On **Good Friday, Friday, April 15th at 6 p.m.**, we will remember together the Passion Story and engage in a meditation at the cross. The choir will be offering their music. “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall ... have eternal life” (John 3:16, NIV). That is the heart of this service and of our faith.

Easter Services will be on Sunday, April 17th

At the 8:30 and 10:45 services there will be baptisms of children. Alleluia! Christ is risen! Welcome, as we celebrate Jesus' resurrection and our own resulting new life! Our Chancel Choir will provide music for the 10:45 service. At the 9:30 Contemporary Service, our Praise Band will be there to help us celebrate the resurrection of our Lord.





*"Easter is more than a day,
an event, a remembrance.
It is a way of life."
—Michael Marsh*



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.

Our Prayers for ~

Healing from Cancer: Jody Rains, Roberta Cave, Tara McCulley, Steve Cate, JoAnn Decker, Fred Foreman, Larry Fairchild, Sharon Hanson, Evette Burton, David Ruleman, Skylar Freeman, JoAnn Pugh, Josephine Demarco, Brian Upper, Kathy Biermann, Mary Textor, Paula Grapp, Kay M. Kay

Healing from Physical Issues: Meredith Howland Sheffield, Robin Jones, Erica Hodgson, Shari Ahlbrecht, Jacky Johnson, Cheryl Cross, Karen Christensen, Esther Dabill, Ron Cooley, Jo Foote, Freda Ruleman, Nancy Foreman, Dick Piphoo, Jack Habick, Galyn Cross, Pam Wilson, Anthony Ruleman, Theresa Faber, Jeff Louk, Desiree Spring, Jennifer

Those Who Are in Rehabilitation and Nursing Care: Glenda Millard, Ann Krause, Kinney & Jim Carnahan, Sheila Hartung, Dick Biermann, Gayle Easton
Military: Michael Craighton, Todd McGinnity, Devan Stanton, Hunter Schmidt, Joshua Ruleman.

Our Partners in Ministry: The United Methodist Church; Bishop Laurie Haller and the Iowa Annual Conference; Missionary Doctor Emmanuel Mefor in Zimbabwe; African Immigrants & Refugees Transition services (AIRTS); Women at the Well; Bidwell Riverside; Central Iowa Shelter and Services; DMARC's Food Bank; Meals from the Heartland; Johnston Partnership; Urbandale Partnership

WORSHIP with us

Sundays at 8:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

Masks are recommended, not required.

For our church family members that are not comfortable with indoor worship, we continue to offer the Sunday morning Parking Lot Radio

Feed and also the Pre-Recorded Worship Services that are emailed to you on Sunday mornings and also can be found on the church Facebook page.

Directory Update:

Billy Nuzum
New phone # 515-210-9470

Thank You:

A special heartfelt thanks to all who sent memorials, cards of prayers, love, comforting words and support. The quilt was so well received. As it was being used, love was felt in every stitch. I am so grateful to be a member of such a caring church.

Doris Harvey and family

Our Sympathy

Our Sympathy to the family and friends of Betty Holwegner on her passing.

Our Sympathy to Doris Harvey on the passing of her husband, Jim.

Our Sympathy to John Huber & Holly Haynes and John's son, Jeffrey, on the passing of John's mother, Gladys Huber.

Our Sympathy to Marilyn Osborn and family on the passing of her brother, Francis Harpole.

Our Sympathy to the family and friends of Russell Lundy. Russell is the father of Jim Smith's daughter-in-law.

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 515-278-2097 or

nhfamily@newhopedsm.org.

ALSO, we appreciate receiving your updated contact information. Thank you!

News from the Trustee's:

The Board of Trustees invites you to help with the **“Spring Campus Clean Up Day”!**

Please plan to participate on Saturday, April 9th, 9:00a.m. until finished.



We will be refreshing the mulch around the landscape areas, cleaning up leaves and lawn debris, and further beautifying our church campus.

We'd appreciate anyone able to volunteer their time and talents to help us maintain our church home!

Bring gloves, rakes, trimmers, leaf blowers, chainsaw, etc., if you have them.

LUNCH will be provided.

Please join us in making our church looking the best it can be!

Recent projects:

The hallway around the Neil Cross Family Life Center has been repainted and looks awesome. A special thank you to Linda and Jerry Kielsmeier, Dave Montgomery, Chris Boyles, Jim and Joey Bolstad, Jen and Chris Higdon for their spectacular work!

The Dorothy Montgomery Family will be honoring her memory by gifting and installing a water fountain in the memorial garden. The installation is planned for May 18th.

A new entrance door has been installed at the south entrance by the church offices. Funding for Blessing to the Gaul family with financing provided by the Anita Gaul memorial fund.

The parsonage furnace has finally been repaired after not being operational for 17 days in February. The delay was caused by waiting on the parts to repair.

Future projects:

We will be installing gutter covers on the church and parsonage once the warm weather arrives.

The parsonage has a fire place but there are safety concerns regarding it's use. These concerns are being addressed so that we can make it operational.

A big screen has been purchased and will be installed on the west wall of the NCFLC. The screen will be used to display the same information as the screens on the stage. Funding for this project came from the memorial funds of Matthew McCulley, Ambose Moses and Marilyn McCleary.

Tim McCulley
Chair, Board of Trustees



From The Landscaping Team

On New Hope's April 9th Clean Up Day, we will be getting the courtyard prepared for the installation of the new fountain in early May.

We are in need of larger pots that will hold the plants we dig up and save for replanting once the new fountain has been installed.

We need 1-, 2-, 3- and 4-pound pots.

Please bring your pots to the courtyard on Friday, April 8 or Saturday, April 9 by 9 a.m. Thank you for your help!



Led by the Vision (<https://www.iaumc.org/leading-now-vision>) articulated by the Bishop and Appointive Cabinet of the Iowa Annual Conference, we have started this holy work of prayerful discernment and decision in regard to same sex marriage. A total of 63 people have been in attendance in the four conversations led by our Pastor.

During the month of April, a small group will be working with the Pastor to create a draft of a written document in a resolution format. As soon as the written resolution is assembled, conversations at various Boards and Committees will be held and more likely from May through June.

Please continue to pray for New Hope UMC. The ministries of Worship, Spiritual Formation, Christian Education, Hospitality and Outreach will continue to occupy our hearts during the Holy Days of April. All for the sake of the Holy One who saved and blessed our lives forever!



Wednesday, May 11th is the final night of our TGIW programming for the school year!

Join us for dinner from local food truck, Off The Griddle!

Each attendee will get a \$5 coupon to help with the cost of their meal. Sandwiches: Grinder, Mushroom & Swiss Burger, Cheeseburger, Pulled Pork, Philly Cheesesteak. Sides: French fries, loaded fries, pulled pork loaded fries, mozzarella sticks, cole slaw. Kids Meals: Hot dog, grilled cheese, chicken strips.

We will be hosting a **pet blessing and talent show** so bring your pets and your talents... or your talented pets for an evening of fun and fellowship with our church family!

All ages welcome and encouraged to attend!

Please contact Jackie Johnson to get signed up to share a talent: Email - jackiejohnson81@aol.com / Text (515)710-3239.

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.



Join us for VBS!

Sunday, July 10th – Wednesday, July 13th: for PreK-8th grade (2022-2023 school year)

5:30 p.m., Meal

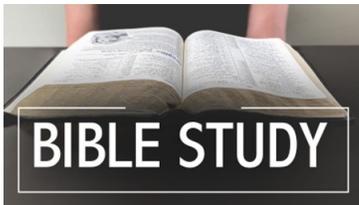
6 p.m.-8 p.m., Activities

"Concrete & Cranes: Building on the love of Jesus" Philippians 1:6
Registration coming soon!

ADULT Sunday School

Join us!

9:30 a.m. in the Ruby Chapel using "Wired Up" curriculum.



Friday Bible Study

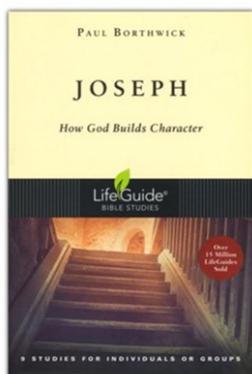
The next meeting of the Friday Study will be **Friday, April 1st at 1:30 pm.** Because of circumstances of class members and the church calendar, it was decided to make an adjustment for April. **We will meet the first Friday and the 4th Friday in April.**

Sessions will begin at 1:30 from now on. We will meet in the NW classroom on the north side of the hallway.

April 1st, we will finish the previous Friday's assignment.

On April 22nd we will begin studying the Beatitudes with material sent to you ahead of time.

Questions? Please contact Jim at jimlouk@icloud.com



Joseph, How God Builds Character Bible Study:

1. Daytime bible study on Mondays thru May 2nd, 1 p.m.
2. Evening bible study on Wednesdays thru May 19th at 6:30 p.m.

Questions? Contact Armenta Buckingham ~ armentabu@gmail.com or Linda Kielsmeier ~ lapals@hotmail.com.

New Hope Needlers

The Needlers sewing group meets the third **Friday, April 15th, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm** in the north classroom. We lunch at Panera in Johnston.

Bring your sewing machine, scissors, thread and pins to stitch Little Dresses (kits provided) and components of Days for Girls feminine hygiene kits. All quilters are welcome to make lap quilts for the Care Team to distribute.

There are also non-sewing jobs to be done, such as cutting lengths of ribbon which are then threaded into drawstring bags.

Please join us in our mission.

Questions may be directed to Jody Rains, 515-278-8282 or Diane Densmore, 515-270-1974.

Women's Fellowship will not meet in January. The next gathering will be on **Thursday, April 21st at 9:30 a.m. at church.** All of the women of the church are invited.

Questions? Please contact Susan Clark at 515-964-5119 or suespruce@aol.com

Care Ministry Team

The Care Ministry meets quarterly. Next meeting is on **Thurs., May 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.

Blood Pressure Check

Will resume on **April 3rd, 9:30a-11a** in the Narthex.

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. (*not currently meeting*)



Mission Statement: Connecting kids to God and others.

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

Sunday School for PreK thru 7th grade at 9:40 a.m.

April 3: Sunday School

April 10: Palm Sunday and Easter Lesson, one classroom (led by Sherri Bogue and Elaine Sheer)

April 17: Easter Sunday, Families are encouraged to worship together

April 24: Sunday School

We are using “**Kids’ Travel Guide to the Fruit of the Spirit**” as our curriculum with two classrooms.

One for Pre-K through 2nd Grade. The second classroom will be 3rd Grade through 7th Grade.

Thank God It’s Wednesday

6:00-6:30 Meal Served

6:30-7:30 Groups Meet (SWAG, Jr. BLAST, Sr. BLAST)

S.W.A.G. (Saved With Amazing Grace): PreK - 5th grade.

For the last six months we completed our journey with the Beatitudes and learned just about what we need to know who are God’s children, who belong to God’s kingdom, who will inherit the earth, who will see God, who will receive God’s mercy and comfort, and who are the peacemakers in God’s world. For the remainder of the school year, we are picking-up two Old Testament stories and two New Testament stories. Still working on our songs and ukuleles. We are looking forward to our Movie Night and Talent Show with Food Truck



Children/Youth and their families are welcome to join us weekly for the Wednesday night meals!

April 6 - Egg-Ham McMuffins

April 13 - Sloppy Joes and Tator Tots

April 20 - Grilled cheese and turkey noodle soup

April 27– Pizza Pasta casserole & breadsticks

A free will donation is collected each week to help cover the cost of the meal ingredients. A suggested donation amount is \$5 per person or \$20 per family.

Thank you to everyone that has volunteered to prepare the April meals!

Ukulele Lessons for All!

Annalyn Vida of Des Moines has agreed to come and teach all of us to play the ukulele every 1st Wednesday of each month. Next gathering will be on **April 6th at 6:45 p.m.**



Every age group is welcomed to join our Wednesday S.W.A.G. group (Pre-K through 5th Grade). Kris Wakeman and Pastor Lilian hope to have this lesson a “multi-generational” activity.

Of course, you will have to bring your ukulele with you because Pastor only has a few to be used by the S.W.A.G. Ukuleles are sold at Reiman Music on Douglas.

Bring your Family and learn something you can do together and have fun!

BLAST: Believing, Learning, Assisting, Serving, Teens

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

Jr. BLAST had a marvelous March! We only met three times due to Ash Wednesday and Spring Break, but we packed in a lot of good things during our time together! We volunteered at Urbandale Food Pantry and delivered all of our Souper Bowl items, did service for our church by helping prepare for the community Easter event, and completed some spring cleaning in the youth group room downstairs.

For the time being, we plan to meet from 6:30-7:30 on April 6, 13, 20, and 27 at church. Dinner will be served each of these weeks from 6-6:30pm.

Please be aware that there is a chance we will be shifting our schedule a time or two to get out into the community. We will be in touch via email in advance of any changes. Thank you for your flexibility as we work to wrap up a great youth group year!



The pictures are of our visit to Urbandale Food Pantry.

Sr. BLAST (9th-12th grade) (BLAST@NewHopeDSM.org): Chris Higdon (*Supervising Adult*), Pam Frey (*Supervising Adult*), Chris Spring (*Volunteering Adult*), Brianna Johnson (*Volunteering Adult*), and Amanda Soards (*Volunteering Adult*).

We are excited to announce our Summer Mission Trip destination...

Bolivar, Missouri!

We will be leaving on **Monday, June 13th** and returning **Saturday, June 18th**. This year we are doing a different type of mission trip... It is a Campus Christian Summer Camp with a Mission Focus!

Our group will be heading to Southwest Baptist University to take part in MFUGE event, where the kids will take part in Bible study and group worship. The goal of this trip is to take students out of their normal routine and place them into an environment that is focused on life-change through relationship with Christ and complete local mission projects in the community of Bolivar, Missouri.

If you would like to go on the Summer Mission Trip; please let Chris or Pam now sooner than later given we will be reserving our spot and initial down payment soon.

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

- Apr. 6th @ 6pm** ~ Thank God for **BLAST** Discussion
- Apr. 13th @ 6pm** ~ Thank God for **BLAST** Discussion
- Apr. 20th @ 6pm** ~ Thank God for **BLAST** Discussion
- Apr. 27th @ 6pm** ~ Thank God for **BLAST** Discussion

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



RESERVATIONS ABOUT RESERVES

by Robin Harlow ~ rdharlow@earthlink.net and Larry Wood ~ LarryAWood@msn.com , Co-Chairs of Stewardship & Finance Committee

Because of the reduction of spending related to having our Church partially shut down for a period during the Pandemic, we were able to significantly increase our General Funds Reserves to the point where we can consider establishing a permanent reserve fund. Having retired from a non-profit organization, reserves were the cornerstone of our financial planning. A reserve account allowed us to meet unexpected expenses, assisted in taking advantage of additional projects or opportunities identified by our board and smooth over the loss of a significant revenue source.

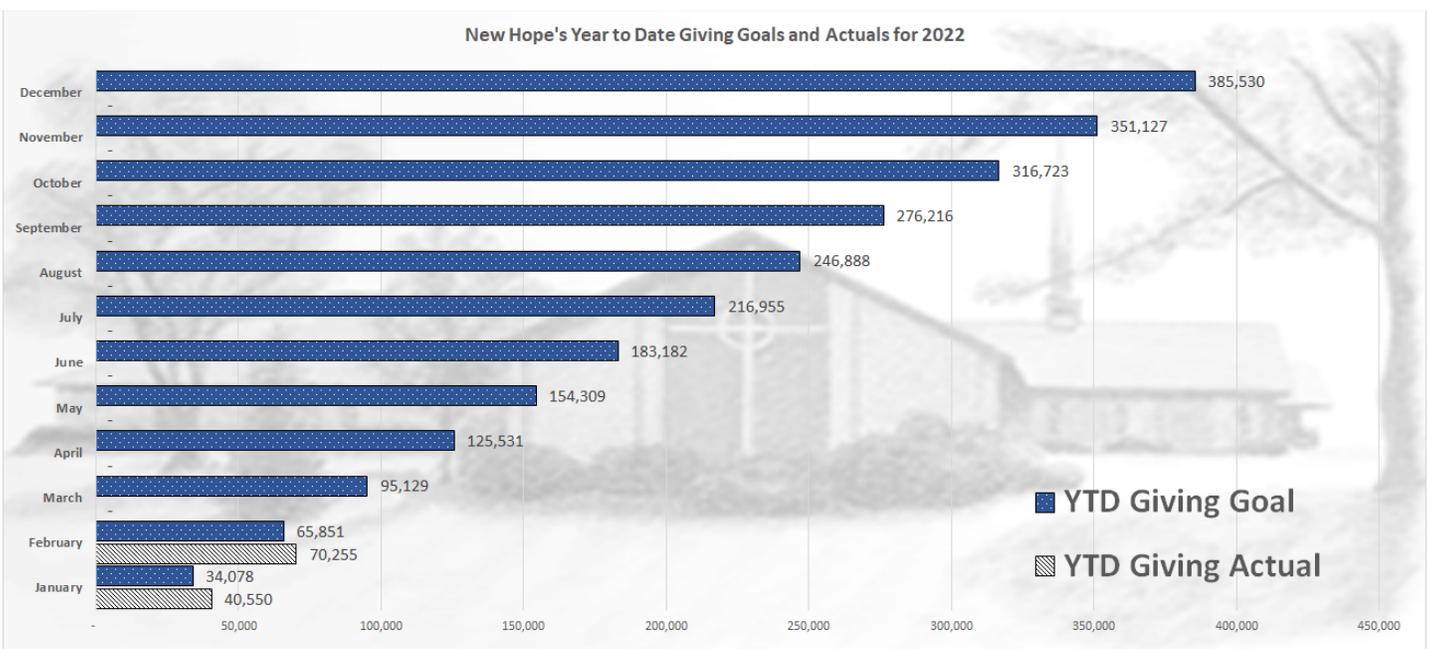
While doing research related to how other churches handle reserves, I came across a blog post on the Lifeway Research website. I thought the post reflected the discussion we're having on the Stewardship and Finance Committee and questions we receive directly from our congregation.

1. **Meet current obligations before funding a reserve.** A church in California had reserves of nearly \$250,000, but it was not current on its bills, even its utility bills. The witness of a church is damaged when it does not meet current obligations in a timely fashion. That should be a priority over a reserve fund.
2. **A reserve can serve as a contingency for unexpected expenses or downturns in giving.** This purpose is consistent with other organizations and with families.
3. **Church members can feel that ministries are neglected if the church has reserves.** Ministry needs are unlimited. When a ministry leader or someone who has an affinity with an underfunded ministry sees money in a reserve fund, he or she can feel the ministry is being slighted since funding seems readily available.
4. **The leadership of a church should clearly communicate the purpose of a reserve fund.** Here is a statement straight from the annual budget of a church: 'As good stewards of God's funds, we seek to maintain the equivalent of approximately three months' funding of the annual budget for unexpected contingencies.'
5. **Consider a cap on the reserve funding.** In the example of number four, the church implicitly capped the reserve funding at 25 percent of the budget. Such a move communicates wise stewardship rather than hoarding.
6. **Reserves can relieve stress on church leaders.** Church leaders have many different areas that can engender stress. A church financial reserve can alleviate some of the financial stress.
7. **Excess reserves can lull members into complacency.** There are churches with large reserve funds or endowments that are doing a terrible job in ministry. The members do not see the need to give or to serve. Many of them think the church should pay for ministry to take place.

With any reserve, the tension is between stewardship and complacency. For that reason, it is often recommended that the reserve amount be capped at a certain percentage of the budget, usually between three and six months of the annual budget.

Using the statements as a framework, I would like to address them over the next several months and what this means to the long-term financial health of New Hope.

Your input and insights are important as the Committee continues our discussion, so please feel free to provide your insight or comments during **Documents and Donuts on Sunday, April 10th** or simply contact Larry Wood or myself.





Hand of Luke ~ Thursday, April 14, 2022

This is our monthly ministry of preparing a meal for the Central Iowa Shelter and Services.

Patrice Webber and Arlene Dabill lead this ministry. We are continuing to utilize your monetary donations to purchase the majority of the food for the monthly meal. Your donations are greatly appreciated!

The menu for March will be hamburger goop over buns, green beans, brownies and ice cream. Cathy Beck-Cross and her students will be serving this month - thank you, Cathy and students! Additional volunteers are needed to cook, transport and make brownies.

If you are interested in this opportunity, you may sign up using the following link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E044DACA722A4FE3-holthursday>

You may also contact Arlene Dabill at dabill49@aol.com or (515) 321-2059 to volunteer.

APRIL MISSION NEWS

Marilyn Osborn, Chair of Mission Committee

YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF OTHERS

Monthly donations are given to: Bidwell Riverside, Women at the Well, African Immigrant and Refugee Transition Services (AIRTS), Missionary Dr. Mefor, Urbandale Food Pantry, Johnston Partnership and DMARC Food Bank. These donations are made possible by your support of the **Rummage Sale** and the **Harvest Auction** at New Hope UMC. Thank you!

New Mission Project: Priority #5 of the Congregational Assessment Tool (CAT) is to: Work to Renew and Revitalize the community around the church by building coalitions and partnerships. The New Hope church board has approved the Priority #5 proposal of a partnership with The Bridge Church to take one day a week to supply food items to the Free Little Pantry.

The Mission Committee will be supporting and overseeing the purchase and delivery of food items to the Free Little Pantry one day a week. The Free Little Pantry is located at 50th and Meredith Drive.

The next meeting of the Mission Committee: You have an opportunity to join the Mission Committee to work on the details of this project. The committee will be meeting at church on Wednesday, April 6, at 10:00 am and Wednesday, April 13, at 3:00 pm. Please join us.



Thank you to everyone who contributed to the special Sunday UMCOR donation opportunity on March 27. This is another way you make a difference in the lives of others – around the world as well as at home.



Fill the Red Barrel: Contributing to the red barrel is as easy as buying a few extra cans of food while you shop and bringing them to church with you. All food and personal care items collected by the Red Barrel Program goes to the DMARC Food Pantry Network. For a list of most needed items, please click on: <https://www.dmarcunited.org>
If you would rather give a monetary donation, please make your check out to New Hope UMC and include “Food Pantry” in the memo line and place your check with the offering.



*Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and did not take care of you?
(Matthew 25:44 NRSV)*

Grain Bin: 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.

Dear Brothers and Sisters-In-Christ,

We send you greetings from Mutambara, Zimbabwe. We want to also wish you all a belated Happy New Year and Valentine month. Thanks to God for his mercies, protection and guidance in this year 2022.

We travelled home to Nigeria with a lot of difficulties. The Nigeria government required everyone coming into Nigeria to get a 'Travel Permit' which should be presented to the Airlines flying into Nigeria to allow the passenger to board the flight. There is a penalty of \$3,500 against the airline for any inbound passenger who does not present his or her "Travel Permit". It is a blanket rule aimed at controlling importation of Covid into the country irrespective of one's nationality. To get the permit the passenger must go online to complete forms and make payment. The difficulty is that the traveler must pay a value of \$100 or more before the permit is issued. It is supposed to be generated online immediately after payment. If one doesn't get, the chances are that one's 48hours Covid Test result which has been sent online and which is to be presented to the airlines before boarding expires. Travel date need to be changed at a cost depending on the airline. Another payment needs to be made to generate the needed "Travel Permit" if eventually they did not send you the previous one already paid for. What did this result into? We had to pay three times. The permit only came after the 3rd payment. We are still demanding the reimbursement of the first two payments and till today we have not received the reimbursement. God knows when.

Back in Mutambara Mission Hospital, we thank God for all he has done for us, and for the more he will do for us in the future. In December 2021, God blessed us with a new Land Cruiser Ambulance from the UNOPS department. It is a unit of the United Nations working with the World Health Organization to assist that section of Zimbabwe affected by the Cyclone Idai in 2019. It was a God answered Prayer because we have been asking the government for a second Ambulance to accommodate the problem of patients needing transfer whilst the Ambulance is yet to return from transferring a previous patient.

We started work with lots of challenges. One of those challenges was the fact that the hospital's vehicles were all grounded. Numbering them:

- 1) The old Ambulance Vehicle developed a Gear box problem. It needed approximately \$7,000 to put a new gear box. We finally spent \$3,000 last week to get a 'used gear box' to replace the bad one. The Ambulance is now up and running in addition the donated one.
- 2) The Land Cruiser we (Florence and Emmanuel) are using in combination with the hospital was a used vehicle (1996 model). We had spent more than \$2000 trying to maintain the vehicle, because the hospital had a lot expenses to make on other fronts. In November 2021, it developed other problems which made us to take it to Mr. Cruiser company later in January 2022. The mechanical faults to be worked on, came out to be very costly; approximately \$8,000, and a total of \$10,000 adding the amount we had spent above. We have so far paid \$4,160 for the repair of the Land Cruiser. We look forward to being reimbursed the amount we spent on it.
- 3) Four years ago, our Ford Ranger which was fully insured, got involved in Road Traffic Accident. The Insurance Company had written off the vehicle as unrepairable and with little or no compensation to the hospital. This was what transpired: Three Panel Beating companies were asked to send in quotations for the repair. Two of the companies said the vehicle can't be fixed. One said it can be fixed. The Insurance Company decided to go by the report of the majority. The Company which felt they can fix the vehicle advised us to repair it. They quoted for \$7,000 for the repair. We have paid \$6000 so far and the vehicle is coming out nicely following our inspection of the repairs done so far.
- 4) The fourth vehicle is a Toyota Hilux pick up van. It was taken for the repair of the brake system and other repairs to the Mutare Toyota. A lot were discovered that need repairs and replacement. Quotation come out to be Approximately \$5,000. The company advised that it will be safer to get it repaired and we make a payment plan than to run the risk of further damage of taking it back to Mutambara an hour drive from Mutare. Total Amount required to be spent on the vehicles \$25,000. We have been able to pay \$15,000. We opted to get these vehicles repaired because selling one or two of the vehicles will not yield enough money to purchase a new vehicle. And going for a 'used vehicle', we will need a lot of additional money to top up. Then there is also the risk of not knowing what is wrong with the used vehicle we are going for. It is said that "All that glitters is not gold"; and the "devil you know is better than the devil you don't know". We are humbly soliciting for further assistance to pay up the balance of \$10,000. We have been able to pay the \$15,000 and other repairs and replacements through your support. We thank you for your support and thank you for the more you will do for us. We pray God's replenishment of your resources in the name of Jesus Christ.

Update from our last newsletter: the Laboratory expansion is completed. The same applies to the Staff Restrooms and linen room. The completed Lab extension. The darker part is the original laboratory. The White painted portion of the building is the staff Restrooms and the linen room for the maternity ward. Remember that part of the building under construction in Newsletter D. 21

From view of Staff Restrooms. Not included in the previous newsletter because then that was a blank wall on which these doors were carved out into the Restrooms. The door into the linen room is at the extreme left.



Pregnant women and the Waiting Mothers Home program are going on well with your support and those of the Norway United Methodist Church. We thank God for using you to provide food for these women. Some of the women have no clothes for their babies. Recently one of our supporting churches provided special fund for babies clothing. We were able to purchase the clothing. This grandmother came few days ago asking for assistance for her grandchild whose mother died during the child's delivery. She needed clothes for the four-month-old baby which she has on her back. On her hands are some clothing for the baby. She is also supplied with four tins of Milk formula to feed the baby.

Prayer Requests:

- 1) For God's mercies and favors in our undertakings both in our place of work and in our family.
- 2) For World Peace and end of various wars raging in different parts of the world.

We pray for all our supporters and supporting Churches that God will continue to supply your needs and replenish your resources according to His Riches in Glory.

Florence Mefor and Emmanuel Mefor

New Hope UMC supports and makes monthly donations to **Missionary Dr. Mefor.**

RUMMAGE SALE

With warmer weather comes a desire to declutter and clean our living spaces! We are asking you to *PLEASE* consider hanging on to your quality items for donation to our annual rummage sale!

This year, the dates for the sale will be

July 28 (12 - 6 p.m.)

July 29 (9 a.m. - 6 p.m.)

July 30 (9 a.m. - 12 p.m.)

Donation Days-

Sunday, July 24!

You can donate items from the conclusion of services - 7pm.

Monday, July 25!

You can donate items from 9am-1pm.

Our Rummage Sale has an amazing reputation in the community for having high quality, gently used items at affordable prices!

Please help us keep our reputation by seeing that your donations are free from damage and in clean, working order when donated.

Signup opportunities will be coming soon. Stay tuned for those.

We will be looking for volunteers to work one-time shifts throughout the whole week and people willing to commit to overseeing entire areas of our sale.

We will also be looking for volunteers to prepare and serve volunteer lunches each day during the week.

There is a volunteer job for everyone, and many hands make light work!

Since we are hosting the sale in the summer, it would be great to see some of our young people helping out again this year... this would count towards silver cord hours, and we are happy to sign off for you!

We are hopeful that our *famous* bake sale will be back and better than ever this year! Be thinking about your treasured family favorites that you might like to bake and donate to a great cause!

As always, as Rummage Sale approaches, we ask that you please keep our volunteers and shoppers in your prayers. May we make an impact on the community around us and may God bless our interactions during this event.

Please contact Jackie at jackiejohnson81@aol.com (515)710-3239 with questions, comments, or to get involved in this great community outreach!

East Entrance Addition ~ Update

As of March 31, 2022, \$73,497.66 was donated. All of your donations, regardless the amount, was and is, greatly appreciated!

The actual cost of the addition and other improvements was \$134,304.00, leaving approximately \$68,095.17 on the long term loan.

Current loan balance as of 3/31/22 is \$61,793. Additional principal payments are made as donated funds are received. We appreciate all of you who have made monthly pledges to this project until fully paid.

When donating to this project always write in the memo line of your check "East Entrance Addition". Thank you for your generosity and your involvement in our church!

John Rains
East Entrance Addition
Task Force, Chair





Our Church is needing volunteers for the following opportunities:

Communications & Technology Team

Volunteers are appreciated to join this team and help with the church Communications & Technology. The more we have the better it will be so we can divide the tasks.

Church Library

Our church library, next to the Fellowship Hall, is filled with books and resources to support New Hopers in their daily walk with God. As a library helper you can promote terrific resources, help keep inventory, purchase items and organize the holdings of the library.

Please contact the church office, 515-278-2097 or nhfamily@newhopedsd.org to help your church.



Easter will be a good time to allow brand new Bibles and New Testaments be distributed in places around the world through Gideons International. If you are interested in purchasing a Bible or two for \$5 each, please contact Pastor Lilian at Lilian@newhopedsd.org or 515-278-2097.

A special thank you goes to Kristin Welter!

Kristin was instrumental in re-introducing interest in the Hand Bell Choir. The ringers performed on February 27th and look forward to playing in the near future.

If you have any interest in joining them please contact Kristin at Klawelter@gmail.com. Thank you Kristin!



Thank you to all the **Veterans and friends** that attended the breakfast on March 5th. It was such a blessing to get together again and reconnect! We will be planning another one soon. Blessings, Pam Frey, Billy Nuzum and Char Schultz



April 2022

**Sunday morning services are:
8:30, 9:30 and 10:45
Nursery at 9:30 & 10:45**

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|---|--|---|--|---|---|
| | | | | | 1 1:30p, Friday Bible Study at church | 2 2:00p, Community Easter Egg Hunt |
| 3 5th Sunday in Lent Holy Communion Sunday School: 9:30: Adults 9:40: Children/Youth 9:30-10:45, Blood Pressure checks 11:30a, Confirmation Class | 4 1:00p, Bible Study 6:30-8:00p, Girl Scouts (Linda Cooley) 7p, Trustees Meeting | 5 9:30a, Al-Anon, R.Chapel Noon, AA, R.Chapel 12:15p-2:15p, F.Hall reserved 6p, Chancel Choir practice 6:30p, SPRC Mtg. | 6 10a, Missions Mtg PreK – 12 th grade! 6:00-6:30pm Meal 6:30-7:30pm, SWAG, Jr. BLAST, Sr. BLAST 6:45p, Ukulele practice 6:30p, Bible Study 7:15p, Praise Band practice | 7 5:30p, Lenten Music service 6:30pm, Worship Committee via Zoom | 8 Jim Harvey Funeral Luncheon | 9 8:30 - 11am, F.Hall & FLC reserved (Jess Hass) 9am, Campus Clean Up |
| 10 Palm Sunday Sunday School: 9:30: Adults 9:40: Children/Youth Documents & Donuts after each worship | 11 Church Office Closed 1:00p, Bible Study | 12 9:30a, Al-Anon, R.Chapel Noon, AA, R.Chapel | 13 3pm, Missions Mtg PreK – 12 th grade! 6:00-6:30pm Meal 6:30-7:30pm, SWAG, Jr. BLAST, Sr. BLAST 6:30p, Bible Study 6p, Chancel Choir practice 7:15p, Praise Band practice | 14 3:30p, Hand of Luke 6pm, Maundy Thursday worship | 15 9a-3p, Needlers at church 6pm, Good Friday worship | 16 |
| 17 Easter Sunday School: 9:30: Adults No Children/Youth Sunday School | 18 1:00p, Bible Study 6:30-8:00p, Girl Scouts (Linda Cooley) | 19 9:30a, Al-Anon, R.Chapel Noon, AA, R.Chapel 6:30p, Finance Mtg | 20 PreK – 12 th grade! 6:00-6:30pm Meal 6:30-7:30pm, SWAG, Jr. BLAST, Sr. BLAST 6:30p, Bible Study 6p, Chancel Choir practice 7:15p, Praise Band practice | 21 9:30a, Women's Fellowship at church | 22 <i>Deadline for May LINK</i> 1:30p, Friday Bible Study at church | 23 10a, R.Chapel reserved (Sharon Smith) |
| 24 Sunday School: 9:30: Adults 9:40: Children/Youth | 25 1:00p, Bible Study | 26 9:30a, Al-Anon, R.Chapel Noon, AA, R.Chapel | 27 PreK – 12 th grade! 6:00-6:30pm Meal 6:30-7:30pm, SWAG, Jr. BLAST, Sr. BLAST 6:30p, Bible Study 6p, Chancel Choir practice 7:15p, Praise Band practice | 28 6:30p, Administrative Council Mtg | 29 | 30 |

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.



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

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| 1 Tavian Carnahan | 15 Tom Beasley |
| 2 Kirk Dickey, Bob Harter, Marilyn Goodrich | 17 Peyton Henry, Jessica Spring, Susan Smith |
| 3 Patrice Webber | 19 Nicole Gardner |
| 4 Shirley Frus, Caroline Miller | 20 Chase Alcorn, Nan Stubbs |
| 7 Pat Papenheim, Lorelai Roff, Bob Soards | 21 JoAnn Decker |
| 8 Kate Lichter | 22 Amarachi Ukabiala, Ashlynn Riley |
| 9 Bhanu Moses | 23 Kathy Crees, Wade Breitsprecher |
| 10 Rachel Jackson | 24 Caleb Christensen |
| 11 Elaine Collet | 25 Julie McClain |
| 12 Tanner Rowland, Lynn Louk | 26 Natalie Nelson, Macy Berry |
| 13 Paul Herring, Carl Wallin | 28 Ellie Roquet, Meghan Kinnetz, |
| | 29 Joelyn Gerovac |
| | 30 Mason Redies |



- 13: Tony & Tracy Hoffman
30: Dan & Mona Kirkpatrick

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.



WORSHIP
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Sunday Morning Worship Services
8:30 & 10:45: Traditional Services in the Sanctuary
9:30: Contemporary Service in the Family Life Center

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

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