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New Hope United Methodist Church

November 2022



**NOVEMBER
AT NEW HOPE UMC**

**NEW HOPE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

8:30 am • 9:30 am • 10:45 am
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**THANKING
GOD
FOR
OTHERS**

NOVEMBER 6
Thanking God for those
belonging to God!

NOVEMBER 13
Thanking God for those
who challenge and
oppose us!

NOVEMBER 20
Thanking God for those
who you need our
forgiveness!

~ Volunteer Appreciation ~

On October 23rd, we were honored to recognize all of our New Hope friends who do so much for our church with their gifts, time, and resources. Where would we be without our volunteers?

They bake the treats for coffee hour, hand out programs, teach Sunday school, cook and deliver meals to the downtown homeless shelter, take care of the grounds, run the sound system, sing in the choir, play for the Praise Band, sew hygiene kits for young African girls, and the list goes on and on. It is truly an honor to recognize and thank each of you who has donated at least one hour of your time and gifts in the past year.

We have estimated that about 900 hours are donated each month, adding up to 10,800 hours in one year, roughly the equivalent of 5 1/2 full-time employees. If New Hope paid those 5 1/2 employees \$20 per hour, each would make about \$39,000 annually, or a total of \$216,000. We're talking big bucks here folks.

While we have created a monetary illustration, your contributions of time and resources are truly invaluable. And it is likely you made some new friends when you spent time volunteering.

Gifts of Scripture cards with a wildflower infused heart attached were handed out on Oct. 23rd. If you were not at the service, the green Scripture cards will be available in Fellowship Hall for you to enjoy. The hearts can be planted next spring.

On the Scripture card, Matthew 13:32 reads-- *It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is larger than all the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.*

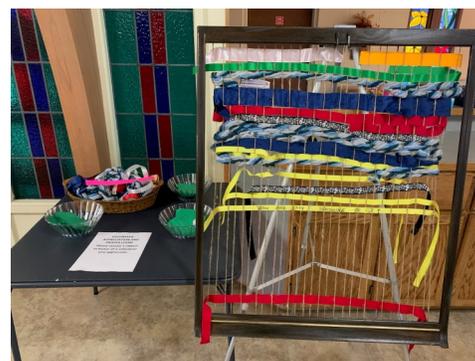
The seeds of your labor grow and become blessings to others. And just as a seed takes root, grows and spreads, your efforts spread to places you might not even be aware of. Thank you for blessing all of us with your kindness, dedication, and works that are daily evidence of your faith. May God continue to bless all of us at New Hope, and may we spread those blessings near and far.

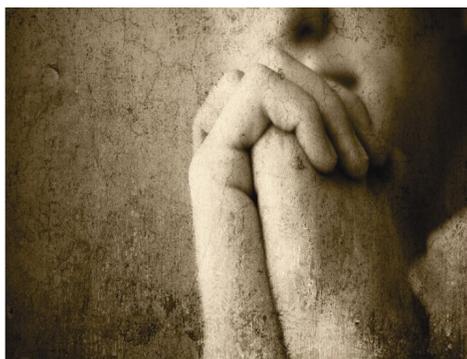
Each day we pray. Our conversations with God lift up our concerns, sorrows, and thanks for our joys, providing our praise. Our prayers are always heard and many are answered in each of you. We are so blessed with all of your time and talents - gifts you share with all of us. We pray for you. A prayer loom provides us a visual image of our prayers. It becomes a tapestry of our conversations with our Father - a tapestry of stories, life and love. We've provided three prayer looms in Fellowship Hall, and welcome each of you to share a prayer as you weave some fabric, ribbon or paper through the loom from the baskets of materials provided.

The helping hands from each of you, in so many ways keep our church going, helping fulfill ministries and sharing love. Thank you for all you do. And may God bless each of you and your families, as you continue to bless us with your presence, your prayers, and your gifts of time and resources.

If you have time to enjoy fellowship time after the service you attend this Sunday, take a moment to view the screen in Fellowship Hall. With the help of Nancy Monthei and her photographic talents, you will see a slide show of just a few of your fellow New Hoppers who have dedicated themselves in one way, or another, or many ways.

~ by the Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee





**Sunday,
November 6th !**



Prayer Chain Request

If you have a prayer chain request, please call Mary Ann

Our Prayers for ~

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

Healing from Physical Issues:

Jim Mather, Jim Louk, Karen Novotny, Monte Hopkins, Landon and Rhett Michael, Larry Hulse, Erica Hodgson, Jo Foote, Freda Ruleman, Nancy Foreman, Dick Piphoo, Danelle Perkins, Jack Habick, Galyn Cross, Anthony Ruleman, Theresa Faber, Jeff Louk, Jennifer

Those Who Are in Rehabilitation and Nursing Care:

Jan Davisson, Ann Krause, Gayle Easton

Military:

Devan Stanton, Hunter Schmidt, Joshua Ruleman, Rece Haugland, Jacob Gerlach

Thank You:

To our New Hope family and friends we would like to express our sincere thanks for the cards, phone calls and most of all your prayers. The meal that was provided by the Care Team was wonderful. We are truly blessed to be a part of the New Hope family.
Blessings, Jim and Barb Mather

Thank you to Pastor Lilian and all of you for remembering us with your prayers, cards and calls before and since Jim's back surgery at the University of Iowa on October 3. After five days in Iowa City, we returned to Des Moines, where he spent nearly two weeks in skilled care before returning to our residence at Wesley Acres. He is making good progress but will have a long period of recovery as his body heals around the hardware in his back. Stand firm in your faith and continue to pray for those in need of physical, mental or spiritual healing. It is much appreciated!
Jim and Lynn Louk

Thank you to the New Hope family for the prayers, cards, and calls after my brother's (John Forrest) tragic bicycle accident. Your words of encouragement are much appreciated. It is a honor to belong to such a kind, caring church!

Mark and Susan Baldwin

Our Sympathy:

Our Sympathy to Linda Cooley on the passing of her niece, Debbie Peterson.

Our Sympathy to Marilyn Osborn on the passing of her sister, Maxine Hull.

Our Sympathy to Melisa & Larry Forbes and family on the passing of Melisa's mother, Barb Teachout.

Directory Updates:

John & Carolyn Burrough

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#1113
West Des Moines, IA 50266
515-978-2808

Linda Cooley

7675 University Ave
Apt 208
Clive, IA 50325
sweetgrandma46@aol.com
515-528-8827



Please Welcome Our New Members to our Church Family!

Jack & Janet Habick, 4123 70th St, Urbandale, IA 50322, 515-802-0561
jmhabick@gmail.com. Ron & Clarice Rubek are their shepherds.

Steven & Beatrice Schutter, 5331 NW 57th Ave., Apt. J, Johnston, IA 50131.
Steven: 850-398-2553, shadow_schtr@yahoo.com
Beatrice: 850-398-0655, bsschutter@gmail.com. Mike & Kris Wakeman are their shepherds.

Gene & Judy Shepard, 3312 Eula Drive, Urbandale, IA 50322. 515-270-9666
gws526@centurylink.net

Carol Weigel, 9512 Elm Lane, Johnston, IA 50131. 515-410-1044.
Barb Agan is her shepherd.



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October 13, 2022

Dear Des Moines New Hope United Methodist Family,

“The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.”

The scheduled “All Church Conference” was held on October 9, 2022. The Rev. Ron Carlson, Riverview District, was our Presiding Officer.

A motion was made to return to the Administrative Council the submitted Resolution on Inclusion so that the seven steps of the Process for Discerning Wedding Policy as published in April 2022 by the Iowa Annual Conference are satisfied. A vote on this motion was 43 yes and 88 no.

A motion was made for the All Church Conference to vote on the submitted Resolution on Inclusion. There were 98 yes votes and 25 no votes.

The gathered “All Church Conference” was directed by The District Superintendent that the result of the vote on the Resolution on Inclusion be taken in consideration by the Board of Trustees and Administrative Council in their work to review and update New Hope UMC’s Wedding Policy.

We pray for one another and for New Hope United Methodist Church.

Your Fellow Servants,

Rev. Lilian Gallo Seagren
Pastor

David Montgomery
Chair, Administrative Council



Veterans Helping Veterans

We will be having a Veterans breakfast at **8:30am on Saturday, November 5th**. This is open to all veterans, their spouses, and supporters. If you have any questions, please contact Billy Nuzum at bbnewz54@gmail.com.

Honoring our Veterans

Sunday, November 6th, during each of the worship services, we will be honoring our veterans who have served in the military at any time in their lifetime.

If you are a veteran, we would very much like to recognize you on that Sunday. We are grateful for the service our veterans have given to our country, and want to have a chance to share our thanks.



Bible Study will start on November 3rd at 1pm

It will be a short six-week class on *James: Living Out Your Faith*. There will be a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center. The workbook is \$5.50.

We have done a study on James, but this one helps us put his message into practice. I hope you can join us at church for some great discussions. If you have any questions, email Armenta at armentabu@gmail.com.

New Member Class ~ November 20th
 Are you interested in joining New Hope United Methodist Church membership?

Please join Pastor Lilian with a New Member Class on **Sunday, November 20th, 4 –6pm at church.**

Please contact the church office if are planning to attend, 515-278-2097.



Fall Campus Cleanup ~ December

The Board of Trustees will be planning a “Fall Campus Cleanup Day” on **December 3rd**.

We need your help, please plan to attend by volunteering your time and talents!

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

Thanks!

Tim McCulley and Caleb Warner
Co-Chairs of Board of Trustees



The family of Elmer Flickinger invites you to attend his 94th Birthday Celebration on Sunday, November 27th 1 - 4 pm In the Fellowship Hall



Advent by Candlelight ~ Monday, November 28th, 7:00pm

All women of the church (including high school students) and their guests are invited to attend. Dessert will be served by table hostesses; followed by a program of music, scripture, verse, and stories. **Sign-up sheets for those wishing to attend are in the Fellowship Hall under the tv screen. *Deadline to sign up is Nov 13th.***

Host a Table! If 4 or more friends want to share a table, one or two of your group should sign-up to hostess the table. As attendance for our special evening grows each year, it is increasingly difficult to seat groups of friends

with a random hostess. **Solution? Hostess your own table!** Someone takes care of dessert and the others take care of the table.

There is no reason to go over-board with decorating, since the best part is sharing our evening together. A hosting letter will be sent out to all the hosts.

Questions? Please contact Nancy in the church office, nancy@newhopedsm.org or 515-278-2097.



Women's Chorus Advent by Candlelight

Singers are wanted for Women's Chorus for Advent by Candlelight. Sign up in the Fellowship Hall. Practice times are Nov. 20th after the 10:45 service, and Nov. 28th at 6pm, both in the Sanctuary. Linda Reaney will be directing. Come join us in this musical contribution to the Advent season.

Adorning our church for the most blessed season!

Please stay after the 9:30 & 10:45 services on **November 20th** to participate in the hanging of the greens for our Advent season.

Many hands make light work!

Thank you from your Altar Guild.

If you have any questions, please contact Pam Frey, 515-490-8440 or yayafrey@gmail.com



Poinsettia Orders

Deadline is November 27th

You can order a poinsettia, in honor or in memory of a loved one, which will be utilized to decorate the New Hope sanctuary and the FLC stage during the Advent and Christmas season.

Starting November 13th, please complete the poinsettia order form on the tear-off form of the bulletins and place your reservation along with your check with the offering.

Deadline is November 27th.



Cost will be posted in the bulletins.



Hand of Luke ~ Monday, November 14th

This is our monthly ministry of preparing a meal for the Central Iowa Shelter and Services. The menu will be ham casserole, fruit cocktail, dinner rolls, bars and/or brownies.

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!

Cathy Beck-Cross and Grandview students will be serving the meal this month. Thank you, Cathy and students!

Other volunteers are needed to cook the meal, transport the food to the shelter, and donate bars or cookies (no peanut butter or nuts, please).

If you are interested in this opportunity, you may sign up using the following link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E044DACA722A4FE3-holmonday1>.

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

Children's Ministry Updates by Jackie Johnson, Children & Youth Ministries Coordinator jackie@newhopedsm.org or (515)710-3239

Sunday School for PreK-7th grade continues to be held during the 9:30 service. Children are invited to gather in Worship with their families and exit to class after the Children's Message.

Our second session of Sunday School is underway. THANK YOU to our volunteer teachers this session – Nick Bogue, Sherri Bogue, and Andy Sutton! Everyone is learning together again this session in the Purple Classroom due to our average attendance. The second unit in our Celebrate Wonder Curriculum surrounds 1 Samuel 16:7, “**The Lord sees into the heart.**” The faith word for this unit is *SEEK*.

Connect with the things our classes are talking about:

Allow yourself to WONDER....

What makes you special to God?

What qualities does a good friend have?

Sometimes you sit in the same spot each week at church. What if you mixed it up and sat next to someone your family doesn't know for worship this month?



We are still in need of a couple of volunteers for Session 5 and 6 of Sunday School this year! Your commitment would be 5 weeks in a row during the 9:30 service and you would have a teaching partner. You can sign up alone, but we would also welcome you to volunteer with a friend!

Session 5: 2/19 - 3/26 (No Sunday School on 3/12)

Session 6: 4/2 - 4/30

If this sounds like something you would enjoy doing, please let Jackie know.

Midweek Meetup (TGIW)

We had an outstanding **October** in TGIW Midweek Meetup! We kicked off the month with a service project to benefit the Johnston Partnership. We were able to complete 20 birthday blessing bags for the pantry! The remaining weeks were a mixture of learning, fellowship and fun. We did lessons on Noah and the Tower of Babel and we rounded out the month with a pumpkin painting party with our Jr. and Sr. BLAST friends.



November is going to be even more fun!

11/2- Service First, All Group Service Project *Meeting at Douglas Ave. Presbyterian Church from 6-7:30pm. Dinner will be served there. You may bring donations of small coloring books or single subject spiral notebooks.

11/9- The Big Idea, The Valley of Praise

11/16- Giving THANKS

11/23- **NO Meetings, Thanksgiving Break**

11/30- The Big Idea, Psalm 148

Wednesday Night Schedule:

6:00-6:30pm- Dinner

6:30-7:30pm – Breakout Times (PreK-5th, Jr. and Sr. BLAST)

7:30-8pm- Puppets *3rd Grade and up

Menu:

11/2- Chili *We are off site for service project and meal will be served there.

11/9- Pizza

11/16- Breakfast for Dinner

11/23- **NO Meetings, Thanksgiving Break**



THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Thank you to our Mission Committee at New Hope for funding our first TGIW Service First event! October 5th, all of our Wednesday night groups spent time together preparing **Birthday Blessing Bags** that were donated to the Johnston Partnership. The bags included everything needed to celebrate a birthday – cake mix, frosting, party plates and napkins, silverware, a party tablecloth, candles, balloons and a few party favors. The kids also made birthday cards for the recipient.

Jr. BLAST ~ 6th-8th graders



In the absence of leaders of Jr. BLAST, our Sr. BLAST group has temporarily welcomed Jr. BLAST into their gatherings! **THANK YOU** to Chris Higdon and Pam Frey for their flexibility and to the Sr. BLAST youth for being understanding of this change.

That said, we are still looking for leaders that would specifically oversee the Jr. BLAST age group on Wednesday nights. If you are interested in serving our Church in this way, please reach out to Jackie at jackie@newhopedsm.org for more information.

All 6th-8th Graders in the church (and their friends) are welcome to join us at New Hope weekly on Wednesday evenings during the school year for fun and fellowship!
Meal is served from 6-6:30pm
Program Activities 6:30-7:30pm

Sr. BLAST ~ 9th - 12th graders (BLAST@NewHopeDSM.org):

Chris Higdon (*Supervising Adult*), Pam Frey (*Supervising Adult*), McKayla Nearmyer (*Supervising Adult*), Brianna Johnson (*Volunteering Adult*), Arianna Bernal (*Volunteering Adult*), and Amanda Soards (*Volunteering Adult*).

It is hard to believe that we are already heading into November. In October, the group continued to meet on Wednesday nights to talk through Life's Biggest Questions by going through the 9 week Alpha Bible Study.



Thank you to everyone that stayed after Church to support our soup fundraiser on October 9th. Because of your support, we were able to raise around \$600 for our Summer Mission Trip.

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

- Oct. 29th at 4pm** ~ Help with New Hope Truck-or-Treat
- Nov. 2nd** ~ Thank God for **BLAST** Discussions – TGBD
- Nov. 9th** ~ Thank God for **BLAST** Discussions – TGBD
- Nov. 13th at 9am** ~ BLAST Breakfast
- Nov. 16th** ~ Thank God for **BLAST** Discussions – TGBD
- Not Meeting on Wednesday, November 23rd** ~ (*Thanksgiving Break*)
- Nov. 30th** ~ Thank God for **BLAST** Discussions – TGBD
- Dec. 7th @ 6pm** ~ Thank God for **BLAST** Discussion
- Dec. 14th @ 6pm** ~ Thank God for **BLAST** Discussion
- Dec. 18th @ 6pm** ~ New Hope Cookie Walk
- Dec. 21st @ 6pm** ~ Thank God for **BLAST** Discussion
- Not Meeting Dec. 28th** (*Christmas Break*)

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

ADULT Sunday School

Join us!

9:30 a.m. in the Ruby Chapel using “Wired Word” curriculum.

Blood Pressure Check

Next check is on **Nov. 6th,**
9:30a 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.



Care Ministry Team

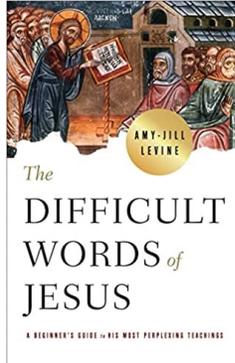
The Care Ministry meets
quarterly. Next meeting is on

Thurs., November 10th at
10am in the

Fellowship Hall.

This team ministers to congrega-
tion 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.



Bible Study ~ “Parables of Jesus”

Our 3rd Thursday 7:00 p.m. Bible Study at Banny's home will meet on **November 17th** with Dr. Levine's "Difficult Words of Jesus". Please contact Pastor Lilian of plan to attend, Lilian@newhopedsm.org.



New Hope Needlers

The Needlers will meet on **Friday, November 18, 9 am - 3 pm** in the north classroom to sew lap quilts, Little Dresses, Little Britches and Days for Girls kit components.

Bring your machine, tools and thread to help us with our Mission projects.

Dress kits are provided. There are also non-sewing jobs to be done.

We lunch at Panera in Johnston.

Questions? Contact Diane Densmore, 515-270-1974 or Jody Rains, 515-238-4051.

United Women In Faith

Our next gathering will be on **Thur., November 17th @ 9:30 a.m.** at the church.

Pennies, nickles, and some dimes,
Mission is our goal in mind.

For your offering, we do thank.

Find the Globe and the Bank.

On the **first Sunday of each month,**

in the church hallway, when you see

our globe, please stop and drop in some change. You will be helping the United Women in Faith group and the missions they support.

Thank you.

We are very grateful for your support.



MISSION NEWS ~ Marilyn Osborn, Chair of Mission Committee

YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF OTHERS



GIVING TREE ~ In November, the Giving Tree will be available for the congregation to help give a child some warmth and joy over the Holidays. The Mission Committee has chosen two charities to support this Holiday Season:

1. ORCHARD PLACE: They are having “Keep Kids Warm Winter Drive” and need our help. A gift of \$60.00 gives the gift of warmth to a child who might otherwise go without. This will cover the cost of one coat, one pair of boots, one hat and one pair of gloves. On our “Giving Tree” will be tags in various amounts that you can choose to help keep kids warm. Just put your money in the envelope and the Mission Committee will deliver all donations to Orchard Place.

GIVING TREE

2. BIDWELL RIVERSIDE CENTER: Each year Bidwell hosts Holiday Toy Pantry events to give away gifts to families in need throughout the month of December. Needed donations for the Holiday Toy Pantry include toys and gifts for children ages 0 – 17, Books, Hats & Gloves, Stocking Stuffers, Stuffed Animals, Quilts and blankets and \$10 and \$20 gift cards to Walmart, Target, Amazon, etc. Again, tags for various needed items will be on the Giving Tree for you to choose for Bidwell’s Toy Pantry. Do not wrap any of the gifts. Bring the gifts to the mission table and the Mission Committee will deliver all donations to Bidwell Riverside Center.

Your check can be made out to New Hope UMC. Please add Orchard Place or Bidwell to the memo line.

(There will not be an Angel Tree this year due to various circumstances. Perhaps the Angel Tree program will be available in the future.)

Thank you for your support of the Harvest Jamboree & Auction held October 16th plus your support of the Rummage sale held earlier this summer. Your support of these two events helps support the monthly donations that are sent to: Bidwell Riverside, DMARC Food Bank, African Immigrant and Refugee Transition Services (AIRTS), Johnston Partnership, Women at the Well, Urbandale Food Pantry and Missionary Dr. Emmanuel Mefor in Zimbabwe.



Free Little Food Pantry. The new home for the Free Little Food Pantry is taking shape ~ **but not ready yet!** Watch for updates!

EVERYONE CAN – BRING ONE CAN

Reminder to bring non-perishable food items each Sunday to put on our pantry shelf for delivery to the Free Little Food Pantry located in our Meredith Drive community. Sign up for a Monday to deliver the 30 food items you chose from our pantry shelf. There is a sign-up sheet on the pantry shelf. Needed food items

include canned meats, canned fruit, canned vegetables, peanut butter, cereal, rice, grains, soup, macaroni and cheese, etc. Only non-perishable foods and no expired food products, please. If you have questions, please contact Jolene Harlow: 515-490-8813 or email at rdharlow@earthlink.net



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.

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.



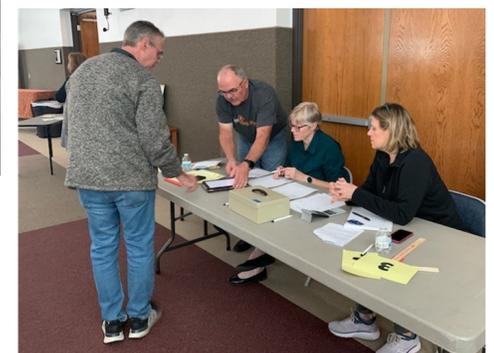
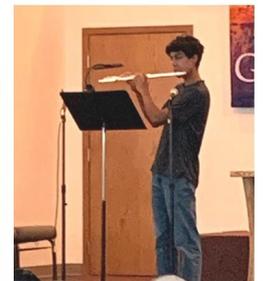
Harvest Jamboree & Auction ~ Thank you!!

Thank you to everyone that attended the October 16th Harvest Jamboree & Auction!!

A HUGE thank you to:

- * The committee for their hard work
- * All the talented performers:
 - Ellie Roquet, solo
 - Elliot Sutton, solo
 - Brynna Johnson, dance
 - Song by Linda Miller, Pastor Lilian and Billy Nuzum
 - Preshia Paulding, solo
 - Emily Bowser, piano solo
 - Janet Habick, solo
 - John Kirkpatrick, flute solo
 - Janet Habick and Preshia Paulding, duet
- * Everyone that donated amazing items for the Silent Auction and the Live Auction
- * Auctioneer, Tim McCulley
- * Emcee, Spencer Sutton
- * Sound System, Mike Wakeman
- * All the very generous donations toward the auction items and the performances totaling **\$9,653** (before expenses)!

Thank you ALL!!!





MISSIONS/OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Submitted by Marilyn Osborn

Purpose: Coordinates, plans, carries out and evaluates the congregations' outreach ministries including missions, health and welfare, Christian unity and interreligious concerns, church and society issues, religion and race and status and role of women. Planning and implementing program of mission education and involving congregation in mission.

The Mission Committee meets periodically to determine and promote various mission projects locally, nationally, and worldwide. A budget is set for missions based on the general budget plus monies derived from the Rummage Sale and the Harvest Dinner. Currently, Missions accounts for approximately 2% of the church budget.

Hand of Luke which provides an evening meal for the Central Iowa Shelter on the 14th of every month is handled by two members of the Mission Committee and include members of the church to help cook, haul, and serve the food as well as provide treats and paper products.

The Free Little Pantry is under the direction of a member of the Mission committee. This is a pantry that feeds New Hope's neighborhood and is in conjunction with other religious groups to provide food for the pantry. New Hope congregation provides 30 food items per week to the pantry which adds up to 120 to 150 items per month.

Grain Bin – started by Pastor Lilian, the grains are distributed to four charities on a rotation basis

Mission Ingathering is the first weekend of November and New Hope contributes through different kits that are distributed throughout the world or other world services such as Church World Service which distributes blankets.

Missions supports camperships for youth of New Hope, contributes to purchase of gifts for Homeless Veterans and has a "Giving Tree" project this Holiday season for children served by Orchard Place and Bidwell Riverside.

During the year of 2022, monthly checks totaling \$1,250.00 were sent to:

Urbandale Food Pantry for food to serve the Urbandale community

Des Moines Area Religious Council (DMARC) for food pantry purchases for greater Des Moines

Bidwell Riverside – for use in the food pantry and personal care items

Johnston Partnership – for use in the food pantry as well as assistance with other household needs in Johnston

Dr. Immanuel Mefor, Missionary in charge of a District Hospital in Zimbabwe

Women at the Well – supporting the ministry within the prisons as well as supporting inmates released from prison

African Immigrants and Refugees Transition Services (AIRTS) – a non-profit founded by and for immigrants and refugees from Africa living in Iowa.

Articles about each of these above entities are included in The Link during the year to inform the congregation of the work of the various charities.

Be a part of the Missions Committee!! Contact Marilyn at 515-480-4986 or gomoosborn@gmail.com



Thank you, to our dear Pastor Lilian, for all you do, every day, for all of us at New Hope.

October was "Pastor Appreciation Month." On Sunday, Oct. 23rd, we were honored to recognize Pastor Lilian as she deserves so much appreciation. You may not realize it, but she is at nearly every committee meeting, always with a smile on her face regardless of the time or hours she has already put in that day. You all know she regularly conducts "Pastor Visits" with those members of our congregation who are ill or have lost loved ones. She attends continuing

education classes, writes sermons of course, helps with our youth programs, sings in the choir, cooks delicious Phillipino food for us. The list goes on and on. There seems to be no end to her energy.

It does not take long after meeting Pastor Lilian to realize that she has a deep faith, and she lives that faith every day, in everything she does. If she did nothing else, her example as a woman of faith would be enough. But she does so much more.

Pastor Lilian, we do ALL appreciate you, and all you do to lead our church, our youth. We love you and hope that you know just how much your presence as our pastor means to us. May God bless you, your family, and our church family.

~by the Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee

Christmas Cookie Walk ~ Sunday, December 18th, 9am - 10:45am

Share some Christmas cheer by donating home-baked cookies, bars and candy to the New Hope Cookie Walk! Sign up on the forms in the Fellowship Hall to let us know you will donate. The more cookies that we have, the more fun for everyone!



If you use peanut butter or nuts, please clearly indicate it when delivering your cookies to the church.

Examples of home-baked items to consider donating are: sugar cutout & decorated Christmas cookies, gingersnaps, chocolate chip, chocolate, oatmeal, lemon, candy cane, Oreo balls, Kringla, dipped pretzel rods, etc.

We also invite you to make bars (pre-cut) and candy such as caramels, fudge, and toffee.

These are only suggestions and we know you will have many, many more yummy ideas!!

Here's how the event will bring Christmas cheer to everyone:

- Sign up to donate home-baked cookies, bars or candy
- Deliver the home-baked goods to the church on Saturday, Dec. 17th, 1pm - 2pm.
- Purchase. On Sunday, Dec. 18, 9am-10:45am, everyone is welcome to participate in the Christmas Cookie Walk!
- Walk around the table to choose cookies, placing them in a provided Styrofoam box (size 9 ½ x 9 ½ x 3), and purchase \$10.00 per box. The whole box full for \$10 as long as the lid can close.

Enjoy! It's that easy for some Christmas cheer for you or to give as a gift!

Join us in this very special event! Sr. BLAST is organizing this event and all proceeds will go toward their summer mission trip.



East Entrance Addition ~ Financial Update

There were no donations received in the month of October. We continue to make our monthly P&I payment to reduce our liability. As of October 31st, \$77,847.66 has been donated. This results in a current loan balance of \$55,239.39.

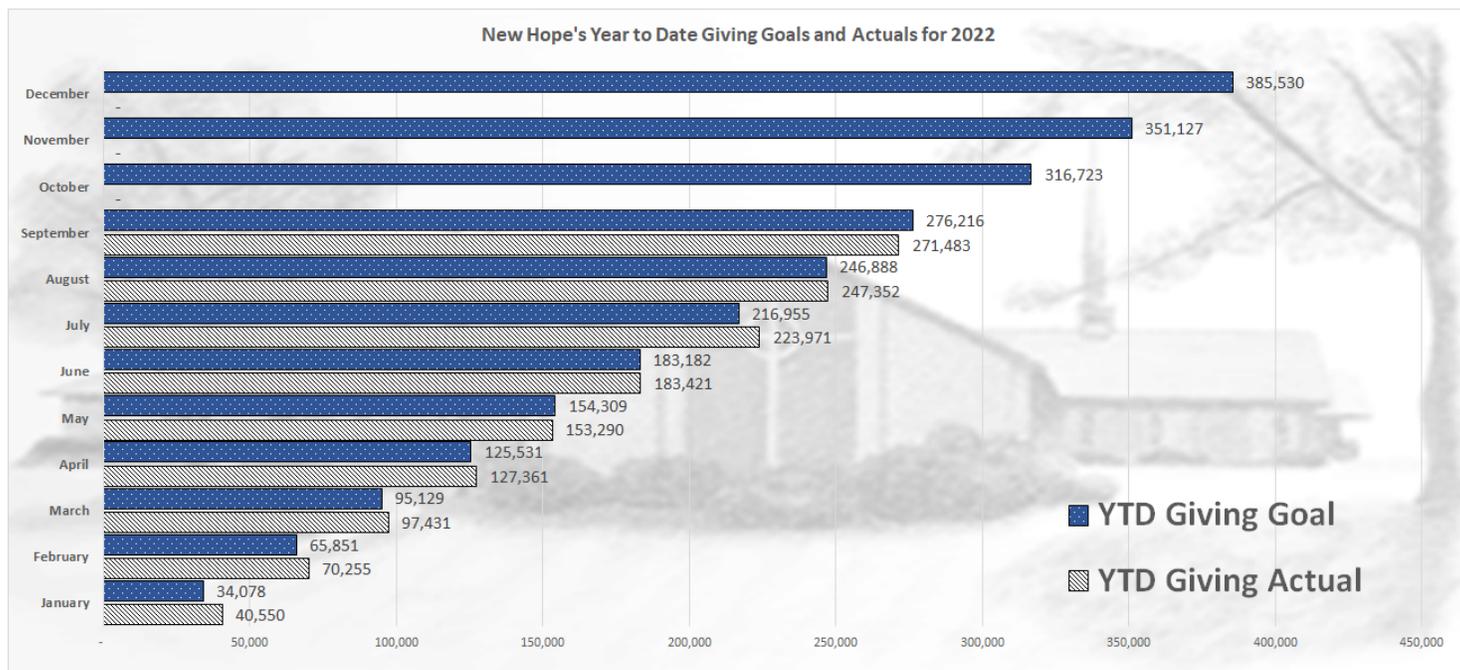
We appreciate all of you who have made monthly pledges to this project until fully paid. All of your donations, regardless the amount, was and is, greatly appreciated!

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



*Thank You for your
Financial Support*



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.

Tax Benefits of Charitable Giving

Submitted by Kathy Fairchild, volunteer on the Stewardship & Finance Committee

While your primary reason for giving to New Hope is to support the church and its ministries, there are a number of tax benefits that can help to maximize your giving.

Itemized Deduction

Charitable contributions to New Hope may be deducted as itemized deductions. Generally, cash contributions can be deducted up to 60% of your adjusted gross income. Noncash contributions such as stocks can be deducted up to 30% of your adjusted gross income.

Tax Break for Giving Appreciated Stock

You may get a bigger tax benefit if you give appreciated stock rather than making a cash contribution.

If you have owned stock for more than a year, you can deduct the *value* of the stock on the date you give it to charity if you itemize. The amount of the deduction is the value of the stock even if that is greater than your basis. If you don't itemize, you will still avoid having to pay long-term capital gains taxes on your profits, which could have a cost savings of up to 20%.

If you have investments that have decreased in value, it is better to sell the stock first and deduct the loss. After the sale, the cash can be contributed to New Hope.

If you are interested in making a contribution appreciated stock, contact the church office for more information on the process.

Make a Tax-Free Transfer from Your IRA

Normally, a distribution from a traditional IRA is subject to taxes since you did not pay taxes on the money when it was put into the IRA. People who are age 70 1/2 and older can give up to \$100,000 per year tax-free from their IRA to charity, with a transaction called a qualified charitable distribution (QCD). For married couples, each spouse can give up to \$100,000 – or \$200,000 total.

The gift counts as your required minimum distribution but isn't included in adjusted gross income.

This is a great strategy if you have to take required minimum distributions and would like to give money to charity - you can help the charity and not have to pay taxes on the money you are required to withdraw from your IRA.

To keep the money from being reported in adjusted gross income, it must be transferred directly from your IRA to the charity - you can't withdraw it first.

The required minimum distribution age has been raised to 72 years, but anyone 70 1/2 or older is still eligible for the qualified charitable distribution.

Ask your IRA administrator about the procedure, and contact the New Hope office for more information.

Other Reminders

A contribution is deductible in the year in which it is paid. Putting the check in the mail to the charity constitutes payment. A contribution made on a credit card is deductible in the year it is charged to your credit card, even if payment to the credit card company is made in a later year.

You need to maintain proper documentation of your contributions. If you want to claim a charitable deduction for a cash gift, then you must be prepared to verify your claim. In other words, you cannot deduct the spare change dropped in a charity's collection bucket without the proper documentation. If you are audited, the IRS will only accept one of the following to substantiate a monetary gift: a canceled check, credit card statement, bank statement or a written acknowledgment from the charity.

If you contribute \$250 or more, then you must prove to the IRS that you (a) made the donation and (b) you didn't receive anything in return for that donation. Therefore you'll need a receipt from the charity that includes the following information: the charity's name, the value of your gift, the date you made your donation and a statement verifying that you did not receive any goods or services in return for your gift.

Online giving is available by going to the Gifts tab on the New Hope website. You have the option of making a one-time gift or setting up a recurring gift. Gifts can be designated for the General fund, Memorial fund, Meals from the Heartland or Hand of Luke.

The above summary of certain federal income tax laws is provided for informational purposes only and is not meant to be tax advice. We urge you to consult your tax advisor.

November 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 9:30a, Al-Anon, R.Chapel Noon, AA, R.Chapel 6:30p, SPRC Mtg	2 TGIW ~ 6:00-6:30 Meal Served 6:30p, Confirmation Class 6:30-7:30 SWAG, Jr. BLAST, Sr. BLAST 7:30a, Puppets 6:00p, Chancel Choir 7:00p, Praise Band practice	3 1p, Bible Study at Church 6:30p, Worship Mtg at church	4	5 Mission Ingathering 8:30a, Veterans Helping Veterans breakfast at church
6 Daylight Saving Time ends All Saints, Holy Communion, Veterans honored 9:30a, Sunday School 9:30a - 11a, Blood Pressure	7 6:00p, Endowment Mtg. 6:30p, Girl Scouts 7:00p, Trustees Mtg.	8 Nancy, Office Admin., vacation Church open Noon - 5pm 9:30a, Al-Anon, R.Chapel Noon, AA, R.Chapel	9 Nancy, Office Admin., vacation Church open Noon - 5pm TGIW ~ 6:00-6:30 Meal Served 6:30-7:30 SWAG, Jr. BLAST, Sr. BLAST 7:30a, Puppets 6:00p, Chancel Choir 7:00p, Praise Band practice	10 Nancy, Office Admin., vacation Church open Noon - 5pm 10a, Care Team Mtg at church 1p, Bible Study at Church	11 Nancy, Office Admin., vacation Church open Noon - 5pm	12
13 9:30a, Sunday School Sr. BLAST breakfast fund- raiser Puppet Ministry performs	14 3:30p, Hand of Luke 6:30-8p, Sanctuary reserved (Jackie Johnson)	15 9:30a, Al-Anon, F.Hall Noon, AA, R.Chapel 6:30p, Finance Mtg	16 TGIW ~ 6:00-6:30 Meal Served 6:30p, Confirmation Class 6:30-7:30 SWAG, Jr. BLAST, Sr. BLAST 7:30a, Puppets 6:00p, Chancel Choir 7:00p, Praise Band practice	17 9:30a, United Women in Faith 1p, Bible Study at Church 7p, Bible Study at Bunny's	18 9a-3p, Needlers at church	19
20 9:30a, Sunday School Women's Chorus practice after 10:45 worship, Sanctuary 4-6p, New Member class	21 6:30p, Girl Scouts	22 <i>Deadline for November LINK</i> 9:30a, Al-Anon, R.Chapel Noon, AA, R.Chapel	23 No children/youth activities 6:00p, Chancel Choir 7:00p, Praise Band practice	 Happy Thanksgiving	25 <i>Office Closed</i> Spencer Wolfe & Veronica Standish rehearsal	26 3p, Spencer Wolfe & Veronica Standish wedding
27 1st Sunday of Advent 9:30a Sunday School 1-4p, F.Hall reserved for Elmer Flickinger's bday 1-3:30, Advent by Candle- light decorating	28 9a-3p, Advent by Candlelight decorating 6p, Women's chorus practice 7p, Advent by Candlelight	29 9:30a, Al-Anon, R.Chapel Noon, AA, R.Chapel	30 TGIW ~ 6:00-6:30 Meal Served 6:30-7:30 SWAG, Jr. BLAST, Sr. BLAST 7:30a, Puppets 6:00p, Chancel Choir 7:00p, Praise Band practice			



- 1 Brayla Johnson
- 3 DeVonne Douglas, Jo Renee Hartung
- 4 John Dickerson, Joe Fairchild
- 5 Denice Sutton, Kelly Mohrman, Michael Collet, Barbara Williamson
- 6 Zachary McClain, Bryce Rowland
- 7 Audrey Keza
- 8 Barb Agan
- 9 Karen Skovgard
- 11 Craig Thompson
- 12 Jameson O'Brien
- 13 Cheryl Cross
- 15 Larry Forbes
- 16 Nathan Zoss, Lily Larsen, Noelle Beasley

- 17 Luke Bogue, Leanna Erickson
- 18 Jim Wells, Danielle Clemmens
- 19 Mark Wise
- 21 Carol Harter, Julie Sahlin
- 22 Amanda Soards, Brynna Johnson
- 23 Don Doxon
- 25 Kay Gier, Julie Craighton
- 27 Evelyn Kruse
- 28 John Rains, Lee Ross, Steve Cate
- 29 Jason Homard, Marilyn Monroe
- 30 Damon DeBates, Jaela Wills, Jax Thomsen



- 2 James & Suzanne Neu
- 5 David & Karen Davis
- 12 Larry & Paulette Wood
- 17 Blake & Nicole Wilson
- 18 Chris & Julie Boyles
- 20 Chris & Jenn Higdon
- 22 Don & Trudy Gurnsey
- 23 Scott & Deanne Rowland

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

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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

We continue to offer the Sunday morning Parking Lot Radio Feed and also the Pre-Recorded Worship Services that can be found on the church Facebook page.

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