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A monthly publication of  
New Hope United Methodist Church

# January 2023



**JANUARY AT NEW HOPE UMC**

**NEW HOPE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
8:30 am • 9:30 am • 10:45 am  
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**Heaven's Voices FOR GOD'S Children**

- JANUARY 1**  
Heaven's Voices Leading the Way! 10am one Service
- JANUARY 8**  
Heaven's Voices Affirming the Way of Christ!
- JANUARY 15**  
Heaven's Voices Equipping the human eye of faith!
- JANUARY 22**  
Heaven's Voices proclaiming the good news of the kingdom!
- JANUARY 29**  
Heaven's Voices destroying wisdom of the wise.

## Veterans Helping Veterans

We will be having a Veterans breakfast at **8:30am on Saturday, January 14th**. This is open to all veterans, their spouses, and supporters. If you have any questions, please contact Billy Nuzum at [bbnewz54@gmail.com](mailto:bbnewz54@gmail.com).



## Chili Cook-off ~ Saturday, January 28th at 11:30am

The Bridge Team would like you to join New Hoppers and friends for good food, games and the company of our church family!

**Sign up by January 15th** in the Fellowship Hall to enter the Chili Cook-off contest.

Simply bring a big crockpot (no name label, please) of your best chili on January 28th by 11:00am. You will enter through the Industrial Kitchen door. The committee will set out your crockpot for you.

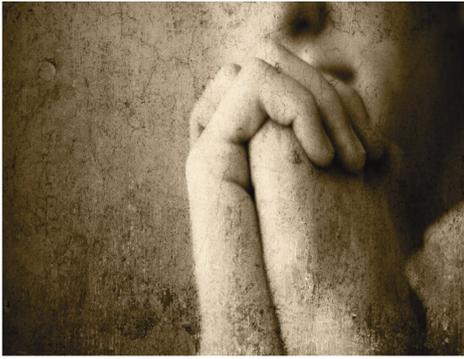
**Attend the Chili Cook-off!!!** Starting at 11:30am, event attendees will sample the chili made by our entrants and vote for your favorite so we can crown the 2023 Chili Champion!

Chili meal and desserts are free and open to our community.

Table games will be provided for entertainment during the event. Bring the whole family for a fun afternoon of fellowship!

Invite your friends and neighbors by sharing this event!

Questions? Please contact Glenna Ross, 515-321-3010, [glenna625@hotmail.com](mailto:glenna625@hotmail.com)



A big "Thank You" from our church staff to the New Hope congregation for their very generous Christmas gifts and greetings. You have overwhelmed us with your thoughtfulness and support through the past year.

Blessings to all of you and may this New Year be filled with joy, laughter, and love for all!

**New Hope UMC Staff**

**Prayer Chain Request**

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

**Our Prayers for ~**

*(Please call the church office if you or your loved one want to be taken off the list.)*

**Healing from Cancer:**

Roberta Cave, Jody Rains, Tara McCulley, Sharon Hanson, Linda Lay, Tim Buckner, Larry Fairchild, Evette Burton, David Ruleman, Skylar Freeman, Josephine Demarco, Brian Upper, Kathy Biermann, Mary Textor, Kay M.

**Healing from Physical Issues:**

Dick Cobb, Donna Hopkins, Bob Krause, Paul Weisskopf; Judy Nemmers, Jim Smith, Jim Mather, Jim Louk, Alexandria Cooley, Phyllis Messerschmidt, Dody Moorehouse, Allison, Karen Novotny, Larry Hulse, Jo Foote, Freda Ruleman, Nancy Foreman, Jack Habick, Galyn Cross, Anthony Ruleman, Theresa Faber, Jeff Louk, Jennifer

**Those Who Are in Rehabilitation and Nursing Care:** Jan Davisson, Gayle Easton

**Military:** Devan Stanton, Hunter Schmidt, Joshua Ruleman, Rece Haugland, Jacob Gerlach

**Thank You:**

Thank you to everyone that attended Elmer's 94th birthday party. He had a good day!  
Elmer & Theresa Flickinger

**Our Sympathy:**

Our Sympathy to Bob Krause and family on the passing of his wife, Ann Krause. A funeral service will be held at a later date.



**Undecorating will take place after the 10am service on January 1st.**

Please stay after the service and help us take down our Christmas decorations.

Many hands make light work!

Thank you!

Questions? Please contact Pam Frey, at [yayafrey@gmail.com](mailto:yayafrey@gmail.com) or 515-490-8440.

**We have two new beautiful benches in the courtyard!**

One in memory of Bill Kruse and the other in honor of New Hope UMC from the Dorothy E. Montgomery family. Please enjoy the benches and the courtyard on those lovely weather days. It's a great place to pray, meditate, and to visit with friends.



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



**Wishing you many happy moments in the year ahead!**

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

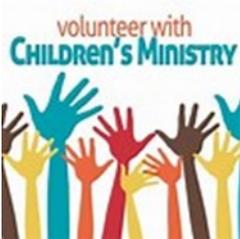
**Sunday School Updates-**

*Just a reminder - there is no Sunday school on Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup>.*

We will resume Sunday School classes during the 9:30 service on **Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>** in our Celebrate Wonder curriculum with Nancy Monthei and Emma Sandquist finishing out their teaching session.

Children begin service with their families and exit to Sunday School after the Children's Message. Sunday School is open to PreK-7<sup>th</sup> grade students on a weekly or drop-in basis.

Our next Unit surrounds Acts 16:17, "These people are servants of the Most High God! They are proclaiming a way of salvation to you!" The faith word for this unit is **PROCLAIM**. Connect with the things our Sunday School class is talking about from their Celebrate Wonder curriculum: **Allow yourself to WONDER....** What makes a good friend? **Allow yourself to DO....** Do you know someone that could use encouragement? Send them a card or letter reminding them that they are loved! **Pray...** Dear God, thank you for friends who encourage us. Amen.



**Do you enjoy spending time with children?**

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 you are 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.

**Thank you to all the children that participated in our Christmas program during the 9:30 service on December 18<sup>th</sup>!**  
**The children shared several wonderful songs and proclamations with us.**  
**Many thanks to Linda Cooley and Chasity Cooley for helping!**



**TGIW Midweek Meetup** ~ Whew!! The last month of 2022 flew by! Below is a quick recap of how we spent our time...

We had such a wonderful time celebrating the season with the children and youth in our Church! December 7<sup>th</sup> all of our Wednesday night programs went Christmas Caroling at Edencrest in Johnston. The residents loved seeing the kids and some joined the group singing familiar carols!

Santa's Attic was held on the 14<sup>th</sup> and this year we had 21 shoppers that picked out gifts for their families, what a blessing!



### 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

### Looking Ahead:

1/4 – **Service First, All Group Service Project** – Meals From The Heartland packaging shift, \*6-8pm – no meal will be served, **please eat before arriving or plan to eat after**. We will be carpooling from New Hope at 5:20pm or people can meet us on site at the packaging center, at 5:50pm.

1/11- The Mysterious Prophet

1/18- Jesus Is Here!

1/25- Jesus and the Humongous Picnic

### Wednesday Night MENU

#### January Meal Menu:

January 4 – **NO MEAL PROVIDED**, the groups will all be off-site for a service project.

January 11- Pulled pork sandwiches and potato casserole

January 18- French toast sticks, sausages, and hash browns

January 25- Sloppy joes, chips, and dessert

*A free-will donation is collected weekly to help offset the cost of the weekly meals. A suggested giving amount is \$5 per person or \$20 per family, but there is no set fee.*

Thank you to our January volunteers who prepare and serve the weekly meals during TGIW Midweek Meetup: Chris and Jenn Higdon and Pam Frey, Nancy and Dale Monthei, and The Soards Family. We appreciate the gift of your time and talents!



**THANK YOU** to everyone in the congregation that answered our call for donations toward the Santa's Attic program this year!

We had LOTS of excited shoppers this year and they were so appreciative of all the amazing things they had to choose from!

**THANK YOU** to our Jr. and Sr. BLAST helpers and the adults that stayed to help supervise the fun! We couldn't have pulled this off without you!

~ Santa's Little Helpers

**P.S.** - The children will be voting soon on where to send the \$145 of proceeds from this year from a list of ideas they created. Some of their ideas included: the care facility we sang at (Edencrest), a homeless shelter, food pantry, and an animal shelter.

Stay tuned to find out what they decide!





## Jr. BLAST ~ 6th-8th graders

In the absence of leaders of Jr. BLAST, our Sr. BLAST group has 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](mailto: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! A meal is served from 6-6:30pm Program Activities 6:30-7:30pm.

## Sr. BLAST ~ 9th - 12th graders ([BLAST@NewHopeDSM.org](mailto: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*).

With 2022 quickly ending, we are looking forward to 2023!!! We are excited about our annual events again.

The first Wednesday in January (*January 4th, 2023*); we will be joining the other Wednesday night groups in doing a service project for Meals From the Heartland. We will meet at church at 5:20pm for anyone that wants to carpool to the packaging site. Otherwise, you are welcome to drop off/meet us there at 5:50pm - 357 Lincoln St. West Des Moines, IA 50265 (*off 63rd in Valley Junction*). We will be on the packaging floor from 6-8pm for our shift. Please plan to stay the whole time. If you are carpooling with us, we will be back at New Hope for pick up at 8:30pm.

We are planning to have our Annual BLAST Christmas Party on January 11<sup>th</sup>. We will be building gingerbread houses, playing the candy cane game, and exchanging gift cards.



### *Sweethearts Dinner*

Looking forward to February; please mark the date for our upcoming Sweetheart Dinner, which is on Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Pre-registration is required for this event; \$20 per couple, \$10 per person, and \$10 per kid.

Plan now to attend this great event; signups will be at the hostess counter in the Fellowship Hall starting in January.

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

**Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> @ 5:15pm** ~ Meals From the Heartland Service Project

**Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm** ~ BLAST Christmas Party

**Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm** ~ Thank God for **BLAST** Discussion

**Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm** ~ Thank God for **BLAST** Discussion

**Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> @ 6pm** ~ Thank God for **BLAST** Discussion

**Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm** ~ Thank God for **BLAST** Discussion

**Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> @ 5pm** ~ New Hope Sweetheart Dinner

**Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm** ~ Thank God for **BLAST** Discussion

**Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 6pm** ~ Ash Wednesday Pancake Feed



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



## 2023 Altar Flower Calendar

For the Traditional Services (8:30 & 10:45), if you would like to have flowers on the altar in celebration of a birthday, anniversary, graduation, or in honor or in memory of a loved one, please sign up on the flower calendar which is located across from church office. *The flowers are \$45.00 per Sunday and you may take your flowers home after the 10:45 service.*



I'm updating our list of those that are **CPR certified.**

If you are certified, please email me at [yayafrey@gmail.com](mailto:yayafrey@gmail.com) so I may keep a current list by our AED cabinet.

Thank you!

Pam Frey, 515-490-8440



## Hand of Luke ~ Saturday, January 14th

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 January 14, 2023, will be American goulash, green beans, dinner rolls, and brownies.

**Volunteers are needed to cook the meal, transport the food to the shelter, and serve.**

**Seven volunteers are also needed to make 3 dozen brownies each. Please bring the brownies in containers that do not need to be returned.**

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

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E044DACA722A4FE3-holsaturday1>

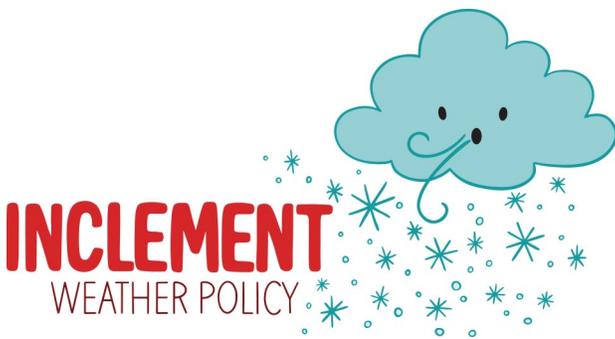
You may also contact Arlene Dabill at [dabill49@aol.com](mailto:dabill49@aol.com) or (515) 321-2059 to volunteer.



Thank you to Pastor Lilian and Kirk for planning the December meal. And, thanks to Larry & Patrice Webber for helping cook.

## Cookie Walk Success!

Sr Blast wants to say a big **THANK YOU** to all of our bakers for donating the awesome cookies, the great supporters and fantastic helpers! We are so blessed in this church! We were able to realize \$850 towards the BLAST fund.



For inclement weather closings, New Hope UMC follows the schedule of Johnston & Urbandale School System and closes when schools are not in session due to the weather.

Postings will be on Facebook at NewHopeDSM, KCCI and WHO television stations and their websites.



If you come to church and the south part of the parking lot has ice or packed snow, **PLEASE DO NOT** park where it is slippery to walk on.

Park in an area of the parking lot that is safer to walk, if you have a choice.

Usually the east and northeast part of our parking lot has more area of bare concrete than the south part does.

We do have a new snow plow contractor, so we hope clearing of the snow will be better this year.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Board of Trustees  
John Rains

# ADULT Sunday School

**Join us!**

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

## Blood Pressure Check

Next check is on **January 8th**  
**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.

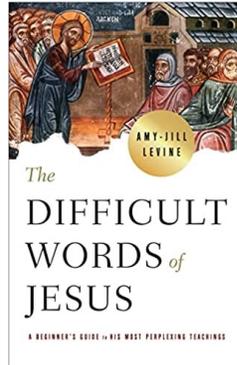


## Care Ministry Team

The Care Ministry meets  
quarterly. Next meeting is on  
**Thurs., March 9th 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. There will be no meeting in December. We will meet on **January 19th** with Dr. Levine's "Difficult Words of Jesus". Please contact Pastor Lilian of plan to attend, [Lilian@newhopedsm.org](mailto:Lilian@newhopedsm.org).

## New Hope Needlers

The Needlers will meet on Friday, January 20th, 9 am - 3 pm in the north classroom. Lunch at Panera.

Bring your sewing machine, tools and thread to sew a lap quilt of your choosing for the Care Team. There is one sewing machine available at church if yours is not portable. We have kits available to sew both Little Dresses and Little Britches.

There are also non-sewing jobs to do.

Question: Contact Diane Densmore 515-270-1974 or Jody Rains 515-238-4051.

The picture was taken in Pastor Lilian's home area of the Philippines of a few of the 100 young ladies who received a Days for Girls feminine hygiene kit that the Needlers made.



## United Women In Faith

We would like to **thank all** who have contributed to our Globe Bank, on the first Sunday of the month. We contributed \$446.51 to the Johnston Food Bank. Our Globe will be out again Sunday January 1, 2023.

We would like to welcome guests Sherri Briegal and Dawn Bachelder who came to our December meeting.

I would like to remind everyone that we do not meet in January.

**Our next Meeting will be February 16th at 9:30 am.** We will have a fun and entertaining time. All women are invited.

Thank you, Susan Clark, 515-964-5119, [suespruce@aol.com](mailto:suespruce@aol.com).



**The second half of our winter Bible study will begin February 1st at 1:00.**

There is a change of meeting days. We are going to now meet on *Wednesdays*.

The study is called, "How to Build Your Life on God's Word." We start off with readings from Timothy.

If you didn't take part in the first part, you can still join us for the second part. It is a six-week study open to men and women.

Lots of great discussion on how the Bible guides us.

We hope you can join us! Please send questions to armentabu@ gmail.com.

Armenta Buckingham and Dawn Bachelder



*Sweetheart Swing*



**Save The Date – Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup> 3-4:30pm!**

**What?** The Sweetheart Swing, A Family Dance Party

**Where?** Neil Cross Family Life Center at New Hope

**Grab your special sweethearts, dress in your best and join us for another fun family event presented by the Christian Ed Committee. Everyone is welcome! Refreshments will be served.**



As you start filling in those blank pages of your 2023 calendar, don't forget to pencil in:

**An Out Of This World VBS Experience!**

**New Hope Vacation Bible School**

**July 9-July 12, 6-8pm**



**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](mailto:nhfamily@newhopedsm.org).

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

*YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF OTHERS*

FREE LITTLE FOOD PANTRY. The new home for the Free Little Food Pantry is taking shape – but not ready yet! Watch for updates!

**WINTER IS HERE – BURRRRRRR!!!**

**Winter Pantry Suggestions:**

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|--|----------------------------------|
| Hot Chocolate Mix                          | Apple Cider mix packets          |
| Dry Soup mixes                             | Dry gravy mix                    |
| Bread/crackers                             | Powdered milk                    |
| Tea Bags                                   | Cornbread mix                    |
| Muffin mix                                 | Ramen Noodle packs               |
| Cup O' Soup                                | Dry Instant Soups                |
| Instant Mashed Potatoes                    | Rice and boxed/bagged rice sides |
| Boxed meals (hamburger or tuna)            | Tuna/Salmon in pouches           |
| Bouillon (chicken, beef, ham or vegetable) | Mac N Cheese                     |
| Boxed/bagged noodle sides                  | Cereal/cereal bars/Pop tarts     |
- Seasonings (salt, pepper, Basil, Oregano, taco seasoning, etc.)  
Snacks (fruit N nut mix, snack bars, small bags of Carmel corn, Chex mix, potato chips, corn chips, pretzels, microwave popcorn, peanuts, cookies, peanut butter and crackers, etc.)  
Oatmeal and flavored oatmeal packets, hot cereal (Cream of Wheat, Coco Wheat)  
Dried fruits (Raisins, Craisins, Banana chips, Rollups, etc.)  
Dried beans (if you do meal bags try a bag of beans with enough ham broth bouillon to add flavor and a cornbread mix)  
Pasta (Rotini, macaroni, spaghetti, egg noodles, etc.)  
Barley (comes in a box, for adding to soups and stews)  
Small bags/boxes of flour, cornmeal, sugar, brown sugar, Bisquick, pancake mix  
Presweetened Koolaid packets (warmed spiced lemonade is wonderful on a cold night)



Remember to bring non-perishable food items (refer to the list above) 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. If you have questions, please contact Jolene Harlow: 515-490-8813 or email at [rdharlow@earthlink.net](mailto:rdharlow@earthlink.net)

**In 2022, monthly donations** totaling \$1,250.00 were given to: Bidwell Riverside, Missionary Dr. Mefor, Urbandale Food Pantry, DMARC Food Bank, Women at the Well, African Immigrant and Refugee Transition Services (AIRTS) and Johnston Partnership. These donations were made possible by your support of the Rummage Sale and The Harvest Dinner at New Hope. **Thank You!**

**Update on Orchard Place:** An additional \$225.00 was sent to Orchard Place in December making the total donation to Orchard Place \$1,570.00. Thank you for supporting The Giving Tree.

**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.

*“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.” –[Galatians 6:9-10](#)*

Thanks to everyone for your prayerful pledges to New Hope for 2023. Your commitments allow New Hope to be a beacon of light in our community.



The pledges are very important to our planning for 2023. Pledges allow us to reinforce our current mission and as allowed, seek out new activities and missions to spread the word of God. Because of changes in our conference, we now retain more of our giving. Keeping our giving local helps us see the difference we make in our community. The Hand of Luke program demonstrates a direct connection between our giving and meeting the needs of our fellow men and women.

**You can still make a pledge for 2023.** If you have a pledge you want to make to New Hope, but haven't turned it in yet, turn it in when you are able. Your financial commitment is between you and God. The leaders of New Hope work tirelessly to make sure your giving honors this commitment. We are still accepting contributions toward our new furnaces. Those contributions can be sent directly to the office or dropped in the offering plate. As of 12/19/22, \$12,500 has been raised for the furnaces. Many thanks for your prayers and your gifts.

As we continue to work through our CAT process and task force reviewing all aspects of our 9:30 service, 2023 will be an exciting year. The 9:30 task force will provide a detailed plan for short- and long-term changes which will be shared with all members in the first quarter of the new year. Many aspects of the 9:30 service are shared by all services:

- How we greet ourselves and those new to the church
- How we share resources between services
- How we interact (or don't interact) with technology.

That is the short list, so, during the coming year we expect that the 9:30 task force will help us identify, discuss, and implement many opportunities for growing our congregation and impacting our community.

Finally, we will be improving how and when we provide our members with the most current information about our finances. As with most households, New Hope has not escaped the effects of inflation. The budget for 2023 will be a challenge. As we reviewed the budget, we went through each line to see if that line item is making a difference. Days and weeks of work go into making sure the budget is as lean as possible. This year's budget will be tight, and we want to make sure that we provide our members with information as quickly as possible. There might be a time when all of us may need to reflect on how we provide our time and resources to help keep our budget balanced.

Watch for communication in January and February on both the finalized budget and new methods of reporting.

In peace, hope and thanksgiving,

New Hope Stewardship and Finance Committee

**Thank you** to everyone that helped with the Christmas Eve services!! These are pictures from the 5:30 p.m. service.





## *Announcing The New Hope Endowment Fund* *A charitable gift opportunity*

Through many years and the continuous work of a devoted Christian congregation, the New Hope United Methodist Church family continues to grow and provide faith-based ministries to our community and loving support to our members.

With this in mind, we created a charitable endowment fund, allowing for financial contributions from our congregation that will establish a vital foundation block to help support and guarantee the future existence of our church.

With the new year quickly approaching, we feel the timing of this announcement will assist in the financial planning for our members who may want to establish a gift, now or in the future.

First, however, you need to know that there are many ways to accomplish this objective. Everyone has different financial abilities and desires, as others may have limited resources but have the same passion. No gift is too small, and we are forever grateful for all donations. Therefore, we encourage you to set up a time for a conversation with us. We are blessed with experienced consultants within our congregation who know how to help you identify a process that works for you. With our Lord's guidance, we will find a way together that effectively works for you and your family's legacy.

Here are some primary functions established for distributing funds from the Charitable Endowment. The only amount that may be distributed will be the interest earned from the Endowment fund. No principle is available for distribution, guaranteeing that your contribution will live well beyond your years. Distributions may be used periodically for capital projects, worship, and outreach, allowing our ministries and mission to continue.

If you are interested in finding out more about how you can participate, please contact Nancy at the church office, and she will coordinate a follow-up from a committee member.

We will host educational workshops addressing many topics inviting the general public to our campus. Look for upcoming announcements for topics, dates, and times.

We genuinely appreciate your consideration and look forward to talking with you. Thank you on behalf of the Endowment Committee, the Trustees, and the Advisory Board.

May the love light of our Lord Jesus Christ shine upon you now and forever more.

Sincerely,  
Kirk Hartung and Dave O'Brien  
Chair and committee member, New Hope Endowment Committee

# East Entrance Addition ~ Financial Update

Donations of \$1,100 were received in the month of December (as of 12/19/22) to pay down our principal balance. We continue to make our monthly P&I payment to reduce our liability. As of December 19th, \$79,147.66 has been donated. This results in a current loan balance of \$53,353.78.

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!

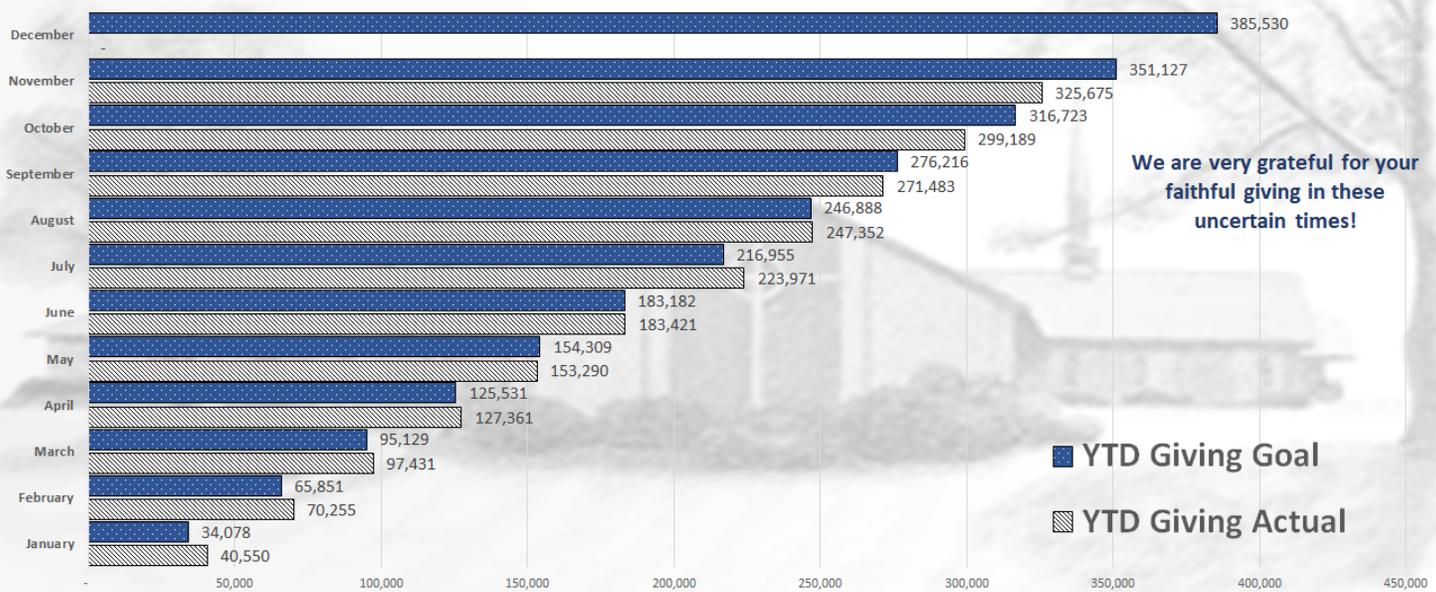
When donating to this project always write in the memo line of your check "East Entrance Addition". Thank you for your generosity and your involvement in our church!

John Rains  
East Entrance Addition  
Task Force, Chair



*Thank You for your  
Financial Support*

New Hope's Year to Date Giving Goals and Actuals for 2022



**We are very grateful for your faithful giving in these uncertain times!**



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](http://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.

# January 2023

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

**SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY**

1 10a, One Worship in the FLC Holy Communion Undecorate 	2 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> 6:30p, Girl Scouts 7:00p, Trustees Mtg.	3 9:30a, Al-Anon, R.Chapel Noon, AA, R.Chapel 6:30p, SPRC Meeting	4 6p, Confirmation Class TGIW ~ No Meal 5:20p, Meals from the Heartland 6:00p, Chancel Choir 7:00p, Praise Band practice	5 6:30p, Worship Mtg at church	6	7
8 9:30a, Sunday School 9:30a - 11a, Blood Pressure 11:45a, Ushers meeting for 10:45 service Noon, Contemporary Service Mtg.	9	10 9:30a, Al-Anon, R.Chapel Noon, AA, R.Chapel	11 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	12	13	14 8:30a, Veterans Breakfast at church 3:30p, Hand of Luke
15 9:30a, Sunday School	16 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> 6:30p, Girl Scouts	17 9:30a, Al-Anon, F.Hall Noon, AA, R.Chapel 6:30p, Finance Mtg	18 TGIW ~ Santa's Attic 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	19 7p, Bible Study at Banny's	20 9a-3p, Needlers at church	21 8a-5p FHall & FLC reserved (Jenn Higdson)
22 9:30a, Sunday School	23	24 <i>Deadline for February LINK</i> 9:30a, Al-Anon, R.Chapel Noon, AA, R.Chapel	25 6p, Confirmation Class 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	26 6:30p, Administrative Council Mtg.	27	28 10a-Noon Ruby Chapel reserved (Sharon Smith) 11:30a, Chili Cook Off
29 9:30a, Sunday School	30	31 9:30a, Al-Anon, R.Chapel Noon, AA, R.Chapel				

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

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| 1 Rick Roquet, Patrick Kyenkya | 20 Nolan Martz                                 |
| 5 David Reiersen               | 21 Brenda McCulley                             |
| 7 Henry Strauss                | 22 Dustin Henry, Darrell Bowser                |
| 8 Doug Hewitt                  | 23 Kate Cossa                                  |
| 10 Gayle Easton, Norma Wallin  | 24 George Buckingham                           |
| 13 Vivienne Lee                | 26 McKayla Johnson                             |
| 14 Doris Harvey                | 27 Margaret Holmgren                           |
| 15 Pastor Lilian Gallo Seagren | 29 Bob Robinson, Lori Marsh,<br>Carol Culver   |
| 16 Mark Thomsen                | 30 Barb Mather, Kirsten Sahlin                 |
| 19 David O'Brien               | 31 Denise Zoss, Kenny Ukabiala,<br>Jim Bolstad |



- 15: Randy & Marilyn Goodrich  
16: Phil & Vicki Ealy  
17: Keith & Julie Craighton  
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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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