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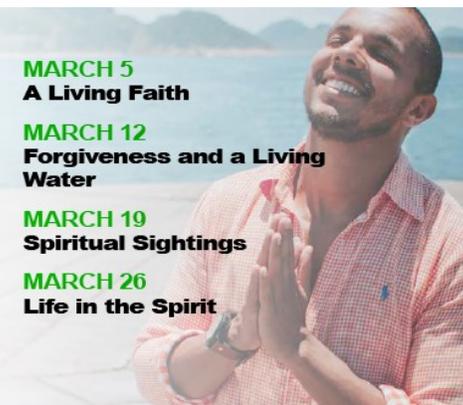
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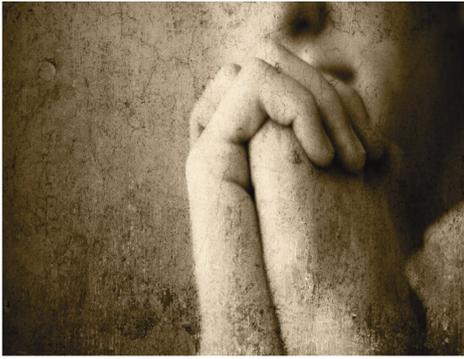


1. Devotional Booklets, "Is this the fast that I choose?", are available upon request for free-will towards printing. *Please call or email the church office, if you would like a Devotional Booklet. 515-278-2097, nancy@newhopedsm.org*
2. Laity Faith Stories are shared at various gathering times.
3. Lenten Prayer Services Every Thursday – 6:00 p.m. Laity will share their Faith Stories. Soup supper.
March 2
March 9
March 16
March 23
March 30



HOLY WEEK

1. **April 2 – Palm Sunday**
2. **Prayer Stations** will be set up in the Sanctuary or Courtyard (weather permitting) for Individual Contemplation and or Meditation from 12pm to 6:00pm.
3. **April 6 – Holy Thursday** - 6:00 p.m. Service will include Communion. Potluck supper.
4. **April 7 – Good Friday Service** – 7:00 pm with the UMC Metro Circuit at Walnut Hills UMC, 12321 Hickman Rd, Urbandale
5. **April 8 – Glory Saturday** – 6:00 p.m. with soup supper
6. **April 9 – Easter Sunday**



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:

Tara McCulley, Tim Buckner, Evette Burton, David Ruleman, Skylar Freeman, Mary Textor, Johan Gallo

Healing from Physical Issues:

Mica Wills, Freda Ruleman, Dick Cobb, Donna Hopkins, Bob Krause, Jim Mather, Vicki Ealy, Janet Fairchild, Alexandria Cooley, Allison, Larry Hulse, Karen Novotny, Jack Habick, Theresa Faber, Jennifer, Phillip DeMarco

Those Who Are in Rehabilitation and Nursing Care:

Jan Davisson,

Gayle Easton, Bev O'Brien

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



Birthday Card Shower

Please join the family of Bhanu Moses in celebrating her 88th birthday on April 9th. Birthday greetings can be sent to:

Bhanu Moses
6901 Peckham Street #108
Johnston, IA 50131

Celebration of Life

Ann Krause passed on December 20, 2022.

Her family will have a celebration of life on Saturday, March 25th at McLaren Resthaven Chapel, 801 19th St., West Des Moines.

1pm Visitation and 2pm Celebration of Life.

www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/west-des-moines-ia/ann-krause-11073051



Thank You

New Hope family,

Thank you all for the prayers, cards and memorials during Elmer's passing.

Theresa Flickinger and family

Thank you to my New Hope family for your thoughts, cards, and gifts. The quilt is BEAUTIFUL, and Randy and I both enjoyed the delicious meal. I'm definitely feeling better this week and praise God for His healing.

Thank you,
Mary Jansen

Our Sympathy

Our Sympathy to Sharon Smith on the passing of her sister, Sue Larson.

Our Sympathy to Jack & Janet Habick on the passing of Jack's daughter, Mary Vannoy.

Our Sympathy to Neal Cave, Linda & Mark Yaske, Pam & Ron Wood and their entire family on the passing of Roberta Cave, wife and mother. Her expressed wish was to have a graveside memorial service for family to be held at a later date.

Memorials can be made to New Hope United Methodist Church.

Obituary: <https://www.thecremationsocietyofiowa.com/post/roberta-cave>

Her family shares this message with her church family.

Our family would like to express our sincere appreciation for the cards, phone calls, texts, visits, and kindness we have received over the past 2 1/2 years since Bertie's cancer diagnosis. We could not feel more loved than we do, thanks to all of you, and of course, Pastor Lilian. She dearly loved her New Hope family and expressed this so often. Most of her dearest friends were from New Hope.

While we are heartbroken over her loss, we are grateful for the grace of our Lord, and the promise of Heaven. Her faith was strong throughout her illness. She was an example to us all of her life, and we are grateful to have had her, and to have all of you, in our lives.

May God bless you all.

Neal Cave, Pam and Ron Wood, Mark and Linda Yaske





Men's Breakfast Saturday, March 4th, 8:30am

All men of the church are invited to the breakfast gathering. Please contact the church office if you plan to attend 515-278-2097, nancy@newhopedsm.org. Hosts are: Gary Stubbs, Tim McCulley & David Montgomery. Please join them for great food and fellowship.



New Hope Committee for Growth

Plan to meet at Noon (lunch will be included) on March 12th in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome for discussions on how best we may enhance our worship services.



Documents and Donuts:

On Sunday, March 12th, the Finance Committee members will host a "Documents and Donuts" after each service. The committee will be sharing information on the 2023 budget and our current financial condition. So be sure to grab a donut, a chair and a Finance Committee member and visit for a while.



Hand of Luke, Tuesday, March 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 March will be goulash, green beans, fruit cocktail, and cookies. Volunteers are needed to cook the meal, transport and serve at the shelter, and donate 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-holtuesday2>



Thank you for the donations of cupcakes for the February HOL! And, thank you to Linda & Chasity Cooley's Girl Scout Troupe for decorating cupcakes! Thank you to the Confirmation Class, Mentors and Parents who served.



Veterans Helping Veterans

We will be having a Veterans breakfast at 8:30am on Saturday, March 18th. This is open to all veterans, their spouses, and supporters. If you have any questions, please contact Billy Nuzum at bbnewz54@gmail.com.

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

Sunday School Updates ~

There will be no Sunday School on March 12th for Spring Break.

Sunday School classes continue to be held during the 9:30 service using the Celebrate Wonder curriculum. Session 5 of Sunday School started on February 19th and will conclude on March 26th. This session is being taught by Tricia Berry with Jackie helping teach as the second adult. Children begin service with their families and exit to Sunday School after the Children's Message. Sunday School is open to PreK-7th grade students on a weekly or drop-in basis.

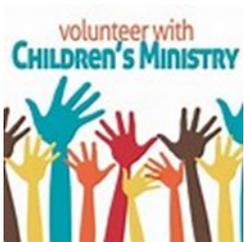
We kicked off our Faith Friends partnership program with a brunch on February 19th during our typical Sunday School time. Thank you to the adults that have volunteered to befriend the children this year. May it be a blessing for them and the children!

Our Sunday School unit during March will be focused on Lent. It will surround Luke 11:9, "*And I tell you: Ask and you will receive. Seek and you will find. Knock and the door will be opened to you.*" The faith word for the unit we will be starting is **LENT**.

Connect with the things our Sunday School class is talking about: **Allow yourself to WONDER**....Read Matthew 26: 17-35 and wonder how Jesus felt knowing one of his disciples would betray him. **Allow yourself to DO**....This month during Lent, turn off your devices at dinnertime each night. Use this time to connect with each other and with God. **Pray**... Dear God, Thank you for the special meals we share with each other. AMEN.



Photos are of Sunday School on February 12. We welcomed a special guest bearded dragon in class that day!



We are still in need of volunteers for Session 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 to volunteer with a friend!

Session 6: 4/2 - 4/30

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

Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts ministries was celebrated on Sunday, February 12th.

Chasity Cooley and Jackie Johnson read a poem at the 9:30 service.

Andrew Bogue, Luke Bogue, John Kirkpatrick and Dean Robinson performed a Flag Ceremony at the 10:45 service. Thank you all for your ministry!



TGIW Midweek Meetup Update ~

We had a fantastic February in TGIW Midweek Meetup! We started our month with a service project for our friends at Bishop Drumm care center. We made three different Valentine's Day projects as a way to shine the love of God to our community! During our next two meetings, we did lessons on God's love and friendship. We learned about the lengths a group of friends were willing to go to for their paralyzed friend to see Jesus. It was hard to imagine for some of us. We didn't meet the last Wednesday of February due to Ash Wednesday services.

We are looking forward to a magnificent March!

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:

3/1- Service First, All Group Service Project for Many Hands for Haiti

*Representatives from Many Hands are joining us at New Hope during our TGIW usual time to share about their mission and we will complete a service project sorting and readying donations for sale in their thrift stores.

3/8- Lesson, The Night Visitor

3/15- No TGIW Midweek Meetup Programs, Spring Break

3/22- Lesson, My Father's House

3/29- Lesson, The Most Important Things



Wednesday Night MENU

March Meal Menu:

3/1- Chicken sandwiches, tater tots and fruit

3/8- Sloppy joes, corn, fruit and a dessert

3/15- No programs, Spring Break

3/22-

3/29- Fried rice and rice noodles

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 volunteers who prepare and serve the weekly meals during TGIW Midweek Meetup!

We appreciate the gift of your time and talents!

The meal volunteers for March are – Chris and Jenn Higdon and Pam Frey, Bruce Bernard and Arlene Dabill, Bob and Sue Soards, and Pastor Lilian and Kirk Seagren

Join Us For An Out Of This World

VBS Experience!
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New Hope Vacation Bible School

July 9—July 12

5:30-6pm Meal

6-8pm Program



Register here: <https://forms.gle/wok4BxV3B84d49ud7>

Volunteers needed! Consider signing on for a STELLAR mission to shine the light of Jesus today!

Contact Jackie Johnson jackie@newhopedsm.org
(515)710-3239 to accept your mission today!



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 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 and there are weekly activities 6:30-7:30pm.

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

Chris Higdon, Pam Frey, McKayla Nearmyer, Brianna Johnson, Arianna Bernal and Amanda Soards

How can it be March already? However, February was a busy month of fundraising for our Staycation Mission Trip this Summer! We will be doing our Staycation starting on Monday, June 12th and ending with Hand of Luke event on Wednesday, June 14th.



Our fundraising activities got kicked off with a very successful Sweetheart Dinner on February 11th and we just finished our annual Ash Wednesday Pancake feed. Both fundraising events will allow the group to have a fun Staycation this coming summer. Additionally in February, the group had their annual Super Bowl party and our youth lock-in events.



For the next couple of months, the youth will continue to dive deeper into Life's Biggest Questions. As we will be looking into tools and ways to go deeper into our faith.

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

- Mar. 1st @ 6pm ~ 1st Wednesday Service Project
- Mar. 8th @ 6pm ~ Thank God for BLAST Discussion
- Not Meeting March 15th (Spring Break)**
- Mar. 22nd @ 6pm ~ Thank God for BLAST Discussion
- Mar. 29th @ 6pm ~ Thank God for BLAST Discussion
- Apr. 5th @ 6pm ~ 1st Wednesday Service Project
- Apr. 12th @ 6pm ~ Thank God for BLAST Discussion
- Apr. 19th @ 6pm ~ Thank God for BLAST Discussion
- Apr. 26th @ 6pm ~ Thank God for BLAST Discussion
- May 3rd @ 6pm ~ 1st Wednesday Service Project
- May 10th @ 6pm ~ Final Night Celebration

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



Addendum to the Wedding Agreement

On February 23, 2023, New Hope's Administrative Council Committee approved the submitted Addendum to the Wedding Agreement as provided by the Board of Trustees:

"When an LGBTQ+ couple approaches New Hope UMC asking to use our facilities for a wedding, we approve the following: the wedding may occur if provisions of our existing wedding agreement are met, (e.g. valid wedding license, pastor's approval of faith, and building use requirements). This action may not comply with the Guidelines of the 2016 Book of Discipline regarding weddings. A Wedding Agreement team will be convened to review and possibly revise these statements after the conclusion of the next General Conference of the UMC."

Blood Pressure Check

Next check is on **March 5th**
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.

Stroke Club of Iowa

3rd Tuesday of the month (April - September) at 7 p.m. Questions? Contact Sue Toale Knapp, 515-255-0366, stktkl@gmail.com. Online support group: <http://www.strokenetwork.org/>



Care Ministry Team

The Care Ministry meets quarterly. Next meeting is on **Thurs., March 9th at 10am in the Fellowship Hall.**

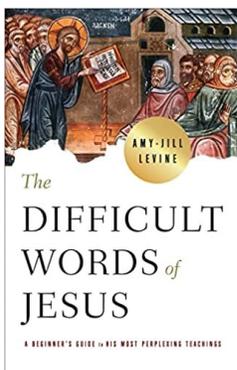
This team ministers to congregation members who have had new babies, have been in the hospital, have been ill or are dealing with grief. This team meets on a quarterly basis.

If you would like to join the Care Ministry team, please contact Clarice Rubek or Mary Ann Rice.

ADULT Sunday School

Join us!

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



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 **March 16th** 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 St. Patrick's Day, **Friday, March 17th, 9 am - 3 pm** in the north classroom. We lunch at Panera in Johnston.

Bring your sewing machine, tools and thread to sew a lap quilt of your choosing for the NHUMC Care Team.

Because of a generous donor, we now have two sewing machines available at church if yours is not portable.

Kits available to sew Little Dresses and Little Britches.

We welcome non-seamstresses to help with other jobs, such as applying snaps to Days for Girls shields and cutting ribbon and inserting the ribbon in the DfG drawstring bags for our DfG mission.

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

United Women In Faith

We would like to **thank all** who have contributed to our Globe Bank, on the first Sunday of the month. Our Globe will be out again **Sunday, March 5th.**

Our next Meeting will be March 16th at 9:30 am. All women are invited.

Thank you, Susan Clark, 515-964-5119, suespruce@aol.com.

YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF OTHERS



**You are invited to the
Blessing and Filling of the
Free Little Food Pantry
Sunday, March 5th at 1:00 pm
51st Street and Meredith Drive**

Please bring food items to help fill the pantry.

Blessing and prayers will be offered by representatives of the

community churches that support the pantry through their weekly contributions of food:

The Bridge, New Hope United Methodist Church, Resurrection Community Church of the Nazarene, Mizo Church of Iowa

Also, remember 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. If you have questions, please contact Jolene Harlow: 515-490-8813 or email at rdharlow@earthlink.net



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, email Nancy at the church at nancy@newhopedsm.org to give her the same information.

In 2023 monthly donations will be 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.



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.

In Mission Together: Pick up the completed form for 2022 that lists the support New Hope has given to missions on the local, conference, national and international levels. This involves many groups and individuals in our church that fulfill Mathew 25 ("Whatever you did for the least of these, you did for me.")



Excerpts from the Iowa Conference United Methodist Church News...

Bishop Kennetha J. Bigham-Tsai installed as Iowa UM Conference's New Episcopal Leader

"This is the church Wesley envisioned when he said, 'Though we cannot think alike, may we not love alike.' Wesley said we may not be of the same opinion, but can't we be of the same heart? Can't we have hearts centered in love?" asked Bishop Kennetha J. Bigham-Tsai during her installation service at Collegiate United Methodist Church and Wesley Foundation on February 19, 2023. She preached from Matthew 16: 13-18 asking the hundreds gathered to reflect on their identity as United Methodists in her sermon titled "Remembering Who We

Are." Read more at: <https://www.iaumc.org/>

In conclusion, she asked, "You remember who we are, don't you? We are the baptized. And we are United Methodists. Help me spell it.

U-Unifiers in Christ Jesus
N-Navigators of his love
I-Incubators of the faith
T-Tillers of God's mission field
E-Exhorters of the Good News
D-Drum majors for justice.

M-Manifesters of God's Mercy
E-Edifiers of the Body of Christ
T-Toilers in the Kin'dom of God
H-Healers of a broken world
O-Overcomers of despair
D-Deliverers of hope
I-Imitators of Christ in the fullness of his joy
S-Seekers after his righteousness
T-Testifiers to God's grace revealed to us in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Iowa Annual Conference, remember who you are!"



Thank you to everyone that donated to our New Hope Souper Bowl!

We really appreciate you getting in the game to tackle hunger in our community! Despite the cancellation and cold weather, we were able to have an impressive ending score in our game!

The Kansas City Chiefs were not only victorious on the field this year, but also in our New Hope version!

(Top) The generous donations given during the Souper Bowl!
(Bottom) Brennan Johnson transporting the donations to Johnston Partnership!

When all turnovers, touchdowns, field goals and tin cans were tallied, the scoreboard showed:
Kansas City Chiefs- 279
Philadelphia Eagles- 224



Everyone's favorite team comes out on top when we are feeding members of our community in need!
This year's donations benefitted Johnston Partnership.



Help us welcome the community to New Hope UMC!

We are hosting a Community Easter Egg Hunt on **Saturday, April 1st at 2pm!**

Hippity hop to the Welcome Center to see how you can help and to get signed up to help us with this fantastic community event!!

We need a few EGG-ceptional **volunteers to help with set up/clean up and supervising the event!**

If you aren't able to help or want to do that and more, we also need **donations of 24 or 48 candy filled plastic eggs or bags of candy** that would fit in the plastic eggs. Please sign up soon to help us plan and bring your donations to the Welcome Center by *no later than March 26th*.

The Board of Trustees invites you to help with the **“Spring Campus Clean Up Day” ~ Saturday, April 8th, 9:00a.m. until finished (Lunch will be provided).**

Tasks will be cleaning up flower beds (landscape areas), trimming bushes (spirea), removing old mulch from some locations, spreading new mulch where we can, landscape around the parsonage included, cutting up a fallen tree, picking up sticks in front and side yards.

Items needed will be - lawn rakes (not garden rakes), gloves, dress appropriate for the weather, pruning shears, electric or gas powered hedge trimmer, leaf blower, chain saw.

Please plan to assist with cleaning up our church campus! Next day is Easter, so we want the campus to look outstanding! If there are any questions, please call, text or email John Rains.

Thank you in advance for your time and effort!

Board of Trustees



Save the Dates: Face to Face Emmanus for persons 60 and older.

New Hope UMC will host this event on April 10th, 11th, 13th and 14th, 9am - 3pm each day.

If you...

~ Are 60 years and older

~ Desire a deeper, more meaningful walk with the risen Christ

~ Hope for Christ's love to be real in every relationship you have, and

~ Wish to make a deeper impact on the world and your community of faith by living a

life centered on Jesus, then **Face to Face is for you.**

Registration: <https://www.iowawalktoemmaus.org/face-to-face> and scroll down and click on “Sign Up”.

This is highly recommended by Pastor Lilian. And when a sponsor is needed Kirk and Pastor Lilian will sponsor you.

Questions? please contact Netha Pipho at 515-577-8964.

Thank you to the Confirmation Class for assisting Pastor Lilian with the February 22nd Ash Wednesday service.

Abigail Carrigan, Taylyn Berry, Charlie Strauss, Bradley Carrigan and Luke Bogue (in order of the picture) read scriptures and readings and did the Imposition of Ashes.



East Entrance Addition ~ Financial Update

No donations have been received in the month of February (as of 02/19/23) to pay down our principal balance. We continue to make our monthly P&I payment to reduce our liability.

As of February 19th, \$79,797.66 has been donated. This results in a current loan balance of \$52,113.86.

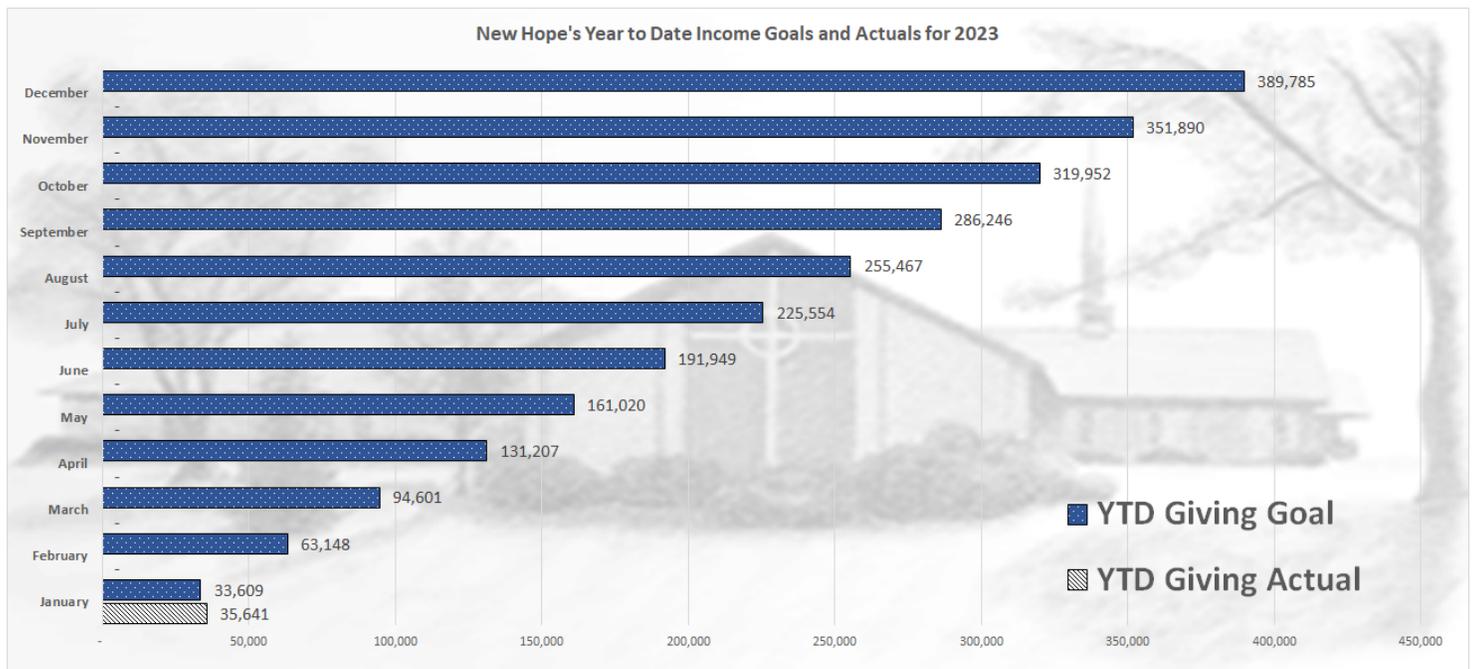
We appreciate all of you who have made monthly pledges to this project until fully paid. All of your donations, regardless the amount, was and is, greatly appreciated!

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.

Are We a Mission First Congregation?

By Robin Harlow, Finance Secretary

At the bottom of this page, you will find a summarized annual budget for New Hope. On March 12th, Stewardship and Finance will be hosting our Documents and Donuts. We will have detailed budget documents for your review and to take home for light reading. To help those that do choose to review the detailed budget, I pulled four questions from the UMC's Finance Guidelines, *Handling God's Money in the Church*.

Does our budget reflect the intent of our mission?

Are you able to understand the operating budget as a primary confession of what God is calling us to do?

Does our budget show an increasing or decreasing commitment to making disciples for the transformation of the world?

What percentage of the operating budget funds ministry outside the walls of our church?

For 2023 our goal will be to intentionally engage our congregation in helping us discern what our goals are so that we can move closer to what the guidelines call being "Mission First". In its simplest form, the guidelines describe "Mission First" as "within a church, a budget is far more than simply a set of numbers; it reveals the true mission and purpose of the congregation. Only those things that the members are willing to fund are really of value to them".

In upcoming articles, I'll go into the details of HOPE (Hospitality, Offer Christ, Purpose, and Engagement) and why HOPE is important to being a "Mission First" congregation.

	2022 Actual		2023 Budget		Change	
	Actual	% of Total	Budget	% of Total	Dollars	%
Income						
Total Envelopes, Pledges, and Loose Plate	\$348,210	97.04%	\$368,000	94.41%	\$19,790	5.68%
Total Other Income	\$2,906	0.81%	\$13,210	3.39%	\$10,304	354.57%
Total Special Services Income	\$7,519	2.10%	\$8,575	2.20%	\$1,056	14.04%
Sunday School Offering	\$0	0.00%	\$0	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
Vacation Bible School	\$206	0.06%	\$0	0.00%	-\$206	-100.00%
Total Income	\$358,841	100.00%	\$389,785		\$30,944	8.62%
Expense						
Total Apportionments (UMC)	\$43,434	11.60%	\$41,753	10.73%	-\$1,681	-3.87%
Total Employee Benefits	\$6,244	1.67%	\$6,780	1.74%	\$536	8.58%
Total Missions	\$8,796	2.35%	\$8,796	2.26%	\$0	0.00%
Total Office Expense	\$63,588	16.98%	\$65,654	16.88%	\$2,066	3.25%
Total Pastoral Leader	\$113,319	30.25%	\$116,149	29.86%	\$2,830	2.50%
Total Subscriptions & Memberships	\$2,543	0.68%	\$2,794	0.72%	\$252	9.90%
Total Trustee	\$82,793	22.10%	\$79,829	20.52%	-\$2,964	-3.58%
Total Work Programs	\$10,618	2.83%	\$19,645	5.05%	\$9,027	85.02%
Total Worship	\$43,256	11.55%	\$47,590	12.23%	\$4,334	10.02%
Total Expense	\$374,591	100.00%	\$388,990	100.00%	\$14,400	3.84%
Net Income	-\$15,749		\$795			



STAFF PASTOR PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES: Promotes unity in the church, educates the congregation on the value of diversity, supports and encourages the Pastor and staff and provides counsel on matters of priorities and the mobilization of gifts, skills and time for the mission and ministry of the congregation.

Consults with the Pastor and staff in identifying continuing education and arranges support for the pursuit of continuing education, health and

wholeness.

Makes annual recommendation of Pastor and staff compensation packages, modifies or creates job descriptions, recommends to the Administration in consultation with the Pastor staffing changes.

Makes themselves available for training on personnel matters.

Enlists, examines and recommends Lay Servants, Lay Speakers and persons seeking candidacy and ordained and credentialed ministries.

Cooperates with the Pastor, District Superintendent and Bishop in securing clergy leadership.

MONTHLY TASKS

1 st Tuesday of the Month	TASKS <i>(There are other tasks that may come when staff hiring is needed.)</i>
January	Orient committee members of their role and responsibilities.
February	*Review expectations of the pastor, the staff, lay leaders, and church members. *Provide support (as needed) for family members of the Pastor and Staff.
March	*Review self-caring strategies of the Pastor and Staff, including days off, time for spiritual renewal, vacation plans, continuing education, etc. *Review Mission, Vision, CAT Strategies and updates.
April	*Review your congregation's plan for identifying, encouraging, and supporting persons with gifts for ministry. *Conduct an annual review of the Pastor using Another Set of Eyes, the assessment tool approved by the Appointive Cabinet and Board of Ordained Ministry.
May	*Conduct an annual review of the parsonage(s) with the trustees.
June	*Plan and implement an expression of appreciation for the Pastor and Staff.
July	* Review ministry expectations of the pastor, staff, lay leaders, and church member.
August	* Review and recommend compensation and expense packages for the Pastor for the next calendar year.
September	* Review and recommend compensation and expense packages for the Pastor and staff for the next calendar year.
October	*Clergy and Staff appreciation month. *Conduct an annual review of Staff.
November	*Review and plan for continuing education needs of the Pastor and Staff. *Prepare recommendations for the next calendar's Staff Salaries.
December	*Report next year's Compensation Budgets to Stewardship and Finance. *Organize and implement an expression of appreciation for the pastor and staff.



“Christmas in June”

Craft Show Presented by United Women in Faith
Saturday, June 10, 2023, 9am – 3pm

United Women in Faith (UWF) is sponsoring an arts and craft show in June. There will be many different artists at this event. UWF will have a holiday table as well.

Save your gently used Christmas or any holiday decorations to donate – more details on that later.

Are you interested in having a booth at this event to display your works of art? Please contact Glenna Ross glenna25@hotmail.com for more information and a registration form.

The funds from this event will go to supporting our UWF missions in our community.

Please save the date so you can come and support our local artists.

RUMMAGE SALE

Calling All Volunteers!!!

As you are planning your summer 2023, please be thinking about how you can help our Church by carving out some time in your busy schedule to help with our annual Rummage Sale the week of July 23rd! We have a dedicated team of amazing volunteers, but there is ALWAYS a place for new helping hands! We have a lot of different levels of commitment. If you have a lot of time to gift us with, please consider overseeing an area! If you can only spare an hour or two, that's fine too!

Mark your calendars for donation day Sunday, July 23! Donations can be made from the conclusion of services-7pm.

Share our sale times with your friends and family!

July 27- Noon-6pm

July 28- 9-6pm

July 29- 9-Noon

If you have questions or to get involved, please contact Jackie Johnson at (515)710-3239 or jackiejohnson81@aol.com.

Thank you to everyone that came out on Saturday, January 28th for the delicious Chili Cook-Off! There were 16 crockpots of Chili to taste and vote on.

All entries were greatly appreciated and were amazing!!

This was a fun church & community event organized by the Bridge Committee: Glenna Ross, DeVonne Douglas, Pam Frey, Mel Forbes, Jackie Johnson and Nancy Monthei.



Congratulations to our 2023 Chili-Off champions!
1st Place- Patrick Kasper
2nd Place- Katy Merhroff
3rd Place- Gary Stubbs



March 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 1p, Bible Study 6p, Confirmation Class TGIW - PreK-12th grade 6:00-6:30 Meal Served 6:30-7:30 Activities 7:30a, Puppets 6:00p, Chancel Choir 7:00p, Praise Band practice	2 6:00p, Lenten Prayer 7:00p, Worship Mtg at church	3	4 8:30a, Men's Breakfast at church 10a - Noon, R.Chapel reserved (Sharon Smith)
5 2nd Sunday in Lent Communion 9:30a, Sunday School 9:30a - 11a, Blood Pressure 1p, Blessing of the Free Little Food Pantry 7p, Scouts mtg (Jackie)	6 6:30p, Girl Scouts (Linda Cooley) 7:00p, Trustees Mtg.	7 9:30a, Al-Anon, R.Chapel Noon, AA, R.Chapel 6:30p, SPRC Meeting	8 1p, Bible Study TGIW - PreK-12th grade 6:00-6:30 Meal Served 6:30-7:30 Activities 7:30a, Puppets 6:00p, Chancel Choir 7:00p, Praise Band practice	9 10a, Care Team Mtg, F.Hall 6:00p, Lenten Prayer	10	11 9a—Noon, F.Hall reserved 5p, F.Hall reserved (Pastor Lilian)
12 3rd Sunday in Lent No Sunday School Documents & Donuts by Finance Committee Noon, Committee for Growth (with lunch)	13	14 9:30a, Al-Anon, F.Hall Noon, AA, R.Chapel 3:30p, Hand of Luke	15 6p, Confirmation Class No Kids/Youth Activities 6:00p, Chancel Choir 7:00p, Praise Band practice	16 9:30a, United Women in Faith 6:00p, Lenten Prayer 7p, Bible Study at Banny's	17 Church Office Closed 9a-3p, Needlers at church	18 8:30a, Veterans Breakfast, F.Hall (Billy Nuzum)
19 4th Sunday in Lent 9:30a, Sunday School 10:45 Lane baptism 5p, Education Mtg	20 6:30p, Girl Scouts (Linda Cooley)	21 9:30a, Al-Anon, R.Chapel Noon, AA, R.Chapel 5:30p, Capital Reserve mtg., 6:30p, Finance Mtg	22 1p, Bible Study TGIW - PreK-12th grade 6:00-6:30 Meal Served 6:30-7:30 Activities 7:30a, Puppets 6:00p, Chancel Choir 7:00p, Praise Band practice	23 6:00p, Lenten Prayer 6:30p, Administrative Council Mtg.	24 <i>Deadline for April LINK</i>	25 8:30a-11a, F.Hall, FLC reserved (Girl Scouts) Ann Krause—Celebration of Life at McLaren Funeral Home 1p, Visitation 2p, Service
26 5th Sunday in Lent 9:30a, Sunday School	27 6p-8p, F.Hall & Sanctuary reserved (Jackie Johnson)	28 9:30a, Al-Anon, R.Chapel Noon, AA, R.Chapel	29 TGIW - PreK-12th grade 6:00-6:30 Meal Served 6:30-7:30 Activities 7:30a, Puppets 6:00p, Chancel Choir 7:00p, Praise Band practice	30 6:00p, Lenten Prayer	31	

***UMCOR Sunday, March 19:** Your generous gift supports the United Methodist Committee on Relief's (UMCOR) administrative costs so that all designated gifts will go to the program of the giver's choice. Your contribution ensures UMCOR's response in times of crisis.



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

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| 1 Keith Craighton, Deanne Rowland, | 17 Rick Gier, Mark Baldwin, Becky Baker, |
| 2 Laura Cross | Taylyn Berry |
| 3 Ashlyn Meyer | 18 Nina Moses, Laelyn Bowser |
| 4 Kevin Upah, Kristin Welter,
Emma Lemke, Carol Weigel | 19 Tyler Nearmyer, Myles Redies, Jocelyn
O'Brien, Preshia Paulding |
| 5 Rex Haugland, Patricia Wadsworth | 21 Matthew Henry |
| 6 Vicki O'Brien, Tami Wise,
Janet Herrold | 22 Amanda Herring |
| 8 Pam Johnson, Robert Krause | 23 Richard Cobb, Trudy Gurnsey,
Chad Meyer |
| 9 Henry Roff | 25 Sharon Symonds, Caleb Neu |
| 10 Darlene Gier | 26 Shelley Larsen |
| 11 Diane Densmore, Andrew Higdon | 27 Cathy Cate, Levi Sheer, Al Foote |
| 14 Norma Pecinovsky | 28 Natalie VanderLinden, Margaret Miller |
| 15 Brianna Johnson | 30 Don Ummel, Brody Egger |
| 16 Charlotte Schultz, Aaron Homard | |



- 5: Larry & Patrice Webber
8: Joshua & Celeste Nelson
9: Kirk & Lilian Seagren
11: Damon & Tracy DeBates

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
with us

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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