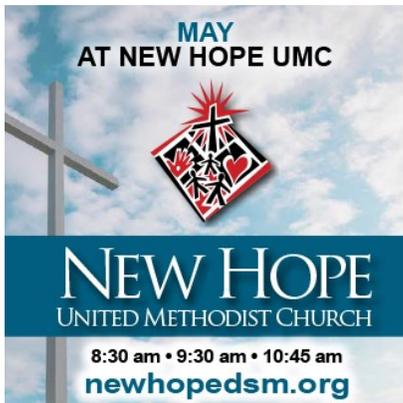


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Graduate Recognition ~ May 21st @ 9:30 AM

Graduate Recognition will be on Sunday, May 21st, 9:30 AM, at New Hope UMC. We invite all graduates: high school, college, and higher degrees, to send us information to be included in the bulletins to celebrate your accomplishments with you.

Please send the below information to the church office, nhfamily@newhopedsm.org by Friday, May 5th.

High School Graduates:

- GRADUATE'S NAME:
- PARENTS NAMES:
- HIGH SCHOOL:
- PLANS AFTER HIGH SCHOOL:

College/Graduate School Graduates:

- GRADUATE'S NAME:
- COLLEGE:
- DEGREE(S):
- FUTURE PLANS:



Everyone Is Welcome To Join Us!

**New Hope UMC
TGIW Midweek Meetup Presents
Talent Show and Food Truck
Wednesday, May 10th, 6pm-7:30pm,
Church Parking Lot**

Join us for a Family Fun Night as we celebrate the end of our TGIW programs for the school year!

If you are interested in showcasing your talent, please email Jackie Johnson - jackie@newhopedsm.org

Off The Griddle Food Truck will be serving from 6pm - 7pm.

Find their Menu on Facebook: OFFTHEGRIDDLEIA

\$5 of each meal cost will be covered.

Bring a lawn chair and a friend and join us for a fun evening with our church family!



*For mothers and mother-figures,
we pray and give thanks. And,
God, for all the ways you bring
forth new life and nurture it in love, we praise you.*

HAPPY
Mother's Day
May 14, 2023

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:

Barb Agan, Evette Burton,
David Ruleman, Skylar Freeman,
Mary Textor, Johan Gallo, Johnny
Johnson, Jason Sloss

Healing from Physical Issues:

Marilyn Goodrich, Jesse Fagen,
Freda Ruleman, Dick Cobb,
Jim Mather, Jon Gurnsey, 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,
Vicki Ealy, Bob Krause,
Joyce Bachelder

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

Congregation may use the Ruby
Chapel for prayer time on Sundays,
10:45am – 12:30pm. Materials are
available.



Chair Yoga Stretch

Every Monday and Wednesday at 9:30 a.m., join us for Chair Yoga Stretch (no fee).

This is a gentle yoga that is done while you are seated on a chair. It's a 30 minute session. The instructors are from Youtube videos. Please meet in the Fellowship Hall. *This is for anyone and any age.* Questions? Please contact Glenna Ross at 515-321-3010.

Welcome To Our Church Family!

On April 30th, we welcomed Gary Williamson to our New Hope UMC family.

Gary Williamson, 8308 Colby Drive, #339, Urbandale, IA 50322. 352-256-7721, gwilliamson206@gmail.com. Gary joins New Hope UMC by transfer from Trinity UMC in Gainesville, FL. Earl Lewis is Gary's shepherd.

Birth

Congratulations to Noah and Jenna Parker on the birth of their daughter, Aurelia Faye Parker. Aurelia was born on April 1, 2023.

Thank You

The memorial committee of Glenna Ross, Carolyn Burrough, Armenta Buckingham and the New Hope Trustees would like to give a big thank you to Diane Densmore and Jackie Johnson for organizing and updating the Memorial Records!

The Memorial Records are in the Narthex Library if you'd like to see them.



Thank you to everyone that made a donation to our benefit baby shower for The Lighthouse of Des Moines!

We received everything pictured and multiple bags of infant/toddler clothing that are not pictured here.

These items will be a blessing to the families that receive them!

Cancellation

The Christmas in June Art & Craft show has been canceled.

New Hope Shepherding Program

Monday, May 8th, at 6:00 pm you are invited to attend a training session on becoming a Shepherd or if you have already been a Shepherd we would love to hear your stories. This is an excellent opportunity for you to get involved and meet new people.

The purpose of the program is to provide support, encouragement and information to people who are considering membership in New Hope UMC as they prayerfully discern the opportunities provided by New Hope in comparison to what they are seeking.



United Women in Faith - Fundraiser

On **May 14th**, there will be a variety of homemade pies for purchase. Buy your Mother's Day dessert!

All proceeds will go to UMF's mission projects.

If you would like to donate homemade pies, please deliver them to the church on Saturday, May 13th, 3-5pm.

Questions? Call Sharon Smith 515-419-7082 or Susan Clark 515-964-5119.

Join Us For An Out Of This World
JOIN US FOR AN OUT OF THIS WORLD

VBS Experience!
VBS EXPERIENCE!

New Hope Vacation Bible School

July 9—July 12

5:30-6pm Meal

6-8pm Program



Free Registration here:

<https://forms.gle/wok4BxV3B84d49ud7>

Forward the link above to invite friends or neighbors to join you for a stellar time this summer!

Register by June 1st to guarantee a free t-shirt.

VBS Volunteers Needed!

There is still SPACE for you to volunteer for an intergalactic mission at New Hope UMC this summer! We would love to have you join our crew of amazing astronauts blasting off July 9th-12th for an important mission spreading the love of Jesus far and wide.

If you are able to suit up this year, please visit the Children's Ministry bulletin board/table and fill out the back of one of our astronauts with your name and volunteer role preference and then see Jackie to have your pre-mission picture taken.



As a follow-up to CAT Priority 1, the Growth Team was convened and has completed its initial work and is ready to present the goals to New Hope's members. Following the Friendship Service on Sunday, April 30th the team will present the goals at the potluck. As part of the presentation, the team will solicit additional ideas from the attendees. For those not attending the potluck, members will be able to submit their ideas directly to Robin Harlow at rdharlow@earthlink.net or by calling at (515) 419-3367.



The Congregational Assessment Tool (CAT) identified five priorities for our congregation:

Priority 1 - Make the necessary changes to attract families with children and youth to our church.

Priority 2 - Reaching new people and incorporating them into the church.

Priority 3 - Provide more opportunities for Christian education and spiritual formation at every age and stage in life.

Priority 4 - Create more opportunities for people to form meaningful relationships.

Priority 5 - Work to renew and revitalize the community around the church by building coalitions and partnerships.

Many thanks to those that helped gather the "low hanging fruits" of these priorities. But now is the time to reach a little deeper into our time, talents and resources and begin the heavy lifting that will be required to truly meet New Hope's vision of being:

Called to grow disciples of Jesus Christ by strengthening our Church Family and transforming communities.

The Growth Team is offering the following goals for your consideration, discussion, and assistance:

- Update New Hope's technology. Crucial to reaching a new generation of both church and non-church population.
- Live stream our services. Live streamed services would be recorded.
- Update our website. Would include an ongoing maintenance plan for content.
- Increase our use of social media.
- Develop an advertising presence. Monitor for what works and what doesn't work.
- Develop a communication plan for the Beaver Ave side of the church.
- Continue to grow our Childrens/youth programming through increased advertising across all forms of communications.
- Develop connections with local civic organizations (I.E., Chamber of Commerce, Neighborhood Associations, etc.)
- Build partnerships with schools. Especially focusing on those lacking formal parent associations.
- Encourage congregation's musicians to offer their talents.

These goals will need energy to develop and move them into actions. We will need the help of all our members to accomplish these priorities.

We will not only need those that understand technology, but just as important, we will need those that gather content, deciding what, when, and where content appears on our website or social media platform. Are you a member of a civic organization or staff member at a school? Liaisons into the community will help us identify our local needs so that we can rally to help meet those needs. Did you sing or play an instrument in high school or are you currently a member of a music organization? We can use your talents! Do you like to daydream or brainstorm? We can use your ideas!

Our hope is that you will see something on our list that will speak to your heart and say, "I can help". Helping will not only address our priorities and goals, but help us move closer to fulfilling our mission of:

Following Christ, Inspiring Minds, Loving Hearts, Serving Hands and Impacting Communities

With many thanks and in peace,
The Growth Team

Sunday School Updates ~

Sunday School classes continue to be held during the 9:30 service using the Celebrate Wonder curriculum. We have just ended Session 6 with the help of one-time teachers throughout this session. 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 just wrapped up our final unit in our Celebrate Wonder curriculum. Connect with the things our Sunday School class is talking about: Allow yourself to **WONDER**...Read John 21: 1-19 and wonder what Jesus meant when he asked Peter to feed his sheep. Allow yourself to **DO**...Peter's friends cared for him when he was feeling low. Reach out to a friend in your life this week. **Pray**... Dear God, thank you for friends who show us your love. Amen.

For the remaining weeks of Sunday School, we will be teaching stand-alone lessons.

Our final Sunday School of the school year will be held on Sunday, May 21st. This will be a celebratory day for a wonderful year of learning together!

Thank you to each of our volunteer teachers and helpers in the children's ministry programs during the 2022/2023 school year! We are so blessed to have such nurturing and caring adults at New Hope that have a heart for the youngest members of our flock.

We will be hosting a volunteer appreciation breakfast for all of our youth program volunteers in early June as a small token of our gratitude for each one of you. Please stay tuned for further details.



Thank you to everyone that made donations toward the April 1st Easter Egg Hunt!! Your donations made 4,000+ eggs to find!!

And, thank you to all the amazing volunteers that helped with the Egg Hunt and welcomed each of the 200+ visitors!! It's just such a joy to see all the volunteers having fun as well as all the participants!!

Special thank you to the Bridge Team for organizing the event: DeVonne Douglas, Melisa Forbes, Pam Frey, Jackie Johnson, Nancy Monthei & Glenna Ross.

And a special, special thank you to Brennan Johnson for being the Easter Bunny!

More pictures can be found on Facebook: NewHopeDSM



TGIW Midweek Meetup Update ~

April was full of excitement in our Wednesday night program! We started the month with our joint service project, a baby shower to honor The Lighthouse in Des Moines. We received a many wonderful donations toward this effort, *thank you* to the congregation for your support! *Special thanks* to **Charlene Cobb** for helping deliver the donations! During our baby shower, we played several traditional baby shower games and even had a baby food taste testing challenge! We had a huge crowd to sample the first food... it was peas, and the interest dwindled from there. April 12, all of our TGIW groups headed outside to enjoy the beautiful evening with games on the lawn. April 19, we enjoyed a pizza and movie night in the Family Life Center with a screening of The Peanuts Movie and popcorn! The last Wednesday of the month, we did a lesson on Jesus' ascension into heaven.

Read all about our *Magnificent May...*

5/3- All group service project, Mother's Day Project

*We have also invited Patrick Booth (UMC missionary in Cambodia) to come and speak with us about his work, but are waiting on confirmation that he will be joining us.

5/10- TGIW Midweek Meetup Celebration, **This is our final Wednesday night program of the school year!** Join us to celebrate a wonderful year of fellowship, fun and faith building. We will be hosting a New Hope talent show and local favorite food truck, Off The Griddle, from 6pm-7:30pm. Grab a lawn chair and a friend and join us for a fun evening with our church family!

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

Wednesday Night MENU

May Meal Menu:

4/5- Spaghetti, garlic bread, and a veggie

5/10- Off The Griddle Food Truck

A suggested giving amount for weekly meals is \$5 per person or \$20 per family, but there is no set fee. Thank you to our volunteers who prepare and serve the meals during TGIW Midweek Meetup! We appreciate the gift of your time and talents! The meal volunteers for May are – Chris/Jenn Higdon and Pam Frey



Everyone outside enjoying the beautiful weather, games and activities on April 12th!



Jr. BLAST ~ 6th-8th graders

In the absence of leaders dedicated to our Jr. BLAST group, our Sr. BLAST group has welcomed Jr. BLAST into their gatherings for an entire year of TGIW programming! THANK YOU to Chris Higdon and Pam Frey for their dedication and to the Sr. BLAST youth for being understanding of this change.

That said, we are looking for leaders that would specifically oversee the Jr. BLAST age group on Wednesday nights for the upcoming school year, beginning in September of 2023. If you have a heart for service and enjoy working with youth, please reach out to Jackie at jackie@newhopedsm.org for more information.

Just a reminder that 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!

The final Wednesday night meeting of the 2022/2023 school year is on Wednesday, May 10th for our New Hope Talent Show and Food Truck event.

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

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

This year, we will be ending our weekly gathers after our end of the year celebration with the congregation on Wednesday, May 10th (6pm to 7:30pm). Join us on Wednesday night for food from the Food Truck - Off the Griddle!

As we are wrapping up the 2022-2023 school year; we are also wrapping up our weekly gatherings on Wednesday nights and the ALPHA program that we have been studying.

Did you know that we are going to spend 20 Years and 3 months Sleeping!

- 10 Years and 5 months Watching TV!
- 7 Years and 6 months Eating and Drinking!
- 18 Months waiting in lines and 6 Months at Red Lights!

We have approximately 570,000 hours life to live... And we spend very little time asking and talking about life's biggest questions! This year, Senior BLAST spend most of our weekly gathering time talking about life's bigger questions and what it means to be a believer.

As we have already announced; we won't be traveling for our Summer 2023 Mission Trip this year. However, we are going to do our second Staycation mission trip in Des Moines. This experience is open to both Junior and Senior BLAST groups. We will be doing our Staycation starting on Monday, June 12th and ending with Hand of Luke event on Wednesday, June 14th.



Let us know if you will be participating in our Staycation Mission Trip this year! We will be staying at the Church.

We will dismiss everyone in the early afternoon to go home and clean up from the day's activities. We will regather in the evening for dinner before heading into our evening activities. We are currently planning several service events that will be going on during our Staycation Mission Trip. Additionally, we will have a fun team building activity that we will also be doing. We are looking forward to this event in June!

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

- **Apr. 26th @ 6pm ~ Thank God for BLAST Discussion**
- **May 3rd @ 6pm ~ 1st Wednesday Service Project**
- **May 10th @ 6pm ~ Final Night Celebration**
- **June 12th – June 14th ~ New Hope Staycation Mission Trip Experience**

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

Blood Pressure Check
Next check is on **June 4th**,
9:30am-11am 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, stktel1@gmail.com.
Online support group:
<http://www.strokenetwork.org/>



Care Ministry Team

The Care Ministry meets quarterly. Next meeting is on **Thurs., June 8th 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.

Men's Fellowship will not meet in the summer months. Watch for updates!

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.
We will meet on **May 18th** with Dr. Levine's "Difficult Words of Jesus".
Please contact Pastor Lilian of plan to attend, Lilian@newhopedsm.org.

New Hope Needlers

The Needlers sewing group will meet on Friday, May 19th from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm in the north classroom with lunch at Panera.

Our group makes lap quilts for the NHUMC Care Team for our church members. Please bring your own quilt project.



We sew Little Dresses and Little Britches for Self-Help International's mission in Ghana. Dress and britches kits are provided.

We make Days for Girls feminine hygiene kits to help girls stay in school every day. Pictured are 10 of the girls at the Aldersgate School in Nueva Vizcaya Province in the Philippines who recently received one of the 100 kits we shipped there.



Bring your sewing machine and needed supplies of scissors, pins and thread, or use one of the two sewing machines from the church closet and join us for a day of stitching and fellowship.

If you don't sew, you can still help with easy tasks, such as cutting ribbon lengths and inserting those ribbons into drawstring bags.

Questions: Contact Diane Densmore, 515-270-1974 or Jody Rains, 515-278-8282.



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, May 7th.**

Our next Meeting will be May 18th at 9:30 am.
Brenda McConahay will be our speaker.

All women are invited!

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

MISSION NEWS ~ Marilyn Osborn, Chair of Mission Committee

YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF OTHERS

Pastor Lilian sent us an Easter letter. She reminded us that New Hope United Methodist Church's mission statement is **"Following Christ, inspiring minds, loving hearts, serving hands and impacting communities."**

She included a listing of 2022 Faith by Numbers. A few of the numbers listed were:

Total food items to Food Banks and Pantry – 2,175

Total Grains from Grain Bin – 350 lbs.

Total Mission Monies Given to Local Mission - \$19,617

Total Work Hours Given to Local Mission – 1,000 hours (scheduled service projects)

Total Wednesday Children and Youth Programs – 37

Average Worship Attendance (In-Person and Parking Lot) – 142

Coming soon is a visual of what these numbers represent and what 142 members of New Hope United Methodist Church have accomplished in 2022. The numbers can be even larger in 2023.



One Year Anniversary for Free Little Food Pantry!

May 2022 the New Hope congregation began to supply the Free Little Food Pantry with 20 food items every Monday. It is one year later and the New Hope congregation has done an amazing job of supporting this mission and have increased the number of food items to 30 every Monday.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU

Free Little Food Pantry – 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. *Please no opened boxes or expired items.* Canned fruit in light syrup is preferred. 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.



Hand of Luke ~ Sunday, May 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 May will be goulash, fruit cocktail, green beans, and cookies.

Chris Higdon and the Birt Durham Circle Crew will be cooking, transporting and serving the meal this month. Thank you, Chris and friends!

Seven volunteers are needed to donate 3 dozen cookies each of your choice (no peanut butter or nuts, please). Please bring cookies 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-holsunday1>

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



New Hope UMC United Women in Faith (formerly known as United Methodist Women and New Hope UMC Women’s Fellowship) is a group of twenty nine women whose purpose is to connect and nurture women so that they can inspire, influence and impact local and global communities. All women of the church are welcomed and encouraged to join.

The group meets every 3rd Thursday of the Month (except in January and June) at 9:30 in the morning for two hours for Christian fellowship, study and love in action. July has been the month where the women go out for lunch.

Our chosen hymn for every ending of our meeting is “Blest be the tie that binds. Our hearts in Christian love. The fellowship of kindred minds. Is like to that above.”

Our chosen Scripture verse is Isaiah 41:10 “So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”



United Women in Faith

Here are some of the projects that this group of women have supported in 2022:

Beginning in May 2022 a collection for Missions was started using the world globe the first Sunday of every month. The total Globe receipts of \$446.51 was donated to the Johnston Food Pantry.

Speakers were invited to monthly meetings and donations were made to their organizations: Orchard Place, Johnston Partnership, West Des Moines Human Services, New Hope Harvest dinner, and Bidwell Riverside.

Two bake sales were held and the proceeds were added to other donations to send to Hawthorn Hill, and to support New Hope Church with purchases of furnaces and the east addition to the church.

The members helped put together 96 “Days for Girls” kits which had been created by The Needlers at New Hope. Christmas cards were written for several shut-ins and personally delivered by the members.

East Entrance Addition ~ Financial Update

Donations of \$100 have been received in the month of April (as of 04/29/23) to pay down our principal balance.

We continue to make our monthly P&I payment to reduce our liability. As of April 29th, \$81,397.66 has been donated. This results in a current loan balance of \$50,019.99.

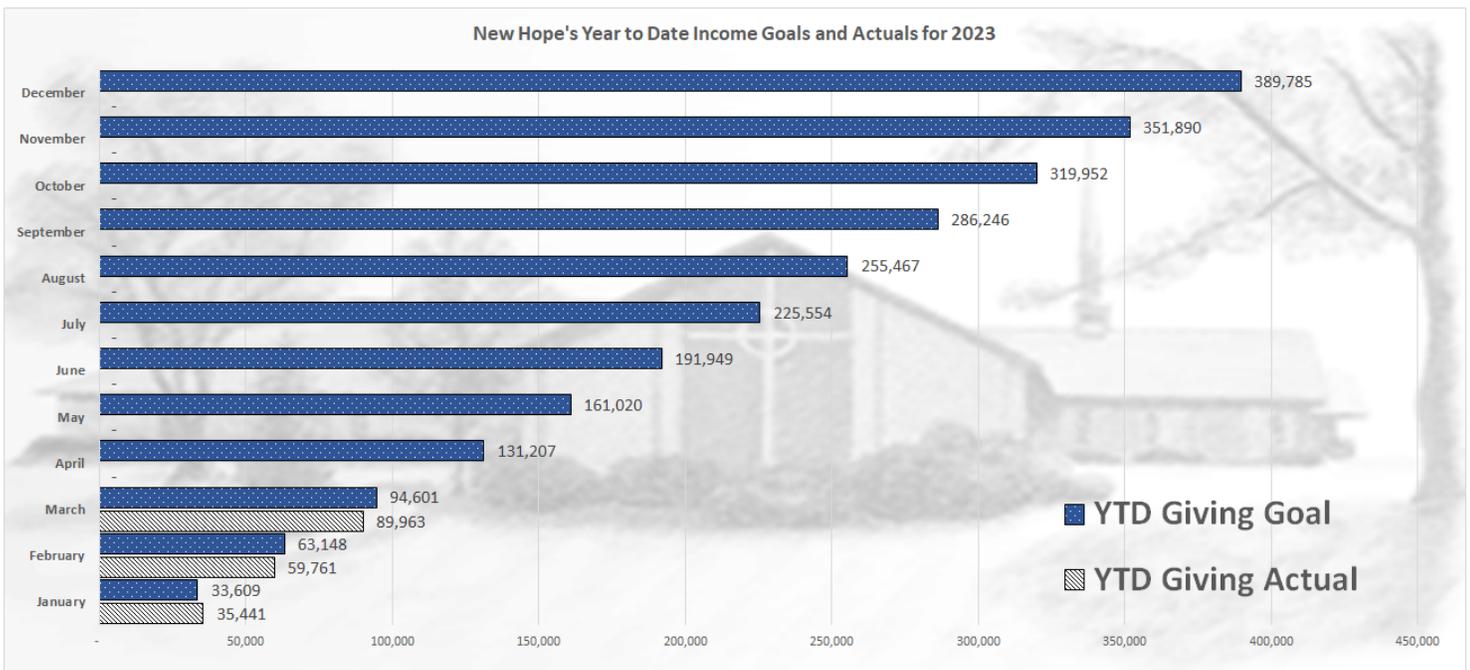
We appreciate all of you who have made monthly pledges to this project until fully paid. All of your donations, regardless the amount, was and is, greatly appreciated!

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.

SPRING CLEAN-UP Saturday 8 April 2023

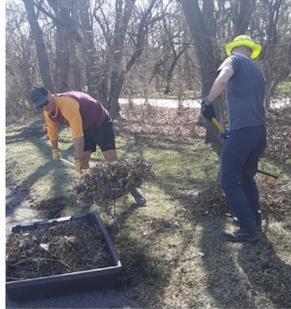
Thank you so much to everyone who participated in the New Hope spring cleanup day, 8 April. A lot of work was accomplished along with good comradery with the result of our campus looked great for Easter!

The tasks accomplished were – The landscape areas of the courtyard, east side and septic tank areas were cleared of fall and winter debris and covered with new mulch, snow plow damage was repaired, leaves cleared from various areas, fall and winter debris pile was loaded into a 20 yd dumpster, leaves from bushes removed, two dead fallen trees were cut and cleared, tree line at the parsonage was raked and debris cleared. The parsonage yard has not looked this good for a long time!

Those who helped were – Billy Nuzum, Robin and Jolene Harlow, Marilyn Osborn, Gary and Nan Stubbs, Steve and Beatrice Schutter, Dale Monthei, Tim McCulley, David Montgomery, Brad, Jackie and Bryanna Johnson, Spencer Sutton, Bob Soards, Doug Fairchild, Mona, Dan and Caleb Kirkpatrick, Amanda, Loren and Adrian Sjoquist, Pastor Lilian and John Rains.

Lunch was provided by Jody Rains and Char Shultz. If we missed mentioning anyone, we greatly apologize!

Board of Trustees



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 are looking to solidify our area leaders by no later than May

1st this year! If you would like to join us for a whole week of fun and fellowship, leading an area is the job for you! Please reach out to Jackie to chat about areas that might be a good fit for your interests!

High school students,

Don't forget... you can volunteer with us for silver cord hours, and we would love to have your help!

Please 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. She can be reached at (515)710-3239 or jackiejohnson81@aol.com.

May 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 9:30 Chair Yoga 7:00p, Trustees Mtg.	2 9:30a, Al-Anon, R.Chapel Noon, AA, R.Chapel 6:30p, SPRC Meeting	3 Church Office Closed 9:30 Chair Yoga 6p, Confirmation Class TGIW ~ PreK-12th grade 6:00-6:30 Meal Served 7:30p, Puppets 6:00p, Chancel Choir 7:00p, Praise Band practice	4 Church Office Closed 7:00p, Worship Mtg at church	5 Church Office Closed	6 8:30a, Men's Breakfast at church 3-5p, Confirmation Class
7 Communion 9:30a, Confirmation Service 9:30a, Sunday School Noon, Growth Team Mtg 1-3p, Sanctuary & F.Hall reserved (Judy Nemmers) 5p, Education Meeting	8 9:30 Chair Yoga 6-7p, Shepherd Training	9 9:30a, Al-Anon, R.Chapel Noon, AA, R.Chapel	10 9:30 Chair Yoga Talent Show, 6-7:30p Food Truck, 6-7p 6:00p, Chancel Choir 7:00p, Praise Band practice	11	12	13 10a-3p, F.Hall reserved (Pastor Lilian) 3p-5p, Pie drop off
14 Mother's Day 9:30a, Sunday School Pie Sale Fundraiser 3:30p, Hand of Luke	10 9:30 Chair Yoga	16 9:30a, Al-Anon, F.Hall Noon, AA, R.Chapel 6:30p, Finance Mtg 7:00p, Stroke Club, F.Hall	17 9:30 Chair Yoga 7:00p, Praise Band practice	18 9:30a, United Women in Faith 7p, Bible Study at Banny's	19 9a-3p, Needlers at church	20
21 Graduate Recognition 9:30a, Sunday School 1-5p, Sanctuary & F.Hall reserved (Jackie)	22 9:30 Chair Yoga	23 9:30a, Al-Anon, R.Chapel Noon, AA, R.Chapel	24 <i>Deadline for June LINK</i> 9:30 Chair Yoga 7:00p, Praise Band practice	25 6:30p, Administrative Council Mtg.	26	27
28 Pentecost Sunday 10:45, Dean Robinson baptism	29 Office Closed Memorial Day	30 9:30a, Al-Anon, R.Chapel Noon, AA, R.Chapel	31 9:30 Chair Yoga 7:00p, Praise Band practice			



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



- 1 Brook Larsen
- 3 FloAnn Wills
- 4 Maddy Dolberg, William Rock,
- 5 John Lichter, Jeanne Mukeshimana
- 6 Cathy Beck-Cross, Alex Williamson, Sally Lindstrom
- 8 Taylor Webber, Noah Neu
- 9 Pam Frey, Benjamin Leyda, Mollie Rooney
- 10 Sue Medley, Shawn Stringham, Beatrice Schutter
- 11 Spencer Wolfe
- 13 Marilyn Osborn
- 14 Adam Herring, Andrew Wise

- 17 Tim Mc Culley
- 18 Kandra Dickerson, Alex Hershey, Samantha Wakeman
- 21 Grady Wilson
- 22 Linda Yaske
- 23 Margaret Heneke, Dan Kirkpatrick, Mark Sahlin
- 24 Destinee DeBates, Drew Hershey
- 25 Jody Wolfe
- 27 Jada Warner, Suzanne Neu
- 28 Sarah Sahlin, Kirsten Warner
- 29 Paul Weisskopf, John Walker, Allyson Mohrman
- 30 Caroline Christensen, Shirley Johnson, Montgomery Collet

- 3 John & Jody Rains
- 5 Gary & Nan Stubbs
- 6 Tim & Janet Carrigan
- 6 Nancy & Dale Monthei
- 14 Mark & Linda Yaske
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- 19 Don & Ruth Doxon
- 19 Paul & Pam Weisskopf
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- 23 Mark & Tami Wise

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8:30 & 10:45: Traditional Services in the Sanctuary

9:30: Contemporary Service in the Family Life Center

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