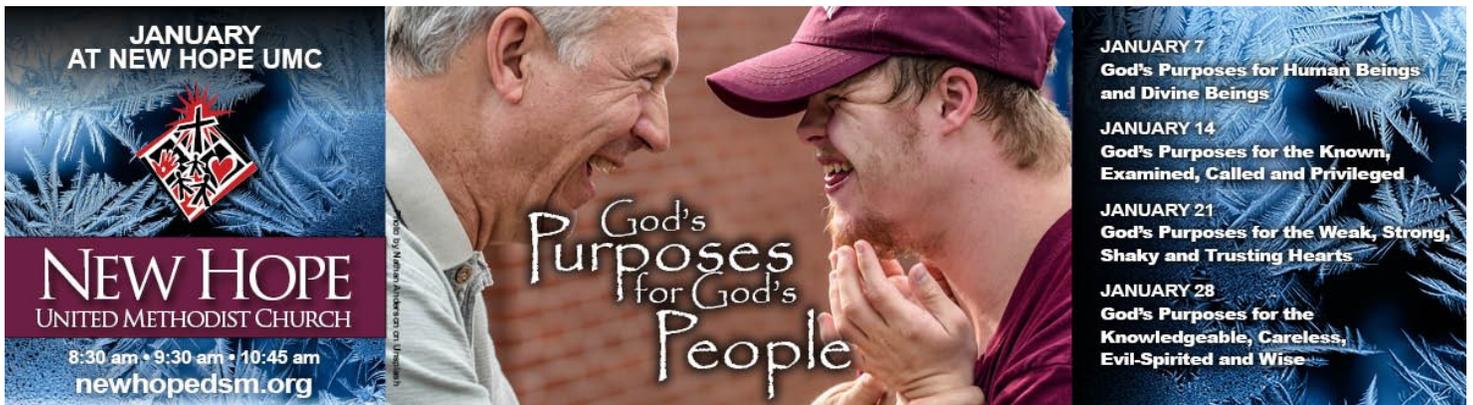


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Chili Cook-off ~ Saturday, January 20th at 11:30am

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 14th in the Fellowship Hall to enter the Chili Cook-off contest.

Simply bring a big crockpot of your best chili on January 20th by 11:00am. You will enter through the Industrial Kitchen door. The committee will set out your crockpot for you.

Starting at 11:30am, event attendees will sample the chili and will vote for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place. After the voting ends, you can fill up a bowl with chili.

This is a community outreach event! Please invite your friends!

Questions? Please contact Glenna Ross, 515-321-3010, glenna625@hotmail.com

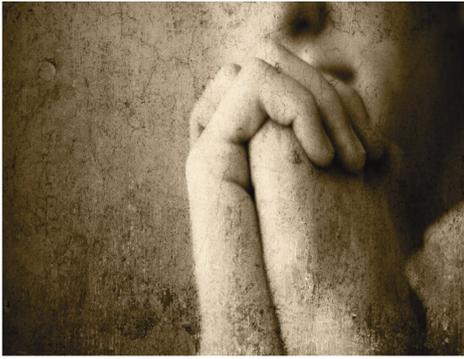
New Year, New Devices ~ Sunday, January 28th at Noon

Did you recently receive a new phone, tablet, or smart TV? Do you have questions about your new device?

Join us in the Neil Cross Family Life Center and enjoy a light lunch while learning some tips, tricks, and safe habits. The presentation will be followed by small breakout groups focusing on specific types of phones and other devices.

In early January, additional information will be provided and gathered to ensure that we have all the necessary experience on hand. Please feel free to invite a friend or family member.





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.

May this New Year be filled with joy, laughter, and love for all!

Prayer Chain Request

If you have a prayer chain request, please call Mary Ann Rice at 515-664-0222 email at marice2460@gmail.com or the church office at 278-2097.

Our Prayers for ~

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

Healing from Cancer:

Evette Burton, David Ruleman, Skylar Freeman, Mary Textor, Johan Gallo, Julie Mericle, Jessica Smith, Marco Pranivong, Kayla Chapman, Lisa Bissett, Deb Henry, Terry Larson, Johnny Johnson, Ralph Saunders

Healing from Physical Issues:

Carl Egger, Chris Bammerlin, FloAnn Wills, Carol Weigel, Freda Ruleman, Dick Cobb, Jim Mather, Kenny McCulley, Diana Bibler, Alexandria Cooley, Theresa Faber, Patricia Smith, Bob Rains, Mike Aasheim-Osborne, Janet Fairchild, Karen Hults, Harry Classen, Martha Howland, Gayle Davenport

Those Who Are in Rehabilitation and Nursing Care: Gayle Easton, Vicki Ealy, Bob Krause

Military: Devan Stanton, Hunter Schmidt, Joshua Ruleman, Rece Haugland, Jacob Gerlach, Brycen Gerlach, Michael Craighton, Clayton Hults, Zach McClain

Thank You

I want to thank my New Hope family for all the greetings and love shown to me on my 95th birthday.

Blessings to you all—you are the best.

Lee Ross



To all that helped make our church glow for the holy season and undecorate it until next year – THANK YOU!



Please Welcome Our New Members to our Church Family!

Dawn Bachelder, 5359 NW 89th St, Johnston 50131, buckeye.dawn@yahoo.com. Dawn transferred to New Hope UMC from Orange UMC in Plainfield, OH. Dawn enjoys baking, sewing and gardening. Armenta Buckingham is her shepherd. Welcome, Dawn!

Ron & Joan Ringgenberg, 6174 Terrace Drive, Johnston 50131, rdringgenberg@gmail.com, jkringgenberg@gmail.com. Ron & Joan transferred from The Bridge. Ron enjoys cooking, crafts and home design. Joan sews and cooks/bakes. Glenna Ross is their shepherd. Welcome, Ron & Joan!

James Russell, 3115 Madison Ave., Des Moines 50310. James joins New Hope by profession of faith. He is a mail route driver. Kirk Seagren is his shepherd. Welcome, James!

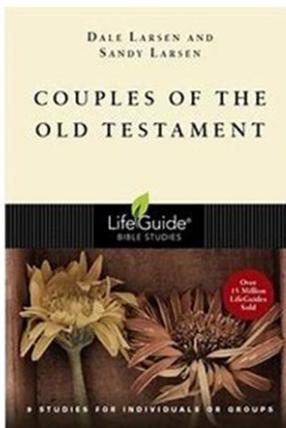
Our source of Light

January 6th marks the day of Epiphany, when the wise men (who were Gentiles) came to worship Jesus and bring him gifts. During the church-year season of Epiphany, we remember that God's Son is the Light of the whole world. Ponder the gifts of Epiphany with these two reflections, written centuries apart:

Your light, dear God, surpasses all other light, because all light comes from you. Your fire surpasses all fire, because your fire alone burns without destroying. The flames of your fire reach into the soul, consuming the sin and selfishness that lie there. But far from damaging the soul, your fire sets it ablaze with love. What moved you to enlighten me with your truth? The fire of your love was the reason. You loved me so much that you could not bear to see me confused and perplexed. Can I ever repay the burning love which you have given me? No, because I have nothing of my own to give. Yet you assure me that the love which you put into my soul is repayment enough. You desire only the joy of seeing me receiving your gift. What more perfect Father could there be! —Catherine of Siena (c. 1347-1380)

Epiphany beckons us to come to the light of Jesus Christ. Epiphany calls us to stare into that light until our inner darkness is fully expunged. Epiphany then sends us out into a dark and weary world as women and men with shining faces, until we say with the apostle Paul, "It is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ" [see 2 Corinthians 4:6].

—Jason Gaboury, campus minister in New York City



January Bible Study ~ 1pm, Wednesdays starting January 17th

We will be doing an informative nine-week study on couples in the Old Testament. We will learn about couples that had many different experiences.

The study starts at 1pm on Wednesday, January 17th and ends March 13th.

Please sign up if you are interested in attending so we can have a book for you. The books are \$10. Sign up sheet in the welcome center.

If you have questions please contact Dawn Bachelder at 740-291-7486 or Armenta Buckingham 515-669-1554. We are looking forward to you joining us in our discussions.

Now that the holidays are over, we need to get our kitchens back in shape! Clean floors, cupboards, ovens, drawers, etc.

Let's meet on **Friday, January 12th at 9am!**

Any questions please let Pam Frey know – yayafrey@gmail.com or 515-490-8440



Veteran's Helping Veterans

We will be having a Veterans breakfast at **8:30am on Saturday, January 13th.**

This is open to all veterans, their spouses and supporters.

If you have any questions, please contact Billy Nuzum at bbnewz54@gmail.com.

From New Hope's Children's & Youth Ministries Coordinator: Jackie Johnson

jackie@newhopedsm.org * (515)710-3239.

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Thank you to our Session 3 leaders, Nick and Sherri Bogue! They wrapped up their time on Sunday, December 17th with our Sunday School Christmas Party.

The first unit in our Celebrate Wonder Curriculum teaches us stories of **JOY!**

Session 4 of Sunday School will begin on January 7.th It is being taught by Tricia Berry, **THANK YOU!!!**

The unit is focused on Luke 1:46-47 "With all my heart I glorify the Lord! In the depths of who I am I rejoice in God my savior".

Connect with things our Sunday School class is talking about:

Allow yourself to **WONDER**.... What things in my life bring me JOY? Am I able to find joy in things that may not always be perfect or going my way? How does joy feel in my head and in my heart?

DO: Look for little moments of joy sprinkled throughout your day. Stop and thank God for those things as they occur.

PRAY: God, I praise your holy name! Thank you for the joy you bring into my life. Amen.

Do You Enjoy Spending Time With Children and Volunteerism?

We have a job for you! We are still in need of volunteers for Session 5 and 7 of Sunday School this year. You are welcome to make a 5-week commitment, or volunteer on a one-time basis if that is a better fit for you!

Session 5 runs weekly from 2/11 - 3/17 (No Sunday School on 3/10)

Session 7 runs weekly from 4/28 - 5/19

If this sounds like something you would enjoy doing or you would like to get more information, please let Jackie know – jackie@newhopedsm.org or (515)710-3239

Christmas Program

The children did a wonderful job with the Christmas Program "The Birth of Jesus" on Sunday, December 17th!

Thank you to everyone that participated or helped out that day!

Children's Christmas Program Cast

Joseph- Kyler Cooley

Mary- Brayla Johnson

Shepherd- Angus Rock

Wise Men- Darrell Bowser and Florian Tivold

Angels- Macy Berry, Laelyn Bowser, Theodore Nearmyer

Narrator- Brynna Johnson

Innkeeper- Marston Conner

Registrar- Cadence Kasper

Co-Director- Carsyn Berry



TGIW Midweek Meetup ~ Set Aside Time In Your Week For Fellowship

December went by in a flash for our TGIW Midweek Meetup group! We began with our service project Christmas caroling at Beaverdale Edencrest. The kids did a wonderful job and we met several new friends that had connections to people at New Hope. The second week was our annual Santa's Attic event, it was a huge success thanks to all of your amazing donations. We finished up the month with a movie, pizza and popcorn night in the Family Life Center! We watched the 2018 version of The Grinch in our pajamas.



We are already looking forward to a fun and faith filled 2024!

1/3- Furry Friends Service Project, 6:30-7:30pm- We will be staying at New Hope working on various projects to benefit the animals at the shelter.

1/10- TGIW Activities, 6:30-7:30pm

1/17- TGIW Activities, 6:30-7:30pm

1/24- TGIW Activities, 6:30-7:30pm

1/31- TGIW Activities, 6:30-7:30pm



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

This month our meals are prepared and served by: Pastor Lilian and Kirk Seagren, Nancy and Dale Monthei, Glenna Ross and DeVonne Douglas, Sue Soards, and Patty Nearmyer and McKayla Nearmyer! **THANK YOU** to our volunteer chefs for offering their time and talents to the youth ministries in this way!



SANTA'S ATTIC RECAP

Santa's Attic was held on **Wednesday, December 13th**. Over \$100 was collected and will be donated to Furry Friends, a local no-kill shelter that we have a relationship with.

Thank you to everyone that donated items this year! We had SO much fun that we didn't get a single photo.

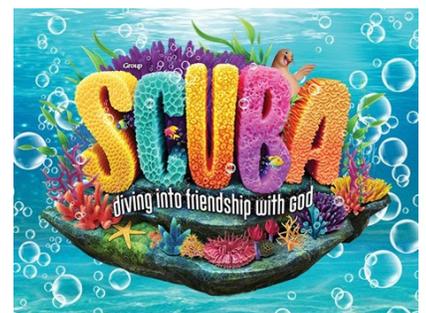
We had a wonderful selection, spread out over three of our classrooms BUT not a huge amount of items leftover at the end... exactly how we want it to go! The kids were so thoughtful in choosing the perfect gifts for each of their loved ones! Thank you to our Jr. and Sr. BLAST groups for their help shopping and gift wrapping our items!

Join us this summer for an undersea adventure!

July 14 - July 17

5:30-6pm Dinner

6-8pm VBS Program



BLAST Ministry ~ Believing, Learning, Assisting, Serving, Teens

Jr. BLAST ~ 6th-8th graders

Sr. BLAST ~ 9th-12th graders: Chris Higdon, Pam Frey, McKayla Nearmyer, and Arianna Bernal.
(BLAST@NewHopeDSM.org)

Wow, where did 2023 go? It is hard to believe that we are already moving into 2024.

As we look forward to 2024, we have several fun events planned for the youth. This year we are encouraging all youth; both Senior BLAST and Junior BLAST kids to sign up for Summer Games University (<https://sgu.camp/>). Summer Games University is a one-week camp experience on campus at Grinnell College in Grinnell, Iowa. This year's camp is from **July 8-12, 2024!** This is an awesome opportunity for our youth to experience college and build their faith with other peers.



Looking forward to January's activities...

Our first Wednesday in January (*January 3, 2024*) is our service project night for all groups meeting on Wednesday night. That night we will be working on various projects at church to benefit the animals at Furry Friends.



We are planning to have our Annual BLAST Christmas Party on January 10th. We will be building gingerbread houses, playing the candy cane game, and exchanging gift cards. More information will be sent out about this event next week.

Who is ready to eat pancakes?

Don't forget that we are serving "*All you can Eat*" pancakes on Wednesday, February 14th at 5pm. This is before the New Hope's Ash Wednesday service.



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

- Jan. 3rd @ 6pm ~ First Wednesday Service Project
- Jan. 10th @ 6pm ~ BLAST Christmas Party
- Jan. 17th @ 6pm ~ Thank God for BLAST Discussion
- Jan. 24th @ 6pm ~ Thank God for BLAST Discussion
- Jan. 31st @ 6pm ~ Thank God for BLAST Discussion
- Feb. 7th @ 6pm ~ Thank God for BLAST Discussion
- Feb. 11th @ 5pm ~ Super Bowl Party
- Feb. 14th @ 5pm ~ Ash Wednesday Pancake Feed
- Feb. 21st @ 6pm ~ Thank God for BLAST Discussion
- Feb. 28th @ 6pm ~ Thank God for BLAST Discussion

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

Women at the Well – Fresh Start Women’s Center

Fresh Start Women’s Center is a residential center for adult women who may be on probation or parole or in a work release program. Rev. Paul Witmer of Women at the Well spoke to us about an opportunity to serve a meal to the residents when he was at New Hope in October.

The Missions team is coordinating a meal for Tuesday, February 13th.

There are approximately 35 residents. We are asking for volunteers to help provide food for the meal and to deliver and serve it at 5p.m.

A signup sheet with what is needed will be located by the Welcome Center.

We appreciate your support of this mission.

If you have any questions, please contact Jolene Harlow, 515-490-8813 or rdharlow@earthlink.net.



A brand new calendar with nothing but little boxes full of empty space is an exciting prospect! How will you spend your time in 2024?

Please consider offering New Hope the gift of some volunteer hours **during the week of July 21-27** to help out with our annual rummage sale!

Do you have a lot of time to give? Please consider volunteering to oversee an area!

Plan now to bring in your gently used items on donation day - Sunday, July 21st!

Share our sale dates with your friends and family to get the word out early:

Thursday, July 25 (12-6pm)

Friday, July 26 (9am-6pm)

Saturday, July 27 (9am-12pm)

Volunteer to help with pre-sale preparation during the week ahead of the sale.

This includes sorting, pricing, and organization and happens Sunday - Wednesday when we aren't open to the public.

If you aren't easily flustered, please consider volunteering for Thursday afternoon (11am—3pm) when we need A LOT of help! Cashiers and sackers are always needed during the sale days.

Please pray for our sale to be a blessing to our community, for our outreach to touch lives, and for the money earned to be put to good use.

Please contact Jackie Johnson with any questions: jackiejohnson81@aol.com/(515)710-3239.

THANK YOU - THANK YOU - THANK YOU

NEW HOPE CONGREGATION:

The children at Orchard Place and Families Forward will have a warm and joyful holiday because of your generosity. Your support of the Giving Tree sponsoring these two charities is so appreciated.

Your giving to Orchard Place totaled \$1,155.00 which makes it possible to clothe over **19** children with one coat, one pair of boots, one hat and one pair of gloves!

Your giving to Families Forward totaled 8 toys, 10 books, 21 stuffed toys, 92 hats, and 16 gift cards totaling \$300. That is 147 items that were delivered to Families Forward.

Thank you to the Crafters group that meets on Wednesday evenings in the Ruby Chapel. They donated the 92 hats that were given to Families Forward. The colorful hats were hand-made by the Crafters and varied in size from a very small child to an adult. Many heads will be kept warm this winter!



Cookie Walk Success!

Blast wants to say a big **THANK YOU** to all of our bakers for donating tremendous cookies, our great supporters of the Children's ministry and phenomenal helpers.

We were able to add \$942 to our children's program for 2024!!



Winter has begun!

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.

And, use the East Entrance for drop off and pick up. Thank you for your cooperation and safety!

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.

Blood Pressure Check
January 7th, 9:30 am-10am 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., January 18th 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 meet on **Saturday, January 6th at 8:30 a.m.** at church. All men are invited!!

No gathering in January. Our next gathering will be on **Thurs., February 15th at 9:30 a.m.**

On the **first Sunday of each month**, in the church hallway, when you see our globe, please stop and drop in some change. You will be helping the United Women in Faith group and the missions they support. Thank you. We are very grateful for your support.



United Women in Faith

ADULT Sunday School

Join us!

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



Chair Yoga & Fitness

Every Monday and Wednesday at 9:30 a.m., join us for Chair Yoga & Fitness (no fee). This is a gentle yoga & fitness that is done while you are seated on a chair. It's a 30-45 minute session. The instructors are from Youtube videos. Please meet in the Fellowship Hall.
This is for anyone and any age.



Crafters will meet in the Ruby Chapel **Wednesdays, 6:30-8pm.**

This is an informal group so crafters can come and go. We invite knitters, crocheters, cross stitchers, hand quilters, and all other to join us for fellowship and craft time.

Questions? Contact Le Howland at 515-418-0998

New Hope Needlers

The Needlers sewing group will meet on **Friday, January 19th, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm** in the north classroom. We lunch at Panera in Johnston.

We make lap quilts for the NHUMC Care Team and Little Dresses, Little Britches and components for Days for Girls feminine hygiene kits for overseas missions. Fabric, batting and backing are available to use.

Bring your sewing machine (or use the machine in the church closet), scissors, pins and thread for a day of stitching and fellowship.

Non-seamstresses are welcome to help with simple tasks, such as inserting the ribbon in drawstring bags.

Questions: Contact Diane Densmore, 515-270-1974 or Jody Rains, 515-278-828



JANUARY 2024 MISSION NEWS

Marilyn Osborn, Chair of Mission Committee

Hand of Luke ~ New Hope has been providing a monthly meal to Central Iowa Shelter & Services (CISS) for almost 25 years!

The location of the shelter has changed over the years, the number of people served has changed, the process of donation of food for the meal has changed, but the perseverance of the congregation of New Hope to furnish a meal on the 14th of every month has not changed. Thanks to the many people over the years who have served and kept this mission going.

Hand of Luke is a ministry of New Hope that provides an evening meal on the 14th of each month to CISS. Volunteers for this mission can help in several ways:

- Make monetary donations, and/or donations of supplies needed to prepare the meal
- Be part of the team that prepares the meal at the church (3-5 people)
- Transport the food to the shelter (2 vehicles)
- Serve the meal to the Shelter's clients (4-6 people)

The coordinators for Hand of Luke are Patrice Webber and Arlene Dabill. Each month, the link to an online signup is included in New Hope's monthly newsletter.

Refer to the section for Hand of Luke and look for a link. You may also contact Arlene Dabill at dabill49@aol.com or 515-321-2059, or Patrice Webber at Patrice.r.webber@gmail.com or 515-229-6086 if you would prefer.

Typically, the meal prepared feeds around 250 people, which includes the clients of the shelter, and walk-ins. Last month (December 2023) food was prepared for 300 and 400 people came for the evening meal! Clients at the Shelter include not only homeless men and women of all ages, but homeless families as well.

Please consider volunteering a couple hours of your time to be a part of this mission!



Hand of Luke, Sunday, January 14, 2024

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 will be 7-layer ham casserole, fruit cocktail, dinner rolls, and cookies.

Volunteers are needed to cook the meal, and donate cookies (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/30E044DACA722A4FE3-46935400-holsunday>. You may also contact Arlene Dabill at dabill49@aol.com or (515) 321-2059 to volunteer.

Free Little Food Pantry ~ Increasing our Free Little Food Pantry giving. Located between 51st and 52nd Streets north of Meredith Drive. Thank you for your donations to the Free Little Food Pantry. Due to your generous giving, we are increasing our weekly donation from 30 items to **50 items**. The need is great so we want to move the food from our shelves to theirs timelier. Please take note of how full our shelves are and bring an extra can or two if it is getting low. *Please no opened boxes or expired items. Canned fruit in light syrup is preferred.*

Also, your help in delivering is appreciated. Just sign up on the clipboard on the top shelf.

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

Monthly checks - Your donations to New Hope also make it possible to send checks throughout 2024 to African Immigrant and Refugee Transition Services (AIRTS), Families Forward, DMARC Food Pantry, Women at the Well, Johnston Partnership, Missionary Dr. Mefor, and Urbandale Food Pantry.

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, go to <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, Families Forward and the Urbandale Food Pantry, on a rotation schedule.

YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF OTHERS

Advent by Candlelight

Advent by Candlelight was held on December 4th for the women of our church and friends. It was a beautiful way to start the Advent Season. Hosts decorated their tables and provided dessert for their guests. There was lovely music, a fun skit, and wonderful readings. Thank you to the committee for organizing this annual event and thank you to the hosts, musicians and readers.

(More pictures can be found on the New Hope's Facebook page.)



East Entrance Addition ~ Financial Update

The East Entrance was designed and built for two primary purposes;

- 1) to keep you safe and dry during inclement weather,
- 2) to enhance the east door as the primary entrance into the church building. I notice it is used very little for the first purpose.

Please consider using this beautiful addition for the safety and comfortability of your loved ones! As we enter the winter months the canopy could save someone from falling and provide parents with babies and/or young children a quick way to get from the car to the inside of the building.

Thanks all of you who have given \$\$ toward this building addition. The loan balance currently is \$41,443.

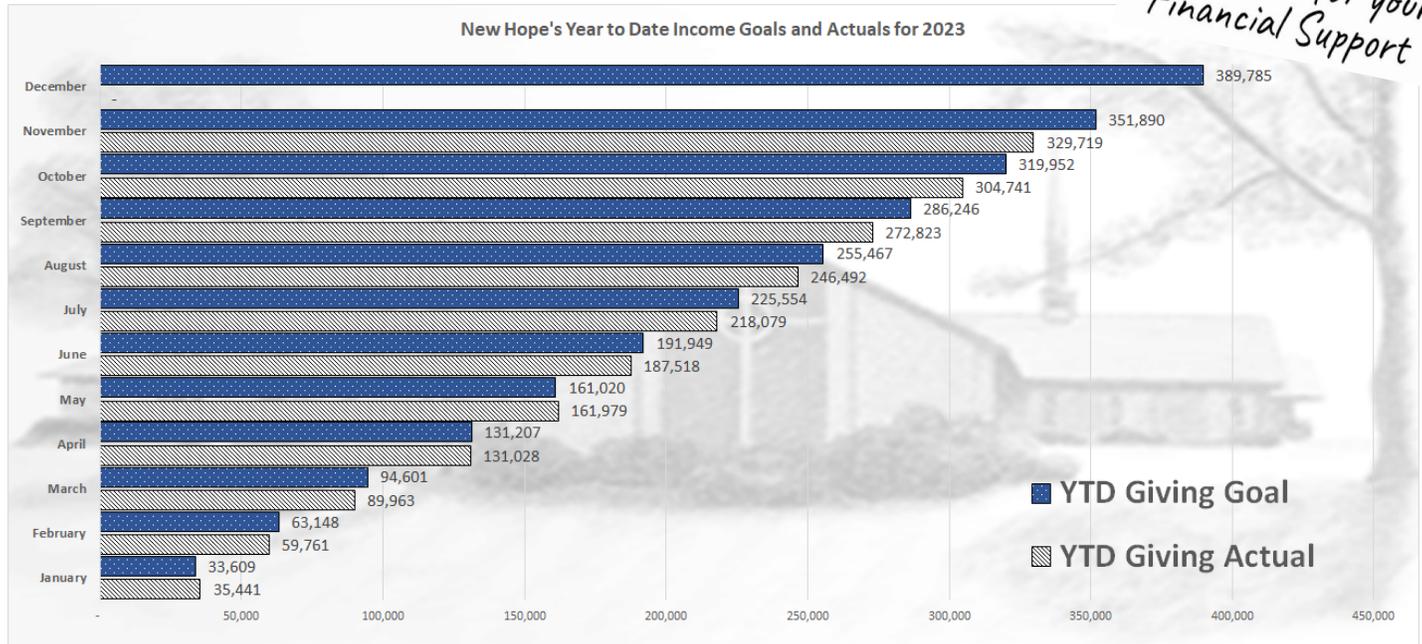
In January, we will begin our "Can You Spare a Dollar?" campaign. This new campaign will help New Hope to reduce our East Entrance loan payment period from 14 years to 4 years. Please watch for additional information in early January.

John Rains ~ East Entrance Addition Task Force, Chair



“RESTORE the COOL” campaign update as of 12/20/23.

Thank you to those who contributed funds towards the Ruby Chapel HVAC unit. We are happy to announce that the campaign has been completed.



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.

January 2024

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

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

	1 New Year's Day Church Office Closed 	2 9:30a, Al-Anon, R.Chapel Noon, AA, R.Chapel 6:30p, SPRC Mtg.	3 9:30 Chair Yoga 6:00p, Confirmation Class 6:30p, Crafters, R.Chapel TGIW ~ PreK-12th grade 6:00-6:30 Meal Served 6:30-7:30 Activities 7:30p, Puppets 6:00p, Chancel Choir 7:00p, Praise Band practice	4 6:30p, Worship Mtg	5	6 8:30a, Men's Breakfast at church, potluck
7 9:30-10:45, Blood Pressure checks	8 9:30 Chair Yoga & Fitness 7p, Trustees Meeting	9 9:30a, Al-Anon, R.Chapel Noon, AA, R.Chapel 6:30p, Finance Mtg	10 9:30 Chair Yoga 6:30p, Crafters, R.Chapel TGIW ~ PreK-12th grade 6:00-6:30 Meal Served 6:30-7:30 Activities 7:30p, Puppets 6:00p, Chancel Choir 7:00p, Praise Band practice	11	12 9a, Kitchen cleaning	13 8:30a, Veterans Breakfast 10:30a, 2034 Meeting
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***Human Relations Day, Jan. 14:** A Church-wide Special Sunday of The United Methodist Church. Your generous gifts on Human Relations Day support: neighborhood ministries through Community Developers, community advocacy in the United States and Puerto Rico through United Methodist Voluntary Services, and work with at-risk youth through the Youth Offender Rehabilitation Program. Your gift makes a world of difference! Thank you!



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

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| 1 Rick Roquet, Patrick Kyenkya | 20 Nolan Martz |
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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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