

the link

A monthly publication of
New Hope United Methodist Church

March
2020

MARCH AT NEW HOPE UMC

SELF EXAMINATION AS HOLY WORK

March 1
"Self-Examination and our Temptations"

March 22
"Self-Examination and our Defenses"

March 8
"Self-Examination and our Ignorance"

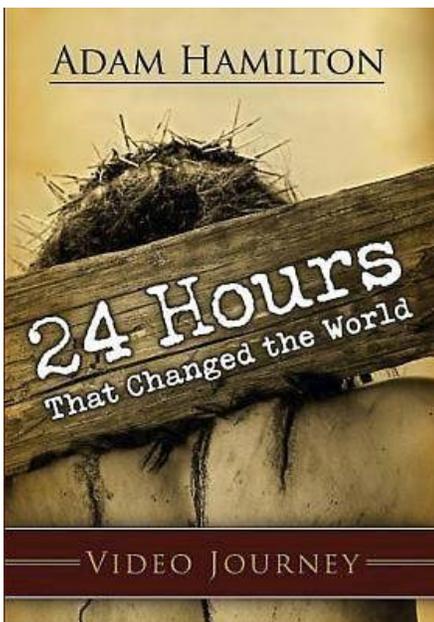
March 29
"Self-Examination and our Death"

March 15
"Self-Examination and our Unsteady Faith"



NEW HOPE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sundays at New Hope UMC 8:30am • 9:30am • 10:45am
newhopedsm.org



24 Hours That Changed the World

By Adam Hamilton

Please join us for this Lenten Bible Study.

We will be discussing Adam Hamilton's book and video. Each week we will view a part of the video that correlates with the chapter in the book we are studying.

You do not need to purchase the book, because Armenta and I will highlight each book chapter, but if you would like to buy the book you can buy it from Amazon. I purchased a book and received it within two days (no prime) and it cost around \$10.

We are excited for you to see Adam Hamilton's video because he takes us to the Holy Land so we can walk where Jesus walked those final 24 hours.

We will meet on Tuesdays at 6:30 - 7:30 pm in the Ruby Chapel. Beginning March 3 with our last meeting being April 7.

A sign-up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall.

Please join us!
Linda Kielsmeier and Armenta Buckingham



*“Faith is to believe what we do not see; and the reward of this faith is to see what we believe.”
—St. Augustine*

Prayer Chain Request

If you have a prayer chain request, please call Jan Davisson at 251-4894 or the church office at 278-2097.

Prayer Concern

Jan Davisson; Anita Gaul; Dorothy Montgomery; Joan Clay; Brenda McConahay; Barb Conrad; Martha Howland; Sharon Hanson; Alexandra Cooley; Linda Foote; Bishop Laurie Haller; District Superintendent, Rev. Heecheon Jeon; Dr. Emmanuel Mefor, missionary.

Prayers for the following military personnel: Kelsey Bartley; Jason Homard; Adam Larson; Joshua Larson; Todd McGinnity; Tyler McGinnity; Devan Stanton; and our national and world leaders, our military and their families.



If you are home bound, in a nursing home, or feeling alone and have not been visited by our Care Team or Pastor Lilian, please let us know because we would love to visit you. Please contact the church office at 278-2097, nhfamily@newhopedsm.org

Sympathy

Our Sympathy to the family and friends of Dale Myers on his passing.

Our Sympathy to Jackie Strawbridge and family on the passing of her father, Jack Strawbridge.

Thank You

Thank you New Hope for your support of Scouting! What a blessing it is to have many supporters of the aims and goals of Scouting and such wonderful meeting and special event space throughout the year. Scout Sunday is always a great way for us to give back and let us show our appreciation through participation in all three Sunday services. We hope you enjoy it as much as we do!
~New Hope Scouts and Scouters



Birth

Congratulations to Dave & Kate Cossa on the birth of their daughter, Eleanor “Ellie” Janinne Cossa. Ellie was born on February 18th (her late grandma Jann Williams’ birthday) and weighed 7lbs 11 ounces and 19” long.

Baptism

Congratulations to Royce Christen Pieper, son of Bryce & Casaundra Pieper, who was baptized on February 16th.

Church Communications

Stay connected with New Hope UMC!! Weekly announcements and the monthly newsletters are sent out to everyone via email. If you have not been receiving these emails, please contact Nancy Monthei in the church office at 278-2097 or nhfamily@newhopedsm.org. ALSO, we appreciate receiving your updated contact information. Thank you!



Invitation to the Congregation

Join Pastor Lilian to discuss the UMC and its witness and response to the homosexuality debate.

JOIN US FOR

Please join Pastor Lilian on **March 12th, 6:30pm**. Consider attending and learning more about our church and its future.

Daylight Saving time begins **March 8, 2020**
Spring forward one hour!



YOUNG ADULT Gathering

Young Adults Gathering (ages 18 - 27 yrs.) ~ March 1st

Please plan to meet from 5pm- 6pm at
Join Pastor Lilian and Denice Sutton for a time of fellowship and conversation.



First Fridays With The Kids! ~ March 6th

We hope you will join us **March 6th** in the purple classroom for **First Friday** from **10-11am** to learn all about the wonders of the Spring season God created! All ages are welcome, but please note that the activities will be most suitable for pre-school aged children.

We may be singing, crafting, listening to stories, dancing or playing games (or a combination of all of these things) during our time together.

Questions or for more information? Please contact Jackie Johnson at (515)710-3239 or jackiejohnson81@aol.com



Girl Scout Sunday. Sunday, March 8th

All Girl Scouts and leaders are encouraged to wear their Girl Scout uniforms for Girl Scout Sunday on March 8th and to be celebrated at all three services.

Girl Scouts®



Mom's Group ~ Friday, March 20th, 9-10:30am

Join us once monthly for **mom**-versation while the little ones play in the New Hope Nursery!

We will meet Friday, March 20th from 9-10:30am.

Since it falls during Spring Break this month and older kiddos will be home as well, we will clear part of the gym for basketball and other activities.

There will not be a prepared program, but we will open and close in prayer. This is meant to be a time of organic conversation, fellowship and support for one another.

Don't have a kiddo at home during the day, but need some time with other ladies? As long as you can handle the craziness of kiddos playing we would love for you to join us! :)

Questions? Contact Jackie Johnson (515)710-3239/jackiejohnson81@aol.com



Confirmation Class for 8th Graders

March 8th, 4:30pm (Students only) Topic: The United Methodist Story: History and Polity of UMC and Sacraments

March 22nd, 3:30pm (Students & Mentors) Topic: Church Membership and Christian Discipleship

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Lilian at 641-757-2334 or Lilian@newhopedsm.org.



The Confirmation students did an awesome job preparing the Hand of Luke meal and serving at the shelter on February 14th.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES ~ April 6th –11th, 2020

Daily Praise, Meditation and Prayer - Monday – Saturday

Morning: 7:00 -7:30 a.m.

Evening: 5:30 – 6:00 p.m. (Except Thursday and Friday evenings)

EVENING MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 9th, 7:00 p.m. with a Communion Service

EVENING GOOD FRIDAY, April 10th, 7:00 p.m. “Tenebrae Service”

Pastor Lilian is offering a gathering time for daily meditation with Scriptures, praise and prayer during Holy Week using “Encounters with Christ” as the theme. Litany of Praise will gather us together. There will also be a short video monologue and Scripture Readings will be shared.

There are those who may prefer to start their day before going to work and so the 7:00 a.m. time is offered.

Coffee and rolls will be available to grab.

There are those who may prefer to end their day with this practice of meditation, prayer, and praise and so the 5:30 p.m. time is offered.

While there may be some who can come to both, please know that the 2nd time you come will be a repeat of the 1st, except on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.

Join us! If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Lilian at 641-757-2334 or Lilian@newhopedsm.org.



New Hope Is A Difference Maker

Authored by Paulette Wood

I wish to nominate New Hope United Methodist Church as a “Difference Maker” because for about 23 years this church has welcomed Stroke Club to meet here, in this building, once a month. Those 23 years changed my life and I want to tell you the story.

In 1997, I was the sponsor of Stroke Club and a speech-language pathologist working at Iowa Methodist Medical center. Stroke Club was/and still is, an organization providing education and support to stroke survivors, their families and friends. Since the Club’s beginning, monthly meeting attendance had grown from 20 attendees to 60; we had outgrown the space we used at the Easter Seal Center.

A small committee of club members was formed to search for a new meeting place. The needs of the group were numerous:

- Wheelchair accessibility entering the building and into the meeting room.
- Wheelchair accessible restrooms
- Well-lit parking lot close to the building
- Meeting room available for an evening meeting once a month
- Free!

The committee visited senior centers and churches; two possibilities were identified and I made visits to each of the sites. Both of the places were unfamiliar to me but one of my patients, Warren Hinman, his wife Donnafred, and his daughter Carrie, were members. So my first visit was to New Hope United Methodist Church...and what a visit it was!

I made an appointment with the minister, Rev. Bob Cook. I told him about our club and he took me on a tour of the building. After we talked for about 30 minutes, I thanked him for his time, put on my coat, and said that we wouldn’t be able to use the church because the bathrooms were not wheelchair accessible.

Rev. Cook looked alarmed and said something about the “two of us trying to make this work.” I clearly remember being surprised by his reaction and I asked, “Why is this important to you?” He said, “Opening our church to everyone who inquires is what churches are supposed to do!” He asked how he could contact me and I gave him my card at Iowa Methodist Medical Center. I did not expect to see him again.

About two weeks later, Rev. Cook called me at work to say that plans were underway to create accessible restrooms in the church. The current restrooms could not be modified and new locations had been identified. During the conversation that followed, he told me that my initial visit and inquiry was the impetus that was needed to make the church accessible to all.

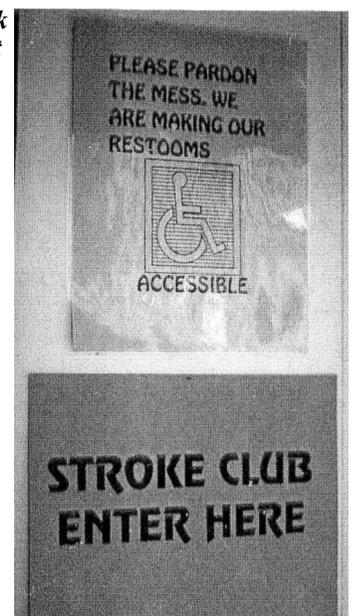
About two-three months later, Stroke Club began meeting at New Hope United Methodist Church and for the last 23 years have been meeting here once a month.

Important Addendum:

Myself and my family were members of St. Mark Lutheran Church in WDM. I was the chair of the Christian Action Committee. My church could not commit to providing meeting space to Stroke Club.

I marveled at the warm and welcoming experience I had at New Hope and decided to visit a worship service or two.....or more! I signed up for a membership class. My husband, Larry, kept worshipping at St. Mark Lutheran Church after I became a member here. He helped me a lot with Stroke Club and became familiar with this church. Now we worship here together.

New Hope United Methodist Church is a “Difference Maker.”



EGG-cellent Event Ahead! Saturday, April 4th, 9am-10am



We are hosting a free community pancake breakfast and family Easter party Saturday, April 4th! From **9-10am a pancake breakfast** will be served in the Fellowship Hall and our bounce house and craft stations will be open.

Starting at 10am a staggered egg hunt with different start times for various age groups:
0-2 and 6-9 will start at 10am.
3-5 and 10-12 will start at 10:15am.

Join us as we hunt for over 1,200 eggs on the church lawn!
We Hope You Will Hop On Over For Some Easter Fun Saturday, April 4th!



Volunteers are needed!!

Hippity hop on in to the fellowship hall to check out the sign up sheets with the various opportunities to serve!

Help will be needed in the following areas:

- General kitchen assistance
- 3 craft areas
- Easter egg hunts
- Photo opportunity area
- Bounce house supervisors

Can't volunteer the day of?

We could still really use your help!
We need donations of filled eggs in the amounts of 24 or 48.

Questions, please contact Jackie Johnson 710-3239 or Pam Frey 490-8440

RUMMAGE SALE

Donation Days: Sunday, May 3rd (12-7pm) & Monday, May 4th (9am-1pm)
Pre-Sale Volunteer Days: Sunday, May 3rd - Wednesday May 6th
Sales Dates: Thursday, May 7th - Saturday, May 9th

The countdown is on as soon as the calendar changes to March... Rummage Sale is in just 2 short months, or 67 days, or 1,608 hours.

Are you getting anxious just thinking about all of the work to be done?!

We aren't... because New Hope is full of amazing volunteers that give freely of their time (the most valuable gift one has to offer) to make our sale such a success each year!

It's about time to start sorting and preparing your items for donation! Our donation days this year will be Sunday, May 3rd (12-7pm) and Monday, May 4th (9-1).

It is best if you sort items into separate bags before donation so you can easily take them to the correct area when you drop them off. We know this is extra work, but it is SO APPRECIATED. It really helps us free up our volunteers to do the work of displaying and pricing within their specific areas.

Please be on the lookout for volunteer sign up sheets to return to the main hallway mid-March. Whether you have 1 hour to give or 40, we need you! To get signed up alternatively please feel free to email or call - my contact information is listed below.

Do you have one day to volunteer and you are wondering which day would be best?

Sunday, May 3rd and Thursday, May 7th are the busiest days where we are in need of a HUGE amount of help.

Are you comfortable under pressure?

Please consider volunteering as a checker/sacker on Thursday between 12-4. We are EXTREMELY busy during these hours and need many volunteers to make the lines move! This position doesn't require money handling.

Most of our area supervisor positions are filled but we are still in need of people to oversee the following areas:

- Shoes
- Home Décor
- Bed/Bath/Linens

The area supervisor will be responsible for sorting donations, displaying and pricing the items in their area. Most of this work can be done Sunday and Monday so please don't hesitate to volunteer for one of these jobs, even if you aren't able to be there the entirety of the sale.

We are getting so excited for another week of fellowship and service to our community!

THANK YOU in advance for lending your hands and hearts to such a valuable cause.

Please feel free to contact me any time with questions, comments or concerns: Home: (515)257-4045, Cell: (515)710-3239, Email: jackiejohnson81@aol.com

~Jackie Johnson

Adult Discussion Group

Join us at New Hope on Sundays at 9:30am in the Ruby Chapel. Group discussions are based from "The Wired Word" that weaves current events into the Bible study.

Blood Pressure Check

March 1st, 9:30a-11a, Narthex.

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, March 14th at 7:30a at New Hope.

Women's Fellowship

Women's Fellowship will meet **Thursday, March 19th at 9:30 a.m.** to carpool to the Johnston HyVee, 5750 Merle Hay Rd, Johnston. Courtney Slater, HyVee's dietician, will give suggestions for healthy eating, give us a tour of HyVee and answer your questions. **We will then return to New Hope for a light lunch and Fellowship. Please join us!**

Questions? contact Susan Clark at 964-5119.

Bidwell-Riverside Center



Members of our congregation will be volunteering at Bidwell Riverside on **Thursday, March 12th,**

from 1- 4 p.m. Those who want to carpool meet at the church at 12:30 on the day we are going. Questions? contact Lynn Louk (276-7900).

Care Ministry Team

The Care Ministry meets quarterly. Next meeting is on **Thurs., March 12th 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.

Veterans Helping Veterans

The next breakfast will be **Saturday, March 7th at 8:30am.** All veterans, spouses and supporters are welcome to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Billy Nuzum at bbnewz54@gmail.com

New Hope Needlers

The Needlers meet the third Friday of the month in the 3rd grade classroom from 9:00 - 3:00, with a break for lunch at Panera. We sew lap quilts for the Care Team, Little Dresses, Little Britches, and Days for Girls feminine hygiene kits for various missions. Projects only need basic sewing skills, but you don't need to be a seamstress to join us. We often have non-sewing jobs to do. The next get-together is **Friday, March 20th at 9am.** Questions? Contact Jody Rains, 278-8282

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 (February - October) at 7 p.m.

Friday Afternoon Bible Study

Fridays, March 13 & 27

The group meets at Pizza Ranch, 4954 86th St, Urbandale, in the Cowpoke Room.

We will gather between 12:30 - 1:15 pm to eat. The study will begin at 1:15 pm and conclude by 2:30 pm. The focus of our study this year will be the Gospel of John.

All are welcome and if you would like to attend, please be sure I have your email address for all notifications.

James Louk,

jimlynlouk@mac.com



Hello Diane,

Thanks to you and the Needlers group for the generous donation of time and clothes in the little dresses and britches you donated to Self-Help International! Some of them made the trip to Ghana and were gifted as graduation awards for little ones graduating from our maternal-child health program. These kids and their moms worked with Self-Help over the last year or two to ensure both mom and baby were getting the appropriate nutrients in their diets. It has been such a joy to see them growing and they absolutely loved showing off their new outfits at their graduation in December!

Please let me know if you or your group have any questions at all about the gifts or the program. The team in Ghana sends their appreciation - as do I!

Best,

JESSICA CRAWFORD
PROGRAM SPECIALIST

AFRICA SELF-HELP INTERNATIONAL

Children's Ministries

If you have any questions, please contact Charity Johnson at cjohnson@newhopedsm.org

Children's Ministries Mission Statement: "Connecting kids to God and others."

Christian Learning Time (CLT) Vision Statement: Connecting lessons about God through Bible experiences. Sundays at 10:45-11:45 am for 4 year olds thru 7th grade.

No CLT on March 15 and the 22 because of Spring Break.



S.W.A.G. (Saved With Amazing Grace)

Vision Statement: Connecting lessons about God through real life experiences

STEM ACTIVITIES (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math)

March 4th: Broken Hearts

March 11th: Gospel according to tea bags

March 18th: No S.W.A.G.

March 25th: Putting God first

**We will not meet on March 18th because of Spring Break.
The LAST S.W.A.G. night will be April 29th.**



I would like to thank everyone involved in making the Children's Ministry Breakfast Appreciation amazing. We have some very dedicated individuals teaching these kids about the love and adventures of Jesus. I am honored to be a part of a great group of individuals and a greater part of an amazing church that supports these individuals. Thank you everyone for all you do.

~ Charity Johnson

VBS 2020 July 13 -16



Our VBS Team (Andy Sutton, Elaine Sheer, McKayla Johnson, Celeste Nelson and Charity Johnson) is excited to get plans set for the event and we hope that you will join us on this journey. We will have volunteer roles for all ages and abilities. There will be sign ups in the fellowship hall in APRIL so be ready to start building.

BLAST - Believing, Learning, Assisting, Serving, Teens

Jr. BLAST (6th-8th grade) Leaders: Jackie Johnson & Jenn Higdon JrBLAST@NewHopeDSM.org

February flew by for Jr. BLAST! Winter weather made a visit one Wednesday and our meeting was cancelled and Ash Wednesday services replaced another of our traditional meeting times. We spent the two times we met in service! We baked 8 dozen cupcakes for the February Hand Of Luke meal. The kids enjoyed the fellowship of working in the kitchen together and we explored the science of pressure distribution for fun with our left over eggs. :) We visited the Urbandale Food Pantry to deliver our "SOUPER" Bowl collection items and to organize and clean the pantry shelves while we learned about their mission and the community they serve. We are definitely looking forward to Spring and all the fun (and sun) we will have in the coming months!

March Meetings:

- 3/4- Meals from Heartland, 6:00-8:00pm *We will be leaving church at 5:30 and returning at 8:30 for pick up.
- 3/11- BLAST Activities, 6:15-7pm
- 3/18- **No Meeting, Spring Break**
- 3/25- BLAST Activities, 6:15-7pm



Jr. BLAST volunteering at the Urbandale Food Pantry.

Sr. BLAST (8th-12th grade) Leaders: Chris Higdon, McKayla Johnson, Chris Spring, Brianna Johnson, and Pam Frey. BLAST@NewHopeDSM.org



Thank you to everyone who supported the Senior High BLAST in February with our recent Sweetheart Dinner. We were able to raise over \$300, which will go directly to support our Summer Mission Trip to Minnesota, in which we will be taking **11 people; 7 youth** and **4 adults!!!!**

Outside of raising money for our Summer Mission Trip; the Senior High BLAST group has been meeting monthly with ChildServe for Game Nights. During game nights, our youth group plays different games with the residents of ChildServe that live in Johnston. In February, the group played B-I-N-G-O with the kids and in January, we played different version of UNO card games with the kids.

Here are some upcoming Youth events for the next two months:

- Mar. 4th @ 5:30pm ~ Meals from the Heartland Packing Event
- Mar. 8th ~ BLAST Breakfast
- Mar. 11th @ 6pm ~ Thank God for BLAST Discussion
- Mar. 18th ~ **Not Meeting because of Spring Break**
- Mar. 21th @ 9am ~ Service Project (*Raking Yards*)
- Mar. 25th @ 6pm ~ Thank God for BLAST Discussion
- Apr. 1st @ 6pm ~ Thank God for BLAST Discussion
- Apr. 8th @ 6pm ~ Thank God for BLAST Discussion
- Apr. 15th @ 6pm ~ ChildServe (*meet at New Hope UMC*)
- Apr. 22nd @ 6pm ~ Thank God for BLAST Discussion
- Apr. 26th ~ BLAST Breakfast
- Apr. 29th @ 6pm ~ Thank God for BLAST Discussion

- May 6th @ 6pm ~ Thank God for BLAST Discussion
- May 9th ~ Help with New Hope Rummage Sale
- May 13th ~ **Not Meeting because of Meeting on May 14th Instead**
- May 14th ~ Hand of Luke Meal
- May 20th @ 6pm ~ End of the Year Party
- May 31st ~ Sloppy Joe Lunch at New Hope
- June 14th ~ Depart for Leech Lake

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

missions

MARCH MISSION NEWS

Co chairs: Cheryl Moore & Marilyn Osborn

Bidwell Riverside Center

If you would like to volunteer to help at the Food and Clothing Pantry the 2nd Thursday of the month from 1-4, please let Lynn Louk know. Helping individuals and families shop the food isles, sort clothes or other jobs, gives a great satisfaction and is so appreciated. As a part of the monthly mission giving, money is sent to Bidwell Riverside. We also collect personal items for them in a basket on the Mission Table at the back of Fellowship Hall.



Hand of Luke (HOL) - March 14th

New Hope supports the homeless at the Central Iowa Shelter and Services downtown Des Moines, by cooking and serving up to 250 individuals on the 14th of each month. If you would like to contribute to our ministry of a meal, please sign up on the Hand of Luke sheet in the Fellowship Hall, to donate food or sign up online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805084EABAB2EA31-hand8> or in the Fellowship Hall.

The cooking is done at New Hope and transported to the shelter to serve. It is a wonderful program to support and everyone at the Shelter loves New Hope's cooking and delicious meals. Thank you for your support of this program! Questions? Contact Jolene Harlow, 515-490-8813 or rdharlow@earthlink.net.

Mission Ingathering

In January and February, we collected hand towels for the UMCOR Hygiene Kits. We plan to take as many kits as possible to the 2020 Ingathering which is around the first of October. Wash cloths will be our focus in March as we continue to collect an item each month so that we have everything needed for the Hygeine kits. As you purchase wash cloths, please leave them in the basket on the mission table. Thank you for all the towels and wash cloths you have donated to date, for this worthy cause.



Uganda Chicken Project & Shoes

Thank you to all who donated to the Uganda chicken project and/or shoes that Patrick took on his most recent visit. Patrick shared some pictures so you can see the work that has been done and some recipients of the shoes.

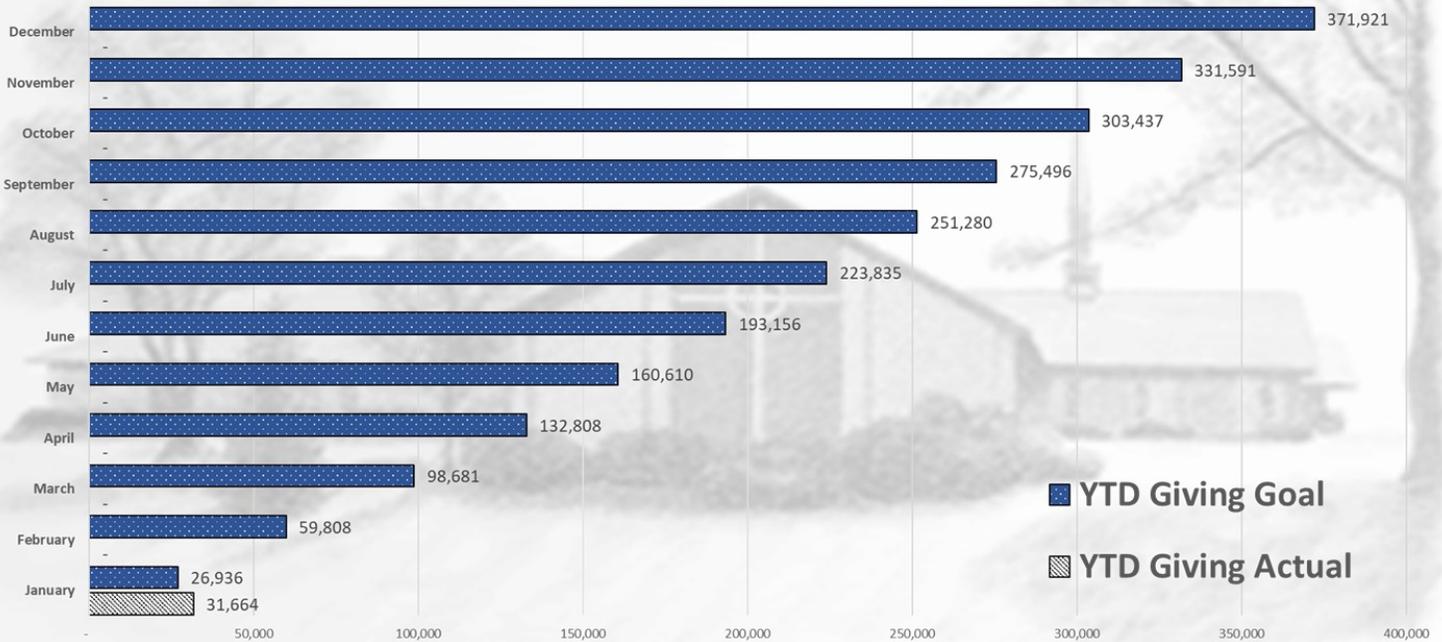


AIRTS - African Immigrants & Refugees Transition Services

In January members of the Mission Committee met with the Leaders of AIRTS which is a non-profit organization founded in 2016. Their mission is to help immigrants and refugee families acquire skills they need to function effectively as workers, students and community members. Immigrants and refugees get support for about 90 days and then are expected to be able to live and work in the communities. AIRTS is currently offering ESL and Citizenship Classes, education and cultural orientation to families, parenting classes, applying for green cards and a host of services to help with the transition.

Banny and the team will be at Church on Sunday, March 29th to provide information about their non-profit and to set up and sell crafts. They have been working with various groups applying for grants to help pay for the office and services provided. Have a look at their web-site, www.airts.org to learn more about their mission and vision. We look forward to hearing more about their work in March.

New Hope Campus Year to Date Giving Goals and Actuals for 2020



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.

If you decide to give electronically, please feel free to pick up a card that says **“I give electronically”** to put in the offering plate if you would like to participate in the offertory.



Save the Date!

**God's Girlfriends
~ Anchored in Christ!**

Saturday, June 13th,
9am-Noon.

Join us for inspirational speakers, fun and delicious food!

More details coming soon!

Harvest Auction ~ October 11th

Plan now on new items that you will donate to the October 11th Harvest Auction.

Silent Auction items and Live Auction items are needed.

Themed baskets, event tickets, dinners, home décor are just a few ideas.

Have fun being creative! Questions?

Contact Glenna Ross
glenna625@hotmail.com) or Nancy Monthei
(nancy@newhopedsm.org).



serve

Sign up to help!
Look for the sign-up sheets at the entrance of the Narthex and the Family Life Center.

Those who serve New Hope in March 2020:

Sunday Volunteers

Lectors read the scripture lessons for the day at the worship services.

Hosts bake or purchase 6 to 8 dozen cookies and serve coffee and water after the 9:30 contemporary and 10:45 traditional worship services. You don't have to host alone...team up with someone or a group of people to host.

After fellowship time the hosts wash, dry, and put away the cookie platters, rinse out and dry the coffee canisters, and take the trash out to the trash bin.

If you can't be there to host on a Sunday but would love to bring in cookies that would be wonderful, too. Cookies can be put in the freezer to be used anytime.

Sign up on the sheets are in the kitchen. When you sign up to host, an email reminder will be sent to you.

If you have questions, please contact Pam Weisskopf at 515-289-1343.

8:30am Traditional Service

Lectors

- 1 Vicki O'Brien
- 8 Billy Nuzum
- 15
- 22
- 29

Office Volunteers

- 6 Ruth Doxon
- 13 Theresa Flickinger
- 20 Susan Blank
- 27 John & Joyce Turek

9:30am Contemporary Service

Lectors

- 1 Sherri Bogue
- 8 Andy Sutton
- 15 Charity Johnson
- 22 Pam Frey
- 29

Hosts

- 1 Pam Frey
- 8 Sr. BLAST
- 15 Melisa Forbes
- 22 Sharon Symonds & Mayer Pranivong
- 29 Andy Sutton

9:30 Computer Support

- 1 Kevin/Caleb Christensen
- 8 Nancy Monthei
- 15 Pam Frey
- 22 Kelly Mohrman
- 29 Dale Monthei

10:45am Traditional Service

Lectors

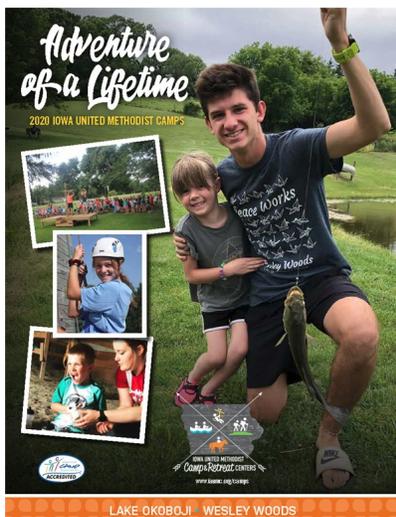
- 1 Jon Verner
- 8 Barb Mather
- 15 Cathy Cate
- 22 Clarice Rubek
- 29

Hosts

- 1 John Dickerson/Andy Sutton
- 8 Sr. BLAST
- 15 Freda Ruleman/Andy Sutton
- 22
- 29

Money Counters

- 1 Glenna Ross, Tony & Tracy Hoffman
- 8 Clark Howland; Rick Homard, Larry Wood
- 15 Randy Jansen, DeVonne Douglas; Althea Holcomb
- 22 Tami Wise, Jerry Kielsmeier, John Burrough



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 call Nancy, at the church office, 278-2097, or email at nancy@newhopedsm.org to give her the same information.

March 2020

WORSHIP SERVICES
Sunday mornings
Traditional Services: 8:30 & 10:45
Contemporary Service: 9:30

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 1st Sunday in Lent Holy Communion 9:30a-11a, Blood Pressure checks 10:45a, CLT 5p, Young Adults Gathering, R.Chapel	2 7p, Trustees Mtg., R.Chapel	3 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 9:30a, Sr. Singers practice, Sanctuary 6:00p, SPRC Mtg, Pastor's office 6:30p, Bible Study, R.Chapel 7:00p, Venture Crew, F.Hall	4 Thank God It's Wednesday (TGIW) 4yrs-12th grade 5:30p, Jr. BLAST 5:45p, Dinner 6:15p-7p, SWAG Activities 6:00p, Sr. BLAST 7:00p, Puppets 6:30p, Chancel Choir practice 7:45p, Praise Team practice	5 6:00p, Worship Design, Pastor's office	6 Office Vol: Ruth Doxon 10a-11a, First Friday with the Kids	7 8:30a, Veterans Breakfast, F.Hall 2-6pm, FLC reserved (K.Hartung)
8 2nd Sunday in Lent Girl Scout Sunday Daylight Savings Sr. BLAST breakfast fundraiser 10:45a, CLT 4:30p, Confirmation class (students only)	9	10 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 6:30p, Bible Study, R.Chapel	11 Thank God It's Wednesday (TGIW) 4yrs-12th grade 5:45p, Dinner 6:15p-7p, SWAG Activities 6:00p, Sr. BLAST 6:15p, Jr. BLAST 7:00p, Puppets 6:30p, Chancel Choir practice 7:45p, Praise Team practice	12 10a, Care Team Mtg., F.Hall 1p, Bidwell Riverside Volunteering 6:30p, "Holy Conversations", R.Chapel	13 Office Vol: Theresa Flickinger 1:00p, Friday Small Group at Pizza Ranch	14 7:30a, Men's Breakfast 3:30p, Hand of Luke
15 3rd Sunday in Lent NO CLT Food Pantry Sunday 2-5pm, ___ reserved (S.Smith) 4:30pm, R.Chapel reserved	16	17 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 6:30p, Bible Study, R.Chapel 7:00p, Stroke Club, F.Hall & Sanctuary 7:00p, Venture Crew	18 Church Office Closed No TGIW, Youth Groups, Puppets 6:30p, Chancel Choir practice 7:45p, Praise Team practice	19 9:30a, Women's Fellowship 6:30p, Finance Mtg., R.Chapel	20 Office Vol: Susan Blank 9a-10:30a, Mom's Group 9a-3p, Needlers	21 9a-3p, Fellowship Hall reserved (G.Ross) Sr. BLAST service project
22 4th Sunday in Lent NO CLT *UMCOR offering 4:30p, Confirmation class (students & Mentors)	23 Deadline for April LINK 6:30p, Endowment Committee Mtg., R.Chapel	24 Church Office Closed 9:30a, Sr. Singers practice, Sanctuary 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 6:30p, Bible Study, R.Chapel	25 Thank God It's Wednesday (TGIW) 4yrs-12th grade 5:45p, Dinner 6:15p-7p, SWAG Activities 6:15p, Jr. BLAST 7:00p, Puppets 6:30p, Chancel Choir practice 7:45p, Praise Team practice	26 6:30p, Administrative Council Mtg., R.Chapel	27 Office Vol: John & Joyce Turek 10a-10p, FLC, FHall reserved (Pipho) 1:00p, Friday Small Group at Pizza Ranch	28 7:30a-4p, FLC, FHall reserved (Pipho)
29 5th Sunday in Lent 10:45a, CLT AIRTS info and crafts	30 5:30p, Nominations Committee Mtg., R.Chapel	31 9:30a, Alanon Noon, AA 6:30p, Bible Study, R.Chapel	Apr. 1 Thank God It's Wednesday (TGIW) 4yrs-12th grade 5:45p, Dinner 6:15p-7p, SWAG Activities 6:15p, Jr. BLAST 6:00p, Sr. BLAST 7:00p, Puppets 6:30p, Chancel Choir practice 7:45p, Praise Team practice	Apr 2 8am-3pm, Tour of Faith (Confirmation)	Apr 3 Office Vol: Charlene Cobb 10a-11a, First Friday with the Kids	Apr 4 9am, Pancakes 10am, Easter Egg Hunt

*UMCOR Sunday, March 22: 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."

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| 1 Keith Craighton, Deanne Rowland, | 17 Rick Gier, Mark Baldwin, Dan Larsen, |
| 2 Laura Cross | Becky Baker, Taylyn Berry |
| 3 Ashlyn Meyer, Dane Jacobson | 18 Nina Moses |
| 4 Kevin Upah, Kristin Welter, | 19 Marjorie Carnahan, Tyler Nearmyer, |
| Emma Lemke | Myles Redies, Jocelyn O'Brien |
| 5 Rex Haugland, Patricia Wadsworth | 21 Matthew Henry, Mason Jacques |
| 6 Vicki O'Brien, Tami Wise, | 22 Amanda Herring |
| Janet Herrold | 23 Richard Cobb, Chad Meyer, Hannah |
| 8 Pam Johnson, Robert Krause | Short |
| 9 Beth Merrill; Henry Roff | 24 Bryce Weih |
| 10 Darlene Gier, Caitlyn Trillet | 25 Sharon Symonds, Caleb Neu |
| 11 Diane Densmore, Andrew Higdon | 26 Shelley Larsen |
| 12 Betty Holwegner | 27 Cathy Cate, Levi Sheer, |
| 14 Norma Pecinovsky, Shari Mongar | David Followwill, Al Foote |
| 15 Brianna Johnson | 28 Natalie VanderLinden, Margaret Miller |
| 16 Charlotte Schultz, Aaron Homard, | 29 Noah Kerndt |
| Steve Dann | 30 Don Ummel, Brody Egger |



- 1: Elmer & Theresa Flickinger
- 5: Larry & Patrice Webber
- 8: Joshua & Celeste Nelson
- 11: Damon & Tracy DeBates
- 25: Stephen & Cathy Cate

New Hope Sunday morning Worship attendance				
	8:30	9:30	10:45	Total
Feb 2	33	76	75	184
Feb 9	31	48	72	151
Feb 16	23	76	83	182
Feb 23	28	79	67	174



We are about to approach the best season for self-examination and for renewing our commitment to attend to the care of our souls. The season of Lent and Holy Week is offered for such holy work.

Like a ground hardened by the cold winds and waiting to be prepared for the season of planting and growing, our souls long for our tender loving care. Our drive for self-sufficiency, success, worthiness and acceptance may have opened our vulnerable souls to weariness, meaninglessness, fear and alienation. Our souls need to re-experience in a new way the gift of forgiveness from God, from others and from our own selves.

Self-examination is holy work and the soul needs a safe and gracious place to go through it. God offers the Scriptures for our self-examination work and we are convinced that the Spirit gives wisdom and intercedes often on our behalf. Jesus offers to us the story of his passion and ministry of grace and we are convinced that his love story engages us lovingly and abundantly. The church as a faith community, offers the gift of friends and fellow workers so that we are never truly alone to tend to the health and burdens of our souls.

The following prayers you may include in your soul work during Lent: Psalm 139, Psalm 51, The Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi (UMH #481), and A Covenant Prayer in the Wesleyan Tradition (UMH #607).

May all our souls find no reason at all to be weary, alienated and without meaning. Each of our souls has been created and formed for the purposes of God whose mercy and grace endure forever!!!!!!

Rev. Libian Gallo Seayen

For the month of March...“Self-Examination As Holy Work”

March 1	“Self-Examination and our Temptations” Holy Communion	<u>Script.:</u> Romans 5: 12-19 Matthew 4:1-11
March 8	“Self-Examination and our Ignorance”	<u>Script.:</u> Genesis 12:1-4a John 3:1-17
March 15	“Self-Examination and our Unsteady Faith ”	<u>Script.:</u> Exodus 17:1-7 Romans 5:1-11
March 22	“Self-Examination and our Defenses”	<u>Script.:</u> John 9: 1-41
March 29	“Self-Examination and our Death”	<u>Script.:</u> John 11: 1-45



Sunday Worship Services at New Hope

8:30am Traditional Service

9:30am Contemporary Service

10:45am Traditional Service

Serve God | Love Others | Follow Jesus

www.newhopedsm.org

Church Staff

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Lilian Gallo Seagren

Office Administrator: Nancy Monthei

Director of Music: Colby Gochanour

Children's Ministries Coordinator: Charity Johnson

Nursery Attendant: Jackie Johnson

Custodian: Chuck VanDyke

Church Office Hours

Monday-Friday: 7:30am-4:30pm

Friday: 7:30am-11:30am

E-mail Information

Church address: nhfamily@newhopedsm.org

Pastor Lilian Gallo Seagren: Lilian@newhopedsm.org

Colby Gochanour: colby@newhopedsm.org

Nancy Monthei: nancy@newhopedsm.org

Charity Johnson: cjohnson@newhopedsm.org

Find Us

Phone: (515) 278-2097

4525 Beaver Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50310

Find us on facebook!

Visit the website to find our facebook link.

The LINK newsletter is a monthly publication.

Editor: Nancy Monthei; Reporters: New Hope Church

family. Please contact the church office at 278-2097 if

you have a change in address or would like to be taken off

the LINK mailing list.

the link
New Hope United Methodist Church
4525 Beaver Avenue
Des Moines, Iowa 50310