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New Hope United Methodist Church

July
2020

JULY AT NEW HOPE UMC



NEW HOPE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday Worship
9am & 10:30am Parking Lot
10:30am Indoor

THE ASSURANCE OF GOD'S SPIRIT

LIVING WITHIN US



July 5
"Not doing what our hearts want to do?"

July 12
"Doing what God's Spirit wants us to do?"

July 19
"Our spirits agreeing with God's Spirit?"

July 26
"God's Spirit pleading and helping us?"

Join us for Sunday Worship!

We are pleased to announce that **starting Sunday, July 5th, we will be offering an indoor service option at 10:30 am.**

We understand that not everyone will be ready to come back indoors at this time; so New Hope **will continue to offer both a pre-recorded worship service and the 9:00 am & 10:30 am parking lot services.** However, the 10:30 am parking lot service will move to a simulcasted audio feed from the indoor service; which means you can come to the parking lot to listen to the service happening indoors; but you won't be able to see the service, given it will be inside.

Our Transition Team has drafted a list of changes (*some small, some big*) that will occur to get ready for in-person indoor worship:

- We will require you to wear a face covering while in the building
- We will not sing during service
- We will not have a fellowship/coffee time
- We will not shake hands but will do non-contact greeting: hand waving, bowing with a praying hand
- We will be meeting in the Family Life Center and will be seating in a socially distanced manner, with groups of chairs for each family size.
- We will designate one set of doors for entering the building and the other set of doors for exiting the building.
- We will have all doors propped open; so you don't have to touch the doors.
- We will have hand sanitizer available throughout the building.
- When worship is over, we will dismiss each grouping of chairs starting with those closest to the exit. We will ask you to leave the building immediately after worship.
- Before and after each worship service, we will sanitize the Family Life Center, bathrooms and the building.
- We ask you to stay in the designated sections of the building (*Family Life Center and hallways getting there and back*) and out of the other areas (*offices, classrooms, nursery, downstairs classrooms, and kitchen*). This will make cleaning and sanitizing more efficient.
- We will not be offering Nursery care.

The team has researched and investigated the best practices in providing a safe indoor worship experience for everyone. This list will continue to change and be evaluated when we learn more.

Going back indoors will require new volunteers that are willing help with the items listed above. Please contact Nancy in the church office (nhfamily@newhopedsm.org) to volunteer.

We hope that you can see that New Hope has adjusted and is continuing to adjust through this unprecedented global pandemic. Through this unique situation, New Hope has been able to continue to do miniseries in new ways and will continue to build on that foundation as we look to safely return to indoor services in July.



*"God bless America, land that I love."
As Americans prepare to celebrate
Independence Day, we thank God for the
freedom to worship.
God bless us all.*



Prayer Chain Request

If you have a prayer chain request, please call Mary Ann Rice at 964-7734 or the church office at 278-2097.

Prayer Concern

Linda Miller; Bob Harter; Glenda Millard; Dorothy Montgomery; Freda Ruleman; Brenda McConahay; Trudy, Chris Boyles' sister; Alyssa Palmer; JoAnn Pugh; 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



New Address

Lynn & Melisa Forbes
2795 NW 82nd Ave
Ankeny, IA 50023-9692

Colby & Amy Gochanour
317 SE Jacob St.
Unit 2B
Grimes, IA 50111

Betty Holwegner (July 15th)
1909 Elm Circle
West Des Moines, IA 50265

Birth

Congratulations to Nicole & JJ Gardner on the birth of their son, Emerson Thomas Gardner. Emerson was born on June 3rd and was 9 lb 1 oz and 20.75" long. Danielle & Keel Clemmens are the proud grandparents.

Our Sympathy

Our Sympathy to Bhanu Moses, Nina Moses and Mona Kirkpatrick and family on the passing of Ambrose Moses, husband and father.

Our Sympathy to Jerry & Linda Kielsmeier and family on the passing of Jerry's brother, Jeffrey Kielsmeier

Our Sympathy to Vicki O'Brien's mother, Joan, on the loss of her sister and husband, Marilyn & Norman Miller

Thank you to our High School Graduates for attending the Graduate Recognition on Sunday, June 28th.

God's blessings to you all in your new

Thank You

I would like to thank each and everyone who sent me a lovely birthday card for my 95th birthday. New Hope is such a friendly, caring church, and that I have appreciated being a member. I had a very special birthday. **Mary Drossel**

Thank You to our New Hope Family for your cards, emails and phone calls after the death of Jerry's brother, Jeff. In our time of sorrow your kind thoughts and communications gave us comfort and joy. We feel truly blessed to have such a wonderful church family.

Love, Jerry and Linda Kielsmeier



Confirmation Class

Gatherings at New Hope, wearing face masks and social distancing:

Friday, July 17th: Confirmation Retreat, 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. This will be a review with the students to visit the unanswered questions. Students received a package in the mail. This package will be needed for the Confirmation Retreat. **Parents and Mentors will join the students at 4 p.m. for a rehearsal.**

Sunday, July 19th, 10:30 a.m. Confirmation Sunday!



2020 Rummage Sale ~ Friday, August 21st, 9am-3pm



Hey New Hope!!!!

2020 Rummage Sale is going to require you to throw out **everything** you know about our traditional sales and look at this year with no comparisons. As you all know, we find ourselves in unique times and the circumstances required some creative solutions to pull off a sale this year.

Here is the plan:

First of all, we will not be advertising this outside of the church until **July 21** - one month from the sale. If Covid-19 numbers are not under control and we have any additional state restrictions our sale will be cancelled for this year, unfortunately.

If we can safely proceed:

***Donation day will be held on Sunday, August 16th from conclusion of services-7pm.**

We will be placing all donations into the Sunday school rooms (which will be disinfected at the conclusion of use and are not currently being utilized) and they will stay there for a 72+ hour hold for caution.

Thursday evening, our Sr. High Youth Group kids (and any volunteers that would like to help out) will be sorting donations and readying them for the sale.

Our 2020 Rummage Sale will take place outdoors, rain or shine, on Friday, August 21st from 9am-3pm. We will be utilizing canopies to provide shade and protect the items from weather. Start praying now for a nice sunny day!

We will be blocking off the front section of the parking lot as well as using the grassy area on the side (as needed based on donation amounts).

At the conclusion of our sale Friday afternoon, DAV (Disabled American Veterans) and Bidwell Riverside will be picking up the remainder of the items to bless the people they serve.

This means, the items will not need to go back into the church, we will ready them for donation outside and they will be picked up same day.

To Make This Work:

*We are not individually pricing every item in the sale. We will be selling things by the bag. This is necessary because of the limited interaction time our volunteers will have with the items. Selling things this way also prevents our volunteers from having to handle the items after customers – further negating risk.

*We will not use our reusable shopping bags this year. We do not want to take the risk of having items that are reused by many people.

*We will have hand sanitizer, masks and gloves (for anyone handling money or who would like them to feel safer) for our volunteers.

*Hand sanitizer will also be offered to our shoppers and advertisements will encourage shoppers to wear masks and to stay home if they or anyone in their home have been ill.

*Any items you have to donate that you believe to be worth \$20 or more, please email or call Jackie at jackiejohnson81@aol.com, (515)710-3239 to make arrangements for sale. We will be utilizing Facebook Marketplace to sell these items. Furniture will not need to be brought to the church, we will instead make arrangements to sell it and will have volunteers arrange and facilitate pick up or deliver directly from your home to the purchasers.

*Because many of our typical volunteers are in a higher risk category for Covid-19, our youth group is stepping in to help provide the manpower, thank you Sr. BLAST! If you are able to do the same, please let us know! It is going to be a BUSY day.

*Prayerfully consider what you can donate. Keep in mind that our goal this year is to BLESS our community - many people are in need and opportunities to shop for quality items that are priced affordably has been very limited recently. If you aren't comfortable donating for a one-day sale, that is totally up to you and we will look forward to your donation in future years.

*Please be extra thoughtful with your donations this year. We will not have the time with items that we traditionally do, so it will be more important than ever to donate clean, working, ready to sell items.

*It would still be helpful if you separate items by type and label your bags when you donate. This will help our volunteers greatly, as they will only have one evening with the items before the sale.

*Please no judgement! We are doing the best we can with the circumstances. Will it look as well organized or amazing as our traditional sale? No! Is the purpose still fulfilled? Absolutely!

Get ready for 2021! We hope to be back to normal and even better than ever in 2021.

Please pray for our sale to be a blessing to our church and our community.

Thank you,

Jackie Johnson

Care Ministry Team

Care Team meeting in Fellowship hall on **Thursday, July 9th at 10 am**. Masks should be worn and we will sit at proper distancing. If anyone feels uncomfortable coming to the meeting they should contact Clarice Rubek.

Bidwell-Riverside Center

Members of our congregation volunteer at Bidwell Riverside on the second Thursday of each month, 1-4pm. **Postponed until further notice.** Questions? contact Lynn Louk (276-7900).

Veterans Helping Veterans

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

Blood Pressure Check

Postponed until further notice.

Men's Breakfast

Postponed until further notice.

Women's Fellowship
Postponed until further notice. Questions? contact Susan Clark at 964-5119.

All support groups are postponed until further notice.

Support Groups

Al-Anon

Every Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. in the Ruby Chapel.

Alcoholics Anonymous

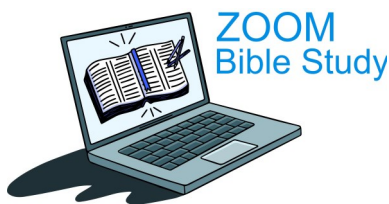
Every Tuesday at Noon in the Ruby Chapel.

Stroke Club of Iowa

3rd Tuesday of the month (February - October) at 7 p.m.

New Hope Needlers

Postponed until further notice. Questions? Contact Jody Rains, 278-8282



FRIDAY BIBLE STUDY

The Friday Bible study will meet by Zoom on **Friday, July 10 and August 14, from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.**

We will finish the study of the Gospel of John by studying chapters 18 & 19 on July 10 and chapters 20 & 21 on August 14.

In September we will begin a study of Philippians by Zoom. Hopefully, sometime in late fall or early in 2021, we will be able to again meet at the Pizza Ranch.

If you are interested in being a part of this study, please contact Jim Louk at 515-276-7900 or jimlouk@icloud.com, and you will receive instructions on how to join the Zoom study.



Thank you to everyone who continues to help Pastor Lilian during this pandemic. We appreciate everyone's support!



BLAST - Believing, Learning, Assisting, Serving, Teens

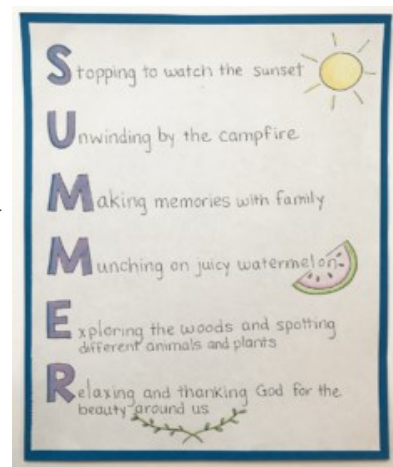
Jr. BLAST (6th-8th grade) Leaders: Jackie Johnson & Jenn Higdon
JrBLAST@NewHopeDSM.org

We hope our Jr. BLAST kids are enjoying summer!

Remember, Jenn and Jackie are always available if you need someone to talk to or pray with you.

Looking to fill some of your time? Here are some things you can do: Focus on really appreciating the world around you - take a walk in nature to marvel at God's creation, be an encourager to a friend in need, open your bible to a random page and read whatever chapter you are open to, have a picnic with your family, learn your favorite bible verse in another language, clean your room :), write your own poem about summer... if you do send it to us, we would love to read it!

We are thinking of you all and looking forward to seeing you this fall!



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

During a typical year, Pam and I would be returning from a weeklong mission trip with our youth and I would be writing you to tell you about the great works we were able to do for a community in need. However, this year is different, and we were not able to go on our annual mission trip. Instead, I want to provide a quick look back at all the places New Hope has sent their youth over the past 7 years...



As we are looking forward to this Fall, our 3-day mini youth retreat is starting to take form. We are going to hold this youth retreat from August 20th through August 22nd. Our primary focus will be around helping with the New Hope Rummage Sale. Additionally, we will be gathering for worship, fellowship, and team building activities. More information will be sent out at the end of July. Start now preparing for this unique opportunity.

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

August 20th, 21st, and 22nd ~ 3 Day Mini Youth Retreat

Sept. 12th ~ Iowa VS Iowa State Service Project and Game (Johnston Partnership)

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

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JULY MISSION NEWS

Co chairs: Cheryl Moore & Marilyn Osborn



Hand of Luke, July 14th: This is our monthly ministry of a meal for the Central Iowa Shelter and Services.

Thank you for your monetary donations for our Hand of Luke program. They have enabled us to purchase the groceries we need to continue providing a meal to the Central Iowa Shelter and Services.

A special thank you to Patrice Webber for doing the grocery shopping.

This month's menu is pulled pork sandwiches, chips, beans and frozen fruit bars for the July 14th meal.

We will continue to drop off the meal until the shelter is open again for volunteer servers.

Your support of this ongoing program is greatly appreciated.

Please contact Jolene Harlow at rdharlow@earthlink.net or 515-490-8813 if you have any questions.

MISSION INGATHERING: This event was formerly called Thanksgiving Ingathering. It was held in the different districts in the state. The purpose was to gather materials and kits to send to needy areas.

The kits are now only sent to UMCOR, our United Methodist Committee on Relief, and to Midwest Mission, our nearest warehouse for receiving and distributing kits. Kits include: health/sanitary kits, cleaning buckets, layette kits, school kits, etc.

For the last several years, New Hope has sent Health Kits, now called PDK Kits or Personal Dignity Kits, which are used in disaster areas after floods, earthquakes, tornadoes, etc.

This year, we have been asking for one specific item per month for Health Kits. January and February, we were collecting hand towels, March we were to collect wash cloths, and April we are to collect combs.

Since we cannot access the church until we resume our regular schedules, please hold on to the items as we will be assembling them with the help of Jr. Blast in October. They will be delivered to Greenfield UMC on November 7th, our district's Ingathering site.

Personal Dignity Kit "PDK"

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| 1 Bath Hand Towel – No kitchen towels | 1 Comb – sturdy - no rattail or picks |
| 1 Bath Washcloth – No kitchen dishcloths | 10 Band-Aids – 3/4" x 3" |
| 1 Razor – with guard | 1 Shampoo – 15-18 oz |
| 1 Nail Clippers – no files or emery boards | 1 Deodorant – 2-3 oz. stick, roll on, or pump |
| 1 Adult Tooth Brush – No multipacks | 1 Toothpaste – 2.5 oz. or larger |
| 1 Bar Soap – 3-4 oz. | |

Place in gallon zip lock bag.

To raise funds for "Hunger Grants" for Central District's churches missions, people donate quilts.

CONTINUING SUPPORT OF OUR PARTNERSHIP AGENCIES: Each month, checks are issued to the following agencies from our Mission Fund: Missionary, Dr. Emmanuel Mefor, Women at the Well, Bidwell Riverside, Johnston Partnership, and Urbandale Food Pantry. Of course, our other Partnership is with HOL, Hand of Luke, our feeding at Iowa Central Shelter and Services. With the virus restrictions, we need more monetary support, so it is great that there is a donation link on our website: www.newhopedsm.org.

New Hope Congregation,

It is hard to believe Chris has just completed his 8th year of leading, B.L.A.S.T., the senior high youth group and Pam just completed her 7th year. It has been truly amazing to see how fast the youth grow and change. We have seen youth who have entered the program as freshman who are now graduating college and entering the working world. We have seen others who were involved with our youth group and have been since called to continue their ministry in service in different capacities, such as a junior leader in our group or continue their calling into ministry. The leaders cannot express how graceful we are for the continued support that our congregation provides to us and the youth involved in our ministry.



During a typical summer; B.L.A.S.T. would be taking seven to thirteen youth on our annual summer mission's trip to go serve in a different community. Due to the global pandemic right now; our plans changed and we are looking forward to a fall mini retreat instead. However, we would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude for the ministry of B.L.A.S.T.

As we wrapped up our weekly youth group meetings this year; we took the opportunity to ask the youth about what New Hope Senior High School Ministry has meant to them. We were amazed at their responses and would like to take this opportunity to share them with the congregation.

All the youth want to ensure that the members of the congregation know that they are very thankful for the opportunities this ministry, through congregational support; has allowed them to grow in their faith. They remarked that they enjoy the fellowship of conversations during our breakfasts. They especially enjoy sitting down with the congregation and sharing firsthand experiences of their mission trip. They feel having these conversations help bridge a generational gap and allows them to connect with others from our congregation. They continued to expand on their gratefulness to the congregation in supporting them not only financially, but also in prayers while they are on their mission trip and the fact that some of the congregational members have joined in on the mission trips as an adult leader.

We then asked the youth about other areas ours senior high youth group has impacted them outside of the annual mission trip. They want to thank the church for allowing them to meet and strengthen their relationships with God through this ministry. The kids remarked that they enjoy the service opportunities that we provide and the relationships with different community groups that we have formed. They especially enjoy going monthly to the Child Serve home in Johnston to play games with their residents. Many of the kids that are staying at the home in Johnston go to school in Johnston with many of our youth group members. Our group enjoys getting to get to know the kids outside of the school setting.

I think the most insightful comment we heard from the youth, that sums up their appreciation for this ministry was... "Through the ministry of Senior High Youth group; I have been able to make friends with people that I would have never had a friendship with otherwise". As leaders, we were taken aback by this comment as we feel it shows the power of this ministry, in the fact that we are reaching a group of youth, enabling them to grow together in their faith, and allowing them to form friends with fellow Christians. This result would not be possible without the support of our church and the continued investment into our ministry. Because of that; the entire youth group would like to say **THANK YOU!!!**

Amanda Sevels

Ashley Marsh

Arianna Bernal

Sarah Sahlin

Adam Wise

Mady Johnson

Brianna Johnson

Drew Wise

Tyjam Lewis

Kendall Henry

Taeda Yartz

July 2020

Sunday Worship
9am & 10:30am Parking Lot
10:30am Indoor

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FRIDAY

SATURDAY

			1 Zoom Coffee Fellowship: 9am, 5:30pm, 7:30pm	2 6:30p, Worship Design Mtg. via Zoom	3 Church Office Closed	4 Independence Day 
5 9am & 10:30 Parking Lot Worship 10:30 Indoor Worship Holy Communion will be offered	6 7p, Trustees Mtg., F.Hall	7 6:00p, SPRC Mtg., via Zoom	8 Zoom Coffee Fellowship: 9am, 5:30pm, 7:30pm	9 10a, Care Team Mtg, F.Hall	10 1p, Friday Bible Study, via Zoom	11 9a, Racial Diversity & Justice Conversation via Zoom. See the list of resources on the church website.
12 9am & 10:30 Parking Lot Worship 10:30 Indoor Worship	13	14 3:30p, Hand of Luke	15 Zoom Coffee Fellowship: 9am, 5:30pm, 7:30pm	16 6:30p, Finance Mtg., via Zoom	17 1:00p, Confirmation Retreat 4:00p, Mentors	18 10a-4p, F.Hall reserved by Jodi Christensen
19 9am & 10:30 Parking Lot Worship 10:30 Indoor Worship Confirmation Sunday Noon-5pm, F.Hall reserved	20 Deadline for August LINK	21	22 Zoom Coffee Fellowship: 9am, 5:30pm, 7:30pm	23 6:30p, Administrative Council via Zoom	24	25 9a, Racial Diversity & Justice Conversation via Zoom. See the list of resources on the church website. 9a-Noon, R.Chapel reserved by Sharon Smith 12:30-7p, F.Hall reserved by Sarah Duos
26 9am & 10:30 Parking Lot Worship 10:30 Indoor Worship	27	28	29 Zoom Coffee Fellowship: 9am, 5:30pm, 7:30pm	30	31 5pm Jason Balk/Sarah Duos wedding rehearsal	



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



- 1 Ron Zoss
- 2 Sally Corcoran, Terry Dolberg,
- 3 Chinyere Ukabiala, Cindy Meyer,
Nicholas Bogue
- 4 Chad Strauss
- 5 Steven Alcorn
- 6 Forrest Mc Cleary, Bailey Dillenburg
- 8 Roger Moore, Marc Davis
- 9 Ryan Herrick, Beth Roff
- 10 Kathy Fairchild, Charlene Cobb,
- 11 Sawyer Merrill, Tom Schultz, Courtney
Berry
- 12 Jane Wagner, David Davis
- 13 Michelle Roquet, Lincoln Herrick
- 14 Cathy Homard, Mike Wakeman
- 15 Jody Rains, Rece Haugland

- 16 Cheryl Moore, Patty Nearmyer,
Chris Higdon
- 17 Kaiden Nelson, Ronan Rock
- 18 Brad Johnson
- 20 Kim Wills, Robin Harlow
- 21 Allen Davis, Jim Mather
- 22 John Burrough
- 23 Eldon Cross, Adam Jaschen, Gabrielle
Dean, Max Roquet, Hannah Siefken
- 24 David Baldwin, Tony Hoffman,
SaLynn Lemke
- 25 Jan Davisson, Elaine Lesch
- 26 Mackenzie Hewitt
- 27 Deb Henry, Brenda McConahay
- 29 Shayna Stubbs, Hannah Hoffman,
Sarah Jacques
- 31 Caleb Williamson

- 5 Bob & Carol Harter
- 8 Lynn & Jan Davisson
- 8 Rick & Michelle Roquet
- 8 Matt & Erika Weih
- 8 Mark & Julie Sahlin
- 9 Mark & Megan Thomsen
- 15 Roger & Tammy Dann
- 16 Terry & Penny Dolberg
- 19 George & Armenta Buckingham
- 22 Jason & Elaine Sheer
- 23 Nate & Sarah Jacques
- 29 Joe & Judy Nemmers
- 29 Spencer & Andy Sutton

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please call the church office at 278-2097,
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we can update our files.*



ZOOM Coffee Fellowship

On Wednesdays, you are all invited to one of the Coffee Fellowship Times via ZOOM. Join Pastor Lilian and your church friends at either 9am, 5:30pm or 7:30pm.

Watch for the Monday email that is sent with the ZOOM information. If you have any questions, please contact the church office, 278-2097.

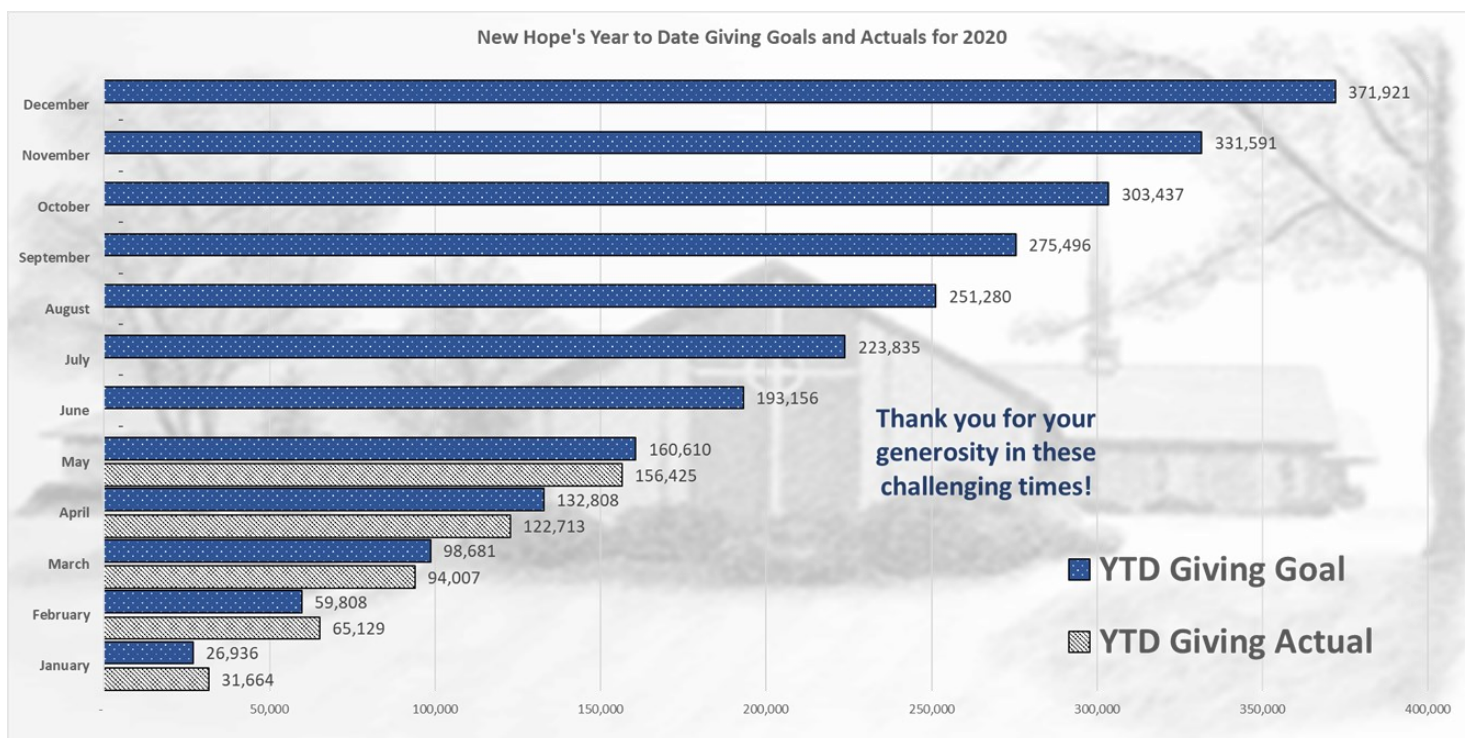
And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds... Hebrews 10:24

New Hope Family,

As we (hopefully) approach the end of quarantine and some semblance of normal life, I encourage all of us to look for ways we can volunteer and thereby bless our communities. Whether that is supporting an organization that you were already involved in or finding something new, there has never been a better time than now to share your talents! It's a great opportunity show our friends and neighbors that they are loved and that our New Hope family cares for them.

I would like to take a minute to plug my favorite way to volunteer: giving blood. The nurses are always so happy to have someone come in to donate and they make sure I am comfortable for the 30 minutes I am hooked up. The cookies and coffee at the end don't hurt either! Maybe next time I'll see you in the next chair over?

God Bless
Caleb Warner
Member of the Finance & Stewardship Committee





Sunday Worship Services at New Hope

8:30am Traditional Service

9:30am Contemporary Service

10:45am Traditional Service

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serving hands and transforming communities.**

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