

Sunday, July 17th VBS Celebration Sunday!

Join us for **one service at 10am** to help us recognize all of our VBS participants and volunteers, hear some of the songs from VBS, learn about this year's VBS mission project - UMCOR Ukraine, and celebrate with a hot dog lunch after service.

VBS attendees and helpers – be sure to wear your VBS shirt to church that morning!

If you would like to help with set up and/or clean up or make a donation towards the meal, please sign up using the link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0849a9ab2ba31-vbscelebration>



Sundae Sunday Community Event

July 31 ~ 2:30pm – 4:00pm

New Hope Parking Lot

Please invite your friends and neighbors and join us for Sundaes and Entertainment!

Bring a lawn chair and enjoy the opportunity to meet and mingle with your Church family and community. Regular and non-dairy ice cream will be available.





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 ~

Healing from Cancer: Jody Rains, Roberta Cave, Tara McCulley, Sharon Hanson, Steve Cate, JoAnn Decker, Fred Foreman, Tim Buckner, Larry Fairchild, Sam Bunz, Kathy Palmer, Evette Burton, David Ruleman, Skylar Freeman, JoAnn Pugh, Josephine Demarco, Brian Upper, Kathy Biermann, Mary Textor, Paula Grapp, Kay M.

Healing from Physical Issues:

Jan Davisson, Jeffrey Foreman, Linda Stumbo's grandson, Erica Hodgson, Jo Foote, Freda Ruleman, Nancy Foreman, Dick Piph, Jack Habick, Galyn Cross, Anthony Ruleman, Theresa Faber, Jeff Louk, Jennifer

Those Who Are in Rehabilitation and Nursing Care:

Glenda Millard, Ann Krause, Sheila Hartung, Dick Biermann, Gayle Easton

Military: Michael Craighton, Todd McGinnity, Devan Stanton, Hunter Schmidt, Joshua Ruleman, Rece Haugland, Jacob Gerlach

"What sunshine is to flowers,
smiles are to humanity."

-Joseph Addison



Directory Update:

Bob Robinson's new phone #: 515-330-6828

Thank You:

Thank you for your dedication to serving meals in our kitchen! We at Central Iowa Shelter & Services (CISS) are so grateful for your help.
CISS Staff

Thank you so much for the meal and beautiful blanket. It was great not having to prepare dinner and Charlie loves her cozy blanket!

Love,

Adam, Brittany & Charlie Kealhofer

Kinney Carnahan's family thanks New Hope for their support, kindness and prayers.

Our Sympathy:

Our Sympathy to Jim Carnahan and family on the passing of Kinney Carnahan.

Our Sympathy to Steve Sutton; David Sutton; Denice Sutton; and Spencer, Andy, Allyson & Zane Sutton on the passing of Norma Sutton.

Our Sympathy to Linda Cooley and family on the passing of Ron Cooley's sister.

Graduate:

Belated congratulations to Mei Hashimoto Baldwin on her graduation with Honors from Arizona State University this past May. She is the daughter-in-law of Mark and Susan Baldwin, and wife of David Baldwin. She will seek employment using her Communications degree once she returns from a fall trip visiting her parents in Osaka, Japan. David and Mei live in Tempe, Arizona.

JULY AT NEW HOPE UMC



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JULY 3

Psalmist's soul is noisy with plea
and praise

JULY 10

Psalmist's soul leans on God's Judgement

JULY 17

Psalmist's soul teaches forever trust,
love, gratitude

JULY 24

Psalmist's soul fears God's anger

JULY 31

Psalmist's soul counts God's love
and goodness

THE PSALMIST'S
SOUL
CONVERSATIONS
WITH
GOD



The Task Force of writers and proponents of The Resolution on Inclusion presented to the Administrative Council on June 23, 2022, that an All Church Conference be convened before the year ends for the purpose of taking a vote on The Resolution on Inclusion. The Majority of the Administrative Council present voted (9-3) to allow the request for The All Church Conference. ***As soon as our Pastor has secured a date for The All Church Conference with our District Superintendent, every Full Member of our congregation will be receiving a copy of The Resolution on Inclusion and the date for The All Church Conference via postal mail.***

Please continue to be in prayerful discernment. A series of open meetings will be scheduled during the months of July and August. These meetings will provide all people and groups within the church opportunities to participate in conversations to share information and thoughts before the scheduled All Church Conference. This invitation is offered so that all will be ready to vote. The resolution that we will be voting on is: ***We support same sex marriage as a covenant of two consenting and covenanting adults be held in any of New Hope UMC's ministry spaces.***

Members of the Task Force: Barb Mather, Patrice Webber, Terri Lowe, Andy Sutton, Carol Harter, Clark Howland and Pastor Lilian were present in all meetings.

"Let us not grow weary in doing what is good, doing no harm and staying in love with God."

On behalf of the SPPRC, we would like to express our sincere thanks for the blessings our church receives from our staff members.

Thank you to Pastor Lilian for her tireless efforts, attendance at every meeting, visitation of those in need, weekly messages and sermons, and well, the list goes on. Her guidance and wisdom are leadership qualities that we see over and over again. Her calm demeanor and common sense decision-making skills help to set the tone for our church meetings and overall church feeling.

Nancy Monthei is another of our irreplaceable staff members. She recruits volunteers, makes sure everyone is where they are supposed to be, and it seems she never forgets anything, and that list goes on as well. Nancy is diplomatic, innovative, willing to learn and try new things, and just seems to be everywhere all at the same time.

Kris Wakeman and Jackie Johnson have been our nursery attendants for several years. Their dependability and nurturing demeanors are traits that cannot be overestimated. Our little ones are in good hands. It's important to note that anyone serving in the nursery doesn't get seen very often, and yet, they are there every single week, providing such an important service. As Jackie resigns this position to begin working with our youth programs, Brianna Johnson and Amanda Soards will begin working with Kris in the nursery. And we are thankful for them for taking on this role.

Speaking of Jackie Johnson, we are thrilled to have her as our Children and Youth Ministries Coordinator. Jackie began her work in this position on June 1, and has already dedicated many hours to make sure our youth programs are engaging and meaningful, not to mention, fun. Jackie's organizational gifts, willingness to put in the necessary time (and more), and passion for creating fun and inspirational youth programs cannot be overestimated.

As you all know, Preshia Paulding is our Choir and Praise Band director. To say she makes a joyful noise is an understatement. We are thankful to Preshia for sharing her talents with us for practices and both services. Music is such an important part of our worship time, and the depth of Preshia's gifts is truly amazing. Preshia has proven to be flexible when Covid dictated changes in music programs, and has risen to the challenges of her position as our music director.

And the music, thank you to Brenda McConahay and Emily Bowser for sharing their musical gifts with us: Brenda on the piano and Emily on the piano and organ. The music they provide on both piano and organ add depth and joy to each service. Truly, their playing brings a smile to the faces of all fortunate enough to be present when they play.

It is clear that we are incredibly blessed at New Hope. We are thankful to God for bringing each of these staff members to our church, and thankful to each of them for their willingness to serve.

May God continue to bless our congregation and those who share their gifts so willingly.

From the Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee (SPPRC)

★ STAFF APPRECIATION ★

RUMMAGE SALE

Mark your calendar!

The 2022 Rummage Sale dates are: **July 28 (12-6pm), July 29 (9am-6pm) and July 30 (9am-12pm)!**

Please help us get the word out about our sale! When we post on Facebook, please share our posts with your friends!

Donation Days:

Sunday, July 24!

You can donate items from the conclusion of services - 7pm.

Monday, July 25!

You can donate items from 9am-1pm.

Please help us get the word out about our sale!

Spread the word to your friends and family and share our sale posts when you see them on Facebook.

Our donation days will be here before we know it!

This year we are hoping to be helpful by extending our donation window to two days. We will be accepting donation on Sunday, July 24 and Monday, July 25th!

You may drop off your donations from the conclusion of services - 7pm on Sunday and 9am-1pm on Monday.

We ask that you get your donations ready before bringing them in!

Please sort your things into like kinds - men's clothing together, shoes together, kitchenware together, etc... this will RE-ALLY help our volunteers when it comes time to get the donations ready for display. We truly appreciate your help with this, it saves many hours of time for our volunteers!

Our Rummage Sale has a great reputation in the community for having high quality, gently used items!

Please help us keep our good reputation by ensuring your donations are free from damage and in clean, working order when donated.

Do you have an item you aren't sure we will accept?

When in doubt, check this out:

- No mattresses
- No tube style TVs
- No hide-a-bed sofas
- No car seats
- No stuffed animals
- No Christmas trees



Thank you in advance for your amazing donations!

Our sale would not exist without the generosity of our congregation year after year.

Each and every donation is appreciated!!

This has been said before, but it is SO worth repeating ~

It is a wonderful feeling to see the smile on the face of a shopper that got a bargain on an item that has hardly been used and was thoughtfully included in a donation box by a church member! Each year we are blessed with many statements of appreciation from the community we are serving with our sale.

Questions or comments? Please contact Jackie at [\(jjackiejohnson81@aol.com\)](mailto:jackiejohnson81@aol.com)/(515)710-3239.



We are so excited to welcome back our veteran volunteers and would also love to have some new hands on deck this year! Signup sheets are in the main hallway, or you are welcome to just email Jackie with your availability.

Some areas of greatest need are:

Cashiers for Thursday - We need 4 teams of checkers/sackers (8 people) to work Thursday, particularly in the first 3 hours of our sale.

Cashiers will be handling money and need to be comfortable making change.

Jewelry Counter - The jewelry counter has its own check out and we need at least one person there during our open hours.

Children's Clothing/Items - This area does not have an area leader to oversee at this time. If you have a significant amount of time to give, this might be the job for you!

Home Décor - This area does not have an area leader to oversee at this time. If you have a significant amount of time to give, this might be the job for you!

Saturday Clean Up - If you aren't available during the week, but would like to contribute PLEASE consider volunteering to help us box up all of the leftovers to be donated. This takes A LOT of time and by the end of the week our usual team is tired. Assistance with this would be greatly appreciated!

If you want to volunteer for any of these roles or find out more information, please let Jackie know or signup on the sheets in the hall and we will be in touch.

Since we are hosting the sale in the summer, it would be great to get some of our New Hope young people help as their schedules allow!

We ask that you prayerfully consider how you can help support this undertaking. Whether you have one hour to give or want to spend 40 with us, we appreciate the gift of your time!

Our women's group will be hosting our Bake Sale this year!

Please let Glenna Ross if you would like to contribute some yummy treats to their efforts.

Her email is: glenna625@hotmail.com.

Most importantly, please keep our volunteers and shoppers in your prayers.

May we make an impact on the community around us and may God bless our interactions during this event.

Questions or comments? Please contact Jackie at [\(jjackiejohnson81@aol.com\)](mailto:jackiejohnson81@aol.com)/(515)710-3239.





EPIC COMMUNITY RUMMAGE SALE

New Hope UMC
4525 Beaver Ave. Des Moines
Thursday, July 28th 12-6pm
Friday, July 29th 9am-6pm
Saturday, July 30th 9am-12pm

HUGE INDOOR RUMMAGE SALE! MASKS ARE ENCOURAGED AND APPRECIATED!

QUALITY ITEMS, AFFORDABLE PRICES!!

CLOTHING HOME DECOR KITCHENWARE ELECTRONICS HOLIDAY GAMES/PUZZLES
ACCESSORIES LINENS FURNITURE OUTDOOR CRAFT SUPPLIES TOYS
AND MORE.....

Sr. BLAST (BLAST@NewHopeDSM.org): Chris Higdon (*Supervising Adult*), Pam Frey (*Supervising Adult*), Chris Spring (*Volunteering Adult*), Brianna Johnson (*Volunteering Adult*), and Amanda Soards (*Volunteering Adult*).

What an inspiring week we had at the FugeCamp (June 13th – June 18th) with a Mission Focus!!! Our group adapted to changes and had a great week learning and serving Our Lord. Our trip started out rough when the rental company could not rent us our 12-passenger van that we booked over two months ago... However, everything worked out and we took a brand-new Chevrolet Suburban instead.

Once we arrived in Bolivar, Missouri for Camp, we quickly realized that we were the only United Methodist Church at camp. Turns out, FugeCamp is a nationwide Baptist summer camp program that is offered on several college campuses. However, this was our first Summer Mission Trip where there were over 750 people attending from over 38 different Churches... This was a large gathering of people to praise Our God!



Our group did a great job adapting and learning about the Baptist denomination. Our mission site for the week was to head to a local park and play with the local kids for the week. Additionally, taking this opportunity to have conversation about religion and faith with the people we met at the park. This was out of our group's comfort zone; however, everyone did great and had several conversations with the people of Bolivar, Missouri.

I do not want to share all our experiences here in this article; so, I am inviting the congregation to come **celebrate our Mission trip on Sunday, August 28th** as the youth will be sharing the specifics from the week and how they saw God working through them and how they grew closer to God through this experience. Please mark it on your calendar now.

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

July 31st ~ Sundae Sunday Event at New Hope

Aug. 5th ~ I-Cubs Baseball Family Night

Aug. 28th ~ Summer Camp / Mission Trip Celebration at New Hope

Sept. 10th ~ Iowa VS Iowa State Service Project and Game

Sept. 14th ~ Thank God for BLAST Discussions – TGBD

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

BLAST: Believing, Learning, Assisting, Serving, Teens

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

Calling all 6th-8th Graders!!!!

Join us **Friday, August 5th** for a day of service! We will be meeting at New Hope at 9am and returning at 4pm.

We will be heading out into the community to serve and having some fun and fellowship too!

If transportation is an issue for you, please let us know and we will do our best to help.



Looking Ahead To Fall Programs—Jr. BLAST is in need of **new leadership to take over for Jenn and Jackie** who are both transitioning into other roles on Wednesday nights.

If you enjoy the company of middle school students and would like to help deepen the faith and relationships among the church's next generation, please consider getting involved!

The commitment would be on Wednesday nights mid-September through mid-May.

If you have questions or want to chat about what would be involved, please reach out to Jackie at jackie@newhopedsm.org or (515)710-3239.



Confirmation 2022

Sunday, June 5th, we welcomed into membership: **Kail Hopkins, Brook Larsen and Benjamin Leyda**. Thank you for all their mentors and family who have supported them.



Camperships

Make sure you get your child registered for camp this summer!

Missions will cover $\frac{1}{2}$ 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 $\frac{1}{2}$ 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.



ADULT Sunday School

Join us!

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



New Hope Needlers

The Needlers will meet **Friday, July 15th, 9:00am—3:00pm** in the north classroom. We lunch at Panera in Johnston.

Please join us with your sewing machine and sewing notions to make Little Dresses and Days for Girls feminine hygiene kits. Dress kits are provided and are very simple to sew.

We are also in need of quilters to make lap quilts for the NHUMC Care Team to distribute.

Not a seamstress? You can still help with drawstrings, ribbon cutting, and inserting snaps.

Questions? Contact Diane Densmore, 515-270-1974 or Jody Rains, 515-238-4051

Blood Pressure Check

August 7th (*no July checks*)

9:30a-11a 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
(February - October) at 7 p.m. (*not currently meeting*)

Bible Study ~ "Parables of Jesus"

We are resuming our "Parables of Jesus" Bible Study, using Dr. Amy-Jill Levine's program.

We will meet at **7pm at Banny and Patrick's home on: June 16th, July 21st and August 18th** (3rd Thursday of each month).

This is an open invitation because we study one parable at a time. Please email and or text Pastor Lilian so that she may give you Banny & Patrick's address.



Care Ministry Team

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

August 11th 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.

United Women In Faith

Join us for lunch on **July 21st at 11:30 a.m. at Bennigan's** on Merle Hay Road. Questions? Please call Susan Clark at 515-964-5119.

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.



Also, thank you to everyone who donated, helped, and purchased goodies from the June 12th bake sale. We were able to raise over \$500 for our missions. Some of our missions include: Bidwell River Side, Hawthorne Hill, Johnston Partnership, Urbandale Partnership, John Rains veteran's baskets, West Des Moines Human Services, and DMARC.

We are very grateful for your support.

MISSION NEWS ~ Marilyn Osborn, Chair of Mission Committee

YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF OTHERS



FREE LITTLE FOOD PANTRY NEEDS YOU. *Thank you to everyone who has donated* non-perishable food items for the Free Little Food Pantry. The need continues to grow and beginning in July, New Hope will donate 25 food items per week for the Pantry and increase it to 30 food items per week for August. This will only be possible with your continued donations to the Free Little Food Pantry.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED TO: Bring a donation of one or more food products each Sunday to New Hope and put on our pantry shelf located by the Welcome Center in the hallway. These items may include canned meats, canned fruit, canned vegetables, peanut butter, cereal, rice, grains, dry beans of all types, Ramon Noodles, soup, Chef Boyardee products with meat, spaghetti sauce, spaghetti noodles, pasta, etc. Only non-perishable foods and no expired food products. A grocery check list is on the pantry shelf to assist you in your shopping.

Sign up for a Monday to take the food products from the pantry shelves at New Hope and deliver to the Free Little Food Pantry located between 51st and 52nd Streets north of Meredith Drive. There is a clipboard with the sign-up sheet on the shelf. You can pick out your 25 choices on Sunday and deliver any time of the day on Monday.

YOU CAN BE A FOLLOWER OF JESUS BY MAKING FOOD AVAILABLE TO THE NEEDY.

If you have any questions, please contact Marilyn Osborn-515-480-4986 (cell) or email at gomoosborn@gmail.com

Monthly donations totaling \$1,250.00 are given to: Bidwell Riverside, Missionary Dr. Mefor, Urbandale Food Pantry, DMARC Food Bank, Women at the Well, African Immigrant and Refugee Transition Services (AIRTS) and Johnston Partnership. These donations are made possible by your support of the Rummage Sale and The Harvest Dinner at New Hope. **Thank You!**



Fill the Red Barrel: Contributing to the red barrel is as easy as buying a few extra cans of food while you shop and bringing them to church with you. All food and personal care items collected by the Red Barrel Program goes to the DMARC Food Pantry Network. For a list of most needed items, please click on: <https://www.dmarcunited.org>

If you would rather give a monetary donation, please make your check out to New Hope UMC and include "Food Pantry" in the memo line and place your check with the offering.



Grain Bin: When the Grain Bin is full, the donations will be given to Johnston Partnership, Bidwell Riverside and the Urbandale Food Pantry, on a rotation schedule.



Hand of Luke ~ Thursday, July 14, 2022

This is our monthly ministry of preparing a meal for the Central Iowa Shelter and Services. Your monetary donations are used to purchase the majority of the food for the monthly meal ~ thank you! The menu for July will be ham casserole, fruit cocktail, dinner rolls, ice cream and cookies.

Eldon Cross and Harmony Delegation will be transporting the food and serving the meal this month. Thank you, Eldon and friends!

Other **volunteers are needed to cook the meal, and donate cookies (no peanut butter or nuts, please).** If you are interested in this opportunity, you may sign up using the following link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E044DACA722A4FE3-holthursday1>

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

Baseball Family Night ~ Friday, August 5th @ 7pm

Join our church family for an I-Cubs game on Friday, August 5th!

This is a 7pm game, complete with fireworks!!

There will be a cost of **\$10 per ticket** that can be paid with cash or check made out to the church.

Please contact Jackie at jackie@newhopedsm.org to reserve your tickets **by July 22nd.**



New Hope UMC
God's Girlfriends Women's Retreat

Anchored in Christ

If we're anchored in Jesus, no matter the storm, He is steadfast and sure.

Welcome Aboard!
We look forward to you joining us for an evening of inspiration, laughter and fellowship.

Thursday, September 15th, 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
(doors open at 6:00)
4525 Beaver Ave., Des Moines, IA

No cost. We do ask you to pre-register by September 4th at nhfamily@newhopedsm.org or 515-278-2097



Our speaker for the evening will be
Michelle Laughlin
"Living Life Extraordinarily"
Being born with only one arm, Michelle has made the best of her situation by believing in herself and encouraging others to do the same. She has achieved a level of success that no one could have predicted. Michelle is the Student Disability Services Coordinator at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa. A graduate of the University of Northern Iowa, and Drake University, she challenges faculty, students, and staff to see disabilities as an asset rather than a liability.
Michelle uses personal stories from her life and the lives of her husband and children to motivate and inspire audiences from elementary schools to businesses to institutes of higher education.
Your time spent with Michelle will challenge your attitudes and spur you on to achieve at a higher level yourself.

New Hope UMC
God's Girlfriends Women's Retreat

From the Board of Trustees:

As you have noticed, a gorgeous water fountain has been added to the middle of the prayer garden. The fountain was donated to the church by the Montgomery Family in memory of Dorothy Montgomery and has been in planning stages for over a year. The fountain is unique as it circulates rainwater that is supplied by the downspouts in the garden and stored in an underground water basin. The fountain will be operational from early spring through late fall each year. A very special thank you to the Montgomery Family for their generous contribution to our church home. In addition, the trustees would like to thank the garden committee and helpers (Linda and Jerry Kielsmeier, Ruth Doxon, David Montgomery, Don Gurnsey) for their hard work with transplanting the flowers and plants in the garden.

NOTE: The fountain is a beautiful addition to our church, and we would like to maintain this beauty for many years to come. As such, the fountain does require some annual maintenance, in particular, starting the fountain in the spring and winterizing the fountain in the fall.

The trustees are looking for a couple of volunteers that are willing to be responsible for this annual maintenance. Training will be provided. Please contact Tim McCulley at 515-205-3608 if you are interested in this mission.

In addition to the fountain, we will be adding two five-foot benches to be placed in the garden. From Carefree Creations, the benches are made from recycled plastic lumber, maintenance free and UV resistance. A brochure with pictures of the benches can be found in the church office. David Montgomery has committed to purchasing the benches; however, he is willing to accept contributions to help defray the cost. The benches do offer an oval center piece for inscription. Please contact David Montgomery (515-490-1774) if you are interested in contributing to the benches. Thank you David for your generous contribution and commitment to our church!



Thank you to these lovely ladies ~
Linda Yaske, Glenna Ross, Nan Stubbs,
Diane Densmore, Clarice Rubek (not pictured)
Patrice Webber & Pam Frey) for clean kitchens!

Many hands make light work (and lots of laughs!)

Blessings abound at New Hope!

Pam Frey



Iowa Annual Conference 2022 ~ Our Lay Leaders in Action

From Barb Mather

If my memory serves me correctly Iowa Annual Conference 2022 was my 32 year of being a lay delegate. Each year has had special memories. The changes have been many some good and some not so.

One of the highlights for me at Conference is the Ordination service. The future of the United Methodist Church.

Serving on the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry has given me the opportunity to follow these young people from time they declared their calling.

It was so good to hear Bishop Trimble give an outstanding message.

Thank you so much for allowing me to be one of your delegates.

From Patrice Webber

This was my first year to serve as a delegate to the Annual Conference. I attended virtually and thoroughly enjoyed the laity worship session on Friday evening as well as the actual conference on Saturday and Sunday.

The overall theme of this year's conference was "Making Hope Real." With so much bad news and conflict in the world, this theme was so positive. And a favorite part of the conference for me was hearing Bishop Julius Trimble again as he gave Saturday morning's episcopal message. Some of you may remember him visiting New Hope several times when he was the bishop here in Iowa.

He spoke on "Hope is a Good Thing!" He opened with our first task to do as Christians is to pray. It is a critical part of discernment with questions and conversations coming after that. "Little prayer, little Power. No prayer, no Power. Much prayer, much Power." And he suggested three simple rules for us: do no harm, do good and stay in love with God. He went on to suggest that we United Methodists are perennials who are steadfast and hope for the future, coming back each year. Hope is a good thing, and Hope does not disappoint. What a great thing to focus on! Amen.

From Lynn Louk

Jim and I attended our first Annual Conference 60 years ago, just before he began serving a church as a student pastor. Although there have been many changes in Conference through those years, this was certainly a unique conference. In the past, Annual Conference has been in large churches or conference centers (Veterans Auditorium, Hilton Coliseum, or the Iowa Events Center). This year we met in an ice arena at the RecPlex in West Des Moines!

The conference was held in hybrid format. I chose to attend the Laity Session on Friday evening by Zoom, but Jim and I attended the sessions on Saturday and Sunday in person. It was heartwarming to be with our Christian brothers and sisters after being unable to meet in person because of COVID. In the absence of Bishop Laurie, we were led by our Interim Bishop Deb Kiesey, who was elected from the Iowa Conference to serve as a Bishop from 2004 to 2016. Bishop Julius Trimble, who served as our Bishop prior to Bishop Laurie, gave the Episcopal Address on "Keeping Hope Alive" and presided over the business sessions of the conference. The chair of the Episcopacy Committee read a letter from Bishop Laurie, who is on medical leave as she recovers from a fall and a traumatic brain injury. Our thoughts and prayers are with her.

Some notable action that was taken at the Conference:

- Attendees gave more than \$4,000 in an offering for UMCOR support in Ukraine.
- A resolution on gun violence was passed, urging Iowa United Methodists to vote to defeat an amendment to the Iowa Constitution concerning the right to bear arms that will appear on the November, 2022 ballot.
- It was announced that Bidwell Riverside and Hawthorn Hill will fully merge in the 2022/23 Conference year and will have a new name.
- The closing of nine churches was announced.
- The Conference voted to allow the disaffiliation of the Agency UMC from the denomination.
- It was voted to approve the closing of Wesley Foundation at Drake University, which has been in existence since 1959.

There will be a special session of the North Central Jurisdictional Conference in November of this year to elect bishops to fill several vacancies that have not been filled due to postponement of the 2020 Jurisdictional Conference. After the vacancies are filled, the Iowa Conference will again be an Episcopal Area, instead of sharing our bishop with the Dakotas Area



East Entrance Addition ~ Update

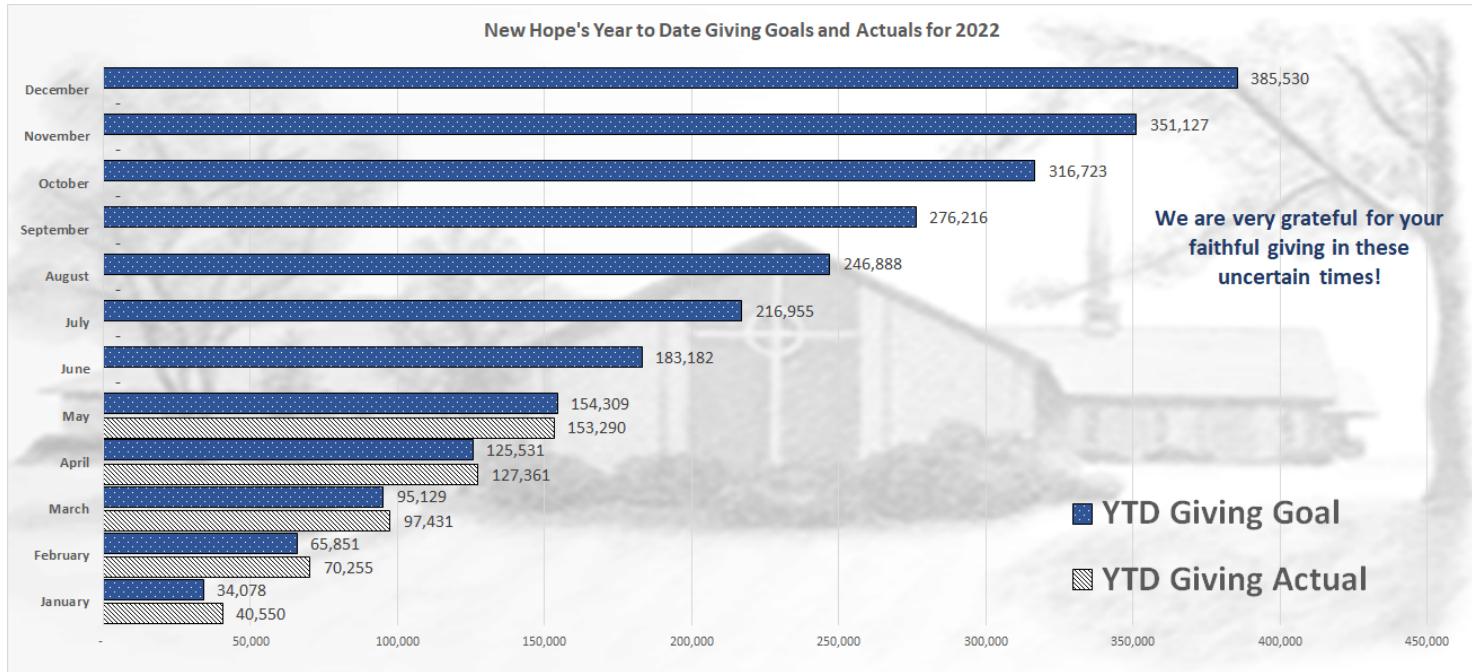
As of June 30, 2022 \$75,047.66 has been donated. This results in a current loan balance of \$59,294.36.

Additional principal payments are made as donated funds are received. We appreciate all of you who have made monthly pledges to this project until fully paid. All of your donations, regardless the amount, was and is, greatly appreciated!

When donating to this project always write in the memo line of your check "East Entrance Addition". Thank you for your generosity and your involvement in our church!



John Rains
East Entrance Addition
Task Force, Chair



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.

July 2022

Sunday morning services are:

8:30, 9:30 and 10:45

Nursery at 9:30 & 10:45

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 6-8p, F.Hall reserved (Jackie Johnson)	2
3 Holy Communion 9:30: Adults Sunday School	4 Church Office Closed in observance of Independence Day 	5 9:30a, Al-Anon, R.Chapel Noon, AA, R.Chapel 6:30p, SPRC Mtg	6 7:00p, Praise Band practice	7 Pastor Lilian on vacation 6:30pm, Worship Committee	8 Pastor Lilian on vacation	9 Pastor Lilian on vacation
10 Pastor Lilian on vacation Guest Preachers: Lay Leaders VBS July 10—13 5:30p, Dinner, 6-8p Activities	11 Pastor Lilian on vacation	12 Pastor Lilian on vacation 9:30a, Al-Anon, R.Chapel Noon, AA, R.Chapel	13	14	15 9a-3p, Needlers at church	16
17 10am ~ One worship followed by lunch for all!	18	19 9:30a, Al-Anon, R.Chapel Noon, AA, R.Chapel 6:30p, Finance Mtg	20 7:00p, Praise Band practice	21 11:30a United Women in Faith at Bennigans on Merle Hay Rd 7p, Bible Study	22	23
24 11:30a-7p, Rummage Sale donations	25 Deadline for August LINK 9am-1pm, Rummage Sale donations	26 Rummage Sale set up 9:30a, Al-Anon Noon, AA	27 Rummage Sale set up 7:00p, Praise Band practice	28 Noon-6pm, Rummage Sale 6:30p, Administrative Council Mtg	29 9am-6pm, Rummage Sale	30 9am-Noon, Rummage Sale
31 2:30-4p, Sundae Sunday						



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

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

- 16 Cheryl Moore, Patty Nearnmyer,
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 Marijke Hodgson, Caleb Williamson



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

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WORSHIP *with us* **Sunday Morning Worship Services**
8:30 & 10:45: Traditional Services in the
Sanctuary
9:30: Contemporary Service in the Family Life
Center

We continue to offer the Sunday morning Parking Lot Radio Feed and also the Pre-Recorded Worship Services that can be found on the church Facebook page.

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