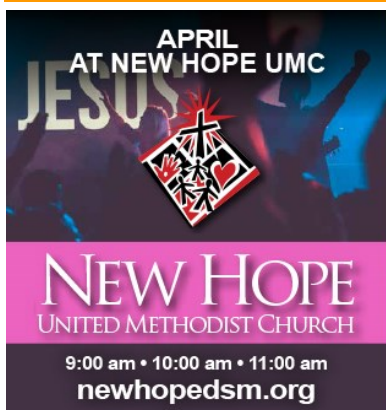


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## Different Colors One People



**Celebrating Cultural Diversity** will be held at New Hope UMC, 4525 Beaver Ave., Des Moines on **Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 3pm – 5pm.**

Enjoy authentic food, music, art and dance! Join us as we learn about the different cultures that make up our New Hope UMC family.

Vendors with cultural homemade items can sign up to have a table at the event. Scan the belowcode to complete a registration form by *April 12<sup>th</sup>*.

Or use the following link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScJRqffKf5MFvhB5V0kQIK6IY4quPFwNsVyNn-hDaZ0BdoMsw/viewform>

If you have any questions contact Andy Sutton, (515) 554-4055, andy13sutton@gmail.com.

2024 NEW HOPE CULTURAL DIVERSITY CELEBRATION

# CELEBRATING CULTURAL DIVERSITY

Saturday, April 27th - 3:00-5:00

Enjoy authentic food, music, art and dance! Join us as we learn about the different cultures that make up our New Hope UMC family.

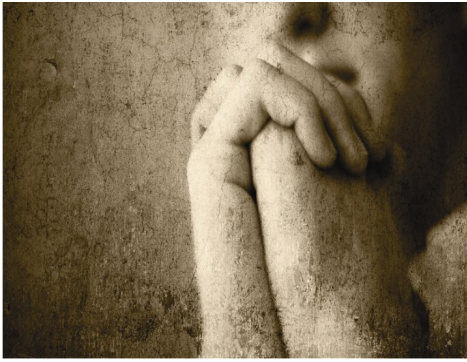
Interested in selling your cultural handmade items at our celebration? Scan the QR code to apply.

For more information call **641-757-2334!**

- Food from Various Cultures (Free-will offering)
- Music
- Arts and Crafts
- Childrens Activities

Thanks to Artforce Iowa Pathways Program and CultureALL for their contributions to New Hope's Cultural Diversity Celebration.

**NEW HOPE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
4525 BEAVER AVE., DES MOINES, IA 50310



*Springtime, new life,  
resurrection, hope.*

*God, help me hold onto  
an Easter focus all  
season long.*



## Prayer Chain Request

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

## Our Prayers for ~

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

### Healing from Cancer:

Evette Burton, David Ruleman, Skylar Freeman, Johan Gallo, Julie Mericle, Jessica Smith, Marco Pranivong, Kayla Chapman, Deb Henry, Terry Larson, Ralph Saunders, William Hults

### Healing from Physical Issues:

Jean Wederquist, Joe Robinson, Sandy Wilges, Kirk Dickey, FloAnn Wills, Carol Weigel, Freda Ruleman, Dick Cobb, Jim Mather, Keith Kulisky, Diana Bibler, Alexandria Cooley, Theresa Faber, Patricia Smith, Mike Aasheim-Osborne, Karen Hults, Harry Classen, Kendrick Jackson, Donna Sue Fite, Marcus Coenen

### Those Who Are in Rehabilitation and Nursing Care: Bob Krause

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

## Our Sympathy

Our Sympathy to Phil Ealy and family on the passing of his wife, Vicki. A Memorial Service will be held on Friday, March 29th at 11am at New Hope UMC.

## Birth

Congratulations to Max & Bailey Dillenburg on the birth of their son, Noah Dalton Dillenburg. Noah was born on March 4<sup>th</sup>. He weighed 7lbs 15oz and is 19 ½" long. Proud grandparents are Carl & Susan Egger.

## Thank you

Thank you so much to my wonderful church family for the thoughtful cards, quilt and delicious food after my surgery. Your kindness and support mean the world to me. God bless you all!  
Sandy Wilges



## Open House ~ Marilyn Rapp

The family of Marilyn Rapp invites you to an Open House in Memory of Marilyn on **Saturday, April 20th, 1 - 3pm** in the Fellowship Hall at New Hope UMC. Marilyn was a member of New Hope UMC. She passed away on January 15, 2024.

A group of 30 New Hoppers went to the Iowa Energy's Faith and Family event on Sunday, March 17! They watched a close game and post-game concert by Jordan St. Cyr.





The Board of Trustees invites you to help with the **“Spring Campus Clean Up Day” on Saturday, April 6th, 9:00a.m. until finished. Lunch will be provided.**

Tasks will be cleaning up flower beds (landscape areas), trimming bushes (spirea), removing old mulch from some locations, spreading new mulch where we can, landscape around the parsonage included, cutting up a fallen tree, picking up sticks in front and side yards.

Items needed will be - lawn rakes (not garden rakes), gloves, dress appropriate for the weather, pruning shears, electric or gas powered hedge trimmer, leaf blower, chain saw.

Please plan to assist with cleaning up our church campus! *Please sign-up to let us know you can help! Sign-up sheet is at the Welcome Center.* If there are any questions, please call or text Nan Stubbs at 515-238-7334. Thank you in advance for your time and effort!  
Board of Trustees



## Hand of Luke, Sunday, April 14th

This is our monthly ministry of preparing a meal for the Central Iowa Shelter and Services.

Patrice Webber and Arlene Dabill lead this ministry. We are continuing to utilize your monetary donations to purchase the majority of the food for the monthly meal. Your donations are greatly appreciated!

The menu for April will be American goulash, dinner rolls, sliced peaches and cookies.

**Volunteers are needed to prepare the meal, transport the food to the shelter, serve at the shelter, and donate cookies (no peanut butter or nuts, please). Please bring cookies in containers that do not need to be returned.**

If you are interested in this opportunity, you may sign up using the following link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E044DACA722A4FE3-48657054-holsunday>

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

## The Easter Egg Hunt on March 23rd was amazing!!!

Thank you to all the volunteers that donated candy and/or filled thousands of eggs!! Thank you to the Bridge Team for organizing the event and the many volunteers that helped on Saturday. Luckily, we had great weather for the Easter Bunny to visit us and to have so many kids & families (200+) at the event!!

A special thank you to everyone that participated with helping or attending the event, and to Brennan Johnson for being the Easter Bunny!

More picture can be found on the church Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/NewHopeDSM>







## United Women in Faith - Fundraiser

On **May 12<sup>th</sup>**, there will be a variety of homemade pies for purchase. Buy your Mother's Day dessert! All proceeds will go to UWF's mission projects. If you would like to donate homemade pies, *please deliver them to the church on Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 3-5pm.*

Questions? Call Sharon Smith 515-419-7082 or Glenna Ross 515-321-3010.



## Veteran's Helping Veterans

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

**May 18<sup>th</sup>.** This is open to all veterans, their spouses and supporters.

If you have any questions, please contact Billy Nuzum at [bbnewz54@gmail.com](mailto:bbnewz54@gmail.com).



At the March 23rd Veteran Breakfast, our guest was Maylon Conaway, WW2 veteran. Maylon spoke of many experiences during the war and over seas.

## Sleeping Mats/Loom

New Hope's United Women in Faith recently had the opportunity to have a speaker come from Midwest Missions located in Jefferson. Among the many opportunities for missions, the one that really stood out to a few of us was the Sleeping Mat she brought. The mat is made from shopping bags and it is water proof. We purchased a loom so that everyone could contribute their time to weave the mat, cut bags, flatten bags, fold bags to make the mat, or simply donate your shopping bags. The mats are distributed by Midwest Missions all over the world including Iowa. We encourage everyone to help with this project. Anyone can learn to weave, you can weave anytime for as long as you like. Questions? Contact Glenna Ross at [glenna625@hotmail.com](mailto:glenna625@hotmail.com) or 515-321-3010.



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

jackie@newhopedsd.org \* (515)710-3239.



Sunday School classes continue to be held during the 10am service through May 19. Children will continue to start service with their families and exit to Sunday School after the Children's Message. Sunday School is open to PreK-7<sup>th</sup> grade students on a weekly or drop-in basis.

During the month of April we will be focusing on **Psalm 119:18** in our Sunday School lessons, "Open my eyes so I can examine the wonders of your Instruction." The faith word for this unit is **GUIDE**.

Connect with the things our Sunday School class is talking about: **Allow yourself to WONDER....** What are some Bible verses that bring you comfort? **Allow yourself to DO....** Spend some time in quiet reflection listening for God. **Pray...** Dear God, Thank you for giving us Jesus as an example to guide us to forgive. Amen.



Sunday, March 3rd, the world-famous New Hope Puppet Troupe performed a skit on Proverbs 19:21 reminding us to trust the Lord's plan for our lives, even when things aren't working out how we want them to. The puppet ministry is open to children in 3rd grade and up and they practice on Wednesday evenings from 7:30-8pm during the school year.



Summer will be here before we know it! Register today to join us as we **dive deep** into friendship with God!

Speaking of friends... yours are ALWAYS welcome! Forward the registration link to one or two today. ☺

**July 14 - July 17**

**5:30-6pm Dinner**

**6-8pm VBS Program for PreK-8<sup>th</sup> Graders**

Participants Register Here: <https://forms.gle/sAWJpH7U9aLdr5oz8>

Volunteers Register Here: <https://forms.gle/g7y6iVbah6jNk97P8>

We can't wait to **SEA** you there!



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

March was a short month due to Spring Break. We started the month with a service project for New Hope.



We picked up sticks on the church grounds and then headed inside to stuff Easter eggs for our Community Easter Egg Hunt! The kids worked hard for the whole hour and we got a lot done! As always, we are thankful for our *Jr/Sr BLAST* and *Confirmation Class* friends for all of their help with our monthly projects, we couldn't do it without them! We didn't have Wednesday night programs March 13, but we returned a week later and investigated the church and our role in it. Do you know the color of carpet in Pastor Lilian's office or the title of the largest book in the building? The kids answered those questions and others as they worked on a New Hope scavenger hunt. They also enjoyed

several hide and seek style games! The final week of March our activities were focused on Easter.

### Wednesday Night Schedule:

6:00-6:30pm- Dinner

6:30-7:30pm – Breakout Times (PreK-5th, Jr. and Sr. BLAST)

7:30-8pm- Puppets \*3rd Grade and up

### April Calendar

4/3- Service First, All Group Service Project, Join us at church to complete our monthly service project!

4/10- TGIW Activities, 6:30-7:30pm

4/17- TGIW Activities, 6:30-7:30pm

4/24- TGIW Activities, 6:30-7:30pm

### Wednesday Night Menu:

4/3 – Hot dogs/chili dogs, fries, veggies and cookies

4/10- Lasagna or spaghetti bake with white sauce, salad, garlic bread and dessert

4/17- Stromboli, carrots and celery, fruit and cupcakes

4/24- Scrambled eggs, biscuits, bacon/sausage, fruit and dessert

*A free-will donation is collected weekly to help offset the cost of the weekly meals. A suggested giving amount is \$5 per person or \$20 per family, but there is no set fee.*

### The meal volunteers for April are –

Glenna Ross, DeVonne Douglas, and Cadence Kasper

The Schoelerman and Allen Families

Nan and Gary Stubbs

Patty Nearmyer and McKayla Nearmyer

*Thank you to our volunteers who prepare and serve the weekly meals during TGIW Midweek Meetup!*

*We appreciate the gift of your time and talents!*



Our Wednesday night groups filled Easter Eggs as part of our March service project event!



Bring a lawn chair and join us for our final TGIW Midweek Meetup of the year!

NEW HOPE PRESENTS:

# ANNUAL TALENT SHOW



Pastor Lilian and Kirk will be preparing the meal as she says goodbye to our children/youth before leaving New Hope.

WEDNESDAY  
**MAY 8**  
MEAL-6PM  
TALENT SHOW- 6:30PM



TO SIGN UP TO SHARE A TALENT CONTACT JACKIE:  
(515)710-3239/JACKIE@NEWHOPEDSM.ORG

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

## Jr. BLAST ~ 6th-8th graders and Sr. BLAST ~ 9th-12th graders

Leaders: Chris Higdon, Pam Frey and McKayla Nearmyer ([BLAST@NewHopeDSM.org](mailto:BLAST@NewHopeDSM.org))

As we are getting closer to Summer... Don't forget to get registered for Summer Games University!



July 8-12

<https://sgu.camp/>

This year we are encouraging all youth; both Senior BLAST and Junior BLAST kids to sign up for Summer Games University (<https://sgu.camp/>). Summer Games University is a one-week camp experience on campus at Grinnell College in Grinnell, Iowa. This year's camp is from **July 8-12, 2024!**

Additionally, BLAST is paying the full registration fees for this camp this year. Given we are doing this in lieu of a Summer Mission Trip. Please send your camp registration receipt to Nancy ([nancy@NewHopeDSM.org](mailto:nancy@NewHopeDSM.org)) and she get you reimbursed for the camp registration fees.

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

**Apr. 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 6pm ~ 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday Service Project**

**Apr. 10<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm ~ Thank God for BLAST Discussion**

**Apr. 17<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm ~ Thank God for BLAST Discussion**

**Apr. 24<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm ~ Thank God for BLAST Discussion**

**May 1<sup>st</sup> @ 6pm ~ 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday Service Project**

**May 8<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm ~ Final Night of BLAST Celebration**

**July 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> ~ Summer Games University**

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



## Graduate Recognition ~ May 5th @ 10 AM

Graduate Recognition will be on Sunday, May 5th, 10 AM, at New Hope UMC. We invite all graduates: high school, college, and higher degrees, to send us information to be included in the bulletins to celebrate your accomplishments with you.

Please send the below information to the church office, [nhfamily@newhopedsm.org](mailto:nhfamily@newhopedsm.org) **by Friday, April 26th.**

### **High School Graduates:**

GRADUATE'S NAME:

PARENTS NAMES:

HIGH SCHOOL:

PLANS AFTER HIGH SCHOOL:

### **College/Graduate School Graduates:**

GRADUATE'S NAME:

COLLEGE:

DEGREE(S):

FUTURE PLANS:



The weather might be questionable these days, but we know sunny summer days will be here soon!

And with summer comes our beloved annual Rummage Sale!

We are so excited to welcome back our veteran volunteers and would also love to have some new hands on deck this year!

The sale is a huge undertaking, and it requires hundreds of volunteer hours over the course of a week. Whether you have

an hour to spare or want to put in a full 40-hour work week, we appreciate the gift of your time and talents!

Not only is this sale one of the biggest fundraisers in our church, but it is also an amazing opportunity for community outreach! We make connections with our shoppers, many of whom return every year!

We provide low-cost high-quality items during our sale and with the rising cost of everything, the sale is more needed than ever before!

It is never too early to share our sale information with your friends and family!

**Sunday, July 21- Donation Day – Donations will be accepted from the conclusion of service – 7pm**

**July 22-24- Sorting/Pricing/Sale Organizing Days (You may also bring in your donations Monday from 9a-1pm)**

#### **SHOPPING HOURS:**

**July 25- Noon-6pm**

**July 26- 9-6pm**

**July 27- 9-Noon**

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 (from 12-3pm).\*\*Cashiers will be handling money and need to be comfortable making change.\*\*

**Area Leaders**- Our sale is LARGE, and it is extremely helpful to have one point person to be the leader for each sale area. Please let Jackie know if you will be a returning area leader or would like to sign up for the first time this year to oversee an area!

**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. She can be reached via email-jackiejohnson81@aol.com/phone-(515)710-3239.

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! This counts for silver cord and BSA service hours!

We ask that you prayerfully consider how you can help support this undertaking.

Thank you so much,

Jackie Johnson



## Blood Pressure Check

April 7th, 8:45 am - 11am in the Narthex.

## Support Groups

### Al-Anon

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

### Alcoholics Anonymous

Every Tuesday at Noon in the Ruby Chapel.

### Stroke Club of Iowa

3rd Tuesday of the month  
(April - September) at 7 p.m.  
Questions? Contact Sue Toale  
Knapp, 515-255-0366,  
stktel1@gmail.com.  
Online support group:  
<http://www.strokenetwork.org/>



## Care Ministry Team

The Care Ministry meets quarterly. Next meeting is on **Thurs., April 25th at 10am in the Fellowship Hall.**

This team ministers to congregation members who have had new babies, have been in the hospital, have been ill or are dealing with grief. This team meets on a quarterly basis. If you would like to join the Care Ministry team, please contact Clarice Rubek or Mary Ann Rice.



**Men's Fellowship** will meet on **Saturday, April 6th at 8:30 a.m.** at church.  
All men are invited!!

We are women who gather to strengthen our faith by supporting each other and by learning about local charitable and community organizations. We fundraise to support those who help others. Join us to hear informative programs, to develop friendship with other women in our church and to join in giving to others.



United  
Women  
in Faith

### **Our next meeting is April 18th at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall.**

April speaker will be Chris Higdon speaking about The Dream Team of Des Moines (a youth cycling team that uses the power of a bicycle to help youth develop a positive approach to life's challenges). All are welcome!

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.



### **Join us!**

**10:00 a.m.** in the Ruby Chapel using "Wired Word" curriculum.

## New Hope Needlers

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

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

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

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

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



## APRIL 2024 MISSION NEWS

### Marilyn Osborn, Chair of Mission Committee

#### Midwest Mission - Iowa

MIDWEST MISSION has a branch at 219 N. Chestnut Street, Jefferson, IA. 50129. They provide disaster relief – Education – Health – Micro business.

“We send tangible resources to those in need to make an intangible difference in their lives through hope and empowerment.” Around the world and around the corner, people are lacking simple resources that could improve their circumstances.



#### HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE – GET INVOLVED

No matter your age or ability, Midwest Mission has a place for you. There are a variety of ways you can serve. They are open to volunteers Monday – Friday from 8:30 am to 4:00pm. Phone number 515-386-2236.

#### How you can serve from home:

Make mission kits –

Tornado Kit; Student Kit; Layette Kit; Personal Dignity Kit; Home Care Kit; Bedding Kit; UMCOR Cleaning Kit; Plastic sleeping mats made on a loom

Donate Items –

Medical equipment and supplies; sewing machines; bicycles; non-electric tools in good working condition; Fire gear, Wooden school bleachers to make desks

Host an Off-site Event –

Rice meal pack; Personal Dignity Kit Assembly; Student Kit Assembly

Midwest Mission is our partner for the United Methodist Church annual **INGATHERING** the first week in November. New Hope has been involved with Ingathering for many years – last year we contributed \$2,858 for Mobility Carts.

Midwest Mission is an UMCOR Cooperating depot, and also partner with many other nonprofits. They regularly ship three to four containers of humanitarian relief each month, domestically and internationally. Other nonprofits that partner for Ingathering are: Self-Help International; Heifer Project; Mobility Worldwide; Church World Service Blanket Project.

**Watch for further information from your Mission Team on Ingathering projects for April, May and June.**



**Camperships** ~ Make sure you get your child registered for camp this summer! Last year New Hope had eight young people going to camp.

**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](http://www.iaumc.org/camps). Choose the camp, then call the Registrar – 800-765-1651 – with the information, telling her that New Hope will pay ½ or up to \$200.

Then, email Nancy at the church at [nancy@newhopedsm.org](mailto:nancy@newhopedsm.org) to give her the same information.

**Free Little Food Pantry** ~ Located between 51<sup>st</sup> and 52<sup>nd</sup> Streets north of Meredith Drive.

The extreme cold of Iowa winters requires a shift in food pantry items. **Suggestions:** Dry Soup mixes – Dry gravy mix – Boxed meals (similar to hamburger or tuna helper) – Instant Mashed Potatoes – Rice and boxed/bagged rice sides – Oatmeal and flavored oatmeal packets – Hot cereal (Cream of Wheat, Coco Wheat) – Cereal/cereal bars/pop tarts – Raman Noodle Packs or Cup O’ Soup, dry instant Soups – Cornbread or muffin mix – Mac N Cheese boxed meal – Dried beans – Pasta – Dried fruits.

We have increased our giving of weekly food donations to **50** items per week! Please keep your donations coming as the need for food is so great. Also, your help in delivering is appreciated. Just sign up on the clipboard on the top shelf.

If you have any questions, please contact Jolene Harlow 515-490-8813 or email at [rdharlow@earthlink.net](mailto:rdharlow@earthlink.net)

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

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

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

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

***YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF OTHERS***





On March 22nd, **Emily Bowser**, New Hope's piano and organ player, gave a beautiful piano concert to a full Sanctuary of attenders.

Thank you, Emily, for sharing your talents and for an enjoyable evening.

Thank you to the Bridge Team and Nancy Foreman for providing refreshments for after the concert.



## Ukulele Club

Join us and make a joyful noise!!

**April 8th & 22nd** (2nd & 4th Mondays of every month),  
**6:30 - 7:30 pm** at New Hope UMC.

Bring a ukulele. All levels welcome!

Questions? contact Sandy Johnson at [sandy.johnson500@gmail.com](mailto:sandy.johnson500@gmail.com) or 515-210-5061.

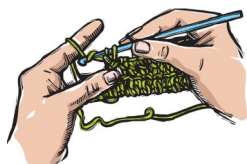


## Chair Yoga & Fitness

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

This is a gentle yoga & fitness that is done while you are seated on a chair. It's a 30-45 minute session. The instructors are from Youtube videos.

Please meet in the Fellowship Hall. *This is for anyone and any age. Bring your friends!*



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

This is an informal group so crafters can come and go. We invite knitters, crocheters, cross stitchers, hand quilters, and all other to join us for fellowship and craft time. Questions? Contact Le Howland at 515-418-0998

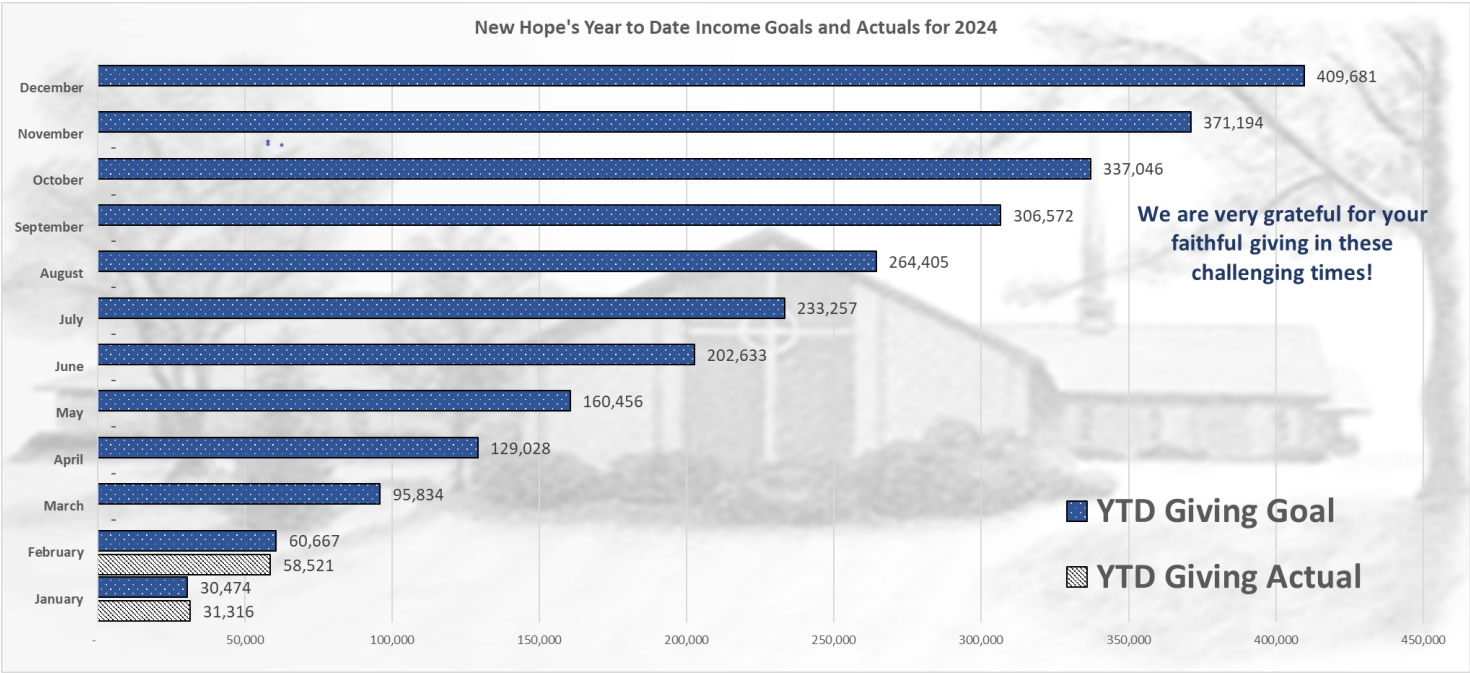


**The East Entrance** was designed and built: 1) to keep you safe and dry during inclement weather, 2) to enhance the east door as the primary entrance into the church building. Please consider using this beautiful addition for the safety and comfortability of your loved ones!

The loan balance currently is **\$35,726**.  
Join us for our campaign ~ **"Can You Spare a Dollar?"**  
Place your weekly \$1 in the container at each worship space.

Thank you!!! Board of Trustees

*Thank You for your  
Financial Support*



New Hope wants to remind you that we offer online giving as a way to automate your offering.

To setup online giving go to [www.newhopedsm.org](http://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.



# April 2024

**Sunday morning services are:  
9:00, 10:00 and 11:00**  
Sunday School & Nursery at 10:00

## SUNDAY

## MONDAY

## TUESDAY

## WEDNESDAY

## THURSDAY

## FRIDAY

## SATURDAY

	1 9:30 Chair Yoga & Fitness  7p, Trustees Meeting	2 9:30a, Al-Anon, R.Chapel Noon, AA, R.Chapel  6:30p, Endowment Mtg. 6:30p, SPRC Mtg.	3 9:30 Chair Yoga 6:00p, Confirmation Class 6:30p, Crafters, R.Chapel TGIW ~ PreK-12th grade 6:00-7:30 Activities 7:30p, Puppets 6:00p, Chancel Choir 7:00p, Praise Band practice	4  6:30p, Worship Mtg	5	6 8:30a, Men's Breakfast at church  9am, Spring Campus Clean Up
7 Holy Communion 8:45-11:00, Blood Pressure checks	8 9:30 Chair Yoga & Fitness  6:30p, Ukulele Club, F.Hall	9 9:30a, Al-Anon, R.Chapel Noon, AA, R.Chapel	10 9:30 Chair Yoga 6:30p, Crafters, R.Chapel TGIW ~ PreK-12th grade 6:00-7:30 Activities 7:30p, Puppets 6:00p, Chancel Choir 7:00p, Praise Band practice	11 8:30a-4p, Confirmation— Tour of Faith	12	13 9:45-Noon, R.Chapel reserved (Sharon Smith)
14 3:30p, Hand of Luke	15 9:30 Chair Yoga & Fitness	16 9:30a, Al-Anon, R.Chapel Noon, AA, R.Chapel  6:30p, Finance Mtg. 7:00p, Stroke Club (F.Hall)	17 9:30 Chair Yoga 6:00p, Confirmation Class 6:30p, Crafters, R.Chapel TGIW ~ PreK-12th grade 6:00-7:30 Activities 7:30p, Puppets 6:00p, Chancel Choir 7:00p, Praise Band practice	18 9:30a, United Women in Faith, Fellowship Hall	19 9a, Needlers at church	20 1 - 3p, Open House in memory of Marilyn Rapp.
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28	29 9:30 Chair Yoga & Fitness	30 9:30a, Al-Anon, R.Chapel Noon, AA, R.Chapel				



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9:00 & 11:00: Traditional Services in the Sanctuary

10:00: Contemporary Service in the Neil Cross Family Life Center

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