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Volunteer Recognition Event ~ Sunday, October 19th

There are so many hard-working people who make New Hope United Methodist Church a vital place full of love, service, faith, and worship. We would like to thank all of the workers, the volunteers, the helpers for all that is done each day, week, month and year.

Please join us on Sunday, October 19th at each of the three Sunday services.

Blessings,
Janet Habick
Chair, Staff Parish Relations Committee

We are hosting a **Trunk or Treat** event for our church members and the community!

This year it will be held on **SUNDAY, October 26, 4pm - 5pm.**
(Please note the change of day this year.)



We are asking for volunteers to **host a trunk** to help make this event a great success! In addition to fun decorations and a warm smile, we are asking to you to provide treats at your trunk. If you are unable to do so, the church will provide donated candy. Have FUN sharing your simple decorations and feel free to dress up in costume, too!



If you aren't able to participate by hosting a trunk, we would welcome your monetary donations or donations of individually wrapped candy or small trinkets to help us replenish handouts for the volunteers with trunks!

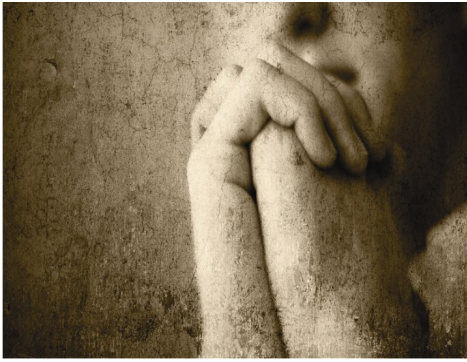
****Also, we are looking for 4 -5 volunteers to help with the event.****

To sign up to do a Trunk and/or to volunteer to help or to donate, please see the sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center or **contact Nancy Monthei at the Church Office, 515-278-2097 or nancy@newhopedsm.org by October 21.**

And, plan to join us for this event and bring your kids and their friends!!

The Avengers of the Knight will be making a special appearance!





October is Pastor Appreciation month!

PASTOR
Appreciation

Pastor Amy,

Thank you for the early Sunday mornings & the late nights.

Thank you for the seeds you plant & disciples you nurture.

Thank you for the sermons you preach & the prayers you lift up.

Thank you for the wise counsel & the words of encouragement.

Thank you for the sacrifice and service.

Prayer Chain Request

If you have a prayer chain request, please call Glenna Ross at 515-321-3010 email at glenna625@hotmail.com or the church office at 515-278-2097.

Our Prayers for ~

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

Healing from Cancer:

DeVonne Douglas, Neal Cave,
Pam Frey, Marlys Borcharding,
Linda Boyd

Healing from Physical Issues:

Patty Nearmyer, Kirk Hartung,
Don Gurnsey, Freda Ruleman,
Jim Bolstad, Patricia Smith,
Mike Aasheim Osborne

Military: Devan Stanton,
Hunter Schmidt, Joshua Ruleman,
Jacob Gerlach, Brycen Gerlach,
Michael Craighton, Clayton Hults,
Zach McClain, Ethan Hensley,
Kaden Moran, Macon Woodlief

New Hope UMC has available to you the Upper Room Daily



Devotional Guide.

The **September/October** issue is in the Communication Center.

You may leave a donation in

Thank You

Thank you for all the prayers, cards and well wishes while I was in the hospital and during recovery.

A big thank you to Pastor Amy and Char for their visits.


The lap quilt made by the Needlers is beautiful and brings comfort and brightness to my day.

New Hope is such a loving and caring community.

Sue Blank

Each and every donation is greatly appreciated and has given us the opportunity to be on track to payoff the East Entrance loan on September 30, 2025, prior to the October billing!

Thank you to everyone who has helped us get to this moment!



Holy Spirit, my warm shelter and loving embrace: I lay before you all my cares and distractions. Focus my heart on your goodness as I worship with this congregation. Amen.



Men's Fellowship will meet on **Saturday, October 4 at 8:30am** at church. *All men are invited!!* If you plan to attend, please contact the church office, 515-278-2097, by October 2.

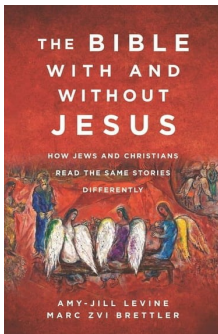


New Foundation Church reached out to New Hope UMC about renting space in our church for their Sunday services. A team of New Hoppers met with the Pastors and, after careful consideration, they have made an agreement.

Starting Sunday, October 5th, an English speaking congregation will meet in the Craft/Needler classroom at 9am-10am. They have set up the room without tables and placed the chairs in rows. The week that the Needlers will meet, they will put the tables back in the room for their use.

A Swahili speaking congregation will meet in the Family Life Center at Noon—3pm. However on the 3rd Sunday, due to the Jazz Concerts, they will meet 11:30am-12:30pm. They will bring their own speaker equipment.

Please welcome all to our church building! Questions, contact David Montgomery at 515-490-1774



This Fall we will begin a new evening Bible Study based on the book, *The Bible With and Without Jesus: How Jews and Christians Read the Same Stories Differently*. We will be discussing chapter 3 at our first meeting. You can purchase your book online. There are several vendors who sell e-books, soft or hardcover.

We will be meeting on the second Thursday night each month at **6:30pm**. Our **October 9th** meeting will be in the Fellowship Hall.

We hope to see you there!

Pastor Amy and Cathy Short. Questions, please contact Cathy Short at 515-494-5568.



Join us for **Veterans Helping Veterans** on **Saturday, October 11 at 8:30am at church**

Breakfast will be served. This is open to all veterans, their spouses, and supporters. Questions, please contact Pam Frey at yayafrey@gmail.com.

We pray for the well-being of the places we live and this community where we minister, for in their welfare is ours as well (Jeremiah 29:7).

Women at the Well – Fresh Start Women’s Center

We are providing a meal at the Fresh Start Women’s Center on **Tuesday, October 21**. *Please check the signup clipboard in the Welcome Center if you would like to donate food or help prepare and deliver this meal.* Contact Jolene Harlow, 515-490-8813, or rdharlow@earthlink.net if you have questions.



Women at the Well began a satellite ministry at Fresh Start during the pandemic when it was not possible to get inside the prison where the primary ministry happens. A weekly program is offered at Fresh Start called “Well Time” that features bible study, worship and small group support for the reentry journey of women in transition from jail or prison. A feeding ministry offers a home-cooked meal to the women twice a month, on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month.

Fresh Start is a 48 bed facility run by the Department of Corrections for women in the justice system. It is a work-release facility so everyone there is required to leave during the day to go to work and earn their keep. Meals at the center are only offered once a day and come from the men’s facility: old and cold. They appreciate a nice meal prepared with the love and care that many of our partner churches are known for.

The mission of Women at the Well is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Our vision is to lead the church in love that breaks down walls.

Join us at New Hope UMC on
Sunday, October 19
2pm - 4pm

as The Community Jazz Center Big Band will spotlight the trombone section and play some Halloween favorites as well as classic big band jazz.

This event is open to the public in our Family Life Center. Free-will donation. Please invite your friends!



AIRTS FUNdraiser **Saturday, October 25, 5pm - 8pm** **New Hope UMC**

Join us for food and fun as we introduce you to the work of African immigrants and Refugee Transition Services! You will be immersed in African culture at our dinner.

(AIRTS) African Immigrants and Refugees Transition Services is a non-profit organization founded by immigrants and refugees from Africa living in Iowa.

Since 2016 they have been providing resources for immigrants and refugees to successfully settle into their new home/community.

We are fundraising for a third staff member as our current staff is overwhelmed by the needs.

Registration and ticket information will be coming soon!

Questions? Contact Sharon Smith at 515-419-7082.

New Hope Needlers

The Needlers will meet on **Friday, October 17, 9:00 am -3:00 pm** in the north classroom. We lunch at Panera in Johnston.

Our group sews lap size quilts for the NHUMC Care Team to gift our church members who are hospitalized or in care facilities and to newborns.

Bring your machine, current project and sewing notions. If your sewing machine isn't portable, we have two in the church closet you may use for the day.

We also have fabric available for quilts. Please give prior notice for this. Contact Diane Densmore, 515-270-1974.



Laelyn proudly showing her first quilt top!



United
Women
in Faith

United Women in Faith will meet on **October 16 at 9:30am** in the Fellowship Hall. Our guest speaker will be from Urban Bicycle Ministry.

Our Saturday meeting will be on **October 25 at 9:30am**.

All are welcome to attend either meeting.

Questions, please contact Glenna Ross, glenna625@hotmail.com or call 515-321-3010.

Enjoy this recipe!

Pecan Pie Bars **By Dawn Bachelder**

Crust

1 $\frac{3}{4}$ C. Flour
 $\frac{1}{2}$ C. Sugar
 $\frac{3}{4}$ C. Butter

Topping

$\frac{2}{3}$ C. Packed Brown Sugar
 $\frac{1}{3}$ C. + 1Tbs. Flour
 $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. Salt
3 Eggs
1 Tbs. Vanilla
1 $\frac{1}{2}$ C. Dark Karo Syrup
2 C. Chopped Pecans

Instructions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees, 325 degrees for glass.

Grease 9 x 13 pan.

For the crust mix flour, sugar and butter together. Press into 9 x 13 pan. Bake for 20-25 minutes.

For the topping mix thoroughly the flour and brown sugar. Stir in the eggs, vanilla, Karo syrup.

Let this mixture stand for 15 minutes while crust is baking. Stir occasionally. Mix in pecans in and pour over the hot crust. Bake an additional 35-45 minutes.

"The fullness of joy is to behold God in all." —Julian of Norwich

September 2025 Social Action Committee News ~

Chair: Althea Holcomb ~ 515.490.0789, althea.holcomb@gmail.com



The Social Action Committee is winding down our inaugural **Free Little Farmers Market** with the final one the last Sunday in September. *Many thanks* to those who contributed produce. It was a hit! Look for it to happen again next year.

Cy/Hawk Challenge ~ Iowa State not only won the game but also won the Iowa/Iowa State competition of personal hygiene items collected for Fresh Start. **A total of 354 items were collected.** The real winners were the women at Fresh Start! Thank you everyone for your participation.

Speaking of **Fresh Start**, please sign up to help with the **October 21 meal**. Sign-up sheets are at the welcome center.

Women's Fellowship, in collaboration with Social Action, is doing a **diaper drive for Johnston Partnership**. They are in dire need of size 5, 6 and 7 diapers. Everyone is certainly welcome to help with this endeavor. **If you choose to donate some diapers you can leave them on the book case in the northwest corner of Fellowship Hall.**



African Immigrant and Refugee Transition Services (AIRTS) is grateful for the jasmine rice, dried beans and lentils that have been donated to our grain bin! They really appreciate getting these specific food items which are a staple in their diet and food pantries don't necessarily stock them.



The Free Little Food Pantry, Located between 51st and 52nd Streets north side of Meredith Drive. We continue stocking the Pantry on Meredith with 50 food items each Monday. Thanks for your contributions. If you would like to volunteer to deliver the food, there is a sign-up clipboard on the shelves with the food.



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.



Hand of Luke, Tuesday, October 14, 2025

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 October will be chicken/vegetable/rice casserole, sliced peaches, dinner rolls, 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/30E044DACA722A4FE3-58901223-holtuesday>

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

God is very much alive in our church. Your actions prove it so consistently!

Children's & Youth Ministry

by Jackie Johnson, Children & Youth Ministries Coordinator jackie@newhopedsm.org or (515)710-3239

Sunday School is held during the 10am service during the school

year. Children start out in service with their families and go to Sunday School after the Children's Message. Sunday School is open to PreK-7th grade on a weekly or drop-in basis. Older youth are welcome to help in the Sunday School classroom for Silver Cord or volunteer hours. Please contact Jackie for additional information about that opportunity.



We kicked off on Sunday, September 21 with a lesson on Shining our Light! Thank you to Tricia Berry for leading our first Sunday School session this year!

We are using the Simply Loved curriculum this year. Check out what Group has to say about it:

The Simply Loved curriculum is designed to make Sunday School simple and engaging for both kids and volunteers. It focuses on the hearts of children by providing lessons that are easy to prep and follow, easy supply lists, and glanceable plans that help leaders stay connected with the kids. The curriculum includes Bible Memory Buddies that help kids remember key Bible verses through fun facts, engaging videos, and stickers. Each quarter explores biblical truths from both the Old and New Testaments.

If you haven't registered your children yet, please do: <https://forms.gle/dix28H5F8uqBhxhe9>. This helps make sure we have important info for each family while the children are in our care.

We are still in need of a teacher or one-time helpers for Session 6 which runs weekly from April 2 – May 17. If you are interested in helping sharing God's love with the youngest members of our congregation in this way, please reach out to Jackie at jackie@newhopedsm.org or (515)710-3239.

Midweek Meetup (TGIW) kicked off on Wednesday, September 17th with ice breakers and getting to know you activities and a lesson on the fruits of the spirit. The kids wrapped up their time at church with a photo scavenger hunt to find 12 specific things in the church, quite a challenge but they did great!

The following week, we learned to be thankful in all seasons!

"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good." – Psalm 107:1

We know families are busier than ever! If you can't commit to attending every Wednesday night TGIW, we would still love for you to join us once or twice each month. Your family is welcome whenever it works for your schedule.

Wednesday Night Schedule:

6:00-6:30pm- Dinner

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



October TGIW Calendar:

October 1 - Service First, All group service project at Douglas Ave. Presbyterian Church (4601 Douglas Ave.

Des Moines, IA 50310). We will be meeting there. Dinner will be served there at 6pm and we will pack boxes from 6:30-7:30pm. Kids can be picked up

October 8 - TGIW Activities, 6:30-7:30pm at New Hope

October 15 - TGIW Activities, 6:30-7:30pm at New Hope

October 22 - Pumpkin Painting Party! Please bring a pumpkin to church. We will provide the paint and the brushes.

October 29 - TGIW Activities, 6:30-7:30pm at New Hope

We would still love to find several additional volunteers for Wednesday night programs! We would ask that you commit to joining us one Wednesday evening each month for the entire school year. No planning required! Just show up and lend a hand and your heart to the kids in our programs! If this sounds like something you would be interested in, please reach out to Jackie at jackie@newhopedsm.org or (515)710-3239.

Take them to worship regularly. The church helps provide guidance, stability and unity for families. And God can seal together the family that honors Him.

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Calling All Puppeteers!!!

We will be starting a puppet rotation and running it through early November for anyone 3rd grade and up that wants to participate in this ministry. They will practice each Wednesday evening from 7:30-8pm and will perform at all 3 Sunday morning worship services one Sunday in early November.

BLAST (BLAST@NewHopeDSM.org):

Christopher & Jennifer Higdon and McKayla Nearmyer



September–October Series: *Even Still*

- Even still, God's promises are true *Jeremiah 32:1–17; 2 Corinthians 4:7–9; Psalm 50:15*
- Even still, God is good *Lamentations 3:1–26; James 1:2–4; Exodus 34:6*
- Even still, God is with us *Jeremiah 29:4–6, 11–13; James 4:7–8; Matthew 28:20*
- Even still, God gives us hope *Jeremiah 31:23–28; Hebrews 11:1–2, 12:1–3; Psalm 42:11*

Upcoming Youth Events:

October

- Oct. 1 at 6:00 PM – *Service First: Service Project Night*
- Oct. 8 at 6:00 PM – *Even still, God is good*
- Oct. 15 at 6:00 PM – *Even still, God is with us*
- Oct. 22 at 6:00 PM – *Even still, God gives us hope*
- Oct. 29 at 6:00 PM – *BLAST Game Night*

More details will be shared via email and posted on our Facebook page:

<http://www.facebook.com/SeniorHighBlast>.



We had a beautiful *warm* day for our annual Fall Festival!

We celebrated the start of Fall programs at New Hope with carnival style treats, bounce houses, bubbles, fall crafts and balloon art!

Thank you to our Christian Education and Bridge Teams for their collaboration on this event!

Thank you to David Montgomery and Pam Frey for getting the grounds ready and walnut free for the fun!



Make your home cheerful. Tell funny stories and laugh. Laughter at the table creates a happy environment.



Annual Charge Conference will be held on
Sunday, November 2 at 4pm at Oakwood UMC, 400 NE 56th St., Pleasant Hill, IA
Charge Conference is the annual meeting of the year where we review the past year's ministries, look at the programs and the goals for the coming year, set the Pastor's salary and elect the officers of the church.

Your attendance is welcomed! *If you plan to attend, please contact Nancy in the church office, 515-278-2097 or nancy@newhopedsm.org*

Wrestling with Doubt, Finding Faith by Adam Hamilton

Struggling with uncertainties on your spiritual journey?

Whether a longtime Christian or brand new to the faith, get to know the God who is unafraid of hard questions. Hamilton draws from the wisdom of the Bible to approach reservations with honesty and insight. Learn how doubt can drive you to a deeper encounter with the Lord!

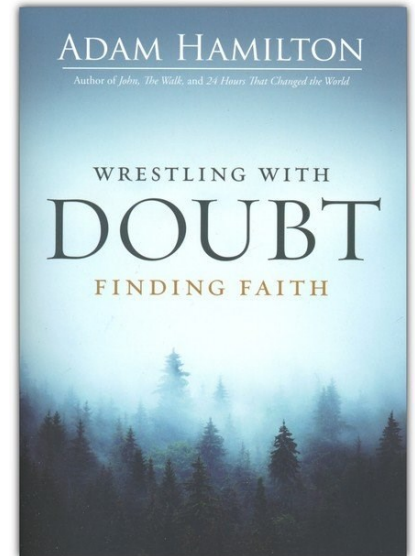
We will have a **six week class starting on Wednesday, November 5th at 12:30.**

The class will be taught by Pastor Amy and Armenta Buckingham in the Fellowship Hall. Books will cost \$16. Pay on first day of class.

Deadline to sign-up is October 27th.

Sign-up sheet will be at the Welcome Center. Hope you can join us!

Questions? Contact Armenta at armentabu@gmail.com.



New Hope UMC Fall Campus Cleanup Day

The Board of Trustees are planning a "Fall Campus Cleanup Day" on **Saturday, November 8th, 9am until finished** (rain date is November 15th).

We need your help! Please plan to attend by volunteering your time and talents! Bring gloves, rakes, trimmers, leaf blowers, etc., if you have them.

Dress accordingly for the weather.

Lunch will be served at Noon.

Please sign up at the Welcome Center. If there are any questions, please call or text Nan Stubbs, 515-238-7334.

Thank you in advance for your time and effort!
Board of Trustees

"If you feel like you're losing everything, remember that trees lose their leaves every year and they still stand tall and wait for better days to come." —Unknown

Blood Pressure Check

No checks in September.

Next opportunity is on
October 5, 8:45am - 11am in the
Narthex.

Support Groups

Al-Anon

Every Tuesday at 9:30am in the
Ruby Chapel.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Every Tuesday at Noon in the
Ruby Chapel.



Care Ministry Team

The Care Ministry meets
quarterly. Next meeting is on
**Thurs., October 9th 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.



Join us!

10:00am in the Ruby Chapel us-
ing "Wired Word" curriculum.

Sleeping Mats/Loom

Plan to meet every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month!

One of Midwest Mission's projects is making Plarn Sleeping Mats. Plarn is plastic yarn made out of plastic grocery bags. The Sleeping Mats are sent internationally and locally. They are great for those who need a barrier between them and the hard ground. They have been sent for disaster relief, for the homeless, and for those who need temporary sleeping arrangements.

We will meet to work on the mat on
**Thursday, October 2 & 16 at 1pm
at the church.**

**Also, thank you for all the plastic
grocery bags. We do *not* need
more as our supply is stocked!!**

If you want to learn how to work on
the mat, please join us!

Questions, contact Sue Baldwin, 515-360-2456.



Chair Yoga & Fitness

Every Monday and Wednesday at 9:30am

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. No fee!

This is for anyone and any age. Bring your friends!

Just a Reminder...

Pastor Amy will never contact you
through text or email to ask for
assistance or to give money, purchase
gift cards or other items on her
behalf. Any such request is a scam.
Do NOT reply!!!!

**If in doubt about the authenticity
of an email or text from our**

Pastor, please call the church office at 515-278-2097 or email at
nhfamily@newhopedsm.org.



"Laughter is the shortest distance between two people." —Victor Borge



Advent by Candlelight

for women of the church (including high school students) and their guests are invited to attend the **26th Anniversary of Advent by Candlelight!**
Monday, December 1, 7pm.

Enter the season of advent in a spirit of love and joy rather than stress and anxiety. Dessert will be served by table hostesses; followed by a program of music, scripture, verse, and stories.

Sign-Up: Sign-up sheets will be out in mid-October for those wishing to attend and those volunteering to hostess are on the decorated table in the fellowship hall.

If 4 or more friends want to share a table, one or two of your group should sign-up to hostess the table. As attendance for our special evening grows each year, it is increasingly difficult to seat groups of friends with a random hostess.

Solution? Hostess your own table! Someone takes care of dessert and the others take care of the table. There is no reason to go over-board with decorating, since the best part is sharing our evening together. A hosting letter will be sent out to all the hosts.

Musicians (vocalists and instrumental): If you are interested in performing for Advent by Candlelight, please contact Nancy Monthei at the church office: 515-278-2097 or nancy@newhopedsm.org. Solos, duets, trios, quartets ~ Song selections get grabbed quick - so contact her soon!

Questions? Contact Nancy Monthei at 515-278-2097 or nancy@newhopedsm.org

Mark your calendars now and join in with helping with the following events.

More details will be given at a later date.



November 23 ~ Hanging of the Greens



December 7 ~ Cookie Walk



BOOK DONATIONS FOR NEW HOPE'S LITTLE (Street) LIBRARY

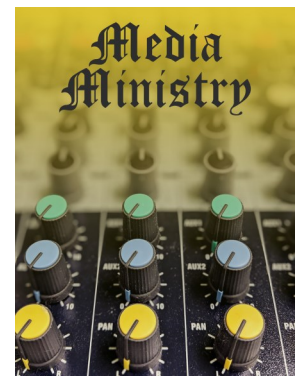
You may place your book donations on the bookshelf in the NW corner of the Fellowship Hall. Thank you!

Thank you to Charlotte Schultz for overseeing the Little Library and keeping it stocked.

Sound Board Operators Volunteers are appreciated to occasionally run the sound board for the 10am worship.

Training will be given by Steven Schutter.

To help your church, please contact Steven at 850-398-2553 or the church office at 515-279-2097.



The Missions of New Hope UMC

*"The **Social Action Committee** focuses on providing for people who, every day of their lives, live in scarcity. They are food insecure, constantly worrying about maintaining their housing, and have very limited resources. They are consistently overwhelmed with their search just to meet their basic needs - things the more fortunate among us take for granted. It is for these people that the Social Action Committee exists."*

-Althea Holcomb, Missions Chair althea.holcomb@gmail.com 515.490.0789

*"The **Care Team** focus is on providing assistance for our members when they have a need. Families experiencing death, illness, new babies, military absences, loss of mobility, need for prayers and any other challenges. New Hope is the extended family for all members, and the Care team is willing and able to assist. " - Clarice Rubek, Care Team Chair*

Missions- Social Action Committee: \$13,442 *

- DMARC Food Pantry
- Johnston Partnership & Food Pantry
- Urbandale Food Pantry
- Hand of Luke
- Circuit Food Packaging
- Fresh Start/Women at the Well
- Central Iowa Shelter and Services
- Families Forward
- Homeless Veterans
- Mrs. Mefor Missionary Support
- African Immigrants & Refugees Transition Services (AIRTS)
- New Hope Camperships
- Midwest Ingathering Kits
- United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)
- Pastor's discretionary fund

*For more information on how the funding is distributed, please see Althea.



Care Teams-New Hope Members helping other Members: \$450

- Four **Grief Booklets** are sent to parishioners periodically during the first year after the loss of a child or spouse.
- Our **Shut Ins** (11) receive regular contacts including calls, visits, notes and cards.
- **Meals for our parishioners** who are having surgery or to a family when a new baby arrives.
- The **Prayer Chain** shares special needs to be lifted up in prayer.
- Our **Service Men and Women** are remembered throughout the year with birthday cards, gifts and other items to make sure they know we are thinking of them.
- New Hope **Needlers** make lap quilts, and a care team member delivers to homes and hospitals of parishioners who are experiencing severe illness and or surgery
- **Blood pressure checks** periodically during the month on Sunday mornings in the Narthex.

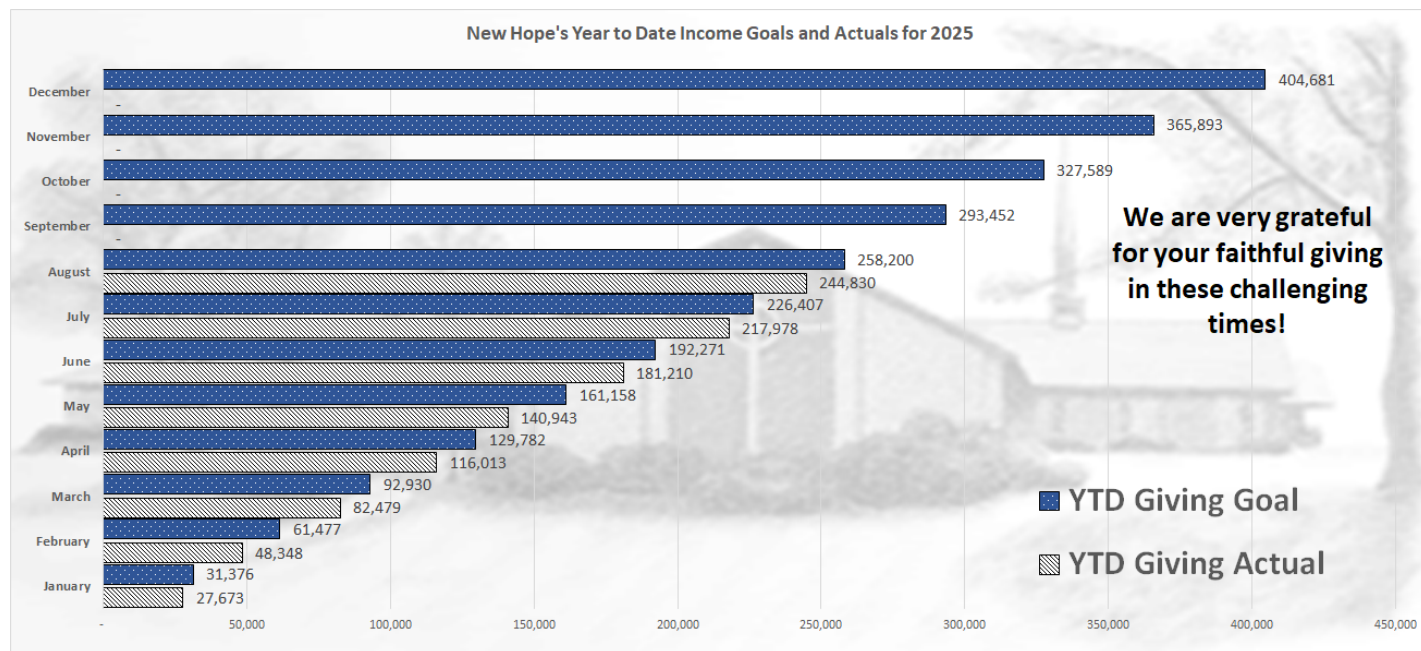
Conference Missions New Hope UMC donation in 2025: \$7,111.14

- **Board of Camps, Conference and Retreat Ministries** subsidizes the two Iowa United Methodist Church camps.
- **Board of Church and Society** strives to inform every United Methodist about the contents of the United Methodist Social Principles and seeks to educate Iowans about the issues of peace and justice.
- **Board of Discipleship** is responsible for five specific core areas: Christian Education, Evangelism, Spiritual Formation, Stewardship and Worship.
- **Board of Global Ministries** provides support and training for existing ministries; encourages new ministries, the expansion of Hispanic Communities within Iowa; and develops new and existing congregations.
- **Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministries** supports the Wesleyan Foundations near the campuses of Iowa's four major universities and supports the three Iowa United Methodist related colleges.
- **Board of Laity** gives leadership for Lay Speaking Ministries, Laity Sundays and Schools for Lay Ministry.
- **Commission on Archives and History** ensures that the historically significant record of Conference, agencies, and local churches are collected and preserved for the future.
- **Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns** fosters stronger interfaith communities with our neighbors of other religious traditions. Encourages our congregations to work with Churches Uniting in Christ.
- **Commission on Ministries with Persons with Disabilities** strives to heighten awareness of disability issues in the Iowa Annual Conference and in local United Methodist Churches. Provides seed grants for accessibility to buildings and activities.
- **Commission on Religion and Race** monitors, evaluates, advocates, to enable the church in all levels to pursue and achieve racial inclusivity as a way of life.
- **Commission on the Status and Role of Women** advocates for women so they may claim their rightful place within the church and in society.
- **Council on Age Level Ministries** (Older Adult Council and Young Adult Council) encourages the church to include all ages in planning, implementation and participation, programs.
- **Council on Youth Ministries** provides opportunities for youth to hear and respond to God's call by developing strong Christian leaders and helping local congregations develop strong youth ministries.
- **Matthew 25 Fund** provides grants to mission and ministry programs within each district to assist local congregations in engaging directly in hands-on ministry which propels us as the body of Christ towards the Kingdom of God.

Non-Monetary: Free Little Farmers Market, Food Donations, Personal Hygiene items, Little Book Library, Plastic Bag Mats, Winter Coat Collection for Johnston Partnership

Groups that meet in our church: Stroke Club, Alcoholics Anonymous, Al-Anon, Scouts, Veterans Helping Veterans Breakfast, Chair Yoga

"For those who have much, much is expected." Luke 12:48



Nan's calling to stewardship

Nan K. was asked by her church to lead a special campaign to pay off the remaining debt on the sanctuary. She consented and made this statement at a worship service:

"Stewardship is realizing that our relationship with money is very much connected to our relationship to God. When our relationship to money becomes the stewardship of God's gifts, then our decisions and actions are tied to our understanding of God's will for our life. When we discern the purpose for our life on Earth, then we look for the signs, the opportunities, the coincidences that show us the path to that purpose.

"I want you to know that this is not just a campaign to pay off our debts (although it will). It is about building a community of faith. If one of our members came to me today and offered to pay off the entire debt, I wouldn't feel this campaign was a success.

"This is about strengthening our church community with everyone giving to their own ability. I'll feel the campaign is successful when 100 percent of our membership participates."

Are you participating? You have nothing to lose, and everything to gain.

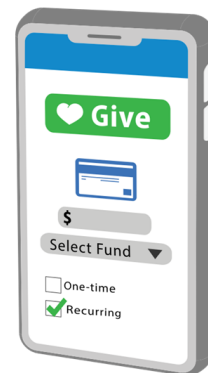
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“When you are reaping in the field, and you overlook a sheaf, don't return to get it. Let it remain for the foreigner, the orphan, or the widow, in order that the LORD your God may bless everything you undertake.” Deuteronomy 24:19



When I was younger and our finances were stretched very thin, we used cash to shop. One day, when the kids were particularly difficult to wrangle into their car seats, I had to put my wallet down in order to strap them in. By the time I had them all secure and the groceries loaded, I had forgotten all about my wallet of cash on the front of the car and began to drive away.

I continued to not notice until just after the interstate ramp when I started picking up speed. Suddenly, my wallet flew onto the windshield and all of our cash for the week, that had not been spent on all the errands of the day, promptly flew all over Interstate 80 at the old Manawa exit of Council Bluffs. I pulled off to the shoulder immediately only to learn why no one does well grabbing all the cash in a wind tunnel! It was awful! Trucks were flying past, stirring my loss and sending it tumbling in every direction. I grabbed and pleaded and cried, but it was no use. It was gone.

When I told a friend, she said that it was too bad. Most of it will probably end up being mowed on the shoulder of the road. I was horrified. I remember even having a dream about the evil mower hitting the cash and then me! It was a tragic thought that it might be wasted when it could have been used!

But then I thought, how much money have I wasted in senseless ways? How much could I have left for another but instead I spent it on things that were fleeting or unnecessary? In many ways, I was the very mower I had nightmares about!

As we celebrate Fall and Harvest, it is a traditional time for us as a church to remember that if we were to glean our own fields, we would likely just waste it. But if we choose to leave things for others, treasures they can enjoy, we can do much more good! Even though money was tight, we survived just fine with a bit less for the week. This is a good season for us in our bounty to find ways to let others glean on our midst so that we might all prosper. After all, it truly belongs to God anyway! Let's share before the mower gets it anyway!

If you are looking for a way to share, contact one of our Social Action or Finance team members. They would love to listen to what matters to you and help you find a way to leave a sheave or two for someone else who needs it!

May you be blessed this Fall so that you might be able to share.

Pastor Amy

October 2025

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

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

			1 9:30 Chair Yoga & Fitness 5:15p, Praise band practice 6:15p, Chancel Choir TGIW/BLAST: 6:00-6:30p, Dinner 6:30-7:30p, Activities	2 1p, Mat weaving	3	4 8:30a, Men's Breakfast
5 Guest Preacher: Rev. Jim Roth 10a, Sunday School Holy Communion World Communion Sunday 8:45-11a, Blood Pressures 7p, Scouts (Jackie)	6 Church Office closed 9:30 Chair Yoga & Fitness 7pm, Trustees Mtg	7 9:30a, Al-Anon, R.Chapel Noon, AA, R.Chapel	8 9:30 Chair Yoga & Fitness 5:15p, Praise band practice 6:15p, Chancel Choir TGIW/BLAST: 6:00-6:30p, Dinner 6:30-7:30p, Activities	9 10a, Care Team Mtg 6:30p, Bible Study, F.Hall (Cathy Short)	10	11 8:30a, Veterans Breakfast
12 Guest Preacher: Rev. Wayne Clark 10a, Sunday School	13 Church Office closed 9:30 Chair Yoga & Fitness	14 9:30a, Al-Anon, R.Chapel Noon, AA, R.Chapel 3:00p, Hand of Luke	15 Church Office Closed 9:30 Chair Yoga & Fitness 5:15p, Praise band practice 6:15p, Chancel Choir TGIW/BLAST: 6:00-6:30p, Dinner 6:30-7:30p, Activities	16 Church Office Closed 9:30a, United Women in Faith 1p, Mat weaving	17 Church Office Closed 9a, Needlers at church	18
19 Volunteer Recognition 10a, Sunday School 2p-4p, Big Band concert	20 Church Office closed 9:30 Chair Yoga & Fitness	21 9:30a, Al-Anon, R.Chapel Noon, AA, R.Chapel 4:30p, Fresh Start meal prep 6:30p, Finance Mtg.	22 9:30 Chair Yoga & Fitness 5:15p, Praise band practice 6:15p, Chancel Choir TGIW/BLAST: 6:00-6:30p, Dinner 6:30-7:30p, Activities	23 November LINK dead- line 6:30p, Administrative Council Mtg.	24	25 9:30a, United Women in Faith 5p, AIRTS event (Sharon Smith)
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"May God's many blessings, be yours the year through."

1 David Montgomery
3 Adam Wise, Sandy Johnson
4 Tricia Berry
5 Noah Henry, Brad Lichter
7 Lisa Hewitt
8 Brittany Kealhofer
9 Gleen Coates, Kristen Coffelt
10 Mica Wills, Hannah Wiles,
Malcolm Rock
13 Melanie Henry

15 Debbie O'Brien
16 Kurt Eaves
17 Luke Breitsprecher
18 Carl Egger
19 Mike Lillegraven
23 Alanna Greenwood
24 Mary Jansen, Noah Breitsprecher,
Brennan Johnson
25 Tracy Hoffman
26 Daniel Bowser
27 Charlotte Sheldon
28 Marilyn Schoop, Pam Weisskopf,
David Johnson
29 Laura Webber, William Sheer,
Hayden O'Brien



1 Jim & Joey Bolstad
8 Brad & Terri Lichter
10 Randy & Mary Jansen
25 Mike & Kris Wakeman
25 Brad & Jackie Johnson

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"Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song" (Psalm 98:4, ESV).



WORSHIP
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Sunday Morning Worship Services

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

10:00: Contemporary Service in the Neil Cross 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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