

In Our Prayers & Thoughts

*“Blessed be God, who bears our burdens
day after day.” Psalm 68:19*

the Bingham family	Stephanie Patterson
Jan Bozeman	Donna Reid
William Cooney	Pastor Sally
Betty June Curtis	Debbie Secara &
Brad & Michelle	family
Foster & family	Linda Thomas
Doris Hall	Anita Van Cleave
Eldon Harlow	Hillary
Roger Kucera	Angie
Sue Moran	Sue
Kathy Nelsen	

Please notify us if you or a family member wishes to be placed on the prayer list. Let us know if the prayer concern needs to be a continued one, otherwise names will be removed the first of the month.

*These are the Birthdays and
Anniversaries for September.
If we don’t already have your
celebrations, please let us know.*

September Birthdays

13 McKenzie Wissink
15 Sandy Siedel
20 DaVarrius Blackwell
20 Piper Reetz
22 Lynne Graszhall
27 Margaret Sieber
27 Bruce Anderson
30 Daniel Wissink

September Anniversaries

8 Bryan & Ellie Bingham

TODAY’S EVENTS

Sunday September 7

- Fellowship Coffee Time 10:30 am
- Worship Service 11 am (Sanctuary) (Streaming live on Facebook and YouTube)
- Christ Central Worship Service 2 pm (Magee Parlor)
- Lincoln Taekwondo 5 pm – 7:45 pm (Shepherd Hall)
- The Closet and Diaper Depot will be open 7 – 8 pm
Also open by appointment emailing Joanna at
joanna.gillespie@usc.salvationarmy.org

THIS WEEK

Monday September 8

- Justice in Action leader training 6:30 pm Shepherd Hall

Tuesday September 9

- Lincoln Taekwondo 6:30 pm Shepherd Hall
- The Closet and Diaper Depot will be open 7 – 8 pm
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Wednesday September 10

- Bible Study 6:30 pm Shepherd Hall studying the lectionary texts for the coming Sunday
- Lincoln Taekwondo 6:30 pm Shepherd Hall

Thursday September 11

- Justice in Action leader training 6:30 pm Shepherd Hall
- East Campus Community Organization 7 pm Magee Parlor
- The Closet and Diaper Depot will be open 7 – 8 pm
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Friday September 12

Saturday September 13

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday September 14 Installation Service for our new District Superintendent, Rev. David Livingston 4 pm Horizons Community UMC 3200 Grainger Parkway

Tuesday September 16 Executive Board meeting 6:30 pm Conference Room

Saturday September 20 & 27 Gospel Choir practice 11 am Magee Parlor

Saturday September 27 The Closet at New Hope clothing give away event, 9:30 am to 11:30 am Shepherd Hall

Sunday September 28 CROP Walk Fundraiser at Raising Canes 48th & R 4 pm – 8 pm Mention you’re supporting CROP or use code RCFUND96 online and in the app and we get 15% of the sale



New Hope United Methodist Church

1205 North 45th Lincoln, NE 68503

**Worship 11 am
In-person & On-line**

“Transforming Lives and Community Through Jesus Christ”

September 7, 2025

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

God of the Universe, Guide Our Steps

Prelude		Dr Denis Plutalov
*Welcome the Light of Christ	“Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast”	UMH 616
Welcome and Announcements		
Congregational Breath Prayer (see inside page)		
Call to Worship (see inside page) / Opening Prayer		
*Passing of the Peace	<i>Let us welcome one another in the Spirit of Christ</i>	
*Songs of Praise	“Take My Life and Let It Be”	UMH 399
	“Have Thine Own Way, Lord”	UMH 382
<u>WE LIFT OUR PRAYERS AND OFFERINGS TO GOD</u>		
Affirmation of Faith		UMH 883
Morning Prayer Song	“Sweet Hour of Prayer”	UMH 496 v. 1
Silent Prayer / Pastoral Prayer		
Giving Back to God (offering)		
Offertory		Dr Denis Plutalov
*Doxology	“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”	UMH 95

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Scripture Reading	Jeremiah 18:1-11	NRSV 677 (OT)
Response:	<i>One: The Word of God for the people of God. All: Thanks be to God.</i>	
The Word in Song	“Step By Step”	WS 3004
Psalm Reading	Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18	NRSV 545-546 (OT)
Response:	<i>One: The Word of Life! All: Thanks be to God!</i>	
Gospel Reading	Luke 14:25-33	NRSV 73 (NT)
Response:	<i>One: The Gospel of Jesus Christ. All: Praise the Living Word.</i>	
The Word in Song	“Step By Step”	WS 3004
Children’s Message		
Message	“The Long Haul”	Pastor Helen Paus
Pastoral Prayer		

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Thanksgiving and Communion		
Invitation Song	“Be Present at Our Table, Lord”	UMH 621
Invitation to the Table / Confession and Pardon (see inside page)		
Declaration of Forgiveness		UMH 8
Taking the Bread and the Cup / The Great Thanksgiving		on screen
The Lord’s Prayer (see inside page)		UMH 895
Breaking of the Bread / Giving the Bread and Cup	Hymns	UMH 618, 614, 624, 640
Closing Prayer		

WE GO INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE

*Sending Song	“Lift High the Cross”	UMH 159
*Benediction		
Postlude		Dr Denis Plutalov
<i>*Please stand in body or in spirit The Call to Worship, Songs and Prayers are also on the screen</i>		
<i>NRSV = new Bible, UMH = U M Hymnal, TFWS = The Faith We Sing, WS = Worship & Song</i>		
<i>AAHH = African American Heritage Hymnal</i>		

Congregational Breath Prayer:
Leader: God who asks everything from us,
People: make us ready to answer your call.

Call to Worship:
Leader: We find it easy to say, “Yes, we will follow Christ.”
People: But sometimes it makes us uncomfortable.
Leader: Yet, in all of this, Christ calls us continually to follow.
People: Jesus is always with us.
Leader: Let us place our trust always in his guidance.
People: Let us open our hearts to Christ’s will. AMEN.

Affirmation of Faith:
We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the church: to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others to seek justice and resist evil to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Confession and Pardon:
Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lord’s Prayer:
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sermon Notes:

***We wish to welcome you!
We are very happy to have you worshipping
with us today!***
***If you are looking for a church home, we hope that you
have found it among us. Please let us know if you would
like to become a member.***

- ❖ If you know someone in the hospital or recuperating at home, who needs a **pastoral visit or phone call**, please let the church office know at 402-466-5238.
- ❖ There are **children’s activity bags** hanging in the back of the sanctuary if your child would like to use one during worship. We also have a play area in Magee Parlor (at the back of the sanctuary).
- ❖ There are **large print hymnals and Bibles** for your use on the table at the back of the sanctuary.
- ❖ If you would like to **give to New Hope electronically**, you may use the QR code sheets in the pews. You may also sign up for an automatic withdrawal for your donation using the paperwork on the table at the back of the sanctuary or sign up by going to our website or to app.myvanco.com/login
- ❖ If you have an **announcement for the bulletin**, call 402-466-5238 or e-mail newhopeumclincoln@gmail.com by Thursday morning please.

Outreach Ministries of New Hope UMC
The Closet at New Hope:
provides gently used clothing for children and adults; shoes, accessories and linens
Diaper Depot:
provides diapers to families: 1 pkg per month -- please bring your ID to sign up
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open by appointment by emailing Joanna at
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They are open:
Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday evenings from 7 pm to 8 pm*

Next Week’s Scriptures
*Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 14*
Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28
Psalm 14
1 Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-10

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