

In Our Prayers & Thoughts

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

Primrose Battle	Cliff Reynolds
David Briggs	Enid Smith & Doug
Jan Bozeman	Linda Thomas
William Cooney	Anita Van Cleave
Brad & Michelle	Hillary
Foster & family	Angie
the Hall family	Sue
Eldon Harlow	Bridgette
Roger Kucera	Alexander
Sue Moran	Damian
Kathy Nelsen	Courtney
Jessica Pankote	

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 December.
If we don’t already have your
celebrations, please let us know.*

December Birthdays

- 1 Jevontez McEwen
- 5 Harper Reetz
- 6 Primrose Battle
- 7 Tammi Hendricksen
- 10 Alex Martinez
- 11 Sandi Strain
- 11 Darrell Wissink
- 13 Ruthie Andrews
- 13 Gladys Farr
- 13 Joanna Lynch-Gillespie
- 13 Pastor Helen Paus
- 18 Judi Lafond
- 22 Sally Ruggia
- 24 Jason McEwen
- 30 Aaron Nelsen

No Anniversaries that we know of

TODAY’S EVENTS

Sunday December 21

- Gospel Choir practice 10:15 am (Magee Parlor)
- Fellowship Coffee Time 10:30 am Everyone is Welcome!
- Worship Service 11 am (Sanctuary) (Streaming live on YouTube and our website)
- Happy Birthday Jesus party after worship Join us in the Welcome Center for cookies, goodies and fellowship!
- Justice in Action Longest Night 12-Hour Prayer Vigil We are signed up for 2 pm – 3 pm in front of the City County Building, 555 South 10th St. At 5 pm there will be a Longest Night Service
- Christ Central Worship Service 2 pm (Magee Parlor)
- Lincoln Taekwondo 5 pm – 7:45 pm (Shepherd Hall)

THIS WEEK

Monday December 22

- The office will be closed
- Girl Scouts 6:30 pm Shepherd Hall

Tuesday December 23

- The office will be closed
- Lincoln Taekwondo 6:30 pm Shepherd Hall

Wednesday December 24

- The office will be closed
- Christmas Eve Service 5 pm Sanctuary

Thursday December 25

- The office will be closed

Friday December 26

- The office will be closed

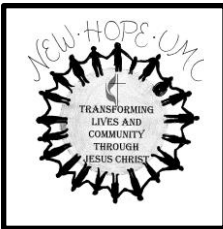
Saturday December 27

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thursday January 1 the office will be closed for the holiday

Sunday January 4 Epiphany Sunday

Sunday January 18 Human Relations Day – special offering



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”

December 21, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Advent

God of the Universe, Guide Our Steps

Prelude Ruthie Andrews
***Welcome the Light of Christ** “It Came Upon a Midnight Clear” UMH 218 v.1, 3, 4
Welcome and Announcements
Congregational Breath Prayer (see inside page)
Call to Worship (see inside page) / **Opening Prayer**
***Passing of the Peace** *Let us welcome one another in the Spirit of Christ*
Lighting the Advent Candle / Advent Responsorial (see inside page)
Advent Song “Light the Advent Candle” TFWs 2090 v. 2 modified
***Songs of Praise** “Away in a Manger” UMH 217
“What Child is This?” UMH 219

WE LIFT OUR PRAYERS AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

Lighting the Prayer Candle
Morning Prayer Song “Sweet Hour of Prayer” UMH 496 v. 1
Silent Prayer / Pastoral Prayer / The Lord’s Prayer (see inside page) UMH 895
Giving Back to God (offering)
Offertory Gospel Choir
***Doxology** “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH 95

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Scripture Reading Isaiah 41:5-10 NRSV 629 (OT)
Response: *One:* The Word of God for the people of God. ***All:* Thanks be to God.**
The Word in Song “I’m So Glad” AAHH 238 v. 1
Psalms Reading Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 NRSV 511-512 (OT)
Response: *One:* The Word of Life! ***All:* Thanks be to God!**
Epistle Reading Matthew 1:18-25 NRSV 1 (NT)
Response: *One:* The Gospel of Jesus Christ. ***All:* Praise the Living Word.**
The Word in Song “I’m So Glad” AAHH 238 v. 3
Special Music Gospel Choir

Children’s Message
Message “Give Me Your Hand” Pastor Helen Paus
Closing Prayer

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

***Sending Song** “O Little Town of Bethlehem” UMH 230 v. 1, 2, 4
***Benediction**
Postlude Ruthie Andrews

**Please stand in body or in spirit*

The Call to Worship, Songs and Prayers are also on the screen

NRSV = new Bible, UMH = U M Hymnal, TFWs = The Faith We Sing, WS = Worship & Song

AAHH = African American Heritage Hymnal

Congregational Breath Prayer:

Leader: Emmanuel, God with us,
People: may we reflect your loving presence to our community
and to the world.

Call to Worship:

Leader: Here in worship— We pray together
People: We sing together
Leader: Here in worship— We listen together.
People: We stand together
Leader: Here in worship— We are not alone.
People: Let us worship Emmanuel, God With Us. Amen.

Advent Responsorial:

Leader: Today, we choose to live in the love of God.
People: We praise God for faithful love.

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 and Diaper Depot

*Both ministries will be closed until further notice for
reorganization. We are hoping to reopen early next year.*

Next Week’s Scriptures
*First Sunday after Christmas
December 28*

Isaiah 52:7-10
Psalm 98
Hebrews 1:1-4
John 1:1-14

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