

In Our Prayers & Thoughts

"Blessed be God, who bears our burdens day after day." Psalm 68:19

Primrose Battle	Jessica Pankote
David Briggs	Cliff Reynolds
Jan Bozeman	Etta Smith & Doug
William Cooney	Linda Thomas
Nathan Curtis	Anita Van Cleave
Brad & Michelle Foster & family	Hillary Angie
Eldon Harlow	Sue
Roger Kucera	
Sue Moran	
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 January. If we don't already have your celebrations, please let us know.

January Birthdays

3 Blanche Sanchez
6 Jemaul McEwen
6 Leighanne Nelsen
12 Patty Wissink
17 Penny Taylor
17 Windi Wissink
25 Dawn Ashton

No Anniversaries that we know of

TODAY'S EVENTS

Sunday January 4

- Fellowship Coffee Time 10:30 am Everyone is Welcome!
- Worship Service 11 am (Sanctuary) (Streaming live on YouTube and our website) Epiphany Sunday
- Christ Central Worship Service 2 pm (Magee Parlor)
- Lincoln Taekwondo 5 pm – 7:45 pm (Shepherd Hall)

THIS WEEK

Monday January 5

- Girl Scouts 6:30 pm Shepherd Hall

Tuesday January 6

- Lincoln Taekwondo 6:30 pm Shepherd Hall

Wednesday January 7

- Bible Study 6:30 pm Shepherd Hall studying the lectionary texts for the coming Sunday. Everyone is welcome to attend

Thursday January 8

- Lincoln Taekwondo 6:30 pm Shepherd Hall
- East Campus Community Organization 7 pm Magee Parlor

Friday January 9

Saturday January 10

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday January 18 Human Relations Day – special offering

Sunday January 18 Warren Foundation noon Conference Room

Monday January 19 Martin Luther King Jr's Birthday

Tuesday January 27 Executive Board 6:30 pm Conference Room



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"

January 4, 2026

Epiphany Sunday

God of the Universe, Guide Our Steps

Prelude

*Welcome the Light of Christ "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

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*

*Songs of Praise

"We Three Kings"

"The First Noel"

Dr Denis Platalov
UMH 230 v. 1, 2, 4

UMH 254 v. 1, 2, 5
UMH 245 v. 3-5

WE LIFT OUR PRAYERS AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

Affirmation of Faith

"We Fall Down"

UMH 883
WS 3187

Morning Prayer Song

Silent Prayer / Pastoral Prayer

Giving Back to God (offering)

Offertory

*Doxology

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Dr Denis Platalov
UMH 95

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Scripture Reading *Isaiah 60:1-6*

Response: One: The Word of God for the people of God. **All: Thanks be to God.**

The Word in Song *"Angels We Have Heard on High"*

UMH 238 refrain only

Psalm Reading

Psalm 72:10-14

NRSV 505 (OT)

Response: One: The Word of Life! **All: Thanks be to God!**

Gospel Reading

Matthew 2:1-12, 16-18

NRSV 1-2 (NT)

Response: One: The Gospel of Jesus Christ. **All: Praise the Living Word.**

The Word in Song

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

UMH 238 refrain only

Children's Message

Message

"Fear Doesn't Stop Us"

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)

UMH 8

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

"God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen"

WS 3052 v. 1, 2, 5

*Benediction

Postlude

Dr Denis Platalov

*Please stand in body or in spirit

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

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

AAHH = African American Heritage Hymnal

Congregational Breath Prayer:

Leader: God who brings light into the world,
People: remind us that fear does not stop us.

Call to Worship

Leader: In the dark of morning,

People: the stars still shine.

Leader: In the depth of winter,

People: The birds still climb.

Leader: Do not rest in your fear.

People: God is here. Let us worship God. 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 worshiping 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

Baptism of the Lord Sunday

January 11

Isaiah 42:1-9

Psalm 29

Acts 10:34-43

Matthew 3:13-17

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Please call before you come as her
schedule is subject to change

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