

**In Our Prayers & Thoughts**

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

Primrose Battle	Cliff Reynolds
David Briggs	Etta Smith & Doug
Jan Bozeman	Linda Thomas
William Cooney	Anita Van Cleave
Nathan Curtis	Hillary
Brad & Michelle	Angie
Foster & family	Sue
Eldon Harlow	Mike
Roger Kucera	
Kathy Nelsen	
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 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 11**

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

**THIS WEEK**

**Monday January 12**

- Girl Scouts 6:30 pm Shepherd Hall

**Tuesday January 13**

- Lincoln Taekwondo 6:30 pm Shepherd Hall

**Wednesday January 14**

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

**Thursday January 15**

- Lincoln Taekwondo 6:30 pm Shepherd Hall

**Friday January 16**

**Saturday January 17**

**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 20** Executive Board 6:30 pm Conference Room



**New Hope United Methodist Church**

1205 North 45<sup>th</sup> Lincoln, NE 68503

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

*“Transforming Lives and Community Through Jesus Christ”*

**January 11, 2026**

**Baptism of Christ**

*God of the Universe, Guide Our Steps*

**Prelude** Dr Denis Plutalov

**\*Welcome the Light of Christ** “For the Healing of the Nations” UMH 428

**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** “Lord of the Dance” UMH 261 v. 1, 2, 5  
“Spirit Song” UMH 347

**WE LIFT OUR PRAYERS AND OFFERINGS TO GOD**

**Wesleyan Covenant Prayer** (see inside page) on screen

**Morning Prayer Song** “Down to the River to Pray” WS 3164 once thru

**Silent Prayer / Pastoral Prayer / The Lord’s Prayer** (see inside page) UMH 895

**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** Isaiah 42:1-9 NRSV 630 (OT)

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

**The Word in Song** “Spirit of the Living God” UMH 393

**Psalms Reading** Psalm 29 NRSV 477-478 (OT)

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

**Epistle Reading** Acts 10:34-43 NRSV 121-122 (NT)

**Response:** *One:* The Acts of the Apostles. **All: Praise the Living Word.**

**The Word in Song** “Spirit of the Living God” UMH 393

**Children’s Message**

**Message** “Impartial” Pastor Helen Paus

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

**Reaffirmation of Baptism**

**Closing Prayer**

**\*Sending Song** “The Church’s One Foundation” UMH 545 – use lyrics 546 v. 2-4

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude** Dr Denis Plutalov

*\*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 peace to all,  
*People:* help us share your love with everyone we meet.

**Call to Worship:**  
*Leader:* We come to worship God, who created the heavens and stretched them out above us  
*People:* **Breathe life into us, God Who Creates!**  
*Leader:* We come to worship Christ, who came to the river, who sought the Baptizer and the Jordan waters,  
*People:* **Welcome us to the waters of life, Jesus the Christ!**  
*Leader:* We come to worship the Spirit who soared through the heavens, who hovered and rested upon Jesus  
*People:* **Descend upon us today, Spirit of God. Amen.**

**Wesleyan Covenant Prayer:**  
I am no longer my own, but yours. Put me to what you will, place me with whom you will. Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be put to work for you or set aside for you, praised for you or criticized for you. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and fully surrender all things to your glory and service. And now, O wonderful and holy God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, you are mine, and I am yours. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it also be made in heaven. 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](http://app.myvanco.com/login)
- ❖ If you have an **announcement for the bulletin**, call 402-466-5238 or e-mail [newhopeumclincoln@gmail.com](mailto: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**  
***Second Sunday after Epiphany***  
***January 18***

Isaiah 49:1-7  
Psalm 40:1-11  
1 Corinthians 1:1-9  
John 1:29-42

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