

**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	McKenzie Wissink
Brad & Michelle	Hillary
Foster & family	Angie
Eldon Harlow	Sue
Roger Kucera	Mike
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  
the last part of January and  
the first part of February.  
If we don’t already have your  
celebrations, please let us know.*

**January Birthdays** *(partial)*

17 Penny Taylor  
17 Windi Wissink  
25 Dawn Ashton

*No Anniversaries that we know of*

**February Birthdays** *(partial)*

4 Danon Garland  
6 Sandy Mertlik  
9 Kathy Terhune  
9 Hector Santillan

**February Anniversaries**

16 Rich & Sue Torpin

**TODAY’S EVENTS**

**Sunday January 25**

- 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 26**

- Girl Scouts 6:30 pm Shepherd Hall

**Tuesday January 27**

- Lincoln Taekwondo 6:30 pm Shepherd Hall

**Wednesday January 28**

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

**Thursday January 29**

- Lincoln Taekwondo 6:30 pm Shepherd Hall

**Friday January 30**

**Saturday January 31**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Sunday February 1** Warren Foundation noon Conference Center

**Thursday February** East Campus Community Organization 7 pm  
Magee Parlor

**Tuesday February 10** Executive Board 6:30 pm Conference Room

**February 14** Valentine’s Day

**Monday February 16** President’s Day

**Wednesday February 18** Ash Wednesday Service 6:30 pm Sanctuary



**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 25, 2026**

**Third Sunday after Epiphany**

*God of the Universe, Guide Our Steps*

**Prelude**

Dr Denis Plutalov

**\*Welcome the Light of Christ** “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed” UMH 203 v. 1, 2, 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*

**\*Songs of Praise** “Just As I Am, Without One Plea” UMH 357 v. 1, 3, 5, 6  
“To God Be the Glory” UMH 98

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

**Lighting the Prayer Candle**

**Morning Prayer Song** “Shout to the Lord” TFWS 2074

**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 9:1-4 NRSV 600 (OT)

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

**The Word in Song** “Shine, Jesus, Shine” TFWS 2173 refrain only

**Psalms Reading** Psalm 27:1, 4-9 NRSV 476-477 (OT)

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

**Gospel Reading** Matthew 4:12-23 NRSV 3 (NT)

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

**The Word in Song** “Shine, Jesus, Shine” TFWS 2173 refrain only

**Children’s Message**

**Message** “Follow Me” Pastor Helen Paus

**Closing Prayer**

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

**\*Sending Song** “God of Grace and God of Glory” UMH 577 v. 1, 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 = new Bible, UMH = U M Hymnal, TFWS = The Faith We Sing, WS = Worship & Song  
AAHH = African American Heritage Hymnal*

**Congregational Breath Prayer:**

*Leader:* In the darkness that surrounds us,  
*People:* may we shine love and hope.

**Call to Worship:**

*Leader:* We walk in shadows.  
*People:* We live in a land of deep shadows.  
*Leader:* We have seen a great light!  
*People:* Light shines upon us!  
*Leader:* God brings us joy!  
*People:* Rejoice before our God!

**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**  
*Fourth Sunday after Epiphany  
February 1*

Micah 6:1-8  
Psalm 15  
1 Corinthians 1:18-31  
Matthew 5:1-12

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

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