

### In Our Prayers & Thoughts

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

Gail Anderson	Sandy Siedel
Primrose Battle	Etta Smith & Doug
David Briggs	Anita Van Cleave
Jan Bozeman	Juston Way
William Cooney	McKenzie Wissink
Nathan Curtis	Hillary
Gladys Farr	Angie
Brad & Michelle Foster & family	Sue
Aaron Goggins	Mike
Eldon Harlow	Hughes
Kathy Nelsen	Craig
Jessica Pankote	Those who have cancer
Jakson Paus	Those who are dealing with Alzheimer's
Cliff Reynolds	

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 April and the first part of May. If we don't already have your celebrations, please let us know.*

#### April Birthdays (partial)

16 Mary K Burns  
21 Victoria Gadwaw  
25 Dawson Ihrig  
29 Anita Van Cleave

#### April Anniversaries (partial)

23 Darrell & Patty Wissink  
26 Dean & Anita Van Cleave

#### May Birthdays (partial)

4 Kathy Garland  
4 Ron Wallick  
5 Ellie Bingham

#### May Anniversaries

17 Hollis & Stephanie Patterson  
30 Tim & Dawn Ashton

### TODAY'S EVENTS

#### **Sunday April 26**

- Fellowship Coffee Time 10:30 am Everyone is Welcome!
- Worship Service 11 am (Sanctuary) (Streaming live on YouTube and our website)
- Warren Foundation meeting noon Conference Room
- Christ Central Worship Service 2 pm (Magee Parlor)

### THIS WEEK

#### **Monday April 27**

- Girl Scouts 6:30 pm Shepherd Hall

#### **Tuesday April 28**

#### **Wednesday April 29**

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

#### **Thursday April 30**

- Justice in Action Nehemiah Rally 6:30 pm St Mark's 84<sup>th</sup> & Pioneers Everyone is welcome to attend this important rally to show the elected officials there is great support for the Justice in Actions initiatives

#### **Friday May 1**

- Set up for NE Herbal Society Plant Sale
- Used Book Sale 9 am to 4 pm Bethany Christian Church 1645 N. Cotner Blvd.

#### **Saturday May 2**

- Nebraska Herbal Society Plant Sale 9 am to 2 pm Shepherd Hall

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Saturday May 9** Private Party 3 pm – 11 pm Shepherd Hall

**Sunday May 10** Mother's Day

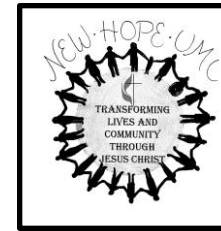
**Thursday May 14** East Campus Community Organization 5 p -9 pm Magee Parlor

**Thursday May 21 and Friday May 22** Office closed

**Sunday May 24** Pentecost Sunday

**Wednesday May 27** Private Cultural Event 2 pm – 11 pm Shepherd Hall

**Saturday May 30** Private Graduation Party 5 pm to 10:30 pm



## 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"*

**April 26, 2026**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

*God of the Universe, Guide Our Steps*

**Prelude**

Dr. Denis Plutalov

**\*Welcoming 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** "To God Be the Glory" UMH 98

"Lord of the Dance" UMH 261 v. 3-5

### WE LIFT OUR PRAYERS AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

**Lighting the Prayer Candle**

**Morning Prayer Song** "Cares Chorus" TFWS 2215

**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

**New Testament Scripture Reading** Acts 2:42-47 NRSV 112 (NT)

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

**The Word in Song** "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" TFWS 2088

**Psalms Reading** Psalm 23 NRSV 474-475 (OT)

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

**Gospel Reading** John 10:1-10 NRSV 97 (NT)

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

**The Word in Song** "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" TFWS 2088

**Children's Message**

**Message**

"Abundant Life"

Pastor Helen Paus

**Closing Prayer**

### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

**\*Sending Song** "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" UMH 381

**\*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:* God, who provides abundant gifts for our lives,  
*People:* may we receive and share them with joy.

**Call to Worship:**

*Leader:* We tend to stray from God’s loving ways. We need a shepherd.

*People:* **We are hungry and thirsty, empty and fearful.**

*Leader:* Who can we turn to who will help us each and every day?

*People:* **We need peace and healing for our souls.**

*Leader:* Open our hearts and lives to the Good Shepherd.

*People:* **Lord, pour your balm of healing over our lives. 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 go to our website [www.newhopeumclincolnne.org](http://www.newhopeumclincolnne.org) and use the secure TitheLy link to schedule a donation by ACH or credit card.
- ❖ 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**

**Threads of Hope and Diaper Depot**

*Threads of Hope (new name for The Closet) we have decided to do several large give-aways during the year.*

Thank you to everyone that helped with the set-up, event and clean-up for our April 18 event, especially Ellie Bingham, who spent many hours going through the clothing and getting it sorted and organized ahead of time.

**Next Week’s Scriptures  
*Fifth Sunday of Easter*  
**May 3****

Proverbs 4:10-18  
Psalm 119:9-32  
1 Peter 2:2-10  
John 14:1-14

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

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Office is closed Mondays and Wednesdays

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

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