

In Our Prayers & Thoughts

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

Gail Anderson	Sandy Siedel
David Briggs	Etta Smith & Doug
Jan Bozeman	Anita Van Cleave
Nathan Curtis	Juston Way
Gladys Farr	McKenzie Wissink
Brad & Michelle Foster & family	Hillary
Aaron Goggins and family	Angie Sue
Eldon Harlow	Mike
Jessica Pankote	Hughes
Jakson Paus	Craig
Cliff Reynolds	Annette

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 May.

If we don't already have your celebrations, please let us know.

May Birthdays

4 Kathy Garland
4 Ron Wallick
5 Ellie Bingham
6 Karsynn (Quamrah) Leapaldt-Wissink
17 Denis Plutalov
18 Darrel Sebree
28 Doug Taylor

May Anniversaries

17 Hollis & Stephanie Patterson
30 Tim & Dawn Ashton

TODAY'S EVENTS

Sunday May 17

- 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) Ascension Sunday
- Christ Central Worship Service 2 pm (Magee Parlor)

THIS WEEK

Monday May 18

- Girl Scouts 6:30 pm Shepherd Hall

Tuesday May 19

- Executive Board 6:30 pm Shepherd Hall

Wednesday May 20

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

Thursday May 21

- The office will be closed.

Friday May 22

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Saturday May 23

- Private Graduation party 5 pm – 10:30 pm Shepherd Hall

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday May 24 Pentecost Sunday

Monday May 25 Memorial Day

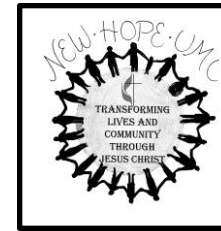
Wednesday May 27 Private cultural event 2 pm – 10 pm Shepherd Hall

Wednesday May 27 – Saturday May 30 Great Plains Annual Conference, Kearney, NE Pastor Helen will attend so will be out of the office during this time

Saturday May 30 Private Graduation Party 5 pm – 10:30 pm Shepherd Hall

Sunday May 31 Peace With Justice Sunday – special offering Look for the bulletin insert that day for more information

Sunday May 31 Fifth Sunday Potluck Dinner noon Shepherd Hall Bring a dish to share and join the fellowship!



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"

May 17, 2026

Ascension Sunday

God of the Universe, Guide Our Steps

Prelude

Ruthie Andrews

***Welcoming the Light of Christ** "We Have Come Into This House" AAHH 174

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** "Lead Me to Calvary" AAHH 253

"I'm So Glad" AAHH 238

WE LIFT OUR PRAYERS AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

Lighting the Prayer Candle

Morning Prayer Song "Alleluia" AAHH 644 / UMH 186 v. 1, 3

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

New Testament Scripture Reading Acts 1:6-14 NRSV 110 (NT)

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

The Word in Song "Jesus, the Light of the World" AAHH 217 refrain only

Psalms Reading Psalm 93 NRSV 519 (OT)

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

Gospel Reading John 17:1-11 NRSV 105 (NT)

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

The Word in Song "Jesus, the Light of the World" AAHH 217 refrain only

Special Music Gospel Choir

Children's Message

Message

"Belonging to God"

Pastor Helen Paus

Closing Prayer

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Sending Song** "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" AAHH 282 / UMH 302

***Benediction** 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: Christ, who is always in our midst,
People: help us be your body in this world.

Call to Worship:

Leader: Look to the heavens, people of God.
People: See the power of God.
Leader: Christ ascends to heaven in glory.
People: Shout to God with cries of joy.
Leader: Rejoice, children of Love incarnate.
People: Sing praises to God! 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 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 by Thursday morning please.

Outreach Ministries of New Hope UMC


Threads of Hope and Diaper Depot

We are hoping to be able to go thru the remaining stored clothing and reorganize the closet area so we can be open once a month for a few hours. If you would like to help sort clothing, please contact Ellie Bingham. We are still working on how to give away diapers efficiently and are hoping to partner with ConnectioN Point to do this.

**Next Week's Scriptures
*Pentecost Sunday
May 24***

Numbers 11:24-30
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13
John 7:37-39

CONTACT INFORMATION

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