

In Our Prayers & Thoughts

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

Gail Anderson	Anthony Roberts
Sharon Anderson	Etta Smith & Doug
David Briggs	Anita Van Cleave
Jan Bozeman	Juston Way
Nathan Curtis	McKenzie Wissink
Gladys Farr	Hillary
Brad & Michelle	Angie
Foster & family	Sue
Brent Gerhard’s mother	Mike
Aaron Goggins	Hughes
Mary Goggins	Craig
Hunter Holly	Annette
Eldon Harlow	Leonard
Jessica Pankote	Scott
Jakson Paus	McKenna
Cliff Reynolds	Jess & Jamie

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 August and the first part of September. If we don’t already have your celebrations, please let us know.

August Birthdays *(partial)*

20 Cheryl Caples
21 Brooks Reetz
29 Aaliyah Patterson
31 Trevor Torpin

No anniversaries that we know of

September Birthdays *(partial)*

13 McKenzie Wissink
15 Sandy Siedel

September Anniversaries

8 Bryan & Ellie Bingham

TODAY’S EVENTS

Sunday August 23

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

THIS WEEK

Monday August 24

Tuesday August 25

- Executive Board meeting 6:30 pm Shepherd Hall

Wednesday August 26

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

Thursday August 27

- East Campus Community Organization 7 pm Magee Parlor

Friday August 28

Saturday August 29

- Threads of Hope and the Diaper Depot will be open from 9 am to 11 am

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday August 30 Fifth Sunday Potluck Dinner noon Shepherd Hall
Bring a dish to share and join the New Hope family for lunch and fellowship

Monday September 7 Labor Day

Thursday September 10 East Campus Community Organization 7 pm
Magee Parlor

Tuesday September 15 East Campus Community Organization 6 pm
Shepherd Hall



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”

August 23, 2026

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

“Lead Me, Guide Me” AAHH 474

WE LIFT OUR PRAYERS AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

Lighting the Prayer Candle

Morning Prayer Song “Sweet Hour of Prayer” AAHH 442 v. 1

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

Giving Back to God (Offering) Gospel Choir

***Doxology** “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH 95

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Scripture Reading Isaiah 51:1-6 NRSV 640-641 (OT)

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

The Word in Song “We’ve Come This Far By Faith” AAHH 412 refrain only

Psalms Reading Psalm 138 NRSV 545 (OT)

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

Gospel Reading Matthew 16:13-20 NRSV 17 (NT)

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

The Word in Song “We’ve Come This Far By Faith” AAHH 412 refrain only

Special Music Gospel Choir

Children’s Message

Message “Seeking God” Pastor Helen Paus

Closing Prayer

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

***Sending Song** “Till We Gather Again” AAHH 638

Postlude 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: God, whose glory and power rule the cosmos,
People: shape our hearts to your will.

Call to Worship:

Leader: Let us turn to God when life is difficult.
People: God’s glory will see us through.
Leader: In the midst of our trials and tribulations, God’s power is with us.
People: God surrounds us with love and courage.
Leader: Come, let us praise God for God’s abiding presence.
People: Lord, thank you for your words of guidance. **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

Threads of Hope and the Diaper Depot will be open:
Saturday, August 22 from 9 am to 11 am

We plan to be open the fourth Saturday each month,
though dates may change during the holidays.

**Next Week’s Scriptures
14th Sunday after Pentecost
August 30**

Exodus 3:1-15
Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:21-28

CONTACT INFORMATION

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