



NEW HOPE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship: 8:15 am & 10:30 am
Sunday School: 9:15 am

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January 2018

Worship Theme "Mountaintop Messages"

On January 7 we start a new 12-week series on Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, called "Mountaintop Messages". Each week we will be exploring how John Wesley explained these often counter-intuitive passages, with a special focus on how it develops us as people of prayer. A corresponding devotional prayer guide that leads us to Easter will be available for everyone at church or on our website.

Upcoming Message Themes

January 7
Yearning For God
Matthew 5:1-4

January 14
Meekness, Justice, and Mercy
Matthew 5:5-7

January 21
Purity, Peacemaking, and Reconciliation
Matthew 5:8-12

January 28
Heart and Life
Matthew 5:13-16

February 4
Law and Gospel
Matthew 5:17-20

Ash Wednesday – February 14

February 14 is not only Valentine's Day,
It is also Ash Wednesday!



Ash Wednesday communion service at 6:30 pm
To draw closer to Christ and
One another in devoted love.

Disciple Covenant Groups

Please see the sign-up sheet that has more
Discipleship Covenant information about new
groups now forming at New Hope.

If you are interested in being a part of a Covenant
Disciple Group, please speak to Pastor Rebecca.



Giving Hope to Our Ministries

1. **General Offering** - checks and cash are always gratefully accepted, and electronic giving is very helpful for everyone to allow for consistency and ease. There are forms at the entrance to the Celebration Center to enroll. Please fill, sign, and mail in, or place in offering or mailbox by the office.

2. **The Building Fund** is a great way to give large and small gifts alike, particularly as we seek to build our faith and future together more permanently. If you can financially go "above and beyond" your tithes, special gifts to this fund are very much appreciated. Stocks, mutual funds, and legacy giving are all thankfully received.

3. **Scrip (Gift Cards)** - This doesn't cost you any extra money, but when you order any of the multitude of gift card options to spend in the area or online, these businesses give a percentage back to New Hope. From restaurants, clothing stores, grocery stores, gas stations, and Amazon, the purchases you would need to make anyway can benefit New Hope at no extra cost to you.

4. **Amazon Smile**- By shopping on Amazon through this link www.smile.amazon.com, .5% of your purchases is donated back to New Hope and doesn't add a single penny to your price.

5. **Thrivent Choice Dollars** - If you are a member of Thrivent, or are interested in buying any of their services, the portion that Thrivent (a non-profit) would have paid in taxes on your account is available for you to designate to an approved non-profit of your choice. New Hope is now approved, and every year you could designate your "Choice Dollars", ranging from \$25-\$2,500 a year, to New Hope.



Thank You's

We have many people to thank for the ministries that happen within New Hope, and in the community.

* Thank you to Jenn Watson and Julie De Leon for coordinating and planning the Night in Bethlehem outreach event. Also thank you to everyone who helped to make it a huge success.

* Thank you to the many people who volunteered during the Advent season to prepare New Hope for Christmas.

* Thank you to Maggie Gertz for her leadership and vision for the Christmas program. Thank you to all the Sunday School teachers, parents, and students who came together to tell us who the real "Super Hero" of Christmas really is!

* Thank you to all the people who helped lead worship and play music for our Advent and Christmas season.

* Thank you to the youth and adults who sang carols and made cookies for our elderly friends.

* Thank you to the leaders, who behind the scenes who keep the church clean, and sidewalks shoveled.

* Thank you to the family who donated the new TV screens for our worship services. They look great! New Hope appreciates your generosity!

Zumba Fitness Ministry

Mondays and Thursdays in January and February.
6:30 pm in the Celebration Center

Zumba is choreographed dance fitness set to mostly Latin music. It is a great cardio workout that is more fun than work. Anyone with any fitness ability can come. There is always a modification that can be done if moves prove too difficult. No dance background needed. If you have questions you can text or email Leah Ann at

920-606-1208 or laczac@gmail.com

Night in Bethlehem

Thanks to a grant from the Wisconsin UMC Foundation, New Hope UMC was able to host the faith-building outreach "A Night in Bethlehem" on December 6. Nearly 20 members and friends of New Hope volunteered in dinner preparation, decorating, and role-playing many marketplace scenes of Bethlehem at the time of Christ's birth. Participants could enjoy each station at their own pace, and make relevant projects to keep. Over 70 people enjoyed a free dinner, and were impacted in their faith through this "Night in Bethlehem." Due to New Hope's advertising for the event, over 160 people visited their website for the first time, and 25 first-time guests came to the event. They would like to thank the WI UMC Foundation for the grant that allowed them to reach out in this way to build their church's mission and God's Kingdom. (This article was published on the Wisconsin UMC website.)

2018 Budget Approved

The Leadership Board has approved the budget for 2018 in the amount of \$183,872.

This is a \$22,872 increase over last year's budget. However in the interest of creating a budget that realistically allows for all of our expenses, we have included items in this budget that are typically donated to the church. These items include cleaning supplies, paper towels, tissues, office supplies (including printer paper) and other like items. We hope that these items will continue to be donated in the future.

*We have received a grant of \$3,300 this year for Messy Church. Messy Church is the outreach ministry programming that we do.

*Because people have used the Script way of giving to the church, we were able to transfer \$2,000 to our general budget! Thank you to all you use this way of giving to New Hope!

2018 Bishop's Days Apart for Clergy & Laity North East District

Saturday, February 24, 2018

Green Bay: Bethany UMC
1110 Echo Ln, Green Bay, WI 54304

Please save the date to meet with the Bishop for conversation, learning, and sharing.

Each session will include time with clergy, AND time with laity (new for 2018).

Registration for the laity session begins at 6 p.m., and the event is from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Childcare will be provided for all sessions.

Registration Deadline: February 14, 2018

Register Online at:

www.wisconsinumc.org/about-us/districts/north-east-district/bishop-days-apart-registration-ne

Basic Lay Servant Class

February 10 and February 17, 2018

9:00 am to 3:00 pm

New Hope UMC, 1950 Dickinson Road
De Pere, WI 54115

The book for this class, "Lay Servant Ministries Basic Course" by Sandy Ziegler Jackson and Brian Jackson can be ordered here:

<https://www.cokesbury.com/product/9780881776263/lay-servant-ministries-basic-course-participants-book>.

Please contact Pastor Rebecca Voss at pastorrebeccavoss@gmail.com or at the church address above to register or if you have any questions.

Please register early – the deadline is **Monday, February 5.**

Any instructions for the first class will be e-mailed to the participants. Lunch provided and donations accepted.

Poinsettia Dedications

Large red poinsettia given by:
Ken and Ceil Schneider
In memory of their parents

Large red, large red/white mix and large white
poinsettia given by: Dave and Jenn Watson
In memory of Dave and Marlene Watson and
Joe (Papa) Harrison

Large red poinsettia given by: Katy Gertz
In honor of Howard Linstad and Paul Gertz

Medium red poinsettia given by:
Tom and Peggy Ronk
In celebration of Our Family

Medium red poinsettia given by: Eiko Barrabee
In memory of James Barrabee

Medium red poinsettia given by:
Penny and Arlene Clark
In memory of Robert Clark

Small red poinsettia given by:
John and Joani James
In memory of their son Douglas

Small red poinsettia given by:
Chris and Jill Connery
In honor of all the children in the foster care
system, who are seeking forever families.
May God's love surround them.

Small red poinsettia given by: Stefanie Nelson
In honor of Cliff & Arlene Nelson,
Great Grandparents

Small white poinsettia given by: Stefanie Nelson
In memory of Ruth Bernarde
Small White poinsettia given by: Stefanie Nelson
In memory of Robert & Margaret Witthuhn

Adult Bible Study Opportunities

1st John Bible Study Beginning on Sunday, January 14th.

The class will:

Receive weekly handouts
Undertake a literal reading of 1 John
Detect literary principles of 1 John
Recognize important differences in Bible
Translations
Consider older texts
Identify the purpose of 1 John
Understand the rift in the early church
Discuss divergent beliefs among early Christians
Observe similarities with II John, III John, Gospel of
John, Revelation
Survey contemporary proto-orthodox Christian
writers
Survey contemporary heretical writings
Evaluate how our knowledge affects our beliefs

Join us for an interesting and lively discussion.

Led by: Pastor Randy

Day: Sunday mornings

Location & Time: Room 105 at 9:30 am

Duration: January 14- February 18

The Miracles of Jesus – Finding God in Desperate Moments

By Jessica LaGrone

Bible study will begin on Monday, January 8th.

Leader: Penny Clark

Day: Monday afternoons

Location & Time: Room 105 at 1:30 pm

Moved? New Phone Number? New Email address?

If you have moved, have a new phone number,
or email address; please let us know so we can
continue to share new and exciting ministries with
you. You can let us know on the Newsletter signup
sheet, update it on the registration pads, email the
church, visit our website, or mail us a note with your
new information on it.

Family Movie Night is back!!

Friday, January 19th – We will be showing
“Frozen”



Bring your favorite pillow, blanket or camping chair as we watch a family-friendly movie on the big screens.

The movie starts at 6:30 pm,
doors open at 6:15 pm.

Popcorn and juice will be served.
We look forward to seeing everyone.

Young Hope Youth Group

(Grades 6 - 12)

New Hope provides a welcoming, pressure-free environment for teens and pre-teens who are interested in growing their faith through outreach events, Christian education, and recreational activities. All youth are welcome, even if you aren't a member of New Hope!

Upcoming Group Gatherings:

Wednesday, January 17th
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at New Hope UMC
Theme: Social Media & Faith

Saturday, February 3rd
2:00 pm - 4:30 pm at New Hope
Mission Project: Blankets of Love



New Hope Sunday School

What We Are Learning

January

January 7th Nicodemus Visits Jesus at Night
January 14th Jesus is Rejected
January 21st Jesus Heals People
January 28th Jesus Forgives a Paralyzed Man

February

February 4th A Miraculous Catch of Fish
February 11th Wise and Foolish Builder
February 18th Jesus Eats with the Sinners
at Matthew's House
February 25th Jesus Heals a Lame Man by a Pool

Sunday School Offering

*Each Sunday, we take offering at 9:30 am during our singing time in the Celebration Center. In the fall we collected \$90.71 for UMCOR.

* January through May we will be collecting money for Heifer Project International to purchase animals. (www.Heiferproject.org). "Heifer links communities and helps bring sustainable agriculture and commerce to areas with a long history of poverty. Our animals provide partners with both food and reliable income.."

DivorceCare

DivorceCare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. Don't go through separation or divorce alone.

Most people will tell you that separation and divorce are the most painful and stressful experiences they've ever faced. It's a confusing time when you feel isolated and have lots of questions about issues you've never faced before.

Learn more about the program at
www.divorcecare.org.

Led By: James Voss
Class Time: Wednesdays, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Dates: January 24 – April 11
Location: New Hope

New Hope New Family News

Welcome to Our New Members who joined
New Hope in November:

Eiko Barrabee
Carl and Linda Gross
Matt and Staci Gruenke
Children: Aspen and Axel
Franz and Christine Iglar
Dave and Kristi Nuttall
Dianne Orlando
James Voss, Sr.

Congratulations to these Families We Celebrate the Baptisms of:

Axel Gruenke	(3/12/17)
Gavin Egvedt	(8/27/17)
Jayden Voss	(10/8/17)
Jordyn Voss	(10/8/17)
Eiko Barrabee	(11/17/17)
Pearl Arlene Nelson	(1/14/18)
Lincoln Archer Wieland	(1/28/18)

Prayer Shawls and Blankets needed. Do you crochet, knit or sew?

Would you like to participate in our prayer shawl
ministry?

We are starting a group on the
1st Thursday of the month from
9:30 am to 11:30 am to fellowship
and make prayer shawls and blankets.
The first meeting will be on February 1st.

Please contact Penny at penelopeclar@gmail.com



2017 Contribution Statements

Your 2017 Contribution statements are ready for
pick up. Please see pick up at the table outside the
Nursery. Please check that your address is correct
on the statement as this is the address on the
church files.

Thank you for your generosity this past year!

Fox Valley Walk to Emmaus

Wisconsin, USA



Men's Walk – April 19th to 22nd Women's Walk – April 26th to 29th

The Walk to Emmaus is a spiritual renewal
program. The Walk to Emmaus weekend begins
with a 72-hour short course in Christianity,
comprised of fifteen talks by lay and clergy
volunteers on the themes of God's grace,
disciplines of Christian discipleship, and what it
means to be the church. If you feel called to
participate, consider applying early as spaces fill up
quickly. For more information, visit
www.foxvalleyemmaus.com or contact Clark
Stevens or Pastor Rebecca.



Worship Service Update

Summer Worship Schedule:

The Leadership Board recently decided that in order to bring people together as one in worship and to shift with typically lower attendance in summer, New Hope will be having only one worship service at 9:30 am between Memorial and Labor Day weekends. This schedule will begin on May 27 and continue to September 2.

We have heard feedback about the advantages and challenges of having two services.

Advantages - Many people report preferring to attend earlier or later in the morning. Another advantage is that having two services allows for the Celebration Center to be set up to have a space for another Sunday School class for youth.

Challenges - Our volunteers (particularly musicians and their families) are being stretched thin as they arrive by 7:30 am to warm up and rarely leave before noon every Sunday. Another challenge for all of us is the fact that we miss the people we were used to seeing nearly every Sunday when we're at different services.

Invitation to Share Feedback About Worship

We invite the congregation to have input into the conversation, prayer, and discernment the Leadership Board will be having about options for addressing and improving worship, and Sunday School placement.

We invite you to come to one or both of our next Board meetings on Tuesday, February 13 and/or Tuesday March 13, both at 6:30 pm.

If you cannot attend a meeting, you are invited to please talk to, send an email, or letter to Pastor Rebecca at pastorrebeccavoss@gmail.com. Or you can contact Stephanie Westbrook, who is the Worship Coordinator. You can contact Stephanie at Stephanie.westbrook12@gmail.com or 920-242-7494. You are welcome to speak with any of the Board members.

Volunteer Opportunities

New Hope continues to grow; needing your expertise and time to provide powerful and inspirational ministry. We are asking you to consider serving in specific areas that inspire you.

1. Person or team to lead, or help decorate and undecorate the church for Lent (February), Easter (March/April), Pentecost, Summer, Fall, and Advent /Christmas. If you are creative – this is for you. Please speak with Jill Connery. jquillin@hotmail.com or 920-217-9241.
2. Person/team/ or family to clean the church before the 5th Sunday. (4x/year) This means sweeping, mopping, vacuuming the worship area, bathrooms, and Sunday School areas. If you are interested, please speak with Jill Connery.
3. Snow Shoveling/snow blowing - Shoveling by the front doors, making sure exit doors are clear of snow, and snow blowing the sidewalk. Typically this takes about 15 minutes. Please speak to Tom 920-676-7387 if you are interested.
4. Communion set-up and clean-up. Bread is already cut into pieces. You would be preparing plates and chalices for each worship service. Speak to Pastor Rebecca if you are interested in this ministry.
5. Post-worship offering counters. There are two people who count after worship in a safe environment. Please speak to Penny Clark if you are interested in helping with this.
6. Fellowship time snacks. We all like snacks before and after worship. If you are willing to provide snacks for New Hope, please sign up on the sheet on the Welcome Table, or speak to Jill Connery.
7. Ushers & Greeters – Individuals and families are invited to help with greeting which includes welcoming, and handing out bulletins. Ushers help with offering, and assist members and guests as needed. Please speak to Stephanie Westbrook if you are interested in helping.



New Hope United Methodist Church **Easter Lily Order Form**

Order beautiful lilies in honor or in memory of a loved one and help decorate New Hope's worship center for our Easter services. These lovely lilies will be delivered fresh to the church just prior to Easter and will be available for you to take home with you after worship on April 16th. A special insert of lily dedications will be included in the service bulletin on Easter Sunday.

Order Deadline: February 18th

Complete this order form and return with payment to the church office
1950 Chicago Street, De Pere, WI 54115
Phone: (920) 964-0143
Email: newhopedepere@gmail.com

Or place in the offering plate with payment folded inside.

The deadline for ordering is Sunday, February 18th.

Name: _____ Telephone Number: _____

Lilies _____ at \$10.00 each =Total Enclosed \$ _____

(Make checks payable to New Hope United Methodist Church, on Memo line, write "Easter Flowers")

In Celebration of _____

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

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Do You Want to Be a Disciple of Jesus? Followers of Christ commit to growing in their love of God and neighbor.



Join a Covenant Discipleship group of 4-7 people to meet for one hour once a week to encourage each other in faith. Groups will initially meet February-May, 2018

Name:

Phone:

Email:

Address:

I prefer my group to be:

- Only men
- Only women
- Both men and women
- I can't join a group now, but am interested later
- Other people who could be in a group with me:
- I am usually available to meet these days/times:

Please return to Pastor Rebecca or Penny Clark

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New Hope United Methodist Church T-shirts Order Form

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Sport your New Hope family pride any time with a new T-shirt.

To order:

Complete this order form and return with payment to the church office
(Checks made out to New Hope UMC with "Shirts" in the memo field).

1950 Chicago Street, De Pere, WI 54115

Phone: (920) 964-0143

Email: newhopedepere@gmail.com

Or place in the offering plate with payment folded inside.

Orders are being placed often. You will be contacted when your shirt is finished.

Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

T-SHIRT ORDER FORM			
Size Kids: 2T-4T Youth: S-L Adult: S-6XL	Color Charcoal Grey or Kelly Green	Quantity	Price \$10 each
TOTAL			

Note: 2XL and larger \$2.00 additional