

### In Our Prayers & Thoughts

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

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

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

#### April Birthdays

4 Elizabeth Causey  
7 Theresa Graham  
8 Stephanie Patterson  
13 Matthew Cromer  
13 Viola Zornes  
21 Victoria Gadwaw  
25 Dawson Ihrig  
29 Anita Van Cleave

#### April Anniversaries

11 Dane & Cheryl Terhune  
23 Darrell & Patty Wissink  
26 Dean & Anita Van Cleave

### TODAY'S EVENTS

#### **Sunday April 5**

- Fellowship Coffee Time 10:30 am Everyone is Welcome!
- Worship Service 11 am (Sanctuary) (Streaming live on YouTube and our website) Easter Sunday
- Christ Central Worship Service 2 pm (Magee Parlor)

### THIS WEEK

#### **Monday April 6**

- Girl Scouts 6:30 pm Shepherd Hall

#### **Tuesday April 7**

#### **Wednesday April 8**

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

#### **Thursday April 9**

- East Campus Community Organization 7 pm Magee Parlor

#### **Friday April 10**

#### **Saturday April 11**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Sunday April 5 thru Sunday April 19** People City Mission Day

*Without Shoes* collection of gently used shoes Again this year we will have a bin in the entry hall for your donations of shoes.

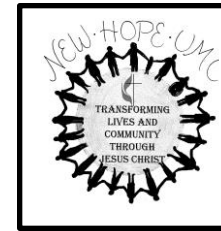
**Saturday April 18** Threads of Hope (new name for the Closet) clothing give-away 9:30 am to 11:30 am Shepherd Hall

**Sunday April 19** Gospel Choir practice 10:15 am Magee Parlor

**Sunday April 19** Native American Ministries Sunday – special offering

**Tuesday April 21** Executive Board meeting 6:30 pm Conference Room

**Sunday April 26** Warren Foundation meeting noon Conference Room



## 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 5, 2026**

**Easter Sunday**

*God of the Universe, Guide Our Steps*

#### **Prelude**

**\*Welcoming the Light of Christ** "Easter People Raise Your Voices"

Dr Denis Plutalov  
UMH 304

#### **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** "Up From the Grave He Arose" UMH 322  
"He Lives" UMH 310

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

**Special Affirmation of Faith**

on screen

**Morning Prayer Song** "O Lord, Hear My Prayer"

TFWS 2200

**Silent Prayer / Pastoral Prayer**

**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** Colossians 3:1-4

NRSV 190 (NT)

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

**The Word in Song** "In the Garden"

UMH 314 v. 1

**Psalm Reading** Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

NRSV 534 (OT)

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

**Gospel Reading** Matthew 28:1-10

NRSV 32 (NT)

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

**The Word in Song** "In the Garden"

UMH 314 v. 2

**Children's Message**

**Message**

"Good News is Alive"

Pastor Helen Paus

**Pastoral Prayer**

#### **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**Thanksgiving and Communion**

**Invitation Song** "Be Present at Our Table, Lord"

UMH 621

**Invitation to the Table / Confession and Pardon** (see inside page)

UMH 8

**Declaration of Forgiveness**

UMH 8

**Taking the Bread and the Cup / The Great Thanksgiving**

on screen

**The Lord's Prayer** (see inside page)

UMH 895

**Breaking of the Bread / Giving the Bread and Cup** Hymns UMH 618, 614, 624, 640

**Closing Prayer**

#### **WE GO INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE**

**\*Sending Song**

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

UMH 302

**\*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 = pew Bible, UMH = U M Hymnal, TFWS = The Faith We Sing, WS = Worship & Song*

*AAHH = African American Heritage Hymnal*

**Congregational Breath Prayer:**

*Leader:* God, whose good news lives on today,

*People:* help us go and tell everyone.

**Call to Worship:**

*Leader:* On Friday, we thought the good news had been silenced.

*People:* Christ had taken his last breath.

*Leader:* On Friday, we thought the good news had been buried.

*People:* Today, we know the good news is alive!

*Leader:* The good news is alive in our world!

*People:* Alleluia! Amen!

**Special Affirmation of Faith:**

We believe in the good news of Jesus Christ. It sounds like welcome and feels like home. It sounds like laughter and feels like mercy. It sounds like love and feels like a seat at the table. So we believe in the good news of Jesus Christ. We have seen it alive in the world. And even when our hearts ache, even when wars rage, even when mercy feels out of reach, we remember the one who welcomed the children and led with nonviolence. We remember the one who cared for the vulnerable and inspired those around him. We remember that the good news really is good news, for we have seen it alive in the world. Thanks be to God! Amen.

**Confession and Pardon:**

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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) and have decided to do several large give-aways during the year.*

Our next event is:

Saturday, April 18 from 9:30 am to 11:30 am  
in Shepherd Hall

*We will be working during the week prior to the event to set up and get clothing put out. If you'd like to help, please speak with Ellie Bingham.*

**Next Week's Scriptures  
Second Sunday of Easter  
April 12**

Exodus 15:1-11

Psalms 111

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

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