

### In Our Prayers & Thoughts

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

Gail Anderson	Cliff Reynolds
Primrose Battle	Sandy Siedel
David Briggs	Etta Smith & Doug
Jan Bozeman	Anita Van Cleave
Tom Cooney	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	Those who have cancer
Jessica Pankote	Those who are dealing with Alzheimer's
Jakson Paus	

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 19**

- 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)
- Native American Ministries Sunday – special offering – see your bulletin insert for more information
- Last day to donate shoes to the People City Mission
- Christ Central Worship Service 2 pm (Magee Parlor)

#### THIS WEEK

#### **Monday April 20**

- Girl Scouts 6:30 pm Shepherd Hall

#### **Tuesday April 21**

- Executive Board meeting 6:30 pm Conference Room

#### **Wednesday April 22**

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

#### **Thursday April 23**

#### **Friday April 24**

#### **Saturday April 25**

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

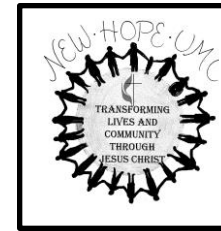
**Sunday April 26** Warren Foundation meeting noon Conference Room

**Sunday April 26** Clinton Neighborhood Association Plant and Seed Exchange 10 am to noon on school grounds, 29<sup>th</sup> & Holdrege, for more info, the flier is on the bulletin board or you can visit: <https://plantexchange.org/2026-exchange> or email [clintonplantexchange@gmail.com](mailto:clintonplantexchange@gmail.com)

**Thursday April 30** Justice in Action Nehemiah Rally 6:30 pm St Mark's 84<sup>th</sup> & Pioneers

**Friday May 1** 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



## 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 19, 2026**

**Third Sunday of Easter**

*God of the Universe, Guide Our Steps*

**Prelude**

Ruthie Andrews

**\*Welcoming the Light of Christ** "In the Garden" AAHH 494 / UMH 314

**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** "I Know It Was the Blood" AAHH 267 v. 1, 3, 5, 6

"Lead Me, Guide Me" AAHH 474 / TFWS 2214

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

**Lighting the Prayer Candle**

**Morning Prayer Song** "Sweet Hour of Prayer" AAHH 442 / UMH 496 v. 1

**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 2:14a, 36-41 NRSV 111-112 (NT)

**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 116:1-4, 12-19 NRSV 533-534 (OT)

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

**Gospel Reading** Luke 24:13-35 NRSV 84-85 (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**

"Astounding"

Pastor Helen Paus

**Closing Prayer**

#### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

**\*Sending Song** "Till We Gather Again" AAHH 638

**\*Benediction**

**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, who meets us where we least expect it,

*People:* open our eyes to your good news.

**Call to Worship:**

*Leader:* Sometimes good things are right in front of us, and we don't see them.

*People:* Our fears and our prejudices blind us.

*Leader:* Open our eyes, Gracious God, this day to see Your goodness.

*People:* Open our hearts.

*Leader:* Hallelujah!

*People:* Hallelujah!

**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.newhopeumclincolne.org](http://www.newhopeumclincolne.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  
Fourth Sunday of Easter  
April 26**

Ezekiel 34:7-15

Psalms 100

1 Peter 2:19-25

John 10:1-10

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

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Wednesdays

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Tuesday/Thursday office and

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Please call before you come as her

schedule is subject to change

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