

In Our Prayers & Thoughts

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

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

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

September Birthdays

13 McKenzie Wissink
15 Sandy Siedel
20 Piper Reetz
22 Lynne Grasz Hall
27 Margaret Sieber
27 Bruce Anderson
30 Daniel Wissink

September Anniversaries

8 Bryan & Ellie Bingham

TODAY’S EVENTS

Sunday September 20

- Gospel Choir practice 10:15 am Magee Parlor
- Fellowship Coffee Time 10:30 am Everyone is Welcome!
- Worship Service 11 am (Sanctuary) Join us in the Sanctuary or streaming live on YouTube and our website
- Disaster Response Sunday As disasters within the Great Plains Conference continue to intensify, so do the needs of homeowners who have been affected by these storms. Time and again, homeowners cannot afford to cover their insurance deductible nor the gap between what insurance pays and the cost of the repairs. The Great Plains Disaster Response Fund (Account 975) is available to assist homeowners in their time of need. Help us to continue to be a Ministry of Compassion and Care with your donation. Special Offering envelope is in your bulletin today.
- Justice in Action house meeting right after worship; food will be provided (Shepherd Hall) As we start another year of working for justice, we want to hear from you! What keeps you up at night? Join us after church to share your stories about what concerns you.
- Christ Central Worship Service 2 pm (Magee Parlor)
- Private Party 5 pm (Shepherd Hall)

THIS WEEK

Monday September 21

- Girl Scouts 6:30 pm Shepherd Hall

Tuesday September 22

Wednesday September 23

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

Thursday September 24

Friday September 25

- non-member Wedding Rehearsal Sanctuary, Conference Room, Magee Parlor

Saturday September 26

- Threads of Hope and the Diaper Depot will be open from 9 am to 11 am
- non-member Wedding Sanctuary, Conference Room, Magee Parlor

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friday October 2 non-member Wedding Rehearsal Sanctuary, Conference Room, Magee Parlor

Saturday October 3 non-member Wedding Sanctuary, Conference Room, Magee Parlor



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”

September 20, 2026

Seventeenth 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*

***Song of Praise** “I Need You to Survive” on screen

WE LIFT OUR PRAYERS AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

Lighting the Prayer Candle

Morning Prayer Song “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” AAHH 431 / UMH 526 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 Jonah 3:10 - 4:4, 11 NRSV 811-812 (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 145:1-8 NRSV 548-549 (OT)

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

Gospel Reading Matthew 20:1-16 NRSV 20-21 (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 “Envious of Generosity” Pastor Helen Paus

Closing Prayer

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

***Sending Song** “This Little Light of Mine” AAHH 549

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 offers abundant love to all,
People: help us respond generously in all situations.

Call to Worship:

Leader: Open your hearts to God’s abundant mercy.
People: Lord, we open our hearts.
Leader: Having received God’s mercy, bring that love to those who need it most.
People: Lord, help us reach out in compassion.
Leader: Feel your spirits filled with the goodness of God.
People: Lord, thank you for your many blessings. 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, September 26, from 9 am to 11 am

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

For November and December, we will be open the *third* Saturday of the month:

Saturdays, November 21 and December 19, from 9 am to 11

Next Week’s Scriptures
18th Sunday after Pentecost
September 27

Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16
Acts 3:1-19
Matthew 21:23-32

CONTACT INFORMATION

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

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www.newhopeumclincolnne.org

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www.youtube.com/channel/UCUYN6K9erlbxubfUEc1E02Q