

NEW HOPE AND RETREAT UMC

Christmastide
December 30, 2018

** please stand as you are able*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*GREETING OF THE COLLECTIVE

L: God is Good.

P: All the Time.

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*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Abba, Father, Mother, God, we, your children, come to praise you as this day.

P: We celebrate your presence in our lives and in our world.

L: We rejoice in the gift of Christ Jesus, who claims us as sisters and brothers.

**P: As we move into this new year, send your Spirit to strengthen us,
that we may grow in your wisdom and rest in your love. AMEN.**

*OPENING HYMN #251 UMH *Go Tell It On the Mountain*

RESPONSIVE READING FROM THE PSALTER #861 UMH *Psalms 148*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and JOYS AND CONCERNS

As we share our joys, concerns, petitions, and praises:

L: We pray to the Lord,

P: Lord, hear our prayer

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE 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

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN OF PREPARATION #240 UMH *Hark the Herald Angels Sing*

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ecclesiastes 3:1-13

MESSAGE

A Fresh Start

Pastor Pam

OFFERING OUR TITHES, GIFTS, LIVES, AND SERVICE

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY #95 UMH

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

*OFFERTORY PRAYER (*unison*)

Dear God who makes all things new, we praise you!

As we set out on the journey of this new year,

we wonder what challenges we may face.

Send your Holy Spirit, so that we may trust you completely.

Direct our gifts and resources to fulfill your will

for us individually and as a community of faith.

We ask this through your Son who is Emmanuel, God with us. Amen.

HYMN TO TAKE WITH YOU #242 UMH

Love Came Down at Christmas

*BLESSING

L: Go with love, the love of God.

P: We go renewed in Christ.

L: Go empowered in faith.

P: We go to serve, led by the Spirit of God.

*BENEDICTION

*HYMN TO TAKE WITH YOU #672 UMH

God Be with You (v1 only)



WELCOME TO ALL WORSHIPPING WITH US TODAY!

Coming Events

January worship at New Hope, 8 a.m.

Sunday January 6 4:00 Confirmation Class

PRAYERS

Sheryl Hawkenon, Cathy Hanson, Amelia, Graham, Marion Whitney, Carol Snitker, Geri Wyburn, the ministry of our church, people in our community seeking God.

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Pastor's Sabbath is Friday.



*New Hope and Retreat United Methodist Churches are part of the
Driftless Regional Ministries
which also includes Westby UMC and Faith UMC.*

Sunday Schedule:

8 a.m. New Hope and Retreat Worship, E3426 County N, De Soto 54624

9:30 a.m. Faith UMC Worship S3297 Salem Ridge Rd, La Farge, 54639

10:45 a.m. Westby UMC Worship, 202 East State St., Westby, 54667

**If you have an announcement for the bulletin,
please submit it by Tuesday. Send submissions to**

retreat-umc@driftlessministry.org or newhope-umc@driftlessministry.org



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There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens. ~Ecclesiastes 3:1

**8 a.m. Worship
Sunday School September-May**

**New Hope UMC
E2290 WI-82, De Soto, WI 54624
Retreat UMC
E3426 County N, De Soto, WI 54624**

*Making Disciples of Jesus Christ
for the Transformation of the World*