

NEW HOPE AND RETREAT UMC

Baptism of the Lord
January 13, 2019

** 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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P: God is Good!

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Come to the river of life.

P: Listen for the words of love.

L: Come to the waters of grace.

P: Receive the gift of acceptance.

L: Come to the river of love,

P: All are welcome here.

*OPENING HYMN #606 UMH *Come Let Us Use the Grace Divine*

OPENING PRAYER (*unison*)

God of creation, who brought forth light from darkness, we are yours.

In the waters of baptism you have transformed us,

marking us as your children, and recreating us

through the work of your Son and the power of the Holy Spirit.

Shower us once more with your grace that we might be renewed in your spirit,

through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

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 #252 UMH *When Jesus Came to Jordan*

GOSPEL READING

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

MESSAGE

Undiluted

Pastor Pam

OFFERING OUR TITHES, GIFTS, LIVES, AND SERVICE

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY #95 UMH

*OFFERTORY PRAYER (*unison*)

**Spirit of God, may we open our hearts generously
as we are claimed as beloved children.**

Call us to share the blessings of our baptism with those in need.

**Shake us from a fog of separateness and isolation
and point us to work for your glory.**

In Christ's holy name, we pray. Amen.

RENEWAL OF BAPTISM

Insert

CLOSING HYMN #334 UMH

Sweet Sweet Spirit

*BLESSING

L: You are each precious in God's sight.

P: We claim our identity as children of God.

L: God has called you by name.

P: We go into the world to answer God's call. Alleluia!

*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.
Today 4:00 Confirmation Class
3:00 New Hope Board
Wednesday 6:30 Retreat Board
Saturday 10:00 Retreat crafters

January 28 6:30 p.m. *Location TBD Wisconsin UM Foundation Informational Meeting*
Please let Pastor Pam know if you are interested today.

PRAYERS

Cathy Hanson, Ron Hanson, Jeanette Smith and the family of Jeff Smith, Graham Berg, Beulah Furman, Marion Whitney, Carol Snitker, Geri Wyburn, the ministry of our church, people in our community seeking God.

Contact Information: Pastor Pam Harkema, Office and Parsonage Phone: 608-648-2528
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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, E2290 WI-82, 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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"I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ~Luke 3:16

**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*

*Congregational Reaffirmation Of
The Baptismal Covenant*
January 13, 2019



The Congregational Reaffirmation is not an act of rebaptism, but is an act of personal renewal of the vows made at baptism.

It is a reminder of the relationship God honors in every moment, no matter what, and of our individual commitment to our faith in God.

If you have not been baptized, you are invited to participate and consider what it means that God is eagerly ready to begin an unconditional and eternal relationship.

The promise from God is that God's Spirit is always available to guide, to forgive, to heal, to encourage, to embrace you no matter what. All who consider themselves of the body of Christ are invited to participate.

INTRODUCTION

Brothers and sisters in Christ:

Through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into Christ's holy Church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit.

All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

Through the reaffirmation of our faith we renew the covenant declared at our baptism, we acknowledge what God is doing for us, we state the belief of our heart, and we affirm our commitment to Christ's holy Church.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 43: 1-3a

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 8:14-17

RENUNCIATION OF SIN

Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord?

I do.

THE APOSTLES CREED, OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Come to the front and dip your fingers into the water.
Touch your fingers to your forehead and say*

I remember my baptism and I am thankful.

Or

I am renewed in Christ.

*Receive a stone or a shell
as a reminder of your baptism reaffirmation.*

COVENANT BLESSING

**And now, glorious and blessed God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, you are mine and I am yours.
So be it. And the covenant now made on earth,
let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.**