

NEW HOPE AND RETREAT UMC

Epiphany
January 6, 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

Arise; shine, for your light has come!

We are called out of our darkness into light.

Lift up your eyes and look around.

We rejoice in the gift of light.

Come let us worship the God of light and joy and peace.

We come to kneel at the cradle of the babe, the light incarnate.

*OPENING HYMN #245 UMH *The First Noel*

OPENING PRAYER (*unison*)

Bright, shining Maker of visions and dreams,

the good news of your love lights up the world with radiant glory.

Like the Magi who followed a star to welcome the newborn Christ,

help us follow the star of your love and bring gifts of wholeness and peace

to a world that is broken and in pain;

Share with us the boundless riches of your grace,

that we might be bearers of your goodness,

in the name of Jesus, who is the Christ. 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

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN OF PREPARATION #254 UMH *We Three Kings*

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 2:1-12

MESSAGE

Shining the Light

Pastor Pam

OFFERING OUR TITHES, GIFTS, LIVES, AND SERVICE

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY #219 UMH *What Child Is This vs 3*

*OFFERTORY PRAYER (*unison*)

**God of the Ages. You gave us the gift of a Savior,
sent for the rich and the poor alike.**

**May every gift given from the heart be blessed by you,
and every act that proclaims your love bring joy to you.**

We pray this in Christ's holy name. Amen

COMMUNION HYMN #626 UMH *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence vs 2*

SHARING OF HOLY COMMUNION UMH p12

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

HYMN TO TAKE WITH YOU #221 UMH *In the Bleak Midwinter vs 1 and 4*

*BLESSING

L: Like the Magi who followed the star, let the light of God shine through you.

P: The light of Christ is around me and in me.

L: As certain as dawn follows night, so is the promise of God's love for us all.

P: The light of the world born in Bethlehem transforms my darkness to light.

L: Arise and Shine. Follow the star.

P: Amen.

*BENEDICTION

*HYMN TO TAKE WITH YOU #672 UMH *God Be with You (v1 only)*

WELCOME TO ALL WORSHIPING WITH US TODAY!

Coming Events

January worship at New Hope, 8 a.m.
Today 4:00 Confirmation Class

January 13 3:00 New Hope Board
January 16 6:30 Retreat Board
January 19 10:00 Retreat crafters
January 28 6:30 p.m. *Location TBD Wisconsin UMC Foundation Informational Meeting*
Please let Pastor Pam know if you are interested by January 14.

PRAYERS

Baby Vincent, Hanna and Isaiah, Kim Roberts, Sheryl Hawkenson, Cathy Hanson, Amelia, Graham Berg, 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, 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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"But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel." ~Matthew 2:6

**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*