IT'S NOT TO LATE TO BECOME A STAKEHOLDER!

Proverbs 3:9

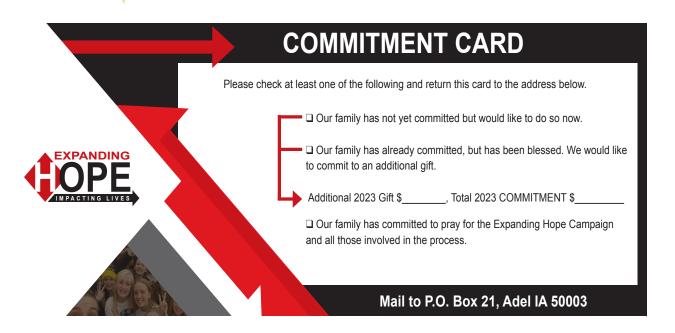


It's not to late to pledge financially to the building campaign and help others find and follow Jesus. Simply fill out a commitment card to get started. Then go to the New Hope Church website to setup your giving.



People who make pledges are called Stakeholders.

Stakeholders are encouraged to pick up an Expanding Hope wooden stake at the church building or office. We ask that you personalize your household stake with favorite verses, passages, designs, etc. and then return it to the church building or church office. Stakes will be used in an art project that will be displayed in the new building.





PROJECT HISTORY

- · Campaign Chair Dan Mahlum
- Capital Campaign began in 2020 during the heart of the COVID pandemic.
- New Hope responded faithfully by pledging nearly \$1.1 million in commitments during a 3 year campaign.
- The Finance Team evaluated projected giving and expenses and recommended additional borrowing capacity of \$1.4 million (in addition to the existing outstanding building debt of \$350,000).
- The Elder Board recommended and the congregation approved proceeding with Expanding Hope plan.
- During the Fall of 2021 a "2nd Inning" was completed as part of the Expanding Hope Campaign which raised an additional \$487,000 in commitments! This raised total campaign commitments to \$1.58 million!
- Actual giving has exceeded commitments by \$133,000 thru 2022!
- The remaining "gap" (i.e. Expanding Hope costs in excess of commitments and borrowing capacity) is \$457,000.

If have not yet completed a commitment card and become an E-H stakeholder, we invite you to take a commitment card today and prayerfully consider how God is asking you to respond. If you have already completed a commitment card but are in a position where God has blessed you and enabled you to commit more financially, please take another commitment card and when you complete and return the card, please indicate this commitment is in addition to a previous commitment.

GIVING HIGHLIGHTS

\$1.59 MILLION

Total Campaign Commitments to date*

\$133,000

Additional money given in 2022 above commitments

\$106,000

Money received in 2023 to date

\$341,000

Money committed but remains to be received in 2023.

\$451,000

Commitments still needed to meet obligations by the end of 2023

*Note:

 The total amount pledged represents slightly less than half the total estimated cost of the building project. The church will borrow the remaining amount needed. Additional donations will reduce the amount of interest paid on this debt. It is never to late to give to Expanding Hope.

UPCOMING DATES

The expected date of the Expanding Hope building expansion is **June 7** according to Lang Construction. Occupation inspection is inspected soon after that. Plans are in the works to move the New Hope Church office and youth center to the new facility. Congregational assistance will be needed for the move.

The Elders are hosting a **congregational meeting** after the 2nd service on **June 11** focused on the Expanding Hope project. Please attend to learn about the latest details including financial needs.

FUTURE RIBBON CUTTING AND OPEN HOUSE

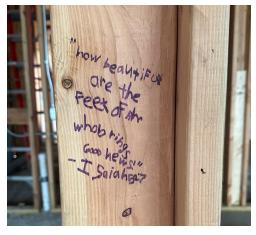
A ribbon cutting and community open house is planed for late June or early July. This will be an outreach event, letting the community know they are welcome in our new facility. More information to come!

PLEASE PRAY...

- That the time line for our Expanding Hope completion stays on track.
- That this new space will be a tool in our pursuit to Help People Find and Follow Jesus.
- For the youth and adults who will learn about Jesus in this new space.
- For the Lord to provide all that is needed to see this building project to completion.







WHY ARE WE LOOKING TO EXPAND ...

Our Sunday School rooms are at capacity.

The average Sunday School attendance over the past two months has been 103 children and youth. Some classes regularly have more than 25 children in one room. The new facility would more than double our Sunday School capacity.

We are turning away children who want to come to New Hope Church.

The Eagle Lake Summer Day Camp at New Hope Church reached capacity nearly 6 months before the camp was held - faster than the 67 other Eagle Lake camps across the country. Several children were put on waiting lists and were not able to attend. The new church facility would double the number of children who could attend from 150 to 300.

The current church building is to small to hold whole-church social events.

Events that require table seating now have to be done in two separate sessions, separating our congregation when we need to come together. The new facility's multi-purpose room and expanded kitchen will accommodate our entire church family in one space.

Note:

 This information has appeared in a previous newsletter. The need for more space has only increased as our church body has expanded over the past year.

Adult Sunday classes are very limited and cannot be expanded.

Due to the number of children in Sunday School, adult class times are very limited on Sunday morning. The new facility will allow for an expanded number of adult class offerings and a more flexible schedule.

We are paying rent on offices and a youth center that is at capacity with limited recreational options.

The new facility's multi-purpose room will expand recreational and educational options for our youth. The new offices will allow for more private counciling space and allow staff to easily access the facility for planning and setup purposes.

Since the beginning of 2021, average Sunday attendance has increased by nearly 200 people.

To Help People Find and Follow Jesus.



Note:

• Some donations are tax deductible. Speak to your tax professional now to take advantage of such benefits as you approach the end of the year.

HOW TO GET STARTED

1 LEARN MORE AT

WWW.NEWHOPEADEL.ORG/
EXPANDING-HOPE OF

PRAY

FOR SAFETY, TIMING, AND THE FUTURE USE OF THE BUILDING

SUPPORT

FIND OUT HOW TO GIVE FINANCIALLY ON THE WEBSITE



FROM THE GREAT HOPE TOUR APRIL 2



This project aims to:

- Build more space for ministry, especially kids and students.
- Move the church office to the New Hope campus.
- Solidify our passionate pursuit of outreach to Adel and the surrounding communities.

It is time to take steps together to make this dream a reality as we passionately pursue our mission:

Helping People Find and Follow Jesus.

