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**April 16, 2017–Easter
Sunday/Resurrection of the Lord**

Most Gracious God, you proclaimed your powerful love by raising Jesus from death to eternal life. We are grateful that you forgive our sins and bring peace to all who trust in you. Help us to offer your forgiveness and reconciliation in relationships with people in our lives. May we respond to your tremendous love with glad and generous hearts. We dedicate these gifts and offerings in the name of Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. Amen.
(Acts 10:34-43)

April Administrative Meetings

Staff Parish Mtg. – Mon. April 3 - 6:30 p.m.

Finance Mtg. – Wed. April 12 – 6:30 p.m.

Memorial Com. Mtg. – Thurs. April 13 - 6 p.m.

Trustees Mtg. – Wed. April 19 – 6:30 p.m.

Ad Council Mtg. – Thurs. April 20 – 7 p.m.

Staff Mtg. – Mon. April 24 – 6 p.m.

**THE OFFICE AT NEW HOPE WILL BE
CLOSED ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY
APRIL 17TH AND 18TH**

**APRIL MINISTRY
OPPORTUNITIES TO REMEMBER**

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| S | 4/16 | 8:00 a.m. | Worship (Easter) |
| | | 9:45 a.m. | Worship (Easter) |
| M | 4/17 | 1:00 p.m. | Ladies Bible Study |
| T | 4/18 | 5:30 p.m. | Tech and Check |
| | | 6:30 p.m. | Worship Design |
| | | 5:30 p.m. | Men's Emmaus |
| | | 5:45-6:15 | Faithfully Fit Class |
| | | 6:30 p.m. | Men's Bible Study |
| W | 4/19 | 10:00 a.m. | "Covering the Book"
Bible Study |
| | | 3:00 p.m. | Praise Too Practice |
| | | 3:20 p.m. | Kingdom Kids |
| | | 4:15 p.m. | Choir Practice |
| | | 5:30 p.m. | Wed. Night Supper |
| | | 6:00 p.m. | Youth |
| SA | 4/22 | 11-1 | Tae Kwon Do |
| S | 4/23 | 9:45 a.m. | Worship |
| M | 4/24 | 1 p.m. | Ladies Bible Study |
| T | 4/25 | 5:30 p.m. | Tech and Check |
| | | 6:30 p.m. | Worship Design |
| | | 5:30 p.m. | Men's Emmaus |
| | | 5:45-6:15 | Faithfully Fit Class |
| | | 6:30 p.m. | Men's Bible Study |
| W | 4/26 | 10:00 a.m. | "Covering the Book"
Bible Study |
| | | 3:00 p.m. | Praise Too Practice |
| | | 3:20 p.m. | Kingdom Kids |
| | | 4:15 p.m. | Choir Practice |
| | | 5:30 p.m. | Wed. Night Supper |
| | | 6:00 p.m. | Youth |
| S | 4/30 | 9:45 a.m. | Worship |



**Wednesday Night
Dinner Menu**
April 19
**Cook's Choice
Variety**

5:30 p.m.

Free-will offering Public Invited

Things Happening in the United Methodist Church You Might Want to Know

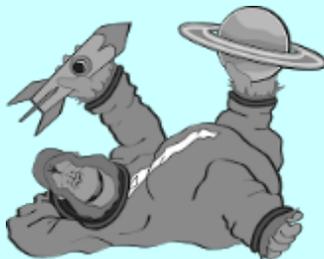
For those who are interested, on Sunday, April 23, at around 11:30 am, we're going to be having a congregational meeting regarding what's happening in the United Methodist Church both in our conference and in the larger church.

There will be a presentation with a handout by Pastor Greg, and then he will moderate a time of questions, answers, and discussion. We will be done at 12:30 pm. With a new conference coming, some important judicial council decisions on the way, and the work being done by our bishops to help us work together better, this is a good time to check in, especially from Pastor Greg's point of view.

(No votes will be taken, just discussion.)



SCHEDULE



GALACTIC BLAST

April 16 – Easter – AnnMarie Buchner

April 23 – Holy Humor – Betty Stewart

April 30 – Sue Reed

Children's ministry is offered during Sunday's 9:45 a.m. worship



The March Benevolence/Joyful Noise offering was \$281.90. We assisted 3 families this month in the amount of \$824.65.

Thank you for your generous support and prayers.

In Christ's Service,
Nancy Karcher

This week the church is being lit in memory of dear friends Bill and Gloria

From the Wargo family

LIGHT
THE
CHURCH

The Finance Committee invites you to take in an opportunity to help New Hope in a unique way. It's referred to as "Light the Church for a Week."

The cost of lighting New Hope is approximately \$85 per week. When you choose to "Light the Church for a Week, you would pay that amount and also honor a love one's memory, celebrate an important date – birthday, anniversary etc. which would be shared in the church bulletin.

To participate, please indicate on your giving envelope or check that it is for "Light the Church for a Week". "Let Your Light Shine" Matthew 5:16



Booth Brothers In Concert at New Hope *Get Your Tickets!*



The Booth Brothers will be at New Hope on Saturday, May 13 at 6:00 pm with doors opening at 5:00 pm.

Back by popular demand, The Booth Brothers are known for their harmony-drenched vocals and warm, easy voices. They have been sharing their faith and their music full-time since 1998. Ronnie, Michael, and Paul are deeply committed to musical excellence yet have a greater desire to impact the hearts of those listening to their music. Refreshing humor, inspiring songs, and encouraging words are embedded in every concert. This trio, collectively and individually, has been acknowledged as one of the finest in the business having received many awards over the years, including Song of the Year, Album of the Year, Trio of the Year, Male Group of the Year, Best Live Performers, Artist of the Year and others. Although the group is grateful for the recognition of their work, their aspiration is for all honor and glory to be God's alone.

Tickets are on sale and available at the Info Center. They are \$18 in advance and \$21 the day of the concert—provided there are any tickets left to sell. **Get your tickets early as we are expecting a sold out concert!** Come enjoy a wonderful evening!

For questions, tickets, or information, call Greg or Laura at 231-972-7000.

GRIEF SHARE CLASSES TO BEGIN AT NEW HOPE ON TUESDAY, APRIL 18 AT 6 P.M.

Grief Share is a grief recovery support group ministry. This is a 13-week program where each week a different topic is discussed. It is not required that you attend all 13 weeks. You decide what is beneficial for your needs. If you aren't able to start on the first week, you can still participate.

There is no charge for the program. The program is led by Sharon Gray who encourages anyone at any stage of the grieving process to attend. If you have questions, contact Sharon at 231-598-0337.

The class will be meeting in Conference Room 105 at New Hope.



God's Helping Hands Fill-A-Sac Program Kicks Off April 30 - May 7

Start saving your food items for the annual Fill-A-Sack Food Drive to benefit God's Helping Hands.

The food drive begins on April 30 and runs to May 7. Bags will be available at New Hope on Sunday, April 16.

This year our challenge is 150 bags! Your generosity helps feed those in need in our community. *Thank you!*



THANK YOU TO THE ADVERTISERS ON THE BACK OF TODAY'S BULLETIN

On the back page of the bulletin today, you will see our new sponsorship page for this year.

When looking for a particular service, the solution may be right there. Let's patronize our advertisers. They help offset the printing of our weekly bulletin.

Holy Humor Sunday

Then, on Holy Humor Sunday, April 23, as a part of our 9:45 am service, we will be celebrating the "last laugh that Jesus had over death" in our annual Holy Humor sort of way. Each bulletin gets a holy joke that you'll get to share with another during the service. The message will come from some special folks who created duck calls. Four of their family members will be sharing their "I am second." stories. Children's ministry for those up to 6th grade and a staffed nursery will be provided.

MARY MARTHA CIRCLE PROMOTES SHOE BOXES FOR OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



Faith Circle

Springs Forward



The Faith Circle is starting their new year with a Potluck Luncheon in the fellowship hall at the church on Thursday, April 20, at noon. We will be welcoming back the snow

birds! This will be a great time for anyone interested in joining our group to come, too.

Co-leaders Carol V. and Bev R. will provide the main dish, the April hostesses, Dee S. and Michele M. will provide the drinks and tableware. You are welcome to bring a salad, side, or dessert. A business meeting will be held after the luncheon.

The Faith Circle meets every third Thursday at the church, April thru Nov. We usually have a program or craft planned, along with a business meeting. Our main fundraiser for the year is an apple pie sale in October. The money that is raised goes mainly toward helping those in our church family and community. If you are interested in joining Faith Circle and have questions, please contact Carol VanderMeer at 231-972-0443.

Last December Mary-Martha Circle packed fifteen shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child, an outreach through Samaritan's Purse. It is possible to track our shoeboxes and learn their destination. That sounded fun, so we chose that option. We have just learned that our fifteen shoeboxes went to Tanzania and Zambia. Somewhere in those countries are boys and girls who are enjoying the items we chose for them.

We enjoyed packing and sending the shoeboxes so much that we decided to continue doing it, and wanted to open it up to the whole church. Please don't feel this is something you "have to" do! This is only if you want to help out. Every shoebox we send gives joy and help to some child somewhere in the world.

The suggested shoebox shopping for the next three months are listed below.

Have fun with this one! But remember it has to fit in a shoebox.

May – Hygiene Items. No liquids or toothpaste

June – Toys

July – Clothing items, shoes, socks, t-shirts, hats – anything that will fit in a shoebox.

Shoeboxes are packed for boys or girls, with the age groups of 2-4 years, 5-9, and 10-14. It is easy and fun to pack for the younger children, but just as necessary for the older ones. If you have a child or grandchild, then select something that child might like.

Log on to www.new-hope-church.org for all dates of meetings, activities, church calendars, youth group events, Wednesday night dinner menus, concerts and many other activities at New Hope UMC.

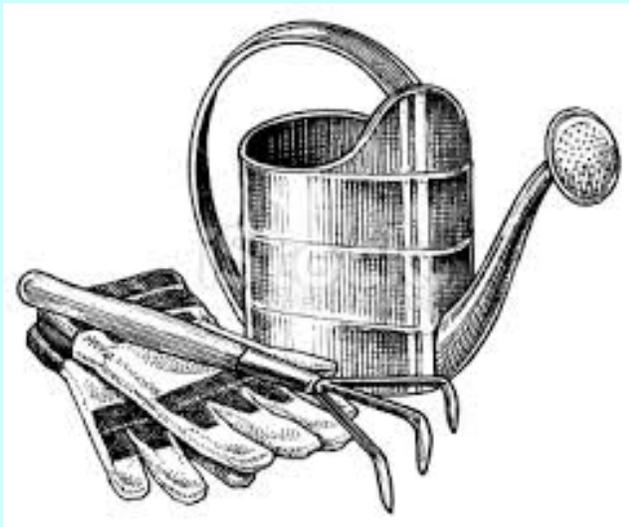
Get alerts to your email of church meetings and events right from the website.

Easy to set up.

If you have any questions, contact the church office at 231-972-2838



OUTDOOR CLEANUP DAY AT NEW HOPE



It's spring and time to spruce up the grounds around New Hope Church. Please join us on **SAT. MAY 6TH between 9 a.m. and noon** or any part of that time you can spare.

There will be coffee and doughnuts for break time. If you have a favorite rake or shovel, bring them along. If you have any questions, please contact Cecil Woodruff, 972-2084.

Youth/Camper Basket and Planter Sale

Sale begins Saturday,
May 13th

10 a.m. – 2p.m.

Also Sunday after service

Planters and Baskets
\$13 each or 2/\$25

*Donations go toward Youth Camp
and
other summer activities*



from your pastor's point of view...

4-16-17 – Happy Easter!!!

I AM SECOND®

Dear New Hope Family and Friends,

IT'S EASTER SUNDAY!

HAPPY RESURRECTION DAY!

The cross and the grave that once held Christ are empty. Death has lost. Life has won. Angels have proclaimed it, and the ladies that went to the tomb this morning to mourn have returned with a smile on their faces, joy in their hearts, and resurrection in their considerations.

This is our faith. This is our hope. This is our life. This is the purpose for Jesus Christ. He came because we couldn't do it alone. He came because God wanted to show us how life is done. He came to be our Redeemer. He came to show that this life is only the beginning.

Because of God's bodacious grace and tremendous love, all of death has been swallowed up in victory. Death has lost. Life has won. Praise be to God for his bodacious Grace, faultless Truth, & tremendous Love,

Pastor Greg

UPCOMING MESSAGES

April 23 – "I Am Second."-John 20:19-31
Holy Humor Sunday

"Participate!" Spring Pledge Series

April 30 – "Participate Honestly & Completely" – Philippians 2:1-4

May 7 – "Participate Gracefully With What God Gave You"

Ephesians 4:4-6, 11-16

May 14 – "Participate Joyfully"

2 Corinthians 9:7

Today's Message: "Really Honestly Believing"

John 20:1-18 - "I Am Second." Series

Intro – It's really hard to really believe something...anything!

I - We believe because of the witnesses.

II - We believe because it's stood the test of time.

III – We believe because we've experienced the Resurrected Jesus!

Putting It In Action:

Find a way to show the world what you believe about Jesus! (bumper stickers, conversations, work...oh my!)

Bottom Line:

We really, honestly believe in the Resurrection!

We really, honestly believe in Jesus Christ!

We really, honestly believe in the Holy Spirit!

We really, honestly believe in God!

Pastor: God is first. **Everyone: I am second.**

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