

**APRIL MINISTRY
OPPORTUNITIES TO REMEMBER**

S	4/2	9:45 a.m.	Worship
M	4/3	1:00 p.m.	Ladies Bible Study
T	4/4	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	4/5	10:00 a.m.	<i>"Covering the Book"</i> 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	4/6	11-1	Tae Kwon Do
S	4/9	9:45 a.m.	Worship
M	4/10	1 p.m.	Ladies Bible Study
T	4/11	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	4/12	10:00 a.m.	<i>"Covering the Book"</i> 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	4/16	9:45 a.m.	Worship
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.	<i>"Covering the Book"</i> 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

April Administrative Meetings

Staff Parish Mtg. – Mon. April 3 - 6:30 p.m.
Finance Mtg. – Wed. April 12 – 6:30 p.m.
Memorial Comm. 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.



**Wednesday Night
Dinner Menu
April 5**

Mini Meat Loaf
Mashed Potatoes
Vegetable
Dessert and Beverage
5:30 p.m.

Free-will offering Public Invited



SCHEDULE



GALACTIC BLAST

April 2 – AnnMarie Buchner
April 9 – AnnMarie Buchner
April 16 – AnnMarie Buchner
April 23 – AnnMarie Buchner
April 30 – AnnMarie Buchner

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

from your pastor's point of view...

4-2-17

I AM SECOND®

"I Surrender All" - J.W. Van Deventer
(United Methodist Hymnal #354)

All to Jesus I surrender,
All to Him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust Him,
In His presence daily live.

All to Jesus I surrender,
Humbly at His feet I bow,
Worldly pleasures all forsaken;
Take me, Jesus, take me now.

All to Jesus I surrender,
Make me, Savior, wholly Thine;
Let me feel Thy Holy Spirit,
Truly know that Thou art mine.

All to Jesus I surrender,
Lord, I give myself to Thee;
Fill me with Thy love and power,
Let Thy blessing fall on me.

All to Jesus I surrender,
Now I feel the sacred flame.
Oh, the joy of full salvation!
Glory, glory to His name!

I surrender all, I surrender all.
All to Thee, my blessed Savior,
I surrender all."

UPCOMING MESSAGES

April 9 – "Choosing to Finish Second" –
Matthew 21:1-11 (Palm Sunday)
April 14 – "Bought with a Price" – I Cor-
inthians 6:19-20, (Good Friday, 7 pm)
April 16 – "Really Honestly Believing"
John 20:1-18 (8 am and 9:45 am)
April 23 – "I Am Second."-John 20:19-31
Holy Humor Sunday
"Participate!" Spring Pledge Series
April 30 – May 21

Today's Message: "Surrendering the Doubts & Questions"
- John 11:17-45 - "I Am Second." Series

Intro – Doubts are healthy until they turn into deal-breakers.

I - We can always come to God with our questions and doubts. (John 11:11-37)

"When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home. "Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." (John 11:20-23)

II – We have to understand God almost always has a greater plan. (John 11:38-45)

"When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face." Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go." (John 11:43-44)

III - Surrendering and doubts and questions to that greater plan is practicing good faith.

"Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it." (Matthew 16:24-25)

Putting It In Action: Make a list of your doubts and fears. Pray over the list and then burn it. That way, as the smoke rises, you can visually see them going to God!

Bottom Line: God is willing to take our doubts & questions.
Pastor: God is first. **Everyone: I am second.**

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Second Saturday Munch Bunch

The Second Saturday Munch Bunch will meet for dinner at 5:00 pm on Saturday, April 8 at the Royal Grill. The Royal Grill is the restaurant at the Royal Golf Course in Canadian Lakes located at 9775 Clubhouse Drive East.

The Second Saturday Munch Bunch is open to everyone in the church and is a great way to get to know other people. We usually meet at a restaurant the second Saturday of each month for breakfast, lunch, or dinner. Come enjoy a great meal, conversation, and fellowship!

There is no obligation to going every second Saturday—come when you are able to! If you have never attended one of our outings, why not try us!

There is a sign-up board located in the Narthex by the church office. Any questions, please call Laura Hall at 231-972-7000.



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.

“I Am Second.” Easter Plans at New Hope

New Hope Church, in Mecosta, MI is excited to invite everyone to join them as they continue their “I Am Second.” series through Easter Sunday (April 16) and into Holy Humor Sunday (April 23) following.

We’re excited because each service leading into Holy Week members from the church and others will be sharing our “I Am Second.” stories. This series has been and will be a perfect way to deepen your walk with Christ as we approach this important and meaningful time.



Palm Sunday

On Palm Sunday, April 9, as a part of our 9:45 am service, we will be using naturally-sustainable, fair-trade “eco-palms,” a message from some stock car drivers, and Pastor Greg’s “Choosing to Finish Second” message to celebrate how we’re putting our lives in the Jesus’ hands. A joyful noise offering will also be taken so folks are invited to bring their spare change, dollars, and checks, to assist those in need in our area. Children’s ministry for those up to 6th grade and a staffed nursery will be provided.



GOOD FRIDAY

Then, on Good Friday, April 14, as a part of our 7 pm service, we will be rediscovering that “we were bought with a price,” which is also the message title for that most solemn of evenings. A variety

of music, scripture, and even a video from a rapper will help remember the price Jesus paid for us, which is why we’re “second” and He’s first. A staffed nursery will be provided.



Then, on Easter Sunday, April 16, as a part of both our 8 am and 9:45 am services, we will be celebrating the Resurrection of Christ by rediscovering what we honestly believe. Pastor Greg’s message, “Really Honestly Believing” will answer the question why we honestly believe that Jesus Christ is our Lord, our Savior, and our Risen King. A time of laying on hands for those who are in need of prayer will be provided at both services also. Children’s ministry for those up to 6th grade and a staffed nursery will be provided. Breakfast will be available after each service.

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.



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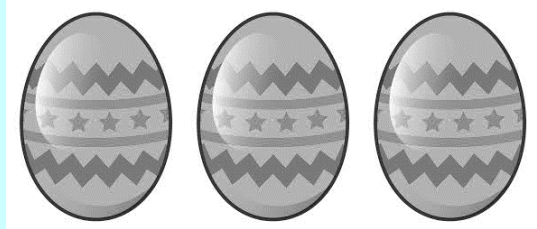
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IV - "Exploring Leadership"-

Saturday, April 8, – 9 am - Noon

This class looks to help followers become leaders. It's a class personally designed by Pastor Greg using a variety of leadership resources to challenge folks to consider what it means to lead and what some of God's expectations around leaders are. People must have taken the other three "Exploring" classes (New Hope, God Habits, Service) before taking this course. This class is a requirement for anyone currently in leadership or considering church leadership. While registration is not necessary, it is helpful. Please call the church office (231-972-2838) to pre-register.



EASTER EGG HUNT SAT. APRIL 15 STARTING AT NOON AT NEW HOPE

The Lion's Club is holding an Easter Egg Hunt at New Hope on Saturday, April 15th at noon. Children through the 6th grade are invited to join in the activities.

The public is invited to attend.



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!*