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**March 11, 2018 Stewardship
Presence**

9:45 a.m. – 93 11:15 a.m. – 11

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General: \$4,349.00

Building: 220.00

Total: \$4,569.00

March 18, 2018 – Fifth Sunday in Lent

God, our light and salvation, your forgiveness brings joy and gladness. Thank you for welcoming us to worship with open arms. Thank you for inviting us to follow Jesus as disciples who love you and love our neighbors. Keep us close to you, for in your presence we live. We dedicate ourselves and our offerings to you. Let your will be done by your Spirit at work in us a part of the church of Jesus Christ your Son. We ask this in his name and for his sake. Amen. (Psalm 51)

March Administrative Meetings

Staff Parish – **NO MEETING**

Finance – March 12 – 6:00 p.m.

Church Council – **NO MEETING**

Trustees – **NO MEETING**

Staff Meeting – March 26 – 6:00 p.m.

**Due to changes in the church office
schedule, the deadline for the bulletin is
changed to Tuesday at noon, for the
following week.**

**MARCH MINISTRY
OPPORTUNITIES TO REMEMBER**

- S 3/18 9:45 a.m. Worship**
11:15 a.m. “Uncommon Worship”
- T 3/20 9:30 a.m. Craft Day**
5:30 p.m. Men’s Emmaus
6:30 p.m. Men’s Bible Study
5:30 p.m. Faithfully Fit Class
- W 3/21 10:00 a.m. “Covering the Book”**
Bible Study
3:00 p.m. Praise Too Practice
3:20 p.m. Kingdom Kids
4:00 p.m. Choir Practice
5:30 p.m. Youth Spaghetti Dinner
5:30 p.m. Tech ‘n Check
6:00 p.m. Worship Design
6:00 p.m. Youth
- S 3/25 9:45 a.m. Palm Sunday Worship**
11:15 a.m. “Uncommon Worship”
- M 3/26 6:00 p.m. Staff Meeting**
- T 3/27 9:30 a.m. Craft Day**
5:30 p.m. Men’s Emmaus
6:30 p.m. Men’s Bible Study
5:30 p.m. Faithfully Fit Class
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3:00 p.m. Praise Too Practice
4:00 p.m. Choir Practice
5:30 p.m. Tech ‘n Check
6:00 p.m. Worship Design
- F 3/30 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service**
- S 4/1 8:00 a.m. Easter Sunday Worship**
Easter Breakfast
9:45 a.m. Easter Sunday Worship
Easter Breakfast
11:45 a.m. Easter Sunday
“Uncommon Worship”

Please Note:

UMM and UMW meeting in April is moved to the 8th, due to Easter date.

Wednesday Night Dinner

5:30 p.m.



Youth Fundraiser Spaghetti Dinner

Public Invited --- Free-Will Offering

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

New Hope UMM, UMW & Missions

There will be an Easter breakfast served on Sunday April 1st. We will be needing all the help we can get for pre-cooking on Saturday Mar.31, and cooking and serving and clean-up on Easter Sunday. Serving will start at 8:30 to 9:45 then again after the end of the regular service. If you are able to give a hand it would be highly appreciated.



New Hope UMC has something to be very proud of, and that is the Kingdom Kids program. If you are around on Wednesdays, you see how much fun the kids are having. They are also learning about God!

With our snowbirds away, and the youth growing up and getting jobs, we are struggling to make it through March and April. We need more help! We have a number of people that have committed (Thank you!!!), but with schedules, etc., the staff is spread very thin these days. If you can help us 2-3 hours on Wednesday afternoons, please let us know.

Thank you!

AnnMarie Buchner - 989-621-7681

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Abuse Prevention Trainings March 10, 11, and 24

IMPORTANT: The new MI Area Conference of the UMC has instituted a NEW Abuse Prevention Policy. Effective January 1, 2018 all previously obtained certification through the West MI and Detroit Conferences have expired.

New training is REQUIRED for all leaders/churches attending/hosting District of Conference events where youth, children, and/or vulnerable adults will be served.

Upcoming Training Opportunities:

- Saturday, March 24 @ 8:30 am –12:30 pm @ Heritage UMC 19931 W. Kendaville Rd., Pierson MI 49339

RSVP to Anika Kasper at anikakasper@gmail.com or 989-773-5140. Include the number of people attending AND location of the training your group wants to attend.



from your pastor's point of view...3-18-18

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Dear Family and Friends,

The time has come. After spending a few years with Jesus, we're now going into the heart of what Jesus has been doing and talking about. We're not comfortable with the decision to head toward Jerusalem. When Jesus told the devil-in-Peter, to get behind him, we all covered a bit because we were all thinking what Peter was saying. (Luke 9:23-26)

The time has come. We going to Jerusalem. The Roman leaders are not happy with Jesus. Some of the high Jewish priests aren't either. The rest of the town, preparing for the Passover, has no clue. But they will now soon...very soon.

The time has come, but Jesus wants to take a detour to Bethany. He says that he's about to raise Lazarus from the dead. One of us should probably tell Jesus that he's two days late on this one, but after the whole Peter incident, none of us has the heart. But, speaking of heart, Jesus is really close to Mary, Martha, and "Laz," so maybe Jesus is about to resurrect and give life to that which is dead.

If we know anything about Jesus is that he can do anything if he puts his mind to it. In God's bodacious Grace, fault-less Truth, and tremendous Love,

Pastor Greg

"THE Resurrection and the Life" – John 11:17-27, 38-46
"Recognizing Christ As Our Risen King" series

Intro

"Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?" (John 11:25)

Lazarus dies...hope seems lost.

(John 11:1-16)

Jesus comforts the sisters...another teachable moment.

(John 11:17-37)

Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead...to prove a point!

(John 11:38-44)

Bottom Line & Application

"Therefore many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him. But some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done." (John 11:45-46)

As our Risen King, Jesus is our resurrection and our life!

UPCOMING MESSAGES – 9:45 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.

"Recognizing Christ As Our Risen King" series March 18 – April 1

Mar. 25 - "The Proper Entry for a King" – John 12:12-16 (Palm Sunday)
March 30 – "The Night Our King Died" – John 19:17-30 (Good Friday 7pm)
April 1 – "Our King Rose Again" – John 20:1-20 (Easter 8, 9:45, 11:15 am)

April 8 – "Why Jesus Got the Last Laugh..." – John 16:33, 1 Corin. 1:17-19

Pastor Greg (or our speaker) is handy after the service if you'd like to say hi, ask questions, check-in, or just share comments. They are normally at the front of the worship space so that a conversation is easier. Stop and say hi.

HOLY WEEK AT NEW HOPE

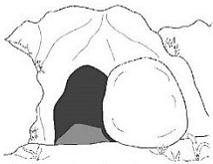
Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday, March 25, 9:45 a.m. and 11:15 a.m., we will be continuing their "Recognizing Christ as Our Risen King" series as we celebrate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. Palm branches from Eco-palms will be used for the service and everyone will be invited to take some home to share. The message will be on how in our lives Jesus deserves the respect of a king.

Good Friday, March 30, 7 p.m., we will be continuing their "Recognizing Christ as Our Risen King" series as we take this solemn evening to remember what Jesus did for us. A last video message from the world's greatest evangelist will be a part of the evening. It's going to be special night as we take the time to remember that only Jesus' death could pay the price we owed. A quiet time of spiritual reflection will end the service.



HE IS RISEN

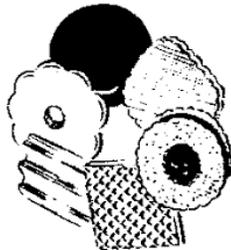


Easter Sunday, April 1, 8:00 a.m., 9:45 a.m., and 11:15 a.m., we will be continuing their "Recognizing Christ as Our Risen King" series as we will celebrate the Risen Christ. The blended services start at 8:00 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. (with hymn sings at 7:45 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.) and our smaller, "uncommon," contemporary service begins at 11:15 a.m. An Easter Breakfast will be served before and after the 9:45 am worship service.

Holy Humor Sunday, April 8, at 9:45 a.m. and 11:15 a.m., we will be celebrating the "last laugh" that Jesus had over death.

Holy Humor

Sunday Solutions



Do you enjoy baking, but just don't need those goodies sitting around your house? Did a friend give you a treat that is oh, so delicious, but you don't need the temptation?

Do you ever go to the store and see those cute holiday cookies and think it would be fun to buy them but what would you do with them?

We have a solution for you! Coffee Hour is a perfect solution. The hostesses will be happy to have the extra treats and the people eating them will enjoy the variety!

Hello New Hope!

Well it's time again for those in need to apply for the holiday food voucher. The forms will be at the Information desk starting the first Sunday of March.

If you or someone you know needs help with food for the upcoming holiday, please fill out a form and give it to Don or Nancy Santer or to the Church office. Vouchers will be given out two weeks prior to Easter on April 1st. 2018.

New Hope Missions