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**March 18, 2018 Stewardship
Presence**
9:45 a.m. – 83 11:15 a.m. – 7
Tithes and Gifts
General: \$2,573.31
Building: 150.00
Total: \$2,723.31

March 25, 2018 – Passion / Palm Sunday

O Lord, our God, your faithful goodness is beyond our understanding! You fulfill your promises at the right time. You sent the crowd of angels to sing of your glory when Jesus was born. At the height of Jesus' ministry, people honored him and shouted your praises. Like them, we want to contribute to your kingdom coming on earth. It is a privilege to share in your mission in the world through this congregation. Accept our offerings as a sign of our love and gratitude. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen. (Mark 11:1-11)

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/APRIL MINISTRY
OPPORTUNITIES TO REMEMBER**

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| 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. | NO Faithfully Fit Class |
| W | 3/28 | 10:00 a.m. | “Covering the Book” |
| | | | Bible Study |
| | | 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 |
| | | | <i>Easter Breakfast</i> |
| | | 9:45 a.m. | Easter Sunday Worship |
| | | | <i>Easter Breakfast</i> |
| | | 11:45 a.m. | Easter Sunday |
| | | | “Uncommon Worship” |
| M | 4/2 | 1:30 p.m. | Mary Martha |
| T | 4/3 | 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 | 4/4 | 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. | Wed. Night Supper |
| | | 5:30 p.m. | Tech 'n Check |
| | | 6:00 p.m. | Worship Design |
| | | 6:00 p.m. | Youth |

Please Note:

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

American Red Cross Blood Drive results
from March 19, 2018 –
Presenting Donors – 16
Total Units - 17

**Wednesday Night Dinner
5:30 p.m.**



**Spring Break
NO 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.

Mission Team Meeting

I would like to have a mission team meeting on Tuesday April 3rd at 7:30 pm to discuss Wheatland and our next mission trip. As far as I have been able to learn , there are not many places other than Texas, and they are all south of Huston,they are just too far. I will let you know more at the meeting.

Don Santer

Email Updates!



Have you been receiving email updates and email prayer requests from New Hope? We have updated the updates - you may have noticed they look a little different!

If you are not receiving emails from New Hope and would like to you can subscribe on the web at <http://eepurl.com/dn2o0X> or contact Gen in the church office with your email address.

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

Recycle Your Ink Cartridges

Don't toss that old ink cartridge from your printer, bring it in for recycling!

Staples will give us rewards, and it will help pay for office supplies needed.

Bring your spent cartridges in to the church office and we will handle the rest!

Thank you ☺

NEW HOPE 2018 YARD SALE!



YUP, IT'S GOING TO HAPPEN!

JUNE 21, 22, & 23 THURSDAY, FRIDAY, AND SATURDAY MORNING

Well by golly, here we are again! New Hope has yet another opportunity to SERVE GOD.

Join the core yard sale group! OUR TEAM HAS FUN! Yes, we admit to getting tired, dirty, and (sometimes even a wee bit cranky), but when God pulls it all together (and let us assure you, He does), and blesses the sale with success, it's an awesome feeling of joy that we experience! We have a place for everyone on the team, and we will work with you to use all your skills, while staying within your physical boundaries! We just want you to come, work and have fun preparing for God's fund raiser! Any few minutes you can spare are gratefully accepted. Maybe you have a friend who would like to come and play with us too??? If you can sit down with a pan of soapy water and wash some home décor or kitchen items, clean up an appliance, and plug it in to verify its functionality...dust some books...clean some toys...sort boxes...fill "man" jars with like items (nails/screws/nuts or bolts)...make signs/make pricing stickers...help with publicity...fold linens...combine a couple of donations to form a new marketing look... **YOU ARE THE ONES WE ARE SEARCHING FOR!**

Organizational meeting will happen in early April after Easter Sunday...work and meeting attire is "grab a hat & come as you are"....shower later! Hours will vary. It would be great if we could recruit some extra lifting power from any of you who are able to do so, for pick-up and donation drop off, as many in our congregation no longer possess that ability...that would help soooo much! We RESPECT each level of capability, and will not ask you to exceed yours!

Think about it...pray about it...and watch here for meeting information! God loves you and so do we! COME ON DOWN!!! (PS...START YOUR CLUTTER CLEARING for donations too!)

Blessings....Doug Chapin, Harry Coles, Jr, Jerry Smith, Vivian Smith and our INCREDIBLY DEDICATED CORE TEAM!

New District #4

New District #4 will not be an official entity until July 1, 2018, but much work needs to be done in order to facilitate this change! District #4 is one of the new nine Districts in the Michigan Conference. New District #4 includes 92 churches, 80 charges in the middle to west, central part of our state.

An organizing conference for New District #4 will be held on Sunday, April 22 from 4-5:30pm at Greenville UMC (204 West Cass Street, Greenville, MI 48838). You are invited to attend this important organizing conference! No RSVP's are necessary!

At the organizing conference leaders will be elected for the following BoD required areas:

1. Superintendency Committee (5-9 persons)
2. District Committee on Ministry (7-12 persons)
3. District Board of Church Location & Building (7-10 people)

And this initial team along with these positions:

1. Vision Team (8-12) persons who will serve as the leadership body as we determine what we need going forward)
2. Lay Leader
3. Treasurer (hopefully a volunteer who can care for the administration of the District budget as all Districts become incorporated)

Also on the agenda will be the selection of a name for District #4. District #4 is comprised of parts of 3 current Districts (Grand Rapids, Grand Traverse, Heartland). Name suggestions may also be forwarded to Liz in the GR District Office at grdistrict@wmcumc.org or 616.459.4503.



from your pastor's point of view...3-25-18

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Dear New Hope Family and Friends,

Here's an insightful piece about today's happenings. "The story of the triumphal entry is one of contrasts, and those contrasts contain applications to believers.

It is the story of the King who came as a lowly servant on a donkey, not a prancing steed, not in royal robes, but on the clothes of the poor and humble. Jesus Christ comes not to conquer by force as earthly kings but by love, grace, mercy, and His own sacrifice for His people. His is not a kingdom of armies and splendor but of lowliness and servanthood. He conquers not nations but hearts and minds. His message is one of peace with God, not of temporal peace.

If Jesus has made a triumphal entry into our hearts, He reigns there in peace and love. As His followers, we exhibit those same qualities, and the world sees the true King living and reigning in triumph in us."**

As we enter into this holiest of weeks, we need to be asking ourselves if we treat Jesus as our king in all things? Because, when we do, we will experience in its fullest God's bodacious Grace, faultless Truth, and tremendous Love,

**source: www.gotquestions.org/triumpal-entry.html

"The Proper Entry for a King" – John 12:12-16 (Palm Sunday)
"Recognizing Christ As Our Risen King" series

Intro

"Can you feel it? The crowds are beginning to gather. The parade is about to begin. People are laying down their cloaks to make the way, and they're even pulling the palm branches off the trees in excitement.

This guy, this rabbi, name Jesus, the one from Nazareth of all places, is coming to town. There's never been this much excitement. This is going to be a "once-in-a-lifetime" event. Grab a branch and let's go!" – an average citizen in Jerusalem

(see also *Matthew 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-11; Luke 19:28-40*)

Five ways to "properly" honor our Risen King!

- 1) CONFESS: fight against sin, be more like our King
- 2) DO GOOD: make an impact for the King's kingdom.
- 3) CARE: Care for others because our King is watching.
- 4) THINK HEAVEN: Use resources to point others to our King.
- 5) PRAISE AND WORSHIP: Don't wait for the next parade!!!

Bottom Line & Application

"If Jesus Christ be God and died for me, then no sacrifice can be too great for me to make for Him." – C.T. Studd

In our lives Jesus deserves the respect of a Risen King.
How can we better serve our King?

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

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

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

"Setting God First" series, April 15 – April 29

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.