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**March 25, 2018 Stewardship  
Presence**

**9:45 a.m. – 108    11:15 a.m. – 11**

**Tithes and Gifts**

General:        \$3,171.00  
Building:        145.00  
**Total:        \$3,316.00**

**Good Friday Prayer**

by Robert P. Fugarino

Lord, as we again snuff the candles one by one and see your cross rise we recall those who did their jobs on that Friday long ago.

We remember Pilate who with clever words kept a false and fragile peace. We remember a soldier who, with rope in one hand and a nail in the other, followed his orders and affixed you to the tree.

But we also remember Peter, we remember ourselves, and the job we failed to do. We recall our denial made amidst cockcrows and salty tears of timidity and remorse.

Lord, we know again this night that we did **not** stand with you. Yet you did your job, which also was your passion and your name—Jesus, “God saves.” You bore the nails and the insults. You spoke truth and bled out. You broke the curtain open and faced the worst of the powers’ might. So, Lord, here we are again on a darkening Friday of this year’s Holy Week, with another chance to do our job, and stand by you. Lord, by your Spirit, make us able to do so.  
Amen.

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**Please Note:**

UMM and UMW meeting in April is moved to the 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. due to Easter date.

**April Administrative Meetings**

Staff Parish – **NO MEETING**

Finance — Mon., April 9, 6:30 p.m.

Church Council – Thurs., April 19<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 p.m.

Trustees – Wed., April 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

Staff Meeting – Mon., April 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 6:00 p.m.

**APRIL MINISTRY  
OPPORTUNITIES TO REMEMBER**

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|----------|-------------|-------------------|---|
| <b>S</b> | <b>4/1</b>  | <b>8:00 a.m.</b>  | <b>Easter Sunday Worship</b><br><i>Easter Breakfast</i> |
|          |             | <b>9:45 a.m.</b>  | <b>Easter Sunday Worship</b><br><i>Easter Breakfast</i> |
|          |             | <b>11:45 a.m.</b> | <b>Easter Sunday</b><br><b>“Uncommon Worship”</b>       |
| <b>M</b> | <b>4/2</b>  | <b>1:30 p.m.</b>  | Mary Martha   |
| <b>T</b> | <b>4/3</b>  | <b>9:30 a.m.</b>  | Craft Day   |
|          |             | <b>5:30 p.m.</b>  | Men’s Emmaus  |
|          |             | <b>6:30 p.m.</b>  | Men’s Bible Study                                       |
|          |             | <b>5:30 p.m.</b>  | Faithfully Fit Class                                    |
| <b>W</b> | <b>4/4</b>  | <b>10:00 a.m.</b> | <b>“Covering the Book”</b><br>Bible Study               |
|          |             | <b>3:00 p.m.</b>  | Praise Too Practice                                     |
|          |             | <b>3:20 p.m.</b>  | Kingdom Kids  |
|          |             | <b>4:00 p.m.</b>  | Choir Practice  |
|          |             | <b>5:30 p.m.</b>  | Wed. Night Supper                                       |
|          |             | <b>5:30 p.m.</b>  | Tech ‘n Check   |
|          |             | <b>6:00 p.m.</b>  | Worship Design  |
|          |             | <b>6:00 p.m.</b>  | Youth   |
| <b>S</b> | <b>4/8</b>  | <b>8:00 a.m.</b>  | UMM/UMW   |
|          |             | <b>9:45 a.m.</b>  | <b>“Holy Humor” Sunday</b>                              |
|          |             | <b>11:15 a.m.</b> | <b>Uncommon Worship</b>                                 |
| <b>T</b> | <b>4/10</b> | <b>9:30 a.m.</b>  | Craft Day   |
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**Wednesday Night Dinner**  
**5:30 p.m.**



**Buffet Day**  
**Dessert - Beverage**

**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

**Easter Sunday**

April 1, 8:00 a.m., 9:45 a.m., and 11:15 a.m., we will be continuing the "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.

**HE IS RISEN**



**Holy Humor**

**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 our website <http://www.new-hope-church.org> or contact Gen in the church office with your email address.



**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 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.





## from your pastor's point of view...3-30-18

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Dear New Hope Family and Friends,  
Tonight, we're going to hear three different messages from three very different perspectives.

The first clip, is from an artist named "Propaganda" of Humble Beast. This poem was written to give us a shock'n'awe awareness of what truly happened on this day. It holds nothing back, and may make us feel a tad uncomfortable, but every word of it is true. Every word of it should be the story we're sharing too.

The second clip is from an unsung hero of the Good Friday story. Joseph of Arimathea, feely guilty that he had not done enough for Jesus while he was alive, decided to honor him in death. Joseph gave up his tomb. Little did he know that Jesus would only need the weekend! Listen closely to his perspective.

The third clip needs no intro, but here it goes! This ten minute message from Dr. Rev. Billy Graham came from a longer "last message" he gave on billygraham.org. At the end, he gives an invitation.

If you've accepted Christ, then I invite you to pray the prayer as a faith reaffirmation. If this is the first time you've prayed that prayer and meant it, come see me after worship to help us celebrate with you and to answer any questions you may have about God's bodacious Grace, faultless Truth, and tremendous Love,

*Pastor Greg*

### "The Night Our King Died" – John 19:17-30 ***Recognizing Christ As Our Risen King" series***

#### **Re: "Propaganda" of Humble Beast**

The night our King died changed the world?

How has your relationship with our King changed your world?

#### **Re: Joseph of Arimathea**

The night our king died gave Joseph the opportunity to do something in death he couldn't bring himself to do in life?

Tonight, what are you going to do now so that you're not wishing that you would have done it later?

#### **Re: Billy Graham**

What does it mean to you when you say, "There is a way, if you come by the way of the cross?" What does the cross of Christ, especially on this Good Friday, mean to you? God sent his Son, and the Son accepted the duty, to die for our sin, so that we can live in a closer relationship with God because of His love and forgiveness. Jesus is our way, our truth, and our life. No one can come to Father but through a sinless Christ. What should it mean to us? What does the cross demand? How should that change us from within? The promise: If anyone be born of Christ, they is a new creature. All the former things have passed away. (2 Corinthians 5:17, John 3:16)

#### **Bottom Line & Application**

"Dear Heavenly Father, I know that I am a sinner, and I ask for your forgiveness. I believe that you have died for my sins, and rose from the dead. I turn from my sins. I repent of my sins. I invite you to come into my heart and life. I want to trust and follow you as my Lord and Savior. In Jesus' name, Amen." – no better bottom line!

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

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

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***

April 15 – "God First in Prayers and Presence" – I Peter 5:7, Hebrews 10:25

*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.*