

CALENDAR

Sunday, March 13th	<i>Daylight Savings Time Begins</i>	
8:45 a.m.	Word & Sacrament	Worship Space
9:45 a.m.	Christian Formation	Various Locations
11:00 a.m.	Word & Sacrament	Worship Space
12:20 p.m.	The Journey	Sunshine Room
12:30 p.m.	PW Many Hands Workshop	Narthex
Monday, March 14th		
6:00 p.m.	Fellowship Committee	Conference Room
6:00 p.m.	MME Committee	Senior High Room
7:00 p.m.	Session Meeting	Sunshine Room
Tuesday, March 15th		
5:00 p.m.	Elections Board	Narthex
7:00 p.m.	A.A.	Narthex
Wednesday, March 16th		
6:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts	Senior High Room
7:15 p.m.	Choir Practice	Worship Space
Thursday, March 17th		
5:50 p.m.	Employment Ministry Committee	Conference Room
7:00 p.m.	Employment Ministry	Conference Room
7:00 p.m.	Female Connection	Narthex
Friday, March 18th		
4:00 p.m.	Wedding Rehearsal	
Saturday, March 19th		
8:30 a.m.	Men's Fellowship Breakfast	Narthex
9:30 a.m.	Church Work Day	
4:00 p.m.	Wedding	
Sunday, March 20th	<i>Palm Sunday</i>	
8:45 a.m.	Word & Sacrament	Worship Space
9:30 p.m.	Church Family Gathering	Lower Level
11:00 a.m.	Word & Sacrament	Worship Space
12:00 p.m.	Easter Egg Hunt	Front Lawn
12:20 p.m.	The Journey	Sunshine Room

News & Opportunities, which is distributed during Sunday worship, is also available on the Welcome Table in the narthex and at www.nhpres.org.

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News & Opportunities

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WORK DAY

The Administration & Support Committee is planning a spring work day on Saturday, March 19th, after the Men's Fellowship Breakfast. Our plans are to tackle special projects and to "spruce up" the church, inside and out, in preparation for the Easter holiday and the spring season. Everyone is invited to help! There will be projects for all types—big and small! Please plan on joining us on March 19th!

We invite all of those coming to the work day to the Men's Fellowship Breakfast at 8:30 am. If you're planning to attend the breakfast, please call Allen Rudolph at 636-949-5657 so that he can prepare enough food.

PW—MANY HANDS WORKSHOP

March PW Gathering – "Many Hands Workshop" - TODAY at 12:00, PW will host Many Hands Workshop. After a light lunch, we will assemble 100 hygiene kits for homeless men who receive help from Peter and Paul Community Services, and we will stuff Easter eggs for New Hope's annual egg hunt. Many hands will be needed to complete these projects, so plan to join us.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

"I was hungry and you gave me food." - Matthew 25:35. All across the world, our church works in countless communities where people lack access to basic necessities like food, clean water, education, or sanitation. Your gift to "One Great Hour of Sharing" supports programs that work to end hardships. Please consider giving to the "One Great Hour of Sharing" collection on Palm Sunday, March 20th. Special envelopes will be available in the bulletin.

HEARD ALONG THE JOURNEY

"I was moved to have the entire congregation involved."
"By the weight on my shoulders, I knew someone else was with me besides my Companion."
- two different Travelers reflecting on the Celebration of Enrollment on February 28, during which the congregation participated in the laying-on of hands on the Travelers in blessing them for the continuation of their journey.

CHILDREN

The nursery is located on the main level, Room 204. It is located out the side door of the worship space at the end of the hallway. The nursery is available for children from birth through five years old.

Worship Feast, for elementary aged children, is a special program that is designed to help children develop their innate connection to God & their natural openness to mystery through a variety of prayer practices.

March 13th—Jane Cox

March 20th—Please sign up!

We need many volunteers to ensure that our children's programs run smoothly. Please consider volunteering during Worship Feast! To sign up to volunteer in Worship Feast, go to: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4fa9a829a7fa7-nhpc2>

FINANCIAL CORNER

February Contributions	32,759.00
Monthly Budget	<u>35,614.00</u>
	2,855.00

Contributions to date 2016	71,661.00
Budget to date	<u>71,228.00</u>
	433.00

YOUTH MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISING

Thank you to everyone who ordered cinnamon rolls! Cinnamon Rolls are ready for pick-up today! Please stop by the kitchen to pick up your pre-ordered rolls. We will also have individual cinnamon rolls available for purchase, hot out of the oven, for \$3.00 each.

The next Senior High Mission Trip Fundraiser will be on Sunday, April 10th. We'll be hosting a car wash and bake sale. The rain date for the car wash will be April 17th. Watch for more information next week!

WORSHIP

New Hope worships each Sunday at 8:45 and 11:00 am.

Lectionary for Sunday, March 20, 2016

Isaiah 50: 4-9a

Psalms 31: 9-16

Philippians 2: 5-11

Luke 22: 14- 23: 56

New Hope Holy Week Schedule:

Palm Sunday (March 20th) - Word and Sacrament at 8:45 am and 11:00 am

Maundy Thursday (March 24th) - Word and Sacrament at 7:00 pm

Good Friday (March 25th) - Service of the Word at 7:00 pm

Easter Vigil (March 26th) - Service of Light, Word, Baptism and Eucharist at 7:30 pm

Easter Sunday (March 27th) - Word and Sacrament at 8:45 and 11:00 am

The choir practices on Wednesday evenings at 7:15 pm.

The choir is in need of singers. If you have sung in a choir, please come and join us! We especially need sopranos, but we would also welcome altos, tenors and basses. Please prayerfully consider joining us at practice on Wednesday nights from 7:15 until 8:30 pm. If you have never sung in a choir, you are welcome to join us! Be brave and try something new for God. All are welcome!

MINISTRY, MISSION & EVANGELISM

March Meal-A-Month: 1 boxed meal (like Dinty Moore Classics or Homestyle Bakes), 1 can vegetables, 1 can fruit, 1 bag/box cookies, 1 plastic jar peanut butter.

SPRING DIRECTORIES

2016 Spring Directories are now available on the Information Table. Please limit one copy per family. If you would like additional copies, please call or email the office.

SAVE THE DATE!

June 14th the Deacons are hosting a pot luck! Please save the date and watch the News & Opportunities for more information.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Join us on Palm Sunday, March 29th, for the annual Easter Egg hunt at New Hope! Children between the ages of 2 years old and 5th grade are invited and are asked to bring a basket to gather their eggs.

EASTER LILIES

Order a "live" lily to adorn our sanctuary on Easter Sunday and take it home with you after the 11:00 am service that day. You may also purchase a "virtual" lily, the cost of which will go to the Deacon's Benevolence Fund. Whichever you choose, you may still dedicate your gift in memory, honor or gratitude to someone. The list will appear in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

Please use the envelope provided on the Information Table for your order. The cost of either the live or "virtual" lily is \$10.00 each. Checks can be written to NHPC. Orders must be received by March 20th.

FEMALE CONNECTION

The Female Connection is going to play "Bunco" for a celebration of St. Patrick's Day and the beginning of Spring on Thursday, March 17 at 7 PM in the Narthex at the Church. Please join us for an evening of fun & fellowship. All women are invited to attend; no sign-up is necessary and we'll show you how to play (it's extremely easy). Following Bunco tradition, please bring a gift in the range of \$7-10 to exchange at the end of play; an Easter or spring item would be appropriate. Wear your green!! Also, please bring a snack to share; drinks will be provided. For more information or questions, please contact Deb Mackin. We hope to see you there!

CHURCH FAMILY GATHERING

On Palm Sunday, March 20, at 9:30 am, a special event called Church Family Gathering will take place between Worship Services to celebrate the beginning of Holy Week. You and your family are invited! The Church Family Gathering will give us a chance for all ages and generations to come together for food, fellowship, and spiritual formation. Here are some important details centered around Palm Sunday morning:

8:45 am - Early Worship Service

9:30-10:45 am - on the lower level, the Church Family Gathering will feature a Lenten buffet breakfast, prayer, song, and scripture through story. (No Sunday School classes will be held.)

11:00 am - outside the Narthex on the circle drive, a Congregational Palm Processional will enter the church for Worship Service.

12:00 pm - the annual Easter Egg Hunt for children ages birth-grade 5 will take place outside on the church's front lawn (weather permitting).

For the Lenten breakfast buffet, we are calling for volunteers to bake an egg casserole at home and bring to share with the New Hope Family. Foil pans with a suggested egg casserole recipe are available for folks wishing to help in this way. Please sign the casserole list in the Narthex and pick up your "egg" pan if you are planning to bring a casserole. The church will be providing coffee, juice, sausage, fruit salad, donuts, danish, and gluten free pastries. To assist the planning team in food purchase, please return the enclosed Church Family Gathering RSVP card to the offering basket or church office by March 15. Thank you!

We hope you and your family will be able to join the larger New Hope Church Family to celebrate together Palm Sunday on March 20.