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# New Hope News

*Learning, Living, and Sharing Christ's Love with All*

*April 2018*

## Pastor's Note

Dear Friends,

It has always amazed me that Christmas is the bigger and more celebrated Christian holy day. Easter, in my mind, should be the penultimate Christian holy day. It is the day where death and sin were defeated once and for all. Easter and Pentecost were the two big celebrations in the early church. The first mention of a Christmas celebration is not until the 4th century. It did not become a big celebration until the 12th century. But in modern times, Christmas is the premier Christian holy day. I wonder why? A couple of reasons I think. We like the Christmas story. It appeals to our modern sensibilities. It's loud! It's grand! It has angels flying all over the place. The central character is a baby. We love babies! Easter is about the cross and a tomb; symbols of torture and death. Christmas even has a better secular symbol – Santa Claus versus the Easter Bunny. We get presents at Christmas and eggs at Easter! And let's face it, the Christmas hymns and carols are better than the Easter hymns. No one goes Easter caroling! It's no wonder that Christmas has become the premier Christian holy day. But for me Easter has been and will always be the premier Christian holy day. It is the day of resurrection! It is the day of new life! New possibilities! New heaven and new earth! Christ the Lord is risen today! Alleluia!

I'll see you in church every Sunday.

Blessings,

*Frank*

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## April Events new hope UMYF

Sunday, April 1

**No UMYF**

*Happy Easter!*

*Enjoy your Spring Break!*

Sunday, April 8

5:45-8:00pm

**Confirmation Class & Regular UMYF**

*Supper Provided By The Ozusu Family*

Sunday, April 15

**11:00 am Confirmation Sunday**

Please come support your fellow youth as they confirm their faith in Christ and our church.

*\*Confirmand Lunch will follow the service for confirmands and their family. Thank you Karen and Michael Phillips for supplying the lunch. Confirmand Families, please RSVP by April 11th.*

**5:45-8:00 pm Regular UMYF**

*Supper Volunteer Needed*

Sunday, April 22

5:45-8:00pm

**Regular UMYF**

*Supper volunteer needed*

Sunday, April 29

5:45-8:00pm

**Regular UMYF**

*Supper volunteer needed*

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## New Hope Flower Ministry



If you are interested in donating flowers for our services, please be guided by the following process:

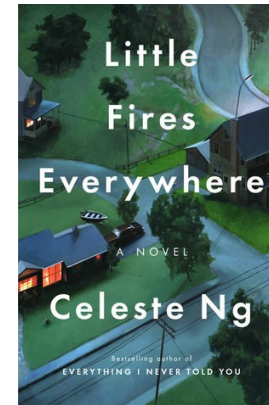
1. Choose the date you would like to contribute on the flowers Poster located in the Narthex, making sure to include “in memory of”, or “in honor of.”
2. Write a check to New Hope UMC, noting flower ministry in the memo.
3. Nancy Powell will reach out to you the week before to discuss details.



## SMALL GROUP MEETINGS

~ **Book Club** ~

Thursday, May 3 @ 7:00pm



The Book Club will meet in the home of Alda Townsend. This month they are discussing: “Little Fires Everywhere” by Celeste Ng

*The book club is open to all!  
Happy Reading!!!*

**COMING SOON!**

A new Bible Study with Pastor Frank  
Beginning mid-April on  
Tuesdays at 10am.  
*More information soon*

## Easter Sunday

*April 1st*

**7:15am**-Sunrise Service

**8:00am**- Pancake Breakfast

*(sponsored by the UMM)*

**8:45am**- Contemporary Service

**11:00am**- Traditional Service



*He is not here,*  
**FOR HE IS**  
**RISEN**

*—Matthew 28:6*

*Happy Easter!*