

**Return Service Requested**



@ NEW HOPE UMC

April 14 @ 6:00pm: Easter Cantata  
April 18 @ 7:00pm: Maundy Thursday Service  
April 20 @ 10:00am: Breakfast/Egg Hunt  
April 21 @ 7:00am: Sunrise Service  
7:45am: Pancake Breakfast  
8:45am: Contemporary Worship  
11:00am: Traditional Worship

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# New Hope News

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

April 2019

## Pastor's Note

Dear Friends,  
Easter is late this year. Two questions that I get quite often is why does the date of Easter change every year? Why don't we celebrate it on the same date or at least the same Sunday every year? Good questions. It has to do with a calendar, a controversy, and a culture. In the early church, which was predominately Jewish, Easter was celebrated on Nisan 14, no matter what day of the week it fell. This was also when Passover was celebrated. The Jewish calendar was based on a lunar year, so Nisan 14 could fall in our current months of March or April. Constantine officially moved the date to the Sunday after Nisan 14 in the 4<sup>th</sup> century. As the church became increasingly more Gentile, it wanted to move away from observing Easter in relation to Passover. Over the centuries there were other controversies concerning Easter and the date has been set at different times throughout history. Also, most countries moved to a solar calendar. It was finally decided for Western Christianity to be set on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the vernal equinox, which is either on March 21 or 22. The earliest Easter can be is March 22 and the latest it can be is April 25. In Eastern Orthodox churches Easter is set to be the first Sunday after the first full moon that follows the vernal equinox, but it also has to follow Passover. And now you know.  
I'll see you in church every Sunday.

Blessings,  
*Frank*



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## UMYF April 2019

Wednesdays @5:45pm  
#unitedmethodistyouthfellowship

April 3rd  
No UMYF  
*Enjoy Spring Break!*

April 10th- Regular UMYF  
*Wednesday Night Supper*  
*Mtn. TOP Parent Meeting\**

**\*ATTENTION PARENTS!**  
Please plan on attending this meeting if  
your child is going to Mountain TOP.  
Meeting will start at 7pm after dinner.

April 17th- Regular UMYF  
*Supper Volunteer Needed*

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April 24th- Regular UMYF  
*Supper Volunteer Needed*



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## New Hope Kids



### SAVE THE DATE for VBS!

June 17th - June 21st  
6:00-8:30pm

### Children's Ministry Needs!

1. Easter Egg Candy
2. A DVD Player
3. \$5 Gift Cards for Scripture Memorization

Join us Sundays @ 11am  
for  
**S.L.A.M.**

Seeking God, Loving Others,  
& Making a Joyful Noise!

### Questions?

Contact Linda Caudill:  
678-361-3809  
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## ADULT Involvement Opportunities

### ~ Book Club ~

Thursday, April 4 @7:00pm  
*In the home of Alda Townsend*  
"The Secret Keeper" by Kate Morton

### Read ahead & plan to join us!

**May:** "Spring Fever" by May Kay Andrews  
**June:** "This is Where I Leave You"  
by Jonathon Tropper  
*Book Club is open to everyone:*  
*Happy Reading!*

### ~ UMW E. Smith Circle One ~

Monday, April 15th @ 11:00 am  
Lorene Glover Sunday School Room

### ~ Nightingals ~

Monday, April 15th @ 7:00pm  
*Lorene Glover Sunday School Room*  
*Anyone can come to these meetings. You do not have to be a member at New Hope to attend. We focus on church projects and raising money for mission projects as well as helping those in the church and community that are in need.*  
*Thanks, President Colleen Moore*

### ~ Wednesday Night Supper~

April 10th @ 5:45pm  
*Heritage Building*  
*Dinner Sponsored by the UMM*

### ~ Hebrews Bible Study ~

Tuesdays 10am & Wednesdays 7pm  
*Education Annex*

"Jesus'

RESURRECTION  
is the *beginning*  
of God's new  
project not to *snatch*  
*people* away from  
earth to heaven but  
*to colonize earth*  
with the  
*life of heaven.*

That, after all,  
is what the

**Lord's Prayer**

is about."

— N.T. Wright,  
*Surprised by Hope: Rethinking*  
*Heaven, the Resurrection, and*  
*the Mission of the Church*