

Return Service Requested



Join us February 14,
as we begin the journey of Lent
5:30pm - Supper
6:45pm - Ash Wednesday Service



"Self-denial means knowing only Christ, and no longer oneself. It means seeing only Christ, who goes ahead of us, and no longer the path that is too difficult for us... Self-denial is saying only: He goes ahead of us; hold fast to him."
— Dietrich Bonhoeffer



New Hope News

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

February 2018

Pastor's Note

Dear Friends,

Valentine's Day will be here soon. It will be a little odd this year for many Christians because Valentine's Day falls on Ash Wednesday. A secular day where we celebrate love and the expressions of love, and a church holy day where we confront our mortality and confess our sin before God within the community of faith. It is also the beginning of Lent and we begin a time of introspection, repentance for our sins, and growth in faith. As a child I would have said that Valentine's Day was mushy. Today I would say it is sentimental. Ash Wednesday is anything but either of those. It is a serious day where we take the love of God as shown through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus seriously. Ash Wednesday is the day we begin to fast as a way to concentrate and focus on our time of introspection. So, if your loved one has given up chocolate for Lent, skip the chocolates this year. Prayerfully consider what you will fast from this Lenten season. It doesn't have to be food. Anything that takes our focus away from God is good. TV, video games, novels, Facebook or other social media, shopping, internet browsing, etc. Use the time to pray, meditate, contemplate and connect more closely with God, and to grow more in love with God. I will see you in church every Sunday.

Joy and Peace,

Frank

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February Events new hope UMYF

Sunday, February 4

5:45-8:00pm

“Shell Talk”

Supper Volunteer Needed

Sunday, February 11

5:45-8:00pm

“First Night”

Supper Volunteer Needed

Wednesday, February 14

5:00-7:30pm

**Valentine’s Day Supper &
Ash Wednesday Service**

The youth is making supper. I will send out donations needed for supper at a later date.

Sunday, February 18

NO UMYF

Sunday, February 25

5:45-8:00pm

“Truth & Consequences”

Supper Volunteer Needed



Please Help Get the Word Out!

**New Hope
UMC Preschool
is Now Enrolling for the
2018/2019 School Year.**

**If you would like more
information, please call
our Preschool Director
Tricia Brown,
at 770-889-7440
to schedule a tour,
or visit our website at
www.newhopeumc.org.**

**Paper work can also be picked
up in the Narthex.**

**UMYF Contact: Crista Heagerty
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SMALL GROUP MEETINGS

~ Book Club ~

Thursday, March 1 @ 7:00pm
Home of Janice Hood

This month we are discussing:
“Before We Were Yours”
by Lisa Wingate

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

~ UMW ~

The UMW will not meet in
January or February.
Meetings will resume in March.

~ Cross Training Class ~

The Cross Training Sunday School
Class invites adults of all ages to join
us on Sundays at 10:00 am. We meet in
the Education Annex on the left side.
Currently, we are studying
The Grand Sweep, by J. Ellsworth Kalas.

Upcoming Events

Feb.11

Last day to donate to the
Georgia Mountain Food Bank!

Feb. 14

5:30pm: Wednesday Night Supper
(sponsored by the UMYF)
6:45pm: Ash Wednesday Service

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Homework Help Tutor

Homework Help, a ministry of our
church, has a record number of
students this year, so we are in need of
more tutors Tuesday and/or
Thursdays from 7-8pm.
*Please contact Dee Payton
at 770.355.4831*

Sunday School Teacher

Our Older Elementary Class is in need
of a new teacher, starting March 4th.
We use curriculum and there is little
prep time involved. A big thank you to
Judy Mullinax for teaching
this class the past year.
*Contact Wendy Franklin-Parks at
678.617.4727*

Cookie Ministry Volunteer

The cookie ministry delivers
homemade cookies to new visitors!
*Contact Karen Wilson
at 770.653.3861 for more details*

