



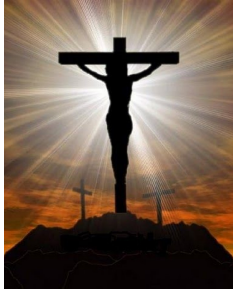
New Hope Notes

The Monthly Newsletter for New Hope Presbyterian Church

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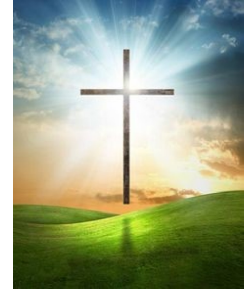
APRIL 2019



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THERE REALLY IS NO EASTER WITHOUT GOOD FRIDAY!!!!

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If Jesus had not been crucified... if he had not suffered and died on the cross...

there would have been NO Easter... no day of resurrection... no empty tomb... no reason for Easter's celebration. There would have been NO EASTER!

And yet, while people are eager to come to worship on Easter Sunday morning when the sanctuary is filled with spring flowers and the music is happy and bright... fewer choose to participate in the Good Friday service when we remember the sacred events that lead to Easter. Namely, Christ's betrayal, crucifixion and death on the cross.

It is hard to experience the real impact of Easter...
if you have NOT BEEN TO THE CROSS on Good Friday!

So please plan join us for worship **THIS GOOD FRIDAY EVENING AT 7:00 PM – APRIL 19TH**.
In that service we will again go to the cross with Jesus through the reading of the scripture story, hymns about the cross, and beautiful choral music.

If you do, you will find Easter so much more meaningful... because THERE IS NO EASTER WITHOUT GOOD FRIDAY.

(If you do not drive at night and you would like a ride, please just call the church office at 724-863-7702 or Pastor Simpson at 724-244-6114, and we will do our best to provide a ride.)

Sincerely In Christ,

John

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Christ,

FINANCE

NEW HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 2019 COMMITMENT TO PRESBYTERY OF REDSTONE

For each member, our commitment is: Presbytery mission - \$8.90, Presbytery per capita - \$22.35, Synod per capita - \$2.30, and General Assembly per capita - \$8.95 for a total of \$42.50.

If you would like to help the church pay for our commitment, please use the PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT envelope contained in your 2019 offering envelopes.

The Care Team for Financial Stewardship

2019 FINANCIAL UPDATE
If you have any questions, please see John C, the church treasurer.

TAX ASSISTANCE FOR THE ELDERLY
Free AARP and IRS sponsored tax counseling is now located on the lower level of the Norwin Community Center (231 Jennie Drive in Circleville). Appointments are necessary, and may be made by calling.

NEW HOPE SESSION

SESSION SNIPPETS

by Bill S

Meeting on 3/24/19, the Session...

- Met with Helen Toms, an elder from West Hempfield Church and a member of Redstone Presbytery's Committee on Ministry (COM) for a discussion with the Session on what our church is doing and to identify any concerns that she might take back to COM.
- Agreed to designate 4/14/19 (Palm Sunday) for reception of new members.
- Approved replacement of our AED, which had been recalled by the manufacturer.
- Agreed with having a combined Maundy Thursday/Good Friday worship service (with communion) at 7 PM on 4/19/19.
- Established steps to explore an opportunity to host the New Generation Singers from Missouri for a performance on 7/22/19.
- Discussed our insurance company's recommendations for improving safety and security of our church and decided to focus on the following:
 - Cleanout of our electrical room
 - Resurfacing of the playground area with a softer impact absorbing material.
 - Installing security cameras.
 - Continued discussion on a memorial fund.

YOUR NEW HOPE ELDERS

Clerk of Session: Bill Siebert

Class of 2019: John Cherepko, Bill Siebert, Paula McFarlane

Class of 2020: Helen Connors, Sue Pressler, Jim St. Clair

Class of 2021: Edith Burdis, Judy Evan, Donna Van Allen

QUICK QUOTES

"The creed you really believe is spoken not by your lips but by your life."

April 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels 6:15-7:30pm Girl Scouts 7pm GLOH Girls	2 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels 7pm Lenten Study	3 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels 6:30pm Handbells 7:30pm Choir	4 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels 5:45-8:00pm Girl Scouts	5 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels	6
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21 No Adult Sunday School 9:00am Easter Brunch 10:30 Worship Service (Joy Choir sings today) EASTER SUNDAY	22 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels <i>Office closed</i> 6:15-7:30pm GS	23 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels 6:30-8:00pm Girl Scouts	24 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels 5-7pm Girl Scouts 6:30pm Handbells 7:30pm Joy Choir	25 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels 7pm Property mtg.	26 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels	27 Hall res'd: Schilke Seder Meal
28 9am Adult Sunday Sch. 10:30 Worship Service	29 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels	30 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels	"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" <i>(2 Corinthians 5:17)</i> 			

PALM SUNDAY REMINDERS:

- Pick up your Easter Baked Goods orders on Sunday, April 14!
- "Coffee & Conversation" in the Hospitality Room just off the narthex upstairs after the worship service!
- Easter Egg Hunt at New Hope at 2:00pm on Palm Sunday afternoon, April 14!

DATES TO REMEMBER

APRIL BIRTHDAYS



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

DINING TO DONATE ON MAY 5

When you visit Applebee's Restaurant in North Huntingdon between the hours of 11:00am - 9:00pm on Sunday, May 5, and present the flyer which will be found in your Sunday bulletin closer to that date, the church will receive 15% of your check - it's as simple as that! You must present a paper copy of the flier to your server or To Go Specialist in order for the church to receive appropriate credit.

APRIL WORSHIP SERVICES

10:30am on Palm Sunday, April 14;
7:00pm on Good Friday, April 19;
10:30am on Easter Sunday, April 21

MAY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the May newsletter is on Wednesday, April 17. Please submit articles, photos, and committee information to the church office via email at contactnewhope@verizon.net. Thank you!

BEREAVEMENT

Please pray for the family and friends of the following people who recently passed away:

Jim W on February 27 (*nephew of Howard & Faith S*)

12th ANNUAL RACE FOR GRACE

The Race for Grace at Norwin High School will be on Saturday, April 6, 2019, with opening activities at 7am and race beginning at 9am. We encourage you to register prior to April 1, 2019 to ensure you will receive a race t-shirt, however registrants will be accepted from 7-8am on race day. Extra t-shirts will be available in limited supply.

Be sure to arrive early to participate in pre-race entertainment and warm-up. Breakfast will be available at the concession stand starting at 7:00am. After the race there will be an awards ceremony, children's activities, charitable hair donations, dance performances, basket raffle & silent auction, and full concession stand of lunch items available for purchase (to donate your hair, please email RaceForGrace@reflections ofgrace.org).

Visit our merchandise gift store and awareness areas, which will be open throughout the day as well. The day's events will conclude around 1:00pm. Hope to see you there!

The success of this event would not be possible without the several hundred volunteers who freely share their time and talent. Help is needed with a variety of tasks during the race. If you would like to volunteer on race day, please email RaceForGrace@reflections ofgrace.org.

CHRISTIAN NURTURE

Hv2 YOUTH CREW

by Matt A

The Presbyterian Church is holding its Youth Triennium this year in Indiana from July 16-20. It is a big huge event that happens once every three years with lots of activities, music, conversation and fun for High School students.

There is a price tag of \$555 per youth, but we anticipate funding assistance to be available. Also transportation may also be available through our Presbytery. For more information visit: <https://presbyterianyouthtriennium.org/>

We're excited about what's ahead for our youth and hope to see as many families participating where and when there is a good fit for individual schedules and interests!

CHRISTIAN-BASED PASSOVER SEDER



You are cordially invited to attend a Passover Seder on Saturday, April 27, from 2:00-6:00pm in New Hope's Fellowship Hall.

This meal, hosted by an outside group which utilizes our facility each year, costs \$20 per person, and is free for children 12 and under. Please reply on or before April 13.

For more information or to register, please call or text (leave a message including your name and the number of adults/children attending).

FOOD, FAITH, AND FELLOWSHIP

"COFFEE & CONVERSATION"



"Coffee & Conversation" will next be held after the worship service on Sunday, April 14, and again on Sunday, May 19.

EASTER SUNDAY BREAKFAST



Sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex to attend the Easter Sunday Breakfast with your church family at 9:00am before the worship service on April 21. Please indicate what dish you will bring to share, selecting from fruit, baked goods, or eggs.

PANCAKE & SAUSAGE SUPPER

Thanks to all members, friends, and family who enjoyed the tasty food at the March 5th Fat Tuesday Pancake & Sausage Supper. A check for \$100 from the profit will be donated to the Norwin Lions Kitty Sack Project, benefitting at-risk Norwin students.



EASTER EGG HUNT

Join us at 2:00pm on Sunday, April 14, for an Easter Egg Hunt. Children ages 2-12 are welcome to enjoy snacks, music, and crafts. Community welcome to attend! For more information or to register, call the office or see <https://tinyurl.com/2019NewHopeEgg>.



WANT TO "JOIN NEW HOPE CHURCH?"

From time to time, people ask me about joining New Hope Church. This is to let you know that we will be receiving new members on Palm Sunday - April 14. You will be asked to meet with the session at 9:00am that day to be "officially" received. This will be an opportunity for people to get to know you a little better, and for you to get to know some others in the congregation.

Being an "official" member of the church allows you to vote at congregational meetings (especially important when a vote is held to hire a new pastor), and to exercise leadership in the church.

We would love to have you become a member of our church family. Simply speak with Pastor Simpson and he will make the necessary arrangements for you.

HELP NEEDED!



We need two or three people who are willing to stand on the side of Lincoln Way on Easter Sunday morning from 9:00-10:30am (or six people to stand there for half that time) expressing our "Easter Wishes" to passersby.

If you are willing to help, please just speak with pastor Simpson. He will be happy to have you join him in this adventure!

CONTACT UPDATE

If your contact information has changed, or if you wish to be added to the birthday/anniversary list, please let the office know! We appreciate your help in keeping things up to date!

