

April News

From New Hope Children's & Family Ministry

What We Are Learning

Key Scripture Verse:

"But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God" John 1:12

Pre-School & Elementary Students

Students have been learning about Lent through the study of "24 Hours That Changed The World" by Adam Hamilton. April 2nd will be the study of Good Friday.

JONAH

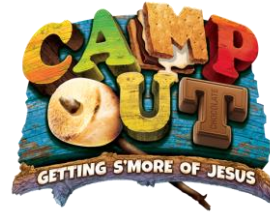


After Easter we will be walking with Jonah as he faces the choices he made to refuse God, accept God, and what he learns about himself. We still study Jonah April 23, 30, May 14.

Worship Bags and Activities

Worship bags are available for children, and activity baskets are available at the tables in the worship area.

Round tables are available if your family wants to color or do activities in worship.



Join us for VBS 2017:
Camp Out - Getting S'more of Jesus!

July 18 - 20th
All Ages Welcome
No Cost to Participants
Church wide celebration on July 23rd

At Camp Out VBS, we will discover that Jesus is the light of the world through a relatable, outdoorsy camping adventure!
Contact Jenn Watson or Jill Connery to volunteer or donate supplies.

And don't forget to check out New Hope's website for highlights from last year's VBS!

New Hope is Growing! We are praying for the right Nursery Staff Person!

The purpose of New Hope UMC Nursery Ministry is to provide a safe, supervised, welcoming area for our young disciples. The church has received a donation to fund a Nursery person for 1 year.

We are currently seeking passionate, qualified applicants.

Please check out Newhopedepere.com for further details and application.

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What is Lent?

Lent, the period of 40 days before Easter (excluding Sundays), begins on **Ash Wednesday** and ends at sundown on Holy Saturday, the evening before Easter.

During Lent, we enter into a season of preparation, self-reflection and repentance when we seek to literally "turn around" and realign our lives and focus toward God. It is a time to give up things as well as take on new life-giving practices, helping us rid ourselves of distractions and our own selfish desires. By doing so, we seek to live and love as more faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

The **Easter Season**, also known as Eastertide or the Great Fifty Days, begins on Easter Day and ends on **Pentecost**. We Focus on Christ's resurrection and ascension and the sending of the Holy Spirit (Pentecost). We celebrate the good news that in Christ's death and resurrection we, and all creation, are continually being made new by God's love and saving grace. From www.umc.org



Palm Sunday Pancake and Porkie Kids Activities

New Hope will have a **kids' activity table from 10:40 am- noon in the celebration center.**

This table will have activities for kids to make and take, or help us prepare for a special father's day surprise.

Road To Resurrection



**Tuesday, April 11th and
Wednesday, April 12th
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm**

This is an interactive style family friendly worship that anyone is welcome to attend. A meal will be provided at 5:30 pm with the journey starting at 6:00 pm.

All are invited to step back in time and become part of an incredible experience of following in Jesus' footsteps through the week leading up to his death. Each night we will encounter different people who met Jesus along his path of sacrifice.

Please sign up at the welcome table to participate or help serve.

Maundy Thursday Seder Meal

A Seder is a traditional Jewish meal full of symbolism, story, and celebration. It is to remember Passover, when God delivered the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt. It is the meal Jesus also celebrated with his disciples before he was crucified. Join us as we recreate this meaningful experience.

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What's Coming Next?

Middle School:

Classes continue in the "The Absolute Basics of Christian Faith" by Philip Tallon. The final Confirmation Level daylong retreat will be on Saturday, April 22nd.



Sunday, May 7th at 9:30 am

Come witness to your faith, walking with our Confirmands as they make promises to God and their church.

Family Friday Funight - with Food!

Friday, April 21st
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Build an edible necklace, create masterpieces with pudding finger paint or simply enjoy a cookie decorated in your favorite toppings.



Family Movie Night

May 19th

6:15 pm Doors Open
6:30 pm Movies Starts

Monthly Schedule

- April 9th Palm Sunday
No Sunday School
Pancake and Porkie breakfast
- April 16th Easter Sunday – No Sunday School
Christ is Risen! Hallelujah!
- April 23rd & 30th Study of Jonah
- May 7th Confirmation Sunday
No Sunday School
- May 14th Study of Jonah
- May 21st Last Day of Sunday School
Celebration Sunday

Young Hope Youth Group (Grades 6 - 12)

New Hope provides a welcoming, pressure-free environment for teens and pre-teens who are interested in growing their faith through outreach events, Christian education, and recreational activities. All youth are welcome, even if you aren't a member of New Hope!

Upcoming Meetings:

Wednesday, April 26th
6:00 pm-8:00pm at New Hope UMC

Stay connected!

Keep checking our webpage for updated fun family and youth activities at
www.newhopedepere.com