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New Hope News

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

March 2023

Pastor's Note

The season of Lent began on Ash Wednesday, February 22, and carries us all the way through to Easter Sunday, April 9. During the season of Lent, we often focus on the things that we give up to create more space for reflection and preparation. This year during this season our focus at New Hope will be on adding new spiritual disciplines and practices into our lives as we prepare ourselves to celebrate the Resurrection.



Our Lenten series is called **FROM THE ASHES**. During the seven weeks of this series, we will focus on topics that will carry us from the Ashes of Ash Wednesday through and to the Empty Tomb on Easter. These topics include temptation, humility, perseverance, contemplation, confession, sacrifice, and Resurrection.

During this season, we also have many special events that I know you will want to put on your calendar. These include our Spring Carnival and Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 25, and our Easter Cantata on Palm Sunday, April 2, at 4:00 p.m. with a meal afterwards. Also, as we look forward to Holy Week, make sure you mark your calendar for our 7:00 p.m. Good Friday service, our Easter Sunrise Service, and our two Easter Sunday celebrations at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.!

Lent is always a meaningful season for me and I know it is for you as well. I look forward to walking this Lenten journey with you all.

It is my honor to serve alongside you and be your pastor!

Pastor Andrew

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KIDS NEWS

Sunday Morning Worship

A children's moment will be presented to our children in the Sanctuary at the 11:00 a.m. service and then they will go to the Next Generation building for Children's Church.

Sunday School meets at 10:00 a.m. in the Next Gen Building.

Wednesday Night Kids Club

Kids Club meets in the Heritage Building from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. and supper is provided. **March 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29**

Spring Carnival & Easter Egg Hunt



Filled Easter Eggs are needed to help make this event successful. Bins are in the Narthex. We also need volunteers to help run carnival games, and/or financial donations!



Katie Speakman
Children's Director
kspeakman@newhopeumc.org

Youth News

Sunday School meets Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in the Next Gen Building.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Youth meets from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday nights and supper is provided.

March 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29: Meet in the Next Gen Building.

Youth Lock-In



March 10 - 11 at Stephanie's house. Everyone shows up at 6 p.m., stay the night (guys downstairs, girls upstairs) Everyone should be picked up at 10 a.m.



NEW ORLEANS MISSION TRIP June 19th-23rd

There will be a meeting for the NOLA Mission Trip on **March 1st at 6:00 p.m.** in the Sanctuary. This will also be when registration opens. **Registration is first come first serve** and we will move to a waitlist when we fill up. If you cannot make the meeting, please contact Stephanie in advance so a registration form can be sent to you. Cost is \$250.00.

Stephanie Fortuna
Youth Director
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ADULT Involvement Opportunities

~ **Sunday School** ~
Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

~ **Men's Breakfast & Bible Study** ~
Tuesdays 7:00 a.m., Country Café

~ **Elizabeth Smith Women's Group** ~
Monday, March 20 at 10:00 a.m.

~ **Hebrews Study Group** ~
Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m.

~ **Prayer Group** ~
Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.

~ **Choir Rehearsal** ~
Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

~ **Disciple III** ~
Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m. at the Phillips' House. Begins March 15.

~ **Grief Support Group** ~
Thursday, March 16 at 7:00 p.m.

~ **Life on Tap** ~
Tuesday, March 21 at 7:00 p.m., NoFo

~ **Faith Angels Crochet, Knit & Sew** ~
March 2, 9, & 14: 7:00 p.m. at The Hustis' House



There is a box in the Narthex for you to drop off letters of advice, encouragement, memories, or cards for Adalberto, Angela, Cole, Dillon, Drew, Hannah, and Nina. The letters/cards will be given to them May 7.

Monthly Budget & Attendance Info

Through Sunday, February 19

Attendance Info:	Average Number
Sun. 9:00 a.m.	27
Sun. - 11:00 a.m.	66
Online Engagements Sunday	197
Worship Total:	290
Financial:	
2023 Budget	\$390,095.00
Monthly Need	\$32,057.92
Received as of 2-19-23:	\$22,983.82

Save the Date

March 1: There will be an information and interest meeting for Griffin, GA, Disaster Relief on March 1st in the sanctuary from 6-7 PM.

March 7: Trivia at Johnny's Pizza, next to Publix on Keith Bridge Road at **6:45 p.m.** Bring money for dinner or just come hang out and play trivia!

March 20: Church Council at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

March 25: Spring Carnival & Easter Egg Hunt. Let Katie know how you can help!

April 2: Easter Cantata, *The Song Everlasting*, at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.