

NEW HOPE NEWS

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Celebrate the Miracle Of Easter

Renew Your Faith this Holiday Season

EASTER BRUNCH

New Hope's Easter morning celebration will begin with our annual Easter Brunch from 9:30 to 10:30 on Sunday, April 4 in the Grace Life Center. There will be a sign up sheet for finger food and juice on the Information Station in the narthex. Coffee, water, and table service will be provided. This will be a time of fellowship and celebration of our Risen Savior; followed by Easter Worship at 11:00. There will be no Sunday school on Easter Sunday. Bring your friends and neighbors—let's celebrate!

LADIES FELLOWSHIP

The Ladies Fellowship of New Hope UMC will hold its March meeting on Tuesday, the 23rd at 7:00PM in the Grace Life Center. Come and share in a time of fellowship and a devotional. Victoria Morris will bring refreshments.

Remember to bring a non-perishable food item for RACAP.

COUPON MINISTRY

New Hope's Ladies Fellowship has begun a Coupon Ministry. The ladies need your help! Chances are good that some of the coupons that come in your newspaper almost every week will go unused. Bring them to New Hope. Put them in the box on the table in the narthex.

On the first Monday of each month, some of the ladies will gather to sort the coupons into tabbed boxes for use at RACAP. If you would like to help with the sorting, talk to Kathy Gawthrop or Linda Goss.

Upcoming Events

March 13 @ 8:00am
UMM Breakfast

March 14 @ 2:00am
Daylight Savings Time

March 20-27
RACAP Food Drive

March 23 @ 7:00pm
Ladies Fellowship

March 27 @ 7:00am
Boy Scout Rummage Sale

April 2 @ 7:00pm
Tenebrae Service

April 4 @ 9:30am
Easter Brunch

April 10 @ 9:00am
Breaking through to the Prayer of Jabez Study

Next Newsletter Deadline:
March 28

CHILDREN'S MISSION FUND FOR JAM

02-01-10	\$31.60
02-08-10	25.74
02-15-10	16.46
<u>02-23-10</u>	<u>45.39</u>
February	\$119.19
YTD	\$205.85

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RACAP FOOD DRIVE COMING SOON

It is our turn to restock the RACAP Food Pantry. We will be collecting non-perishable foods and hygiene items through March 28. RACAP is most in need of:

Peanut Butter	Jelly
Dessert mixes	Muffin mixes
Snack items	Pasta
Pasta sauce	Canned meats
Boxed potatoes	Toilet paper
Canned pasta with meat	
Canned fruits & tomato products	

RACAP assists local families who find themselves in need of food and other types of assistance.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

One Great Hour of Sharing is a special offering taken each year by the United Methodist Church. Gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing lay the foundation of all of UMCOR's (United Methodist Committee of Relief) work by covering the costs of doing business. This means all gifts designated to specific programs, such as Haiti, can go 100% to those programs because UMCOR's basic expenses are covered. Micah 6:8, "What does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." This is the mission of UMCOR. You can be there and be hope with UMCOR by contributing to this special offering on March 14; look for the special envelope in your bulletin next week.

TENEBRAE SERVICE

New Hope will have a Tenebrae Service on Friday, April 2 at 7:00PM. The core of the Tenebrae service works like this: It starts out with the church in candlelight. There are as many candles as there are readings, plus a white Christ candle. The readers go up one at a time, read their Scripture, and extinguish one of the candles, until only the Christ candle remains. Then someone reads the first part of Psalm 22, which Jesus quoted on the cross. Then the Christ candle is put out, leaving the congregation in near total darkness—and near total devastation. At this point, the service ends. The people leave in silence.

The purpose of the service is to recreate the betrayal, abandonment, and agony of the events; and it is left unfinished, because the story isn't over until Easter Day.

FAMILY CHRISTIAN STORES

Family Christian Stores are a nationwide retail community of stores catering to Christians. There are several in our area. If you shop at a local Family Christian Store, ask for Ministry Builder Stamps when you checkout. Bring those stamps to church and put them in the box on the table in the narthex. The church can use these stamps to make purchases at Family Christian.

NEW HOPE ONLINE BOOKSTORE

You can order books, gifts, Bibles, and other church-related materials by going to the New Hope website at www.new-hope-umc.org. Click on the bookstore link and arrive at Cokesbury.com. You will receive a 20% discount on anything ordered from this site, but only if you go through the link on New Hope's

ONGOING MINISTRIES TO THOSE IN NEED:

JESUS ALIVE MINISTRY (JAM): Feed, clothe & school children in Africa. Give to the Children's offering.

NEW BEGINNINGS: Provide furniture and household items for those starting over. Donate used household items. Designate offerings "New Beginnings."

RACAP: Food bank and other assistance for local families – Give to communion offering & food drives.