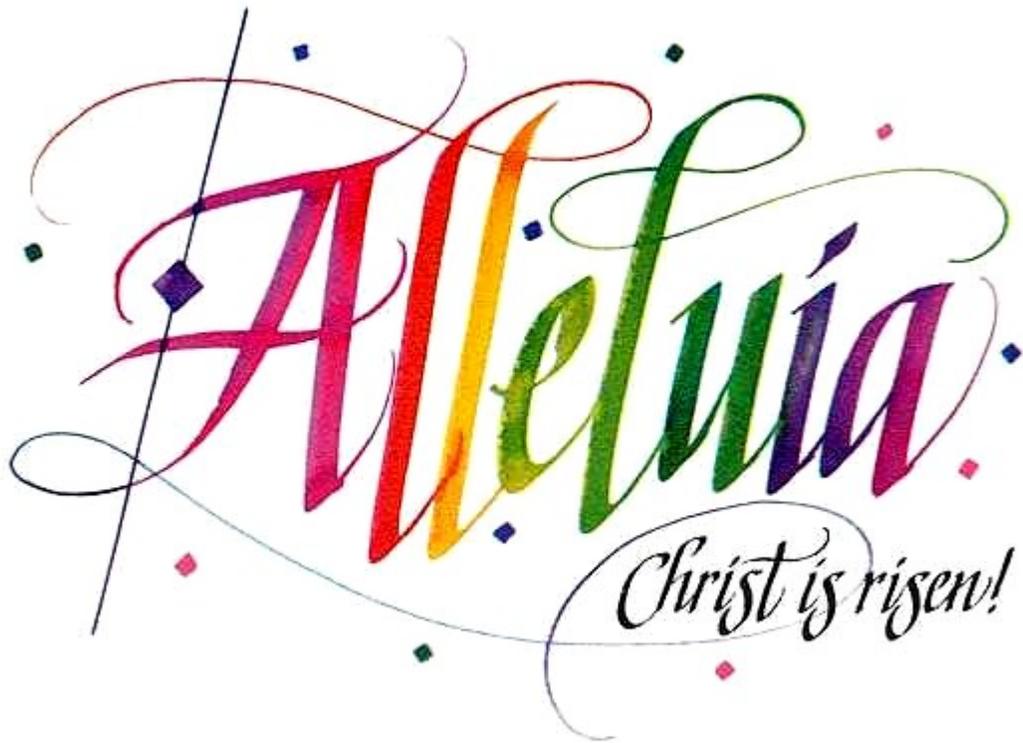


New Hope  
Presbyterian Church



The Festival of the Resurrection  
April 5, 2015

## **WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT NEW HOPE**

*We are grateful you have joined us today and invite you to participate fully in the worship, education, and mission life of our church.*

### **During Today's Worship**

***Large-print bulletins and hearing enhancement equipment are available*** for ease of worship. An usher will be happy to assist you. At the close of worship, please return the unit to the sound booth at the rear of the sanctuary.

***Children are especially welcome in our worship services***, because faith is formed by the practices that shape it. Red worship bags for young children (non-readers) and blue bags for older children (readers) may be found on the wall outside the sanctuary. An usher will help you locate one. If you would like a worship bag with your child's name on it, you may fill out a request form on the Information Table or call the church office (936.2200). Parents who prefer child care will find the infant nursery on the first floor and the Pre-K nursery on the lower-level.

***Worship Feast***, an experience to help elementary-age children develop awareness of God's presence and openness to mystery through a variety of prayer practices, will not meet today, the first Sunday of the month, so that children may be with the congregation for the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

***Preparing for worship...***Please silence cell phones upon entering the sanctuary. The need may arise for you to exit the service early. If so, please refrain from exiting during prayers, reading of scripture and choral anthems. Natural and appropriate exit points are during congregational hymns or sung responses. Your courtesy is appreciated. Also, as a kindness to fellow worshipers, please do not take flash photos during the worship service.

***Ushering for today's worship:*** (8:45) Craig & Kyle Graber, Patrick Murphy. (11:00) Sharon Barnes, Bryan & Laura Eikmann, Bill & Martha Lamey, Randy & Sylvia Malta.

***Flowers:*** To the glory of God and honor of Deb Garten's birthday, given by Kirk & Deb Garten.

***Liturgist:*** (8:45) Elder Jim Pettit (11:00) Deacon Steve Gerke

***Acolyte:*** (11:00) John Dittmar

***Sound Booth:*** (8:45) Bill Irvine (11:00) Russell Dittmar

***Last Sunday's Attendance:*** 200

### **If You Are New to New Hope**

***Information about our church*** can be found at the Information Table in the foyer.

### **New Hope Cares**

***For pastoral care*** and to notify the church of illness, hospitalization, or death, please contact the church office at 636/936.2200 (lbrown@nhpres.org). To arrange for home bound Communion, contact Pastor James at cqjames@nhpres.org or 936.2200 x.11.

# ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

## *Easter Day*

April 5, 2015

8:45 & 11:00 a.m.

### **THE GATHERING**

*As the people gather, worshipers greet one another, welcoming newcomers.  
Please silence electronic devices.*

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

##### PRELUDE

##### Prayer of Preparation

*The start of the Prelude signals the time to enter a period of quiet reflection.  
This prayer is offered as an aid to help worshipers center the heart and mind for worship.*

Living God,  
long ago, faithful women  
proclaimed the good news  
of Jesus' resurrection,  
and the world was changed forever.  
Teach us to keep faith with them,  
that our witness may be as bold,  
our love as deep,  
and our faith as true. Amen.

##### INTROIT

*Easter Alleluia*

John O. Schroeder

##### + \*DOXOLOGY (*Glory to God* 607)

OLD HUNDRETH LM

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

##### \*OPENING SENTENCES & PRAYER OF ADORATION

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

##### + \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 232

*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today!*

EASTER HYMN

##### \*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

...for we pray through Christ who lives with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God forever and ever.

**Amen.**

THE PEACE

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

*Greet those around you with: "The peace of Christ be with you," responding, "And also with you."*

+ RESPONSE OF PRAISE *Glory Be to the Father (Glory to God 581)*

GLORIA PATRI

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.***

(11:00) ANTHEM

*We Will Be Merry*  
Children's Choir, Tracy Grundy, Director

Michael Praetorius  
arr. W. Lawrence Curry

**THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 10: 34-43

PSALTER

Psalm 118, choir

*This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made*

(Glory to God 681)

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 15: 1-11

\*THE GOSPEL

ACCLAMATION *Christ Is Alive! (v.5) (Glory to God 246)*

TRURO

***Christ is alive, and comes to bring  
good news to this and every age,  
till earth and sky and ocean ring  
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.***

GOSPEL READING

Mark 16: 1-8

THE ALLELUIA

FESTIVAL ALLELUIA

***Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

SERMON

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

*✠ In silent prayer and reflection you may renew the covenant into which you are baptized. If you would like to learn more about this sacrament, Pastor James would welcome the opportunity to speak with you about it.*

\*HYMN 248

*Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*

HYMN TO JOY

**THE EUCHARIST**

OFFERING OF OURSELVES & OUR GIFTS

HANDBELL ANTHEM

*With Great Joy*

Susan E. Geschke

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE INVITATION

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The prayer continues. After the words, "... who forever sing to the glory of your name:" the congregation sings,*

***...Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

***Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

*The prayer continues. After the words, "Great is the mystery of faith," the congregation proclaims,*

***...Christ has died;***

***Christ is risen;***

***Christ will come again.***

*The prayer continues and ends with the Lord's Prayer...*

***...Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,***

***thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.***

***Give us this day our daily bread;***

***and forgive us our debts,***

***as we forgive our debtors;***

***and lead us not into temptation,***

***but deliver us from evil.***

***For thine is the kingdom, and the power,***

***and the glory,***

***forever. Amen.***

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

☞ *Coming to the Table—Ushers will invite worshipers to the Lord's Table by rows. All the baptized may come to the Table at the center and return by the outside aisles.*

☞ *Receiving the elements—You may take the bread, dip it into the chalice and partake of both together (intinction), or you may partake of the bread first, and then proceed to partake of the juice separately from the tray of individual cups. Gluten-free bread is available with Pastor James from the plate in his left hand.*

COMMUNION MUSIC

*This is the Feast of Victory*

Richard Hillert

PRAYER AFTER THE MEAL

***THE SENDING***

\*HYMN 826

*Lift High the Cross*

CRUCIFER

\*BLESSING & CHARGE

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all.

**Amen.**

Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen!**

Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen!**

Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen, indeed!**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord  
in the power of his resurrection.

**Alleluia!**

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\*All who are able may stand.

+ Those arriving may be seated.





# *Easter Lilies 2015*

Carl & Carolyn Doerr in memory of our parents

Ernie & Lisa Smith in memory of Awbry Smith

Betty Osiek in memory of Edward H. Osiek

Ken Pinkley in memory of Fran Pinkley

Ken Pinkley in memory of Steve Pinkley

Jack & Tracy Grundy in memory of Katherine Grundy

Allen & Carolyn Rudolph in memory of our daughter, Lisa Ann

Allen & Carolyn Rudolph in memory of Carolyn's sister, Cheri Land

Mary Neill in memory of Harlan & Lillian Hommes

Lindy Stacy in honor of the New Hope Choir

Craig Graber in honor of my children, Robert & Kyle

Craig Graber in honor of my parents, Reas & Nancy Graber

Craig Graber in memory of Kimberly Graber, Edward Kohlbrenner & Bob Nespal

Lynne Snyder in memoery of Robert & Alma Kuhlow

Deb Mackin in memory of Steve Morris

Kay McCarthy in memory of my mother, Katherine Toensmann

Sally Usai in memory of Tom Usai

Earl and Juanita Bostic

Robert & Linda Dencker in memory of our parents

Robert & Linda Dencker in honor & gratitude of our children

Bryan & Laura Eikmann in memory of our parents

Bryan & Laura Eikmann in honor of our parents

Steve & Shelley Geiger in honor & memory of our parents

Steve & Mary Hyink in honor of our fathers

Grace Harmon in memory of Raymond W. Harmon

Randy, Sylvia & Marissa Malta, Lorena M. Bane and Mary B. Wilcox  
in memory of our loved ones.

## THE SEASON OF EASTERTIDE

**Easter is not simply one day**, but a season of the church year known as the Great Fifty Days, lasting for seven weeks from Easter day to the day of Pentecost. Seven weeks times seven days per week equals 49 days, plus one day to express the completeness of resurrection life and the totality by which Christ's resurrection overcame the power of sin and death.

**During the season of Eastertide**, New Hope is observing the practice of replacing the Prayer of Confession with a prayer of Thanksgiving for Baptism. Following the penitential season of Lent, one way to celebrate Easter is to forgo the practice of corporate confession and give thanks for the new life that Easter brings and the Sacrament of Baptism signifies. Also during Eastertide, New Hope is reading from the Acts of the Apostles as the First Scripture Reading in worship. The Acts of the Apostles is the record of the growth of the early church in the first century after the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ. It is a moving testimony to how the Christian community lives in response to the earth-shattering reality that happened at Easter.

**The tall candle near the baptismal font is called the Paschal Candle.** "Pascha" comes from the Hebrew word for "Passover," the central festival for the Jewish people in which the Hebrews celebrate their deliverance from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the land of Canaan. On the night before their deliverance through the Red Sea to freedom, the Lord instructed the people to kill a lamb and spread the blood on the doorposts of their homes. That night, the Lord would pass through the land of Egypt and kill the firstborn of every home, but would *pass over* the homes that had the blood of the lamb on the doorposts, thereby sparing the Hebrews the punishment exacted upon the Egyptians (Exodus 12). We read this story in our worship every year on Maundy Thursday.

For us Christians, Christ is our "paschal lamb" who was sacrificed that we might be delivered from slavery to sin to the freedom of life in communion with God and one another. God completed that work with the Resurrection of Christ. So the fullness of Easter, lived out in our worship over the three days from Maundy Thursday to Easter is the Christian Passover, or Pascha. The Paschal Candle is lighted at the Great Vigil of Easter, in which we proclaim that the light of Christ shines in the darkness of sin and death to give

light to the world. The candle remains lit throughout the Great Fifty Days of Easter through Pentecost, and then is again lighted at baptisms and funerals. In baptism, we die with Christ and are raised with him to newness of life. Death is the completion of our baptism in which all things are revealed and we are forever united with God.

So the Paschal candle tells our story as Easter people. Ours includes a lamb, a cross and the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, A (Alpha) and Ω (Omega), reminiscent of what Jesus said, "I am the Alpha and Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end" (Revelation 22:13).

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Stacy Pearson, *Director of the Preschool*  
Brian Parrish, *Director of Music Ministries*  
Mike Greene, *Pianist*  
Laura Meinert, *Office Manager*  
Monica Schrautemeier, *Child Care Provider*  
Marion Hamilton, *Child Care Provider*  
Vickie Moore, *Sexton*

## *Session*

<i>Fellowship</i>	<i>Formation for Discipleship</i>	<i>Ministry, Mission &amp; Evangelism</i>
Katie Harmon (2015)	Deb Garten (2015)	Jim Salter (2016)
Craig Graber (2016)	Shelley Geiger (2016)	Jim Cox (2017)
Margo Van Mill (2017)	Jennifer Everly (2017)	

## *Worship, Music & the Arts*

Michael Ray (2015)  
Linda Dencker (2016)  
Lynne Snyder (2017)

## *Administration & Support*

Kathy Gibbs (2015)  
Bill Pires (2016)  
Clark Hurrell (2017)

## *Diaconate*

2015  
Jerry Dyer  
Jackie Etling  
Bill Judd  
Kristen Moore  
Jim Phillips

2016  
Earl Bostic  
Ruth Connor  
Marion Hamilton  
Stan Whiteley  
Jan Parker

2017  
Laura Eikmann  
Steve Gerke  
Donna Huffman  
Kay McCarthy  
Kurt Romkey

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# News & Opportunities

<b>Sunday, April 5th</b>	<i>Easter Day</i>	
8:45 a.m.	Word & Sacrament	Worship Space
9:45 a.m.	Christian Formation	Various Locations
11:00 p.m.	Word & Sacrament	Worship Space
<b>Monday, April 6th</b>	Church Office Closed	
7:00 p.m.	Deacon Meeting	Conference Room
<b>Tuesday, April 7th</b>		
7:00 p.m.	A.A. Meeting	Worship Space
<b>Wednesday, April 8th</b>		
6:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir	Worship Space
7:15 p.m.	Choir	Worship Space
<b>Thursday, April 9th</b>		
7:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop 936	Worship Space
<b>Friday, April 10th</b>		
9:00 a.m.	PW Coordinating Team	Youth Room
<b>Saturday, April 11th</b>		
9:45 a.m.	OASIS Food Pantry	
<b>Sunday, April 12th</b>		
8:45 a.m.	Word & Sacrament	Worship Space
9:45 a.m.	Christian Formation	Various Locations
11:00 p.m.	Word & Sacrament	Worship Space
1:50 p.m.	Youth Bowling	

**NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES**

First quarter giving statements will be available soon on the Information Table. Please pick up your copy and make sure the statement reflects your records. Please contact Laurie Brown at the church office with any questions.

**FINANCIAL CORNER**

March Contributions	40,869.00
Monthly Budget	<u>34,457.00</u>
	6,412.00
Contributions to date	113,336.89
Budget to date	<u>103,371.00</u>
	9,965.89

**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING**

“I was hungry and you gave me food.” - Matthew 25:35. All across the world, our church works in countless communities where people lack access to basic necessities like food, clean water, education, or sanitation. Your gift to “One Great Hour of Sharing” supports programs that work to end hardships. It’s not too late to give to the “One Great Hour of Sharing” collection. Giving envelopes are available on the Information Table.

**CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES**

Nursery: meets in the upstairs nursery  
 Pre-K Class: meets in the Butterfly Room on the lower level  
 K - Grade 2: meets in the Caterpillar Room on the lower level  
 Grades 3 - 5: meets in the lower level kitchen off of the Sunshine Room  
 Grades 6 - 12: meets in the Youth Room on the lower level  
 Contemporary Issues Adults - meets in the Conference Room  
 Think: An Adult DVD and Discussion - meets in room 103 (The Gathering Place)

**CHILD CARE PROVIDER**

We are now seeking a Child Care Provider. This position is for Sunday mornings and occasional Sunday or week day meetings. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact the church office for an application for employment.

*News & Opportunities*, which is distributed during Sunday worship, is also available on the Welcome Table in the narthex and at [www.nhpres.org](http://www.nhpres.org).

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## CHILDREN

**Today, April 5th**

*Infant Nursery*

Tara Larrew/  
*Pre-K Nursery*

Jane Cox/Rick Koonley

**April 12th**

Ann Rademan

Jennifer James

**The infant nursery** is for babies & toddlers up to age two and is located in the Turtle Room upstairs. The Pre-K nursery is for ages 3-5 and is located in the Butterfly Room downstairs.

**Worship Feast**, for elementary aged children, is a special program that is designed to help children develop their innate connection to God and their natural openness to mystery through a variety of prayer practices.

Worship Feast Volunteers

April 5th—No Worship Feast

April 12th—Jeanna Groat & Shelley Geiger

To sign up to volunteer in the infant nursery, pre-k nursery, or Worship Feast, go to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4fa9a829a7fa7-nhpc>

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

### A Taste of Pampered Chef

Presbyterian Women hope that you join them for an evening with Donna Huffman and your church friends.

On Thursday, April 23rd at 6:30 pm, Donna will offer light appetizers and desserts with a Pampered Chef presentation. Dessert will follow. This event is open to men and women. Please RSVP to Donna by Tuesday, 4/21 at [cookindonnastl8286@yahoo.com](mailto:cookindonnastl8286@yahoo.com).

Child care will be provided if requested. Please contact Mary Powers by Tuesday, April 21st ([marystahr@charter.net](mailto:marystahr@charter.net).)

If you cannot be present, you may order by visiting Donna's website at [www.pamperedchef.biz/donnahuffman](http://www.pamperedchef.biz/donnahuffman). Catalogs are available on the Information Table.

## WORSHIP

**New Hope worships** each Sunday at 8:45 am and 11:00 am

**Lectionary for Sunday, April 12th, 2015**

Acts 4: 32-35

Psalm 133

1 John 1: 1—2: 2

John 20: 19-31

## ADMIN & SUPPORT UPDATE

The parking lot patching and sealing project which was funded by the 50/50 fund drive is in the process of being completed. Asphalt has been cut out and patched plus a concrete pad has been poured in front of the dumpster. Crack filling, sealing and re-stripping of both parking lots plus cracking filling and sealing of the trail and pavilion will be completed over the next two weeks as weather permits.

## ADULT MISSION TRIP

**Spring is here! Need some help with cleaning?** The adult mission trip group is still taking calls to help in any work you may have around the house. Members of the team will come to your house in exchange for a free will donation. To set up a time to get help with your spring cleaning call Linda Judd at 636-578-3352.

## APRIL MEAL-A-MONTH

2 cans chicken, 1 box Chicken Helper, 1 can vegetables, 1 can fruit, 1 box/bag cookies,

## YOUTH GROUP

April 11th—OASIS Food Pantry at 9:45 am

April 12th—Bowling at Cave Springs (meet at church at 1:50 pm)

Friday, April 17th—Sunday, April 19th—Retreat at Mound Ridge: meet at church at 5:45 pm on Friday. Registration forms were mailed out last week. If you didn't receive one and would like to attend the retreat, please contact the church office.

## FEMALE CONNECTION

The Female Connection is going to meet at the church to leave at 11:00 AM on Saturday, April 25 (please arrive by 10:45). We will go to the Hill for lunch and then enjoy the afternoon at the Botanical Garden. The cost of Garden admission is \$8. Female Connection is an open ladies group and would love for you to join in our fellowship. For more information, please contact Deb Mackin.

## 2015 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

This year's Vacation Bible School, G-Force: God's Love In Action, is scheduled for July 13 - 17 from 9:00 am until noon. Please plan to be a part of this great week of sharing God's love with boys and girls age 2 through fifth grade. There are many, many opportunities to help! Volunteer forms are now available on the Information Table in the Narthex. We need your help to make this year's VBS a success. Please consider volunteering!

**VBS registration forms are now available on the Information Table!**

## PW REGIONAL & CHURCH-WIDE GATHERINGS

Saturday, April 18 PW Giddings-Lovejoy Spring Gathering will be at First of Union Presbyterian Church in Union, MO. "God's Extraordinary Blessings" is the theme. The speaker will be Rev. Dr. Mary Williams, currently a chaplain at a hospital in Joplin, Mo. The cost for the program and lunch will be \$12.00.

June 18-21 The Church-wide Gathering of Presbyterian Women 2015 will be in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The theme is "One Body, One Spirit".

Contact Mary Powers for additional information and to register for these events. [marystahr@charter.net](mailto:marystahr@charter.net) or 636-978-1135

## OASIS FOOD PANTRY

New Hope is scheduled to work at the OASIS Food Pantry on April 11th and we need your help! Please join us at OASIS at 9:45 am to help stock the food pantry shelves. OASIS needs extra help after the holidays and we are asking anyone at New Hope who is able to help. There is a sign up sheet on the Information Table for the April 11th and other future dates.

## OUR CONDOLENCES

Our condolences are extended to Kathy and Jim Salter and their family on the death of Kathy's father, Jim Meyer, on March 30th. A memorial service was held on April 2nd at Calvary Presbyterian Church in South County. Please keep Kathy, Jim, Dan, Tyler and Emily Salter, and their extended family in your prayers.