

APRIL 2017

NEW HOPE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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OPPORTUNITIES AT NEW HOPE

SUNDAY
 9:00 AM Leadership Prayer Time
 9:45 AM Sunday School for All Ages
 10:55 AM Traditional Worship
 1:00 PM New Covenant Church
 2:30 PM Board Meeting (1st Sunday in Feb, May, Aug. & Nov.)
 12:15 PM Elders Meeting (3rd Sunday of the Month)

WEDNESDAY
 2:30 PM Extended Care (3rd Wednesdays)

FRIDAY
 12:00 PM NHCC Lunch & Bingo (Usually 3rd Friday)

SERVING AS LISTED

APRIL

ELDERS

Carol Hanson
Austin Lent

DEACONS

*Melissa Thomann
Kumi Sarpong, Jr.
Cal Warlick
Frances Johnson

*Contact

DEACONESSES

Jannette Hayes
Jan Weatten

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Life Together

April 8 - Easter Egg Hunt – 10:30am
 April 9 – Palm Sunday
 April 10-14 – Holy Communion – 12:00
 April 13 – Maundy Thursday Passover
 April 14 – Good Friday Service – 7:00p

April 16 – Easter Sunday at New Hope
 Sunrise Service – 7:30am
 Church wide Breakfast – 8:00am
 Morning Prayer – 9:00am
 Sunday School – 9:30am
 Morning Worship featuring

April 30 – AGAPE Breakfast – 9:30am
 Large Fellowship Hall during the Sunday
 devotion.

Homecoming Committee Lunch & M

This meal is being hosted by your friend
 been backed by a loving church member
 delicious lunch and a meeting to set up
 Homecoming Celebration which will be
 years of Kingdom work here at New Hope
 (jgeshelton@gmail.com) so I will know
 ready! If you want to be a part of this celebration
 just let me know. It's going to be a great

Men's

Saturday, April 22, 8:30 @ S

Children

Easter Egg Hunt – Sa

Youth

April 2 – Lunch & Meeting (V

the February Board meeting. If you are an officer, elder, deacon, junior member of the Board, and I hope that you will plan on attending the next

romans on Wednesday nights, and would love for you to join us. For own-bag fellowship dinner at 6 p.m., followed by Bible Study at 6:45

Tuesdays at 5:30, which is being led by Sharon Cline and Jan d in a Joy of Discipleship study. Anyone is welcome to participate in

ing Prayer time at 9 a.m., Sunday School at 9:45 a.m., and choir CWF is a great opportunity for the women of the church to come .m. for a time of fellowship, study, and planning.

church's 145th anniversary. How awesome is that! Information will be

g the closing statement from a message that I had the opportunity of is and hope you will also find meaning in it.

will move among us. It is my prayer that each of us will desire to be ort the programs and ministries. It is my prayer that each of us will us and will utilize those gifts through active and willing participation. nd nurture each other. It is my prayer that God will bless us and use evers, and as His church at work at New Hope."

s your Board Chair and am thankful to be walking this Lenten season

Hope's Closet

referral mission and not open for the public. As such, the numbers helped se of it. Hope's Closet has helped a few more this year. Over all, in the last , two families have been outfitted with clothing, as well as five adults. In onent, Bags of Hope have been distributed to 11 homeless.

on providing warmth in the way of heatable foods, knit caps, scarves, gloves, such a blessing and we would like to continue them throughout the summer tinued donations of warm clothing items, coats, and blankets will be

Spring has sprung! By now we've become accustomed to Daylight Savings Time, purchased an ample amount of antihistamines and Puffs tissues with lanolin for allergies, and put away all the winter coats, boots and gloves that we wore that one week this winter. Seasons come and go, but not with smooth transitions as we might like. We've enjoyed temperatures in the 70s in February while shivering in March to the tune of 35 degrees and snow in the North Georgia Mountains.

Wouldn't it be nice for the temperature to gradually increase and decrease as the calendar approaches the "firsts" - the first day of spring, summer, fall and winter instead of fluctuating throughout the months until it finally seems to reach the point of our expectations? Which for some of us, by the time it evens out, we are ready for it to either warm up or cool down again.

I believe that we are sometimes that way in our spiritual walk with God; always shifting, rising and falling, then stabilizing until we once again hit a change in our spiritual season.

Learning to recognize these changes in our hearts, minds and behaviors and adjusting our spiritual thermostat accordingly through prayer, reading the Bible and intentionally loving our neighbor while serving God will help us to live in harmony with Him.

"Behold, the winter is past;
the rain is over and gone.
The flowers appear on the earth,
the time of singing has come,
and the voice of the turtledove
is heard in our land.
The fig tree ripens its figs,
and the vines are in blossom;
they give forth fragrance."

Song of Solomon 2:11b-13

Sung by Crysa

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part of our ACT
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