

## CELEBRATE PALM SUNDAY AND HOLY WEEK AT NEW HOPE UMC

### Children's Community Easter Celebration



The celebration begins on Saturday, **March 27** when children and families gather for the Children's Community Easter Celebration at **11:00 a.m.** on the church grounds. Toddlers through 5<sup>th</sup> graders will enjoy an afternoon of fun which includes Easter Egg Hunts. Children are asked to bring their own baskets for the Egg Hunts.

### Palm Sunday Processional

On **March 28<sup>th</sup>** Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. All children are invited to the Palm leaf processional at the beginning of the **9:00 a.m.** worship service. Children will assemble in the Church Fellowship Hall prior to the service. Children will hand out palms as they come into church during the opening procession. It is a time of celebration as we remember Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem.



### Holy Week

**Holy Thursday (Maundy Thursday) – April 1<sup>st</sup>** at **7:00 p.m.**, is the first of the "Three Great Days" begins with Stations of the Cross outside on the Church lawn. Everyone then goes inside the Church for the Service, darkening of the church and Stripping of the Sanctuary. The Stations of the Cross refers to the liturgical practice of using



various events in the final hours of Jesus' life as a structure for prayer and meditation (also called the *Via Crucis* or Way of the Cross). These events encompass Jesus' journey carrying his cross from the Hall of Pilate where he was condemned to death to the site of his execution on Golgotha (Calvary). The 14 Stations of the Cross are:

1. Christ condemned to death;
2. the cross is laid upon him;
3. His first fall;
4. He meets His Blessed Mother;
5. Simon of Cyrene is made to bear the cross;
6. Christ's face is wiped by Veronica;
7. His second fall;
8. He meets the women of Jerusalem;
9. His third fall;
10. He is stripped of His garments;
11. His crucifixion;
12. His death on the cross;
13. His body is taken down from the cross; and
14. He is laid in the tomb.



**Good Friday – April 2<sup>nd</sup>** at **12 noon** begins with Stations of the Cross outside on the Church lawn. This is a time to reflect on the final days and hours of Jesus' life. Also, on Good Friday there will be a Tenebrae (Darkness) service at **7:00 p.m.** in which we will recall Jesus' suffering.

**Easter Sunday Celebrations** – begin on **April 4<sup>th</sup>** with Sunrise Service at **6:30 a.m.** on the Little River at 150 Windtide Lane, which is located east of the church off of New Hope Road. There will be refreshments after Sunrise Service.

**Easter Communion Service** – begins at **8:30 a.m.** at the church. Upon entering the church worshipers will first place flowers that will be provided by the church, on the wooden cross in front of the sanctuary. Worship service will begin at **9:00 a.m.** This is a time to rejoice and celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior.



New Hope United Methodist Church is located at 2098 New Hope Road, corner of New Hope and Woodville Roads in Hertford, NC. If you have any questions regarding the services please contact Pastor Bill at 252-455-7117.