



# TOUCHING TOMORROW TODAY



## Resurrection Edition

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## From Pastor's Desk

GroupMe, our website, email, Zoom, conference calling, and other means. God has prepared us for a time such as this (sequestration).

I know you have many questions regarding when things will begin to get back to normal. I have the same questions.

When do we return to gathering for worship? Do we dramatically modify what we do before, during, and after worship? Do we have worship, but not include the Lord's Supper? For how long are in-person worship services postponed? Who decides? How is the decision made?

These are decisions that will be guided by the advice of scientific and medical professionals about physical contact and social gatherings. Based on their recommendations we will determine a schedule for resumption of church services and activities.

However, I thank God for the staff who can work from home and are assisting me to continue ministering to our New Hope family and community.

We are assisting the homeless, aiding persons in need, helping persons who are devastated by tragedies not related to

COVID-19, and conducting spiritual care.

Thank you for responding to my message of: **Stay** (home), **Pray** (for deliverance), and **Pay** (your tithes and capital campaign commitments).

Now, let me remind you of a few things we can all do:

**Pray** for God to aid scientists in discovering a vaccine quickly. And for the witness of the church that we will not allow the coronavirus to quarantine our faith.

**Act** responsibly with your behavior, movements, and hygiene. Wash your hands, respect the space of others, etc.

**Rest, connect with your church via the internet, and worship God.**

*"Nevertheless, I will bring health and healing to it; I will heal my people and will let them enjoy abundant peace and security. (Jeremiah 33:6, NIV)*

For His Glory,

**Pastor Virgil Humes**

Dear New Hope Family and Community,  
First, I thank God for each of you and for all persons on the frontlines serving the needs of our communities during this pandemic. My sympathies to all our families whose loved ones have died during this season. My hope is for healing mercies upon those afflicted during this time. May God comfort each of us and give us peace.

The rise of COVID-19 has created a challenge to the Church around gathering for worship, Sunday School, Bible Study and fellowship. We have become a scattered family but remain true to our mission statement, "Connecting People to Jesus and to Each Other" via social media (Facebook Live, Instagram, and YouTube), messaging apps such as WhatsApp and

## New Hope Church — Taylor Campus



# Manage Your Budget Wisely While Awaiting a Return to Something Like Normalcy

Written By Wendy Kahill

As Christians, we must tap into the power of Jesus Christ and come out of this COVID-19 pandemic stronger than ever before. I challenge you to establish some COVID-19 financial short term goals. We have not, because we ask not! Our God is bigger than this pandemic. Here are some steps to help:

## 4 Smart Steps



### 1. Develop or Revisit your Budget

Start with looking at what you spend and what you earn. In many cases, your income may have already taken a hit since millions of people are finding themselves either laid off, hours cut short, or simply out of a job and applying for unemployment. You must budget your money in a new way. Statistics show that 49% of Americans were living paycheck to paycheck before the pandemic. What plans do you have in place for your stimulus check? Now is the time to decide what you are

going to do with it!

Categorize your budget expenses--Whether you have a budget in place or fall in the category of 33% of the Americans that don't believe they need a budget, make a detailed list of everything you spend money on in a normal month. Fixed expenses should be recorded first, then your flexible expenses.

### 2. Eliminate or Reduce Wants...Focus on Needs

Look to cut out the fluff from your budget. Look in the freezer before going to the grocery store and ensure food doesn't go to waste. This is a perfect time to use the can goods in your cabinets before they expire. Be creative and focus on cooking meals with the things already in your kitchen. Can you lower or eliminate cable? Can you save money by switching cell phone carriers for a lower phone bill?

### 3. Revisit your Essential Spending

Look at your biggest expense first. If you are a homeowner, rates are at an all-time low. Can you refinance to lower your payment? Do you have equity in your property that

might help you through this tough period? If you rent, ideally, you should try to pay it on time, but if you can't, many states have a moratorium on evictions. At least this provides you some insulation from legal action, in the short term. Similarly, many utilities are suspending disconnections also. The Covid-19 stimulus package provides relief for federal student loan borrowers, so be sure to reach out to them to check into where you stand. Private student loans will also normally offer deferments or forbearances if required. If you have a car payment, consider calling for a deferment. Call your insurance companies to see if they are offering a reduction in rates since we're driving less. Credit card companies are offering hardship programs from lowering your interest rate, to deferring your payment. Please reach out to them!

### 4 Spend Strategically to Save Money

58% of Americans have less than \$1000 in savings. If you do not have a savings account, now is the time to open one. If your budget allows, try to increase your savings during this pandemic crisis. Focus on your \$1000 emergency fund.

## 2020 Census—You Count

Written By Kimberly Wright

Every 10 years the U.S. government takes a count of everyone through the census. The 2020 census is especially important because of two reasons: communities of color are often undercounted, and this is an election year. Census data is used to calculate how much money local and state governments get for housing, education, healthcare, and infrastructure. Some

advantages of completing the census are that our communities get a fair share of the \$675 billion in federal funding. Also, this data determines how many representatives the state of Michigan gets in the House of Representatives. A significant disadvantage of not being counted is a reduction in funding and programs for our communities as well as vital

services being cut.

Although many of us are self-isolating due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the census can be completed in 10-15 minutes in the comfort of your home. So, take some time and visit [www.2020census.gov](http://www.2020census.gov) and be counted—your response matters!



## Options to Give Tithes/Offering

### Online Giving Using Givelify

Givelify Instructions:

- Download the Givelify App on your cellphone.
- Locate our church.
- Tap the Give button.
- Tap an amount.
- Select an envelope.
- Tap Give Now.
- Create your account.
- Securely enter your payment information.
- Complete your donation.

### Online Giving Using PAYPAL

PAYPAL is a fast, secure and free service that facilitates online transactions. If you have never used PAYPAL, you must create a free account. Your information is then stored and future transactions can be made in seconds. Your PAYPAL contributions will be recorded on your New Hope contribution statement as they are received.

PAYPAL Instructions:

- If you don't have a PAYPAL account, sign up for a free personal account.
- Simply follow the steps indicated under the "Sign Up" button.
- Go to the "Send Money" tab at the top of the page.
- Type [newhopewayne@comcast.net](mailto:newhopewayne@comcast.net) in the "to" field.
- On the next screen, enter the amount you're giving and change the purpose (at the bottom of the screen) to "sending to a friend".

### Online Giving From the New Hope Website

Website Instructions:

- Go to church website: <https://newhopechurchwayne.com/>
- Select "Give Online" from the red menu bar at the top of the screen.
- Select either the Givelify or PAYPAL icons to initiate payment.

# Helpful Web Resources



## Children

### Scholastic

[https://  
classroommagazines.scholastic.com/  
support/learnathome.html](https://classroommagazines.scholastic.com/support/learnathome.html)

Scholastic is one of the more unique educational websites for kids. This site, from the publishers of the educational books you find in schools, contains activities broken up by grades. Pre-K learners all the way up to seniors in high school can find learning activities geared toward them.

Select *Free Resources for School Closures*

### Mondays at Noon through May 11



### CoolMath

<https://www.coolmath.com/>

<https://www.coolmath4kids.com/>

**CoolMath.com** calls itself "an amusement park of math and more." Children can play online math games that help them with addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, decimals, money and more. CoolMath is geared toward ages 13 and up, but sister site **CoolMath4Kids.com** is appropriate for ages 3 through 12. CoolMath-Games.com includes math games for preschoolers.

## Teens

### Khan Academy

<https://www.khanacademy.org/>

Created by experts, Khan Academy's library of trusted, standards-aligned practice and lessons covers math K-12 through early college, grammar, science, history, AP®, SAT®, and more. It's all free for learners and teachers.

### The Mint

<http://themint.org/>

This website encourages children and teens to understand how to earn and save money for desired items to ensure they're financially literate **BEFORE** they get their first job or credit card!

### ACT Test Prep

<http://www.act.org/>

This website allows the student to learn time management strategies and review the glossary to study grammatical terms covered on the ACT. It offers **ACT Academy** which is a free online learning tool and test practice programs.

## Adults

### Help Your Family De-Stress During Coronavirus Uncertainty

[https://  
www.commonsemmedia.org/blog/  
help-your-family-de-stress-during-  
coronavirus-uncertainty](https://www.commonsemmedia.org/blog/help-your-family-de-stress-during-coronavirus-uncertainty)

The article provides tips to manage anxiety, stay active and focus on your family's well-being. Within it are hyperlinks leading to additional resources.

Type the name of the article in the Search bar at the top of the page

### Adult Coloring Pages

<https://www.justcolor.net/>

### 40 OLD-FASHIONED SKILLS THAT KIDS NEED TO KNOW TODAY!

- How to write a letter
- How to make a phone call
- How to take a message
- How to get to know an older person
- How to play with a baby
- How to sew on a button
- How to make a genuine apology
- How to read slowly
- How to hammer a nail
- How to shake hands
- How to introduce yourself
- How to take notice of needs around you
- How to make scrambled eggs
- How to balance a checkbook
- How to see a job through to completion
- How to write a thank-you note
- How to do laundry
- How to take care of a garden
- How to fix something instead of replace it
- How to plan a healthy meal
- How to hang a picture
- How to wash dishes
- How to make a budget
- How to wait and save for something
- How to check tire pressure
- How to ask questions to get to know someone better
- How to read a map
- How to find a book in the library
- How to seek counsel from someone more experienced
- How to care for a pet
- How to select a gift that the receiver will appreciate
- How to admit a mistake
- How to set the table
- How to iron a shirt
- How to give someone the benefit of the doubt
- How to weigh out the pros and cons of a decision
- How to have good table manners
- How to read a recipe
- How to attend a concert or performance
- How to do something well, even if no one is watching
- How to be KIND!



<https://FrugalFun4Boys.com>

# New Hope First Responders

Your bravery  
and sacrifice



Our respect and  
endless gratitude





## 'It has taken a toll on me like no other,' Washtenaw County sheriff's sergeant says of COVID-19

Sgt. Eugene Rush of the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office is recovering from COVID-19. Photo courtesy of the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office. Courtesy Photo



WASHTENAW COUNTY, MI - Eugene Rush thought it was a sinus infection that made him dizzy and light headed before he passed out in his yard a couple of weeks ago.

Rush, a sergeant with the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office, was rushed to the University of Michigan Hospital emergency room on March 31, where he soon tested positive for COVID-19, the disease caused by the novel coronavirus.

He's now in recovery and self-isolating at home, but underlying conditions intensified the virus so he now also now has double pneumonia., he said.

"This virus is no joke," Rush said during a [Monday, April 13 Facebook Live](#) hosted by Washtenaw County Sheriff Jerry Clayton.. "It has taken a toll on me like no other."

[Sheriff seeks voluntary compliance with stay home order, but could step up enforcement](#)

His experience with the virus has been "emotional and physically trying," he said.

"I consider myself pretty healthy," Rush said. "I play paddle ball across the country. I run, I bike, I lift weights. I do all the things

to try to keep myself fit, but the virus will make you feel you're dying."

Rush wants his experience to help community members understand how important social distancing is and how important it is to follow guidelines.

"I didn't have a choice being a first responder," he said. "I did as best as I could to keep myself away while I was working...I just urge everyone that if they can, stay inside. It's not a joke...I've never felt this bad in my lifetime."

Including Sgt. Rush, there are five confirmed COVID-19 cases in the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office, said spokesman Derrick Jackson. The other four are deputies, he said. Their status is unknown at this time. Two cases were confirmed by Clayton on April 11.

[Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office reports 2 confirmed coronavirus cases among staff](#)

With Rush recovering at home, his wife and children have been forced to divide the house into separate living quarters to maintain some distance from their father's infection, he said, adding everyone is doing well, but his oldest son has

shown some of the same symptoms he had.

"We have our own restrooms. We wear masks, we wear gloves," he said. "The emotional part is that we're not able to have a conversation as a family on a daily basis. We've been doing virtual conversations and praying (on Snapchat)...so we can stay somewhat connected."

Rush has been sheriff's office since 2004. He became an Ypsilanti police officer in 1986, and has worked as a security officer with the University of Michigan Department of Public Safety. In addition to COVID-19 updates on staff members, the sheriff's office also released real-time numbers for its jail population.

As of Tuesday, April 14, there are 163 inmates in the Washtenaw County Jail, [according to the database](#). Eleven inmates have been screened for COVID-19 for precautionary observation, while two are quarantined while awaiting test results.

There have been five confirmed coronavirus cases in the jail population, but all have been released, according to the database.

## Give Up the Finger

Written By Derron Murray

There's a church tradition about which I've always wondered—have you ever noticed someone leaving the sanctuary during worship service or coming back after leaving, raising their index finger as they do so?

As a child, I learned from my grandmother that this was a quiet way of saying "excuse me" or "pardon me" if needing to leave the sanctuary to go to the restroom or for other reasons. Since she was responsible for taking my cousins and me to church every Sunday, she made sure we understood church etiquette. If we had to use the restroom we were to excuse ourselves, side aisle with finger up.

I was not going to do the "finger-up" gesture. It looked so weird to me as a child as if someone was afraid to say they were number 1 (LOL!). Needless to say, my cousins and I learned to either use the restroom before service or hold it until after. We did not want to be embarrassed by leaving the sanctuary holding our finger up!

I did some research and found that this gesture dates back to the days of slavery. When slave masters took their slaves with them to public gatherings the slaves would always sit in the balcony. If a slave had to go to the restroom or otherwise needed to be excused, they would hold their hand up until their master acknowledged it, giving them permission to leave.

As they were leaving, they would hold up one finger to let anyone who saw them know that they had been properly excused. This has been passed down from generation to generation and is still widely practiced—we have been free from slavery for over a century and a half! If you have to leave the sanctuary to use the restroom, just get up and go.

Some traditions that have carried over from the days of slavery are OK but I think is one we should try to refrain from practicing. No one should feel like they have to gain permission to use the restroom or excuse themselves from the sanctuary during service. So next time, just go and handle your business. Save your finger for giving God some praise! That's when it is appropriate because God should be number 1!



## Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

### Instructions for Conference Calls

- Dial the conference call number
- When prompted, enter the access code followed by the pound sign

#### Leaning on Faith

(Mrs. Johnson)

Call: 978-990-5000

Code: 537796#

#### Young at Heart

(Dontonio Thompson)

Call: 978-990-5000

Code: 277267#

#### Inspired Spirits

(Mary Lewis)

Call: 978-990-5000

Code: 664537#

#### Growing in Christ

Min. Shelby Wilson

Call: 866-740-7142

Code: 7347102602

#### New Birth

(Ramona Parker-Muhammad)

Zoom:

[https://uso4web.zoom.us/](https://uso4web.zoom.us/j/4634337564)

[j/4634337564](https://uso4web.zoom.us/j/4634337564)

Password: 914718

## Self-Care During the Covid-19 Pandemic

Written By Alyn Moore

While Self care is always important, it is especially important as we find ourselves experiencing something like never before. You may be feeling:

### Emotional responses such as:

Anger  
Sadness  
Anxiety  
Fear  
Feeling a lack of control  
Grief

### AND

### Physical responses such as:

Headaches  
Muscle Tension  
Fatigue  
(tired-mentally and physically)  
Sleeplessness  
(not able to get a good night's rest)

While this list is certainly not all encompassing, know that they are normal and common responses. That is why it is more important than ever to invest in yourself and commit to self-care because self-care is NOT selfish. Self-Care during this time may look like:

### Physically:

Eating healthy  
Drinking plenty of WATER  
Daily exercise (dancing included)  
Spending time outdoors  
Taking deep, cleansing breaths (being mindful)  
Look for ways to help or uplift others  
(note for sanitation workers, postal carrier, healthcare workers)  
Maintaining Physical distance (6 feet apart)  
Staying Socially connected (via internet, phone calls, etc.)

**\*\*\*WASH THOSE HANDS (20 seconds or more)**

### Mentally:

Maintain a routine  
Focus on things you can control  
(turn off your TV, limit amount of time with news)  
**LEAN ON YOUR FAITH**  
(commit to daily time with GOD)  
Be grateful  
(adopt an attitude of gratitude)

### Deuteronomy 31: 6 (NKJV)

*"Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the LORD your GOD, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you."*

## Black History -Did You Know?

Written By Alyn Moore

April 19th, 1989, five black & Latino teens were arrested in the Central Park Jogger case. Four of the young men were tried as juveniles and spent 4-7 years locked up; the other young man was tried as an adult and spent 13 years in an adult prison. He was 16 at the time of incarceration. The convictions were vacated by the New York

City court system in 2002 and the state withdrew all charges against the men. In 2003 the five men sued the City of New York for malicious prosecution, racial discrimination, and emotional distress. NYC settled more than 10 years later, after a change in administration, and settled a second time in 2016 for additional damages.

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