

# January 2015 New Hope News



**2014 WATCHWORD**  
God said, "Let there be light";  
and there was light.  
Genesis 1:3

*New Hope  
Moravian Church*

Faith, Family, and Friends

I will not be sorry to see the end of 2014. It has not been a year I want to remember. Yet there have been great things happening, and I have learned lessons this year. I look forward to a new year and the possibilities it has to offer. I am also very aware my immediate future still has many doctors in it. I will spend much time waiting on tests results and praying for a good outcome. In fact, I will spend the next five years doing this. However, I feel this is a time I can still be productive, as I am feeling well and healthy. I am always encouraged by the comments from so many of you about my strength, but I do think it is the time to let you know from where that strength originates.

I knew I was in trouble when I went for an ultra-sound and the technician said she was getting the doctor to come and talk to me. I just knew what the diagnosis was going to be. It was at that moment I asked Jesus to be with me. And my answer was immediate. He was there, and I had no doubts that I could handle the news and what was to come. As the doctor appointments continued along with tests I did not want to do, I continued having long conversations with Jesus. "If you are with me, I can get through this. I know you have a reason for this journey, and I will follow your direction." This was my prayer. I never asked why this was happening to me. I did not need an answer because I have always firmly believed that God would take me where I needed to go. I have never worried about death. Why would I when I have something special waiting for me after this earthly life. I have never doubted that there was a reason and that it would be revealed to me when God chooses to let me see. I was never alone. When God is with you, you are never alone. God takes the fear away. He brings a sense of peace that makes it easy to get through whatever you have to.

I also had the benefit of family. I was and continue to be surrounded by those who love me unconditionally and who gave of themselves in a way I had never needed before. They were always checking on me and spending time with me. I had cousins coming out of the woodwork sending me messages on Facebook, cards, and phone calls from all over the country. There were those who were there daily: John, Jonathan, my parents, and my sisters. I stayed focused on my grandchildren who were wonderfully loving and encouraging. I am so blessed to have so many who love me so much.

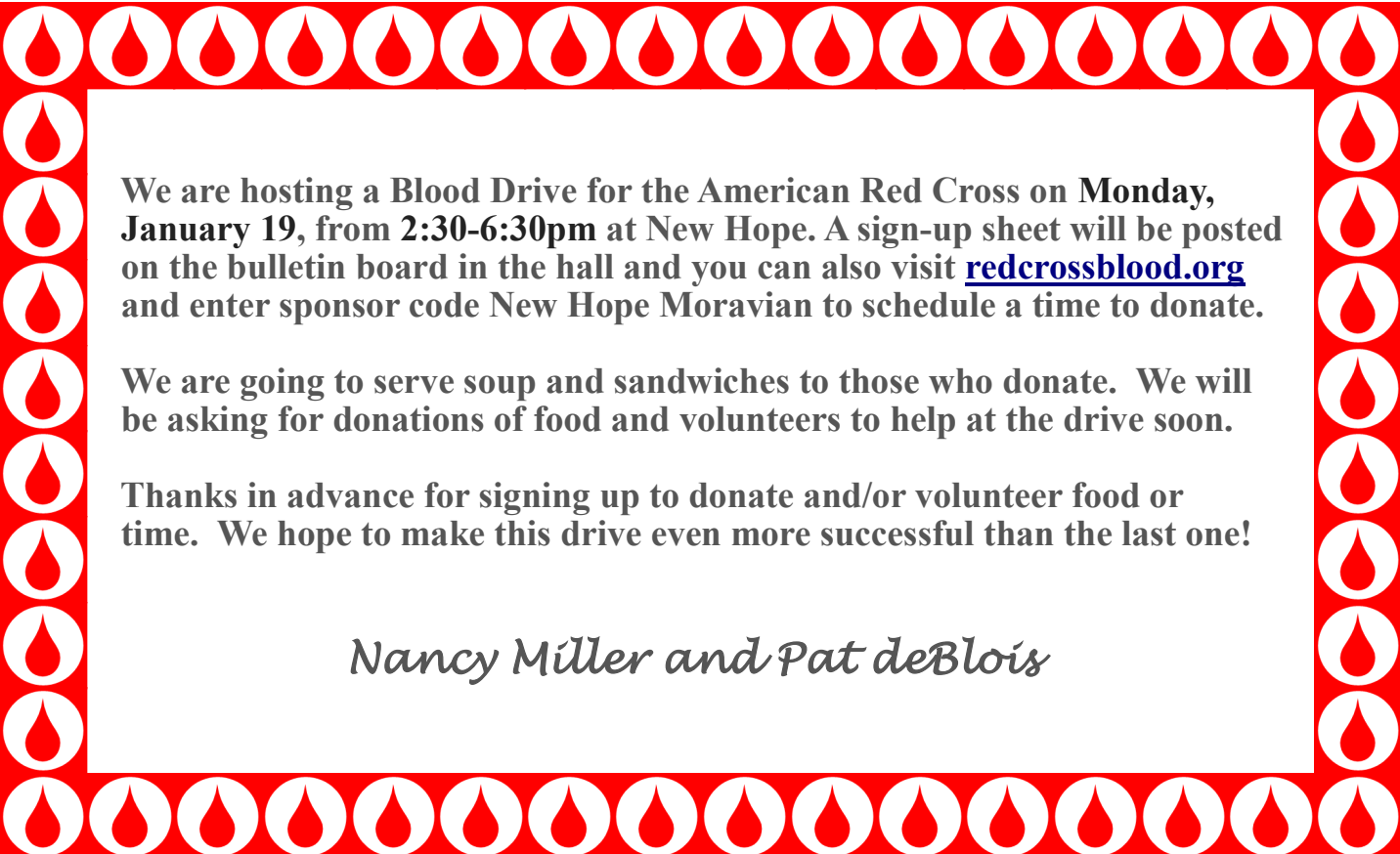
Last but not least, there are my friends and all of you, my church family. Again I was getting messages and cards daily. The food so many of you provided helped John and me more than you could know. And we ate well. Emails came often and I wanted to answer your questions and keep everyone updated on my progress. There were special surprises after my treatments I enjoyed and looked forward to seeing. You never gave me much time to feel sorry for myself.

Anytime I felt bad, I simply said to myself, “Pam, how can you ever feel sorry for yourself... look at all these people who love you. You are LUCKY to have the life you have with everyone in it. I am not just lucky because I am so blessed to have so many who care and are there with love and support.” I would then thank God for all that he has given me.

How could I ever be depressed with all that I have. I have met many people who are fighting cancer and who have fought it in the past. Not everyone has what I have. I have talked with some other cancer survivors who agree that faith is paramount to survival. It is my faith that brought me to New Hope Moravian Church. I knew it was special, and I knew it was a home God had led me to. It was all part of His plan. He led me to you because I needed you all to get through this past year.

I do not think of myself as being a strong person. I think of myself as being blessed. I do not know what the future will bring for me. What I do know is that whatever comes, I can handle it because it is God’s plan for me.

Pam Prevatte



**We are hosting a Blood Drive for the American Red Cross on Monday, January 19, from 2:30-6:30pm at New Hope. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board in the hall and you can also visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter sponsor code New Hope Moravian to schedule a time to donate.**

**We are going to serve soup and sandwiches to those who donate. We will be asking for donations of food and volunteers to help at the drive soon.**

**Thanks in advance for signing up to donate and/or volunteer food or time. We hope to make this drive even more successful than the last one!**

*Nancy Miller and Pat deBlois*

## Christian Education Report

Our next meeting will be  
*Sunday, January 4 at 12:15.*

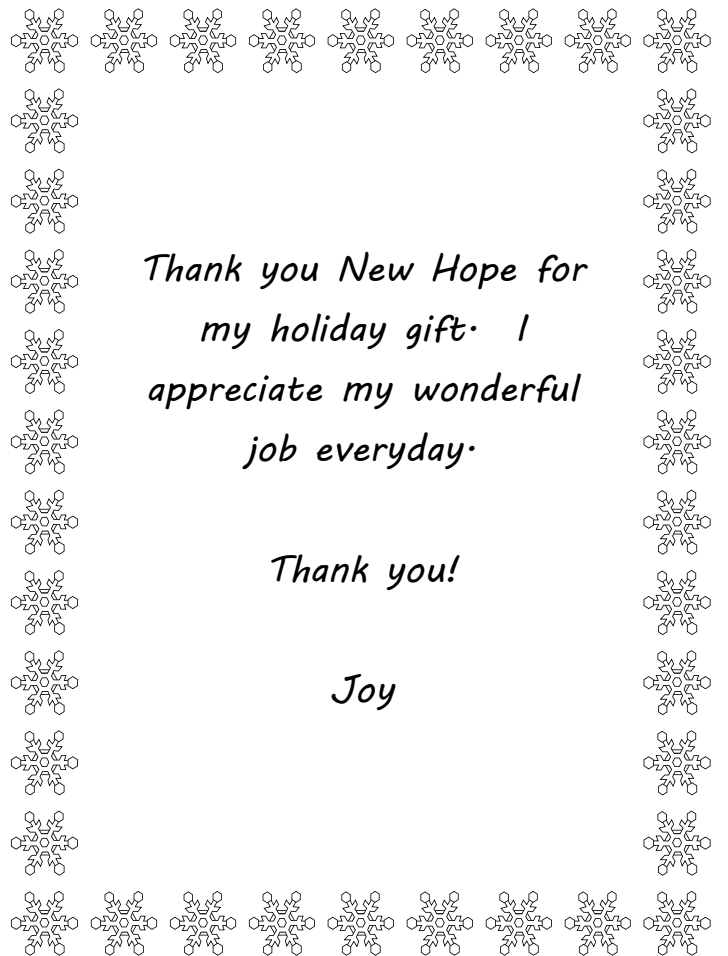
Lunch will be provided at  
this meeting. We really need interested  
participants on this committee.

Thanks to all of you who provided candy  
for Trunk or Treat on October 31.

Because it rained, we had many  
families with young children who  
came to New Hope. We moved inside,  
and it was a great success. Thanks to  
all of you who helped that night.

The Gingerbread House event was also a  
hugh success. Many houses were made  
and much candy was eaten. Thanks to  
Women's Fellowship for making this  
event possible. And a hugh thanks to  
my fellow house builders.

We also had a great time at the Christmas  
Play on December 14. The kids had a  
great time and the visit from Santa was  
special. Those of us who went caroling  
on Saturday, December 13 had a  
wonderful time. Thanks to all who  
helped make this happen. We had a  
terrific dinner together at the end of the  
caroling.



*Thank you New Hope for  
my holiday gift. I  
appreciate my wonderful  
job everyday.*

*Thank you!*

*Joy*

Dear Church Family,

Candle Tea was enjoyed by people from all over our community. Even though the day was cloudy and misty, the church building was filled with sounds of happy and excited people. Thank you to each one who helped in some way to make the day such a success. We are blessed at New Hope with wonderful caring people who love God and share their faith with people who come into our "house" to learn about Moravians.

The Silent Auction was once again very successful in raising money for an agency in our community. This year the First Step program under the Family Guidance Center was selected to receive the funds generated from the Silent Auction. We are excited to announce that First Step will receive \$1,258.00 to help victims of domestic violence in our community! Thank you to all those who donated items for the Silent Auction.

Money was also raised in other areas of Candle Tea and that money will be divided among other agencies in our community as well as to support our youth and other needs in our church. The bakery is always a highlight for most of our guests and this year was no different, most of the bakery items were gone before 12 noon. Chicken Pies, Pecan Pies and Moravian Slaw were sold out by 11:00. Thank you to all those who made a craft or baked something for the bakery. It was a very good day!

The Putz was again the center of our Candle Tea. Guest continue to come to hear the story of the birth of Jesus through our narration and beautiful manger scene. It takes many hours for members to prepare the background for the putz. We thank each of them for their hard work and dedication: Lauren, Valerie and Patrick. We also thank the church band, Bandy's High School Chorus and Handbell Choir and Miss Faith Kanipe for sharing their beautiful music with our guests.

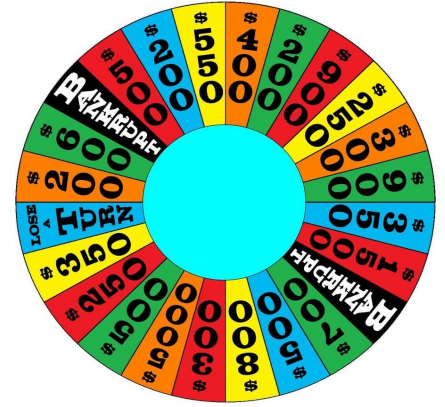
As we begin a new year we would like to encourage all women of the church to come be part of this exciting and very busy group of women. We support the people and activities of our church all during the year. Women's Fellowship's mission has always been to give back to those in need in our community and our world wide Moravian community. We invite you to be part of this exciting ministry.

May God continue to bless us in our ministry to the church and each other,

Cheryl, Leslie, Pat and Nancy

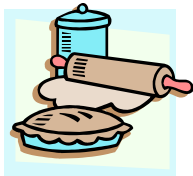


## Wheel Of Fortune (New Hope Style!)

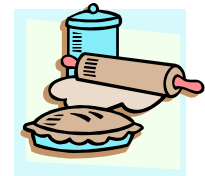


Is one of your favorite gameshows  
“**Wheel of Fortune**”? If your reply is **YES**, then be  
sure to mark your calendar for our **January New  
Hoper’s Meeting** to be held **Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup> 6:00**.  
There will be good food ( a covered dish), lots of fun  
and laughter as we fellowship with one another.  
To get “warmed up” try this phrase....

H o \_ e \_ o \_ s e e \_ o \_ \_ e \_ e !



## Chicken Pie News



A huge thank you to all who have helped with making all the pies and selling them this year. We could never make this happen without all the people who come out to help over 3 days.

We currently have a balance in the Chicken Pie account of over \$13,000. This is after we have redone the bathrooms, the CMO sign, purchased a new vacuum cleaner, replaced the metal parts of the bathroom doors, added handrails going into the choir loft, and added cabinets and shelves to the kitchen. We have also been able to purchase equipment to assist in the making of pies. There are other areas that need work, and the Stewardship committee will be looking for ways to productively use this money. If any of you have ideas, please let a member of this committee know.

We all look forward to continuing this project in the new year.

Pam Prevatte, Secretary & Treasurer of the Chicken Pie committee



## NEW YEAR GREETINGS FROM SERVICE AND WITNESS COMMITTEE

We are excited about service opportunities in the New Year; we will plan on our special and well received meal at the **Corner Table**, **ECCCM** volunteer dates will be forthcoming and supporting Lauren with the wonderful **MOPS** outreach.

A new outreach we will also support this year is The Room in the Inn, which is a new outreach starting at First Presbyterian in Newton. They will be opening their doors to our homeless neighbors from 7:00 pm to 7:45 am on nights predicted to have temperatures below 25 degrees providing them with hot meals and a warm place to sleep. As you clean out and replace items at your home please consider the items listed below. Clean, gently used items can be brought to the church and will be delivered to ECCCM or First Presbyterian. More information will follow. The web site is <http://www.ecccm.org/room-in-the-inn/>

Suggested items: blankets, sleeping bags, gloves, hand warmers, toiletries and snacks.

Closer to home we will be celebrating New Hope's 32nd anniversary in February. A list of needed items will be made available. Covered dish will follow the service.

ALSO, yoga classes will be starting soon! Amy Campbell will be teaching beginning yoga on Saturday mornings 10:30-11:30 at the church. The first 4 classes will be Jan.24, Jan.31, Feb. 7 and Feb. 14. The charge will be \$20.00 for all four classes. This is a great price. Look for updates and reminders. Invite a friend!

We are an exciting and vibrant committee. Anyone interested in being involved is welcome to attend our first meeting of the New Year Jan. 18 following worship. A warm and toasty meal will be served! Please come!

Thanks! Karen



The Room in the Inn program has begun and needs your help!

First Presbyterian Church in Newton opens its doors to our homeless neighbors from 7:00 pm to 7:45 am on nights that are predicted to see temperatures below 25 degrees providing them with two hot meals and a warm place to sleep.

You can help two ways:

1) Volunteers are needed to staff the shelter. This is done in shifts.

Hens: (6:45pm-10pm) - open the shelter, welcome guests, serve dinner

Owls: (9:45pm-6am) - spend the night

Roosters: (6am-8am) - serve breakfast, clean up, close shelter

2) ECCCM is taking donations for items to be distributed to the participants. Items we are taking are:

blankets, sleeping bags, gloves, hand warmers, toiletries, and snacks.

For more information or to sign up to volunteer go to <http://www.ecccm.org/room-in-the-inn/>.

## *Madkin View RCC Women's Gathering*

**BLOOMING WHERE YOU'RE PLANTED**  
**"Growing in Faith, Love & Hope: Using**  
**Spiritual Type to Deepen Your Relationship with**  
**God, Yourself and Others"**

**Our Focus: Colossians 1:10 (NIV)**

March 7, 2015

10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

New Hope Moravian Church, Newton, NC

Our Speaker, Ruth Cole Burcaw,  
Executive Director of The  
Board of Cooperative Ministries

Registration Fee: \$15.00 (box lunch included)

A Special Offering will be taken for the Unity  
Women's Desk project: Birthing kits for Tanzania  
& Honduras

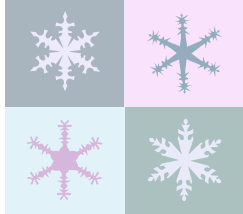


### *Discover Your Spiritual Type Workshop*

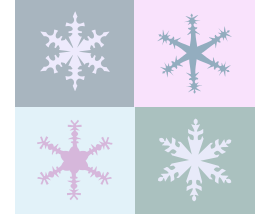
How do you express your relationship to God, self, and others? What's your "spiritual type?" Do you get more from a Bible study, or do you respond best to a beautiful anthem? Do you like to experience God in nature, or is helping others your way of worshipping? We'll also look at the spiritual types of your congregation and talk about the importance of all types being part of congregational life. It takes all of us to make the church! Come out and learn with us!

#### **Our Leaders:**

Ruth Cole Burcaw, the Rev. Betty Helms, and Der Xiong, Immigrant Agricultural Agent



## Pray Every Day - January 2015



- . The Lord your God has been with you; you have lacked nothing. Pray for Dusty & Christin Harrison, Clemson, SC.
- . O Lord our God we set our hope on you. Pray for Brian & Heather Marx, Indonesia.
- . One's life does not consist of the abundance of possessions. Pray for Steve & Ann Marx, Idaho.
- . Sunday. Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Pray for Safiatu and Mohamed Braima, currently in the U.S. from Sierra Leone.
- . Our father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Pray for the Antioch Project and for Jill Kolodziej, Director.
- . Epiphany- Arise, shine; for your light has come. Pray for Rob (awaiting back surgery) & Anne Thiessen, Mexico.
- . Open my lips that my mouth may declare your praise. Pray for the Woo family in Asia.
- . Stand up and tell them everything that I command you. Pray for Ed Dehnert and Barb Weide, Alaska Bible Seminary.
- . Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Pray for Ruth and George Goff, Honduras.
- . Hear, O Israel: the Lord is our God, the Lord alone. Pray for Drs. Bill and Peggy Hoffman.
- . Sunday- Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name. Pray for Michael, Cecilia, and Blessing Tesh.
- . We believe that we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus. Pray for Michael and Brenda Brent serving with Campus Crusade in Croatia.
- . Live as children of light. Pray for C & V and Family with Bridges International in campus ministry.
- . Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening. Pray for K & C serving the Magi People in the Middle East.
- . You are the light of the world. A city on a hill. Pray for Dr. Louis and Susan Sutton, Singapore.
- . It does not depend on human desire but on God's mercy. Pray for Ruth Snyder, Claire Wilson, and all others who are helping women to "Change Choices."
- . Be lifted up O ancient doors that the King of glory may come in. Pray for Glenna and George Tasedan, AK.
- . Sunday- We brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. Pray for speakers during Home Church's annual mission series in January.
- . My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. Pray for Vani Pradhan and the Nepali Moravian Outreach.
- . Only speak the word, and my servant will be healed. Pray for Annie B. Mission and Star Mountain in Palestine;
- . Go therefore and make disciples of all nations. Pray for the Moravian clinic in Ahuas, Honduras.
- . The Lord your God is bringing you into a good land. Pray for the advisory board of the Unity Women's Desk.
- . Christ came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and to those who were near. Pray for Justin Rabbach, Director of Mission Engagement.
- . I will say to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously. Pray for R and B in the Sudan.
- . Sunday- God is a refuge for us. Trust him at all times. Pray for Ashley & Philip Sineath in Campus Outreach.
- . We must obey God rather than human beings! Pray for Chaz and Mechaleah Snider in Campus Outreach.
- . Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. Pray for BWM staff and directors.
- . The fear of the Lord is hatred of evil. Pray for M-Cubed.
- . Even though I walk through the valley of death, I will fear no evil. Pray that the Ebola outbreak will be eradicated and for all those suffering from the disease.
- . Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Pray for Moravian Fellowships and Mission Areas.
- . If we are faithless, he remains faithful for he cannot deny himself. Pray for Moravians in Cuba and Peru.