

January 2016 New Hope News



2015 WATCHWORD

Everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.
Matthew 7:8

New Hope Moravian Church

Dear New Hope Saints,

Well, it's again time to say, "Happy New Year!" The year of 2015 has flown by. It has been a most productive and wonderful year in my life and the life of New Hope. Clearly, "God has been faithful to us. He always has... and He always will. He will never forsake His people.

Matthew 22: 36-38- "The Greatest Commandment" of Jesus, plainly tells us how we are to live our lives and how we are to love God...³⁶"Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?"³⁷And He said to him, "YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND."³⁸"This is the great and foremost commandment...."

As we look to the New Year of 2016, I encourage you to hold-fast to the Great Commandment, as you trust God to make it the best year ever! Hebrews 11:6 reminds us that "without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him." Each week, I remind myself and you, that our God is the God of the "impossible." When things seem to be out of our reach and hopeless, this is when God is at His best. He is "a rewarder" of those who seek Him with all their heart. He is the God of miracles!

This New Year 2016, it is my prayer, you experience God's miracles in your life as you commit yourselves to serve God more in your life; your family, your work, your church and your community. I am reminded of Jesus words, "*Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls*" (Matthew 11:28-29). Wow, these are very comforting words from Jesus, as we start a New Year!

Henry Blackaby author of *Experiencing God* says, "If you find that Christianity exhausts you, draining you of your energy, then you are practicing religion rather than enjoying a relationship. Jesus said that a relationship with Him would bring rest to your soul. Your walk with the Lord will not make you weary; it will invigorate you, restore your strength, and energize your life." This is my prayer for you in (2016), that your spiritual and physical strength will be energized. That you will rest in Christ, as you experience a personal spiritual relationship with your Savior!

Some zealous Christians want to do all they can to serve Christ, and they exhaust themselves in the process. It was to these that Jesus extended His invitation to go to Him and learn from Him. Jesus spent most of His earthly ministry surrounded by needy multitudes. He faced relentless opposition, He often prayed throughout the night. He rarely had any privacy, yet He always received rest and strength that came from His Father. It was not that Jesus did not work hard but He knew the pathway to spiritual rest. Are you weary as you start this New Year? Then go to Jesus and let Him give you His rest. His rest will restore your soul as nothing else can.

Happy New Year...In Christ Love and Service,

Pastor Betty

Dearest New Hope Church Family,

Thank you so much for your generous Christmas gift to me. I will use it wisely to serve our Lord!

"I am Blessed" to call you all my church family - my richest blessing from God has been my call to come to New Hope as your Pastor.

Thank you for loving and caring for me.

Blessing,

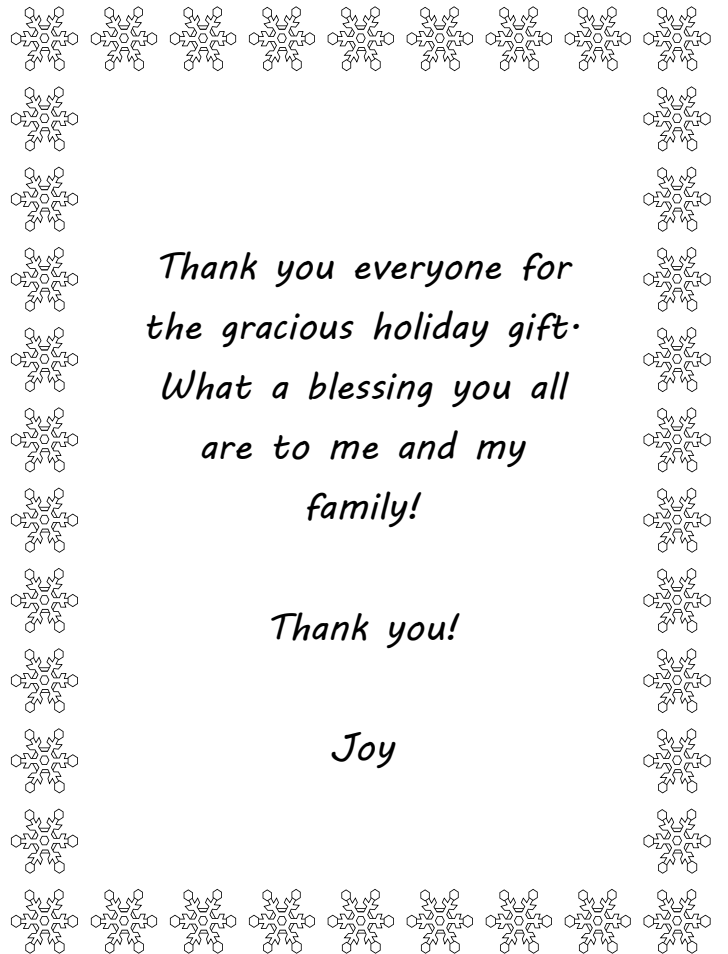
Pastor Betty



Congratulations to Our Raffle Winners

Our own Phyllis Little was the grand prize winner of the quilt. Friends of John & Margie also were big winners. Peggy Fersner won the serving basket and Jerry Nave won the plate with Moravian cookies.

We congratulate you all, and thank you for supporting our church!



Thank you everyone for the gracious holiday gift. What a blessing you all are to me and my family!

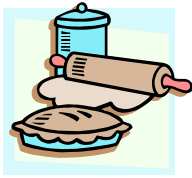
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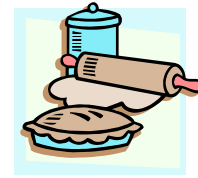
Gingerbread Houses

Pictures by Laura Hildebran





Chicken Pie News



New Hope Saints, (as Pastor Betty calls us)

2015 was a great year for chicken pies! Thanks to all of you, we again have a little over \$15,200.00 in our chicken pie fund for the upgrading and upkeep of our church building. All of the hard work has paid off as we continue to see improvements being made and such expenses, as new heating systems, being provided without concern as to how we will afford the expense. There are still major expense items ahead of us (such as the other 2 heating systems and the parking lot that is deteriorating) but God has blessed New Hope with a means of paying for this, and shown all of us what working together can accomplish. Our New Hope family has shown what a true church family is, and the love and compassion that is displayed consistently towards one another in time of need, crisis or joy, is a testament to the strength of this "family". God has certainly blessed New Hope!

As a quick update, we sold 420 plus chicken pies at the Candle Tea bazaar, as well as apple and pecan pies. There were approx. 50 chicken pies left over that were sold to church members and to those who bought chicken pies at the bazaar and contacted the church to come get more!

We will again make chicken pies the end of January, and then once more in the early spring. Please mark your calendar with the following dates, and watch the Thursday updates for information and reminders on times, etc.

January 21st, 22nd and 23rd and April 14th, 15th and 16th.

Again, from the bottom of our hearts, thank you for all of the time and effort you have given in making our chicken pies and for the commitment shown in continuing to make this fund raiser so successful!

Your Chicken Pie Committee,

Margie, Jane, Pam, Leslie, Mark, Pat, Johnnie, Cheryl, Pastor Betty

SAVE THE DATE: 2016 Women's Gathering

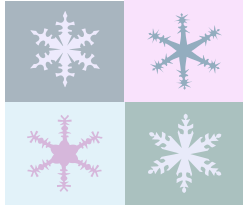
The Women's Gathering 2016 for all Southern Province Moravian Women is scheduled for **April 9, 2016** at Clemmons Moravian and is sponsored by Yadkin View RCC. The theme for this event is "The Cherokee/Moravian Connection." Our speakers will be the Rev. Dr. Daniel Crews, retired Moravian Archivist, and Dr. John Hutton, Assoc. Professor of Art at Salem College and author of the Sister Maus Book Series. This is the gentleman who comes to Candle Tea with his precious books. Dr. Hutton's latest book will apply.

Come find out about the many enjoyable surprises that are in store. Complete details for registration and event schedule will be available by February 2016."

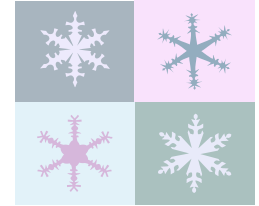


Throwback Jeopardy... Da, Da, Da, Da, Da, Da Da (Jeopardy Tune)

It has been a while since we had a game at New Hoppers sssso... coming Friday, January 29th, "**Throwback Jeopardy**". Let's see which team can recall facts from our past... maybe current events, lead actors on past tv shows, greatest hits, or any other trivia categories that Steve can think of! Hope you will join us for a covered dish at 6:30 with a brief game time following. **Come Join The Fun!**



Pray Every Day - January 2016



1. Oh give thanks to the Lord of Lords, who alone does great wonders. Pray for Dusty & Christin Harrison serving through Greek InterVarsity Campus Ministry .
2. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake. Pray for Mission Areas -Sierra Leone, Cuba, & Peru.
3. O come, let us worship and bow down before the Lord. Pray for Brian & Heather Marx with MAF.
4. Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. Pray for Steve & Ann Marx with MAF in Nampa, Idaho.
5. Let us rejoice and be glad all of our days. Pray for Safiatu and Mohamed Braima in Sierra Leone.
6. In Christ all things in heaven and on earth were created. Pray for Antioch Project & for Jill Kolodziej, Dir.
7. The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all. Pray for Rob and Anne Thiessen in Mexico.
8. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds. Pray for the Woos and the monthly prayer meeting.
9. The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed in times of trouble. Pray for Ed Dehnert and Barb Weide, Alaska Bible Seminary, Bethel AK.
10. If anyone is in Christ he is a new creation. Pray for shut-ins and who are unable to get out to worship.
11. Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart. O Lord. Pray for Sam Gray, Riddick Weber, and Craig Atwood teaching in Cuba first 2 weeks in Jan.
12. Keep watch over yourselves and over all which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Pray for organizations such as Samaritan's Purse, Soar, Marc, Arctic Barnabas, and the Billy Graham Assoc. which serve so many hurting people in the name and love of Jesus.
13. The Lord is with those in trouble and will rescue and honor them. Pray for refugees seeking refuge.
14. Jesus told the paralytic, "your sins are forgiven." Pray for Drs. Bill & Peggy Hoffman, HIV/AIDS ministry.
15. You know me, O Lord, you see me, you examine my heart. Pray for Michael, Cecilia, and Blessing Tesh, serving in the Ray of Hope orphanage in Kenya.
16. No one can serve two masters. Pray for the "Bold Like Jesus" Conference at Christ Lutheran Church in Charlotte, NC Jan 21 – 23, 2016.
17. My people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the Lord. Pray for Michael and Brenda Brent serving with Campus Crusade in Croatia.
18. Do not fear, only believe. Pray for Charlie & Vickie and Family serving with Bridges International in TX.
19. Do not put the Lord your God to the test. Pray for the leaders of our mission efforts, for the Mission Societies, and those that support them.
20. We will serve the Lord, for He is our God. Pray for K & C serving the Magi People in the Middle East.
21. With joy give thanks to the father. Pray for Adopt-A-Village program in Tanzania.
22. Proclaim the good news in lands beyond you. Pray for the Likewise Aids Ministry.
23. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. Pray for the Solar Program and the Food Program in the Sierra Leone Moravian Church.
24. Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord. Pray for Moravian Volunteer Resources and the people who will volunteer to serve this year.
25. He will bless those who fear the Lord. Pray for Dr. Louis & Susan Sutton, WEC. (World Evangelization for Christ).
26. The whole earth is filled with awe at your wonders. Pray for Vani & Shanti Pradhan & Nepali Moravian Outreach.
27. You gave your good Spirit to instruct us. Pray for Ruth Snyder, Claire Wilson with "Changed Choices."
28. Lord, grant to your servants to speak your word with all boldness. Pray for Annie B. Mission with Star Mountain in Palestine.
29. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Pray for the Church & clinic in Ahuas.
30. Let us go with you, we have heard that God is with you. Pray for Joe Jarvis & the work with Cuban Moravian Church.
31. I am not seeking my own good but the good of many, so that they may be saved. Pray for Phil and Ashley with Campus Outreach International in Birmingham, AL