

January 2019
New Hope Moravian Church
Newsletter

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2018 Watchword

“Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him *be* glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.” Ephesians 3:20-21 (NKJV)

The 2019 Watchword will be chosen on Sunday, January 6th.



Dear New Hope Saints,

Starting January 1, 2019, we will experience the seasonal rhythm of a whole New Year. Have you ever thought about the rhythm of God’s creation and how God works in our lives each passing year? Have you noticed how God shows Himself to us in all of His

creation? Have you noticed how He reveals Himself so profoundly in the changing of the seasons? The Scriptural writer of (Ecclesiastes 3:1) captures it perfectly, “*There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens.*”

Each New Year, God blesses us with His gift of 365 days to serve Him and others. We start the New Year with hope and excitement for new beginnings! Who knows what we will encounter in the New Year? What opportunities will come our way? In spite of this uncertainty, we should draw comfort in knowing that God’s got this New Year...He’s in control: “*The Lord your God cares for it ...the eyes of the Lord ...are continually on it from the beginning of the year to its end*” (Deuteronomy 11:12).

We should be encouraged by the powerful words from Ecclesiastes 3:11: “*He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end.*” Those who seek God’s spiritual pathway will stand in awe of His mighty

works in their lives. They will be placed on an extraordinary seasonal-life-changing course few will be able to comprehend.

So, what are the seasonal and spiritual “Life Changes” you wish to make in 2019? What do you want the summary of your next year to be? These are big questions, so take time to prayerfully consider how they relate to your Church, family, friends, lifestyle, school, workplace or business.

Moravian Bishop Nicholas Ludwig Zinzendorf said it this way: *“He leads us on by paths we did not know: Upward He leads us, though our steps be slow, Though oft we faint and falter on the way, Though storms and darkness oft obscure the day; Yet when the clouds are gone, We know He leads us on. He leads us on through all the unquiet years; past all our dreamland hopes, and doubts and fears, He guides our steps, through all the tangled maze of losses, sorrows, and o’er clouded days; We know His will is done; And still he leads us on.”*

So New Hope Saints, as we approach this “New Year of 2019” together, let us place all our faith, hope and love in the Savior; our Chief Elder Jesus Christ! Let us choose to walk with the One who will never leave or forsake us. Let us walk with the One who will lead us on our seasonal and spiritual pathways prepared by our Creator just for us. Will you join me? Happy New Year to you all! May God richly bless you this New Year!

In Christ Love and Service,
Pastor Betty Helms



Cleaners for January

Sign-up sheet posted on bulletin board. More than one family can work together. All cleaning supplies are provided, but some prefer to bring their own favorite ones. Preschool does a good job of cleaning their areas, but do take a quick look in case others have used the building after school.

Please consider a turn at keeping God’s House spick and span.

January Cleaner: Mark & Malissa Bumgarner



SIGN-UP SHEETS ON BULLETIN BOARD

Sign-up sheets for Nursery Workers, Lay Readers and Church Cleaners for 2019 are now on the bulletin board.



Thank you to all who helped during our Christmas Eve Candlelight and Lovefeast service.

A special thank you to Music Director Phyllis Little, Trevor Bumgarner, the Choir, Band, and Handbells and all those who used their special musical talents for the service. Another thank you to the Ushers, Parking Attendants, Nursery Workers and all who helped with the Service! It wouldn't be possible without all of YOU!

Christmas Eve Offering: We collected \$1,125 which will be divided between Eastern Catawba Cooperative Christian Ministries (ECCCM) and the Flood Relief for Eastern North Carolina project being coordinated by our Yadkin View Regional Council of Churches (RCC).

The Christmas Eve Poinsettias Placed

In Honor of

Rev. Betty A. Helms
New Hope Moravian's Pastor
Malissa & Mark Bumgarner Family

Phyllis Little, Music Director
The Chancel Choir & Handbells

Brenda & Conner Ayers
Jeff & Fay Ayers

Brooke, Asher, Lola & Neela
Jane & Steve Bumgarner

Mrs. Libby Williams
Brooke & Asher Sheppard

Jason, Tashia, Jack & Ross Little
Phyllis & Harvey Little

Adam, Megan, Travis, Leanne & Emily
Greg & Caron Simpson

Noah, Rowan, Carter & Will
Grandpa & Mimi Simpson

The Christmas Eve Poinsettias Placed
In Memory of

Jim Helms

Malissa & Mark Bumgarner Family

Jim Helms, My Beloved Husband

Rev. Betty A. Helms

Frank & Myrtle Corpening

Cheryl Hendrix

Jim Hendrix

Cheryl Hendrix

Bob Warren

New Hope Moravian Band

Danny Tucker

New Hope Moravian Band

Carroll Williams

New Hope Moravian Band

Carroll Williams

Libby Williams

Roby & Olie Little, Clyde & Cordie Bowman

Phyllis & Harvey Little

Our Parents

Dan & Thelma Greaser

Mae Taylor & Harry Himelright

Jeff & Fay Ayers

Aaron Greaser

Dan, Thelma, Kimberly, Autumn, Danita & Rachel

Rachel Lail

Anita Scism

Alexander Lail

Anita Scism

Jazz, My Beloved Cat

Anita Scism

Raymond & Helen Hatley

Nancy Miller

Thomas E. Schultz

The Schultz Family

Robert & Rachel Shilling

The Schultz Family

Oneita & Glenn Bumgarner, Janice & Robert Lawton

Our Parents

Malissa & Mark Bumgarner

Correction in Church Directory
Bonnie Everhart's correct address
7791 Young Road
Hickory, NC 28602

January Hymn of the Month

“In His Temple Now Behold Him”

314 Moravian Book of Worship

Monthly a hymn of the month is chosen so that we may become familiar with a new tune, the text and learn the origin of the hymn.

“In His Temple Now Behold Him” lyrics were written by Henry J. Pye, in 1851. Pye was presented to the rectory at Clifton-Campville, Staffordshire, but late in life became a catholic after he married a bishop's daughter. He wrote books of sermons and compiled a hymnal.

The tune, Westminster Abby, was composed by the renowned English composer, Henry Purcell, who lived from 1659-1695. The tune was originally written for the hymn, “Christ Is Made The Sure Foundation”, but was very popular and was used for other hymns lyrics.

This hymn celebrates the Great Epiphany, as the Savior is first discovered by the Gentiles. It is a re-telling of the Magi and confirms that the ancient prophecies of the coming of a Messiah have been fulfilled.

It can be interpreted that His temple is wherever you find Christ; be it in a church or in a lowly manger. Wherever you are, and however He is presented to you, we should celebrate being in His presence.

Church Council Meeting High Lights

Nov. 21, 2018

New Board Members Elected: Fay Ayers, Steve Larsen, and Greg Simpson. Board reported it had appointed Jane Bumgarner to replace Rosanne Moses since she has moved.

Note: At a later Board meeting Margaret Schultz was appointed by the Board to replace Duane Hutto who had to resign because of family health issues.

The 2019 budget was presented by Mark Bumgarner that had been approved by the Church Board. It has increased by approximately \$5,000. Main reason was due to a substantial increase in provincial requests of approximately \$3,000. Adjustments were made on pastor's salary and an additional insurance policy has been

implemented for Staff and board for their protection. This was recommended by the Province. Any one that was unable to attend the meeting and would like a detailed budget contact Mark and he will provide one for you. It was also presented that our giving this year is approximately \$3,000 behind our actual expenses. We hope everyone will consider this in their 2019 giving.

There has also been a committee created to review and revise if needed the rules and regulations of New Hope. They will be presented to the Church Council sometime in 2019.

The board will be discussing growth and giving as their main focus at the Board retreat this coming year.

Mark Bumgarner
Vice Chair
New Hope Board

January Happenings

Tuesday, January 1st – Happy New Year!

Thursday, January 3rd – CMO/Preschool Opens

Sunday, January 6th – Epiphany Communion and Drawing of Watchwords

WOMEN'S CIRCLE & BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, January 8th

7:00 pm at Leslie Srail's House

All women are invited to join in on the fun!

Each attendee should bring a Bible.

Hope you can make it!

Sunday, January 13th – Installation of Board of Elders & RCC

Board of Elders Meeting after Worship

Monday, January 21st –



New Hope Moravian Church & the American Red Cross are hosting a blood drive.

Blood Drive at New Hope, 1:30 – 6:00 PM

Coordinator: Craig deBlois Coordinator Phone Number: (828)294-4802

The need for blood is constant and only volunteer donors can fulfill that need for patients in our community. Nationwide, someone needs a unit of blood every 2 to 3 seconds and most of us will need blood in our lifetime.

Thank you for supporting the American Red Cross blood program!

Monday, January 21st – Wednesday, January 23rd – No CMO/Preschool

Friday, January 25th – New Hoppers Meeting, Meal at 6:30 PM

**** February Newsletter Articles due to Office ****

Looking Ahead

Friday-Saturday, February 1st & 2nd – **Board of Elders Retreat**

Friday – Retiring, New & Returning Elders

Saturday – New & Returning Elders

February 8th - 10th – New Retreat Offering at Laurel Ridge, **Winter Journey**

Winter Journey at Higgins Lodge is a new event on the 2019 Laurel Ridge calendar. This weekend retreat offers opportunities for spiritual formation and personal growth in what is often regarded as a dormant season of the year. Participants will share fellowship, meals and worship as a large group while breaking into three smaller program tracks. The retreat schedule is balanced between programmed and un-programmed time.

Chris Geisler will lead a biblical studies track on **The Minor Prophets**. Chris is the Board of World Mission's Director of Mission Engagement and a Bishop of the Unity. **Jeff and Ann Dixon Coppage** will lead a **Couples Enrichment** track. Ann is a licensed professional counselor, and Jeff provides pastor leadership to our Fairview congregation. **David Harold** will lead a **Tai Chi for Wellness** track. Grounded in Christian theology and practice, David is well-established as a teacher of Tai Chi and Qigong in the Winston-Salem area. **Bill Gramley** will serve as a **Devotional Leader** for the weekend. Bill continues to bless our church in his active retirement from an inspired career as an ordained minister.

Tuition, Room and 6 meals

Salem Wing: single occupancy: \$268

Double occupancy: \$374

Bishop Wing: Single Occupancy: \$248

Double Occupancy: \$354

Childcare: \$5 per child/session (4 sessions)

Please contact Laurel Ridge for additional information or to register.

www.laurelridge.org or info@laurelridge.org

1(888)831-5922

Friday, February 22nd – Sunday, February 24th – Music on the Mountain, a Moravian Music Weekend at Laurel Ridge Camp, Conference & Retreat Center. An opportunity to make music together, to worship, to learn, and to enjoy Moravian fellowship. There will be two tracks for participation, vocal and band (listeners welcome, too). Call Laurel Ridge to register (336)359-2951 or (888)831-5922. info@laurelridge.org

Registration includes lodging and meals and music. Instrumentalists, please bring a wire music stand. Brother Jim White, Choir Director of Raleigh Moravian Church – Choral Leader; Brother Robah Ogburn, Director of the Bethabara Band – Band Leader, Brother Dennis Rohn – Devotions.

Saturday, February 23rd – Leadership Focus – Won't You Be My Neighbor?

Building Christian Community in the 21st Century

Calvary Moravian Church

This conference provides training, fellowship and discussion opportunities for Moravian congregational leaders. More details to come!



50th Anniversary Celebration

The Faith of Fifty Years

ECCCM is preparing for a year-long celebration in 2019, commemorating our 50th Anniversary, with planned events to include your congregation.

Currently we are searching for any past volunteers who worked with ECCCM. Our paper records, which predate computer records, did not capture everyone. If someone from your congregation has a history with ECCCM we would love to hear from them!

Please contact ECCCM at (828) 465-1702 if you volunteered.



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DID YOU KNOW?

.... that the BWM each year receives applications to fund a wide variety of projects around the world? In 2018, thanks to contributions from congregations and generous donors the BWM has distributed more than \$40,000 in Mission Grants that fund projects in the areas of Leadership Development and Sustainable Ministries. These have included funding for scholarships for theological education in Costa Rica, construction of a science lab in a high school in Tanzania, development of a Moravian Radio Station in Honduras, and support of mission outreach efforts in Alaska and Peru. If you want to support projects developed by global partners that match the priorities of the mission work of the Moravian Church in North America, a gift to the BWM designated for "Mission Grants" is a great way to help grow our impact in this area!

www.moravianmission.org/give



Unleash Your *Power!*

2019 Moravian Women's Conference

"Glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all we could ask or imagine by his power at work within us."

Ephesians 3:20

June 20-23, 2019
Embassy Suites by Hilton, Winston-Salem

**Registration: \$350/person (early bird special through January 10)
\$415/person (regular registration beginning January 11, 2019)**

Come enjoy the sounds of Moravian Women from around the world singing the same hymns, but in different languages, etc. It's an amazing and deeply meaningful experience. The numerous presenter's for the mini sessions have excellent backgrounds and will speak on the theme of "Unleashing Your Power" in several different factors and ways.

Registration is open with an **"early bird" discount to registration fee until Jan 10.** The rate for full event does not include the stay at the hotel where the event is being hosted. You are on your own to make reservations or stay at one of the homes being offered by Malissa Bumgarner's family or drive back and forth. Our W.F. has scholarship funds available but amounts TBA.

There is a one day registration rate available if you wish to only attend all day on Saturday. Separate fees are available for special parts of the event for those who wish to join in for one thing such as the key note speaker, etc.

Questions on what the event is like please see the following who have attended before: Malissa B, Nancy M, Thelma G, Allison S, Pastor Betty Helms. Our own Allison Snyder is on the planning committee. She will be updating us soon about scholarship availability from the Southern Province.

For more information, registration on-line or forms to mail, schedule, and speaker info please go to the following website:

www.Moravian.Online/Women



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