

January 2023

New Hope Moravian Church

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2022 Watchword

"If we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin."
(1 John 1:7)

Twenty-Three New Year Tips for Better Living ~ In 2023

*"Trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. Delight yourself in the LORD and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him and he will do this: He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun."
(Psalm 37:3-6 NIV).*

Twenty-Three tips for living a better Christian life in the New Year:

1. Rise early and pray every day: "Asking God to use YOU every day; Commit and trust YOUR life and way to God. Ask God to use YOU to be "Jesus" to those YOU meet; Ask God to let YOU touch their lives and meet them just where they are!
2. Don't sweat the small stuff; for its all-small stuff in the realm of God's divine plan.
3. Remember these phrases: "I was wrong." "I am sorry." "Please forgive me." "Thank you." Say them whenever needed. Say "I love you" often—whether needed or not.
4. Step away... Back off and rest a while before you come apart—stress is a killer.
5. Remember, "Nothing changes if nothing changes." YOU must take the first step!

6. Don't nurse grudges: "Failing to forgive is like drinking poison and waiting for the other person to die." Life has too much living to do to nurse old feelings; let them go!
7. *Carpe diem*. Seize the day. Remember: "Opportunity comes to pass—not to pause."
8. Quit the blame-game—"choice, not chance, determines your destiny."
9. Control YOUR thinking or YOUR thinking will control YOU; Put aside "*stinkin thinkin*." Breathe in positive thoughts; then breathe out positive words and actions... "What YOUR mind dwells on YOUR body acts on."
10. Invest your life in a worthwhile cause by having a "God-Size" purpose for which to live—one that is bigger than YOU—one that will help make the world a better place.
11. Develop an "attitude of gratitude". Be a positive mentor. YOU can make a difference in the lives of others. YOU will always see what YOU are looking for: "Faith always sees HOPE, GRATITUDE & THANKSGIVING."
12. Treasure your God given abilities of "availability, dependability, and responsibility."
13. There is no pillow as soft as a "positive attitude and a clear conscience."
14. Stay positive and committed— "Don't quit... Don't every give up!"
15. When God is silent. "Believe in the SON even when the SUN isn't shining." Believe YOU are LOVABLE even when YOU are alone. Believe in God even when He is silent.
16. Cry when needed. "Every unshed tear is a prism through which all of life's hurts are distorted." God cares and knows YOUR every need. Just know "God's Got This."
17. Laugh a lot—laughter is motivating and good for YOU; It's still the best medicine.
18. Remember, "The bumps of life are what we climb on." The bumps are the stepping- stones to overcoming YOUR deepest challenges in life. "Don't Quit! Don't ever give up!"
19. "Do not be afraid...Fear not." At least 95 percent of the things we are anxious about or fear, never happen. Trust God for the other five percent. "God's Got This!"
20. Take a daily "Thank-You God Walk." You can't be stressed and thankful at the same time. Feel blessed and you won't be stressed.
21. Celebrate YOUR faith and put God first with YOUR time, talents, & tithe (money). God will do the rest... Just step out in faith... and trust God for the best results!
22. Welcome the new adventures & opportunities God blesses you with this New Year!
23. Each day of the New Year 2023 count your many "Blessings... and Be Thankful."

Prayer: Father God, please help all of us this New Year 2023 to live our life for YOU. Help us to live a life worthy of our calling as Your chosen people. Help us to live a life that will "bear fruit worthy of Your Kingdom." Help us to live our life with an "attitude of gratitude and thanksgiving." Lord, we ask You to make

2023 the BEST year ever! Help us Lord as Your people to remain "faithful and devoted" to You as we serve You and others in this New Year. In Jesus' Name.... Amen.

*In Christ Love and Service,
Pastor Betty*



An update on our pie sales at the Bazaar!

Great News... we are finalizing the results of our recent pie sales of chicken pies (320) pecan pies (65) and apple pies (96). With only 8 apple pies left to sale our figures are \$6,781 in sales- \$2,066 in expenses - leaving a net profit of \$4,715. This money is added to our Chicken Pie Fund. Thank you to everyone who helped make, sell and purchased pies. It took many hands to accomplish is project!
The Chicken Pie Committee



On Saturday, January 7th, please come to the church to help take down the greens and our Chrismon tree. We will meet in the sanctuary at 10 am and should be finished by 11:30. We especially need some men to help move the storage boxes to the supply closet. Thanks in advance!



No Sunday School on January 1st

Mission Update

The Corner Table was most appreciative of the 35 toys New Hope collected for their Christmas on the Corner 2022. This year they served 454 men, women, and children a BBQ meal and a snack bag. The children had the opportunity to pick out several gifts for themselves and adults received food bags, toiletry bags, toboggans, socks, and more.

Thank you for helping this wonderful organization provide Christmas blessings for the people in our community!

A Note from Women's Fellowship

Over 400 people attended this year's Candle Tea. A big THANK YOU to all who participated in the Candle Tea and Bazaar, including family members.

The Bazaar grossed over \$13,000. Bills are still to be paid from that amount. The remainder will be used for the Women's Fellowship budget, the majority to go out into the community.

Silent auction brought in \$1300 which will be given to the Backpack Program.

More than 2 grocery baskets of canned food were collected. This will be given to ECCCM.

The musical groups that performed were very well received, and our thanks go to each member: New Horizons String Quintet, led by Karen Sain; and the bluegrass group consisting of Taylor Mitchum, Beau Sigmon & Jacob Settlemyre.

A poinsettia was presented to Anita to thank her for her work in setting up the putz.

Women's Fellowship will meet in January to work on our 2023 budget.

No meal ministry to report; however, members have taken food to Libby.

AGAIN, THANK YOU AND A BIG HUG TO EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU!

The need is constant.
The gratification is instant.

Give blood.



**American
Red Cross**



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2897 Sandy Ford Rd.

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January 16, 2023

2 PM to 6:30 PM

Contact information:

828-294-4802

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New Hope's 40th Anniversary Celebration

New Hope will celebrate its 40th year by having a Lovefeast service with beautiful music on February 12. The song that was commissioned and written just for us at our New Hope groundbreaking will be sung. Worship will be followed by a reception. Masks are optional.

We encourage you to invite those folks that are family, former members or friends of New Hope and all that might want to celebrate with us. An invitation for your use is on the next page.

Join us for this special event,
Your Worship Committee



**It has also been our custom to bring a gift to the church
for this special celebration.**

Over the last several years we have found it best to receive
GIFT CARDS to OFFICE DEPOT/MAX, SAMS, and HOME DEPOT.

This way purchases can be made for supplies as needed for the church.

This helps alleviate spending out of our budget.

A basket will be available in the Narthex to collect your greeting cards/gift cards.

Thanks in advance for your support!

Mark Bumgarner

Stewardship Chair



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*You are cordially invited to attend the
Fortieth Anniversary Celebration and Lovefeast Service of
New Hope Moravian Church,
Sunday- February 12, 2023, at 10:00 am.*

*We will be sharing our spiritual journey as a Church family
and featuring the Rev. Scott Venable, Founding Pastor.
Please be our guest for this memorable celebration.*

Reception to follow worship.

We look forward to seeing you. Masks are optional.

*The New Hope Moravian Church Family
And
Pastor Betty A Helms and the New Hope Board of Elders*

Reception for New Hope's 40th Anniversary

February 12th Following Worship

The Fellowship Committee will be hosting a reception right after worship in honor of our church's 40th anniversary and special guest speaker, the Rev. Scott Venable, Founding Pastor. Watch for more details on this dignitary and exciting worship service from the Worship Committee.

We are planning on offering heavy refreshments. Please be watching for the sign-up sheet for suggested items to prepare. Tables and chairs will be set up. Everyone is invited to participate, help with needed items, and enjoy finger foods together.

Malissa Bumgarner, Fellowship Committee Chair

*Thank
You*

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for your Christmas gift. Your love and support to me this past year has been steadfast and much appreciated.

*With many thanks,
Pastor Betty*



FEAST OF LOVE CONCERT

*Sponsored by the
Mission Society of the
Moravian Church
Southern Province*

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2023

3:00 p.m.

New Philadelphia Moravian Church

You're invited to a concert featuring Moravian musicians from around the area representing a wide variety of musical styles and genres. There will be an international element, a camp element (looking forward to Mission Camp!), and traditional and contemporary elements.

The Mission Society will take up an offering for the 10 missionaries the Society supports around the world.

If you have any questions, call the Mission Society office at 336-773-1732.





Star Staff of The Month Hannah Woodring

Our Preschool Star Staff Member for January is Hannah Woodring. Hannah is in her fifth year of teaching at New Hope. During her 5 years, she has always been a teacher in a 3-year-old classroom. The children love Ms. Hannah and she, without fail, has a smile and kind word for them. Her easy-going attitude and laughter are a constant delight. She is always willing to give the extra effort for the children and our preschool program.

About Ms. Hannah

Hannah was raised in Catawba County. She has been married for 12 years and has two sons. Her oldest son, a graduate of our preschool, is in 4th grade and her youngest is in the preschool's Transitional Kindergarten class. They share their home with their 3 dogs.

Favorites

Ways to Spend Free Time: Being outside and in the garden

Color: Orange

Beverage: Coffee and Water

Snack Food: Sweet or Savory Popcorn

Book: Anything by Nicholas Sparks

Movies: Romances, Rom-Coms

Holiday: Halloween

Superhero: Thor (She admits to being influenced by her son on this)

New Year's Tradition: Watching Fireworks and the Ball drop, Having black-eyed peas and greens on New Year's Day.

Childhood Dream Job: Veterinarian or Game Warden



Church Cleaning: Please consider **cleaning the Church**. Through the years, we have been blessed with volunteers who signed up to clean the Church. We hope to continue this so there will be no added expense to the Church budget. It only takes an hour or so each week at your convenience. Do a whole month or just one or two weeks. **Sign-up list on Church bulletin board...**

NO CHURCH KEY... NO WORRY. Arrangements can be made to let you in the Church. Cleaning supplies are provided, or you can bring your own. **Let's ALL work together to keep New Hope clean & looking good for ALL who enter here to worship?**

➔ **January Cleaners: Mark & Malissa Bumgarner**

Board of Elders Small Bulletin Board- In the vestibule you will find (for transparency) at the Fellowship Hall doors summaries of the Board of Elders meetings, Quarterly Average Attendance Report and Quarterly Financial Report. Please look for these updates.



Lay Reader Sign Up List- On Church bulletin board.



Pick up leftover Christmas Cards

Please pick up any Christmas cards of yours that weren't picked up! Sorry, but the church doesn't mail your cards.



WORSHIP:

- 1) Inside
- 2) Parking Lot (Tune to FM 87.9)
- 3)



<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCagQSb0gw2QUC-UFiwe5ikg>

DONATE:

Online Giving

<https://mmfa.info/new-hope-moravian-church-north-carolina-donation-form/>.

Please contact Tom Schultz at newhopemoraviantreasurer@gmail.com with any questions.

SOCIAL MEDIA:



Facebook & Instagram
@newhopemoravian



Mark Your Calendar for January

Sunday, January 1st – No Sunday School
Worship Service 10:00 am



Thursday, January 5th – ECCCM Workday

Sunday, January 8th – Sunday School 9:00 am
Worship Service 10:00 am

Epiphany of our Lord Holy Communion
Installation of 2023 Officers & RCC Reps

Praise and Play

Board of Elders Meeting 11:15 am

Monday, January 9th – Preschool and Catawba County Schools Resume

Wednesday, January 11th – Handbell Practice 6:15-7 pm
Chancel Choir 7-8 pm

Sunday, January 15th – Sunday School 9:00 am
Worship Service 10:00 am

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Monday, January 16th – MLK Holiday

No School for Preschool or Catawba County Schools

New Hope Blood Drive, 2 – 6:30 pm



Wednesday, January 18th – Handbell Practice 6:15-7 pm
Chancel Choir 7-8 pm

Sunday, January 22nd – Sunday School 9:00 am
Worship Service 10:00 am

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Wednesday, January 25th – Handbell Practice 6:15-7 pm
Chancel Choir 7-8 pm

Friday, January 27th – February Newsletter Articles Due

Sunday, January 29th – Sunday School 9:00 am
Worship Service 10:00 am

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany



January Birthdays

- 10th – Jon Joplin
- 11th – Terri Crowe
- 14th – Jeff Ayers
- 15th – Greg Simpson
- 19th – Ann Carr
Emily Simpson
- 21st – Emily Grace Johnson
- 26th – Jeremy Johnson
- 28th – Addie Joplin
Laura Hildebran

Pray Every Day January 2023

1. You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Pray for Charlie and Vicki Brent in Texas.
2. For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. Pray for Anna Faircloth with Young Life Ministry.
3. And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit whom he has given us. Pray for Moravians in Honduras.
4. But where sin increased grace increased call the more. Pray for the Thiessens in Canada.
5. Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. Pray for the Unity Women's Desk.
6. What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! Pray for the Harrisons with Greek InterVarsity.
7. We ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. Pray for the Board of World Mission.
8. That if you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord' and believe in your hear that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. Pray for Kevin and Charity in the Middle East.
9. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. Pray for the Hoffmans in HIV/AIDS Ministry.
10. Do not conform any longer to the patter of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Pray for PEC members, bishops and other church leaders.
11. Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Pray for Adopt A Village in Tanzania.
12. Do not repay evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody. Pray for disaster relief volunteers.
13. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Pray for Phil and Eunice Raiford in Mexico.
14. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. Pray for the Clinica Evangelica Morava in Ahuas.
15. For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building. Pray for the Rajpur Foster Child Project.
16. Love is patient, love is kind. Pray for Moravians in Labrador.
17. The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Pray for seminarians and candidates for ordination.
18. Always give yourselves full to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. Pray for Joey Yokeley with Fellowship of Christian Athletes.
19. Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be men of courage; be strong. Do everything in love. Pray for short term mission teams.
20. Therefore do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. Pray for Aaron and Amy Linville in Canada.
21. Therefore if anyone is in Christ; he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! Pray for children's and youth ministries.
22. You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich. Pray for Brian and Heather Marx with Mission Aviation Fellowship.
23. This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. Pray for Annie B Missions and Star Mountain.
24. Let him who boasts boast in the Lord. Pray for Alan and DeeDee lobst in France.
25. My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. Pray for Steve and Ann Marx with Mission Aviation Fellowship.
26. I no longer live but Christ lives in me. Pray for the Sineaths in Campus Outreach.
27. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love. Pray for the Teshes in Kenya and Ray of Hope.
28. Let us not become weary in doing good. Pray for Moravians in Nicaragua.
29. For we are God's workmanship, created in him to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Pray for Moravians in Cuba and the Armando Rusindo Foundation.
30. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Pray for Safiatu Braima and Sierra Leone.
31. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. Pray for Michael and Brenda Brent in Croatia.



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