

January 2024

New Hope Moravian Church

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2024 Watchword

“As God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.”
Colossians 3:12



Twenty-Four New Year Tips for Better Living ~ In 2024

"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-Four 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. This New Year find ways to... share God's "hope, peace, joy & love with all people.
24. Each day of the New Year 2024 count your many "Blessings... and Be Thankful."

Prayer: Father God, please help all of us this New Year 2024 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 2024 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*



On Saturday, January 6th, please come to the church to help take down the greens and our Chrismon tree. We will meet in the sanctuary at 10 am. Thanks in advance!



Starting January 7th at 9:00 am, the Sunday School focus series on Genesis will begin. We will explore Genesis and take an in-depth look into Heaven and Earth with Session One: “Our Place in the Universe”.

Christian Education Committee
Chair: Steve Larsen



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.



Many thanks go to Mark Bumgarner who reworked the Putz cabinet this fall. This allowed the Christmas scene to use more of our lovely Fontanini figurines and we could place the Putz in the vestibule where congregation and guests could enjoy it during all of advent. Also, we will be able to use the adapted cabinet more often for future events. Thank you, Mark!

Many thanks to Anita Scism for all her hard work on the Putz! Her talent in setting up the display of the Putz for the Church Bazaar & Candle Tea and for our church family is a true blessing! It brings the birth of Jesus and the journey of those around Him alive. Thank you, Anita!

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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Monday January 15, 2024

2 PM to 6:30 PM

Contact information:

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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 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.

STAYING CONNECTED AT NEW HOPE

WORSHIP:

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

<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

Monday, January 1st –



Thursday, January 4th – ECCCM Volunteer Day

Saturday, January 6th – Day of Epiphany

Take down **Christmas decorations** 10:00 am

**Sunday, January 7th – Sunday School 9:00 am
Worship Service 10:00 am**

**First Sunday after the Epiphany
Epiphany of our Lord (Holy Communion)**

Monday, January 8th – New Hope Preschool Returns

**Wednesday, January 10th – Handbell Practice 6:15 pm
Chancel Choir 7 pm**

**Sunday, January 14th – Sunday School 9:00 am
Worship Service 10:00 am**

**Second Sunday after the Epiphany
Installation of Newly Elected Elders & RCC Reps**

Praise and Play

Board of Elders Meeting 11:15 am

Monday, January 15th – Martin Luther King, Jr Day Holiday

No Preschool or Catawba County Schools

**New Hope Blood Drive
2:00-6:30 pm**



Wednesday, January 17th – Handbell Practice 6:15 pm
Chancel Choir 7 pm

Sunday, January 21st – Sunday School 9:00 am
Worship Service 10:00 am

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Wednesday, January 24th – Handbell Practice 6:15 pm
Chancel Choir 7 pm

Friday, January 26th – February Newsletter Articles Due

Sunday, January 28th – Sunday School 9:00 am
Worship Service 10:00 am

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Wednesday, January 31st – Handbell Practice 6:15 pm
Chancel Choir 7 pm



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 2024

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 Nicaragua.
4. But where sin increased grace increased call the more. Pray for Joey Yokeley with Fellowship of Christian Athletes.
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 heart 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 patten 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 the Blessings Flow project.
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 Anthony's Plot community.
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 your local homeless shelter.
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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