



October 2015 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



As Moravians' when we are asked, "What it means to be a Moravian?," we likely give many different answers as to why and how we profess our strong faith values as a Moravian Church. Some may say, we sing our theology, others might say, we celebrate and follow strictly our Moravian traditions and customs derived and passed down from the early Moravians. For us as a Church, the worldwide *Unitas Fratrum/Moravian Church* has two vitally important documents that do an excellent job of declaring who we are and what we believe: *The Moravian Covenant for Christian Living* (MCCL) and *The Ground of the Unity*.

I realized that for many Moravians, the last time these documents were read or studied was perhaps in confirmation class or upon becoming a new member of the Church. Since these two documents clearly state our understanding as to what makes Moravian Christianity unique; I feel the need to press the core value of our Moravian faith just a little deeper. You all should have noticed for the past several months Mike Riess editor of *The Moravian Magazine*, has published these documents (in part) for everyone to read and he will do so for the next two years. Both documents are readily available from www.moravian.org—I encourage you to download them—as a constant reminder of your need to review the important statements found in both of these documents. These doctrinal statements should prove helpful as you continue to study your Moravian core faith values and spirituality!

Background on the Moravian Covenant for Christian Living (MCCL)

In early days of the Moravian community of Herrnhut there was a danger the fledgling community would collapse because of conflict. People were divided over theological opinions, religious ceremonies, organizational matters and ethnicity. Under the leadership of Count Zinzendorf, the residents of Herrnhut discussed their many differences and began to recognize what they had in common as followers of Christ was more important than their divisions. They also saw the need for some guiding principles to help organize their life as a community. The result of this discussion and prayer was the Brotherly Agreement that was signed on May 12, 1727. The Moravian Covenant for Christian Living is the modern version of the Brotherly Agreement.

The Moravian Covenant for Christian Living is part of the Book of Order of both the Northern and Southern Provinces and is therefore an official doctrinal statement of the Church. It has been changed many times through the centuries in an effort to express more clearly the Moravian understanding of Scripture and Christian living. It includes guidelines for individuals, congregations and the denomination as a whole. Although it is not binding on people, it is a statement of what the Moravian Church most values. It is intended to guide our decisions as a community of faith.

The original Brotherly Agreement included rules for living together in a community as well as specific economic instructions and legal matters in Herrnhut. All the Moravian settlements, such as Bethlehem and Salem, developed their own Brotherly Agreements. Since these settlements were closed communities rather than congregations in our sense of the word, their Brotherly Agreements also included economic and legal matters. With the dissolution of the communities in the middle of the 19th century, the old Brotherly Agreements were obsolete. There was a sense the church should have a statement and in the 1860s both of the American provinces established new Brotherly Agreements to guide their members. There were slight differences between the two Brotherly Agreements, but they were similar in most respects.

The Northern Provincial synod of 1946 proposed the Brotherly Agreement be recast in a more contemporary style with a closer conformity to Scripture. The Sunday nearest May 12 each year as a day for educating congregations about the document. Few changes were actually made, so the issue came up again in 1961 as a proposal to Synod. "It is the feeling of many in the Church that the present form of the Brotherly Agreement has lack of organization, no particular thought being given to an organized statement of the Christian life and discipline, but rather items being added on as they were felt necessary. It is also felt that some of the language used is outmoded and that some of the thought expressed reflects attitudes of the 19th century." A committee consisting of bishops, pastors, theologians and laity was assigned to compose a new Brotherly Agreement. Their work was approved, with some revisions, by the Northern Provincial Synod of 1966.

There was also growing dissatisfaction with the Southern Province's Brotherly Agreement in the 1960s. The special synod of 1969 was called address the social unrest and instructed the Provincial Elders' Conference to appoint a committee to revise the Brotherly Agreement. That committee in turn proposed the Southern Province should adopt the Northern Province's Brotherly Agreement. This was part of the planned merger

of the provinces which did not take place. Synod also instructed the pastors to lead their congregations into study of the Brotherly Agreement.

In 1986 a number of revisions to the Brotherly Agreement were made by both provinces. Most of them related to the use of non-sexist language. Thus “mankind” became “all people,” “Brethren’s Unity” became “Moravian Unity,” and “brotherly love” was changed to “Christian love.” Most significantly, the title of the document itself was changed to *The Moravian Covenant for Christian Living (MCCL)*. The latest revision to the Covenant came in 1995 when the statement on Scripture was changed to conform to the revised *Ground of the Unity*.

Some Examples of Studying the MCCL- Part One: Called Into Fellowship

Paragraph 1:

We are called into a Christian fellowship by the Lord Jesus Christ, according to the eternal purpose of God the Father (Ephesians 3:11) by the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:18-21), and as members of Christ’s Body, the Church, to serve all people by proclaiming the Gospel and witnessing to our faith by word and deed.

Commentary:

The opening paragraphs of the Covenant conform closely to the *Ground of the Unity* in order to emphasize we are part of a worldwide Church. It is also appropriate we are reminded this Covenant is not based on our desires but on our calling. We believe our Church, as imperfect as it is, exists because the Lord has called us together to serve the world. Within our fellowship we offer a model of Christian community for the world to see. Outside the walls of our Church we reach out in love to our neighbors. It is important to recognize our fellowship is worldwide and so is our outreach.

"Questions" to ask yourself as you study and learn more about your Moravian faith:

- What does it mean to be called by Christ?
- What does it mean to you that your congregation is part of the Body of Christ in the world?
- Why is it important to see our connection to all followers of Christ?
- What does it mean to serve people by proclaiming the Gospel?
- Why do we say we do this in “word and deed”?
- How do you proclaim the Gospel? How does your congregation?

<http://www.moravian.org/the-moravian-magazine/moravian-magazine-jan-feb-2015/a-new-series-studying-moravian-doctrine/>

In Christ Service,

Pastor Betty

HALLOWEEN FESTIVAL

on

October 31, 2015

We will hold a Halloween Festival at New Hope on Saturday, October 31. It will be from 5:30 until 7:30.

We will have a hot dog supper in the Fellowship Hall from 5:30 till about 6:00. Plates will be sold for \$3.00. Each will include one hot dog, chips, and a drink. We will have coleslaw and chili with mustard and catsup.

The money being raised from this night will go to support CMO.

We need help from those of you who can lead an activity...games with prizes. We are hoping to have a cupcake walk and several other activities for kids to participate in and win prizes and/or candy.

Donations in the form of cupcakes, hot dogs, chips, coleslaw, chili, lots of CANDY, or money would be greatly appreciated.

This is an excellent way to serve our CMO families and the children of our community. It will be a fun night for everyone!

See Pam Prevatte or Lauren Westmoreland for questions or to give donations. As we get closer to the time, we will put the grocery cart in the hallway to collect donations.

Thank you all for being there for our "kids."



Time to Make the Sloppy Joes!

New Hope's Day at The Corner Table, Newton

October 22

Save the date and get the skillet ready to brown that ground beef. Fresh ground beef will be given out after church on **October 18**. Please cook it up well done and return to the Church by Wednesday night **October 21**. New Hope will be providing our famous homemade Sloppy Joes, chips and cabbage for the slaw. They will add the corn, buns and dessert. We will **not** be making brownies this year. They have a source for dessert now.

Please mark your calendars and watch for the sign-up sheet to be a volunteer. The staff gives very easy assignments prior to service. A few of us go early to make the Sloppy Joes. Some will come a bit later to help with other things then serve. When it's time to serve it's done like clockwork. They have this down to a science. It is truly an enjoyable way to spend a morning or lunch break.

The Corner Table is Newton's soup kitchen. You will find that it is not the typical one though. Folks are served at the tables. It is a place of grace and dignity. For more info go to www.thecornertable.org or call Mark or Malissa Bumgarner

Women's Summer Bible Study



Pastor Betty,
Thank you for allowing us to use the church for Bible study this summer.
It has richly blessed me. Love you - Lauren

Thank you so much for being a blessing to our group by allowing us to
use your facility. Katie Kestler

Thank you for allowing us to fellowship this summer! Stacy Hine

Thank you Pastor Betty for offering your beautiful church for our study.
Rebekeh

Thank you for allowing our group to meet at your church for Bible study.
I've grown closer to Christ and made great sweet friends. Emily Rhoney

Thank you so much for sharing your space with us! So kind and gracious
of you. Thank you, Jackie

LOVEFEASTS

The first **Lovefeast** in the Moravian Church was in 1727. Following the celebration of Holy Communion on August 13 seven groups of participants continued to talk over the great spiritual blessing which they had experienced and were reluctant to separate and return to their own homes for the noonday meal. Count Zinzendorf, sensing the situation, sent them food from his manor house and each group partook together continuing in prayer, religious conversation and the singing of hymns. Thus the birth of a loved Moravian tradition, the **Lovefeast**.

New Hope will have several Lovefeasts in the upcoming months:

October 11 Mission Lovefeast,

November 22 Thanksgiving Lovefeast

December 24 – 2 Christmas Eve Candlelight and Lovefeast Services.



A LOOK AHEAD...

Nov. 1 - All Saints Day

Nov. 8 - November 13th Festival
(Christ as Chief Elder Communion)

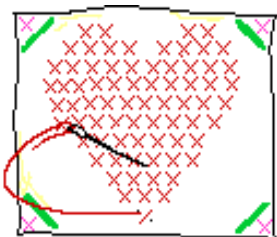
Nov. 15 - Church Council Meeting
after Worship

Nov. 21 - Gingerbread Houses
(Children & Youth)

Nov. 29 - First Sunday in Advent

All quilt squares have been turned in, and once again ladies, they are beautiful! Thank you all for doing such a great job. And, as always, thanks to Margaret for keeping everything together.

Work on the quilt has begun, and it will be available, along with raffle tickets, soon for anyone who wants to show it to their group.



Pat



**Daylight
savings time
ends Sunday,
November 1st .**

**Don't forget to turn your
clocks back and get an
extra hour of sleep!**

It is that time of year again!! I hope all of you can become a member of **Pam's Holy Walkamolies** and raise funds to support **Susan G. Komen** in efforts to END BREAST CANCER FOREVER. We had such a great time last year supporting not only Pam Prevatte in her battle against breast cancer but all those affected by this disease.

Remember, one person can make a difference in the fight against breast cancer. **Susan G. Komen** was founded by one sister making a promise to another sister. You can be a part of this worthwhile effort! Our promise of a world without breast cancer does not just rest in the hands of **Komen**. It's up to you, our community of survivors and co-survivors, to stand united with us until the promise is fulfilled and the cures are found.

Not only can you join the team, but you can also help in raising funds for the cause. Once you register, visit your participant center. There is a wealth of content to help you in your fundraising efforts.

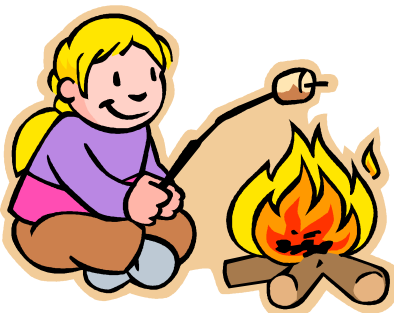
I look forward to seeing you on Race day, **October 24th!**

Sincerely,
Amy Johnson

**Fall Gathering and Wienie Roast
Sunday, October 25th, 3:00 PM
Howard Reinhardt farm**

**Fishing, Games, Wienie roast, Marshmallow roasting,
Bon-fire, Singing and good down home fun**

Hotdogs provided. Bring a side dish and drink and get ready to have a great time! If you have one, bring your musical instrument and we can pick and grin by the fire. Don't forget your fishing pole!



**Sign-up sheet on the
bulletin board**

Don't miss the fun!



Service and Witness News



Oct 18. Super Seniors Recognition
Reception following worship

Oct 22 New Hope serves Famous Sloppy Joe
lunch at the Corner Table

Oct 25 Fall Harvest Picnic at Rhinehardt's farm

Getting Ready for Advent and Christmas

Time is flying and the season of Christmas will be here before we know it. Members of New Hope are working together to make Chrismons for our Chrismon Tree this year. You might ask, "What is a chrismon?". A **chrismon** is a Christian symbol representing Jesus Christ. As in the case of Christogram, the term *chrismon* comes from the Latin phrase "*Christi monogramma*", meaning "monogram of Christ". Chrismons are made with gold or pearl beads, the liturgical colors for Christmas.

There are 2 group workshops planned for members to create a beautiful chrismon to be used on our own tree. The materials will be provided with Nancy Miller and her brother, Joe, serving as our mentors at the workshops. Those dates are **Saturday, Oct. 10th from 1-3** in the Fellowship Hall. The second workshop is scheduled for **Nov. 1st following worship** service. Bring a bagged lunch and join us for this special workshop. We invite not only the ladies, but the gents of our church family to join us at any workshop. There are plans in the making for our children to make a chrismon during Sunday School. This date is will be announced soon!

Please come and enjoy the fun and fellowship on these special dates.

Questions??? Please contact Jane Bumgarner or Nancy Miller.



Circle Schedule for 2015-16

DATE	CHAPTER	LOCATION HELD	LESSON PRESENTER
Oct. 20	8	Pat deBlois	Pam Prevatte
Nov. 17	9	Nancy Miller	Jane Bumgarner
Jan. 19	10	Leslie Srail	Nancy Miller
Feb. 16	11	Thelma Greaser	Margie Furmage
March 15	12	Cheryl Hendrix	Pat deBlois
April 19	new lesson begins	Malissa Bumgarner	Pam Prevatte
May 17		Margie Furmage	Pam Prevatte
June 7		Hot dog supper at Leslie's house at 6:00	

All regular Circle meetings begin 7:00 PM.

Any changes in times, dates and locations will be announced in Thursday Update.

Pray Every Day - October 2015

1. The Lord will send his angel before you. Pray for Dusty & Christin Harrison in Campus Ministry at Clemson University www.greekiv.org
2. I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters. Pray for staff & directors at BWM meeting in PA.
3. Let the Lord do to me what seems good to him. Pray for Brian (pilot) & Heather Marx serving with MAF in Indonesia. www.maf.org/bmarx
4. Sunday. Ask and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be open to you. Pray for final stages of Seminary building project in Bethel, Alaska.
5. Our God turned the curse into a blessing. Pray for Steve & Ann Marx with MAF in Nampa, Idaho. smarx@maf.org
6. The Lord says, "Seek me and live." Pray for Safiatu and Mohamed Braima in the Mission area of Sierra Leone. www.sierraleoneinmission.org
7. If God is for us, who can be against us? Pray for the Antioch Project, Jill Kolodziej, and the Antioch servants. www.moravianmission.org
8. Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil. Pray for church planters like Rob and Anne Thiessen, MX. rvthiessen@gmail.com
9. The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. Pray for the Woo Family as she undergoes breast cancer treatment.
10. He will regard the prayer of the destitute. Pray for Phil, Eunice, and Ian in MX with Commission to Every Nation pbrmissions@gmail.com www.cten.org
11. Sunday. You have shaken the land and torn it open. Pray for Ed Dehnert and Barb Weide, Alaska Bible Seminary, Bethel, AK and the students. www.alaskaprovincemoravianchurch.org
12. See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God. Praises for the newly printed Yupik Bible.
13. Happy are those who seek him with their heart. Pray for Michael, Cecilia, Blessing Tesh and the children in the Ray of Hope orphanage in Kenya. www.rayofhopekenya.com
14. Suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. Pray for the well-drilling project at Ray of Hope and the solar project in Sierra Leone. www.sierraleoneinmission.org
15. All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. Pray for Drs. Bill and Peggy Hoffman with HIV/AIDS ministry in Tanzania. <http://moravianmission.org/aids-ministry/adopt-a-village/>
16. Pray without ceasing. Pray for Michael and Brenda Brent serving with Campus Crusade, Croatia. Michael.brent@cru.org
17. Claiming to be wise, they become fools. Pray for Charlie & Vickie Brent and family serving with Bridges International in campus ministry. cbrent@bridgesinternational.com
18. Sunday. May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing. Pray for Dr. Louis and Susan Sutton serving with WEC (Worldwide Evangelization for Christ). suttons5@gmail.com
19. The Lord watches over strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow. Pray for new Moravian church in Marshall, Alaska. www.alaskaprovincemoravianchurch.org
20. There is no holy one like the Lord. Pray for K & C serving the Magi People in the Middle East.
21. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were there with them. Pray for Phil and Ashley Sineath in campus ministry. Phil.sineath@campusoutreach.org
22. The nations are like a drop from a bucket and are accounted as dust on the scales. Pray for Robert and Annie Thiessen in Mexico. rvthiessen@gmail.com
23. The counsel of the Lord stands forever. Pray for mission areas: Sierra Leone, Cuba, and Peru.
24. You are my friends if you do what I command you. Pray for churches & pastors in the call process
25. The Lord has done great things for us. Pray for Ruth Snyder & Claire Wilson, "Changed Choices."
26. God saw my affliction and the labor of my hands. Pray for Missionary Aviation Repair Center.
27. Forgive the iniquity of your people according to the greatness of your love. Pray for Adopt-A-Village in TZ. <http://moravianmission.org/aids-ministry/adopt-a-village/>
28. The Lord will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. Pray for Justin Rabbach. www.moravianmission.org
29. I am not ashamed of the gospel. Pray for Star Mountain Rehabilitation Center.
30. The Lord our God will not leave or abandon us. Pray for Unity Women's Desk.
31. Reformation Day. Your father knows what you need before you ask. Pray for Mission societies & their leaders.

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